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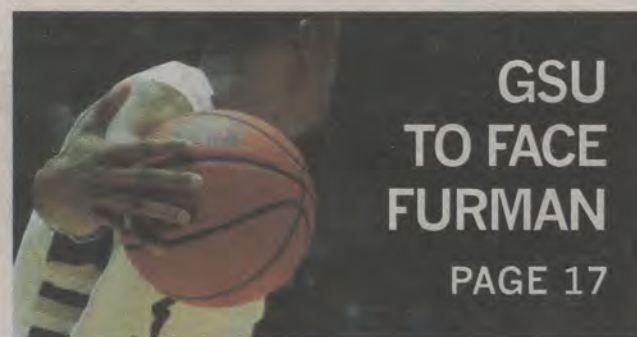


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Puppies prepared to help



Lindsay Hartmann/The George-Anne

Sam, a puppy in training to become a guide dog, takes a break from classes.

BY WILLIAM PRICE

The George-Anne staff

Students typically stumble out of bed in the morning and head to class, unless they are one of the select group of volunteers who also leash up an 8-week old golden retriever puppy with a jacket on that reads "Future Guide Dog."

The Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind is a non-profit organization that offers a chance for students and community members to raise a puppy in preparation for a life as a seeing-eye dog for visually impaired and disabled Americans across the east coast.

"The best and most rewarding part of working with these dogs is seeing your puppy graduate and go on to help someone who needs them and knowing you made a difference in their lives," Katie Lee, former Statesboro area coordinator for the foundation and Georgia Southern University student, said.

Volunteers keep the puppies from around eight weeks of age to almost 16 months of age. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their puppy everywhere they go in order to acclimate them to the life of a service or guide dog, Lee said.

All applications can be submitted online and each is evaluated individually on a case-by-case basis. There are currently about 13 volunteers in the Statesboro area with plenty of applications still pending, Deonte Watkins, current area coordinator for the foundation and senior general studies major, said.

The foundation has been experienced a lot of growth recently with almost 50 percent more dogs being fostered than previous years, Lee said.

"I learned about the organization from a friend on the football team who was already training a dog, and I asked him what he was doing and why, and it all really intrigued me," Watkins said.

"I like the experience that comes out of it. You learn discipline, accountability, responsibility and a whole lot

JJ's on robbery

BY EMMA R. COLLINS

The George-Anne staff

After a Jimmy John's driver was robbed Monday night at Campus Crossings, the company has released a statement confirming the driver's safety.

"We're very glad our driver was okay. This is why our drivers don't carry a lot of cash with them. We've never had an incident like this before," Will Massie, Jimmy John's of Statesboro's general manager, said.

The suspects held the delivery driver at gunpoint. One was wearing a white clown mask and the other a black bandana, according to the Statesboro Police Department news release.

One suspect was armed with a handgun and the other with a shotgun. After demanding the driver's money and cell phone, the suspects fled on foot.

"He's a new driver, and we're just very happy he's safe," Massie said.

This robbery is still under investigation by the Statesboro Police Department, and anyone with information regarding this case has been urged to notify investigators.

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Police Beat

Monday, Jan. 28

7:22 a.m.: Officers and the Statesboro Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at Eagle Village. The building was checked, and it was determined that a resident was trying to use an electric griddle, causing the alarm. There was no fire.

11:13 a.m.: Officers and the Statesboro Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at Kennedy Hall. The building was checked and found that a resident had burned some food causing the alarm. There was no fire.

3:17 p.m.: Officers and the Statesboro Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at Hendricks Hall. The building was checked, and no problem was found.

4:46 p.m.: An incident report was taken for lost/mislaid property at Centennial Place.

6:38 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a domestic dispute at Freedom's Landing. The incident was referred to Judicial Affairs.

6:58 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a report of an unruly person at the RAC. The person had left the area when officers arrived.

11:27 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the I.T. Building.

12:45 a.m.: Officers assisted Statesboro Police Department with a report of an armed robbery at Campus Crossing.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

8:19 a.m.: Officers responded to the Engineering Technology Building in reference to a sick person. EMS was notified and responded but did not transport the sick person.

9:07 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check at the Biology Building. EMS was notified and responded but did not transport.

11:44 a.m.: Officer responded to a sick person at the Foy Building. EMS was notified, responded

and transported the sick person.

12:15 p.m.: Officers responded to a sick person at the College of Business Administration Building. EMS was notified and responded but did not transport the sick person.

5:27 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the RAC.

5:29 p.m.: An incident report was taken for harassment at Southern Pines. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

7:15 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the RAC.

8:25 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at Eagle Village. Statesboro Fire Department and maintenance responded. The fire alarm was activated by smoke from an occupant cooking.

10:50 p.m.: Officers conducted a field interview with two subjects on Chandler Road at the Zip-n-Go.

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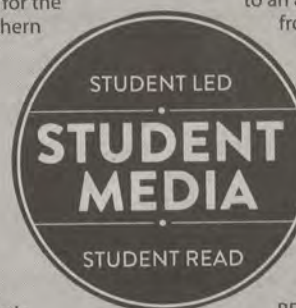
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Eagle Battalion wins challenge

BY LINDSAY GASKINS

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University's Eagle Battalion won the 2013 6th Brigade Ranger Challenge last weekend in Camp Blanding, Fla.

This is the first time the battalion has won in this event, according to the GSU news release.

The challenge involves testing physical endurance and mental agility of the team, which consists of nine people.

"I can't tell you how delighted and pleased I am," President Brooks Keel said in the news release. "What

an honor it is for our ROTC program to represent the 6th Brigade and to represent Georgia Southern in such an incredible way. We are so proud of these young men and women and for what they do for our university and our country."

"We are ecstatic and so proud of our cadets," Lt. Col. Gary Morea, Eagle Battalion commander said in the release. "Throughout the competition, the cadets not only had to demonstrate their physical fitness but overcome mental challenges, too, and use critical thinking to accomplish the mission."

The Eagle Battalion is comprised

of Georgia Southern students, and the Coastal Battalion is made up of students from Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah State University and the Savannah College of Art and Design, according to the news release.

The Eagle Battalion won by just one point and beat 37 teams from the southeastern United States and Puerto Rico.

The team has been training for five months leading up to this event, which included 10-mile ruck marches, long runs, upper-body development and swimming endurance training.

Our View

City benefits from students

As was reported in Tuesday's edition of The George-Anne, Hendley Properties is planning on constructing housing for students in downtown Statesboro. One of the stated goals is to attract students, which will in turn attract business. New business means more to do for students who don't have the means of transportation to reach other parts of town.

South & Vine Public House and 40 East Grill also recently opened, which brings more business downtown. These restaurants offer students some variety to the usual selection of fast food and pizza joints that are common around town.

The organizations Main Street Statesboro and the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority have also put effort into organizing events such as the monthly First Friday and making downtown more accessible to students.

The Blind Willie McTell trail, named after the traveling blues musician who spent a large part of his life in Statesboro and wrote the song "Statesboro Blues," is a one mile long walking and biking trail that extends from Fair Road's Memorial Park, right next to campus, to downtown's Triangle Park. It is decorated with pieces of art and small landscaped parks along its length.

Students should support the local effort to make Downtown Statesboro a lively hangout by providing the area business. The complaint that there's nothing to do in Statesboro could become a thing of the past if students show an interest. Show potential businesses that the area is an economically advantageous place by opening your wallet to the businesses that are already there.

