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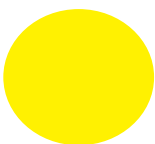
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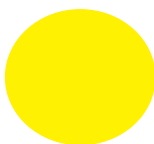
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THE STAYING POWER OF SATIRE AND POLITICAL LITERATURE

BY KENNETH LEE
The Reflector staff

With politically charged Saturday Night Live skits, Daily Show clips and Samantha Bee monologues shared on Facebook and Twitter, satirical content goes viral on a regular basis. However, videos aren't the only form of satire available to the public, and they might not even be the most effective form of criticism in today's political climate. Literature such as personal essays and fictional narratives are also examples of political satire that are able to strike a chord with the public.

Jared Sexton, a creative writing professor in Georgia Southern's Writing and Linguistics department, covered the 2016 election, attended multiple Trump rallies and had his political writing appear in publications such as The New York Times. He explains why SNL skits, and other videos of its ilk are unable to act as scathing satire for the current Trump administration.

Sexton describes the satire we're all familiar with on television as "very surface level," faulting its inability to "get below the surface."

Fictional narratives in literature, on the other hand, can be far more successful critiquing government. When equipped with compelling characters and

an engrossing plot, political literature can act as a Trojan horse and "get across ideas that people would normally be fenced off against."

Along with films and TV shows, people seek out political literature due to its staying power and relevancy in satirizing politics. For instance, after White House counselor Kellyanne Conway coined the phrase "alternative facts" when defending press secretary Sean Spicer's fumbling attempt to convince journalists that Trump's inauguration ceremony had the largest audience ever, George Orwell's "1984" found itself on Amazon's bestseller list shortly after.

Regardless of administration, Orwell's dystopian novel about a tyrannical government that practices unethical, omnipresent surveillance has proved to be a relevant source of literary satire, as sales also spiked in 2013 when Edward Snowden leaked crucial information about the scope of NSA surveillance.

Dr. Olivia Edenfield is a professor in Georgia Southern's Literature and Philosophy department and the executive coordinator of the American Literature Association. She explains how humor can be an effective tool in literature.

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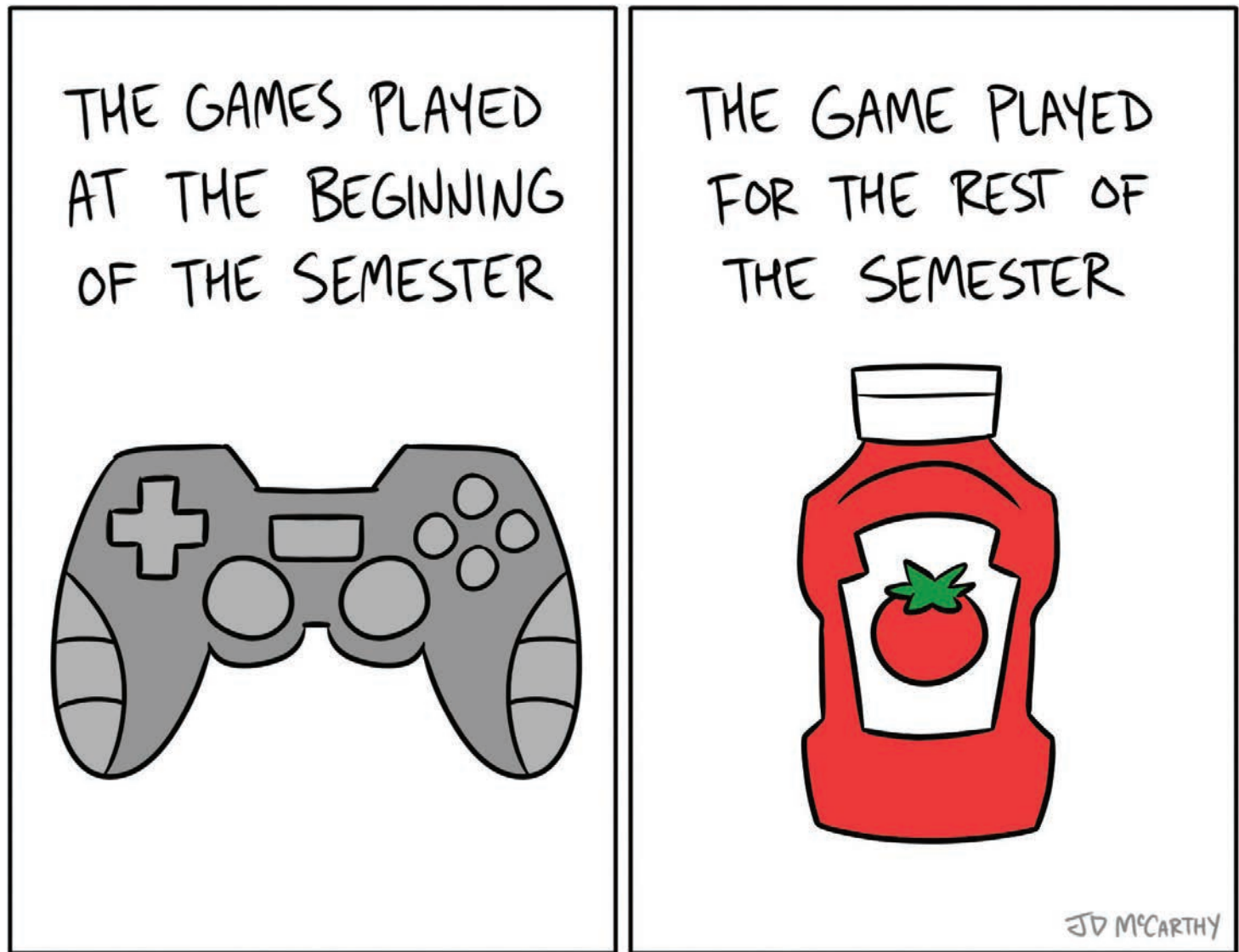
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YOU ARE THE CHANGE

JOYCE SANCHEZ

Sanchez is a 2016 GS alumna and founder of 100 Collegiate Women. This is a guest column.

