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The Circle went on campus and asked students what they aspire to be in life!
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Survival and Hope in the Student-Led Battle Against Sepsis

BY CASEY ROHLEN
The Reflector Staff

In early 2016, 23-year-old Tory Pereira was hitting her stride. Having just graduated from Georgia Southern with a bachelor’s in psychology and a minor in sociology, the easy-going Marietta native was looking forward to a trade show in Las Vegas when she began to experience flu-like symptoms. While she began experiencing extreme dehydration, crippling pain, fever and nausea, it quickly became apparent that something much more serious was going on when she collapsed on the floor of a restaurant. Pereira soon fell into cardiac arrest where she lay. Her brain did not receive oxygen for eight minutes and her pulse fell flat. She did not know that this was just the beginning of her fight for her life.

“I just remember getting up that morning to leave for Las Vegas and being in such intense pain that I couldn’t hardly stand and I was very pale,” Pereira explained. “Then during the car ride I was absolutely burning up, keep in mind this was in January and it was freezing, so I had everyone roll down the windows and was just chugging water, but nothing helped.”

After being taken to the emergency room and falling into cardiac arrest the next morning, doctors were forced to do an exploratory surgery to figure out what they were up against. It wasn’t until after cutting her open from sternum to pelvis that the medical staff was able to see that she had a two-inch hole inside her duodenum, part of her small intestine. It was at this point that doctors finally realized she had been in septic shock. Pereira was given a less-than-one percent chance of survival.

The doctors performed a gastric bypass which rerouted her stomach to avoid any more food passing through her perforated duodenum; they did not expect her to eat a solid meal ever again. It took 30 staples to seal her stomach back together and she would remain in critical condition for the next 12 hours while in a medically-induced coma. Right when things couldn’t look any worse, her kidneys failed. After waiting an entire week for her heart rate to drop to a safe enough level to do dialysis, the first round was ineffective. Her lungs filled with fluid, had to be drained, and two more rounds of dialysis had to be performed until her condition finally began to improve. Against all odds, on February 11 of last year, Pereira woke up from her coma and began her long road to recovery.

Pereira’s story is just one of millions that shows the destructive and lethal capabilities of a sepsis (or septicemia) infection. She is lucky enough to be alive to share her experience and spread hope and awareness through her position as the president and co-founder of Sepsis Awareness United (SAU). Alongside Georgia Southern students and co-founders Will Dickman and Kevin Ulmer, her aim is to help stop the world’s leading killer-by-infection by bringing sepsis into the public eye.

Read More at Reflectorgsu.com
In Yasmeen Waliaga's opinions article on April 11, she openly and honestly expresses her experience of early training and exposure to both the Christian and Islamic faiths. She eventually made her choice of which path to follow, yet with great sensitivity and understanding of both traditions.

She, understandably, expresses disrespect for those who condemn people of other faiths without having a clue about what they believe. Yes, there are wonderfully kind and loving people who are Christians, Muslims, Buddhists or of many other faiths. It is also evident that human beings are capable of distorting the teachings of Christ, Muhammad or Buddha and using religion to fuel hatred and violence against others.

In the U.S., we are blessed to have the privilege to express our thoughts and beliefs openly and without condemnation (First Amendment Right). For now, I can say what I think without fear of the police and I can defend your right to disagree with me. Unfortunately, in many Muslim nations citizens do not enjoy this right. Nations where Sharia is the law of the land are able to use “blasphemy laws” to arrest, prosecute and even execute those who speak against or reject Islam. It is also a fact that some radical Islamic extremists are using (or abusing) religion to perpetrated acts of terror against non-Muslims.

We Americans need to be very careful to protect our First Amendment Rights. As Ms. Waliaga stated, “I respect people who allow others to teach them. I respect the atheist who can exchange thoughts with me on the world and the purpose of life. I respect a Buddhist that can share beliefs with others and ask for commentary.” And I respect Ms. Waliaga for openly expressing her religious experience.

Let us fiercely hold on to our freedom of conscience, belief and expression.

JANA RENZ
Renz is a freshman music education major from Statesboro, Georgia.

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The George-Anne staff
BY MATTHEW ENFINGER

The Botanic Garden at Georgia Southern University has continued to work toward renovations from their master plan “Aspire!” to enhance visitors’ experiences.

The master plan includes a new entrance and parking lot, which Carolyn Altman, director of the Botanic Garden, plans to develop with sustainable practices.

Instead of asphalt, the parking lot will be constructed using TrueGrid, a sustainable, eco-friendly paving alternative to concrete and asphalt.

“When the rain falls on the asphalt, it takes all the bits of tire and motor oil and antifreeze and everything and it washes it off into the creeks, which eventually lead to our water supply,” Altman said.