The George-Anne welcomes letters to the editor and appropriate guest columns. All copy submitted should be 350 words or fewer, typed, and sent via e-mail in Microsoft Word format to gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu. All submissions must be signed and include phone number for verification. GSU students should include their academic major, year and hometown. The editors reserve the right to reject any submission and edit submissions for length.

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Goodbye, John Harvey

BY ARIELLE COAMBES

The George-Anne staff

Tomorrow, John Harvey will become a halfback.

Don't know what that means? It's a Northerner who moves to the South, be it for the weather or the honey-drippin' accents, and then decides to go halfway back.

John came to Georgia Southern University as the new director of Student Media, leaving the same position at Penn State. He's now headed to Eastern Carolina University to become the Student Media director there.

John brought more than a big-name resume to Student Media, though. He brought more than a training program that coached The George-Anne's reporters into becoming award-winning journalists.

He brought us into a family.

This place is a home for our staff, a place to come between classes and hang out, a place to fit in and make lifelong friends—and we admit that we're often the home of misfit toys, so that's a feat.

While we're all running in and out for classes, staff meetings, interviews and lunch, he's here with an open door.



JOHN HARVEY

He's waiting to give the perfect answer, inspiring the "why didn't I think of that?" moment.

"He's the reason I'm here," Alex

LaSalle, A&E chief and former opinions editor at The George-Anne, said. "I walked into the Williams Center when a friend told me they were having tryouts, and I liked writing. The downside is I was terrible at writing and even worse at reporting the news. And for some reason, John had faith in me and must've seen something that I certainly couldn't see and helped me turn it into a career."

His advice about journalism, about sources, about life in general, that's what makes John the head of this family.

"It's the little things, like how he lays papers on our desks and how he straightens the newsroom up, or in the mornings when he brings me the local paper so I don't have to go find it," Jessie Reese, managing editor at The George-Anne, said. "When I'm sitting at my desk

making the paper, I hear everyone around me saying, 'Well, John's going to say this or this, so we should change it so he likes it.'"

"Before he told us he was leaving, I never really thought about what it would be like," Gianna Carme, multimedia editor at The George-Anne, said. "But now that he is leaving, I realize how much he impacts our lives every day. He says so much with so little. Like today, he commented on how I'm doing well on my job, and that meant the world to me because I feel like I work so hard, and it means a lot that he's noticing. He makes sure you know he appreciates you."

But he isn't just about the journalism. Living in this crazy, stressful, fast-paced life seems strange without having the sounding board of someone you respect to give straight-up answers, no BS, which is John's specialty.

Lindsay Gaskins, news editor at The George-Anne, said, "I always remember going into John's office when it didn't even have to deal with work or the stressful days of layout, but just if I was having a bad day or if I needed advice about life. He always had the answer that made the most sense to me."



Photo courtesy of Chelsea Yoshimura

Student Media staff and Director John Harvey stand on the steps of the Marvin-Pitman Building.

Talk yourself into attending classes

We are nearing the end of the third week of classes here at Georgia Southern University, which means that the initial "Oh yeah! I'm going to do great and actually try this semester!" feeling is wearing off.

Class attendance usually falls every week the first three weeks of school as people start celebrating Lent early by giving up on going to class. If you haven't noticed fewer people in your classes, you're probably one of the people not there.

Now, for some students that feeling probably wore off before they ever stepped on campus for this semester. These students show up for syllabus day, followed by the bare minimum of classes that are required to not fail the class.

Others are like the Kenyan runners of going to class. Somehow they never get sick, always show up on time and aren't even obviously using their phones every single week. Whether they are extremely motivated, creatures of habit or possibly cyborgs, it is very hard to tell. If going to class for 16+ weeks was an event in the Olympics, these students would take gold.

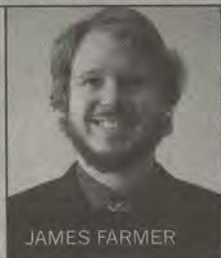
But for the rest of us, time is running out on our generation's notoriously short attention span. After three weeks, the honeymoon period of a class is pretty much over. The teacher's jokes have all been told, your classmates are starting to look even more boring than before and the lesson plan veers into the excitement level of watching paint dry. Even if you're not in philosophy, you start wondering why you're here, not on this planet, but in this classroom.

So we have to get creative in making up reasons to fool our minds and bodies into thinking we actually want to go to class. If you're a more fiscally motivated person, you can think to yourself, "I've already paid to go to these classes, might as well get my money's worth," and that might work to motivate you – even if your parents actually pay for the class. If you're a very practical person, you can look at the syllabus and think to yourself, "Say, this teacher doesn't post notes online and if I miss the class, I won't do well on the exam." This is a personal favorite of mine, and it works fairly well.

Whatever method you choose, keep yourself motivated! There's a lot of school left in the semester. So go to class and pay attention, unless your teacher doesn't take attendance and posts the notes online. You should probably skip that one.

Farmer is a junior international studies major from Thomasville.

THE FARM LIFE



JAMES FARMER

Women in combat bring hope

Last Thursday the Department of Defense announced that military combat positions would open to women. Many find this event as a step in the right direction, but cries of outrage can still be heard over the jubilation. As a student who grew up in a military family with my mother and father serving in the United States Army, I am definitely one who is excited for the change.

A lot of arguments choose to focus on what women cannot or will not be able to do, but they ignore just how many new opportunities this will allow for women in uniform. The idea that women in the military should have an entirely separate set of rules from the men is entirely wrong. They train together, work together and are after the same goals with the same set of standards, yet a lot of doors were closed

FROM THE MARGINS



ADRIANA PULLEY

to women due to the policy that barred them from these combative roles.

It's difficult for a female soldier to rise in the ranks because oftentimes positions are filled with those who have been in combat and earned their place, and the policy often eliminates women from as candidates for promotion. By repealing the policy the military is not lowering the standards of jobs for either men or women. Set standards have to be met in order for them to be qualified for the position.

A female soldier, Kayla Williams Slate from Washington, states that this move means that women can no longer be disqualified based on their gender. She writes in Slate, an online current affairs magazine, "It will now be up to the services to demonstrate that women should be banned from specific jobs, rather than there being a blanket ban on women in all ground combat roles and smaller units whose primary mission is direct ground combat."

Everyone can rest easy and be assured that all soldiers know what they are signing up for and they will meet all military standards before fulfilling a position. The United States military will always hire the best and the brightest to protect the nation.

Pulley is a junior english major from Florence, S.C.

The struggle is real for the GOP

One does not have to be a political science professor to say the Republican Party is facing an identity crisis. The past few weeks serve as perfect evidence for my claim.

A good person to start with would be Bobby Jindal. Governor Jindal stood up in front of the Republican National Committee and tried to dish out some tough love with this: "We have to stop being the stupid party." That will be hard to do because the GOP can't even wholeheartedly agree that our country should pay its debt.

There's more evidence of dysfunction. When the fiscal cliff deadline was looming, House Speaker John Boehner couldn't even find enough votes in his own party to support the legislation he created to send to the Senate. Needless to say this was extremely damaging to an already injured Republican Party.

The worst thing to come from the Republican Party would be their inability to control the Tea Party. The Tea Party has replaced common sense with absolutism, meaningful debate

A LIBERAL DOSE



CHRIS WARE

with name-calling and governing with grandstanding. The Tea Party movement is forcing moderate Republicans like Olympia Snow out and ushering Tea Party extremists like Ted Cruz in. The more power they get, the farther away we get from finding common sense solutions to help solve our country's problems. And if a majority of Americans view the Tea Party as repulsive, they will continue to vote for Presidents who identify with the Democratic Party. No wonder why they're trying to change the Electoral College rules.

