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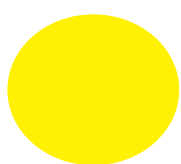
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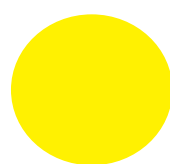
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Weather Bar

The end of the week should be a little cooler than usual. It may also offer a brief respite from the recent thunderstorms.



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The Circle talked to a few music artists here at Georgia Southern!

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Religion on Campus

BY BROOKE THOMPSON
The Reflector staff

“People who don’t go to church think they know everything there is to know about religion, and they don’t. People who do go to church think they know everything there is to know about religion, and they don’t.”

– Dr. James M. Woods
Woods, a professor of history, believes that this statement is very important to point out when contemplating religion. He also points out that the South does have a fairly religious culture and even more so than any other parts of the country. “I think professors coming here [to Georgia Southern] from a more secularist part of the country are often very surprised at how religious the students are or at least more religious than maybe they are in Washington, California, or New England,” he said.

According to LiveScience, in 2013, 48% of Georgian adults considered themselves “very religious.” With Georgia being in the “Bible Belt,” there are many religious clubs on Georgia Southern’s campus that students could join.

Matthew Balte, student intern for the Wesley Foundation, says that being a part of this organization “gave [him] a good group of people to be around and not just on Wednesday nights.” He said, “It gave [him] people to confide in too. If you come to Wesley, expect to be loved and expect to be accepted no matter who you

are.” The Wesley Foundation meets for main services on Wednesday nights at eight with an average attendance of eighty to ninety people. They meet for chapel in 103 Herty Drive.

Georgia Southern has other organizations like Baptist Collegiate Ministry, Catholic Campus Ministry, Hillel, Campus Outreach, YoungLife, UKirk (a Presbyterian campus ministry), Alpha Epsilon Pi and many other organizations. Students can access these organizations via MyInvolvement in their MyGeorgiaSouthern accounts.

Some students at Southern do not believe in any religions. Elizabeth Sherer, international trade freshman, is an atheist. Sherer stated, “Whenever I mention it, people look at me funny because we are in the Bible Belt. They often look down on me. I’ve been called a heathen.” She also points out, “I’m an atheist, not antitheist.” An atheist is someone who does not believe there is a god while an antitheist is an opposition to god.

College is about finding yourself and who you are, and it is important to not judge anyone for who or what they believe in. We were all put on Earth to love each other not oppose each other. Through different religious organizations on campus, you can explore your beliefs.

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MARCH 2017

EVENT CALENDAR

Thu. March 2

Unplugged: Spring Break

6:30 @ Williams Center MPR

Sign up on MyInvolvement



Fri. March 3

UPB Movie: SING

6 & 8 pm @ Russell Union Theater



Fri. March 24

Outdoor Movie: Rogue One

8 pm @ Sweetheart Circle


Rain Location: 7pm RU Theater



Fri. March 31

TRUE BLUE EXPERIENCE MUSIC FEST

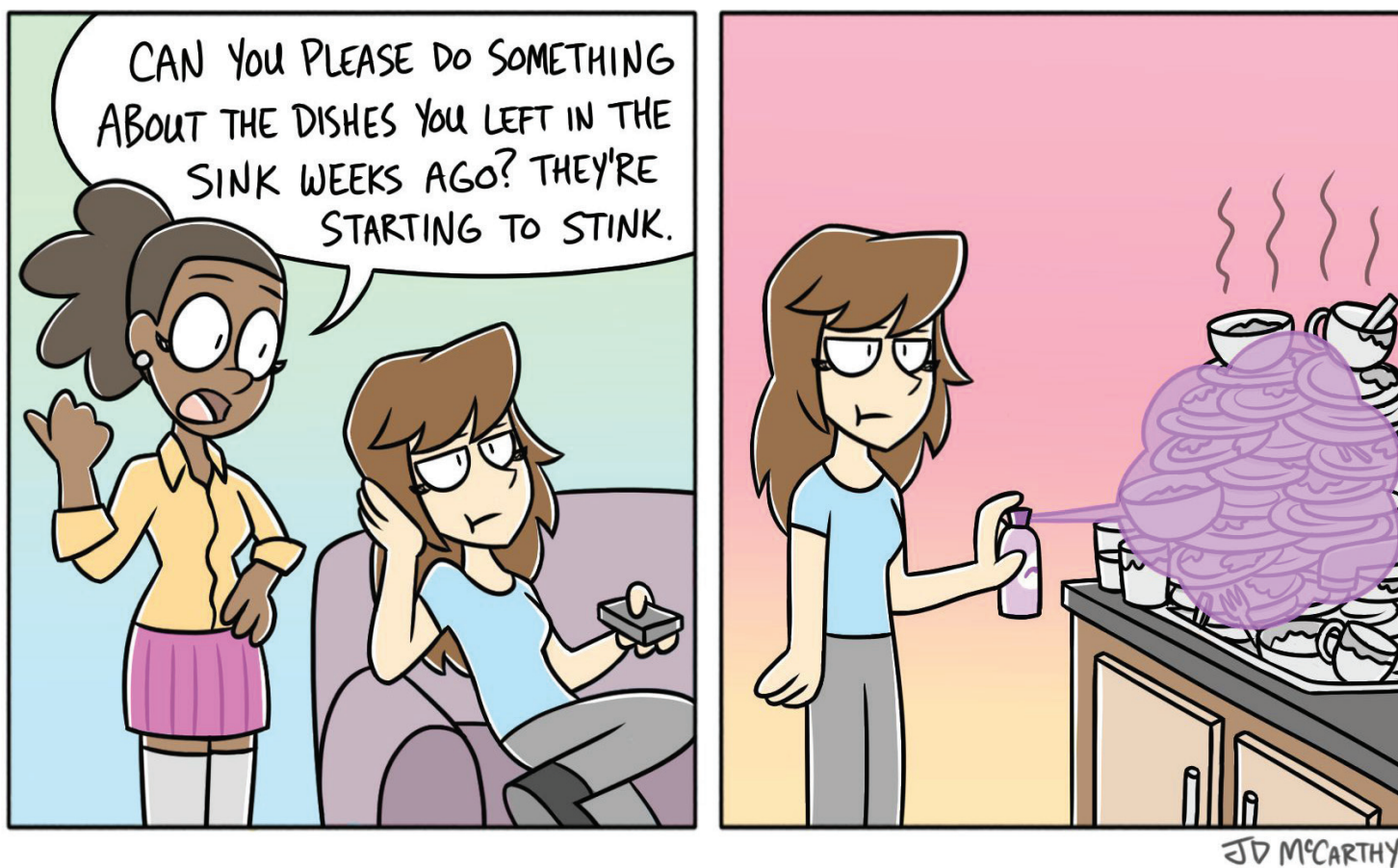
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Students Need Guidance to Prepare for “Real World” Scenarios

