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GSU has a dream
MSC sets goals for weeklong celebration

BY LAUREN GORLA
The George-Anne staff

College students during the Civil Rights Era knew that there needed to be a change in American views and values and looked toward Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as the catalyst for that change.

The Multicultural Student Center honors King each year by hosting the MLK Jr. Commemoration, which features a speaker whose work has made an impact on social justice issues, but now the office is looking to expand the program.

“My vision for the office is to have programming throughout the week or two weeks (of MLK Jr. Day). I would like to have programming where we’re getting all students involved in service projects that are directly addressing or making an impact on some of those social justice issues,” Dorsey Baldwin, director of the Multicultural Student Center, said.

Baldwin hopes to partner with organizations on campus to make students more aware of the great work of King.

“There could be a potential partnership with our student leadership and civic

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111 South underway

BY ISAAC CARRASCO
The George-Anne staff

As Georgia Southern University begins to grow with new buildings and other amenities, a new off-campus residential complex has begun construction very close to GSU.

111 South residential complex can be found by South Main Street and Old Register Road on Rucker Lane, which is .2 miles from campus. The complex will be located by the new Biology Building and the Physical Plant.

“We are currently not open yet. We tore down The Varsity apartments to begin constructing a new residential complex for Georgia Southern students. Construction began in November 2012,” Jessica Ragsdale, 111 South Manager, said.

The complex will be opening this year, Ragsdale said.

“The property may be finished at the end of May 2013, but students will begin living at 111 South beginning August 1st when the new school year arrives. The leasing process has already begun,” Ragsdale said.

111 South is currently at 20 percent capacity for Aug. 1 move-ins, Ragsdale said.

The new residential complex will have many amenities that may interest off-campus searching students.

“Our main amenity is the pool, the lazy river, and the beach entry. We see talking about doing a swim-up bar, but that isn’t a

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The Georgia Southern University Police, as well as the Statesboro Fire Department and GSU campus maintenance, responded to a fire alarm in Eagle Village on Sunday night. Cooking smoke activated the alarm.

"We send officers when an alarm goes off, and we assist with calls. Sometimes they aren’t emergencies, so we just send maintenance," Chief Michael Russell of GSU police, said.

On occasion, the smoke alarm is set off by accident and there are no flames. The fire department is alerted as soon as the alarms sound; the fire truck is already on its way, Russell said.

"Folks burn popcorn, and it sets the monitor off. If it’s a false alarm, we call the department. So by the time we get there, the fire station already has been notified," Russell said.

Last year, only four fires in campus dorms were reported, all unintentional. Two fires took place in Centennial Place, one in Sanford and one in the Watson Commons. The total damage costs came to $23,100, according to the 2012 Annual Fire Safety Report.

According to the GSU "Up in Flames" website, a total of 171 fire alarms went off on campus last year. Unattended cooking fires caused 57, nine were fire alarms that were pulled, and 61 originated from unknown sources.

GSU attempts to prevent fires and promote student safety with fire drills, Bobby Oellerich, junior business logistics and former Eagle Village community leader, said.

"The point of a fire drill is to make sure students know how to exit the building if there ever was a fire," Oellerich said.

The point of fire drills is to prevent the unexpected from happening, Raven Littlejohn, junior psychology major and Eagle Village community leader, said.

GSU simulates a dorm room fire every fall, entitled "Up in Flames." The fire safety and awareness fair enables students to be more aware of fire safety.

"Fire drills are a lot of work, but it’s a necessary type of work," Reanna Coggins, sophomore construction management major and Eagle Village community leader, said.

Students can do simple things to prevent fires, Russell said.

"Have fire extinguishers and pay attention when alarms go off. Some students stay back during drills, and we find them when we go in. It just isn’t safe," Russell said.

"In my experience, students tend to take forever to evacuate a building during a fire drill. It’s important to show how long the evacuation process really takes," Oellerich said.

There are many tips to keep people safe from fire, Russell said.

Russell said, "No candles, no extension cords. Be careful when cooking. The same safety rules we were taught as kids still apply."
Police Beat

Sunday, Jan. 13

2:14 a.m.: An officer discovered a subject lying on the ground in C/J Lot. The subject advised that an unknown black male struck him and fled from the scene in a vehicle. EMS was notified, responded but did not transport.

2:15 a.m.: A traffic stop was conducted on Fair Road at Chandler Road. The occupants were identified. The vehicle was searched and no further action was taken.

8:02 a.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft at Chick-Fil-A that occurred on December 11, 2012. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

12:16 p.m.: An incident report was taken for an entering auto in J Lot. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

12:37 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a stolen bike at Southern Pines. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

12:59 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident in the Russell Union parking lot. A motor vehicle accident report was completed.

5:06 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a criminal trespass at Freedom's Landing. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

9:43 p.m.: An incident report was taken for lost/mislaid property at Hanner Fieldhouse.

11:29 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the College of Education.

12:20 a.m.: A traffic stop was conducted on Lanier Drive at Georgia Ave. The driver of the vehicle, Nicklaus Reed Ward, was arrested and charged with DUI, failure to maintain lane and was found to be a wanted person by Statesboro Police.

Monday, Jan. 14

10:44 a.m.: An incident report was taken for theft of a bicycle from the College of Education bike rack. The incident was turned over to Criminal Investigations.