Republicans don't want to lose the White House in 2016, but they know the Tea Party will only cause their

nominee to be "severely conservative" in the primary, which won't work well when that same nominee tries to seem moderate to the American people in the general election. It only seems logical to the Republican Party to cheat its way to the White House now by changing the Electoral College rules.

Republicans are out of touch with the new majority of voters, and they don't share the same values that the new America is starting to embrace. More Americans support upholding Roe v. Wade, the legalization of marijuana, same-sex marriage and a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants. If some of these extremist, backward Republicans were around when Columbus set sail, they would have been the founders of the Flat Earth Society. The backwards thinking of the Republican Party has to be eradicated so it can truly call itself the Party of Lincoln again and offer to the American people a viable vision for our future.

Ware is a freshman political science major from Griffin, Ga.

Vanity plates should be subject to free speech laws

Vanity plates are an avenue for expression of views and beliefs in America. They can also be used to impress others or cause them to think less of you—looking at you, guy with the BAWSS tag—but for the most part, a vanity plate has meaning to the person that shelled out the extra bucks for it.

Recently, the Atlanta Journal Constitution reported on a man who was refused his vanity plate. Why? Because the plates that he wanted contain the word “gay.” In Georgia, when applying for a license plate you are asked to give three variations of the plates you want. The man listed “4GAYLIB,” “GAYPWR” and “GAYGUY” as his choices. All three were declined, and the

THE COOP SCOOP



TAYLOR COOPER
OPINIONS EDITOR

man is currently taking the dispute to court.

Now, I’m aware that the DDS has policies about what they do and don’t allow on plates. The issue is that different offices follow the policies to different degrees. The DDS has

guidelines regarding political messages on vanity plates. What the Atlanta resident wanted apparently did not fit within these guidelines, but other political messages have been allowed, such as “GOD4EVR” and “GUNLUV.” Other combinations that were declined in Georgia were “GoDROKS” and “ILUVGUNS.” It’s pretty obvious that there are few oversights to ward against inconsistencies like this.

What would be the best response to this? Add more links in the already long bureaucratic chain? I mean, it’s not like anyone’s ever accused the DDS of being efficient anyway. Clarify the policies that already exist? It is obvious that they should be clarified anyway, seeing as not

everyone has the same idea of what “political statement” means.

The simplest response would probably be just to write them off as protected under freedom-of-speech laws. We live in the South; it’s no use fighting against people who want the words “God” or “gun” on their plates, so using blanket policies like “no political statements” isn’t going to work. You could put a bumper sticker with a homosexual message on your car, but not a license plate.

It’s about time that we all agree that gay people are Americans too, and that they deserve the same rights to express themselves as everyone else.

Letters to the Editor

Michleson not at fault

Dear Editor,

The other day I read something that got to me. It was over the controversy surrounding comments made by pro golfer Phil Mickelson. Mr. Mickelson was complaining about his taxes going up, and the writer of the column I was reading felt that Mr. Mickelson had no right to complain. He made too much money and only paid his “fair share.”

I would like to agree with that writer. Mickelson thinks he doesn’t have to pay because started playing golf before he even started school and he spent his free time working hard and honing his skills to be the best? Just because he is a college graduate and was one of only six people to ever win a PGA tournament while still an amateur, he thinks he doesn’t have to fork up the “moola?” Well I say shame on you. You worked hard, and it’s your fault you make so much money, so now you have to pay! I say everyone who works too hard to be the best needs to pay more! It’s your fault people spend thousands every year

to buy the same equipment you use in hopes of getting better! It’s your fault for being so good. If you just played worse, had no motivation and let others win you wouldn’t have to pay so much!

This is the new America, where if you work hard, try all your life to be the best and finally make it better off, you pay for it! You think the rest of us care that while we were playing video games, or skipping class, or even just not trying our best are going to let you get away with making more without forking over more? I don’t think so Mr. Mickelson. You and your rich friends with your fancy degrees that you spent countless hours working hard for, oh no you must pay!

So to the writer I say hats off for calling him out! I think he should pay even more. I mean he did make it into the hall of fame!

William Keith Millians
sophomore biology pre-med major
Villa Rica, Ga

‘Rush week’ column incorrect

Dear Editor,

While this letter was inspired by your “Rushing Through The Week” column, this is not a direct response to Mr. LaSalle, as I’m sure his portrayal of the Greek community was in good humor. I can’t imagine that he would speak of his fellow classmates in such a demeaning manor.

Anyhow, “Rushing Through The Week” comes not even a year after the GTSNP Virus article had campus in an uproar after attacking the way sorority girls dress. Now it’s the guys’ turn.

As a business major and fraternity man alike, I feel that “dressing like [I’m] going to a wedding” means looking sharp everyday. In the business world, first impressions can make or break job or business venture. I’m sorry that I don’t look like a bum while I’m on campus, you never know who you’ll come in contact with. I’ve yet to see an article in The George-Anne commenting on the cargo shorts and wife-beaters I see many people wear on a daily basis.

The last time I checked, this is America, and everyone is free to wear clothing of his or her choice. That’s right, you have the right to wear cargo shorts and Vans just like I have the right to decline.

The negative stereotypes surrounding Greek

Life as a whole are becoming absurd. Let’s do a quick fact check. The GSU all-men’s GPA last semester was a 2.6, the all-men’s fraternity average was 2.7, and my fraternity led the way with a 3.11 GPA. On average, Greek males have a higher GPA than non-Greek males. In politics, 48 percent of U.S. Presidents were in a Greek organization. Barack Obama is the first non-Greek or non-Masonic affiliated U.S. President since Jimmy Carter. Elastic straps for sunglasses are called croakies. Thirty percent of all Fortune 500 companies have Greek CEOs. Out of all of these statistics, only 3 percent of Americans are Greek. Are the 3 percent the new 1 percent? Time will tell.

I’m not a legacy, I don’t flash Daddy’s money, heck I don’t even have an expensive vehicle. But I wear my letters with pride just like every other member of our community. If you don’t like the way we dress, fine. If you don’t like the way we act, fine. This is a free country and you are entitled to your own opinion, however, those statistics don’t lie.

I look forward to seeing your name on my payroll in the near future.

Bowen Flowers
junior finance major
Williamson

To submit a Letter to the Editor, please send a letter with your name, hometown, major and academic year of no more than 350 words to gadaily@georgiasouthern.edu

Students compete in app creation contest

GSU hopes to connect various colleges on campus

BY TAYLER CRITCHLOW

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University will be conducting a mobile app creation competition stretching over the course of this semester with hopes of connecting students from the various colleges.

"What we really want to achieve is that people from business, IT and other colleges will be talking together and learning to speak each others' language," Dr. Karin Scarpinato, associate academic dean for the College of Science and Mathematics, said.

Students will submit an idea for an app online and attend the mandatory orientation on Feb. 1 at 3 p.m. There they will be briefed on the general rules and guidelines and form teams.

The teams will have until Feb. 22 to submit one page on the concept of the proposed app.

From there, teams will be invited to present a storyboard on March 15. Following that, there will be workshops available on how to design, develop and code the app, as well as figure out a business plan.

The final presentation will be May 3, where selected groups will make a five minute presentation with the pilot app, submit a business plan and assessment of functionality and market availability.

The winning team will receive \$500.

The idea was the product of an interdisciplinary faculty steering committee.