CARA TRIPODIS

Tripodis is a senior multimedia journalism major from Johns Creek. This is a guest column.

As I sit here and reflect on my college years, I cannot believe I only have three months left in this tiny town. Preparing for a new chapter in life is scary, overwhelming, confusing and unpredictable.

Something that high school did not prepare me for is the “real world.” Not once did any teacher explain what a mortgage was or how taxes work. I also never learned about the student loans that would follow me for years to come. So as a high school graduate I was able to tell you all about Aristotle’s childhood and could use a potato as an energy source but when was the next time in my 18-year-old life I was actually going to need those two?

As a second semester senior at Georgia Southern University, one would be led to believe that I am prepared for the real world, finally. At this point I have made it through political science and world literature one and two. College classes have challenged me and shown me what studying actually consists of, but to use the word “prepared” to describe me for my years ahead would be wrong.

In my higher-level classes I have learned a lot. I can edit video quickly, come up with a podcast idea and have it air the same day, I can even write a fact sheet and have it ready for a press release within the hour. Ask me to create a resume to send to potential employers,

now I am at a loss. It baffles me.

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Of course, career services helps, but many students need the extra push and many students do not even know how

to access the career services center. If you are lucky, certain professors will take you under their wing and help you with this prerequisite for the next 30+ years of your life, but that is only if you’re lucky.

Another essential life skill that many students will need to understand upon graduating is how to pay off loan debt. With student loans being so common and necessary for most students, it only seems right for us to be given some source of instruction for how the realm of finance and bills works.

Right now, the only option is to take an accounting or finance class. There should be an option for financial planning training for students who want to enter the “real world” with an understanding of personal finances.

As college students we are still students. We need guidance and are still absorbing what we learn so we can effectively use those skills. Universities should make all students feel confident in understanding what goes into a resume, portfolio, CV. Each student should graduate with some understanding of student loans and how to plan to pay them off. These are all skills and things that we need to understand to make important life choices.

I am not complaining about how far I have come in my college career because believe me, I am honored to be a Georgia Southern University CLASS student. I am just a senior student who feels there have been some missing pieces throughout my journey.

HOPE budget boost to benefit GS students

BY ALANA TINSLEY
The George-Anne staff

The HOPE Scholarship award amounts will increase by three percent due to the near \$50 million bump, according to Gov. Nathan Deal's 2018 fiscal budget.

The 2018 proposed budget will add money towards the HOPE financial aid program and the Pre-Kindergarten program. Both of these programs are lottery-funded and will receive an increase in spending for the 2018 year.

Deal's budget will gain \$49.3 million for the HOPE Scholarship for public schools and the Zell Miller Scholarship to keep pace with growth and raise the award amount, according to a Georgia Budget & Policy Institute (GBPI) article.

\$515,441 will also be added to the HOPE Scholarship for private schools to increase the award amount for HOPE and Zell Miller Scholars.

The details

The HOPE scholarship aims to help students in post-secondary programs that graduated high school with a 3.0 GPA and can maintain that GPA, by

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The Pre-K
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a huge help in the long run," Hayley King, junior public relations major, said.

King finds that with the more money coming into the program, students can get more than 80 percent of tuition that they normally get.

Another GS student feels as if the 2018 fiscal budget plan will bring only good things.

"I think it would be great if we got more money. It would be cool if the three percent increase was a stipend along with the financial aid," Adam Card, junior business management information systems major, said.

Card believes that if the 2017-2018 academic year costs are kept below the three percent, it'll be a good thing for future college students with HOPE because if the tuition increases more of it will be covered by financial aid.

According to the GBPI article, if potential tuition increases for the 2017-2018 academic year are kept below three percent, the HOPE Scholarship and HOPE Grant will cover a larger portion of tuition than is now the case.

Pre-K effects

In addition to the HOPE financial aid increasing in award amount for the 2018 fiscal budget, the budget will also improve for Pre-K aspects.

According to the GBPI article, the Pre-K budget for 2018 will receive \$5.2 million. Pre-K student's teachers will receive a two percent raise in their salaries as a part of a statewide hike for merit pay and recruitment and retention initiatives for state employees.

In addition to Pre-K teacher's salaries receiving a two percent raise, the statewide budget will receive \$1.8 million to boost the employer's share of payments to the Teacher Retirement System.

The 2018 fiscal budget should go into place July 1.

institutions that are in associate or bachelor degree programs.

