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The Absurdity of Vanity Sizing

BY KRISTY DANIELS

Have you ever tried on a pair of pants from one clothing store and then tried the same size at a different store only to find out it doesn’t fit you at all? One of the most common reasons this can happen is due to vanity sizing.

Perhaps the pants you tried on were much too tight and wouldn’t budge past your knees. Maybe the pants were super baggy and didn’t hug you in all the right places. The reason for this is mainly due to vanity sizing, in which retailers and popular store brands slap a size 2 sticker on the label of a size 10 pair of pants. This makes the customers feel better about themselves and they become more inclined to purchase the article of clothing.

Many retail store employees are unaware of this mainly because their job is to persuade you to purchase their brand’s clothing.

Eric O’Neal, an employee who works at Citi Trends, was asked if he knew what vanity sizing was and he replied, “I believe that vanity sizing is when your shirt can stretch to fit all sizes. Is that right?” He added that he is merely an employee and only wants to make money; how was he supposed to know? When asked the same question, Wet Seal manager Treasure McCravy replied, “No idea.”

It appears that unless you have the genuine curiosity to learn why clothing sizes vary, it slips your mind and you roll with it. “Vanity sizing has become so bizarre that many people are used to the odd size distortion. They will walk in a store, grab a smaller size than normal, and just know it will fit. “There’s no reason for there to be an extra-extra small... They should start at small. There should just be small, medium, large...”

So, what does all of this mean? What is the point in learning the fact that clothing sizes are often incorrect? In hopes of revealing this, perhaps more people would be less worried about society’s expectations of what size you “should” be wearing and focus on the bigger picture, which is how you look and feel wearing an article of clothing.

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Former NFL running back, Adrian Peterson, will be visiting Georgia Southern University next week to speak on his new book "Don’t Dis My Abilities".

GS Health Services has invited Peterson to speak on overcoming his speech impediment and going on to play for the Chicago Bears. Peterson is a former NFL running back as well as a former college running back for the GS football team. He played for GS from 1998-2001. During his college career, he was awarded "Most Outstanding Player" in the I-AA division. He went down in history as the first college sophomore to take home this award. In 2005 he was one of the two best running backs for the Chicago Bears and in 2012 he was inducted into the Georgia Southern Hall of Fame. His career was cut short after sustaining a knee injury in 2011. Years later, Peterson lost his 7-year-old son due to cancer in 2015.

"Don’t Dis My Abilities" tells the story of Adrian Peterson and how he overcame the many trials he has endured throughout life. From losing his son to sustaining a career altering knee injury, the former NFL running back is still able to preserve and motivate others to be the best they can be.

Peterson is set to speak on Monday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. The event is free and open to the public.
GSO receives hundreds of dollars for graduate students

BY ALANA TINSLEY

Graduate students at Georgia Southern University were awarded hundreds of dollars at the beginning of this school year for research, among other things, courtesy of the Graduate Student Organization (GSO).

“We received $59,186 this year and budgeted $45,000 for grants,” Thresa Yancey, faculty advisor of GSO, said.

GSO also funds a few other things like the Conference Liaison Program, the Averitt Awards and trophies and social events for graduate students. The Conference Liaison Program attempts to “fuel change” in the Georgia Southern and Statesboro community through new initiatives, collaborations and team work, according to the GS website.

“Our funding comes from student fees, just like other student organizations. We apply for the funds each year,” Yancey said.

The GSO seeks to support scholarly activities and professional development, as well as promote social opportunities for graduate students. GSO’s goal is committed to representing and supporting the interests of all current and prospective graduate students at GS.

GSO council

The GSO council is responsible for the awarding of research and travel grants. The council is also in charge of putting together social events and professional developmental opportunities for graduate students. The graduate student body represented by all colleges on the GS’ campus, makes up the GSO council.

“Every graduate student is a member of GSO and is able to apply for the Graduate Student Professional Development Fund Grant,” Kimberly Iannacone, treasurer of GSO, said.

In Fall of 2016, GSO funded nine research grants and 23 travel grants totaling $20,567.23.

“The GSO gets its funding from student activity fees, just like any other organization,” Iannacone said.

Melissa Stack, graduate student in the School of Health and Kinesiology, was recently awarded a grant in the amount of $844.06 by the Graduate Student Professional Development Fund (GSPDF) for athletic performance research.