The steering committee consists of Dr. Chris Welter, assistant professor at College of Business Administration; Dr. Emil Iacob, a lecturer for the Department of Mathematical Science; Dr. Charles

“ We want to bring visibility to the university's efforts in innovation. ”

-Dr. Charles Patterson,
vice president of research

Patterson, vice president of research; Dr. Tom Case, department chair for the Department of Information Systems and Scarpinato.

"It provides a very nice platform for anything interdisciplinary, and it is shown that people are using more and more apps in terms of finding something," Scarpinato said.

There are several events similar to this one at other universities; the hope is to host a competition for outside universities to come and compete here as well. This will be kept within GSU for this year and the following year, Case said.

"We want to bring visibility to the university's efforts in innovation," Patterson said.

The app idea can be about anything, Scarpinato said.

"We are looking for strong student involvement. Students will be guided through the process, but they need to bring their drive and innovation to the project," Patterson said.

The winning team will be the one to win the \$500, but if there is another team that the panel believes deserves a chance to create an app, help will be provided to that team as well, Scarpinato said.

Students should try and find

teams beforehand, Scarpinato said.

The faculty will help to join students together to form groups if an individual does not have one.

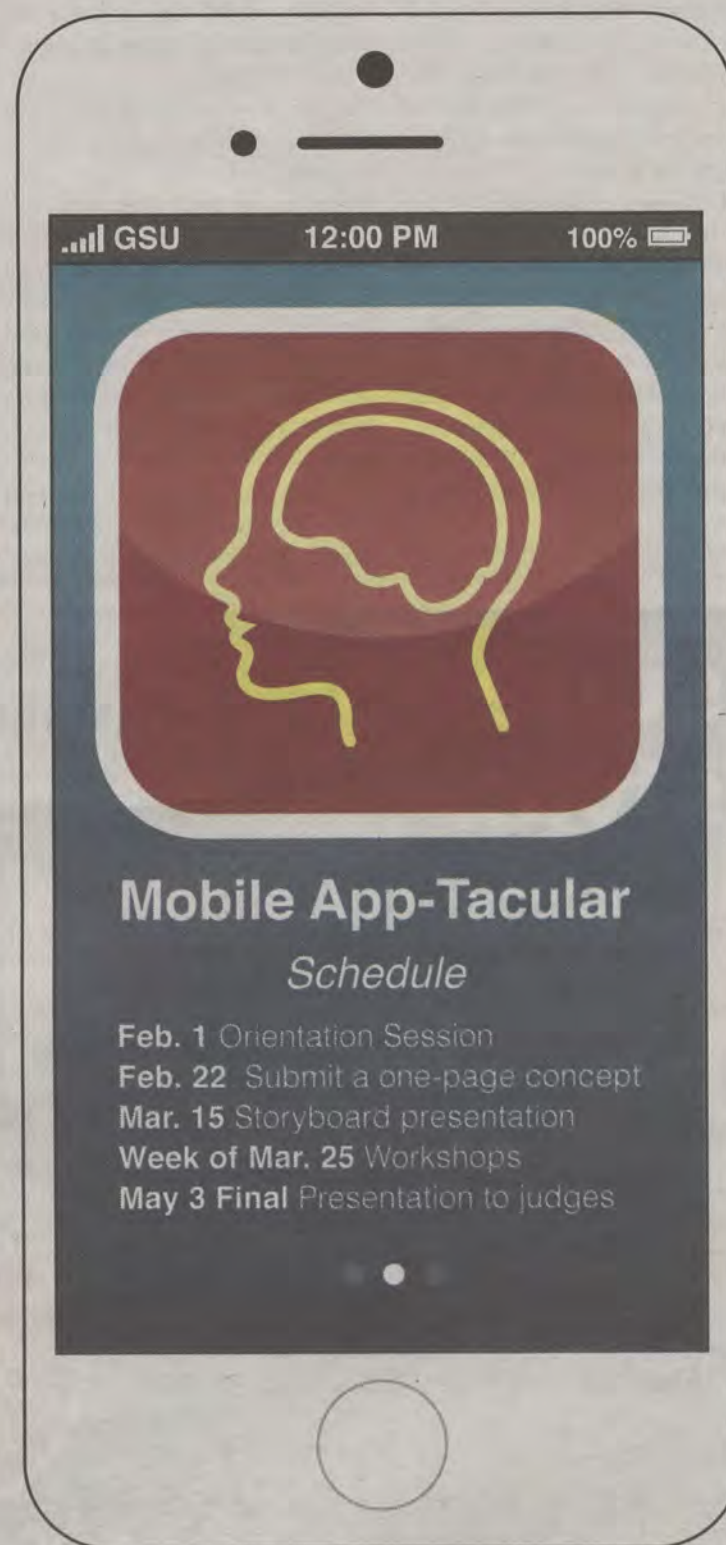
"We don't want an individual who has an idea but no IT or business skills to feel like they can't participate," Case said. "We know lots of students have great ideas but don't have the applications to produce it."

Student organizations will also be available to help with the coding and IT portion of the project, such as IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers), AITP (Association of Information Technology Professionals), ACM (Association for Computing Machinery) and AIS (Association for Information Systems).

The committee wants to see how resourceful the students are and how much support and help that needs to be given, Patterson said.

The judging panel will consist of the steering committee as well as a few external evaluators from GSU alumni and a few key people to whom the university can show off what the students are capable of, Case said.

Case said, "This is an opportunity to let students show what they are capable of."



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Students praise O'Brien's speech on leadership

BY PHYLICIA GALLMON

The George-Anne staff

Martin Luther King Jr.'s voice rang through Hanner Fieldhouse as students, faculty and the community waited for Soledad O'Brien to take the stage.

Students who attended the event praised the CNN anchor for her speech on leadership and the late Dr. King.

"I thought Soledad O'Brien was beyond eloquent. She was exactly how she presents herself on television. She represents a great shift in American culture as we focus more on civil rights in the Spanish community and as well as the LGBT community," Nicholas Anderson, freshman environmental engineering major, said.

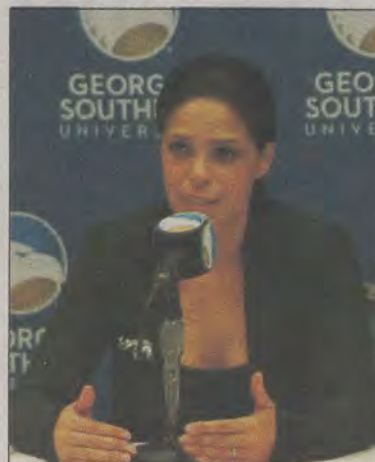
Many think of diversity in

terms of race, but it goes deeper than race, Darius Robinson, graduate assistant in the Multicultural Student Center, said.

As O'Brien spoke about equality and being a voice for what is right, it struck home for a lot of students.

"My biological mother—I'm adopted—has a mental illness because of something that happened to her when she was younger. Because she is not able to stick up for herself because of her mental illness, for someone to be a voice for her is really great to me, and I really appreciate it," Alyssa Griffin, sophomore business management major, said.

With the words of O'Brien still playing back in students' heads, they are taking her lecture



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CNN anchor Soledad O'Brien came to speak at Hanner Fieldhouse.

to heart and thinking of ways to apply what she said to improve equality on campus.

"I think something she was

talking about was diversity and giving equal rights to different communities," Carrie West, sophomore early childhood education major and SOAR leader, said. "I think that it is our job here as SOAR leaders to show people we do have equality, and we do have different groups on campus for everyone to be involved in."

O'Brien was a storyteller on Tuesday night for the MLK Jr. Commemoration at Georgia Southern University.