12:32 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at Nessmith-Lane. The alarm was believed to be activated from dust caused by construction workers.

12:47 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a student receiving harassing emails. Incident was turned over to Criminal Investigations.

12:59 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident in Parking Lot 21. An incident report was completed.

3:14 p.m.: An incident report was taken for lost/mislaid property at the Carroll Building.

9:20 p.m.: An incident report was taken for suspicious activity in the Kennedy Hall parking lot. The incident was turned over to Criminal Investigations.

11:26 p.m.: A traffic stop was conducted on Chandler Road. The driver of the vehicle, Timothy Ryan Fitzgerald, 18, was arrested and charged with DUI, driving too fast for conditions and possession of a false I.D.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

12:18 p.m.: An incident report was taken for theft of a bicycle from the College of Education.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

1:01 a.m.: A male was observed stumbling around in Parking Lot J. The male, Alexander Quinn Thomas, 18, was arrested and charged with underage possession of alcohol, and possession of a false I.D.
$10,000 DUI grant could be better spent

Georgia Southern University's Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs has, as reported in Tuesday's edition of the George-Anne, received a nearly-$10,000 grant to use for educating students on the dangers of drunk driving and the various alternatives to driving drunk that are available in Statesboro. What most of what the money will be spent on has yet to be decided, because a student committee is being put together to make those decisions.

We would encourage the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs to use the grant money in a different manner than education. For the most part, Georgia Southern students are aware of what the dangers of drunk driving are. By the time students reach college, they are responsible adults and understand the dangers, even if they do not dissuade them. A better use of the money would be to provide more convenient options and increase awareness of those options instead of just increasing awareness of what is currently available.

Shuttle Gus, which operates on Friday and Saturday nights, would be a more efficient and beneficial use of the grant money: add Thursday to Shuttle Gus' schedule and advertise it, instead of putting the money into optional events and programs that students may choose to ignore.

What the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs intends to do is, without a doubt, based on the best of intentions, but it is not the best approach for GSU's student body.

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Syllabus day unnecessary

Now that the first week of classes are almost behind us, I'd like to write about something during the beginning of each semester that bothers me. No, not classes starting. It is something called syllabus day.

I do not understand the reasoning behind taking the entire first class session to explain the course syllabus. It is probably an unpopular opinion, but thinking about it in the whole scheme of things makes it seem unnecessary and wasteful. Reading the syllabus to the point of complete understanding would take the average student no more than an hour at most, assuming the student hasn't taken a college course before. Then why do we need to take an entire class session to have it explained to us?

Now, I know that typical students could fully read and comprehend a syllabus in an hour, but they probably wouldn't want to go right into the course with a lecture. I'm not arguing that the first class sessions should be used for a lesson only, though that's what I would prefer.

The time could be used for other things. The extra day could be used to make students familiar with the format of the class' tests and quizzes, to more fully explain the presentations or papers that will be assigned or to acclimate students to the pace of the class.

Perhaps the session could be used as an opportunity for the students in the class to, dare I say it, learn the names of their classmates? I mean, you are going to be spending several hours a week with them, and it would help when asking for help on that test or for an extra scantron or bluebook.

We are paying an amount of money that I'm sure nobody wants to mention to get a crack at earning a degree from this fine university, and doing nothing during the first classes but listening to our professors explain something that we could easily read on our own time seems opposed to the reason we are all here.

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GOP denies global warming

A study came out conducted by the Pew Research Center that found only 6 percent of scientists to identify themselves as Republicans. This really isn’t surprising considering the GOP has become the party of anti-science dogma, such as the denial of evolution and human-caused climate change even in the face of overwhelming evidence and scientific consensus (97 percent of climate experts agree global warming is due to human activity). Furthermore, a 2012 Gallup Poll identified 58 percent of Republicans to be Young Earth Creationists, including Georgia’s Paul Broun. There is a great irony here. If the earth was in fact 9,000 years old as Broun suggests, there would be no fossil fuels to expedite global warming.

The average GOP representative receives about five times the amount of contributions from oil and gas companies than the average Democrat according to opensecrets.org. Gas, oil, coal and electric companies have donated over $3.8 million in campaign contributions to GOP committee chairmen, and these are the same guys that deny scientific consensus with zero reputable counterevidence and vote tirelessly to strip environmental regulation.

The recently elected chair of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, Lamar Smith (R-Texas), denies anthropogenic global warming. However, the 2011-2012 drought brought about because of climate change has caused severe economic losses in Texas and endangering the state’s water supply. Smith has received $500,000 from the oil and gas industry. Fred Upton (R-Michigan) is the chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee and used to accept man-made climate change as a scientific fact, but he has since changed his stance to align with his colleagues. Upton sponsored the Energy Tax Prevention Act which if it had passed would have permanently prevented the EPA from limiting climate change pollution. Upton has received $1.2 million dollars from the oil and gas and electric utilities industry.

For years, scientists have warned of an increasing frequency of extreme weather conditions such as prolonged droughts, tornados and hurricanes that result from excessive greenhouse gas emission, and the massive droughts through the Midwest and South and hurricane damage from Sandy have cost families their homes, farmers and businesses their profits, individuals their lives and the federal government hundreds of billions of dollars. Clearly there is a conflict of interest clouding the GOP’s common sense, reputation and morality.