The Zell Miller grant covers full tuition and is awarded to students who graduate from high school with a 3.7 GPA and maintain a 3.3 GPA throughout their postsecondary years. Of the \$49.3 million awarded, about \$10.9 million of that will be directed to the Zell Miller Scholarship program, which has grown about 12 percent annually, according to the GBPI article.

"Most people take [out] loans and interest starts building before we even graduate. Having to take less money out would be

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HAYLEY KING
Junior public relations major



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Multicultural Student Center focusing on creating a diverse campus for all

BY TAISHA WHITE
The George-Anne staff

In an effort to bring a wide range of diversity to Georgia Southern University, the Multicultural Student Center (MSC) has created numerous platforms, ideas and events to showcase the multidimensional campus.

In the past, the MSC, which is located in the second floor of the Russell Union, has come up with consistent diverse inspired events with a goal of expanding the diversity mindset of the GS community, as well as provide an educational experience.

From Pride Prom to World Aids Day, to showcasing the history of those in Black History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month and Native American Heritage Month.

Takeshia Brown, director of the MSC, explains why she feels that its important to showcase the numerous diversity inspired ideas on campus.

"I think that it is important for specific reasons. Above all, it teaches us how to operate and live in a global society," Brown said. "So with

these diverse events that we have, it teaches, not just our peers, but us as individuals how to operate, function and work with people with differences and similarities as well."

Brown also goes on to speak on how the MSC is a way for the GS community to learn about themselves as well as how to develop skills with working and creating a closer connection with others from various backgrounds.

Olivia Dowe, sophomore nursing major, speaks on how the MSC can create a positive impact to the GS community.

"I think with the MSC it can create a wide range of diversity here on campus," Dowe said. "I think that it is good for people to be aware of what is happening in the MSC so we can get along, respect each others' backgrounds and learn more about the people that we go to school with on a daily basis."

Upcoming Events

The MSC has a few events that are

to come for the spring semester. For the month of March, the MSC will bring Holi Festival of Colors, which is socio-cultural event with a wide range of colors thrown in the air to mark the signs of love and to bring in the spring season.

In the month of April, students can expect the Diversity Inclusion and Fairness (D.I.F.) Conference, which allows students to speak openly about multiple issues related to these three topics and the annual drag show, where drag queens and kings come and showcase their style and talents all while educating the crowd on safe sex.

Martel Campbell, sophomore multimedia film and production major, thinks that the MSC brings about a lot of diversity on campus, but would like to see a bigger and more diverse crowd at the events.

"I think that the MSC is a great way for all of us to understand about the different types of people in the world," Campbell said. "Usually

when I come to the events however, I do see the same people. So hopefully a different group of people start to come to these types of events."

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MARTEL CAMPBELL
Sophomore multimedia film and prouction major

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Gatto family to sue city of Statesboro for more than \$11 million



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE GATTO FAMILY

Gatto was a freshman at Georgia Southern. The discovery in the case is expected to end on May 23.

BY MATTHEW ENFINGER

The George-Anne staff

When asked how her family was doing, Katherine Gatto, mother of Michael Joseph Gatto, replied, "That's a hard question to answer...It's a struggle everyday. I think about him and I miss him everyday. We're continuing on and trying our best to continue on."

Michael Gatto was a freshman here at Georgia Southern University when he died on Aug. 28, 2014 after being assaulted at Rude Rudy's, a former Statesboro bar.

Grant Spencer, at the time a GS student and a bouncer at Rude Rudy's, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for the voluntary manslaughter of Gatto.

After Michael Gatto's death, the State of Georgia enacted Michael's Law, which prohibits anyone under the age of 21 from entering any bar in the state.

Michael and Katherine Gatto, the parents of Michael Joseph Gatto, are currently suing the City of Statesboro and City Clerk Sue Starling for the death of their son, according to courthouse documents.

The Gatto family is suing under the following counts:

Count 1: Negligence-Ministerial Breach and Failure to Supervise

For failure to supervise Clerk Starling regarding the

duty to set administrative hearing before the City Council for underage drinking violations of the law that occurred on or about March 22, 2013 and March 28, 2013 at Rude Rudy's and for Starling's failure to set due process hearings upon her notice of the violations at Rude Rudy's.

Count 2: Nuisance

For Statesboro and Starlings' acts in allowing Rude Rudy's to remain open by not revoking its alcohol license and/or business license therefore creating a hazardous and dangerous condition at Rudy's.

Count 3: Nuisance Created by Defendant: Changes to the Statesboro Alcohol ordinance:

- Allowed underage individuals with a criminal record to be employed as bouncers at establishments holding a alcohol license and removed accountability.
- Removed any accountability for establishments to comply with required 50/50 ratio of food to alcohol sales.
- Removed any substantive penalty from being implemented against businesses for sale of alcohol to underage patrons.

- Created a dangerous environment at establishments in Statesboro by encouraging the sale of alcohol to underage college students.

Count 4: Punitive Damages

For demonstrating a disregard for the life and safety of citizens

Count 5: Expenses of Litigation

For the cost of legal action "There are plenty of bars out there that knowingly serve minors and do it and profit from it and are enabled by local governments," Katherine Gatto said.

The specific amount of monetary damages being sought by the Gatto family include:

- Final medical and burial expenses: \$163,801.06
- Conscious pain and suffering: \$1 million
- Wrongful Death damages: \$10 million

Although Katherine Gatto could not speak about the City of Statesboro lawsuit, she said, "I just hope no family has to deal with what we're dealing with."

Unless extended by order of the Court, discovery in this case will end on May 23, 2017.

The anticipated date that this case will be tried before a jury is July 2017. An extension will be granted only for good cause shown.