TrueGrid allows water to pass through the parking lots and into the soil while also providing support for vehicles.

In the middle of the parking lot, the Botanic Garden plans to plant a garden, which will also help absorb water runoff. The Botanic Garden still aspires to other projects, including three new gardens: a council ring, a labyrinth and a showcase garden, and its 360 viewing tower.

On June 17, the gardens will begin construction on the Grow Zone, a children’s learning garden. “We want [the Grow Zone] to be a place where anyone can come to learn how to grow anything,” Altman said.

Construction on the Grow Zone is hoped to be completed by Summer 2017. In addition to these past plans, Altman hopes to construct another sound barrier wall on the garden’s side facing Fair Road, similar to the one constructed on Georgia Ave.

“We found that [the wall] almost entirely eliminates the sound on that side,” Altman said. “[Students] said we come for the solitude, we come for the serenity,’ and right now, it’s really hard to get that even in the garden because you’ve got cars going by.”

While Altman is grateful for support by the university and student sustainability fees, supporters of the Botanic Garden can further help by volunteering at the gardens.

For more information about the Botanic Garden visit, http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/garden/ or visit the gardens at 1505 Bland Ave, Statesboro, GA 30458.

Student employees
being celebrated with weeklong event

BY BRENDAN WARD

The Georgia Southern University Student Employment Center will celebrate student employees with national Student Employment Week from April 17 to 20.

“The main goal of Student Employment Week is to ensure students are aware that there are employment opportunities on campus,” Demetrius Bynes, director of talent acquisition at Human Resources, said. “It is all about experiential learning, preparing students for life after graduation.”

Monday, April 17

The week kicks off with a resume bootcamp and soft skills workshop in the Russell Union Upstairs.

The Office of Career Services will be on-site to critique students’ resumes and to cover resume basics from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The soft skills workshop will be taught by Jenna Tyson, GS’s Coordinator of Experiential Learning. There will be two sessions of Experiential Learning.

Tuesday, April 18

The Department of Human Resources will be at the Rotunda Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to encourage students to follow them on social media.

They will give out Krispy Kreme doughnuts to any students who follow them on either Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

That night, there will be a Dress to Impress fashion show in the Williams Center from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Models will demonstrate the proper business casual and business formal wear.

There will also be a cookie and coffee bar at the event with Insomnia Cookies and Three Tree Coffee Roasters.

Wednesday, April 19

There will be a student employment job fair Wednesday in the Russell Union Ballroom from 9 a.m. to noon.

On-campus employers will be present to meet potential employees and conduct on-site interviews. Employers will be hiring for both Summer and Fall jobs. Business casual attire is required to attend.

Thursday, April 20

Student Employment Week ends Thursday with Student Appreciation Day at the Russell Union Rotunda from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Student Appreciation Day is a wrap-up event for the week that will include live music, free food, giveaways and a wing-eating competition.

Both the Student Employee of the Month and Supervisor of the Year will be recognized during the event.

Students can learn more about Student Employment Week by following the Student Employment Center on social media: on Facebook at GASouthernSEC, on Twitter at GASouthernSEC and on Instagram at @GASouthernSEC.

Free coffee & hot chocolate with your Copy

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Every Thursday
8 a.m. To 10 a.m.
Long term benefits to come from South Campus Expansion

BY TAISHA WHITE
The George-Anne Staff

A year after a warehouse was built on the land as part of the South Campus Conceptual Master Plan, GS continues to develop on the land that will someday become South Campus.

Talks of a South Campus expansion at Georgia Southern University began last year as over 208 acres of underdeveloped land was purchased by the university. According to the South Campus Conceptual Master Plan page, located on facilities services page for GS, the South Campus is “a working document without a fixed time table, evolving with the shifting needs of the institution.”

The documentation states that it will run south of the 301 bypass. With a variety of sections that were recommended for the plan, including student housing and a dining facility, the master plan might be well on its way.

Although the master plan could go into motion, it may take a lot longer than anticipated because South Campus is to serve as what could become of Georgia Southern over the next few decades. There are no specifics as to what will become of it as Robert Whitaker, vice-president of business and finance explains.

“As the University grows, the local economy will grow. More students will be here. We will need more faculty and staff to support those students,” Whitaker said. “So, yes as we grow so grows the local economy.”

The main use of the South Campus right now is the $8 million warehouse that was purchased that has been used as a storage unit for school.

GS cheerleading team claims national championship

BY BRENDAN WARD
The George-Anne Staff

Georgia Southern University’s coed cheerleading team won the National Cheerleading Association’s National Championship last Friday afternoon in Daytona Beach, Florida.

The coed team competed against six other teams for the championship.

Team captain Massey Swanson was excited over the team’s win.

