Student hit by car now in ICU
Police: Driver went off road, ran into trees after collision

BY LINDSAY GASKINS
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University senior Nick Ward remains in critical condition after an oncoming car hit him Thursday night on Georgia Avenue.

Ward is currently in ICU on a ventilator with no signs of brain activity, according to an email sent from his hometown church, St. Paul Lutheran Church.

“The vehicle was traveling south on Georgia Avenue and approached a sharp turn to the left and continued going straight,” Trooper Bert Clifton of the Georgia State Patrol said. “The vehicle struck a pedestrian that was walking on the sidewalk and a yield sign.”

“It then traveled into the wooded area on Georgia Avenue and struck several small trees on the right front bumper area,” Clifton said.

This case was turned over to the Georgia State Patrol unit and no further information has been released.

The GSP investigator in charge of this case was not available by press time.

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Mexican and margaritas: Fuzzy’s on the way

BY GRACE HUSETH
The George-Anne staff

Fuzzy’s Taco Shop will add a new addiction to Statesboro’s collection of Mexican restaurants with Tex-Mex style tacos and a full bar menu.

Construction for Fuzzy’s Taco Shop began last week on Hwy 301 across from Millhouse Steakhouse at the former Sonny’s BBQ location.

The scheduled timeline to open is at the end of March but nothing is definitive with construction processes, Mitchell Clearman, director of development for Fuzzy’s Taco Shop, said.

“Millhouse has a good atmosphere, and another restaurant will bring more attention,” Lemuel Watts, freshman computer science major, said.

Opening Fuzzy’s Taco Shop next door to Millhouse Steakhouse could bring more students to the area and create a new bar scene, Watts said.

The building is being renovated to include a full bar and covered patio that will wrap around the building, Clearman said.

“Fuzzy’s has a neat menu with every kind of taco you can think of,” Clearman said.

The selection includes tacos ranging from crawfish to pulled pork, salad and entré options, as well as tacos and burritos on a breakfast menu that will be served all day, Clearman said.

Fuzzy’s will be a strong competitor in the Statesboro Mexican restaurant market with the addition of specialty tacos and a full bar.

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Monarch 301 completion date set for May

BY SHELBY FARMER
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Monarch 301, a new apartment complex in Statesboro, is set to complete construction in May.

“We are projected to get our (Certificates of Occupancy) in the month of May. The date’s dependent on inspections and that kind of thing, but our COs for finishing construction come in May,” Tara Scott, general manager of Monarch 301, said.

Receiving a CO signifies that inspections and building codes have passed, Scott said.

The complex is located on Old Register Road near the RAC and new biology building of Georgia Southern University.

“Our main entrance for the site is going to be off of Old Register Road, so we’re going to be faced (toward campus), so there won’t be any crossing of main highways,” Scott said.

Monarch 301 will be included in Parking and Transportation’s non-commuter zone.

“This complex will not be eligible for on-campus parking due to the close proximity to campus,” Kristi Bryant, director of parking and transportation, said in an email. “The non-commuter zone on our website is current for this year. As the new complexes come online, the list will be updated, as will our map.”

The complex will have features that will make it safer for students, Scott said.

Residents will have one key that will be compatible with the front doors, entry doors, amenity and bedroom doors, Scott said.

“We are all-interior, so it’s a hallway, like a hotel, so (residents) have to have access with their key to get inside,” Scott said. “It’s a great safety feature.”

Security cameras will be located throughout the property, and there are currently no plans for hiring security guards, but two managers, a maintenance supervisor and a staff of 12 will live on-site, Scott said.

The complex will have a variety of floor plans including one, two and four-bedroom units.

“We have discussed the idea of doing three-bedrooms,” Scott said. "I don’t think there’s a specific reason that we didn’t choose to. I think it’s just the way the architecture worked out.”

Four-bedroom units are advantageous because a resident who takes part in Monarch 301’s roommate-matching system is more likely to get along with one of his or her roommates, Daniel Osborne, assistant general manager of Monarch 301, said.

“And then most people who come in in twos want a two-bedroom together, and if they’re wanting to save money too, they can do a four and another group of two can come in, so it does work better for the students,” Osborne said. “Everything we do for our leasing process is, for the most part, online, so we try to be as paperless as possible,” Scott said. “We save a lot of paper that way, by doing most of our lease signing and connecting with our residents through online resources.”

Amenities of the complex include a resort-style pool, volleyball court, dog park, library and coffee bistro within the clubhouse, 24-hour gym, game room and tanning beds, Scott said.

“It’s a really awesome pool. It’s a huge pool, about 5,000-square-feet, so it’s going to be basically the center of everything,” Scott said.

“We also have a really amazing resident’s life program that focuses on all the different avenues that students are going to be interested in, giving them volunteer opportunities,” Osborne said. “I like to include that in amenities too.”

Monarch 301 will offer a variety of events for residents to participate in, including academic and recreational events, as well as monthly volunteer opportunities, Osborne said.

“What’s great about Monarch is that we know that is important, and we keep it going throughout the full year,” Osborne said. “We don’t let die out in the summer because we’re like ‘oh, no one’s here.’ We’ll hold true to that promise.”

Each unit comes fully furnished, with stainless steel appliances in the kitchen, ENERGY STAR energy-efficient appliances, hardwood floors throughout and a 40-inch flat-screen television, Scott said.

Scott said, “The washing machine is a really cool feature. It’s a sensing load, so it senses exactly how many clothes are in the washing machine so it uses the appropriate amount of water instead of wasting.”
## Police Beat

**Thursday, Feb. 7**

8:40 a.m.: An incident report was taken for a criminal trespass at Southern Pines. Criminal investigations was assigned this case.

1:53 p.m.: Officers responded to the Human Ecology Building in reference to a sick person. EMS was notified, responded and transported the sick person.

10:20 p.m.: Officers responded to a drug complaint at Kennedy Hall. Three occupants were judicially referred.

12:29 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident on Forest Drive at Akins Boulevard. A motor vehicle accident report was completed.

12:33 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident on Forest Drive at Old Register Road. A motor vehicle accident report was completed.