President Hebert talks Georgia Southern and Armstrong merger

BY ASHLEY JONES

The George-Anne staff

President Hebert addressed possible sanctions, such as tuition increase, due to the consolidation of Georgia Southern University and Armstrong State University (ASU) last Wednesday during an SGA meeting.

On Wednesday, Feb. 15, President Hebert made an appearance at the SGA meeting to discuss any concerns students may have about the consolidation between ASU and GS. Hebert first reassured students that a recommendation had been made for current students to be able to finish working toward their degrees at their current institutions.

"We will have teach-out plans in place so that students will have the opportunity to complete their degrees on exactly the campus they're attending," Hebert said.

He later addressed concerns for students attending ASU on athletic scholarships.

A recommendation is in works to honor any athletic scholarships awarded to students for the duration of that student's eligibility as they are pursuing their academic position, according to Hebert.

However, none of these recommendations have been approved.

During the SGA meeting, students who were not members of the Senate were given the opportunity to direct any concerns they had to the president. A concern among many students was whether the cost of attendance would increase or decrease because of

the consolidation.

Hebert reiterated that no sanctions have been put in place regarding the tuition.

"I doubt if the cost of attendance for students will decrease," Hebert said.

Patrice Buckner Jackson, Dean of Students, disclosed that only two sanctions have been put in place because of the consolidation. The first sanction is that Hebert will be the president of the new institution, and the second being that the new institution will be named Georgia Southern University, according to a report made by Hebert to Jackson.

Jackson described a recent meeting held at the ASU campus that involved attendees from GS as well as ASU.

"We've been encouraged to develop operational work groups, and these work groups will begin working together to make recommendations," Jackson said.

Jackson also disclosed that the consolidation is on a tight timeline, so changes will occur quickly. She stresses that no changes have been put in place other than the name and president, because students' input of both ASU and GS is wanted.

"My hope is that students will get involved, that they will talk to SGA," Jackson said. "I encourage students to bring those concerns and bring those questions to SGA, so that [questions] can be taken to the committee."

Jackson encourages students to stay updated with the consolidation by visiting the consolidation website, which can be located here.

Professor Marla Morris to host lecture on the importance of art in education

BY BRENDAN WARD

The George-Anne staff

College of Education professor Marla Morris will host a lecture, "Educating the Inner Ear," Friday evening in the Performing Arts Center.

The lecture, which will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., will discuss the importance of arts and aesthetics for educators, students and the community.

Morris is also a classically trained pianist and composer and will conclude her lecture by performing some of her original works.

Morris did not originally plan to go into academia. Originally, she planned to study piano, until at the age of

22 she got tendonitis, according to a Savannah Now article.

After that, she switched her focus to academics. She earned her bachelor's degree in philosophy from Tulane University, and then her master's degree in religious studies and her Ph.D. in education from Louisiana State University.

She joined Georgia Southern University's staff in August of 2000 as an assistant professor of education, which she still teaches.

A few of the classes she teaches at GS are Foundations in Education, History of American Education and Power and Schooling.



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EXPERIENCE RETURNS FOR SECOND LOCAL BAND CONTEST

BY ALLISON MARTINEZ
The George-Anne contributor

This semester, new initiatives were made by multiple organizations to get students involved with events on campus. Instead of hosting a spring concert as usual, UPB, SGA, RHA and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life partnered together to host the True Blue Experience Music Festival. Hosting a local band contest was the first part of rolling out this years True Blue Experience Music Festival, which takes place on March 31 at the RAC fields.

The Contest

Ten students submitted music videos through myInvolvement to enter the local band contest in competition to perform as the opening act for the music festival, in addition to winning prize money. The videos were then placed on myInvolvement during the week of February 20-24 so that students had the opportunity to weigh in, and get involved when picking which gig would perform at the festival.

The reason UPB made the initiative to do this sort of contest is because they wanted local bands to have the opportunity to be recognized and a music festival seemed like a great way to get students involved.

The Competition

After a week of voting through myInvolvement, the first place winner is Christian Williams whose artist name is CWillTooiLL. Second and third place prizes were also given away, with Mykell taking second place and BIRDPERSON taking third. When speaking with both first and third place winners, both had nothing but great things to say about the competition.

“I wasn’t even expecting to win, really. I mean, I watched all of the videos and there were a lot of great contestants and I’ve ran across a lot of them at performances and on campus and stuff and I felt like a lot of them were strong competitors,” Williams said.

Aaron Cooler, vocalist and guitarist for BiRDPERSON is extremely proud of the progress his band has made. Although they really wanted to take first place and had high ambitions, the band has remained positive and hopeful of their music career.

Cooler considers the band to be rock-and-roll punk and just the fact that fans made it a point to vote for the band made him realize many students must either support the band or enjoy the sound.

“I chuck it up as a win either way. Third place, is third place, but I think for a band that plays the kind of music that we do in the kind of town that we live in, I think thats something to be proud of, for sure” Cooler said.

The Winner

Christian Williams takes a lot of pride in what he does as an artist. You may recognize his name from a song called “Paulson Party” which was released last year in collaboration with friend and partner, Robert Bryce.

He claims that within 24-hours the song had over 10,000 views on Soundcloud and it has been used on multiple highlight films.

Williams started taking music seriously about 9-months-ago when he got his first microphone and mix master. He learned most of what he knows from a friend he works with but as months have passed Williams has been learning and innovating more and more from YouTube videos.

1. Christian Williams won the UPB’s local band contest. Williams is releasing his EP titled “Journey”. Photo provided by Christian Williams.
2&3. Guitar and Bass players for BIRDPERSON. BIRDPERSON came in third place in UPD’s local band contest. Photos courtesy of Loren Billeiter and Tahir Daudier.