The GSPDF is a competitive funding opportunity that helps support graduate students financially, with travel to program-related events and with thesis/dissertation-related research, during the graduate student’s enrollment at GS.

According to the GSO website, Stack’s grant will be used for research to increase the understanding of carnitine and its role inside the body. It will also be used to determine whether or not supplementation plays a role in enhancing athletic performance.

Stack applied for her grant during the Fall of 2016. Her grant was then awarded by GSPDF because of her merit and her submitted essay regarding how this grant money will help further studying in her discipline and field.

According to Stack from a GS press release, she is honored to have been selected as the recipient of the award.

Stack said, “I am grateful for the opportunities it [the grant] will provide me. Thank you, Georgia Southern, for making this funding available to graduate students.”

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GSO Funding Totals

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$844.06 - the amount the Graduate Student Professional Development Fund awarded to a GS student in Fall 2016

-Data from Open Records Request-
DEVELOPING MORE THAN JUST GAMES WITH AURORA

BY ASHLEE GILLEY
The George-Anne Staff

If a student is looking to get involved in an interactive, creative, group oriented atmosphere, Aurora may be the club for them. Aurora is a game development club that allows students to create their own video games while working in a professional, group oriented setting.

“Aurora is a game development club that prepares its members, our ‘developers,’ to get jobs in the game industry. We do that by making video games from scratch, but also by teaching our developers how to network with professionals and lead peers.” Xander Allen, president of the Aurora club, said.

All activities in the club are group oriented wherein they break off into development teams early into the semesters.

“I’ve made such great friends through Aurora, and the club as a whole has certainly been the highlight of my time at Georgia Southern,” Thomas Anderson, junior computer science major, said.

The members of Aurora go to different game development events and conferences such as SIEGE (Southeastern Interactive Entertainment and Gaming Expo), where they can meet professionals in their field and begin to network. Another event that they went to this semester was the Global Game Jam at The Guild Hall in Savannah.

“Because of Aurora, I found my passion. I know what I want to do with the rest of my life. The other members are very supportive. We are all one being working together towards our goals,” Sierra Green, sophomore writing and linguistics major, said.

The Foundation

When Aurora was founded 5 years ago, its founder and now GS alumni, Ron Williams, told Allen he chose the name because it is synonymous with the word dawn and is symbolic for the beginning of the members’ careers. Due to the different skills required to develop games, students from all majors are encouraged to join.

1. A dreadfully difficult sci-fi with short but intense levels. Those who can make it through are rewarded with mysterious messages, creating an interesting story.
2. Designed for virtual reality, this rhythm game has the player forging their sword to the beat.
3. A colorful “bullet-hell” style side-scroller in the vein of Gradius.

Getting Involved

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Two events that they have upcoming in the semester are their April Fools Game Night on April 1, and their Spring Showcase on April 26.

“We couldn’t do all of these [events] without our members. They have such a passion for game design and their help makes our events possible,” Allen said.

If a student is interested in joining all they need to do is either email Allen himself at favallere@gmail.com or attend any of their club meetings.
Hair Crush: GS’ Pioneers in the Natural Hair Movement

BY CHELSEA DAVIS

The natural hair movement started from a sense of frustration. Females were simply tired of chemically treating their hair and wearing extensions. It got to a point where people no longer wanted to damage their hair just to fit one’s perception of beauty and instead, experimented with natural hair products.

“The natural hair movement sparked because it was all about acceptance, growth, learning and in a way it helped to pull you out of your shell and become more comfortable and confident about yourself and your hair,” Lauren Austin, sophomore journalism major said.

The birth of a new student organization

Back in 2014, GS graphic design senior Mariah Smith started a new organization, called Hair Crush, due to the large amount of female students going natural. She saw a vision and now this organization is standing two years strong.

Although the organization is still fairly new, the current president Breanna Kimbro is on top of things and is doing everything to help Hair Crush grow. “Being president is a tough job at times, but it is all worth it when I see the looks on these girl’s faces when they talk about their hair or to see how comfortable they are with each other,” Breanna Kimbro, senior sociology major said.

In the past, Hair Crush has had forums on DIY conditioners, effective heat protectants, basic protective styling and learning how to determine certain hair texture.

What it’s all about

Hair Crush is an organization that simply promotes growth above everything else. Their main focus is hair, but they also touch on the importance of full-body health and self-confidence.