8:08 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident – hit and run at Paulson Parking. The driver of the vehicle, Robert Morrison Ferrell, 23, was arrested and charged with leaving the scene of an accident & DUI 1st – refusal.

12:50 a.m.: Officers responded to intoxicated persons at Kennedy Hall. Two persons were arrested: Robert Angus Lewis, 19, was charged with possession of alcohol under 21 years of age & obstruction – misdemeanor. Nicoletta Ashley Kubea, 18, was charged with possession of alcohol under 21 years of age & false I.D.

2:51 a.m.: Officers assisted the Statesboro Police Department with an incident that occurred at Bunz.

3:06 a.m.: Officers responded to Centennial Place in reference to a sick person. The sick person Hunter Cleland St Laurent, 19, was arrested and charged with possession of alcohol under 21 years of age.

**Friday, Feb. 8**

11:47 a.m.: Officers responded to the Information Technology Building in reference to a sick person. EMS was notified, responded but did not transport.

12:32 p.m.: An incident report was taken for an entering auto at Eagle Village J Lot. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

1:09 p.m.: Officers responded to Einstein’s Bagels in reference to a drug complaint. An employee found a small baggie containing a substance believed to be marijuana on the lobby floor.

1:27 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft at the Henderson Library. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

2:29 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident on Akins Boulevard. A motor vehicle accident report was completed.

2:30 p.m.: Criminal Investigations received an Eagle Eye Witness email in reference to a terroristic threat. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Caleb Jamaal Clemmons, 20, and was charged with terroristic threats via computer.

**Saturday, Feb. 9**

2:32 a.m.: Officers responded to University Villas in reference to an unwanted person. The unwanted person, Bradley David Higgins, 20, was arrested and charged with possession of alcohol under 21 years of age & false I.D.

2:33 a.m.: Officers responded to Freedom’s Landing in reference to suspicious persons. An investigation resulted in a motor vehicle accident report being completed.

11:28 p.m.: Officers responded to Eagle Village in reference to alcohol violation complaint. Three occupants were judicially referred.

**Sunday, Feb. 10**

1:30 a.m.: Officers responded to the Eagle Village Clubhouse in reference to a sick person. EMS was notified, responded and transported the sick person.

4:39 a.m.: An incident report was taken for criminal trespass at Southern Courtyard. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

12:09 a.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident in the Fine Arts Building parking lot. A motor vehicle accident report was completed.

12:33 p.m.: An incident report was taken for lost or mislaid property at Eagle Village.

4:30 p.m.: Officers responded to the RAC fields in reference to an injured person. EMS was notified and responded but did not transport.

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**Corrections**

In Thursday’s edition, the story “The Nest offers free meal for appreciation,” the number of registered meal plans this year was misreported. There are currently over 7,000 students with meal plans. The story also misidentified Michael Murphy’s title. He is the marketing coordinator of Eagle Dining Services.

Contact the editor at gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu for corrections and errors.
Our View

Fish research excellent for GSU

In Thursday’s paper, we reported on Georgia Southern University’s study of cancer and other human ailments by using zebrafish, which are genetically similar to humans. The transparent nature of the zebrafish’s body will allow an inside look into a new way to treat cancer involving carbon rods and microwaves. The study also aims to gather more knowledge regarding strokes and autism. Zebrafish have been selected due to their ability to regenerate organs and body parts.

This may seem cruel, but the benefits that the study could bring to medicine and to GSU justify the means. Aside from the disease already mentioned, zebrafish are also being used to study melanoma, cardiovascular diseases, inflammation and retinal damage. The studies already conducted using zebrafish have given insight into each of these health issues and may one day offer possible treatments and cures for each.

The fruits of the research could not only help humanity, but may also lead to more funding and more interest from prospective students, professors and researchers. If the research is especially fruitful, it will lead to more interest in using GSU’s facilities for more studies.

As the research progresses and a better understanding of the ailments is gained, GSU will not only reap the benefits of the study but also the prestige and reputation of hosting the research. Being the benefactor of such a humanitarian study will only improve GSU’s national and international standing and lead to a stronger university.

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BSA needs to show leadership skills

The Boy Scouts of America National Executive Board announced last week that it would postpone making the decision of whether or not to allow homosexuals into the organization until its next meeting, which is in May. The NEB is saying that, “after careful consideration and extensive dialogue with the scouting family,” it needs more time to look at the issue before making the decision that is best for the BSA.

On the surface, this might seem like a wise choice. If you’re having trouble making a decision, taking a step back to look at it more thoroughly or from a different angle is a viable, and often encouraged, option. But the BSA is not a person trying to figure out if he wants a burger or chicken strips. This is a huge issue with huge consequences. By postponing the decision, it is showing a weak affinity for one of the skills that the organization tries to instill in boys. No, I’m not talking about making half-assed decisions too soon, though that does happen at the local level more often than it probably should.

By postponing the vote on whether or not to strike down the “gay ban,” the BSA’s central leadership is showing a lack of just that: leadership. The very idea of leaving the choice of allowing homosexuals into the troops up to the troops themselves goes against what the BSA was built on.

The BSA’s congressional charter states that the organization’s purpose is to teach boys “to do things for themselves and others, to train them in scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance and kindred virtues,” among other things. Regardless of what your stance on the issue is, leaving it up to the troops is definitely not training boys in kindred virtues.

One of the things about the BSA that has historically appealed to people is that it establishes a common code of ethics and sense of virtue. By proposing what it did, then postponing it, the NEB has shown a startling lack of decisiveness that is expected of the central leadership of an organization like the BSA. The statement it made about having a dialogue with the scouting community only after announcing the vote shows that the NEB was not following the motto, “Be Prepared,” as well as a disconnect from the organization as a whole.

The governing body of an organization that attempts to train boys to be courageous, decisive, virtuous and strong needs to show the same characteristics, which is the NEB has most certainly not done.

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Ex-LAPD cop Dorner divisive

The recent developments in Los Angeles have brought out the worst in cops and citizens alike.

Ex-Los Angeles Police Department cop Christopher Dorner published a manifesto online and then killed three people, leading the police department on a manhunt that still has not been resolved by the time I'm writing this.