Maybe money runs the show because I let it – that was my thought after working unceasingly on the Ohio Together campaign after graduating in May.

So instead of committing my life to debating with strangers on Facebook about the Trump Administration and Hillary's emails, I proudly took my political science degree and the V.A.L.U.E.S I learned in undergrad to Boston to work on something that was bigger than Trump and Hillary: Corporations having human rights and money being considered free speech.

American Promise, a cross-partisan organization, along with several organizations are working to overturn the Citizens United v. FEC Supreme Court Ruling and to pass a 28th Amendment.

A 28th Amendment would put the power back into the hands of the people, requiring Federal, State and

local governments to regulate, limit or prohibit contributions, placing reasonable limits on campaign spending. It would also establish that the rights protected by the Constitution

“To the everyday student, this may seem like a lost cause but let me state a fact: Americans are more divided on gay marriage, health care and abortion than campaign finance.”

of the United States are the rights of natural persons only.

To the everyday student, this may seem like a lost cause but let me state a fact: Americans are more divided on gay marriage, health care and abortion than campaign finance.

According to a Bloomberg National Poll, 78 percent agreed that the Citizens United ruling should be overturned, compared to the 17 percent who called it a good decision.

That 5-4 Supreme Court Ruling is essentially allowing money to choose who your elected officials will be. These are the same elected officials who raised your tuition in 2015. These are the same elected officials who cut deeply into the Pell Grant budget in 2015. These are the same elected officials who were in favor of concealed guns on campus and were disappointed in Governor Deal's veto in 2016.

So I say to all that to say that these elections are what you make it, these marches can't happen alone and if you are not in the fight in some way, I ask you today fellow eagle, why are you on the sidelines?

The power was yours to begin with.

Georgia Southern reflects on Black History Month

BY ALANA TINSLEY
AND TAISHA WHITE
The George-Anne staff

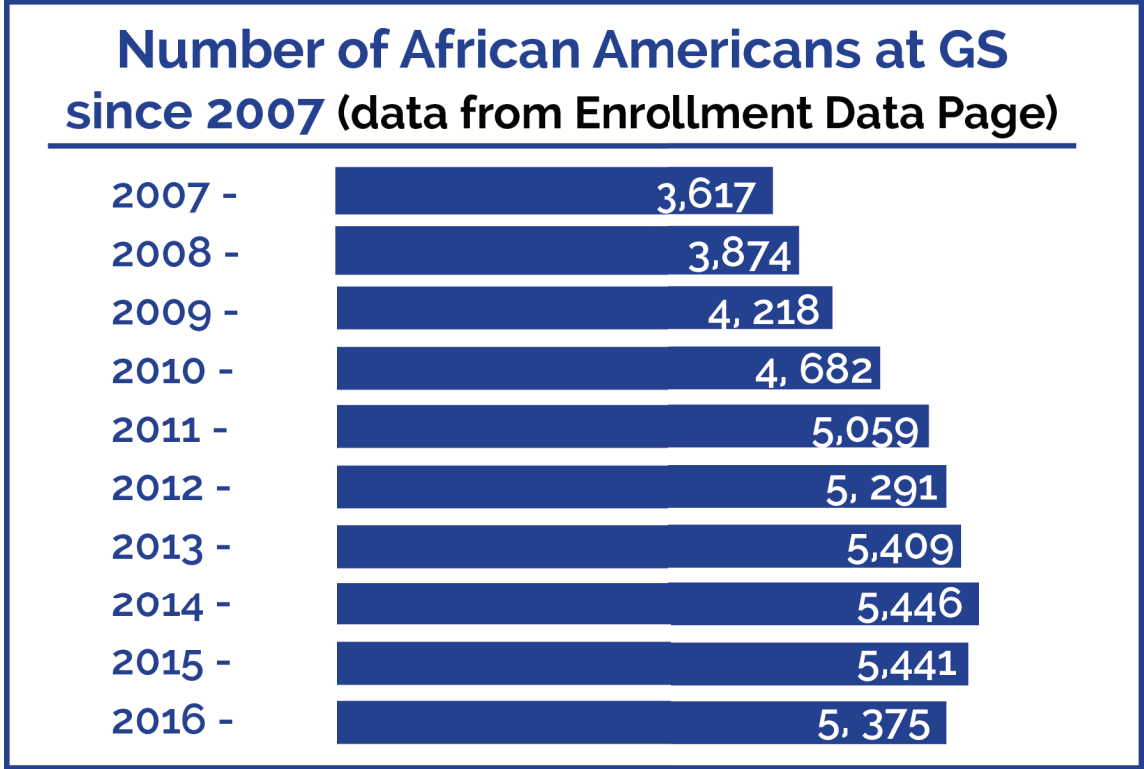
Every February, Black History Month, a month dedicated to celebrating the history and the accomplishments of African-Americans, is celebrated all across the nation including on Georgia Southern's campus.

GS' African-American history is quite diverse. 70 years after Georgia Southern University was established, the first celebrations of Black History Month (known before 1976 as Negro or Black History Week) took place across the United States.

Before 1976, however, Georgia Southern had many firsts in African-American history.

The history

In 1965, GS admitted its first African-American student and graduate student, John Bradley. GS was known at



the time as Georgia Southern College. At the time, Bradley

had already obtained his bachelor's degree from Texas

Southern University, but needed to take a few courses in order to teach in Georgia.

