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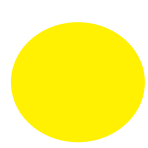
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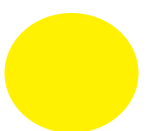
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Weather Bar

As we head into the weekend the recent scattered thunderstorms should stop. Although Thursday and Friday may be chilly, it will warm up by Saturday.



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Organizing your desk allows you to be more productive.

ORGANIZING YOUR DESK SPACE

BY ARIANE JENSEN
The Reflector staff

College is messy, and so is the desk you work at – specifically after you’ve done your homework at it every day for the past four years. Sometimes it seems like the last thing you want to do (after all, you’re cleaning up a space that you know will just get messy again). Whether it’s pencil shavings, erasers, balled-up sticky notes or otherwise, it can be hard to want to be anywhere near that. But since at college we live by the words of the masters, here is a quote from the great organization guru Barbara Hemphill: “Clutter is nothing more than postponed decisions.”

So why don’t you grab life by the balls and clean up all the shit that’s been laying out in front of you – so you can get rid of that terrible, overwhelming feeling of clutter. A clear space is a clear mind, after all.

When starting to clean off your desk and make it into the paradise you want it to become, start by clearing off everything and separating the clutter into three piles. The first pile will be trash, the next will be important stuff to file, the last is stuff that you want on your desk (decor, paper clips, binder clips pens and whatever else).

After organizing, give your desk good clean with either Lysol wipes or some sort of material cleaner that will clean your desk correctly.

Begin placing things around your desk in the rule of three. The Carlisle Commercial Group explains it as “a design principle which affects every room of your home. It dictates layout, size and shape of objects, the work triangle of a kitchen, even the color, pattern and fabric designs of your room... it is best described by the theory of Feng Shui. This theory presents the idea that odd numbers expand and create more energy, while even numbers contract and condense. If you want to infuse your space with energy, create a well-designed

space that is inviting and relaxing, and make your room feel as large as possible. you can do this with the Rule of Three.”

The rule of three doesn’t only have to do with rooms, it can also work with smaller spaces like your desk. When placing items, think about how they look in relation to each other. Stick to a color palette, as so your mind doesn’t become overwhelmed by bright colors or the rainbow you have going on.

Mr. Kate, an interior design and jewelry guru on YouTube, says that when she was organizing a desk it was best to “stick to a color palette and add metallics.” So that’s exactly what we did. For the desk in the picture, the color palette we stuck to was black and white with a hint of purple. I then brought in some copper and silver as well as some wood tones in the cork tiles and the mouse pad. This created unity in the space as well as some interest.

The next thing one should do is to place things in a way that the desk feels airy. Give space to the desk by placing things farther apart and playing with different planes. Some items should have more height than others, and some should have different textures to keep it appealing.

After you’re done decorating your desk it’s time to organize everything. Start filing away the papers that you labeled as important, and don’t have them just laying on your desk – find a place to store them, like a magazine holder or a floating file holder that will keep the clutter off your desk. Also add some floating boards whether cork boards or dry erase boards so you can stick flyers up. To keep track of all the information that you need, buy a giant calendar for your desk that won’t get messed up if you put your laptop on it or anything.

When creating your creative space or office space, make sure that you reflect your personality, and make sure that everything has a place. Otherwise, your desk will just get messy again.



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“ I Knew My Ex Was Crazy When”
Description: The Circle went and asked students about their crazy ex stories!

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What's the Deal With These Orders?



YASMEEN WALIAGA

Waliaga is a senior journalism major from Alpharetta, Ga.

Donald Trump has not paused for a moment during his first month in office. With 22 executive orders already into play (some technically considered memorandums and proclamations), Trump has made it clear that he intends to follow through with his promised actions. The question is whether or not the people actually want him to.

Donald Trump's impulsivity and remorseless demeanor may seem panic-worthy to some, but people also complain when someone

with power is hesitant to make bold moves initially. I'd like to say there's a balance, but our democracy has proven its incapability of symmetry.

Remember, it all comes back to politics so before hating the player, realize the history of the game. But do not assume I am justifying any of the player's actions. Sometimes, a new president tiptoes into the Oval Office and sometimes a new president marches instead.

It's difficult to march without stepping on some toes, hence, the backlash to Trump's executive decisions thus far.

We are well past the age of it being acceptable to base our political stances on what we hear our parents discuss at the dinner table. So, it is important for us to understand how politics work, at least enough to have some ground to base our opinions on. An educated stance is much more appealing than one unaware of the system.

So here is some helpful information on what these acts of power mean and how

they differ from each other. And in case you haven't heard enough about President Trump's actions enough, you can catch up with this brief list that puts Trump's actions in a language we don't fall asleep reading.

"Sir, Yes, Sir": What Do We Call These Orders?

Believe it or not, Donald Trump's actions are not all manifested through Twitter slang. They actually have real titles that classify them. So, what's the difference?

Executive orders are often confused with executive actions. Truth is, all presidential moves are considered executive actions. An order is just one example. An executive order by definition is an order made by the president that applies to certain governmental agencies and tells them exactly how to carry out a specific action the president orders of the executive branch.

Memorandums are similar in that they show how to carry

out a law or action, however, unlike executive orders, memoranda are not included in the Federal Register. The organization system for these isn't as regulated as that for executive orders, which are placed in consecutive order in the Federal Register.

Proclamations are far from being as bossy as executive orders and memorandums. These are more ceremonial. They might lead to new actions but not as aggressively. Sneaky ritual proclamations.

"I Told You So!": Trump's Promises Fulfilled.. At What Expense?

Here is a roundup of some of the president's most talked about actions so far as the "everything"-in-chief of the United States. This is not all of the 22, but these few actions have sure been initiating a good amount of frustration, excitement and just simple confusion. Here are five actions that have gotten attention in my opinion.