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Obama didn’t back tax deal

While we were away over break, our elected officials were jetting back and forth in a heated debate over the fiscal cliff. The deal that was reached included extending the Bush tax cuts for anybody making under $400,000 and extending unemployment benefits for one year. The deal didn’t include any drastic cuts to our government’s out-of-control spending or not extending the Social Security tax to most Americans.

So after the first week of 2013, most working Americans received their paychecks and were in for a very rude awakening. By letting the Social Security tax break expire; the rate went from 4.2 percent up 6.2 percent. This raises the total taxes that Americans pay from 13.3 percent to 15.3 percent.

To put it in perspective, for the citizen making $50,000 annually, $1,000 is taken in taxes. This is an increase that is not directed to just those that our officials call “The 1 percent,” this is a tax that every employed American will be forced to endure. This is a completely different tune than what was being sung all through the campaigning season. Time and time again Barack Obama promised to Americans saying that the middle class would not be affected by any higher tax rates, and his first course of action after being reelected is to allow our taxes to increase.

As much as it pains to say, this tax increase wouldn’t be as bad as it is if there were some give to go along with the take. He got his tax increase that he wanted yet would not work with the House of Representatives to make significant spending cuts to help reduce our deficit. The minor cuts that got approved are only drops in a bucket compared to what could have been cut back, especially at the rate that our government spends money. What really squeezes the lemon juice on this paper cut of a deal, though, is the fact that the money we will pay in these higher taxes goes straight to Social Security. It is a high cost entitlement entity that is in major need of reform as it is, yet this is where they are insisting we spend our tax dollars.

So, in a nutshell, within the first two months of Barack Obama’s reelection we have seen a tax increase, a lack of real spending cuts and our newly taxed dollars going into a fund that virtually no American’s will ever see again. Nothing says “The Road to Recovery” like taking away the workingman’s hard earned dollar.

Mutimer is a senior construction management major from Augusta

The debt ceiling needs to be abolished

After recently averting economic disaster with the fiscal cliff, we are about to face another Washington made disaster: the debt ceiling. To make things clear, increasing the debt ceiling does not mean that Congress will be approving new spending; it simply allows us to borrow money in order to pay the obligations that we have already incurred. It lets us cut a check to pay the bills and keeps the government operating.

In 2011, the last time we had a major debt ceiling debate, Republican lawmakers, who were in the minority of Congress, used the threat of default to force the President into agreeing to spending cuts. The threat of default from Republicans was cited in S&P’s report as the reason they downgraded the United States’ credit rating from the top-tier AAA rating. The results of default would be far worse than the spending cuts and tax increases of the fiscal cliff. It would be total economic disaster. Our credit rating would be downgraded again, investors would dump holdings, borrowing costs would skyrocket and the global economy, which depends on countless treasury transactions every day, would roll. That would just be the start of it all.

Why do we even have a debt ceiling? We have to pay the bills; there is no room for disagreement about that. Congress approves the budget every year and the 14th amendment requires that the country’s debt must be honored. A vote does nothing more than allow the minority of Congress to bypass our system of checks and balances and hold the economy hostage until they get what they want.

The debt ceiling can go. It may have served a valid purpose in the early 1900s when it was created, but it doesn’t anymore. It has been raised close to 100 times since its creation. Just abolish it already, we don’t have a choice but to repay what we owe, and the consequences of not raising it, should politics get in the way, are too great.

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Armstrong, but weak integrity

Few sports have ever seen a competitor as completely dominant as Lance Armstrong.

We can always argue about the best football and baseball players, but Armstrong was an individual skilled enough to win the Tour de France—essentially the Super Bowl of cycling—seven times in a row. Calling that impressive is a massive understatement.

Of course, he did that all after beating cancer that took a tremendous toll on his health and resulted in the removal of one of his testicles. So, not only did he do more than you or I probably ever will, but he did it with half the ’nads.

And then there is the ubiquitous Livestrong yellow rubber bracelet. Over 80 million Livestrong bracelets have been sold to date at $1 each, and all the proceeds went to the Livestrong Foundation, which supports cancer survivorship. He even has two autobiographical books, telling his story of beating the odds and achieving his goals.

Lance Armstrong was something rare: an inspiration. For years, he has been the stock example of what overcoming adversity is really about.

Except now we know he cheated. Oops.

After being hounded by multiple anti-doping agencies, it appears that Lance Armstrong used illicit performance-enhancing drugs during his career as a cyclist. His Tour de France wins have been vacated, and he is putting up little protest at this point, going so far as to tape a television interview with Oprah Winfrey in order to offer what is being reported as a “limited confession.”

If you’re going to confess to something that will disappoint countless individuals that looked up to you, might as well do it with Oprah.

He has also lost many of his corporate sponsors, including Nike and RadioShack— the only revelation more shocking than Armstrong’s doping is the fact that RadioShack is still in business. His endorsement for Uni-Ball pens is still in place, however.

Jokes aside, he cheated, and now we feel let down. He will certainly pay a price for his actions, but we should not let that bring us down. Don’t let it make you cynical. In a year when the Baseball Hall of Fame has no entrants due to the steroids era, those of us who maintained a certain admiration and respect for successful athletes could take this news hard. But we shouldn’t.