Williams is the Co-CEO of the brand KMF Music Inc. the acronym standing for “Keep Moving Forward”.

He plans to do more than just share music with his brand, but the company dreams of going to multiple elementary schools to teach kids how to tie ties and be role models for younger children. Williams stated that the company stands for “Influencing the youth to finally understand that it’s okay to think, feel, look, and want to be beautiful, handsome, and successful.”

In addition to learning more about his potential as an artist and being a positive role model in the community he has picked up the trade of website design, launching his first website this past November, KMFMusicInc.com

Although Williams collaborates with his partner while launching his music brand he entered the contest alone as a rap music artist.

“Trap music isn’t really my style I’m more of a Kedrick Lamar, J Cole, Chance the Rapper, Kanye West type rapper,” Williams explained.

He is expected to do a 45 minute set as the opening act for the True Blue Experience Music Festival, which he explained is about 12 to 13 songs. A 45-minute-set is quite the performance for an up and coming performer but with over 200 recorded songs, Williams is confident that the performance will be a breeze.

“I’m gonna put my heart on the table, I have a lot of songs,” Williams said.

His personal goal is to put out two to three songs a week and as a certified publisher he shares his music on many different platforms like iTunes, Apple Music, Spotify, iHeart Radio, Pandora and so on.

Williams is exuberant over his victory and feels as though his marketing tactics over the last fews months have helped him increase his chances of winning. Performing at many UPB UnPlugged events on campus helped him get his name out to the public and keep the drive to keep moving forward not just in music but in life.

He has been preparing and training for a performance such as the one presented to him for a while and he plans to start practicing live in front of roommates and friends in the coming weeks just to assure he is fully prepared.

He has constantly been rearranging his set to assure a great performance and when it comes to being on stage, Williams plans to conquer his nerves and use this opportunity as a great chance to increase his fan base and most importantly to keep moving forward.

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BY CHELSEA DAVIS
The George-Anne contributor

With graduation around the corner, it is expected to see job fairs and conferences all around Georgia Southern's campus. On Friday and Saturday, the communications arts department will be holding their annual MMJ conference. This conference is designed for students who are interested in reporting, writing script, videography, photography, online journalism and public relations. The goal is to give students a hands-on experience in the field they wish to pursue and the chance to experience the everyday life of a MMJ student.

Person in-charge

Dean Cummings, a professor in the communications arts department, orchestrated this conference last year and it turned out to be a success. This department connected with WSAV, a NBC-affiliated television station located in Savannah, Georgia, which is a station for the Southeastern Georgia's Coastal Empire. With multi-media journalism being the focus of the conference many students from different fields came out to the conference. "This is the second year we are doing it. We are trying to make it a tradition. We were going to do it twice this year, but that is still up for discussion. We are definitely doing it this weekend, and we have some of the same people coming back like news director Katherine Wideman, news reporter Stefany Bornman and we added news anchor Brad Means this year," Cummings said.

This conference has a huge impact at Georgia Southern, because some of the anchors and reporters that are coming down with WSAV happen to be GS Alumni. "Stefany Bornman graduated in 2015 and she got a job in Augusta as an assistant producer. She has been out in the field for about two years and has been doing real well and that is the model you want to see if you are trying to get a assistant producer job," Cummings said.

Student expectations

With a former GS student from the communications arts department attending the conference, many students participate with hope of being successful after graduation. Some students attend with hope of obtaining an internship, some attend to add to their personal portfolio and some attend to get hands on experience. Although the conference is designed to help students, some students were unsure of what to expect. "Last year, I learned that time is the enemy. You have to remember that you have a deadline that you must meet and finding different sources for your story is not always easy," Danyelle Gaines, senior journalism major said. Gaines attended last year's event and claimed to be intimidated at first, but ended up finding the experience meaningful. "In the end, it was a great experience. I enjoyed getting a feel of how it would be working for a news station," Gaines said.

With most students having a wonderful experience last year, the word has spread and many will be attending this upcoming weekend. Students are eager to experience the field they are going into while some will be attending to have an even better experience. "I think it's a great experience and opportunity for journalists to see what it'll be like in the field once we graduate," Damien Henderson, senior journalism major, said. Kierah Highsmith, senior journalism major, encourages people to attend the event to gain experience in the field. "I'm definitely attending this year and I encourage other students to go. It's a great opportunity for me to show what I can do as an MMJ student, which I plan on excelling at," Highsmith said.

Open for everyone

Although this conference is catered to students who are in the majors of MMJ, MMFP, and PR it does not exclude anyone who wants to come experience the event for themselves. "It is for any student that wants to give it a shot. To try what it is like to be a MMJ. It is a difficult job, you have to shoot, you have to write and you have to edit. Anyone that wants to try, they can do it," Cummings said. The Communications Arts department encourages all students to come out to MMJ for a Day this weekend and experience what the life of a MMJ feels like. To sign up, students should be sure to go to Sanford Hall and write your information outside of Room 3019. Expect refreshments, hands on experience and more. Highsmith said, "I think it's important that students attend events like this because it can open doors with internships, or even a job if someone does very well. It gives you a close work experience and it can help students determine if they want to pursue something in that field or not."

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EAGLES TRAVEL TO ATLANTA TO FACE GSU ON SATURDAY

RIVALRY GAME TO END REGULAR SEASON FOR BASKETBALL TEAMS

BY THOMAS JILK
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern basketball teams on Saturday will each play their final regular season game before the Sun Belt tournament as they travel to the state's capital to face Georgia State.