“My main goal in college was to win NCA College Nationals, and for that to happen my senior year was bittersweet,” Swanson said. “I couldn’t have asked to finish any other way.”

The GS team has 10 male and 10 female athletes.

“I’m a Georgia Southern athletics fan, and so to hear that we’re national champions of any sport, that’s national recognition of our school, and so I feel pride,” Trevor Wright, sophomore English major, said.

This is not the first championship GS Cheerleading has won. GS all-women’s team has won national championships in 2008, 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2015, but this is the coed team’s first win.

“This win is a big deal for our program because it was the first coed win,” Swanson said. “This win sets the tone for the entire cheerleading program for the future years to come.”

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT WEEK

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT JOB FAIR

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Russell Union Ballroom

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Not Safe For Work music festival

The festival is at the M.C. Anderson Park Amphitheatre located across from the RAC. It starts at 5 p.m. and wristbands are $5.

The event features DJ Nino and will offer various hip-hop and acoustic music, as well as food options.

Headliners:
Damez
Kali Donn
1WayV

Other artists:
Laxx P.
Rey Morado
Swvnko
Lynn Williams
Niko Makaveli
Nadia Venice

April 22, 2017
Reigncloud will play at the Birdhaus located at 1407 Chandler Rd. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and there is a cover charge of $5.
Morado and Walker team up for another one of Morado's songs. They recently performed together in March at The Iron Heights, an all-ages music venue in Augusta, Georgia. Bands from the Statesboro area, such as Bullmoose, have also performed there.

Laxx. P, also known as junior writing and linguistics major Josh Pettigrew, described the meaning behind his song “Reincarnation” off of his “Old Sol” EP. “The song was about me wanting to be somewhere where I’m not right now, where I want to see myself,” Pettigrew said. “In the video, I’m trying to represent myself sleeping on boxes, being homeless...like I how I wish to be rich and have a lot of things but it would turn out not to be beneficial.”
The Shooting Sports Education Center on Highway 301 teaches safe and secure firearm use to GS students and the general public.

In October of 2015, Georgia Southern University broke new grounds for the local air rifle and archery teams in Statesboro, Georgia when they opened the doors to their $5.8 million facility.

The Shooting Sports Education Center (SSEC) is a state-of-the-art instructional facility dedicated to teaching the public how to use archery and firearms. According to Gene Sherry, director of Campus Recreation, the SSEC is now home to the Georgia Southern rifle team and the intramural archery team. According to Matt Horst, director of the Shooting Sports Education Center, this facility is the first of its kind on a college campus.

There are other colleges with shooting sports centers on their campuses, but none are the size of the one at GS. At Michigan State University, they have a center with two indoor firing ranges and an archery center, but according to Horst, the archery center at MSU is smaller, and they are only allowed to shoot up to a .20 caliber firearm.

The project to begin developing the SSEC started in 2010 when the Georgia Department of Natural Resources approached GS. After the completion of the Recreation Activity Center at GS, the Georgia DNR proposed the idea of a shooting sports center to the University of Georgia and GS. UGA was not interested in going forward with the opportunity, but after extensive research, GS came to the conclusion that this would be a facility that would benefit students.

“The challenges were part of the reason we wanted to put it here,” Sherry said. “I think we fear what we do not know, and I think it was an opportunity to provide education to the shooting sports.”

When referring to the SSEC, it should be noted that it is not only a place for firearms. The focus of this facility was in all shooting sports and the recreational opportunities these sports provide.

The women’s rifle team may benefit the most from this facility. According to Sherry, the SSEC is the finest facility within the Southern Conference. They use the same target and scoring system that was utilized in the London Olympics. The facility paid dividends resulting in the rifle team winning the air rifle championship in the SoCon this year.

“If you go behind the RAC and look at the cinder block building, that is where they started off shooting,” Brandy Clouse, sports supervisor for rifle, said. “There was no air conditioning, no heat and poor lighting. The shooting center has 16 lanes and is all electronic. There are some shooting centers the team travels to that have only eight lanes, and it takes eight hours to conduct a competition then they have to move the targets manually. Here when we host a competition, it takes four hours, and all of our targets are electronically controlled.”

This facility could be essential to the Georgia Southern community with the passing of the campus carry bill. For the second year in a row, Georgia lawmakers passed a bill to allow concealed firearms on public university campuses.

Governor Nathan Deal vetoed the bill the first time around, but with a few tweaks to the bill, there is a chance it will get passed this time. The bill has not yet been signed into law yet, and the future of the bill remains uncertain.

With a facility like the SSEC that provides courses and training exercises to maintain and utilize firearms properly, members of the GS community may feel more compelled to take advantage of their resources. The purpose of the SSEC is to teach safety regulations and make everyone feel safe.