Lance Armstrong can still teach us, but now he’s teaching us what we should never do.

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NRA shoots self in foot

The NRA seems to be hurting its cause more than helping it lately. Even political moderates who favor the Second Amendment, such as myself, can’t help but to shake their heads at the actions of the NRA as it tries to deal with the recent shootings.

NRA President Wayne LaPierre’s proposal to provide armed guards at all school is not only financially inconceivable due to the lack of money in the school system already but connotes the police state that many fear the country is already becoming. The idea to arm school employees who have training and consent to carry a weapon at school is far more cost efficient and practical, and is already practiced in one school district in Texas. The NRA should focus on that idea, not forcing students to live in a police state where school shooting violence at Sandy Hook on Hollywood and video games, a common tactic of late and one that is ridiculed by most everyone under the age of 30.

However, the NRA seemed to contradict itself when it released a shooting video game for mobile platforms. It’s one thing to blame something as a cause of violence, it’s another thing entirely to make the exact thing you blamed.

The last thing that the NRA did to shoot itself in the foot, so to speak, was to make a Gun Appreciation Day on January 19. I’ll admit, a Gun Appreciation Day sounds good. Almost everything else has a day or month dedicated to it, so it makes sense to dedicate a day to guns, something that is constitutionally protected. It’s the timing of the day that makes me uneasy. A gunman in Memphis, Tenn. killed Martin Luther King, Jr., and the day we remember him by is two days after Gun Appreciation Day. Surely the NRA could have realized the touchy nature of celebrating guns two days before we celebrate a man who was killed by a gun.

Guns are necessary to protect ourselves, and we shouldn’t lose sight of that. There are legitimate concerns raised on both sides of the aisle and they should be discussed. But sometimes the harder we try to prove our points, the more we wind up hurting our arguments. Let’s argue smarter, not harder when it comes to sensitive topics.

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Greek Life looks forward to recruitment

BY PHYLICIA GALLMON
The George-Anne staff

With a new semester beginning at Georgia Southern University, recruitment for the Interfraternity Council and Delta Phi Epsilon will provide opportunities for students to be a part of the traditions of Greek Life on campus.

“Our fraternities in the Interfraternity Council will be hosting recruitment in the formalized sense January 28 through February 2. They will also be hanging out with people and giving out bits throughout the semester,” Jessica Turuc, Interim Director of fraternity and sorority relations, said.

“We are really focusing on getting students to go Greek,” Jake Rainey, senior public relations and marketing major and current member of the IFC, said.

The IFC will be on campus passing out flyers as well as hosting an info desk at the rotunda to recruit any guys who are interested or considering going Greek, Rainey said.

As far as sorority recruitment is concerned for this semester, the Panhellenic sororities will not be doing recruitment until the fall, however recruitment for Delta Phi Epsilon will be the same week as recruitment for the IFC, Turuc said.

“We want as many girls who are interested to and see what we are about,” Haley McGhee, sophomore journalism major and current member of Delta Phi Epsilon, said.

Delta Phi Epsilon will be holding an interest meeting in the Williams Center on Jan. 29.

The recruitment process varies depending on the fraternity or sorority, but there are a few things that each individual interested in joining should take note of, Susan Matheison, graduate assistant and Interfraternity Council Advisor, said.

“Get to know members of the community. Finding out what suits you best. You really would want to focus on academics as well as community service,” Matheison said.

Growth on campus is also major focus for this semester’s recruitment for Greeks on campus.

“We are always trying to grow, to better ourselves and the community,” McGhee said.

GSU has a rich history rooted within the 38 Greek organizations on its campus, and the traditions and standards of these organizations will continue on this semester, Turuc said.

“Part of our mission statement is service and philanthropic efforts, so that’s something we really push with our organizations, giving that hands on service and donating to charitable causes,” Turuc said.

Not only is service and leadership a huge part of the Greek Life traditions, but GSU’s Greek organizations have a GPA is .2 above the average undergraduate student, Turuc said.

Rainey said the IFC along with Delta Phi Epsilon and other members of fraternities and sororities on GSU’s campus are really pushing and working towards improving the perception and image of Greeks on campus.

The Interfraternity Council along with Delta Phi Epsilon will be recruiting this spring in hopes of adding new members to their organization. The recruitment process is unique to each organization and its members.

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for sure thing at the moment. There will be granite throughout the kitchen and bathroom so that we won’t have to worry about rooms tearing up so easily. Bigger space will be provided in bedrooms than in the living room,” Ragsdale said.

111 South will not be on a bus route, but Ragsdale is confident that parking will not be an issue for the residents. “We have full capability of having parking passes for students, which can be issued through the university,” Ragsdale said. “There will be no bus stop since the residential complex is approximately 0.2 miles from the campus.”

Parking passes for off-campus residences are validated through the President’s Office, Ragsdale said. “Technically (111 South) is not on campus, so they have to issue passes,” Ragsdale said.

Parking eligibility includes those who live outside the vicinity of the university, such as outside the bus route line, Ragsdale said. Those who live within proximity of the bus are not issued passes.

The residents of The Varsity apartments obtained parking passes, so there should be no reason 111 South residents will not, Ragsdale said.

The Department of Parking and Transportation has a list of non-commuter zones on its website. Included among those are student who live on or in: West Gentilly Road, University Pointe, University Pines, The Cove, Stadium Walk, Stadium View, Stadium Place, Southern Villas and Cambridge Apartments.