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Some Executive Orders We're Hearing About

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The Keystone XL pipelines and Dakota Access pipelines are back. Donald Trump wants everyone to forget about that whole ordeal and start drilling. Once again, we are ignoring those who were here before our European ancestors.

2

Refugees along with immigrants from seven Muslim countries could not enter the U.S., even if the refugees had been vetted and cleared. Imagine you were told you had a brand new car waiting for you and you showed up at the dealership to find nothing.

3

The Mexico border wall is real and the Department of Homeland Security is on it. More than a thousand are expected to be hired for patrol duty, according to CNN.

4

Peace out Trans-Pacific Partnership. Hey, at least this one helps our domestic situation. America doesn't need to stick around in a relationship. Maybe we need to be single again.

5

Another freeze. No hiring federal employees for now. Perhaps this will shrink the government. Hey, I'm not opposed to shrinking the government.

New all-gender bathrooms brings inclusion to campus

Georgia Southern University's Housing Department recently announced the addition of three all gender bathrooms located in various locations on campus, in the efforts to become a more inclusive community.

The bathrooms are primarily located in on campus housing. University Villas' bathroom is in the 2nd floor clubhouse. The Freedom's Landing bathroom in the clubhouse gym and computer lab while the Centennial Place bathroom will be located in the CP Resident Director Suite Room 2122.

Clemente Espinoza, junior mechanical engineering major, believes that the new bathrooms can work if respect is placed first.

"I believe that as long as everyone can be respectful of it, then it can work out in the long run," Espinoza said.

Although the new addition of bathrooms came as a surprise to many, the talk of adding them has been a topic of discussion for a while.

"I know that higher ups were talking about it for sometime," Nicole Peavy, vice president of the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), said. "But we have been talking about it privately for a little while now."

This is not the first all gender bathroom that has been added to campus. Other locations include the Library, the Carroll Building and the Russell Union.

The bathrooms' objective is to create a more inclusive type of campus, straying away from any discriminatory issues regarding genders.

The new bathrooms have the potential to stir up some controversy steaming from the North Carolina bathroom bill, House Bill 2, also known as the Public Facilities Privacy and Security Act, which was signed back in March 2016 by former governor Pat McCrory.

BY TAISHA WHITE
The George-Anne staff



Bathroom battle

The bill blocks cities from allowing those who identify as transgender to use the public bathroom for the gender in which they identify as and are instead only allowed to use the bathroom that corresponds with the gender on their birth certificate.

The bill has caused controversy around the state, causing major networks and corporations, such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), PayPal and Lionsgate to leave and refuse to do any type of business with the state. As of September 2016, the state has lost over \$400 million in revenue, according to Business Insider.

Ezequiel Bautista, junior engineering major, understands that the controversial bathroom law might cause issues for some, but believes that it will give others the ability to understand each other.

"We all have different views. I, personally do not have a problem with it, but I know that the topic itself is controversial," Bautista said. "Overall, it will help us accept the fact that we are all different. So I think that it will be a good thing for all of us in the long run."

Ethan Winters, president of the Gay-Straight Alliance knows that some people will have an issue regarding the bathrooms, but wants those to understand that it will not hurt them.

"If you don't like it, don't use it," Winters said. "It is just a bathroom. If anything it adds to the culture of Georgia Southern."

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President of the Gay-Straight Alliance



Child Development Center beneficial to GS students and the community

The Child Development Center caters to both GS students and the Statesboro community. The purpose of the center is to help educate youth in Statesboro.

BY TASHA WHITE
The George-Anne staff

The Child Development Center (CDC), established back in 1952, is an on-site daycare and nursery that benefits both Georgia Southern students and the community in more ways than one.

The center provides quality daycare assistance not just to those who attend the university but those of the community as well. The daycare center comes with a trained staff whose main goal is to provide a safe learning environment for young kids.

GS student benefits

In many cases, students are able to get hands on experience in their major at the center.

The CDC provides hands-on experience to students majoring in both child and family development and early childhood fields. All those who are to interact with the children are required to have a cogent background check and the experience gives those students not just the ability to learn more about children, but how to become professionals in their field.

Keyontae Britton, senior multimedia film and production major, thinks that it's a great idea to have the students interact with the kids.

"It's a smart idea. How else are they supposed to learn how to be a grade school teacher if they can't interact?" Britton said. "That's like me being a film and production major and not being able to use camera equipment or any of the technology in Sanford Hall. It defeats the

purpose. So I am glad that they have that opportunity."

From setting up a basic curriculum that allows the students to teach the children to learning how to provide the proper guidance and attention each child deserves, the CDC, according to Megeda Edwards, director of the Child Development Center, allows not just students, but the staff to become greater professionals.

"The organization of the curriculum in thematic units and projects help to insure integration and continuity of the learning process," Edwards said. "Teachers prepare the environment for children to construct knowledge through active exploration and interaction with other children, adults and developmentally appropriate material."

The CDC once started off as a Home Economic Nursery School, which eventually led to becoming the CDC in 2006. It was created by merging two existing programs, The Family Life Center (FLC) for preschoolers and The Little Infant Toddler Eagles (LITE) for infants and toddlers.

Maria Bryan, sophomore biology major, would like to see that type of hands-on experience for different majors as well.

"I think that it's pretty interesting to see that type of hands on experience for those majors," Bryan said. "With me being a biology major, I think that it would be great to have that type of hands on interaction with other majors as well. It just makes it easier for us to understand and we can get that type of experience that we need in the long run."

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Senior multimedia film and production major

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Seth Orme will be coming to campus next Wednesday to speak about Sustainability as well as his organization, Packing it Out.

Sustainability speaker coming to GS

BY BRENDAN WARD

The George-Anne staff

Sustainability speaker, Seth Orme, is coming to Georgia Southern University next Wednesday as part of First Year Experience's Global Engagement series.