Normally, people all around the world and country would be vilifying Dorner for what he has done and is doing. However, certain elements of the populace have a soft spot for this murderer. See, in his manifesto he denounces the practices of the LAPD calling it “racist” among other things. To some people he is a hero who is exposing the injustices within the system and unfortunately committed some crimes to get noticed. Many people distrust authority figures and law enforcement in particular to the point where they'd rather root for a killer than the people trying to bring him to justice.

Of course, the LAPD isn't helping itself too much. The LAPD has reopened the investigation that resulted in Dorner's firing, but the department will probably reach the same conclusion that it did last time, albeit amongst more scrutiny. Officers of the department have also opened fire on two trucks that they believed contained Dorner, but neither of them contained the suspect. The officers' itchy trigger-finger has been explained in two ways: The department wants Dorner dead so he cannot keep spreading his inside information about the department, or the cops are a little nervous considering Dorner had already targeted two cops and killed one. The latter argument seems to make more sense, though the first argument is very popular with those who don't like the LAPD.

How long can Dorner keep this manhunt going? The last lead on him is the San Bernardino Mountains, where his footprints could be seen in the snow. He has a $1 million bounty on his head and heat-detecting helicopters scouring the mountains. Despite his military training, he probably won't last too long.

After he is caught, dead or alive, the question of his legacy will have to be answered. Was he a heroic killer like Guy Fawkes of England, or is he just another disgruntled employee trying to seek revenge on his former employer? That's for us, the people, to decide.

James Farmer
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Pelosi expects too much

"It is a false argument to say that the government has a spending problem." Those are the exact words that came out of Nancy Pelosi's mouth in an interview this week. The topic was sequestration, which is a round of budget cuts to the tune of $85 billion that President Obama and former Speaker Nancy Pelosi are trying to avoid. Instead they want to remedy the situation with - surprise, surprise - more tax increases.

As much as Democrats like to blame the Bush administration for all of their problems, they can't argue the fact that in the past 4 years discretionary spending has increased 14 percent from what it was before Obama took office. This is an outrageous amount of spending that has increased our deficit to the point of absolute absurdity. This government’s budget is $3.5 trillion annually. Yes, I said trillion. I find this almost comical because I remember back in 2009, during Obama’s first state of the union address, one of his main goals was to halve the deficit by the end of his first term. With a majority of our budget being set aside for entitlement subsidies such as Medicare and Medicaid, going in to reform these programs would be the most obvious option to make budget cuts and could probably get a majority of the necessary cuts from those programs alone. Why Pelosi insists on trying to raise taxes even more is beyond rational thought.

Any Democrat that is interviewed will consistently point to Republicans as being stubborn old men that don't want to negotiate and come to an agreement simply because we don't agree with what they propose. In this interview with Pelosi the stereotype was shown to be almost the exact opposite. After raising taxes earlier this year, just like they wanted to, they automatically go straight to wanting to raise taxes even more as soon as they are faced with a situation that puts them in a corner, showing no regard for the fact that they have already done so. With a government that spends $3.5 trillion each year, Democrats can't find $85 billion to cut in order to avoid the automatic cuts that will be put in place.

It would appear that they are the ones who don't want to cooperate, unless they can come up with cuts by taking more of our hard-earned money.

Blair Mutimer
Mutimer is a senior construction management major from Augusta. He is involved with the College Republicans and has worked on political campaigns in Augusta.

Obama’s robot army must go

Some days, it’s hard to tell there’s a Democrat in the White House when it comes to foreign policy. The Obama administration has built an ugly reputation concerning drone use and quite frankly, it earns it. They have repeatedly called drone strikes in sovereign countries to kill terrorist suspects with civilian casualties as a result. I have a major problem with the constant civilian casualties when this administration uses drones. It’s not fair that a little girl in Yemen will have to grow up without her mother because she was killed unintentionally or a father in Pakistan will have to bury his son because he was too close to a terrorist’s car when it was targeted by a drone.

What’s more unnerving is the fact that this will continue to happen. No one represents the little girl or the family member of a dead civilian. If what a silent, invisible robot in the sky killed your brother? With that in mind, it should be noted that for every one terrorist killed by a drone attack, there are 50 civilian casualties. That’s extremely inefficient and sloppy. We are causing too much heartache in the name of counter-terrorism. People who live in areas where there are drone attacks can barely live their lives without the constant fear of death falling from the sky.

Chris Ware
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With every civilian death, America loses credibility. We lose the credibility of calling ourselves exceptional because one part of being exceptional means our government doesn’t kill innocent people, no matter the circumstances. America has unwritten laws that must be followed to keep us the country to emulate; we give everyone a fair shot, we don’t negotiate with terrorists and we don’t kill civilians. All three of those unwritten rules have been broken at one time or another, therefore leading to the thought that we are forgetting the values that make America great. The Obama administration has to stop being careless with its drone use, we have to hold them accountable, and we have to realize we can no longer accept civilian casualties as a result in the "war on terror."
McIntyre misses mark

Dear Editor,

In the February 7 issue of The George-Anne, Thomas J. McIntyre criticized a review and endorsement of the play, "The Vagina Monologues." After my first read of McIntyre's letter, I had anticipated defending the show with reason and logic. I'm glad I decided to give the article a second look because no argument was needed to contradict McIntyre.

In his first sentence, McIntyre writes, "Unfortunately, as the title indicates, the Vagina Monologues purports to raise awareness about issues concerning women's sexuality and violence against women, primarily rape." That sentence is quite an accurate summation of the play's content and, honestly, had me hoping that finally someone who complained in The George-Anne did his research.

The crushing of my hopes came from the very next sentence, where McIntyre states, "Unfortunately, as the title indicates, the play focuses solely on the sexual aspect of women's lives." How do you raise awareness of an issue if you don't focus on it? It seems that McIntyre is criticizing this work for doing exactly what he said it was trying to do. McIntyre continues to claim that the piece was demeaning to women and, in another brilliant murder of logic, asks, "Are the deepest thoughts and feelings of women, and their very feminine identity, expressed only in their sexuality?" I don't believe a woman's sexuality is the entirety of her being, but "The Vagina Monologues" does not claim that. All it does is explore female sexuality, sexual experience and its effect on the lives of a few women.