Prices for rooms depend on floor plan and number of bedrooms.

Two-bedroom apartments start at $580.

Three-bedroom apartments start at $495.

Four-bedroom apartments start at $460.

Parking and Transportation said that they did not yet know if 111 South would be included on the Non-Commuter list.

Amenities are built with the students’ interests in mind, Ragsdale said. “The rooms are all-inclusive with electricity and water bill, tables, includes energy efficient appliances, Internet connection and trash service. There is a fully furnished room charge that is $35 every month added to the rate. Oversized stand-up showers and full size walk-in closets are available as well,” Ragsdale said.

Although the 111 South Residential apartments are still under construction, GSU officials already have put in a good word for the new project.

“I think the university itself is taking its steps to provide new options to live in with great amenities. Living off-campus has a number of opportunities. We continue to see high occupancy within off-campus housing,” Christian Flathman, vice president of marketing and communications, said.

“Properties have been leased with an increase of 40 percent already,” said Ragsdale. Flathman said, “Any development in Statesboro is a positive thing. I think it’s a sign of positive growth.”

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engagement, some academic departments where we’re working together to do service projects centered around Dr. King and his legacy,” Baldwin said.

Many students on campus and around the country oftentimes just see MLK Day as a day off from classes and an opportunity to sleep in, but it’s important to continue the work that King started, Baldwin said.

“A lot of students feel like it is a day off but it really should be a day on,” Baldwin said.

By adding programs and activities on campus the week of MLK Day, students can make their own impact on social justice issues. “There are still many issues that are affecting not only our Statesboro community but many of the communities where our students are from. Oftentimes it’s easy for our current generation, young and old, to think that we’ve come so far so there’s really not much to do, but there’s still many issues in education, healthcare, social-economic status that we can address,” Baldwin said.

It’s important that we continue the precedent of change starting with our young people, Baldwin said.

Presently, the MSC sponsors a speaker to speak on campus every year around Martin Luther King Day. This year, CNN anchor Soledad O’Brien will be visiting campus as the featured speaker.

O’Brien will be speaking at Hanner Fieldhouse on Jan. 29 at 5:30 p.m. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m.

#askSoledad

The Multicultural Student Center is looking for questions from students to ask Soledad O’Brien during her presentation.

Students that use Twitter can direct their questions to @GSU_MSC using the hashtag “#askSoledad.” Students may also e-mail their questions to MSC@georgiasouthern.edu with the subject line of “#askSoledad.”

The MSC will then choose the top five or six questions from the ones received and will invite those students to the event to personally ask Soledad his/her question during her presentation.

111 South is set to open in August of this year and the leasing process is still ongoing. It will be located on Old Register Road across the way from the new Biology Building.
Bus arrival delayed

BY LAUREN GORLA
The George-Anne staff

Student Government Association announced at last night’s meeting that new buses are not expected to arrive any sooner than the end of the month.

“We should have one of them by the end of January. We will use that one to complete driver training, which will need to be extensive training due to the complexity of the bus. We should have all 12 of them by spring break,” Garrett Green, SGA vice president of auxiliary affairs, said.

The Department of Parking and Transportation gave SGA two options to vote on as far as when the new fleet should be released to the students. Ultimately, the decision is up to Parking and Transportation, but they wanted to hear what SGA thought of each idea.

Option one states that the fleet, consisting of 12 new buses, would be held until after spring break and released all at once.

Option two states that the old buses would be replaced as the new ones come in, and Green will take the suggestion to Parking and Transportation, where they will make the final decision.
Paper craftsman comes to GSU

BY WILLIAM PRICE
The George-Anne staff

Michael Velliquette brings different cultures to life inside the Center for Art and Theatre's gallery with brightly colored paper and life size sculptures.

The exhibition is a collection of three-dimensional, cut-paper sculpture works by Velliquette, most of which are directed at different cultural rituals and masks.

Velliquette will speak about his cut-paper sculpture called “Power Seek” inside the Arts Building room 2016 with a reception following afterward. Velliquette’s collection opened to the public on Jan. 14 and will stay open until Feb. 24 inside the gallery.

“I think the beauty of Michael’s work is that it works on so many different levels,” Marc Mitchell, assistant professor and gallery director at Georgia Southern, said.

Velliquette’s work has drawn considerable attention from the artistic communities all across the United States as well as parts of Europe.

“Someone who has no background in art can come in to the exhibition and automatically have an appreciation for this art; the same can be said for a seasoned art aficionado,” Mitchell said.

That’s the reason Velliquette has achieved so much success: so many people can understand his work, it’s not just for art professionals, it avoids being narrow art, Mitchell said.

“Whether you’re an art major or not, I think everyone can appreciate the time these pieces took to make,” Sandi Alderman, administrative secretary in the art department, said.

Velliquette’s pieces have been shown everywhere from New York City to Kessel, Germany and San Antonio, Texas.

“One of the reasons so many people are fond of his art is the non-standard form of it,” Scott Foxx, second year masters of fine arts student at GSU, said.

Velliquette’s cut-paper style uses hand-cut heavyweight paper and hard stock in many different colors to create his trademark look.