A GS alumnus, Orme will speak about environmental sustainability and his organization, Packing It Out.

The lecture will be held on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Nessmith-Lane Assembly Hall.

Packing It Out is an organization co-founded by Orme that encourages hikers to clean up walking trails.

The original idea was to

encourage hikers to clean up after themselves when they went hiking but later expanded into an advocacy group that encourages people to clean up walking trails.

Packing It Out has also held thru-hikes where volunteers hike the entirety of a trail and pick up trash along the way.

In 2015, Packing It Out held a thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail. The entire hike was 2,000 miles and resulted in the collection of over 1,000 pounds of trash.

You can learn more about Packing It Out on their website.

You can also donate to them on their Go Fund Me Page.

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BY ASHLEY JONES

The George-Anne staff

The First-Year Experience department (FYE) is creating new and effective ways to help students with undeclared majors declare a major by the end of the academic school year.

The F.Y.E program is used to help students adapt to college as well as to expand potential career opportunities after college. The program consists of a one-time meeting with the professor a day before classes start. F.Y.E 1220 is a seminar class given during the first semester and F.Y.E 1410 Global Citizens is a seminar given during the second semester.

Chris Caplinger, the head of the First-Year Experience department, shared what F.Y.E is doing to help students declare a major.

"When you come in undeclared we have 30-minute appointments for students. Every appointment has a major exploration component," Caplinger said. "Every appointment we're asking some questions,

essentially what is it that you need in order to make a good decision about declaring a major."

Caplinger described the conversation with undeclared students as simply asking them about their interests as well as giving them self-assessments and doing research.

"There are some risks in being undeclared long term, because no one graduates undeclared. However, it is actually developmentally appropriate to be undeclared upon entering college," Caplinger said. "In some cases, the student comes in undeclared, makes a better first decision."

The F.Y.E department stresses that students be proactive in declaring a major and have provided sources that many students have found useful.

The department offers walk-in appointments and is working on a pilot program that will also be offered to students with declared majors who are looking to change their major.

Office of Public Safety forms task force with Statesboro PD

BY MATTHEW ENFINGER
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University Public Safety has teamed up with the City of Statesboro police department to form a task force to limit crime on and off campus.

According GS Chief of Police Laura McCullough, the task force began late last semester and is still continuing today.

The main focus of Public Safety is the GS Campus, but they are aware that many students live off campus and hope the city can help students living off campus.

“Hopefully it means that a lot of that nonsense that was going on before the end of the semester stops,” McCullough said.

The task force will begin what McCullough calls a “concentrated patrol,” meaning that they will concentrate their efforts and additional manpower for high visibility in areas of concern right around campus.

“These [areas of concern] would typically be thought of as the

complexes on the roadways that border campus, such as Lanier, Chandler and South Main,” McCullough said.

With this new task force students may see a presence of Statesboro Public Safety officers on campus and stronger presence in areas adjacent to campus.

“I think it’s good because it’s almost every morning I wake up to text messages saying there’s been a robbery in specific apartment complexes,” Dejah Worthen, freshman special education major, said.

Officers of both Statesboro PD and GS Public Safety have no difference in regards to authority and are both sworn in by the State.

“However,” McCullough said, “Statesboro Police officers also enforce city ordinances as well. GSPD officers will judicially refer students when they are arrested or involved in an incident on campus that violates the Student Code of Conduct,”

McCullough hopes that this task force will not cause alarm but make students feel more comfortable and safe.

GS Emergency Contacts

University Police: (912) 478-5234

Statesboro Police: (912) 764-9911

**Bulloch County Sheriff Office:
(912) 764-8888**

If you are in an emergency situation, call 911 directly.

Georgia legislators bring back campus carry

BY BLAKELEY BARTEE
The George-Anne staff

Georgia lawmakers will consider legislation that would allow licensed gun owners to carry concealed weapons on Georgia’s public college campuses after Gov. Nathan Deal vetoed a similar bill last year.

Republican State Rep. Mandi Ballinger filed a bill Tuesday in the Georgia House that would allow anyone with a permit to carry concealed firearms on campus, according to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (AJC).

To have a permit, one must

be at least 21 years old and pass a background check. The bill would not allow guns in student housing and sports stadiums.

The new bill exempts on-campus childcare facilities, but otherwise, it is identical to the previous campus gun bill, House Bill 859, according to the AJC.

At Georgia Southern University, students can learn basic gun safety at the Shooting Sports Education Center, and the Office of Public Safety offers resources for active shooter training and crime prevention.