By 1969, Ulysses Mosley and Jessie Ziegler Carter were the first African-American male and female to complete their entire college career at GS. By 1985, GS graduated its 500th African-American student and from that the First 500 alumni network was created.

Both alumni were honored with scholarships named after them from the Black Alumni of Georgia Southern Scholarship.

"Organizers say the First 500 is an alumni network within the Georgia Southern University Alumni Association and has partnered with the Georgia Southern University Foundation to create a permanent scholarship endowment," according to GS Magazine.

The now

As of now, for the Fall 2016 semester, GS had over 5,300 African American students enrolled, according the GS Enrollment data sheet. This number is up from over 3,600

in 2007.

Some students feel as if Black History month is important to celebrate on campus. Others feel as if Black History Month isn't celebrated enough.

John White, sophomore information technology major, believes that Black History Month hasn't left a lasting impression on him.

"Since I'm black I suppose it [Black History Month] should, but honestly not so much. I never hear anything about Black History Month events or things like that," White said.

Even though White feels as if Black History Month isn't celebrated enough on campus, he does feel as if progress has been made for African-Americans throughout their education career.

"I always figured that for a black man to attend any college in the South was almost impossible but the fact that he [John Bradley] was not only admitted in 1965, during the Civil Rights movement, but he graduated too goes to show that progress was being made," White said.

Andrea Araujo, sophomore food science and nutrition major, believes that Black History Month is important and should be celebrated more throughout campus.

"[Black History Month] can teach us and reminds us of how freedom and equality was denied for so many people and how people fought to make a change," Araujo said.

Other students feel as if GS does a great job of educating students about Black History Month.

Maria Movilla, junior marketing and logistics major, said, "[The school] teaches me more about Black History and their struggles and oppression here in the states, since I am an international student."

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Voting for Local Student Band ends Friday

BY KIRSTEN FLOYD
The George-Anne contributor

Voting for the local student band in the True Blue Experience ends Friday through MyInvolvement. The True Blue Experience is branded as Georgia Southern’s only music festival, which helps local bands benefit by showcasing their talents to the public.

“We wanted to have students be involved in the selection of the performances at True Blue Experience, so we set out local band contest,” Juan Bernal, vice president of UPB membership, said.

Students are able to vote on one of the ten bands that have entered. Charabele Louis-Jacques, UPB spirit

& traditions chair said that students are able to view a short video of each band on the voting ballot through MyInvolvement. First prize will receive \$300 and will be the opening act of the True Blue Experience, second prize will receive \$200 and third prize will receive \$100, respectively.

In total, the festival will include four different bands, which have yet to be announced. All will be local bands, including the chosen student band. The festival will take place March 31 and is planned to include multiple activities from student organizations and plenty of free food. More information will be released at a later date.

True Blue Experience Opening Act nominees

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- **Princess Nappy & Coldilocks**
- **LP**

*To watch all the music videos, please visit
myinvolvement*

Georgia Southern Police Department to form Citizens Police Academy

BY MATTHEW ENFINGER
The George-Anne staff

The Office of Public Safety is in the process of creating a citizens police academy at Georgia Southern University that will be open to both students and staff.

The Citizens Police Academy will consist of some classroom instruction and hands-on learning.

“It will entail putting citizens through the different aspects of law enforcement,” Laura McCullough, GS police chief, said in an email.

These aspects will include:

- patrol duties
- use of force
- community policing
- a simulated shooting exercise
- criminal investigations
- drug investigations
- active shooter response

Alyssa Watrous, freshman history major, said she had a similar program in her hometown of Rome, GA.

“I think it would be helpful to for students who want to get involved,” Watrous said.

Public Safety is currently looking at different in-progress Citizens Police Academy programs at Statesboro PD and Georgia Tech PD as examples for the basics, but will custom-fit the citizens police academy for the GS campus.

The Citizens Police Academy is still in development at this time. Public Safety is hoping to begin the program in Fall Semester 2017 and will possibly have testing with a sample group this summer.

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The Cabaret at GS

BY MICHAEL PLEDGER

The George-Anne staff

Described often as the talent show with no losers, the Cabaret is a student-organized performance that showcases the vision and talent of fellow Georgia Southern University students.

This annual cavalcade of art presents itself to us once more on Feb. 25, but what can we expect to see at this year's performance that wasn't there last year?

For starters, Andrew Shepherd, sophomore and vice president of Theater South, is coordinating the event this year.

"We're making sure that people have their acts completed before the rehearsal so that the process would be smoother," Shepherd said.

The Cabaret is a chance for directors and actors alike see vision come to life.

Ethan McKinnon, junior, sees this as an opportunity to hone his skills as an actor.

"It's going to be lit!" McKinnon said.

McKinnon covered everything from nerves to personal growth.

"There's always that nervous bug in my stomach right before I go on stage. It's like an adrenaline rush, but as long as I'm comfortable in my part of the show, I'm comfortable on stage," McKinnon said. "Every time I get to perform for a crowd, it's an opportunity to perfect my craft. It teaches you the kinds of things you can't learn in classrooms."



Academic Success Center – Math 1111 Review Sessions

Monday, February 27, 2:00-3:00 PM, Mr. Jeff Taylor
Monday, February 27, 4:30-5:30 PM, Ms. Jackie Varnell
Tuesday, February 28, 4:00-5:00 PM, Ms. Jackie Varnell
Wednesday, March 1, 5:30-6:30 PM, Mr. Jeff Taylor
Students need at asc@georgiasouthern.edu. Limited seating so register early!