Velliquette’s work brings a huge variety of color, texture and hard work, Foxx said.

Foxx said, “The amount of craftsmanship and effort that goes in to his work is truly astounding.”

Intimate Patterns travel exhibit on display

BY WILLIAM PRICE
The George-Anne staff

Karen Ann Myers’ “Intimate Patterns” portraits modern culture and bright patterns inside the CAT.

The exhibition includes paintings, prints and collage drawings by the artist, ranging from 2009 to 2011.

“There’s an intimacy and a lusciousness that makes you question how you interpret her work,” Jessica Burke, assistant professor and director of foundation studies at GSU, said.

The exhibition gained national recognition from the art community with Myers being named one of the top 50 artists in the United States by “Oxford American” magazine.

Myers’ work looks at the intimacy of women through intimate observations of women in a bedroom setting.

“It’s great that we can bring contemporary, active artists to a region that doesn’t get much access to them,” Burke said.

Myers both critiques and celebrates the ideas of femininity, beauty and sexuality in modern culture, Mitchell said.

“She paints with very clear intent and in a way that challenges history and critiques society,” Mitchell said.

Myers’ work was noted to be highly accessible as well in a feature in “New American Paintings” magazine.

“All the paintings are very interesting, with the combination of the female body in the bedroom with a variety of patterns that make all the pieces go together,” Allen Johnson, PhD Public Health student, said.

“It’s different because the female figure is the focal point, but the environment she’s in is just as important,” Johnson said.

There will be an artist lecture on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 5 p.m. in room 2016 in the Arts Building. The event is completely open and free for students, faculty and the community.

Burke said, “It’s an absolutely fantastic gallery that has a lot of depth to it.”
Students move from class to Nashville studio

BY WILL PEEBLES
The George-Anne staff

Brooklet native, Chas Wilson, walks into the lounge of the Foy building, music theory book in hand, and sits down beside longtime friend James Varner.

Varner, freshmen music education and performance major, and Wilson, sophomore music education major, have known each other since the third grade and have been playing music together with bassist Robert Cottle, Georgia Southern University graduate, since 2011. Their band, Charlie and the Foxtrots, is composed entirely of music majors from the Statesboro area.

"Robert and I were working at Pladd Dot music. I was a guitar teacher; he was teaching piano and voice. I told him I needed someone to play with because I was looking to do some shows," Wilson said.

"I uploaded a couple of our songs to a website that promotes online voting and feedback. Within 24 hours a producer from the website contacted me," Wilson said.

In December, the group traveled to Nashville to meet with potential band mates that their producer referred them to. Among those added to the group were an upright bassist, mandolin player and violinist.

"It was an instant click. It was one of those times in your life where you think "This is what needs to happen," Wilson said.

The group will return to Tennessee this year to begin writing and recording their first E.P.

"We'll meet with the guys up in Nashville, and we plan to record during spring break" Varner said.

After the release of the band's first E.P., Charlie and the Foxtrots will take part in their first tour.

"The plan is to go from Nashville up to Ohio, then to New York, then back down to Nashville. This would be within a year, and if it goes well on our first tours, then we'll continue touring," Wilson said.

The band takes classes at GSU and plays at venues in the Statesboro and Savannah area, but has recently set their sights on bigger things.

Wilson said, "It's really hard to play in Statesboro. Most bands in this town aren't singer/songwriter style."
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**Friday**

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**Gata’s Landing**
- Andrew James Band 9 p.m.
  - Happy hour 5 to 7 p.m.
  - $10 liquor pitchers all day

**Loco’s**
- Tallboy buckets $12

**Chops on Main**
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- Tallboy buckets $12

**Gata’s Landing**
- Happy hour all day
Students prepare for Vaudeville production

BY LAURIANNA CULL
The George-Anne staff

A Vaudeville performance will kick off in March and consist of comedic short scenes and dances that tell a continuous story line while putting the audience in the thick of all the excitement.

The Independent Arts Movement will create a live Vaudeville production this spring full of dancing, skits and roll on the floor comedy, and they need students to come be a part of it. Vaudeville is full of witty scenes as well as slapstick comedy.

“Our Vaudeville will be a unique experience that any theater or music buff would hate to miss. Personally, I’m a little sad that I’ll be behind the scenes at the show and won’t get to experience it from the audience perspective,” Vaudeville coordinator Ron Barden said.

Kadia Scott and Ron Barden will release audition dates in early February.

“I’m extremely excited to see GSU artists come together for such a big project. I expect everyone will be surprised by all the talent at GSU and hopefully will show support for the performance groups on campus,” Vaudeville director, Kadia Scott said.

Vaudeville will include GSU student performers and will be student led and directed.

“I used to watch all these old Vaudeville skits that came on TV when I was younger. So, I am really excited about a live Vaudeville show at school,” Allegra Johnson, freshman international studies major, said.

This spring Scott and Barden chose to have writers audition and create an entire Vaudeville show.

Audition information for interested writers, dance groups and actors can be found on the Independent Arts Movement Facebook page, as well as from Scott and Barden.
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26, Tuesday Mock Interview Day
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27, Wednesday The Eagle Expo: Career & Graduate School Fair
12:00 pm — 4:00 pm, RAC

MARCH
12, Tuesday Communications Networking Afternoon
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42 More than strange
44 Watch face display, briefly
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**THURSDAY 1.17.2013**

**PRE-SEASON BASKETBALL SCHEDULE AVAILABLE**

If you have already signed up for pre-season basketball, you can get your game schedule at 4 p.m. at www.georgiasouthern.edu/cri. Make sure to know when you and your team play.