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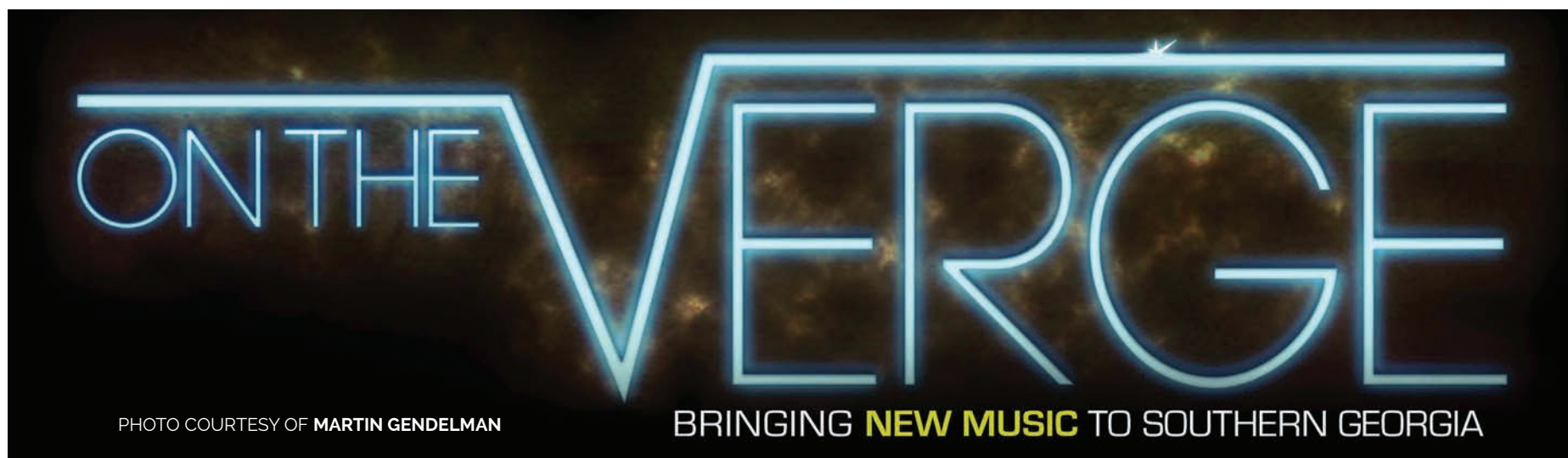
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INTERNATIONAL TRIO COMES TO CAMPUS TO MAKE YOUR VALENTINE'S DAY UNFORGETTABLE



The On The Verge Series began in 2013. Its events are produced from donations from GS departments and local businesses alike.

BY ALLISON MARTINEZ

The George-Anne contributor

With Valentine's Day quickly approaching, it might be stressful trying to find a fun and exciting activity to celebrate the holiday. Luckily, the Georgia Southern non-profit organization called "On The Verge" is providing such an opportunity.

On The Verge will be presenting a unique performance from a group of unique musicians known as The SaVaSa Trio, who come from a world famous ensemble.

The performance, which is free, will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 14 in the Foy Building recital hall and start at 7:30 p.m.

This event, which is one of many events produced by the On The Verge organization, is a great opportunity to witness a high quality performance by an international trio right on our campus.

ON THE VERGE

On The Verge does more than book an artist to perform a concert. The non-profit offers a variety of educational opportunities for members of the community in the form of lectures, workshops and classes that are lead by the very artists featured in the series.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FEB. 13

A CONVERSATION WITH COMPOSERS

@ 12:20 P.M. - Foy #2037

BRASS MASTERCLASS

@ 2:30 P.M. - Carter Recital Hall

OPEN REHEARSAL

@ 6:00 P.M. - Carter Recital Hall

FEB. 14

LECTURE & PERFORMANCE AT SALLIE

ZETTEROWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

@ 9:30 A.M. - SZES Main Stage

CONCERT

@ 7:30 P.M. - Carter Recital Hall

WHO IS THE SAVASA TRIO?

The SaVaSa Trio is a group in the modern classical genre, made up of two trumpet

players, Sava Stoianov and Valentín Garvie and a French horn player, Saar Berger. The trio, which are part of a larger ensemble known as "Ensemble Modern" based out of Frankfurt, Germany, are traveling across the world to perform for the GS

community. They are considered to be one of the top three ensembles in the world dedicated to new music.

Martin Gendelman, Ph.D., assistant professor of music and head of music theory and composition, is the artistic director for the On The Verge music series. He claims The SaVaSa Trio has been the hardest to book since the series began in 2013 because they are internationally based.

MORE THAN JUST A PERFORMANCE

The trio, who will be arriving on campus Monday, Feb. 13, will begin their visit by hosting a masterclass and a lecture during the day and an open rehearsal in the evening. The following morning, The SaVaSa Trio will head to Sallie Zetterower Elementary School to speak to a younger generation of students.

In the evening of the holiday of love, the trio will be giving an unforgettable performance and perhaps an opportunity to meet the group, because of how willing the artists are to interact with the community.

The performance, like all performances by On The Verge, happen due

to a number of regular sponsors who support the organization. These sponsors vary from several departments on our very own campus along with support from local businesses.

DONATIONS COME WITH BENEFITS

Since On The Verge is a non-profit, their productions rely on donations. The organization has succeeded for years in getting enough support to provide the community with new musical experiences and they are grateful for it. Donors can benefit in various ways, ranging from meeting the artists and having dinner with them, to receiving souvenirs and personal invitations to the events.

On the Verge is always looking for opportunities to partner with new organizations and expand horizons. If you are interested partnering with the organization, you can email Professor Martín Gendelman at jmgendelman@georgiasouthern.edu

Although you can expect further productions from On The Verge, this internationally famous group of musicians will only be in town for a short period of time. So take a chance and go experience a modern classical performance by a group of uniquely talented musicians.



SAAR BERGER, HORN

- Born in 1980
- Began his musical education at the Petah - Tiqwa Music Conservatory in Israel studying the horn
- Member of the Ensemble Modern since 2007
- Completed his German Diploma and his Horn soloist Diploma at the Frankfurt Academy of Music Served as principal / associate Principal with the Israeli Opera orchestra and the Israeli Symphony Orchestra (2001-2005)
- Has played with many renowned international orchestras all across Europe and developed collaborations with many young and established composers.
- The First a Double CD album “Travelling Pieces,” with 17 new premieres for horn, released in 2014 by the Ensemble Modern Media Label.