“I think that having the shooting sports area would make me feel better,” Josiah Shipp, sophomore writing and linguistics major, said. “I feel like it would provide some structure and some stability and training if people made use of campus carry.”

Because the SSEC is in a school safety zone, all students and members of the community must become an Approved User before they can utilize the facility.

To become an Approved User, the person trying to use the facility must first fill out paperwork (including a waiver), watch a 13-minute video about the SSEC and the safety protocol, take a written test and practical test and pass a background check.

The goal of the SSEC is to become a training facility for athletes who want to participate in the Olympics for archery. There have been recent movies that involve the sport of archery, and its popularity is steadily increasing. If the sport continues to grow and the SSEC can continue to gain national recognition, then the possibilities for this facility can be endless.
GS BASEBALL
take hard fought rivalry series with App State

THURSDAY

In a rivalry series, it is good to start off ahead, and that is exactly what the Eagles did. They took out the App State Mountaineers 6-2.

The Eagles fell behind early in the first after a Mountaineer single put them up 1-0, but in the third inning, freshman Jacob Greene smacked his third home run of the season to even things at one.

The big inning for the Eagles was the fourth, where they were able to break the game open with four runs, starting with an RBI single from senior Evan McDonald.

The Eagles got another quality start from senior pitcher Jacob Condra-Bogan. The right hander went 7.1 innings on the mound, giving up only two runs and improving to 4-0 on the season.

Junior pitcher Connor Simmons came into the game in the fifth inning, when senior Andrea McKenzie hit a grand slam, completely opening the game up.

The bleeding didn't stop there for the Mountaineers as the Eagles plated three more runs in that inning, bringing the run rule into effect.

GAME THREE

Saturday’s game was a complete blowout in favor of the Eagles. Mekhia Freeman and Morgan Robinson continued their outstanding seasons, both scoring several times, including a three-run Robinson homerun in the third inning.

App State couldn’t slow down Georgia Southern nor produce any offense of their own. The Eagles won 11-2 in six innings and Dixie Raley had another complete outing, allowing only four hits while striking out six.

Friday’s game showed that one wrong inning can change the complexity of the game, and a seven-run third inning for the Mountaineers did the Eagles in.

The Mountaineers hit four home runs in the inning and chased starting sophomore pitcher Brian Eichhorn out of the contest. The Eagles went on to drop the middle game to the Mountaineers 7-3.

In the seventh inning, freshman Mason McWhorter launched a pitch over the left field fence for his second home run of the season and his first at J.I. Clements Stadium.

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GAME ONE

Sophomore pitcher Dixie Raley had the start and allowed only one hit. Neither offense was very productive, so the game went to extra innings tied at zero.

In the top of the eighth, senior Emily Snider had herself another homerun, this time a two-run homerun, which were the only two runs of the game as Georgia Southern won 2-0.

GAME TWO

Emily Snider continued her hot streak with an RBI single. Georgia Southern racked up another run in the third and fourth innings, making it 3-0.

App State kept the game close and manageable until the fifth inning, when senior Andrea McKenzie hit a grand slam, completely opening the game up.

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NEXT UP

Georgia Southern will travel to Georgia Tech Wednesday night before hosting Texas State next weekend.
The Georgia Southern men’s tennis team on Saturday shut out Coastal Carolina, 4-0, to earn the Eagles their first undefeated (12-0) home record in 34 years.

The Eagles end the regular season 18-11, the second-most wins. This is because, according to sunbeltsports.org, Georgia Southern has the second-most losses in the Sun Belt, but also the second-most wins. This is because, according to sunbeltsports.org, Georgia Southern has played more matches than anyone in the conference, giving them more meaningful experience going into the tournament.

### PRIME PERFORMERS

This season, Georgia Southern’s No. 1 singles player, junior JC Alcala, has gone 15-7 in singles matches. He and junior Eddie Landin also lead the team in doubles victories with a doubles mark of 8-5.

Freshman Santiago Suarez has shown tremendous promise with a singles record of 16-4.

However, one player cannot carry a tennis team to victory by himself. Georgia Southern has had a variety of standout performances this season across its roster. The team’s 12-0 record at “the nest” could not have been possible without everyone’s significant contributions, not only the players just mentioned.

### SUN BELT CHAMPIONSHIP

The conference tournament will begin this Thursday, April 20 in New Orleans. It will go on through Sunday, April 23 when a champion will be decided.

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**BY THOMAS JILK**
The George-Anne Sports Editor

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**Full Plate Guide**

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  - Senior Dani Casablancas and senior Chris Kerrigan celebrate after winning a point. Casablancas went undefeated in singles play at home this season.
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  - However, one player cannot carry a tennis team to victory by himself.
  - Georgia Southern has had a variety of standout performances this season across its roster.

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