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

Student Organization Essentials: Officer Transition & Training

Friday, February 24th, 3:30 pm, Russell Union 2054
Student Organization Essentials are monthly workshops for student leaders who want hands-on training in essential organization management topics. Each session will focus on basics, providing samples, how to's and tips to make you and your organization successful. Workshops are open to all students and organizations are eligible for WINGS Incentive Program points for participating.
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UPB Presents: Throwback Skate Party

Friday, February 24th, 7:00 pm, Williams Center Multipurpose Room
Join the University Programming Board for our Throwback Skate Party! Break out your best decades gear and skate the night away with us! We're transforming campus life and this is an event that you won't want to miss! There will be three 45 minute waves. Get there early, sizes are limited. Students, you must bring your Eagle IDs and socks to participate.
Contact Information: UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

Leadership Awards

Please take some time to recognize exemplary students, faculty and staff, yourself and your student organizations through the Leadership Awards! The short nomination forms allow you to recognize any deserving individuals and student organizations. The Leadership Awards nomination forms can be found at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/LeadServe/leadershipawards/>. Students, faculty, staff, and student organizations nominated for Leadership Awards will be recognized at the Leadership Awards & Recognition Night. All nominations are due no later than Friday, March 10th by 5:00 PM.

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MEADOW MASH-UP

Spring Group fitness on a whole new level

Meadow Mash-Up trainers Brandon Martin and Krystopher Thompson leading a group through routines in the class.

BY CHYNA JAMES

The George-Anne contributor

You walk outside to the RAC meadows in suspicion of what's to come. You may or may not have taken the class in the past but you're wondering what exactly you'll be "mashing."

There are many thoughts running through your head- starting with processing what you're going to do with the equipment (sleds, weighted plates, cones, tires) laid out on the grass.

You think about your fitness goals and you have no choice but to accept the challenge.

Welcome to Meadow Mash-Up, an outdoor circuit style training.

The Kick off

From now until – April 3 you can participate in a challenging, unique style of fitness outside with fresh air and try something you've never tried before.

The class begins with stretching. It continues with your main workout and ends with a cool down and reflection of what you just accomplished.

The first class consisted of circuits including partner exercisers, pull-ups on the equipment, burpees, jumps, lunges and ab variations. Participants have the option to include weight and can decide how much weight is best for them.

Two nationally certified Personal Trainers will provide exercise instruction and motivation for you all throughout the class.

5-year-trainer Brandon Martin and 3-year-trainer Krystopher Thompson, both exercise science majors at Georgia Southern University, kicked off this

spring's first Meadow Mash-Up class.

"At the very beginning we make sure we instruct them on making sure they know what do and they can ask questions," Thompson said. "During the workout itself we are always pushing them verbally and mentally."

From the trainer's perspective

One of the goals of the class is to improve fitness levels, cardiovascular endurance and work capacity with minimal equipment in an open area.

A lot of people are very unfamiliar with the exercises, so the class introduces workouts and new ways of performing exercises that most people may already know how to do.

"Everyone is going to be struggling and everyone is going to be grinding

through the workout as much as they can," Thompson said.

The class has several benefits and ways you can improve your overall fitness.

Participants from beginners to experts can take the class. Everyone from all fitness abilities are welcomed.

"It's going to get you ready for spring break, help you with your

body composition and it's just great to add variety to your workout if it's something you're not used to doing," Martin said.

The trainers noted that some people may think you already have to be fit to participate or that the workout will be unbearable. But it's not.

"By the end of the work out, they've got a whole new collection of exercises they've learned that they can take with them. They can use the knowledge they learn here to do workouts on their own," Martin said.

The partner aspect

Group fitness offers ways to get fit and in shape together and this class is no different.

Meadow Mash-Up offers both individual and team components.

"You're working with somebody and trying to motivate someone," Thompson said. "You get to learn how to motivate other people instead of just listening to us."

Two dancers from the GS dance team, Southern Explosion, Brittany Good and Baili Dantzler, participated in the class and were able to work together during the partner portion.

"It was really cool because I feel like if I was doing it by myself I maybe wouldn't have gone as hard," Good said. "It's good when you have someone at the end cheering you on."

The class was much different from what they are accustomed to doing as they don't do many cardiovascular exercises.

"I expected it to be a lot more cardio and running rather than a bunch of body weight stuff but it was awesome. They were pushing you the entire time and it was definitely motivational," Dantzler said.

If you're looking to take your fitness goals to the next level, you want a different challenge or you just want to get in shape for spring break, Meadow Mash-Up may be the class for you.

"I like coming and I like being pushed so if they want to come somewhere where you're being pushed then they should definitely try it," Good said.

Location and Times

The classes are offered Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 3 p.m. in the RAC Meadow in MC Anderson Park.

Any Georgia Southern student or Faculty/Staff that is a member of the RAC is eligible to participate.

Martin said, "It's an opportunity for them to learn and really start getting into fitness if it's something they're interested in."

For more information about the class, visit the RAC's website.



Kienna Stallcup won this years Miss Purple Pageant. Stallcup won a scholarship and also a platform to get college students more motivated and physically active.

BY CLAIRISSA TAYLOR
The George-Anne contributor

She’s beauty and she’s grace but do you know what it really takes? Many people think the road to winning a pageant is a simple task but for junior multimedia film and productions major Kieanna Stallcup, the journey was anything but easy.

“This year I made it one of my resolutions to do things that I always wanted to do and not let my insecurities get in the way,” Stallcup said.

One of those resolutions was to enter into the Miss Purple Essence Pageant.

Pageant Information

The annual Miss Purple Essence Pageant hosted by Zeta Delta Delta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi selects contestants which compete for a scholarship and crown. This year’s contestants consisted of eight young ladies.