He then criticizes the Democratic Party for promoting birth control and abortion rights, even though those two political issues concern multiple demographics of American females to this day. McIntyre claims that the crusade against sexual violence actually reinforces it, because the crusaders are supposedly accepting women as sexual objects. I'm no history major, but I seem to recall a few Christian crusades in the Middle East that didn't help Islam or Judaism all that much. He ends by saying, "The only acceptable response is true, self-sacrificing love." Response to what? Democrats? Sexual violence? Vaginas? Another fine example of how the least informed of us seem to complain the most. As for me, I'll be keeping my nose out of vaginas where I'm not welcome.

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Women define themselves

Dear Editor,

In last Thursday's letter to the editor, Thomas McIntyre's statement that "(a) new paradigm is needed; one that sees a woman's sexuality as a component, albeit an important one, of her whole feminine identity" is, in fact, an accurate summary of Eve Ensler's vision when she first wrote "The Vagina Monologues" in 1996. All those who have actually attended "The Vagina Monologues" would most likely agree. Despite what its title may suggest, "The Vagina Monologues" is not solely about sex. For example, one monologue focuses on giving birth, another about trips to the gynecologist, and yet another about reclaiming the word "clint," a word which is negative in connotation and has been used for years to degrade women.

With all of this in mind, it is actually no one's place, male or female, to define women's experiences or tell a woman how she should think or feel. One of the fundamental purposes of the "Monologues" is to retell actual women's stories. These stories are not up for debate; they are true. McIntyre described these women's stories as "demeaning," synonyms for which include "degrading," "humiliating," and "mortifying." For him to suggest that the "Monologues" are "demeaning" or a "debasement," repressive of women's sexuality, is a statement that, in and of itself, is repressive of women's sexuality. Who are we to say that a woman is not allowed to be proud of her vagina or even (if she so chooses) to be defined by her vagina or her sexuality?

Finally, the "Monologues" is completely volunteer-driven. The directors, actresses, ushers or other volunteers are not paid, nor are they ever forced to participate in any way. If this show is so "demeaning," why has it become the global movement that it is today raising over $75 million for women's charities since it began almost 17 years ago?

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Ware needs some common sense of his own

Dear Editor,

Chris Ware reported on the lack of common sense in the gun debate in Thursday's paper and confuses quite a bit of terminology, as well as enacted laws.

A common misconception is about what qualifies as an automatic rifle. An AR-15 cannot fire automatically. The gun is, by definition, a semi-automatic rifle that shoots a .556 or Remington .223 round. Another misconception about assault weapons is that they cannot be used for hunting. This is extremely far from the truth. Many coyote hunters love the AR-15 because it is light, as well as accurate and extremely customizable.

One of the many things that Ware said in his column that personally hurt me, a gun owner, is that these assault weapons "have one primary purpose: to kill as many people as possible in the shortest, most efficient amount of time." This implies quite a few assumptions about gun owners. I use my guns to perforate two things, animals and paper. 1, along with the hundred million other lawful gun owners in the U.S., have never and will never kill another person.

The founding fathers wrote that it is a self-evident right to own arms, and their writings imply that this right should be used to keep the government in check. So no, I am actually quite certain that I could go shooting with Ben Franklin and have him not start cursing his own deeds and thoughts.

Only 358 murders were committed with rifles, as opposed to handguns, which comprised 6,009 murders in 2010. This makes Ware's statement that he "has no qualms [about] owning handguns... especially ironic considering handguns are the most common weapons used in U.S. murders, opposed to cars and trucks which comprised 32,885 deaths in 2010. Ware says that "the right to swing my fist ends where the next man's nose begins," but I think this line of thinking is more like "your rights end where my emotions begin." Let's bring some common sense to the table and crack down on illegal weapons and mental health care instead of hurting lawful citizens.

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Shen receives funds for highway research

BY LAUREN GORLA
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Department of Transportation awarded $300,000 to Junan Shen, civil engineering professor, to continue his research regarding the process of mixing scrap tires and asphalt to build more durable highways.

"(In) the state of Georgia we produce about nine million scrap tires from vehicles each year. This is a huge amount, and it's a problem. In some other states like Florida, Texas, Arizona and California, all have used the tires in the pavement, but Georgia is one of the only states in the southern area to not use this kind of technology," Shen, a professor at Georgia Southern University, said.

The Georgia Department of Transportation has been working with Shen over the past two years on his project and are now waiting for the results of Shen's experiments before using the asphalt-rubber mixture in future highways.

"We just had our kick-off meeting today where we went over what the plan is and everything is going in the right direction," Georgene Geary, state research engineer for the Georgia Department of Transportation, said.

Shen will be sending in his research as the tests are completed and will be sending a report to the GDOT every three months, Geary said.

"We don't do research just to do research. We're looking for results," Geary said.

Shen has broken-up the scrap tires into smaller particles that he calls crumb rubber. He then mixes this with asphalt and rock to create the mixture used to pave highways.

This particle modifies with the asphalt, a liquid used to make the pavement. If the crumb rubber is added, the material will be more durable, Shen said.

The two processes being tested are the wet process and the dry process.

In the wet process, the crumb rubber is mixed with the asphalt first and then mixed with rock to create the final mixture, Shen said.

"The dry process means without mixing with the bonder first, we don't need to mix the asphalt with the rubber first. We put the asphalt liquid, the crumb rubber and the rock all together at the same time," Shen said.

The state of Georgia is more interested in the dry process because it is relatively easy and may prove to be cheaper in the long run, Shen said.

The project that Shen is working on now is focusing on studying these two processes to see which one will be better for Georgia highways.

"We want to look from the molecule size to see how the asphalt liquid reacts with the crumb rubber. This is something very important. If they react completely, it will make the asphalt bond stronger. If they do not react to each other, we're not sure if it's good or not," Shen said.

Currently, the state of Georgia uses a commercial mixture called SBS to produce its highways, Shen said.