“Different combinations of hair texture could affect how you should style your hair and what products to use. You can figure out your hair texture by looking at a hair code chart. Hair textures can start as straight as 1A all the way to a coarser texture like 4c. Each number and letter represents the texture of your hair, the higher the number the coarser your hair is,” Kimbro said.

This organization works hard to spread the word about the natural hair movement. It helps them attract others who want to be completely in love with their natural hair. Along with promoting the healthiness of natural hair, Hair Crush will be having their annual hair show this upcoming March.

Back in 2015, Hair Crush had their first sold out hair show. This year, their hair show will be focused on the versatility of natural hair, along with a few surprise performances.

Some special guest hosts are expected as well. This show is expected to be another great turn out.

“I’m really looking forward to the hair show. Hair Crush is filled with all types of fun personalities. Everything’s coming together nicely. I’ve noticed so many improvements and I honestly can’t wait for the show and for people to see what we are really about,” Darian Johnson, freshman pre-nursing major, said.

If interested in joining, the club meets on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the union. Be on the lookout for their hair show coming March 2.

BY CHELSEA DAVIS

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL PICKS UP KEY HOME WIN OVER THE WEEKEND**

**BY THOMAS JILK**

Georgia Southern Men’s Basketball got back on track and defeated Louisiana-Monroe 76-62 on Saturday in Hanner Fieldhouse.

Sophomore guard Ike Smith and junior guard Mike Hughes combined for 32 points for the Eagles as they ended a two-game skid and landed in a three-way tie atop the Sun Belt standings.

GS made 13 of its 22 three-point attempts in the game, while UL-Monroe only managed to make four of 17 from long range. Smith and Hughes each made five three-pointers on the night, ending with 22 and 17 points, respectively.

“We really fed off the crowd, and when people get to hitting shots, it’s very contagious,” Smith said.

**PACK THE HOUSE IN PINK**

The crowd was especially lively on Saturday, as pink-clad students and families packed Hanner for breast cancer awareness. Head coach Mark Byington’s Eagles thrived off the intensity of the fans.

“Our mentality, our effort, our focus was the separation in the game today,” Byington said.

It didn’t hurt matters for GS that they were making open shots consistently throughout the game.

“They really collapse when we drive,” Byington said. “We did a good job of driving it and passing to the next guy.”

**IT STARTS ON DEFENSE**

The Eagles’ defense was much improved from the past two games, holding the Warhawks to 62 points and limiting their leading scorer, junior guard Sam McDaniel, to just 8 points. The Warhawks were limited to 43 percent shooting and just 23 percent from three-point range.

“We switched defenses a lot in the second half, and all of us were getting to good spots,” Hughes said.

GS full cast of characters contributed Saturday, including 15 points from sophomore guard Tookie Brown and 9 rebounds from reserve junior forward Coye Simmons. A total of 14 Eagles got to see action in the game in which the Eagles never trailed after ULM scored the game’s first basket. Georgia State and Arkansas State, along with GS, are all 8-2 in the Sun Belt coming into the final eight games of the regular season.

The Eagles take on Louisiana-Lafayette Monday at home, then go on the road for a Saturday matchup with Coastal Carolina.

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL EXTENDS WINNING STREAK TO SEASON-HIGH THREE**

**BY JERELL RUSHIN**

With wins over Louisiana-Lafayette and Louisiana-Monroe, Georgia Southern is now riding a season-high winning streak of three games.

Seniors Angel McGowan and Patrice Butler had standout performances in both games.

Louisiana-Lafayette entered Hanner Fieldhouse on Thursday night, looking to further separate themselves away from the Eagles in the Sun Belt standings. The two would end the weekend sharing fourth-place.

The first half was tightly contested until Georgia Southern found their touch from three-point range. The Eagles hit four three-pointers on consecutive trips during the second period. Patrice Butler capped off the half with another three as time expired after the shot fell.

Bringing a 38-28 lead into the third quarter, the Eagles came out lethargic and allowed the Rajin’ Cajuns to cut their deficit to two entering the fourth quarter. It was déjà vu as the teams played a back-and-forth affair in the fourth until once again, Georgia Southern got hot from three-point land. McGowan started the run with a three of her own, followed by two in a row by point guard Alexis Sams. Sams’s fourth quarter outing helped the Eagles hold on to win 63-60. Patrice Butler recorded a double-double of 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Sams finished with a season-high of 14 points.

