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Police seek to raise theft awareness

BY EMMA R. COLLINS

The George-Anne staff

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The George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University Police are discouraging students from leaving their property unwatched after five suspects were arrested in connection to recent thefts and criminal trespass at the Recreational Activity Center.

"Five people were arrested. None of them were students, and they were working together," Terry Briley, GSU's captain of Criminal Investigations, said.

Jimmy Rodrigues Hodges, 26, Kelvin Rashad Bradford, 20, and Mickey Demetrius Smith, 20, were charged with criminal trespass. Victor Jaamal Hall, 21, was charged with felony theft by taking and criminal trespass. Devarris Antonio

Eady, 22, was charged with felony theft by taking, criminal trespass and financial transaction card fraud.

All five were booked at the Bulloch County jail.

"One man paid the fee to get into the RAC, and he came around and let the others in through a back door," Briley said. "That's where the criminal trespass comes in."

"Hall and Eady took book bags and other items. Eady then went over to McDonald's and bought dinner," Briley said. "People like this come onto campus and cause problems. We don't like our students taken advantage of."

The incidents are still under investigation.

These recent thefts are raising awareness of the consequences of leaving valuable property unattended. GSU police are attempting to reduce the number of thefts on campus.

Students should bring as few valuable items

to the RAC as possible and be careful when leaving items lying around, Briley said.

"Never leave belongings unsecured. Valuable items need to be secured in a locker with a lock," America Minc, Campus Recreation and Intramurals director of fitness and facilities, said.

"There are two sets of lockers available to students, and padlocks are available for purchase for \$3 or students can bring their own," Minc said. "We have day lockers for daily and rental use."

The staff at the RAC offers tips to students on how to best protect their valuables.

"We do a marketing campaign, Rock the Lock, that raises awareness about safely securing your valuables," Minc said. "There are posters everywhere and cards are put in every cubby to promote awareness."

"We feel it is our responsibility to inform students about the importance of securing your

valuables when you are at the RAC."

GSU Police Chief Mike Russell reiterated Briley and Minc's advice, pleading with students to simply not bring valuable property to the RAC.

"Leave it in your car, or at least lock it up," Russell said.

Contact GSU Police immediately if you see any suspicious activity. By doing this, some crimes can be prevented, Russell said.

"If it doesn't look right, please call or email us," Briley said.

Eagle Eyewitness, a tip-line that people can either call or email, has helped prevent a lot of crime in the past. Students are encouraged to call with information relating to crimes or suspicious activity on campus, Briley said.

Briley said, "See something, say something," our chief always says. Be a good neighbor and look out for your neighbors."



From left to right: Mickey Demetrius Smith, Jimmy Rodrigues Hodges, Victor Jaamal Hall, Devarris Antonio Eady and Kelvin Rashad Bradford, none of whom are GSU students, were all arrested and charged with criminal trespass in relation to thefts at the RAC. Hall, middle, and Eady, second from right, were also charged with felony theft by taking. Eady was also charged with financial transaction card fraud. GSU Public Safety officials are still investigating.

Thefts by year on campus

YEAR:	# OF THEFTS
2009	317
2010	272
2011	227
2012	234
2013	14 (YTD)



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Police Beat

Tuesday, Feb. 19

8:52 a.m. Officers responded to Cone Hall for a sick person report. EMS transported subject to EGRMC.

9:38 a.m. Officers responded to the Carroll Building for a report of an injured person. EMS did not transport.

10:13 a.m. An incident report was taken for found property at the I.T. Building.

8:01 p.m. An incident report was taken for lost property at The NEST.

Wednesday, Feb. 20

10:03 a.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was completed for a motor vehicle accident on Plant Drive.

5:00 p.m.: Criminal Investigations arrested four subjects in reference to an earlier theft at the RAC. Arrested were:

Jimmy Rodrigues Hodges, 26, charged with criminal trespass.

Victor Jaamal Hill, 21, charged with theft by taking – felony and criminal trespass.

Kelvin Rashad Bradford, 20, charged with criminal trespass.

Devarris Antonio Eady, 22, charged with theft by taking – felony, criminal trespass and financial transaction card fraud 4 counts.

This investigation is ongoing with additional arrests and charges anticipated.