Shen said, "In order to be used as a material in the state of Georgia, it has to be durable. The second thing is, it can't cost more than the SBS."
Residents question current drill procedures

BY LAUREN GORLA
The George-Anne staff

Even with the upcoming tornado season, Georgia Southern University's residential complexes do not run a drill exclusively for tornadoes.

"When we do our fire drills, we go through the normal process of the fire drill, and then when we let students back in the building we keep them on the first floor for about five minutes, and we go through the difference of what a tornado watch is and what a tornado warning is," Sara Bailey, Resident Life area coordinator, said.

The main reason why there is no organized, separate tornado drill in the residence halls is because students at this age should know what to do if a tornado ever hit, Tierza Watts, director of residence education, said.

The short meeting after a fire drill occurs in the interior corridors like Kennedy, Watson, Centennial Place and Eagle Village. In exterior corridors like Freedom's Landing, Southern Courtyard, Southern Pines and University Villas, residents receive an email that discusses what to do during a tornado, Bailey said.

"Students need to take responsibility themselves that if they hear something they need to take action and tell other people too," Watts said.

GSU also has no way to notify students that a tornado drill would be occurring, Watts said.

"How would you alert people that we're doing a tornado drill? We wouldn't want to pull the fire alarm because then people would exit because it's a fire alarm so I don't even know how we would initiate that," Watts said.

If a tornado were to ever hit any of the residence halls, emergency response teams with the help of University Police would be ensuring each students' safety and assist in getting them help, Watts said.

"Let's say a building really got hit; if people were under rubble, we would be doing searches for folks and we have rosters and would be checking off students trying to verify the location of each student, either through physically seeing them or talking to the student on the phone," Watts said.

If a tornado were to hit campus, the residents on the first floor have to open their doors to other students who live on the upper floors, Alexa Lowry, Centennial Place building one community leader, said.

Students living in residence halls have an idea of what to do during a tornado.

"I would just stay in my room and go to the bathroom with my mattress, some food and a case of water," Rachel Tharp, senior Spanish and anthropology double-major, said.

The best thing to do is to go downstairs and go to another person's room to wait it out, Brittany Buchanan, freshman biology major, said.

Some students expressed a desire to learn more information from the university regarding what to do during a tornado.

There should be at least one tornado drill during the year, Buchanan said.

Jessica Skender, freshman early childhood education major, said, "I've never been talked to about it here. I feel like we should at least talk about it."
ReTails helps fund Humane Society’s efforts

BY WILLIAM PRICE
The George-Anne Staff

The Humane Society of Statesboro & Bulloch County opened a thrift shop and named it ReTails after the organization’s focus to help fund its efforts in reducing the number of euthanized cats and dogs.

ReTails opened in November 2011 and expanded its store this past October. The thrift shop is owned and operated by the Humane Society, which is a non-profit organization that is run locally by volunteers and donations.

“Some years ago we would hold huge community garage sales as fundraisers and draw a lot of people out; that’s where we got the idea that a store might be able to work for us. Once we opened up our thoughts were confirmed, our sales far exceeded what we imagined, the support from the community was overwhelming,” Christina Lemon, president of the Humane Society and professor of art at Georgia Southern University, said.

The Humane Society works to reduce the number of euthanized pets through collaboration with Spay Neuter Alliance and Clinic and local veterinarians.

More than 30,000 pets are euthanized per year in the Statesboro and Bulloch County area, according to the SNAC.

With the shop’s success came further expansion of the shop in October 2012; the shop expanded to another building next store.

Everything found in the shop is product of donations from members of the Statesboro community and all profits from the shop go towards helping local pets in need, Lemon said.

The shop sells merchandise including household items, furniture, sporting goods, books, movies and media.

“Funding is always the biggest problem for non-profit, volunteer organizations, so we were looking for ways to fill that gap. We thought of opening a store years ago,” Lemon said.

The shop acts as an office for the Humane Society with all calls going through it and several volunteers working all the time.

“My girlfriend got me started doing this by dragging me down here. I just got addicted; doing something good for the community feels good,” Jordan Walker, Humane Society volunteer and local Statesboro resident, said.

“A lot of people like working with animals. I like working for the animals; that’s what the Humane Society and our community need,” Walker said.

The Humane Society’s main goals are to promote the spaying and neutering of pets, educate people on the risk of pet overpopulation and disease, decrease the number of animals euthanized, provide pets with foster homes and rescue abused pets.

The Humane Society holds frequent pet adoptions, silent auctions, spay and neuter programs and dog washes in an effort to proliferate responsible pet ownership practices.

“I love the people that run it. The Humane Society does a lot of unacknowledged work around here,” Angie Sapp, a regular at ReTails and Statesboro resident, said.

“Puppy dreams and they get to help animals is icing on the cake for me,” Sapp said.

Lemon said, “These stores are as the cornerstone of the Statesboro Humane Society. It gives us the steady and consistent income we need to continue doing what we do, serving the community and helping animals.”
FUZZY’S, from page 1

The restaurant may seem similar to the popular Statesboro Mexican restaurant El Sombrero but offers to have a different feel, Clearman said.

Fuzzy’s is a place where customers can linger, but is fast, casual and customers can get food in a hurry, Clearman said.

“We are aware of El Sombrero restaurants but don’t have any complaints because we offer something different and our menu is extensive,” Clearman said.

All three El Sombrero restaurants are busy on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Because a busy night can bring around 300 people, larger parties can wait up to thirty minutes for a table, Pedro Lopez, assistant manager of El Sombrero, said.

Thursday through Saturday nights at El Sombrero have excessive waits, so groups of friends might want to try Fuzzy’s when it opens, Katie Nance, sophomore pre-nursing major, said.

The restaurant staff will also be comprised of locals and many GSU students, Clearman said.

Clearman said, “Right now students can go on Craigslist to fill out an application and like us on Facebook. They are also welcome to stop by the site where we will begin interviews in the next couple of weeks.”
Miss GSU’s platform fights dating abuse

BY WILLIAM PRICE
The George-Anne staff

Motivated by her cousin’s struggle with an abusive relationship as a teenager, the newly crowned Miss Georgia Southern University finally accomplished what she has been striving for since her freshman year.