On Saturday afternoon, the Eagles donned their all pink uniforms as they took on the Warhawks at Hanner Fieldhouse. The Eagles did not shoot well in the first half, going 32 percent from the field, but they had plenty of opportunities from the free throw line. Going 10 of 12 from the line and scoring seven points off of ULM turnovers allowed the Eagles to go into halftime tied at 33. One of the few bright spots of the half was freshman Alexis Brown scoring 10 points off of the bench.

Georgia Southern did not look concerned in the third quarter following their subpar first half. They begin the quarter sharp on their defensive rotations, and Coach Kip Brown noticed.

“I thought we had some real good energy,” said Brown. “We’re better when we play fast.” His team’s stellar defense gave them more chances to run fast breaks and get good, easy looks in transition.

The Eagles’ laser-focused defense led them to outscore the Warhawks by 13 in the third quarter. Brown and McGowan had monster quarters, with Brown scoring 10 within the first five minutes, and McGowan contributing eight points and five boards.

GS’s defense never vanished, and they never looked back, expanding their lead to 19 with 6:07 remaining in the fourth quarter.

With a final score of 76-65, the Eagles completed the sweep of ULM for the season.

Brown finished with 22 points, and Patrice Butler ended the day with 12 points to go along with eight rebounds. Angel McGowan scored 17 points in both games. These two wins move Georgia Southern to 6-5 in the Sun Belt and 10-12 for the season. The Eagles’ next matchup will be a rematch against App State from Boone, N.C. on Thursday.

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SPORTS SHORTS

- **MEN'S TENNIS** lost against Tennessee Tech, 1-4, on Saturday.
- **WOMEN'S TENNIS** won against Stetson, 4-3, on Saturday.
- **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** won against ULM, 76-65, on Saturday.
- **MEN'S BASKETBALL** won against ULM, 76-62, on Saturday.
- **MEN'S TENNIS** won against Chattanooga, 4-2, on Sunday.
- **WOMEN'S TENNIS** lost against UCF, 5-2, on Sunday.

THE SAVAGE17 SIGNS WITH SOUTHERN

BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY

Another National Signing Day has come and passed, and though Georgia Southern's recruiting class wasn't as historic as last years', it's still a class that can get Eagles fans excited.

The “Savage17,” as this class is known, finished ranked 97th in the nation and 4th in the Sun Belt behind Texas State, Georgia State and Louisiana-Monroe.

With most of the emphasis in recruiting this year was on defense in hopes of replacing Ukeme Eligwe and Ironhead Gallon, 14 of the 22 signees are on the defensive side of the ball. Signing nine 3-star defensive players is a positive as the Eagles finished 7th last season in total defense. While the offense wasn't producing as much as it should have, the defense wasn't helping by allowing the other team to score almost every drive.

One of the premiere signees is Tre Allen from Woodland high school in Georgia. Allen, a 3-star athlete, also had offers from Ole Miss, Troy, Wake Forest and West Virginia.

On the other side of the ball, the Eagles picked up 3-star running back John Wesley Kennedy III from Benedictine Military School. This 5'10” speedster also had offers from the Citadel, Georgia State, Marshall, Mercer, Southern Mississippi and Tulane.

So even though Georgia Southern's 2017 class can't compete with those of Alabama or Florida State, this recruiting class should still be very exciting to see in Paulson in the fall.

UPCOMING GAMES

**WOMEN'S TENNIS**
Savannah State
Thursday, Feb. 9th - 2 p.m.
Statesboro, Ga.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**
App State
Thursday, Feb. 9th - 7 p.m.
Boone, N.C.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**
Coastal Carolina
Saturday, Feb. 11th - 2 p.m.
Conway, S.C.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**
Coastal Carolina
Saturday, Feb. 11th - 4:30 p.m.
Conway, S.C.

**MEN'S TENNIS**
Winthrop
Saturday, Feb. 11 - 10 a.m.
Statesboro, Ga.

**MEN'S TENNIS**
Charlotte
Sunday, Feb. 12 - 11 a.m.
Statesboro, Ga.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**
App State
Monday, Feb. 13th - 7 p.m.
Boone, N.C.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**
Chattanooga, 4-2, on Sunday.
Statesboro, Ga.

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Statesboro, Ga.

**MEN'S TENNIS**
Monday, Feb. 13th - 7 p.m.
Statesboro, Ga.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**
Florida State, 5-2, on Sunday.
Statesboro, Ga.

**WOMEN'S TENNIS**
Men's Tennis
Monday, Feb. 13 - 10 a.m.
Statesboro, Ga.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**
Wofford, 4-3, on Saturday.
Statesboro, Ga.