"I love telling stories," O'Brien said to the many ears listening in Hanner Fieldhouse about how she dropped out of Harvard to pursue her dream in broadcast journalism.

Soledad O'Brien came to GSU to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Multicultural

Student Center, the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and the Office of the Dean of Students worked together to bring O'Brien to campus.

"What we did as an office was submit a list of five names to other administrative offices, particularly the vice president of student affairs and the dean of students, and we collectively work together to figure out who would be the best fit for this University and this year," Michelle Allen, graduate assistant in the Multicultural Student Center, said. "That is how we came up with Soledad O'Brien."

Robinson said, "Having the opportunity to have Soledad O'Brien on campus was definitely a great experience for the students."

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Misdemeanor charges affect future careers

BY DESIREE STENNETT

MCT Campus

Every year, thousands of college students across the nation leave home for the first time and make decisions with potential to affect their lives for years.

Along with choosing career paths, taking classes and asserting their newfound freedom, some also end up with criminal charges on their records.

A U.S. Department of Justice report released in June showed that students who have been arrested, even for minor crimes, face extra obstacles in an already shaky job market.

A criminal record "will keep many people from obtaining employment, even if they have paid their dues, are qualified for the job and are unlikely to re-offend," according to Amy L. Solomon, a senior adviser to the assistant attorney general in the Office of Justice Programs, and author of the report.

Her report pointed out that "the majority of employers indicate that they would 'probably' or 'definitely' not be willing to hire an applicant with a criminal record."

In October, one 20-year-old woman from Broward County, Fla., was visiting the University of Central Florida campus when she was caught holding an open can of beer and charged with misdemeanor underage drinking.

Like her, many students have their first run-in with law enforcement over relatively minor crimes. But even minor infractions could have implications later on.

"You don't want to have that mark on your record," said University of Central Florida police Chief Richard Beary. "With the job market as competitive as it is, even that misdemeanor arrest could have an impact on you depending on what position you're trying to get."

Though it is unclear what proportion of the arrests made by university police

"You don't want to have that mark on your record."

Richard Beary,
UCF Police Chief

involve students rather than members of the general public, the FBI's Uniform Crime Report shows that thousands of arrests are made on Florida college campuses each year.

People who aren't enrolled in schools are on campus for various sporting and social events, and those arrested who are not students are often charged with theft and other property crimes.

Cary Carlisle, a Pensacola, Fla., bail

bondsman, has seen plenty of first-time-offender students come through his doors and said that, although the numbers are low, the experience usually forces those students to grow up fast.

"It's usually a pretty eye-opening experience for them," Carlisle said. "After a while the reality hits them, and all of them are usually scared because this is the first time they have had a brush with the law."

In addition to the long-term pitfalls, students also face short-term consequences, university spokeswoman Zenaida Kotala said.

After an arrest has been reported to the university, the student suspect must go before the Office of Student Conduct, which evaluates each case.

The office's student-conduct board, made up of faculty, staff and students, holds hearings for suspected violators and levies sanctions ranging from formal warnings to expulsion.

Bartels to attend summit

BY LAUREN GORLA

The George-Anne staff

Provost Jean Bartels will be attending a summit in Athens, Ga. to learn more about the Complete College Georgia plan and its effect on Georgia Southern University's funding.



Provost Bartels

"Hopefully once they go to this summit in mid-February, they'll come back with some answers as far as where Georgia Southern goes with this plan so that we can start increasing our graduation-retention rates and not only keep the funding we currently have, but maybe get a little more than usual," Chad Harmon, Student Government Association vice president of Academic Affairs, said.

The purpose of the summit is to gain more information and clarity about what the

Complete College Georgia plan means for the university's future, Harmon said.

Four GSU professors of the Complete College Georgia committee and members of the Statesboro area will accompany Bartels, Harmon said.

"(Bartels and the professors) must also bring someone who's involved in economic development, so the economic developer for Bulloch County is attending, and they also want someone from K through 12 education to be there as well," Harmon said.

The Complete College Georgia plan is based on formula funding and focuses on increasing the number of college graduates in order to fill the new jobs that are readily becoming available, Harmon said.

Patrice Jackson, dean of students, said, "Formula funding means that the funding that Georgia Southern would receive from the state would be based on our retention and our graduation rates if (Complete College Georgia) is the way we go. It will depend on those rates, and that will decide what cuts we would get or what increases we would get to operate here at Georgia Southern University."

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South and Vine Public House opens doors

BY GRACE HUSETH

The George-Anne staff

South and Vine Public House opened for lunch on Monday afternoon and will stay open during lunch hours for the rest of this week.

SVPH lunch hours are between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The grand opening will be Monday, Feb. 4 with the same lunch hours, adding dinner hours from 5 to 11 p.m.

The owner wanted to do a 'soft opening,' where the restaurant is only open during lunch hours for a week. This is to help the new employees get used to the menu and how everything operates, Sarah Roehm, bartender at South and Vine, said.

"We wanted to be prepared with enough food," Roehm said.

Publicity for SVPH's 'soft opening' was publicized on its Facebook page, which has 550 likes, and by word-of-mouth, Seni Alabi-Isama, owner of SVPH, said.

The restaurant saw a large crowd on Monday afternoon that Alabi-Isama did not expect.

"It's literally like I'm opening my home to the public. If you came to my house, this is exactly how I would feed you," Alabi-

Isama said. "We almost did two full turns."

The most popular dish of the day was Shrimp Po-boys, Alabi-Isama said.

Soup, salad and sandwiches are available on the lunch menu and all are made with local ingredients so the lunch menu in the coming months will be different, Alabi-Isama said.

SVPH does its best to use local products from distributors for all the ingredients, from chicken to condiments, as long as the quality is there and the price is right in line with the menu prices, Alabi-Isama.

The dinner that will be introduced next week will include entrees with steak, seafood and chicken, as well as the regular lunch items, Karissa Phelps, senior exercise science major and bartender at South and Vine, said.

"I'm looking forward to dinner because there will be an even bigger crowd," Phelps said.

Alabi-Isama said, "We are really big on value. We want to give people more than they expect. In the days of eight dollar combos from fast-food places, if we can put high-quality scratch-made food on the plate for a comparable price, I just don't see why people won't be interested."



Christal Riley / The George-Anne staff

Customers could order off the lunch menu and choose from select craft brews during SVPH's 'soft opening' this week. The grand opening will be held on Monday, Feb. 4 where the dinner menu will be available.

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more. It's almost like training to raise a child one day," Watkins said.

The volunteers are provided with training manuals, videos, classes and regular staff assistance for their efforts. The group of volunteers holds one meeting per month to check up on the puppies and track progress. The foundation currently uses Poodles, Golden retrievers and Labrador Retrievers in its training program, Watkins said.

"The Guide Dog Foundation likes to be really hands-on and helpful with its volunteers. They always make sure you and your dog are doing well by giving you plenty of advice and instruction on how to raise the puppy," Lee said.

The foundation covers the cost for a crate, veterinary costs, a leash, ID tags and coat. Any expenses that are incurred are tax-

deductible.

"I love that my dog is going to help someone who needs it more than I do," Alyssa Zerbe, veteran volunteer for the foundation and senior biology major at GSU, said.

"This is really a program for people who are dedicated to animals and have a lot of heart. It's harder than it looks but it's all worth it," Zerbe said.

"I have a ton of people walk up to me and thank me for volunteering. It's one of the things that makes the job so rewarding," Lee said.

Watkins said, "I always try to put myself in others people's shoes; I would want to be helped out and assisted in any way that I can, knowing that my work with these dogs is going to be a blessing to other people gives me all the fulfillment I need."