Reedi Hawkins, a senior multimedia communications major and member of Phi Mu sorority from Albany, Ga., was awarded the title Miss GSU 2013 on Saturday, February 2.

All contestants competing under the Miss America organization are required to have a personal platform, or issue, that they care about and want to see a change in. Hawkins’ platform focuses on putting an end to teen dating abuse.

“When I was about 13, around the age when everybody was getting in to the dating scene, I learned my older cousin was in an abusive relationship.”

“I always looked up to her. I thought of myself as her little shadow, so it was really hard for me to watch her go through something like that. It became apparent to me that this was something that is more common than people think and there’s not much dialogue on it,” Hawkins said.

“One of the things to be aware of in relationships is that open relationships are very important. If you feel uncomfortable in a relationship you need to talk to someone about it,” Jodi Caldwell, chair of the Sexual Assault Response Team and director of the Counseling Center at GSU, said.

The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) is a program that strives to reduce the number of sexual assaults and rapes through education and services provided to sexual assault survivors.

“I would say if anyone has any concerns or are wondering if a behavior in your relationship is something to be concerned about they can always come in to the counseling center for free therapy for Georgia Southern students,” Caldwell said.

Miss Georgia Southern is a preliminary competition to Miss Georgia, which is a part of the Miss America organization. The Miss America organization is the largest scholarship organization for women in the world and a partner with the Children’s Miracle Network that works to raise funds and awareness for children’s hospitals around the country.

Hawkins first tried her hand at becoming Miss GSU her freshman year at GSU.

“To be honest, looking back I was never ready for it until this year,” Hawkins said.

“Being a senior gives me that much more of an appreciation for this school that better enables me to do an admirable job as Miss GSU,” Hawkins said.

Throughout the preliminary Miss Georgia competitions and Miss GSU competitions her sisters at Phi Mu supported Hawkins.

“We all wanted to support Reedi in any way we could. She works so hard and deserves this so much, all of Phi Mu was behind her the entire way,” Alexis Inglett, junior fashion merchandising major and member of Phi Mu, said.

Hawkins said, “All of this attention has given me a great opportunity to give back to the community that has given so much to me, and for that I am truly appreciative.”
One part romantic comedy and one part zombie flick, the Romeo and Juliet inspired film "Warm Bodies" cannot decide if it is more like "Zombieland" or "Twilight" in tone and style. The Jonathan Levine film, based on the novel by Isaac Marion, tells the story of a zombie named R, played by Nicholas Hoult ("Skins," "X-Men First Class"), that falls in love with a human girl named Julie, played by Teresa Palmer ("I am Number Four"), after eating her boyfriend's brains and absorbing his memories.

The movie is first and foremost a love story between R and Julie because nothing says true love like being kidnapped by a slowly decaying zombie. Levine is no stranger to genre mixing. His last film was the cancer-drama meets buddy-comedy "50/50," but the tone of his zombie love story is a bit muddled. The original novel is a serious love story because everyone is looking for the new "Twilight," but Levine tried to make the movie a much more lighthearted and fun affair.

Hoult helps Julie survive by hiding her from fellow zombies until he can get her home back safely. The more time they spend together the more they realize their relationship will change the zombies and the whole world forever. Hoult has turned the role of a 20-something heartbreaker into a bit of an art form, with an ability to pull it off whether he is covered in blue fur, a la "X-Men," or is a rotting corpse. Palmer is equally as charming as the gun-slinging, zombie-busting modern day Juliet.

The cast is filled out by a handful of familiar faces like Dave Franco ("Scrubs," "21 Jump Street"), reminding everyone why is he is the more likeable Franco brother, and Rob Corddry ("Hot Tub Time Machine"). John Malkovich ("Being John Malkovich," "Red") anchors down the film as Julie's father and leader of the surviving humans, proving that no movie is too absurd for this Oscar nominated actor.

Overall, the talented cast and playful script make for an enjoyable date movie, but "Warm Bodies" doesn't quite hold a candle to its zombie comedy predecessors "Zombieland" or "Shaun of the Dead." At least the zombies don't sparkle.
Virtual Career Fair Increases Student’s Opportunity

By: Taylor D. Terrell
Public Relations/Events Intern

The Office of Career Services kicks off their first Virtual Career Fair this week online via Eagle Career Net.

While some career fairs give students the ability to connect with employers face-to-face, Career Services has adopted the modern-day job quest by bringing employers from different regions of the United States to Georgia Southern through online communication.

All majors are welcomed to submit their résumés and use the virtual chat box on their personal account via Eagle Career Net in order to inquire about upcoming positions within various organizations, tips on their desired industry as well as networking with employers.

Heather Scarboro, Career Services Coordinator of Career Programs, says, “There are several non-profit and public service organizations that students are able to speak with.”

“Students interested in attending the Virtual Career Fair have the luxury of being in their pajamas, or in the Russell Union while speaking with an employer, because the fair is solely through chat; webcam or video is not required,” says Scarboro. “However, students should still remain professional—using correct grammar, no emoticons and formal language, just as you would if you were face-to-face,” Scarboro adds.

Additionally, if an employer’s chat status claims they are “busy”, attendees have the ability to submit their résumé to an employer any time during the fair.

The Virtual Career Fair began on Monday, February 11 and will last until Friday, February 15. For a full list of employers, and instructions on how to participate in the Virtual Career Fair, visit: www.georgiasouthern.edu/career and click on the Eagle Career Net link.
**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**
1. Eugene O'Neill character?
11. Without gaps in coverage
15. Orbital position nearest the sun
16. Capture, in a way
17. Commercial identifiers
18. "The Tourist" author
19. Run like the wind, e.g.
20. More than equaling
22. Strike setting
23. Confused
26. Oldies syllable
27. "M*A*S*H" dramatic device
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33. Spurious
34. King Faisal's brother
35. Poet's liberty
36. "... Plays Fats" (1955 jazz LP)
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51. Mythical Aegean Sea dweller
52. Earth mover
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54. Hebrew letter before shin
55. Farm hauler
56. Not blown up
57. Peace Nobelist Cassin
58. Farm hauler
59. Not blown up
60. Peace Nobelist Cassin
61. Peace Nobelist Cassin
62. Work on a bed
63. Piccolo medium

**DOWN**
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**Sports Talk**

with The George-Anne analysts

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Katie Tolbert
Shakeem Holloway
Atlanta road trip ends with one win, one loss

Men's Tennis

BY JACKIE GUTKNECHT
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University men’s tennis team could not keep up with Georgia State University, falling 5-2, but were successful against Kennesaw State University picking up its second road win.