VALENTÍN GARVIE, TRUMPET

- Started playing the trumpet at the age of eight
- With the help of scholarships he completed a Postgraduate Performance Course in Trumpet at the Royal Academy of Music in London
- Member of Ensemble Modern since 2002
- Also is a member of the Jazz Ensemble des Hessischen Rundfunks (both as player and composer) and of Crespo Brass.
- Won several Solo Brass Prizes and the title of Associate of the Royal Academy of Music (ARAM) in 2007.
- Featured soloist in the Deutsche Jazz Festival 2011
- In 2009, Ensemble Modern Medien released his portrait CD “Ut supra.” In 2013 he released “Daaa-dit“



SAVA STOIANOV, TRUMPET

- Born in 1976
- Received the first trumpet lessons from Ivan Babev in his hometown of Dobrich, Bulgaria.
- Member of the Ensemble Modern since 2002
- He dedicates himself to the authentic performance of traditional Bulgarian music – including the use of the cornett
- Has been invited to perform as solo trumpet by major orchestras
- While still a student, he already played first solo trumpet in the Bulgarian National Philharmonic Sofia
- His portrait CD Ljulka was released in 2009 by Ensemble Modern Medien.

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- **What are your plans for Spring Break this year?**
How does traveling with fellow Eagles, meeting new friends that share your values, and working to make a difference sound? Alternative Spring Break applications are now live until January 20th. Breaks will be traveling Sunday, March 12th - Friday March 17th. Students can peruse a variety of trips we have available on our website now, check them out! Trip prices range between \$150 - \$350 (all inclusive) To apply students can log onto MyInvolvement and follow the link: <https://georgiasouthern.collegiatelink.net/form/start/118098> and submit their application today.
- **Spring 2017 Weekly Volunteer Trips Kickoff!**
Want to make more of an impact Spring Semester than you did in the Fall? Take a trip, make a difference! The Office of Leadership and Community Engagement offers the unique opportunity for students to make an impact within Statesboro by going on weekly volunteer trips. Whether you want to volunteer with kids at the After School Program, help distribute meals at the Food Bank, help remodel a house with Habitat for Humanity, or have tons of fun with residents in long term care or rehabilitation programs, our office is your spot! Our ten Volunteer trips are offered Monday-Saturday with times ranging from 8:45am to 3:45pm. Transportation is provided. Join your fellow students and engage the community! Sign up in the Office of Leadership & Community Engagement (R U 1056 across from Chick-Fil-A).
Monday: Heritage Inn 2-4 | ASP Cone Homes 3:00-5:15
Tuesday: Westwood Nursing Home 2:00-4:00 | After School Program Mill Creek 3:45-5:30
Wednesday: Statesboro Food Bank 12:30-2:30
Thursday: After School Program Julia P. 3:30-5:30 | After School Garden Program 3:30-5:15
Friday: Statesboro Food Bank 9:45-12:15 | Habitat for Humanity 1:00-4:00
- **UPB: Mr. GSU Scholarship Pageant Informational Session**
Tuesday, February 7th & Thursday, February 9th
Wednesday, February 15th, & Thursday, February 16th
6:00 - 7:00 pm, Russell Union 2052
Mr. GSU attends traditional and community events and represents the student body in all that he does. Anyone that is interested in participating, must attend at least ONE information session (no exceptions) and submit an application that can be found on MyInvolvement.
Application timeline:
Opens: Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00pm (via MyInvolvement)
Closes: Friday, February 24 at 4:00pm
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-Must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the university.
-Complete application, contract, etc. and submit to the Office of Student Activities.
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- **UPB Presents: Unplugged in Love**
Thursday, February 9th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Williams Center Multipurpose Room
The University Programming Board has changed the look of Thursday nights in the Boro! Our monthly UNplugged series offers a relaxed, coffeehouse/lounge type environment for students to indulge in tasty treats and beverages while enjoying a variety of entertainment acts, provided by Georgia Southern's most talented. Faculty/staff/students, do you have a special talent that you'd like to share with the campus? Register to participate today! (You must be logged in to MyInvolvement to register) This event is free and open to the public. Students, please bring your Eagle IDs. If you need assistance, related to access for this event, please email: upb@georgiasouthern.edu at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

YOUR STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES AT WORK

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GS alumnus and owner of Flight Factory Jerome Davis, standing inside the soon to be finished warehouse. The total area of the Flight Factory building is 120,000 square feet.

AN IDEA TAKES FLIGHT

Flight Factory owner realizes his business vision

BY JULIA FECHTER

The George-Anne staff

Trampolines of all different shapes, sizes and angles adorn the floor. Paintball players run and hide behind bunkers, walls and other simulated terrain features. Paintball, trampolines and many other entertainment options will be inside a facility the size of three supermarket stores combined, and it's opening just around the corner. The long-anticipated Flight Factory entertainment complex will open its doors to the public tomorrow, Feb. 10, at its location on East Parrish Street.

Flight Factory is the brainchild of 2014 Georgia Southern biochemistry graduate Jerome Davis. He started a company called JMD Management Group to help design and build Flight Factory. Davis has been busy preparing the facility for the past couple months. Soon, others will be able to see the fruition of Davis and his team's work.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK

According to Davis, there will be three initial phases for the facility project. The first phase will be completed when the

facility opens. It will include an indoor trampoline park, arcade, a wipeout machine and dodgeball, volleyball and basketball courts. The total area of the Flight Factory building is 120,000 square feet. One of the trampoline rooms alone is 35,000 square feet. As well, the paintball range is 60,000 square feet in size. When it is completed, it will be the largest indoor paintball facility in the country. "It's really the state of Georgia that governs this [facility]. It's so big, so after a certain size, you go to the state," Davis said.

PREPARING THE SPACE

The building where Flight Factory is now used to be home to Statesboro's flea market and a paintball range. The former owner of the market built part of the current paintball range three years ago. "In senior year, I actually came and played paintball. I thought it was really cool...I thought 'Man, this is awesome, and no one knows about this thing in Statesboro,'" Davis said. Davis came up with the Flight Factory idea at the end of 2014. At the beginning of the next year, he rented an office from the Business Innovation Group in downtown Statesboro and worked on preliminary aspects of his project, such as research and construction planning. He decided to purchase the paintball field in November 2015. "It was a good idea, but it wasn't executed as well as it could've been...so we decided

to close it to build this," Davis said. The crews Davis hired began construction on Flight Factory in October 2016.