The pageant first began here at Georgia Southern in 2004 and continues to promote the excellence of young ladies. It requires students to be enrolled full-time, maintain a 2.7 GPA or higher and in good standing conduct at GS.

2017 Pageant

This year’s theme called “Idlewild” brought a small reminisce of the Harlem Renaissance.

With eight contestants and only three winners, the stakes were pretty high. The first place winner (Miss Purple Essence) takes home the crown and a 750 dollar scholarship, second place (Miss Pure) receiving 500 dollars and 250 dollars for third place (Miss Gold).

The pageant also gives out awards for highest GPA, best talent, miss congeniality and best swimwear.

The journey to the crown

Prior to entering the pageant, Stallcup struggled with self-doubt, perfecting grades and high esteem but decided to persevere and not let those struggles withhold her from competing.

“I didn’t feel like i was pageant material cause i didn’t have the body and was scared to talk in front of large crowds,” Stallcup said. “As I continued with the pageant I learned a lot about, not only myself but other girls as well because I realized I wasn’t the only one going through those things.”

The purpose of the pageant is to empower young women, promote self-love and to help their community in various ways. It also requires each contestant to showcase their talents and build a platform. The platform, typically a passion of the contestant’s choosing, is used to raise awareness on an issue.

Stallcup chose the platform of healthy living. With her personal initiative “Get-it-right, Get-it-tight,” she used the platform of healthy living to provide motivation and help encourage simple daily lifestyle changes such as food prepping and exercise habits.

Each of the contestants go through four categories before the winner is selected.

The categories consist of platform, swimwear, talent then evening wear and a question. The winner of the pageant is chosen to best represent the organization in a positive light.

“I would tell other girls to not be afraid and to try,” Stallcup explained. “If it is something that you really want to do and you have a passion about it and you can’t stop thinking about it, just go for it because you never know what you will learn from it.”

Stallcup is also involved in the Dyverzion dance team where she serves as the productions coordinator.

What's next

As the 2017 Miss Purple Essence Scholarship pageant winner she has the duty of carrying out the platform which she built.

During her reign, Stallcup plans to use her healthy living platform and personal initiative “Get-it-right, Get-it-tight” to get college students active and motivated to continue a healthy life best suited for them.



BASKETBALL TEAMS FACE

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BEFORE CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS

BY THOMAS JILK
The George-Anne staff

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Eagles will play the same three teams as the men over their last three but in a different order. They will first go to Little Rock on Thursday and then head to Jonesboro to take on Arkansas State on Saturday. GS enters this week at sixth in the conference with a conference record of 8-7 and an overall record of 12-14.

ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK

Unlike the men's team, the Little Rock women's team is a Sun Belt juggernaut this season, sitting alone atop the conference standings with a 13-1 Sun Belt record. Senior guard Sharde' Collins leads the Trojans with over 17 points per game. Little Rock only allows 55 points per game out of their opponents, the lowest average in the conference.

ARKANSAS STATE

On the other hand, Arkansas State is second-to-last in the conference.

They do not have a scorer in the top 15 in the conference, while GS has two of the top 10 in seniors Angel McGowan (16 points per game) and Patrice Butler (15 points per game). The Red Wolves rank near the bottom of the conference in virtually every team statistical category, save blocked shots and three-point defense.

GEORGIA STATE

Finally, the Eagles will take on Georgia State at noon on March 4. Georgia State is one game behind the Eagles in the conference standings. Freshman guard Jada Lewis leads the Panthers with 12.8 ppg, and junior guard Makeba Ponder scores just under 11 per game.

The women's Sun Belt basketball tournament begins on March 7 at Lakefront Arena in New Orleans, while the men's tournament begins on March 8.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

After a ten-point loss against conference-leading UT Arlington (21-6, 11-3) on Monday, GS sits tied for third in the Sun Belt with Georgia State. The Eagles will play their final three games of the season on the road.

ARKANSAS STATE

First, the Eagles travel to Jonesboro, Ark. to take on Arkansas State at 7 p.m. on Saturday. The Red Wolves are currently second in the conference (19-8, 10-4) and only a half-game ahead of GS. An Eagle win could pull them ahead of Arkansas State in the conference standings going into the final two games of the regular season.

However, the Red Wolves are potent offensively, and they have three players shooting over 40 percent from three-point range. That includes senior guard Devin Carter, who has made 85 threes this season - the most in the Sun Belt. Carter is the fourth leading scorer in the Sun Belt.










ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK













On Monday, the Eagles travel to a different part of Arkansas to face Little Rock. The Trojans are 4-10 in league play and are 10th out of 12 teams in the Sun Belt. The Trojans are led by senior guard Marcus Johnson Jr. Johnson scores nearly 14 points per game, and he dishes out three assists and grabs three rebounds per contest.

GEORGIA STATE

On March 4, the rivalry between Georgia State and Georgia Southern will continue in Atlanta. The two teams are currently tied for third at 10-5 in the Sun Belt, and the fact that it's the last game for each team before the conference tournament will undoubtedly add some drama to the situation.

Senior forward Jeremy Hollowell leads the panthers at about 16 points and six rebounds per game. The Panthers lead the conference in blocked shots and will try to make shots for GS leading scorers, sophomore guards Ike Smith and Tookie Brown - difficult.