Lindsay Hartmann / The George-Anne staff

Sam gives his trainer a high five on campus, a sign that his trainer has paid close attention to Sam's development.

Broadway legend to perform at the Averitt

BY LAURIANNA CULL

The George-Anne staff

Glory Crampton started out with Olympic aspirations, but in high school the stage stole her heart, leading her to Broadway and recently, to her album recorded in the legendary Abbey Road Studios.

Crampton has been on a long journey to become the star she is today. As a young adult, she did not intend to be a singer or actress, but after changing her career goals, she went to New York University to pursue acting and never looked back.

"My belief is anything you dream, you can achieve with a lot of foresight and focus," Crampton said.

Crampton is touring across the country with her show called "Out of My Dreams: Broadway and More" and will perform at the Averitt Center for the Arts this Saturday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

"She's up there with our top people who have performed here. We've had Broadway performers at the Averitt before but not one as well-known as her," J.D. Lane, box office manager, said.

Crampton tries to share the experience of her time on Broadway and work with various famous composers by including multiple stories into her show.

"People go on a journey with you. They start in one place, and they'll leave hopefully moved and knowing more about composers, musicals and the songs," Crampton said.

"There's a grand piano on stage, my music director and me. It's just a mic and a stool, and it is a little more intimate. You don't really need all the other instruments," Crampton said.

This show is based off her latest album, "Unusual Way," that she recorded at the famous Abbey Road Studios, which once echoed with the legendary music of The Beatles.

"Being in the Abbey Road Studio where The Beatles recorded was surreal and a dream I could not have imagined. There was a whole piece I wrote looking back on my experience



Photo courtesy of Danelle Manthey

Glory Crampton will perform at the Averitt on Saturday, Feb. 2 in "Out of my Dreams: Broadway and More."

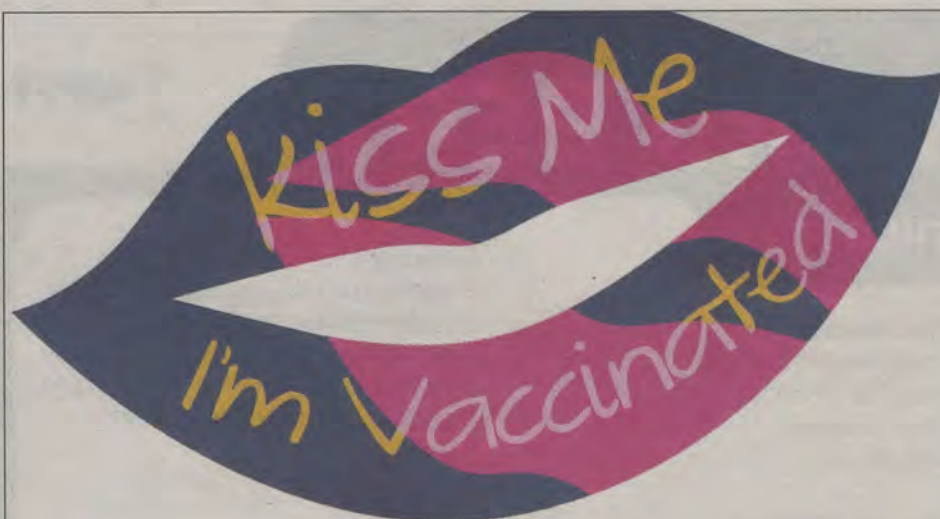
at Abbey Road. I had to find some way to tell people what just happened, and it's a pretty funny song," Crampton said.

Crampton is best known as a Broadway leading lady in shows such as The Fantasticks, My Fair Lady, Carousel, Jane Eyre and Phantom of the Opera. She has also performed personal concerts as well as roles on television.

On Broadway, Crampton has been surrounded with ensembles and elaborate costumes. For this tour, she strips the performance of all this excess flare so that only Crampton and her piano player are on stage.

"You don't have lights and fireworks and people sliding across the stage on their knees. It's a lot more challenging on the performer to hold the attention of the audience. And, the audience is more focused on the performance aspect," Melinda Roell, development director, said.

Crampton said, "You really hear the full voice and everything the voice can do. It's not just a girl singing tune after tune. I weave stories into my concert, and there's even some humor in the show."



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

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

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

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


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

Millhouse

-  All day happy hour
- \$2 wells and draft beer

FRIDAY**Retrievers**

-  Happy Hour 5 to 8 p.m.
-  "Dance Night"
- \$1 Vodka mixed drinks 9 to 11 p.m.
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
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
SUNDAY**Retrievers**

-  Super Bowl Sunday Party 4pm to close
-  All Day Happy Hour


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-  Happy hour 5 to 7 p.m.

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
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-  All day happy hour.
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7 p.m.

BOULDERING NIGHT OUT

THE RAC

This event is open to all ranges of experience, whether you are an experienced climber or a first timer. Participate in the event and get the chance to win prizes while enjoying some free food. The theme for this BNO is Blackout, which will include black lights, glow in the dark stuff, etc. Best dressed may receive a prize as well.

8-11 p.m.

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL BEGINS

THE RAC

Intramural wheelchair basketball begins tonight, and games will be scheduled between 8 and 11 p.m. Come out and watch this interesting way of playing basketball.

FRIDAY 2.1.2013

SOCCER SCHEDULES AVAILABLE

Check the website to find out your soccer schedule for the spring semester. Schedules will be posted by 4 p.m. on the CRI website.

3-5 p.m.

OPEN HIGH CHALLENGE COURSE (ACCESSORIES)

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SATURDAY 2.2.2013

RAC HOURS CHANGE

The RAC will be closed in the morning due to University Open House. It will open at 1 p.m. so you can make sure to still get your workout in.

SUNDAY 2.3.2013

RAC HOURS CHANGE

It's Super Bowl Sunday! The RAC's open hours will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on this date. Normal facility hours will begin again on Monday.

MONDAY 2.4.2013

REGISTRATION OPENS: INNER TUBE WATER POLO

With an entry fee of only \$15, don't miss out on a chance to get involved with intramurals and play some inner tube water polo!

SESSION III SWIM LESSONS BEGIN

THE RAC

Don't miss out on an opportunity to improve your swimming skills offered for five different levels, only for \$10. Choose to attend the second session at either 6:30 or 7:30 p.m.

SOCCER BEGINS

Are you ready to play or watch some soccer? Come out to the fields at the RAC and enjoy some intramural soccer. If you're unfamiliar with the rules of the game, make sure to go over them before showing up to play.

TUESDAY 2.5.2013

8 p.m.

BELAY CLINIC

THE RAC

The clinic is geared to help you gain the SA Climbing Wall Belay Certification. This certification allows you the opportunity to belay other participants, which can help you avoid lines for belayers.

WEDNESDAY 2.6.2013



8 p.m.

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STEM Fair Returns This Spring

By: Taylor D. Terrell
Public Relations/Events Intern for Career Services

The Office of Career Services encourages students in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields to interact with various recruiters by participating in the spring STEM Career Fair. The STEM fair will be held on **Thursday, February 7th from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center.

The STEM Career Fair attracts prominent employers who hope to network with students while educating them about their company, and opportunities.

Over 25 employers are registered at the fair-offering detailed information about their company internships,

co-ops and/or full-time positions. Some of the employers include: AT&T, CSX Transportation, Frito-Lay, Georgia Power and Brasfield & Gorrie. A full list of employers can be found by visiting: <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/career>.