AN EYE TOWARD CHANGE

Davis envisioned an entertainment facility that was different from other options that the Statesboro area had to offer. "We wanted to fill it with something that's high energy fun, healthy and exciting. We thought nothing is better than indoor trampolines, because there's so many options," Davis said. Davis believes that the key to the Flight Factory's success is to modify the facility over time, rather than keeping it the same. Davis said, "We can sit here and constantly evolve and add new games, new systems...fitness classes and leagues and tournaments and fundraisers."

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Rendering of what the Flight Factory front desk is intended to look like. The Flight Factory doors open February 10.

THE GS SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM



NEW COACH, SAME GOALS

Sophomore swimmer Courtney Schaefer races to the finish at the RAC indoor pool. The next meet for the Swim team is the CCSA Championship in Athens, Ga.

BY CHYNA JAMES

The George-Anne contributor

Head coach Laura Thomas said many people are misguided in judging them when they are in a new place, but the swimmers don't need recognition to get them motivated. They let their talent speak for itself.

"When we travel, everyone thinks we're either a soccer team, a softball team or track. They never think swimming and diving," Thomas said.

Even though the swim team might not be the first sport to pop up in someone's mind, it sure doesn't stop the team from being dedicated and giving it their all, in and out of the water.

NEW LEADERSHIP

Swimming is a demanding sport. From the early practices at 6 a.m. to not being able to shave their legs; from having a "dry" season to balancing school in the midst of it all, the team still managed to get through the season. This is thanks in part to the leadership of a new head coach.

"My style is a little bit different from the other

coach and of course they have to get used to that," Thomas said. "But it's been great and everyone just has really made me feel at home. Being a head coach was very, very attractive for me and I'm really happy to be here."

Coach Thomas was at Northern Arizona University prior to coming to GS and she decided to add Kristin Walker as assistant coach.

Walker is also a graduate student who swam for the University of New Mexico. She really appreciates the different perspective that comes with the transition from having a coach to being a coach.

"We have the same philosophies, we work really well together and she's been my right hand," Thomas said. "We're really a good team."

At the very first meeting with a few of the athletics administrators, the Athletic Director introduced the acronym E.A.G.L.E.S. to Coach Thomas. It stands for excellence, accountability, gratitude, leadership, enthusiasm and service.

"When we do things I try to keep this in mind. This is what drives my

thought processes when I am coaching," Thomas said.

ATHLETE PERSPECTIVE

Junior GS swimmer Kiera McCormack has had the opportunity to experience different coaching styles from the previous to the current coach.

McCormack has been able to benefit from both coaches, and she loves both of them and appreciates what they have been able to add to her experience on the team thus far.

McCormack hasn't been able to perform physically due to an injury but she still does her best to push the team forward as they prepare for the big conference meet on Feb. 14.

"They both have had different personalities and aspects and both have brought different viewpoints to this program," McCormack said.

MAKING SACRIFICES

In preparing for the big conference meet, the swimmers have a "dry" season in which they don't partake in alcohol from the beginning of January to the end of February.

The dry season is a small

part of a big commitment to the team. It's common among many swim teams because drinking alcohol breaks the body down and the team is constantly swimming. It's not just about binge drinking but what accompanies drinking: staying out late, going to bed late and partying. These can unfortunately take a huge toll on the body.

Anna Battistello, senior GS swimmer, commits not only to the dry season but also agrees that it's important to not drink alcohol throughout the season as well. She says Coach Thomas emphasizes not drinking throughout the entire season because it will benefit them as they try to reach their goals.

"We work so hard so many hours a week trying to get to this optimal level of fitness. One night of binge drinking can set you back three days of training," Battistello said.

Alcohol breaks down the muscles and as swimmers are performing, they won't get the recovery they need.

The "dry" season keeps them on the right track as they cut their yardage and make the practices seem easier in order to maximize fast at their meet.

"It's a great way to keep us

focused," McCormack said. "We signed on to be on the swim team and this is just something that comes with it. If that means giving up a month of a typical college lifestyle, then that's what it takes."

Unlike most sports, the swimmers also don't shave their legs from October until the end of February for the conference meet.

"The hair on the legs creates drag, so it's more for training," Thomas said. "It's a sacrifice we're making and everyone is making them. That's a ritual that's very unique to swimming."

The swim team isn't your usual sports team. They make these specific sacrifices to become better not just individually but collectively. It's those sacrifices that bring them together as a team and keep them motivated to perform well during practice and in their meets.

"This is one really dedicated group of girls," Thomas said. "It's a difficult sport for sure."

The Eagles will compete in The Coastal Collegiate Sports Association meet. The CCSA event begins on Feb. 15 in Athens, Ga.



MICK MILLER

Freshman guard Alexis Brown goes up for a layup. The Eagles look to extend their winning streak on Thursday night.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HEADS TO APP STATE LOOKING FOR FOURTH CONSECUTIVE WIN

BY JERELL RUSHIN

The George-Anne staff

The Eagles take their season-high, three game winning streak on the road, as they travel to App State, looking to defeat the rival once again.

Head Coach Kip Drown and his team are coming off of a 76-65 win over UL Monroe, in which the Eagles left the Warhawks in the dust in the second half. Alexis Brown led the charge, scoring a career-high 22 points while only playing 19 minutes. Brown and her teammates would love to see the talented freshman do more of the same against App State.

In the first meeting between the two, Georgia Southern narrowly downed App State by three inside of Hanner Fieldhouse, despite getting out-rebounded 48-30. Madi Story would grab 12 of those 48 rebounds, which led to many extra offensive possessions for the Mountaineers during their 53-50 loss.