	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
 LITTLE ROCK	13-1	19-7
 TROY UNIVERSITY	11-3	18-7
 UT ARLINGTON	10-4	17-7
 LOUISIANA LAFAYETTE	9-5	15-8
 TEXAS STATE	9-5	14-11
 GEORGIA SOUTHERN	8-7	12-14
 GEORGIA STATE	7-8	11-15
 APP STATE	5-10	10-16
 COASTAL CAROLINA	5-10	10-15
 SOUTH ALABAMA	4-10	9-16
 ARKANSAS STATE	3-11	5-21
 LOUISIANA MONROE	2-12	5-20

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 ARKANSAS STATE	10-4	19-8
 GEORGIA STATE	10-5	17-10
 GEORGIA SOUTHERN	10-5	17-11
 COASTAL CAROLINA	9-6	14-14
 TEXAS STATE	8-6	15-11
 TROY UNIVERSITY	8-6	16-12
 LOUISIANA LAFAYETTE	6-8	16-11
 SOUTH ALABAMA	6-8	13-14
 LITTLE ROCK	4-10	13-14
 APP STATE	3-12	8-18
 LOUISIANA MONROE	1-13	7-20

Sophomore guard Tookie Brown goes up for a finish. Brown is second in the Sun Belt scoring 18 points per game.

EAGLES FALL TO ACC FOE AT HOME

BYTHOMAS JILK
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern baseball team lost on Tuesday, 10-3, at the hands of the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at J.I. Clements Stadium in Statesboro.

GT junior outfielder Kel Johnson homered three times in the game - two solo shots and a two-run home run for a total of 4 RBIs. Johnson homered in the third, seventh and ninth innings.

The Eagles got on the scoreboard in the fourth inning, already down 7-0. Sophomore outfielder C.J. Ballard singled to drive in freshman first basemen Roury Glanton. Then, in the sixth inning, senior outfielder Jordan Wren singled to drive home Ballard, making the score 7-2.

GT's Johnson proceeded to homer twice in the next three innings to stretch the Yellow Jacket lead to 10-2. The Eagles scored one more run in the ninth on a single by senior shortstop Evan McDonald, to push the final score to 10-3.

GS had 14 hits in the game to GT's 13, but the visitors from Atlanta made their count much more than the Eagles did. GS used nine different pitchers in the game, while Tech relied on their starter for 4 2/3 innings before handing the ball to their relievers. The Jackets' timely power offense provided the separation in the game.

The Eagles prepare to play the Georgia Bulldogs in a three-game series this weekend in Statesboro, with game one beginning on Friday at 6:30 p.m.



Senior Landon Hughes follows through on a pitch. The Eagles will start a three-game series against UGA on Friday.

GOLF TEAMS FINISH STRONG IN FIRST SPRING TOURNAMENTS



Sophomore Ariana Macioce hits a drive. Macioce set a school record with a round of 68.

BYTHOMAS JILK
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WOMEN'S GOLF

The Eagles placed third out of 16 teams at the Texas State Invitational Monday and Tuesday (Feb. 13 and 14) in New Braunfels, Texas. Texas State finished second and UT-San Antonio placed first as a team.

Every GS golfer placed in the top 40 individuals in the tournament. Sophomore Ariana Macioce tied for second place overall with a 7-over-par performance over the three-round tournament. Macioce's first two rounds ended at 1-over-par 72 and she shot a 76 on the final day. Macioce finished two strokes behind Houston's Leonie Hamm, who took home the individual win.

GS senior Iben Hvass finished 25th overall at 18-over-par for the tournament, including a final day round of 72. Sophomore Ansley Bowman finished 30th (19-over-par) individually. Rounding out the Eagles in the tournament were sophomore Yeji Shin (32nd individual) and senior Lauren Coe (36th).

AMELIA ISLAND COLLEGIATE

In Fernandina Beach, Florida, the Eagles finished seventh out of 18 teams after moving up the team leaderboard four spots on the final day. Mercer, Campbell and Daytona State finished as the top three teams.

Macioce stood out again, especially in round three, where she shot a school record round of 68 - a 4-under-par for the

course. Lauren Coe shot an impressive 69 in the final round, vaulting her into 21st individually in the tournament. Macioce and Coe were the only two GS golfers in the top 50 at Amelia National Golf Club, but the team's final round moved them squarely into the top half of the team leaderboard.

The women's golf team competes next at the Kiawah Island Invitational in Kiawah Island, S.C. The tournament, hosted by College of Charleston, begins Sunday, Feb. 26 and runs through Feb. 28.

MEN'S GOLF

The men's golf team played their opening tournament of the spring season in Gainesville, Florida, at the SunTrust Gator Invitational. The Eagles placed sixth out of 15 teams in the field. Arkansas came in first as a team and Razorback sophomore Charles Kim placed first individually with a 6-under-par performance for the tournament.

GS junior Jake Storey finished in a tie for 12th place individually with a 4-over-par score over the three rounds. In Storey's second round of the tournament, he shot a 1-under-par 69. Fellow GS junior Archer Price finished one stroke behind Storey, placing tied for 16th with a 5-over-par performance over the three days. Freshman Brett Barron tied for 26th overall with a 7-over-par final score. Sophomore Steven Fisk rounded out the top four Eagles with a final mark of 8-over-par for the tournament.

The Eagles' next tournament will be the Palmetto Invitational - hosted by USC-Aiken - beginning March 6 in Aiken, South Carolina.



Mark Garno entertains students at a basketball game. Garno enjoys dancing on the court.

BY RYAN REDDING
The George-Anne staff

After the 4th inning came to a close at Georgia Southern University's opening baseball game against Middle Tennessee, the grounds crew took the field per usual and the fans proceeded to check their phones or get some concession.

Suddenly, Lil' Jon's "Turn Down For What"

started blasting through J.I. Clements Stadium's speakers. Confused spectators looked up to see a man in front of second base dancing like he was in Lil' Jon's music video. Before long, everyone was dancing along in their seats and when the song had ended, the mystery man was awarded a cheerful round of applause.