MEN

The Eagles are coming off a tough Monday loss to Little Rock in which Little Rock senior guard Kemy Osse hit a three-pointer with 8.1 seconds left in the game to give his team a 56-54 win. GS Junior guard Jake Allsmiller scored a season-high 19 points in the game.

The loss moved the Eagles back into a tie with Georgia State - at 11-5 in conference play - for third place in the Sun Belt standings. If the fiery rivalry between Southern and State is not motivation enough for the two teams, the no. 3 seed in the conference tournament will also be on the line Saturday at the Georgia State Sports Arena. Georgia Southern won the teams' first meeting this season 88-65 on New Year's Eve.

Georgia State leads the Sun Belt in field goal percentage at

47.4 percent. They are also first in the conference in steals and blocks. Senior forward Jeremy Hollowell leads the Panthers in scoring with 15.4 points per game. He is also second on the team with 5.5 rebounds per game. Freshman guard D'Marcus Simonds scores 12.8 points per game for the Panthers, giving them another consistent scoring threat.

The men's game is scheduled for 2:15 p.m. on Saturday.

WOMEN

The Eagles have played two vastly different games over their last two. They lost to conference-leading Little Rock 57-41 last Thursday, then traveled to Jonesboro, Arkansas and defeated Arkansas State 84-76.

Senior guard Angel McGowan scored 21 points (over half of the team's total) against Little Rock and 20 against Arkansas State. Senior forward Patrice Butler - who scored 28 points against ASU - has spearheaded the Eagles' attack alongside McGowan all season, and they seek to avenge a 58-54 loss to Georgia State earlier in the campaign.

McGowan and Butler have not only been leaders this season, but over the course of their entire college careers at

Georgia Southern.

"I know that my career is coming to an end, so I've just got to leave it all out there and play every game like it's my last," McGowan said.

When asked to boil it down to one word, McGowan described her career at Georgia Southern as "blessed."

Georgia State's women's team comes in two spots behind Georgia Southern at eighth in the conference. Head Coach Kip Drown feels the Panthers are talented and athletic.

"They guard well, they change a lot of defenses," Drown said. "They do some things that we really haven't seen a lot of, particularly with their different zones."

Georgia State freshman guard Jada Lewis leads her team in scoring with 11.4 points per game. The panthers have five players averaging at least eight points per game.

McGowan, Butler and the Eagles will face the Panthers at noon on Saturday in Atlanta.

CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

The Sun Belt Conference Championship will begin next week on Wednesday, March 8 for the men and Tuesday, March 7 for the women.



MICK MILLER

GS senior guard Angel McGowan prepares to score on a fast break. McGowan is averaging 15.5 points per game.

Q&A WITH GEORGIA STATE'S SPORTS EDITOR



RASHAD MILLIGAN
Milligan is the sports editor for The Signal.

This rivalry game always brings out the best of both teams. This is a battle that will determine who gets the No. 3 seed in the Sun Belt Tournament. We reached out to The Signal's sports editor and talked about the big game on Saturday.

Q: WHAT HAVE THE STRENGTHS OF THE GEORGIA STATE MEN'S TEAM BEEN THIS SEASON?

A: The strength of this team is certainly the talent. I would say there's still a solid seven or eight guys that you could interchange in our starting unit. D'Marcus Simonds, Jeremy Hollowell, and Isaiah Williams proved they could all lead the team in scoring before the season, but guys like Malik Benlevi and Jeff Thomas have really stepped up their level of play this year as well."

Q: WHAT MAKES JEREMY HOLLOWELL SUCH AN EFFECTIVE PLAYER?

A: [Jeremy] Hollowell is an effective player in the Sun Belt Conference because of his size. His build is very similar to a Carmelo Anthony as a 6-foot-8 guy who can score with his back to the basket and from the wings, but he plays the four because he's usually one of the tallest guys on the floor. Scoring comes extremely easy to him and he's the only one who can stop himself from getting 14 points during a night where he's being aggressive.

Q: HOW DO STATE STUDENTS FEEL ABOUT THE RIVALRY BETWEEN GSU VS. GS? IS THERE A LOT OF ANIMOSITY TOWARDS SOUTHERN? WHY OR WHY NOT?

A: I don't think there's as much animosity as there once was between the two schools, because of the last two years in football and how well State has done against Southern since the creation of the Rivalry Series, but it's definitely still the most popular game for students to attend. For the students who can only call-off of work to attend one game in a season and for the students who don't really care about sports but they want to support their school, this is the game that they attend.



A Georgia Southern softball game at Eagle Field. GS will host five opponents at home this weekend.

BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY
The George-Anne staff

After back to back weekends of tournaments on the road, the softball team comes home to Eagle Field to compete in the 2017 Eagle Classic. Their weekend will open up Friday night at 5:30 playing a 3-7 Eastern Kentucky team which hasn't found much success in its first two

tournaments. The Colonels shouldn't be taken lightly, however, as five of their losses were decided by three runs or fewer. Probably the best team the Eagles will face all weekend awaits them Saturday at 3:30 as they take on Marshall. This 9-4 Conference USA team comes from the same conference as MTSU who easily took care of Georgia Southern earlier in the season. It's also quite

impressive of the Thundering Herd to have three-quarters of their losses to ACC team UNC and Florida State. Following the game against Marshall, Georgia Southern will take on the South Carolina State Bulldogs at 5:30. The Bulldogs have yet to pick up a win this season as they have lost all 13 games in blowout fashion, but any given Saturday, the underdog can win.