There will almost certainly be an emphasis on getting in better position to grab rebounds at all five positions for Georgia Southern. App

State shot poorly from the field that day, but even the poorest shooting teams will eventually capitalize on that large of a rebounding advantage.

The Eagles might look to get their sharpshooters plenty of open looks again when they travel to Boone, N.C. It was freshman Nakol Franks who caught fire against the Mountaineers in their January meeting. Franks went 3/4 from three, including the most important basket of the game, a three pointer to break a 48-48 tie with only 20 seconds remaining.

Another key for Georgia Southern during the first matchup was forcing turnovers, as they turned App State over 18 times during their 53-50 victory. Both Georgia Southern and App State are in the middle of the pack in the Sun Belt regarding turnover margin, so that could be a good indicator of who wins the game just as it was the first time around.

Tipoff against App State is 7 p.m. on Thursday night. Georgia Southern sits at fourth place in the Sun Belt at 6-5. App State is 4-7 in conference, good enough for seventh.

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WHAT TO WATCH FOR

BY THOMAS JILK
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Senior guard Alexis Sams looks to inbound the ball. The Eagles play App State on Thursday night. © MICK MILLER

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Eagles are on a hot streak, winning their last three conference games going into a Thursday matchup with rival Appalachian State in Boone, N.C. The game will be broadcast on ESPN3. GS will travel to Conway, S.C. to face Coastal Carolina on Saturday, then will be back in Hanner next Thursday against UT-Arlington.



Men's and Women's tennis teams are both in action this week. The men's team has an overall record of 5-4, while women's tennis is 4-1, this season. © BRANDON WARNOCK

WOMEN'S TENNIS

After a tough 5-2 loss to Central Florida, the Eagles will play a home match Thursday at 2 p.m. against nearby Savannah State. GS is 4-1 on the season.

MEN'S TENNIS

The return of senior Christian Kerrigan helped the Eagles to a 4-2 win at Chattanooga last weekend. GS has three home matches coming up this weekend, beginning with Winthrop at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Wallis Tennis Center. They go on to play a doubleheader on Sunday, facing Charlotte at 11 a.m. then College of Coastal Georgia at 3 p.m. The Eagles are 5-4 so far this season.



The softball team begins their season this weekend. The team finished with a 30-27 overall record last season. © KIARA GRIFFIN













OTHER SPRING SPORTS

Softball, baseball and men's and women's golf all start their spring seasons in the next two weeks. Softball leads off this Friday at home against the University of North

Carolina-Greensboro. Baseball begins the following Friday, Feb. 17, at home against Middle Tennessee. Women's golf tees off February 13 on the

road for the Texas State Invitational. Feb. 18, the men's golfers will travel to Gainesville, Fla. for the Gator Invitational.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