If you have went to any home basketball game

FROM BASKETBALL TO BASEBALL, 'DANCING GUY' WILL NEVER 'TURN DOWN'

within the past three years, chances are, you have seen similar moves to the same song by some one sitting courtside.

BACKGROUND ON THE GUY

This man is Mark "The Dancing Guy" Garno and he is the husband of GS professor Melissa Garno. Garno graduated from the University at Albany in New York but moved to Statesboro in 1995. Since moving here he has fallen in love with Georgia Southern University. There has not been a home basketball game in the past three seasons that Garno has not "turned up" to "Turn Down For What."

THE DANCING BEGINS

Garno's dancing during basketball games originally began due to his wired-up nature. He explained the origins of

his now infamous moves.

"So sitting watching basketball, I get pumped up during the game and all of a sudden, it was the first year we had the courtside seats and there was a little room next to the seat, and 'Turn Down For What [started playing], and because I was so pumped up and hyper, I started dancing. Well I turned around and saw the students all excited and cheering me on, so that became a tradition. And that's how it all got started," Garno said. "I had never heard [the song] before; I am 63 years old. I just had to dance. The thing was, later that week I got on the computer and pulled up the video for turn down for what and watched it and saw that one of the lead character was gyrating to the music, so I kind of fashioned my turn down for what dance move to the video."

LOVE FOR SPORTS

Due to his size, Garno never played football in high school, but he did play baseball and basketball and therefore has developed a passion for the two sports. This, however, was not the reason Garno, who thought he was just coming to watch a ball game, busted his moves in front of the crowd. It was actually the popularity of his dance moves that garnered a special request from the Athletic Marketing Team.

"Well that was a first tonight, you saw a first tonight. The fellas asked me before the game and I was sitting in my seat, would I be willing to dance to turn down for what. And I said if you guys get permission so I don't get arrested or something. So they made

a couple phone calls and got it cleared so I said sure, anything to pump up the students," Garno said.

Although his moves are very popular with the students in basketball and now baseball, football is still a work in progress.

"It was funny, my wife and I went on a trip with the football team to see Ole Miss and coach Summers, he pulled me aside and started laughing and said 'Garnes, if you start dancing on my sidelines I'm gonna knock you out!' I said coach, don't worry," Garno said.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Garno has no plans of stopping his dancing any time soon. He began to recall the events that made him feel his dance moves are worth it. But he also feels that most students are unaware of what a privilege they have to watch Georgia Southern Athletics.

"It is fun, to see the kids get up and start yelling. That to me is really what it is all about. What is neat too is the guys on the basketball team. Before the season started each year, they saw me and they asked, you're gonna keep dancing right? And I say, oh yeah guys I'm gonna keep dancing. The kids have got to realize what they got here. I mean this isn't Division III, this isn't NAIA, this is major NCAA Division I sports," Garno said.

Although he feels passionate about using his dance moves to make the students have more fun, Garno had to admit the truth.

Garno said, "Let's face the facts, I enjoy it too."

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February 27 - March 3

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Hanner Fieldhouse front entrance at night. The building features new lighting and a new student entrance.

BY CHRIS SMITH
The George-Anne staff

Last fall, Georgia Southern’s Hanner Fieldhouse underwent construction to improve the facility's lighting, entrances for easier movement and a new student entrance.

Now that the Eagles have played their final home game of the season, the school has gone through its first complete season with the all the renovations. Anyone who has ever walked inside of Hanner probably noticed a few changes before even entering the building.

On the outside, the old Hanner Fieldhouse signage was replaced with a newer and more authentic sign. The entrance has been out pushed further making more space available inside for students and fans to walk. The renovation to the outside even includes the GS logo on either side of the alumni / fan entrance.

A difference the students may have realized is the new location of the student entrance. Last season, the student entrance was on the front side of Hanner facing toward the parking lot.

There were separate doors, one for fans and one for students, where everyone could file in and find their seats. With the renovations, the student entrance moved toward the back of the building facing the campus. The entrance leads students directly to the student section.

"Students are our largest fan base," Tracy Ham, associate director for internal affairs, said. "Changing the flow on how we get our students in and out of games, giving them multiple access points, was the driving force."

The renovations inside of Hanner gives the facility a new vibe. The student section flipped to the opposite side of the court behind the team benches and all the season ticket holders are on the side facing toward the benches.

New LED lighting fixtures were installed to make lighting more cost-effective, and TV lights were placed to improve on-court lighting for games broadcasted on the ESPN and news networks. There is even a switch for board operators to use that instantly turn off all the lights and use lighting

effects. The Eagles' pre-game “Hanner Swag” routine uses these lighting effects.

The renovations for this facility did not come at a low price. According to Jeff Blythe, senior associate athletic director for business operations, the funding came from several sources including donors and the university.

The cost of the lights was roughly around \$1 million, and that expense was taken care of by the school. The signage and branding outside of the facility cost around \$200,000. Student athletic fees did not contribute to any of the funding.

“One of the goals for Tom Kleinlein when he got here, was to build the basketball brand and build basketball up to a national contender. That is why we have tried to put more tender love and care into Hanner. We are trying to build that as a recruiting base,” Blythe said.

Students and fans can look forward to more renovations to Hanner in the future. There have been no changes to the surface yet, but that is a change officials are working hard to achieve.