The final day of the Eagle Classic for the home team begins against Delaware State. The Hornets' young season hasn't started off the way they probably hoped, as they've gone 0-4 thus far. But with not a lot of background on this team, there are still questions surrounding this MEAC team. The tournament concludes with the Eagles playing the 5-9 Presbyterian Blue Hose. Though their record isn't

good, it is skewed as four of those losses came from SEC powerhouses Georgia and South Carolina. Many of these games are winnable for Georgia Southern. This tournament should be a good test to see where the team is before conference play begins the following week. Be sure to follow Georgia Southern Softball on Twitter for any time changes and score updates.

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GS WOMEN'S GOLF PLACES 11TH AT KIAWAH ISLAND SPRING CLASSIC

BY THOMAS JILK
The George-Anne staff

The Eagles finished 11th of 43 teams competing at this week's three-round Edwin Watts Kiawah Island Spring Classic in Kiawah Island, South Carolina. GS sophomore and Phoenix, Arizona native Ariana Macioce continued her high level of play after shooting a school record 68 in the Eagles' last tournament. Macioce finished tied for eighth overall in the huge field of players at Kiawah, shooting a 2-under-par 70 in her first of three rounds in the tournament. She shot a 72 and 73 in the following rounds and finished with a final tally of 1-under-par for the event. GS senior Iben Hvass placed tied for 39th in the tournament, with her best single performance of the event a 1-under-par 71 in the second round. GS senior Lauren Coe and sophomore Ansley Bowman

cracked the top 100 individuals as well, each in a tie for 86th with a final tally of 14-over-par. Coe shot a 1-under-par 71 in the third and final round to catapult herself up the leaderboard. Coastal Carolina finished first overall on the team leaderboard, with a final score of 6-over-par as a team. College of Charleston, the tournament's host school, finished one stroke behind CCU for second place, followed by Southern Mississippi in third place at 9-over-par. College of Charleston senior Laura Fuenfstuck won the tournament's individual crown, with rounds of 70, 68 and 70 combining for an impressive 8-under-par for the tournament.

Next Up

The next tournament the women will compete in will take place in Dade City, Florida during spring break. The WKU-USM Spring Break Shootout will begin Monday, March 13 and end Tuesday, March 14.

2017 GS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE RELEASED

BY THOMAS JILK
The George-Anne staff

The 2017 Georgia Southern football schedule has been released.

The schedule features a trip to Auburn in the season opener on September 2 and a nationally televised (ESPN2) conference opener at Paulson Stadium against Arkansas State on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

The Eagles will continue the trend of facing two Power-5 conference opponents per season as they have done since moving into the FBS and the Sun Belt Conference in 2014. In addition to the Auburn game, the Eagles will travel to Bloomington, Indiana on Sept. 23 for a matchup with the Indiana Hoosiers.

The Georgia State game will be at Paulson Stadium on Nov. 4, and the Appalachian State matchup is set to be played in Boone, N.C. on Thursday, Nov. 9 and broadcast on ESPNU.

The Eagles' final regular season game will be on the road against Sun Belt newcomer Coastal Carolina on Dec. 2.

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Sept. 2, 2017 --- Auburn, Ala.

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Sept. 9, 2017 --- Statesboro, Ga.

@ INDIANA

Sept. 23, 2017 --- Bloomington, Ind.

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Oct. 4, 2017 --- Statesboro, Ga.