The Eagles first faced Ga. State Friday on the road. GSU was able to hang with the Panthers for a while but fell short.

“I am very proud of the way that we responded from our slow start in doubles. We started off the singles with leads late in the first sets on courts 1-5, but against a nationally ranked opponent you cannot afford to take your foot off the gas and give them a little space and that was what happened on a few courts. Credit to Georgia State for responding to those leads and not letting us run away with it. We can take a lot of positives with us from this match,” head coach Nick Zieziula said in a news release.

Sophomore Andrew Dromsky took an early lead in his match against Ga. State junior Thomas Cook and never looked back claiming a 6-2, 6-4 victory, Cook’s first loss of the year.

GSU freshman Rayane Djouad won his doubles match with junior Marco Osorio and then went on to defeat Ga. State’s sophomore Sofiane Chevallier 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

All other Eagles were able to take the lead in singles play in the first set but were unable to capitalize in the end.

GSU then continued its road trip in Atlanta to KSU where it gained its second road win of the year, defeating the Owls 6-1.

“The guys came out with good energy today,” Zieziula said in a news release. “They took the lead in all matches but one and did a much better job finishing those leads and staying sharper throughout the match compared to yesterday.”

GSU was lead by senior Matthijs Verdam who claimed the match with a 6-3, 6-3 win over KSU’s freshman Tobi Menhofer to give GSU a 4-1 lead in the match. He later teamed up with redshirt freshman Carson Jones to win the doubles match 8-2 against KSU’s freshman Nathan She and sophomore Matthew Johnson.

“Matthijs played a great game overall and did a much better job finishing his points than against Georgia State,” Zieziula said in a news release.

GSU will continue its road trip Saturday against the University of South Carolina Upstate and Winthrop University on Sunday.

GSU dominates the court vs. Mercer

Women’s Tennis

BY TREVIN McNABOE
The George-Anne staff

On Sunday, Georgia Southern University’s women’s tennis team (2-3) snapped a three-game skid by defeating the Mercer University Bears (1-3) soundly by a score of 6-1.

The Eagles came out strong winning five out of six singles matches. Junior Paola Garrido won her No. 1 singles match in straight sets by a score of 6-3, 6-3. Freshman Stephanie Woods finished next winning her No. 3 singles match 6-4, 6-1.

The tandem of Garrido and Woods teamed up later in a doubles match and won by a score of 8-6 in No. 1 doubles.

It was a very memorable day for one particular Eagle as she recorded her first victory in both singles and doubles. Freshman Mary Phillip Smith capped off celebrating her birthday with her first career college victory in No. 4 singles by a tally of 7-6, 6-2.

To add to the win, Smith teamed up with fellow freshman Franciska Norregaard and won in No. 3 doubles by a score of 8-4 earning her first doubles victory.

Head coach Amy Bonner said in a press release “I’m really proud of the team coming away with the win today after such a tough loss yesterday. The team really came together and worked together to get the doubles point and that really started the momentum of the match.”

GSU will open conference play next Wednesday when it hosts the College of Charleston at 2:30 p.m.
Intramural Sports Scores

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4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

College of Education Auditorium

This event is free and open to the public.
Eagles sprint to end of regular season

Track and Field
BY ROBERT HUITT
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University track and field team made a return trip to Clemson, S.C. this weekend and competed in the Tiger Paw Invitational.

The Eagles began the indoor season in Clemson at the Orange and Purple Winter Classic in December and wrapped up the regular season at the same venue for this weekend’s tournament.

Freshman Keyanna Harris has been coming on strong lately for the Eagles in the high jump. She finished and tied for second with a jump of 1.65m, and she broke her personal record that she set earlier this season.

In the 5,000-meter run, junior Sara Curry crossed the finish line in ninth place after a time of 19:07.53.

In the long jump, sophomore Jasmine Walker’s jump of 5.27m was good enough for 12th.

Sophomore Kimberly Thomas and freshman Alyssa Felton set personal bests in the 200-meter run. Thomas and Felton had final times of 25.51 (seventh) and 25.62 (11th), respectively.

Both times were impressive, and rank in the team’s top-five results for the event this season.

Juniors Deanna and Dana Edwards finished 20th and 21st in the 400-meter run. Deanna had a time of 59.96, and Dana followed closely behind at 1:00.23.

With this tournament behind them, the Eagles now turn their attention to the Southern Conference Indoor Championships on Feb. 23-24 in Winston Salem, N.C.

Mincey and her team plan on taking full advantage of the extra week to prepare.

“We’re going to train, get some race strategy down, do some race rhythm stuff at practice so we can feel what the intensity is going to be like. We’re not going to really be able to simulate that, but we’re going to do our best at practice,” Mincey said.

Mincey said that every event will be important for the indoor championships.

Mincey said, “This year I think it’s going to take an all-around effort from every event, from the 60-(meter dash), to the shot, all the way to the 400-(meter run).”
GSU loses both weekend SoCon games

Men's Basketball
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Georgia Southern University men's basketball team lost both of its games this past week versus Appalachian State University and Western Carolina University as the team struggled on both sides of the ball.

Against its rivals, the Mountaineers, GSU struggled defensively despite forcing 15 turnovers and shooting a 45.8 field goal percentage.

"This was probably our worst game defensively. We gave up 91 points; we haven't done that in forever," head coach Charlton Young said.

Mountaineers' forward Nathan Healy led the team with 24 points and 11 rebounds. Forward Jay Canty added 15 points and eight rebounds, and guard Tab Hamilton contributed with 16 points. All three Mountaineer players shot at least 50 percent.