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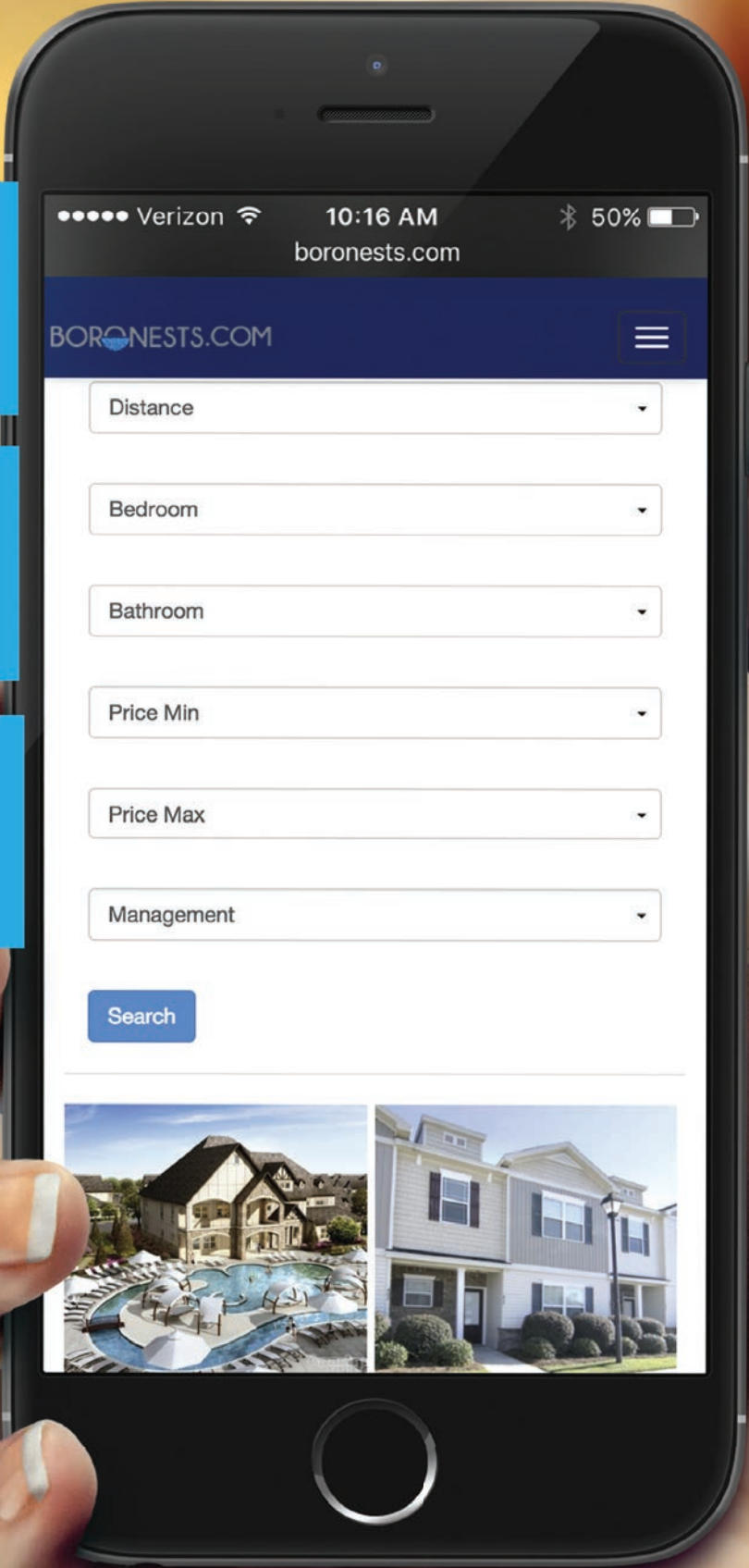
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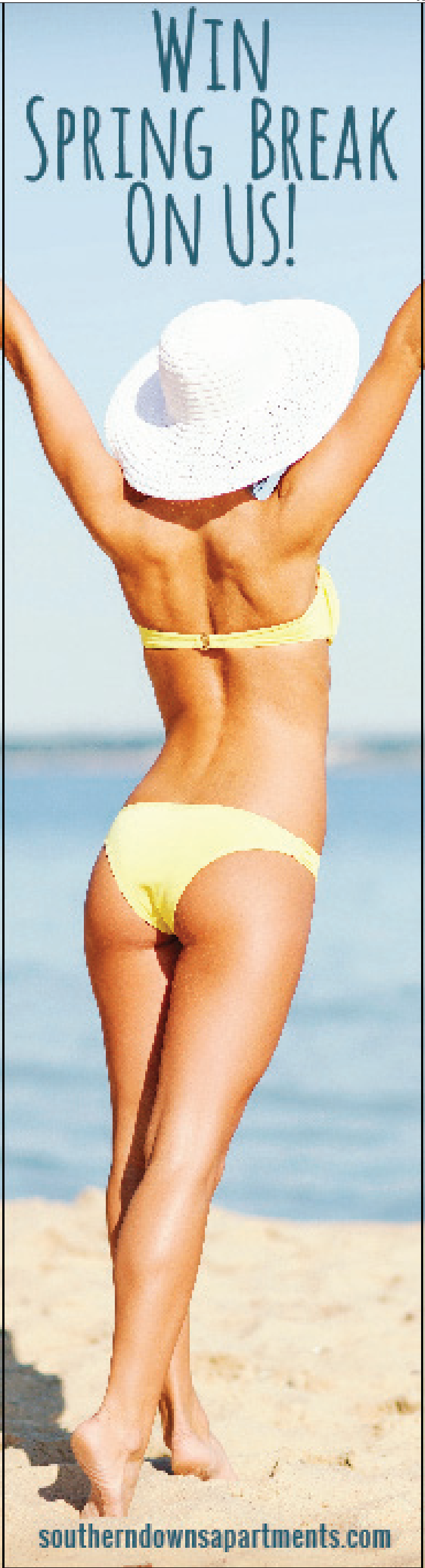
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