5:53 p.m.: A fire drill was conducted at Southern Courtyard.

8:44 p.m.: Officers responded to Southern Courtyard in reference to a drug complaint. One occupant

was judicially referred.

8:46 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at COBA.

10:26 p.m.: A field contact was made with a subject at Freedom's Landing.

11:40 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at Eagle Village. Maintenance and the Statesboro Fire Department responded. A vaporizer activated the alarm.

11:42 p.m.: An officer made contact with a sick person at Watson Commons. The sick person was provided additional assistance.

Thursday, Feb. 21

No traffic citations were written. Five traffic warnings were written. Eight motorists were assisted.

9:00 a.m.: Criminal Investigations arrested a subject in reference to an earlier theft at the RAC. Mickey Demetrius Smith, 20, was charged with criminal trespass.

12:07 a.m.: Officers responded to a sick person at Centennial Place. EMS was notified, responded and transported the sick person. The sick person was judicially referred for alcohol violations.

12:50 a.m.: Officers responded to Southern Courtyard in reference to a sick person. EMS was notified, responded and transported the sick person. The sick person was judicially referred for alcohol violations.

5:45 a.m.: An incident report was taken for criminal trespass in the parking lot by the Cowart Building. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

Friday, Feb. 22

9:22 a.m.: Officers responded to a

sick person on Sweetheart Circle. EMS was notified, responded and transported the sick person.

2:50 p.m.: Officers responded to a sick person at the Russell Union. EMS was notified, responded and transported the sick person.

3:46 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the Garden District Apartments.

3:57 p.m.: An accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident at Southern Pines.

Saturday, Feb. 23

12:41 p.m.: Officers arrested Eva W. Kanja, 19, for criminal trespass. Ms. Kanja had been banned from GSU on an earlier date.

1:28 a.m.: Officers assisted the Statesboro Police Department with a motor vehicle accident on Georgia Avenue at University Plaza.

1:55 a.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on Georgia Avenue at Mike-Ann Drive. The driver, Loreine Adelle Pia, 20, was arrested and charged with driving without license on person, failure to maintain lane and DUI.

Sunday, Feb. 24

2:55 a.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at the ETS Warehouse. Maintenance responded. A low-pressure valve activated the alarm. The building was checked with no problems found.

12:37 p.m.: An incident report was taken for suspicious activity at University Villas.

2:40 p.m.: An incident report was taken for harassment at the Henderson Library. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

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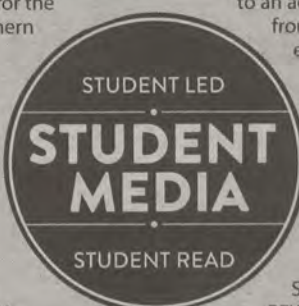
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Our View

Students can define their own beliefs

The Multicultural Student Center, University Housing and the Office of Student Activities are hosting the Racism Stops with Me week, which will run today until Friday, March 1, to address the stereotypes and biases of race and to foster discussion about social justice issues. The Human Race Experience kiosk will show students what they would look like as a different race and will be available to students from the beginning of the week until Thursday, Feb. 28, of Racism Stops with Me week in the Russell Union.

As college students, we are moving out of the house and out of the sphere of influence exerted by our elders and communities. While we are free to come up with our own beliefs at any time in our lives, it is harder to develop your own beliefs when you have certain requirements and expectations placed on you by family and friends.

College is the place where people are free of the influence of their parents and elders, and they begin to test their already-established beliefs and take on new ones. Going to events like Racism Stops with Me week can help students see different ways to look at racial and ethnic differences.

Racial differences exist everywhere, especially the United States. What those differences mean varies from person to person, region to region. Racism Stops with Me is a great opportunity for people of all races and ethnicities to see the point of view of others. It is a great chance for students to test their beliefs against others' and should not be passed up.

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 letters@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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No common sense in gun debate

It has been over two months since the tragic shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary school, and the amount of progress made has been disappointing to say the least.

Wayne LaPierre, who has become the de facto voice for the right on gun control, has still not comprehended that Adam Lanza would have killed much fewer people if he had no access to rapid-firing weapons. The White House still hasn't grasped that assault rifles, a vague term at best, can be used to defend oneself and are ideal for hunting wild hogs. This issue has become political football at its finest, with rhetoric flying around that would do nothing to solve the problem.