Additionally, Career Services encourages students to send their résumé in advance to employers through Eagle Career Net. This option will allow any student who may have prior obligations, such as class, an equal opportunity to interact and make an impression on the employer(s) that they select to send their résumés, and cover letters to.

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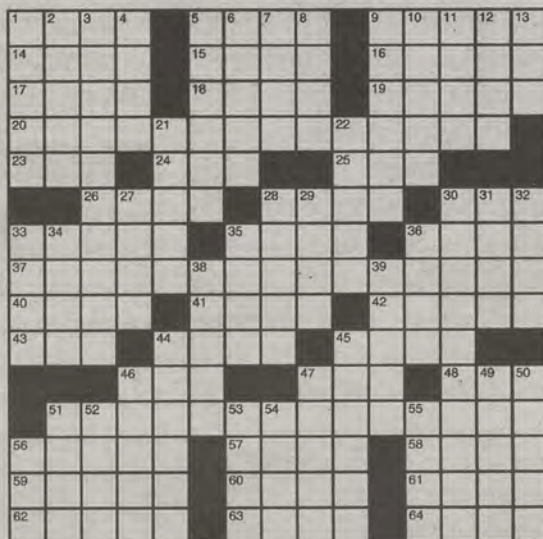
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ACROSS

- 1 Folder projections
- 5 Come-on comeuppance
- 9 Enterprise doctor
- 14 First name at Woodstock
- 15 Freezer cooler
- 16 Popped up
- 17 Market pessimist
- 18 Like Death Valley
- 19 All-night bar?
- 20 Quip, part 1
- 23 Bourbon barrel wood
- 24 Zamboni milieu
- 25 Thumbs-up
- 26 2010 Olympic skiing gold medalist Miller
- 28 Highly skilled
- 30 Coppertone letters
- 33 Dictation whiz
- 35 With precision
- 36 Missing in the mil.
- 37 Quip, part 2
- 40 Aesthetic to a fault
- 41 Milking container
- 42 Dadaism pioneer Max
- 43 Cooking choice
- 44 Wonderland tea party attendee
- 45 Environmental concern
- 46 Crew member
- 47 See 45-Down
- 48 VCR format
- 51 End of the quip
- 56 Yard neatener
- 57 Stoltz of "Pulp Fiction"
- 58 French 101 verb
- 59 Flip over
- 60 Longing look
- 61 See after
- 62 Plaster painting surface
- 63 Violin virtuoso Leopold
- 64 Belligerent god

DOWN

- 1 Major no-no
- 2 Field of play
- 3 Aikido masters
- 4 Mad
- 5 Like hen's teeth
- 6 "Foreign Affairs" Pulitzer author Alison

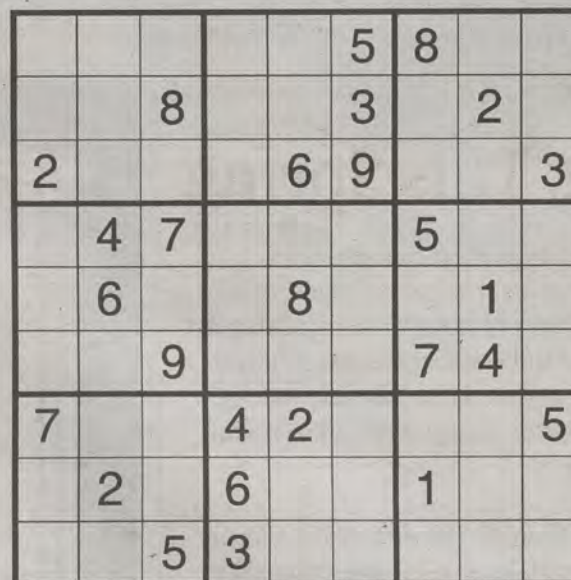
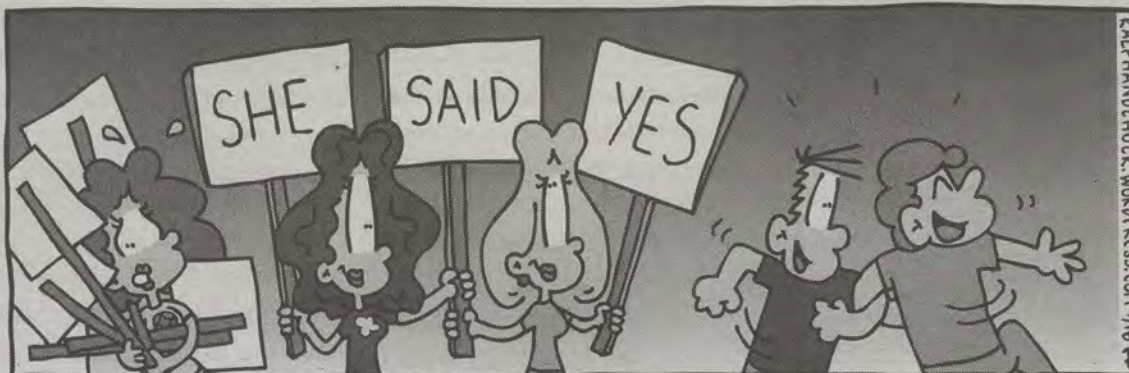


By Jack McInturff

Last Edition's Puzzle Solved

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- 7 Slightly
- 8 Mani-... spa service
- 9 She played Lois in "Superman" films
- 10 Curved piece
- 11 Masked scavenger
- 12 Greek peak
- 13 Still
- 21 Golfer's nonplaying wife, facetiously
- 22 Three-nation '90s treaty
- 27 "I'm ___ human"
- 28 Motherless calf
- 29 ___ of Gloucester: "King Lear" character
- 30 Fiscally conservative Democrat, say
- 31 "Iron Chef" supplies
- 32 Pass (by) quickly, as time
- 33 Booty
- 34 Ancient home of Irish kings
- 35 Unseen "Fiddler on the Roof" tyrant
- 36 Picked locks?
- 38 Separated
- 39 Lyons lady
- 44 Bob or beehive
- 45 With
- 47-Across, modern-day chauffeur
- 46 "Catch This!" autobiographer Terrell
- 47 Early American crop
- 49 "Stormy Weather" singer
- 50 RR postings
- 51 "Dream on!"
- 52 Carries a mortgage, say
- 53 Video game giant
- 54 Herr's better half
- 55 Old 48-Across rival
- 56 Coffee holder



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Eagles look forward to ending time on road

Men's Basketball (9-12)

BY KATIE TOLBERT

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University's men's basketball team (9-12) will play at Furman University (5-13) at 7 p.m. to complete its three-game road swing.

Last week, GSU went 1-1 losing to Appalachian State University but defeating Western Carolina University. Losing to the Mountaineers by a single three-pointer in overtime was a tough loss for the boys, but they kept fighting and beat WCU by a six points.

With this performance in mind, Furman has an energetic and rested team coming its way. The Eagles have

had five days to rest before they had to be back on the road, and they are coming off of a good road win as well.

The Paladins are going to have to rely heavily on their defense, considering their shooting is not up to par with the Eagles, and GSU has several big scorers. Furman, overall, is shooting 41 percent from the field and 33 percent from behind the arc. For the Paladins, the leaders of their offense are senior forward Colin Reddick with 217 points, freshman guard Stephen Croone with 158 points and freshman guard Larry Wideman with 135 points.

The Eagles are shooting 43 percent from the field and 34 percent from behind the arc. The leading scorers

this season for the Eagles are junior forward Eric Ferguson with 297 points, senior guard C.J. Reed with 246 points and junior guard Tre Bussey with 218 points.