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**FRIDAY 1.18.2013**

**PRE-SEASON BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BEGINS**

THE RAC

It's time for all of you who have signed up for pre-season basketball to actually compete in this tournament that lasts through the weekend. For those who are not participating, come cheer on your friends and watch some of your fellow Eagles play.

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**SATURDAY 1.19.2013**

8 A.M.

**CLUB SPORTS WRESTLING**

THE RAC

Come out and watch our first home wrestling meet of the semester. Wrestlers will be on courts 5 and 6 in the RAC.

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**SUNDAY 1.20.2013**

**NO GROUP FITNESS CLASSES**

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There will not be any group fitness classes on Sunday or Monday, due to the MLK Day holiday. The RAC will have different opening hours on Monday from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m.

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**MONDAY 1.21.2013**

**NO GROUP FITNESS CLASSES**

THE RAC

There will not be any group fitness classes on Sunday or Monday, due to the MLK Day holiday. The RAC will have different opening hours on Monday from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m.

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**TUESDAY 1.22.2013**

**REGISTRATION CLOSES: BASKETBALL, WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL, BOWLING**

Don't miss out on a chance to participate in some of the spring intramural sports. And in case some of you haven't heard, bowling is the newest sport added to our intramurals. Sign up before it's too late.

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**WEDNESDAY 1.23.2013**

**8 P.M. INNER TUBE WATER POLO FREE PLAY**

THE RAC

Splash around the pool with a friendly game of water polo! Don't worry if you are not a good swimmer because a nifty inner tube will keep you afloat during all the action.

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**8 P.M. ADVENTURE MOVIE SERIES**

THE RAC

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**MONDAY!**

**NO CLASSES**

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**HAPPY MLK DAY!**
Hopeful Eagles look to upset Cougars

Junior guard Brian Holmes (12) dunks on Davidson College in Monday night's game. The Eagles came out with a 70-57 win. Holmes averages 3.1 points per game so far this season for the Eagles. The team will play the Cougars tonight at Hanner Fieldhouse.

Men's Basketball (7-10)

BY SHAKEEM HOLLOWAY
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University men's basketball team is struggling at 7-10, and the schedule is not getting any easier with a matchup against the College of Charleston and its 12-5 record.

The Cougars, 4-1 in the Southern Conference, have the best record in the South Division and the best overall record in the conference. The Cougars have beaten the likes of Elon University, which defeated GSU 55-50, as well as Furman University and University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

On paper, the Eagles' and the Cougars' matchup looks to be mostly even as they are almost identical in many categories.

Rebounding is the only category in which the Cougars have a significant advantage over the Eagles as the Cougars average 36.9 rebounds compared to 30.7 rebounds for GSU.

The Cougars have a well-balanced attack. Senior guard Andrew Lawrence who averages 13.9 points per game and sophomore guard Anthony Stitt who averages 11.9 points per game leads them offensively.

Other than Stitt and Lawrence, the Cougars have four players who average at least seven points per game.

Junior forward Eric Ferguson leads the Eagles in scoring with 14.6 points per game followed by junior guard Tre Bussey and senior guard C.J. Reed who each average 11 points per game.

Despite their record, the Cougars average more turnovers than GSU, which has struggled with turnovers throughout the season.

The Cougars have played well defensively, only allowing their opponents to shoot 41.1 percent from the field and 30 percent from downtown.

The Eagles have yet to win a game in the conference at 0-3 and look to change that tonight at 7 at Hanner Fieldhouse when they take on the Cougars.
GSU takes on Wofford in pivotal home game

BY COLIN RITSICK
The George-Anne staff

Coming off of its third straight loss, the Georgia Southern University women's basketball team welcomes Southern Conference foe Wofford College to Hanner Fieldhouse on Sunday, Jan. 20 at 1:00 p.m.

GSU dropped to 2-14 (1-6 SoCon) after a 56-41 loss to the Samford University Bulldogs. The Wofford Terriers are not looking much better than the Eagles with a 5-9 (0-6 SoCon) record.

These two squads are two very evenly matched teams. The keys to this matchup will likely come down to home court advantage and turnovers. The Eagles' only wins this season have both come at home. But beyond the numbers, GSU has undoubtedly played closer, more complete games at home than on the road this year.

And from a turnover standpoint, GSU and Wofford are both averaging right around 20 turnovers per game. So look for the defense that forces the most mistakes and turnovers to come out of Sunday's contest with a win.

But in addition to those two key situations, another deciding factor will be which team rebounds more efficiently. The Terriers average 37 rebounds per game to 36 for the Eagles.

Head Coach Chris Vozab will be seeking to exploit the size advantage that 6'3" junior center Danielle Spencer gives GSU over Wofford's tallest defender, 6'0" sophomore center Michelle Merritt. If the Eagles come down with more rebounds, especially offensively, that will put the team on the fast track to its third win of the season.