**WOMEN'S TENNIS**
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Statesboro, Ga.

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Statesboro, Ga.

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Boone, N.C.

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Statesboro, Ga.

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Winthrop
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Statesboro, Ga.

**MEN'S TENNIS**
Charlotte
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Statesboro, Ga.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**
App State
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Boone, N.C.

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Disappointed but Not Surprised

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Before Tom Brady took the field, his team down by eight with just over three minutes left in regulation, my roommate turned to me and asked, “Do you think they can do it?”

“I would be shocked if they did,” I replied.

Sure, my expectation was based partly on the greatness of Brady and Bill Belichick in the biggest moments historically and consistently. It was based on the momentum of the game and the turnaround New England made in the fourth quarter. But mostly, that expectation was based on the entire fabric of Atlanta sports.

If the question is whether an Atlanta team can manage to throw a game away, against all Hillar, they will always be shocked if they don’t.

No one who watched the Falcons all season long ever lost that cresting sense of familiar fear during Super Bowl LI, not even when the high-flying Falcons held a commanding 28-3 lead. Never as a true Falcons fan did I expect a win. Not even when they played the infamous Patriots, the reliable Patriots kicker, missed a PAT.

Not when Julian Edelman somehow snagged a deflected pass from a half-centimeter off the ground while being pulled and fought by Falcon defenders.

Atlanta sports fans are done squeezing the joy from the Braves 1995 World Series win. Atlanta, as a city, has been much maligned as a sports town, with traditions of spectacular losses and half-empty stadiums. Super Bowl LI came with a special agony.

I remember crying when the Falcons lost to John Elway’s Broncos on January 31, 1999. In Super Bowl XXII. I didn’t even really know why I was sad, but I could feel the pain in the air of the room full of Falcon fans. I could smell equal parts buffalo wing and demoralization. I could taste defeat.

The folks who breathe Atlanta sports inhale inconsistency and a divide in a group has undoubtedly existed. As far as uniting, I would be more than happy to meet with you on campus anytime to discuss ideas about how we can create a safer and more productive environment when engaging in political discourse. You can bring your MAGA hat if you like and I can bring my “Angry Black Woman, But Don’t I Have Some Discourse” sign to the Women’s March in Statesboro.

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‘I Took My Angry Black Woman Sign to the Women’s March in Statesboro.’

This is a response to the article titled “I Wore My Trump Hat to the Women’s March in D.C.”

Dear Trevor,

This is in response to your guest column entitled, ‘I Wore My Trump Hat to the Women’s March in D.C.’ As a march participant, I enjoyed the insight that you provided in your column, some given insight was probably unbeknownst to you. This past election- with many of the events and outcomes- did highlight a contentious divide in our country.

Even you admit to finding enjoyment in many of the viral videos that show battery/assault of other Americans based, presumably, on differing political ideologies. This provided me with insight when reading the rest of your column.

Let’s talk about the division.

You, yourself and others, “neutral” or not, are not exempt from instigating the division. As an English major, I assume that you are well aware of the importance of language and its effects on readers. You say that you refuse to turn our political system into a sport, but you segregate political ideologies by using terms such as ‘the left’ and basing the callous actions of a fractional few to reflect the entire movement.

Reading between the lines of your piece, I can easily infer that “my team” is not a fan favorite of yours. Love does trump hate and if a small population of those who share similar political ideologies as me show the opposite, that does not give you basis to dismiss the entire movement, especially when our leaders have openly and repeatedly condemned these actions.

Even you, Trevor are not exempt from playing into and benefiting from the division of our political process. Your claim to not want the continuance of “R” and “D” teams is not upheld by your actions and your omission of facts in your election observations. You could benefit from learning more about the political process. Know this, there is no difference between each other and the political process.

“We the people” is not just an imprint on marble-statues, but it is the cornerstone of our political system. Politicians, as well as you yourself proved in your “social experiment” are aware that creating a divide in a group has undoubtedly proven to be the best way to conquer the whole.

As far as uniting, I would be more than happy to meet with you on campus anytime to discuss ideas about how we can create a safer and more productive environment when engaging in political discourse. You can bring your MAGA hat if you like and I can bring my “Angry Black Woman, But Don’t I Have Some Things To Be Angry About” sign and we together can be a start.

Stronger Together,

Tamelonie Thomas

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