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 Wednesday, March 1, 5:30-6:30 PM, Mr. Jeff Taylor
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- 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).
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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
- Leadership Awards**
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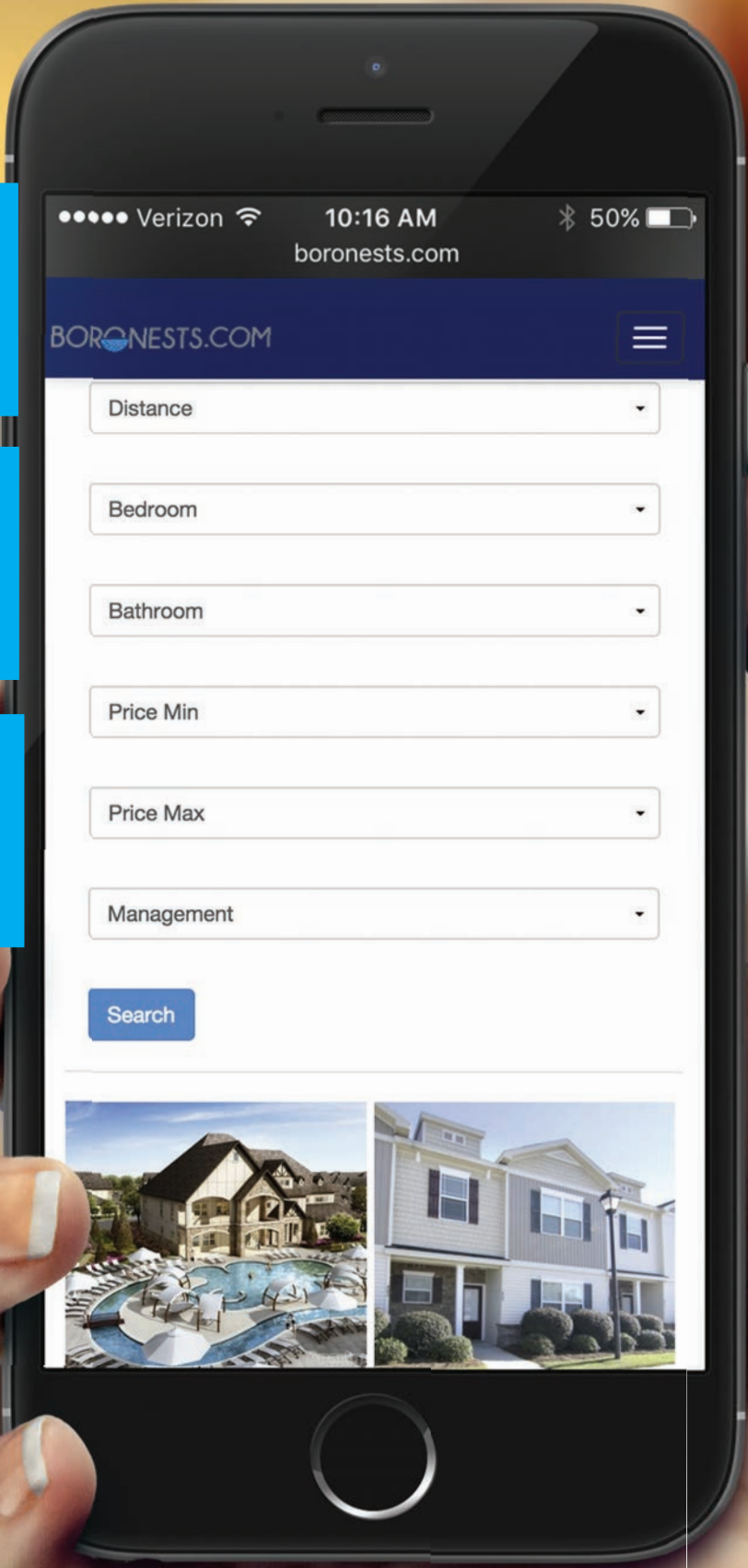
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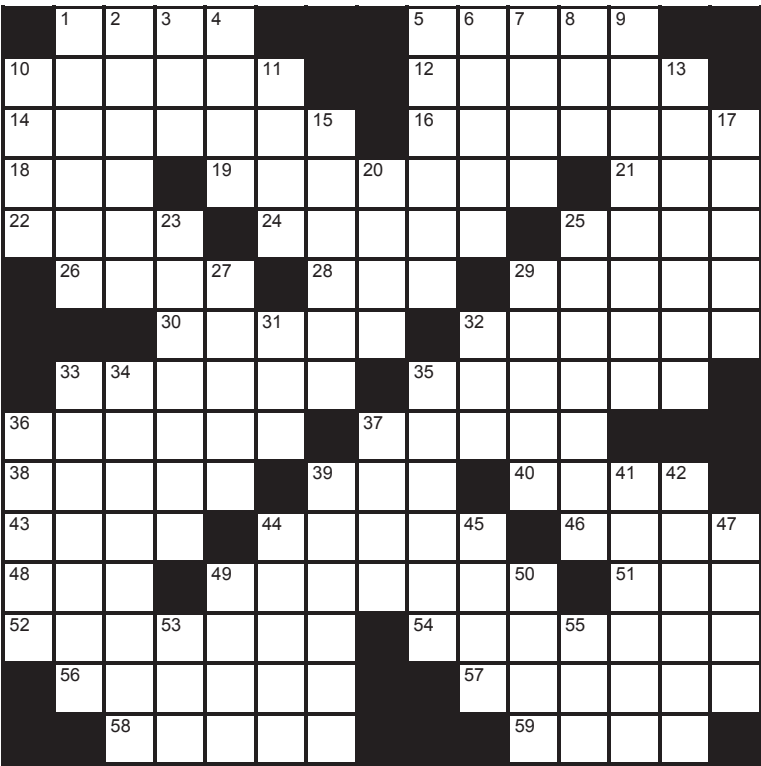
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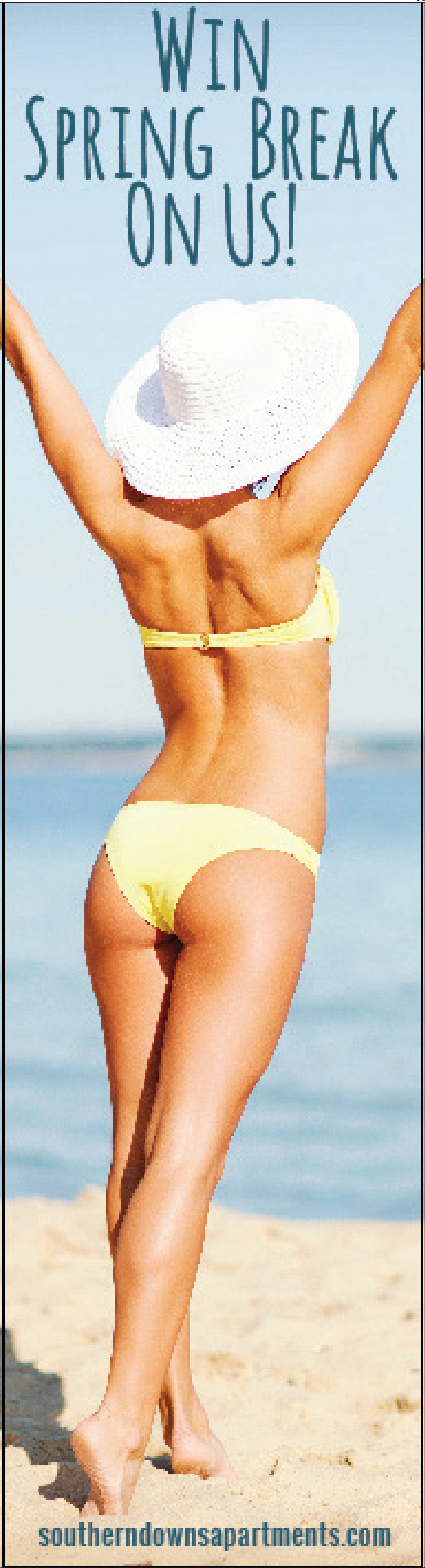
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