Multiple common opponents such as Davidson College, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Samford University have beaten both GSU and Wofford. Wofford beat Kennesaw State, which defeated GSU. GSU beat Western Carolina University, which defeated Wofford. The similarities between these two teams are too much to measure. The only way to receive an accurate measurement is to be at Hanner Fieldhouse on Sunday to see which team will out-duel the other.

GSU has the home court advantage, neither team has proven to have an advantage based upon turnover margin, and GSU has the size advantage.

My prediction: GSU out-rebounds the Terriers and takes the victory, 56-46.

Tasha Lund/The George-Anne

Senior guard Meredyth Frye (25) dribbles around a Florida Atlantic University defender in the opening game of the season. Since then the Eagles have brought their record to 2-14.
Coach Vozab carries on family tradition

BY RANDALL HAMPTON
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University’s women’s basketball head coach, Chris Vozab, was destined to follow in her parents’ footsteps in becoming a coach.

Before coming to GSU, Vozab was raised by two basketball coaches and played ball herself.

“My dad was a high school coach for a lot of years, and both my parents have been AAU coaches. I was just around the game from a really young age. I remember being a 2-year-old at my dad’s high school games, and being five or six at all his practices,” Vozab said.

Being raised by a coach, Vozab loved being in charge of where everyone was on the floor. It is what made her into a very solid point guard at Providence College where she started all four years and was named team MVP her freshman year.

Vozab was always a strong leader and her teammates agreed as she was voted team captain for her sophomore, junior and senior seasons. As team captain she led her team into battle against Big East conference foe and national powerhouse University of Connecticut.

Vozab matched up against and played with one of the greatest female basketball players of all time in former UConn standout and current Seattle Storm point guard Sue Bird.

Vozab patterned her game after her favorite NBA player Scott Skiles, who as point guard for the Orlando Magic recorded the most assists ever in one game with 30.

“When I was a little kid in like third grade I wrote him a letter and he wrote back to me. I was shocked. He was in the NBA at that time, and he was like ‘you have to play with guys if you want to be good,’” Vozab said.

Using her background, Vozab has brought a different approach to coaching the women’s team.

The team has only managed a 2-14 record, but that is not indicative of how hard the team has played. Her first season here has been a learning process.

Vozab said, “I think it’s a process, and I know that we are getting better. There have been a couple of opportunities where we felt we had a chance to finish the deal, and we didn’t. Obviously that’s disappointing when it happens, but it’s also something we learn from.”

Head coach Chris Vozab of the women’s basketball team brings a new perspective of coaching to Georgia Southern University.

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Meisenhelder named Diver of the Week

BY JACKIE GUTKNECHT
The George-Anne staff

Junior Sara Meisenhelder from Georgia Southern University's swimming and diving team was named Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association (CCSA) Diver of the Week, the CCSA announced yesterday.

Meisenhelder qualified for the NCAA Zone Diving Championships after a pool of her career. She was also named CCSA Diver of the Year in 2012.

Meisenhelder will join the Eagles as they dive back in against University of North Carolina at Asheville Saturday at home for the Eagles' last home meet of the season at 1:00 p.m. This meet will also serve as Senior Day.

In the Eagles' meet, her one-meter dive scored 281.70. Her three-meter dive scored 258.00 giving her first-place finishes in both events. This is Meisenhelder's first Diver of the Week honor this season and the third of her career. She was also named CCSA Diver of the Year in 2012.

The George-Anne staff

The GSU Fencing club informs students of activities during fall 2012's Club Sports Fair.

RAC soon to host Club Sports Fair

BY THOMAS O'DONNELL
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University will hold its biannual Club Sports Fair on Jan. 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. on the RAC concourse where students can find club teams to join.

"A club sports fair is an opportunity for clubs to set up a table basically that has information about their club, so they can our student body know about what their club offers," Emilie Buzhardt, club sports graduate assistant, said.

Club sports are unique student organizations in which the overall functions of the organization are student operated. They may be organized for instructional, recreational and/or competitive purposes, and offer a way of finding others who share similar recreational interests.

GSU holds a club sports fair every semester for students to gain information about what club sports are being offered that particular semester. All sorts of club sports come to the fair to show off their team to the student body, Club Sports Director Steve Sanders said. Admission is free, so all students have to do is show up.

"The clubs are responsible for setting up their own tables and promoting their club," Buzhardt said.

All the information that is needed about how to get into a club sport will be at each individual table. Sanders thinks that really gives students a chance to have a face-to-face opportunity to meet with the officers and representatives of each sport, as well as getting information such as practice times.

"The clubs will have tryout information, practice information and game information at their tables," Buzhardt said. "It's a way that they can speak face to face with students that may not know anything about their club."

The Club Sports Fair will offer a wide variety of clubs for the students to be a part of. These clubs will include but are not limited to: Archery, Baseball, Equestrian, Soccer, Softball, Southern Explosion (dance), Ultimate Frisbee, Swimming, Mixed Martial Arts, Water Ski and Wrestling.

With such a wide variety of clubs to choose from, students are given an option to choose what interests them the most, and then they can pursue it. Sanders said that the top five sports students usually gravitate to are rugby, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, mixed martial arts and men's lacrosse, but all of the sports do a good job of recruiting at the event.

Buzhardt said, "Soccer is always a popular one, and rugby usually does really well at the fairs. Not a whole lot of people know about rugby so that's always great."

Jackie Gutknecht contributed to this article.
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