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|  TROY UNIVERSITY | 8-2 | 15-6 |
|  UT ARLINGTON | 8-2 | 15-5 |
|  GEORGIA SOUTHERN | 6-5 | 10-12 |
|  LOUISIANA LAFAYETTE | 6-5 | 12-8 |
|  TEXAS STATE | 6-4 | 11-10 |
|  APP STATE | 4-7 | 9-13 |
|  COASTAL CAROLINA | 4-7 | 9-12 |
|  GEORGIA STATE | 4-7 | 8-14 |
|  ARKANSAS STATE | 3-8 | 5-18 |
|  SOUTH ALABAMA | 2-8 | 7-14 |
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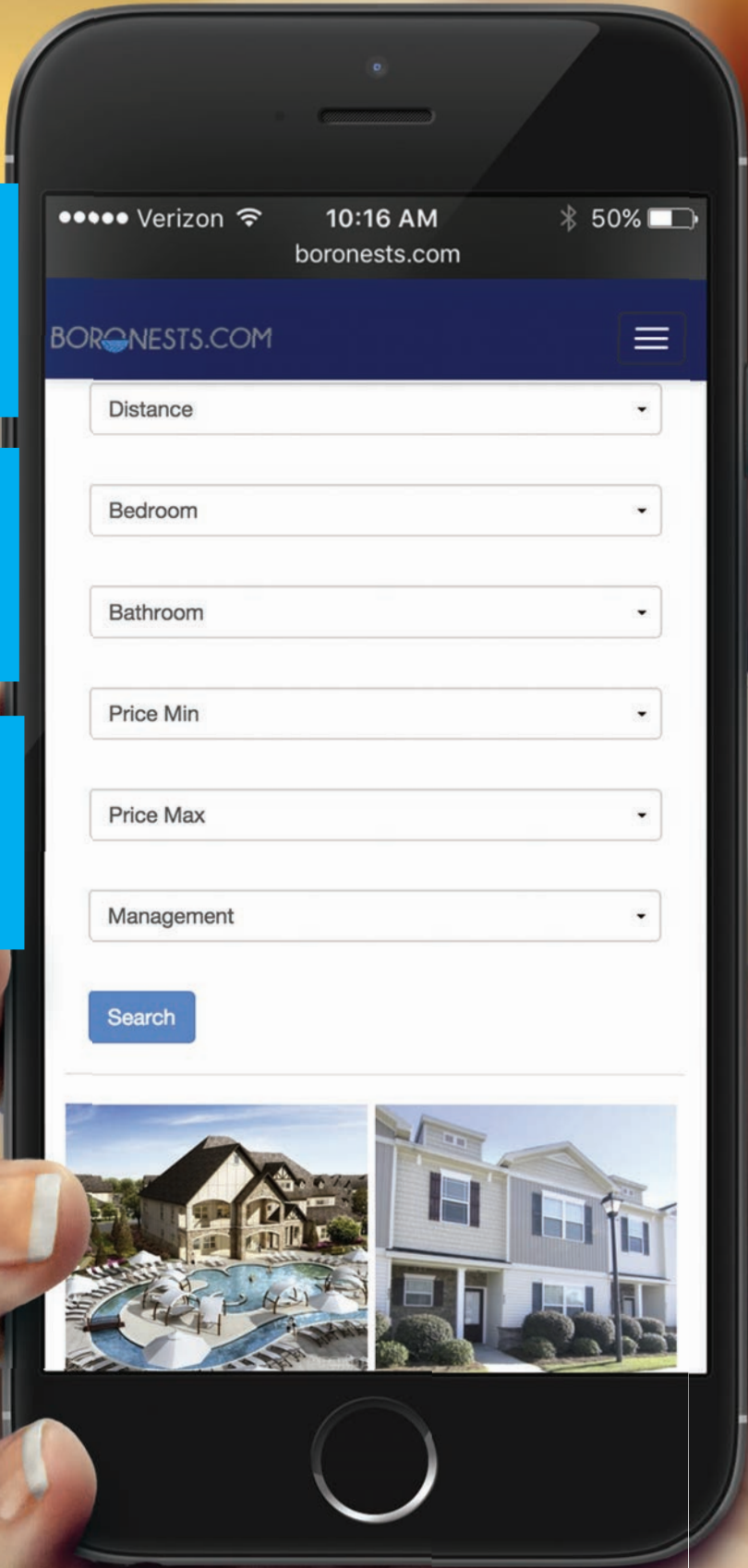
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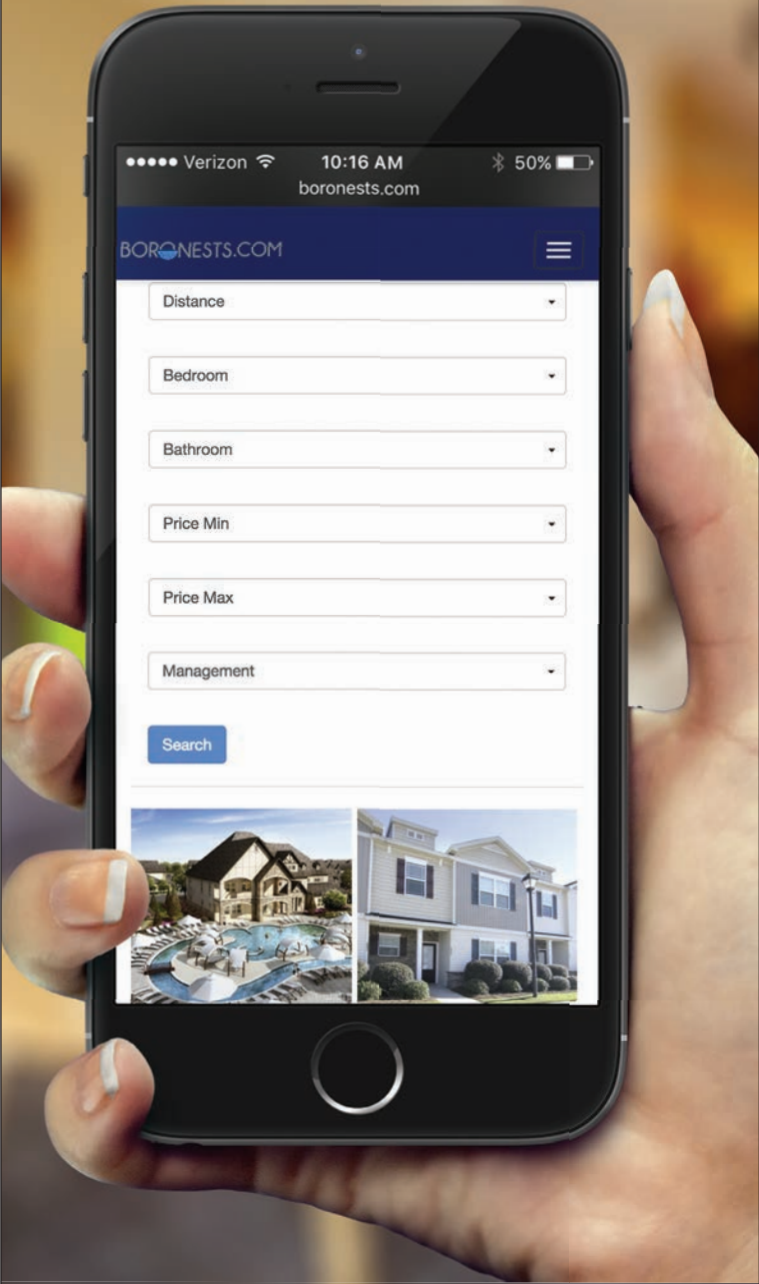
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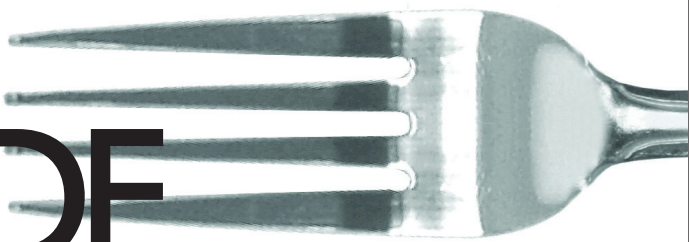
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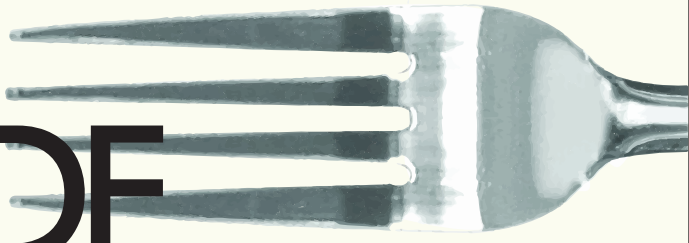
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