Junior forward Eric Ferguson recorded 23 points and eight rebounds. Freshman guard Cleon Roberts added 17 points making seven of his eight field goal attempts. Senior guard C.J. Reed scored 19 points but struggled from the field shooting 7-20 while missing all seven of his three-point attempts.

The Eagles maintained a 10-point lead at halftime 37-27 shooting 47.1 percent and holding the Mountaineers to a 40.7 field goal percentage.

The game changed in the second half as the Mountaineers came alive offensively shooting a 57.7 field goal percentage in the second half.

"We've been in tight games, we just gotta come out and finish and continue to play hard for 40 minutes," Ferguson said.

The Eagles, however, were able to stick with the Mountaineers. After a pair of free throws by the Mountaineers, the Eagles were down 73-68 with less than a minute to go.

"It's a game of inches and we gotta execute a little bit better on each possession to keep us from getting to this point where it's a one-two possession game," Young said.

GSU battled back and after some missed free throws by the Mountaineers. Junior forward Marvin Baynham hit one of two free throws to send the game to overtime, the second overtime against the Mountaineers this season.

The Mountaineers made all three of their field goal attempts and went 12-12 from the charity stripe to seal the victory in overtime, 91-86.

Unlike their matchup with the Mountaineers, when the Eagles faced the Catamounts they could not throw a pebble in the ocean, shooting 36 percent for the game.

Women's Basketball
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Eagles collapse in crunch time versus Cougars

The last five minutes of both halves played out like a nightmare for the Georgia Southern University women's basketball team as a packed pink house watched the team lose 65-60.

"We went away from the offensive execution that had gotten us in a position to win the game," head coach Chris Vozab said.

In the first half GSU took control of the game with crisp passing and unselfish play. The Eagles had seven assists on the 11 shots they knocked down.

The ball was moving and the offense was flowing. The rhythm established on the offensive end helped three GSU starters score at least six points in the first half.

"I thought that we were running our stuff that takes advantage of help-side defense and creates open shots," Vozab said.

Junior guard Mimi DuBose could not find her shot, but she did lead the team with three first half assists. DuBose was creating open shots, but someone had to knock them down.

Senior guard Meredyth Frye and sophomore guard Anna Claire Knight both made three field goals in the first half, with two of Knight's shots coming from downtown.

Junior forward Danielle Spencer, en route to a 15 point 12 rebound performance, chipped in with six points and six rebounds before halftime.

With five minutes to go before halftime the game was tied 21-21. That is when the team started to struggle with its offensive execution. The College of Charleston Cougars went on a 6-0 run before GSU could rally back.

A three from Knight and four crucial points from Spencer sent both teams into the locker room tied at 28-28.

The crowd got into the game at the beginning of the second half with Spencer scoring six of the team's first eight points. With two free throws she gave GSU a 36-32 lead just four minutes into the second half.

Just like in the first half, the last five minutes of the game is where it all got away from the Eagles.

GSU did not make a shot from the field in the last five minutes. Down the stretch GSU could only manage five points from the free throw line.

"We missed a few of those open looks throughout the second half, but I thought they continued to be there," Vozab said.

With the score tied 57-57 the Eagles gave up back to back layups. The defensive lapse was too much to overcome with GSU's cold shooting.

"We started to force the issue and get too deep on our drives instead of continuing to execute our plays and make that one extra pass for an even better look," Vozab said.

GSU will try to bounce back with its second win over the Western Carolina University Catamounts tomorrow at 7 p.m.
The Zeta Tau Alpha sorority partnered with Phi Mu and GSU Athletics to host the annual Pack the Education and Awareness. Left: Members of ZTA join Gus in a game of musical chairs. Right: The GSU cheerleading squad joined in on the event with pink pom-poms and megaphones.
Eagles finish round-robin season opener 3-1

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Georgia Southern University’s softball team started out its season with round-robin play against St. John’s University, University of Akron and Tennessee Technological University, finishing out the weekend 3-1.

“It’s really hard to teach a team how to win, and this team knows how to win, and so they just demonstrated that. We are just going to keep going and building on what we have learned from last year. So that’s what it really showed me this weekend is how good I think we can be,” head coach Annie Smith said.

GSU’s first game of the weekend was a 5-1 victory on Friday against St. John’s. Junior pitcher Sarah Purvis was the standout in this game with 14 strikeouts and not allowing a hit until the sixth inning of the game. Also, St. John’s did not get its one run until the final inning of the game. The Eagles had a very strong hitting game, getting five runs off of seven hits. Two of the RBIs came from senior infielder/outfielder Andrea Tarashuk.

“I really wanted a no hitter, but I’m glad we got the win. Our offense did great, defense played great behind me. It’s been a long time since we played, preseason felt like it took forever; we were ready to play. I’m happy that we won. I always think I need to do a little bit better but that’s just me,” Purvis said.

The following day, the Eagles had to take on St. John’s one more time, but this was not played like the first game. The game was back and forth the whole game up until the seventh inning when St. John’s tied the game 3-3. This tie lasted all the way until the tenth inning of the game until a runner for St. John’s made it around to third base and was drove in by a single two hitters later. After a long day, the Eagles could not fight back at the bottom of the tenth and lost the game 4-3.

The final game for the Eagles was held on Sunday against TTU, which had already played a game earlier that day. The Eagles played really well as a whole winning 1-0, but two key players stood out in this game. Thomas got her second home run of the weekend in the fourth inning, which was the only run of the entire game for both teams. Also, Purvis continued to shine out on the mound, recording 11 strikeouts.

Purvis showed her confidence under pressure as well in the final inning when she got the third out with bases loaded by striking out the pinch hitter for TTU.

“Last year, I wasn’t doing so well and, it really hurt my confidence. To come out this year and really hit the ball and just hitting it hard is going to really help when we face Alabama and other teams like that,” Thomas said.

The Eagles will continue their season this weekend at the FGCU Tournament in Fort Myers, Fla. against Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Wichita State University, University of Alabama and Florida Gulf Coast University.