Furman is very young compared to the Eagles' veterans. The Eagles have the advantage in this game when it comes to experience on the court. So, if the Eagles use their reoccurring chemistry on the court and broader knowledge of this conference team, they should pull out a victory.

Returning home after three away games and two days resting, the Eagles should have a tough game against the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.



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Freshman guard Cleon Roberts (0) reaches to make a shot against College of Charleston. He currently averages 8.3 points per game.

C.J. Reed shines as focal point of GSU's offense

BY SHAKEEM HOLLOWAY

The George-Anne staff

Down three points, less than 20 seconds to go, the Georgia Southern University men's basketball team has the ball; senior point guard C.J. Reed hits a clutch three and ties the game forcing overtime.

The Eagles would go on to lose that game, a week ago, against the Appalachian State University Mountaineers even after Reed gave the Eagles another lead 62-61 with 28 seconds left.

In that very same week, Reed was named Southern Conference player of the week for the second time this season, after helping the Eagles go 2-1 including a huge win over The College of Charleston, which holds the best record in the South Division of the SoCon.

The first time Reed was named SoCon player of the week, he was also named Mid-Major player of the week when the senior led the Eagles to a 3-1 record including a win over college basketball powerhouse Virginia Tech.

Reed scored in double figures for four straight games in December,

including his 22-point outburst against Virginia Tech that led to a GSU win.

Reed only managed to score a total of 27 points in his first four games as an Eagle.

It took a while but Reed has finally come along after a slow start to the season for the senior transferring from the University of Central Florida.

This is Reed's first season with the Eagles and prior to the season starting, the team was hit with the injury bug, and as a result, chemistry issues prevented them from meshing on the court to start the season.

As the season progressed, Reed began to blossom.

"With these guys they made me feel at home when I got here, so I've been able to step into that leadership role, and they've done a great of following and we're coming together," Reed said.

Reed is averaging 11.7 points per game, which makes him the second leading scorer on the team behind junior forward Eric Ferguson. Reed is a prolific three-point shooter, shooting at a three-point field goal percentage of 37.5.

Recently, Reed posted a career



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Senior guard C.J. Reed (24) is currently second on the team for averaging 11.7 points per game so far this season.

high in assists with 11 against Western Carolina University. In that same game Reed passed the 500-career assists milestone.

"Being a senior point guard I got to lead these guys. I got to have confidence in them, I know they can

make plays," Reed said after a win over the Cougars.

Prior to reaching his career high in assists, the senior point guard had rattled off another double-digit four-game scoring streak as the Eagles went 2-2 in that span.

As Reed goes, the Eagles go. In six of 12 Eagles losses, Reed shot the ball with a field goal percentage less than 33 percent.

Reed has led the Eagles in scoring, passing and/or rebounds each at least once this season.



File Photo

Junior pitcher Sarah Purvis (00) was named SoCon Preseason Pitcher of the Year.

Preseason title given to Eagles

Softball

BY JACKIE GUTKNECHT

The George-Anne staff

Tuesday, the Georgia Southern University softball team was picked as the Preseason Southern Conference Season Champions in the preseason coaches poll.

The Eagles were selected to repeat as the SoCon regular season champions, and junior pitcher Sarah Purvis was also named as the Preseason Pitcher of the Year.

The poll consisted of votes from all of the Southern Conference softball head coaches.

GSU earned seven of the nine first place votes in the poll, putting it above the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga,

followed by the College of Charleston and Appalachian State University.

The Eagles' first conference opponent this season, Elon University, finished fifth on the poll, followed by University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Western Carolina University, Samford University and Furman University.

Purvis is the fourth-straight pitcher from GSU to be named SoCon Preseason Pitcher of the Year. Purvis is the defending SoCon Pitcher of the Year and SoCon Tournament Most Outstanding Player. She also set a new school record with 23 victories and 253 strikeouts on the year.

The Eagles will open their 2013 season in the Eagle Round Robin on Feb 8 through the 10 at Eagle Field.



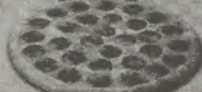
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Eagles look for payback at Hanner Fieldhouse

Women's Basketball (4-14)

BY RANDALL HAMPTON

The George-Anne staff

Round two of the matchup between the Georgia Southern University women's basketball team and Davidson College Wildcats will take place Saturday at 5 p.m. at Hanner Fieldhouse.

The last time GSU crossed paths with Davidson, 27 turnovers led to a 61-49 loss for the Eagles. That game was in North Carolina where Davidson has lost only once all season.

GSU is coming off of a tough loss to Elon University, but the team has been playing some of its best basketball of the season. The Eagles let the possibility of their third straight win slip away in the final five minutes.

In the loss to Elon the Eagles committed 21 turnovers, while in the two wins before that game GSU committed 11 and 18 turnovers respectively.

If GSU does not want a repeat of the first meeting the team will have to limit its turnovers.

If the GSU turnovers were not enough to worry about, GSU also has to deal with the Southern Conference Player of the Week in



Tasha Lund/The George-Anne

Junior guard Mimi DuBose (33) defends against a Wofford player. She led the Eagles in their last game with 21 points.

Davidson's senior forward Sophia Aleksandravicius.

Aleksandravicius leads the SoCon

in rebounding and blocked shots averaging 10 rebounds and 3 blocks per game. At 6'5 she is literally a big

reason Davidson is 9-1 in the SoCon. Aleksandravicius put up 24 points and 10 rebounds to go along with

8 blocks in the first meeting. Her numbers were impressive, but they did not tell the complete story of the game.

GSU did not allow another player on the Davidson roster to score over 7 points, which allowed the Eagles to keep Davidson in their sights.

Junior guard Mimi DuBose led the Eagles with 21 points as she knocked down four of her seven three pointers.

Unfortunately for GSU, none of the other Eagles managed to score over 6 points. It will take a team effort to contain Davidson and the imposing presence known as Aleksandravicius.

GSU could benefit from the improving team chemistry that has helped the team win two of its last three games. Head coach Chris Vozab deciding to go small and start four guards has led to some success.

Aleksandravicius has wreaked havoc on the opposing team's game plan all season. Saturday in Hanner Fieldhouse, Vozab and the Eagles will get to show what adjustments they have made and possibly pull off a huge upset.

Check out thegeorgeanne.com for coverage of this weekend's games.

Alumni Day set for Saturday's double header

BY JACKIE GUTKNECHT

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University men's and women's basketball teams will host an Alumni Day on Saturday at Hanner Fieldhouse.

The women's team tips off against Southern Conference preseason favorite Davidson College at 5 p.m.

Right after that the men's team will

host the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga at 7:30 p.m.

Purchasing a ticket to the women's game will also grant access to the men's game, and a commemorative poster featuring GSU basketball alumni will be given out at the door.

Each of the teams has invited its Eagle alumni back on campus for the game day and will introduce and recognize them during halftime of

each game.

GSU women's basketball Hall of Fame members, Phyllette Blake, Regina Days-Bryan and Sharon Mitchell-Coleman are all scheduled to be back on campus for the event.

Returning men's basketball alums, including former All-TAAC selections Brian Newton and Mike Stokes as well as former coach Frank Kerns, will be in the broadcasting booth with GSU

Hall of Fame member and current head coach Charlton "C.Y." Young.

The men's team is coming off of a 72-66 win at Western Carolina University Saturday and will travel to Furman University today at 7 p.m.

The Eagle women's team have won two of their last three games and play seven of their final 10 regular-season games at home in Hanner Fieldhouse.



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