Because the politicians in charge of this country cannot answer a question as simple as, "How can we prevent a mentally unstable person from accessing assault weapons and shooting up an elementary school?" It looks like us, the citizens, will have to brainstorm for them.

THE FARM LIFE



JAMES FARMER

Here's an idea that will solve that direct problem. How about the government doing something crazy and actually giving financial incentives to be responsible for your arms? For example, give a temporary tax credit for buying a gun cabinet, or maybe temporarily subsidize the industry. That way people will be encouraged to have a gun cabinet with a lock that will prevent unwanted individuals from accessing the weapons people legally and rightfully bought. Studies show that stolen weapons only account for 10-15 percent of firearms used in crime, but any reduction in crime is a positive.

Also, an equally crazy idea would be the NRA actually doing the job for which it was founded. The NRA was founded after it was determined that Union soldiers would fire 1,000 shots for each Confederate soldier hit. Drafted men barely knew which way to point the barrel of a rifle. The NRA was founded to educate men on gun use and safety in case another draft was needed. How much better off would we be if the NRA used its considerable resources not for lobbying but to purchase PSAs and hold a nation-wide series of gun safety workshops?

So let's stop playing political football and start making real solutions. It's in all of our best interests.

Farmer is a senior political science and international studies double major from Thomasville. He is the former Opinions Editor and current Copy Editor.

No leadership in Washington

How completely idiotic is it that our elected officials create man-made economical disasters and can't solve those very same disasters they created? How stupid is it that Democrats and Republicans are pointing fingers at each other while thousands of people across the nation don't know what they're going to do if they lose their jobs due to the possible upcoming automatic spending cuts? It really seems like we have elected the most incapable people to govern our nation.

To understand the spending cuts is to understand the stupidity. Our leaders devised a plan called the sequester where \$85 billion would be automatically cut from military and non-defense spending on March 1 if Congress and the president could not reach a debt-reduction deal. Basically, Congress and the president need a figurative gun to their heads to do what they were elected to do. This is becoming the new norm on how our country is governed, and it's simply unacceptable.

I am not writing this to argue that

A LIBERAL DOSE



CHRIS WARE

Democrats are right and Republicans are wrong on this sequester issue. I am strictly expressing my growing distaste with both parties and how they conduct themselves. Tied to those automatic spending cuts are peoples' jobs, and it is pretty low that our leaders are using them as political poker chips so they can achieve their various political agendas. Being a politician used to be an honorable job, but now, the very word brings up feelings of disgust across the country and discourages young people to serve their country through elected office.

Our politicians could actually be doing a plethora of other things rather than fighting over this sequestration

mess, such as passing an actual budget since we haven't had a real budget in 16 years. Or maybe they could be focusing their efforts on improving education standards since we continue to lag behind other countries across the board when it comes to academics. Maybe they could be working out a bill that would strengthen our infrastructure across the country that would attract innovative companies to do their business here, creating thousands of jobs in the process. We need leadership to address the real issues we face, and it's apparent no one from the House of Representatives, Senate or White House has the guts to step up, expel the foolishness and get some actual work done. Maybe a deal will be reached over these forced spending cuts, but I wouldn't hold my breath. I am no longer expecting anything productive out of this Congress or White House.

Ware is a freshman political science major from Griffin. He is involved in the Young Democrats.

Hundley should be charged with hate crime

At the beginning of this month there was an incident in the headlines about a mother and her 19-month-

FROM THE MARGINS



ADRIANA PULLEY

old son on a Delta flight to Atlanta, and seated next to them was the 60-year-old president of an airplane parts manufacturing company, Joe Rickey Hundley of Idaho. Of course while descending and experiencing the changes in air pressure, the baby begins to cry. Everyone gets a little peeved about crying children from time to time, but Hundley decided to respond in a despicable manner.

The mother and other passengers on the plane allege that Hundley turned to the mother and told her to "Shut that n---r baby up" and proceeded to slap the baby in the face. They also claim that Hundley was intoxicated. He is being charged with simple assault, but could this be a hate crime? The mother was white, but her adopted son was black. There's the question of what was the trigger to this assault? It could have been that Hundley was annoyed with the crying but that the child's race is what triggered the violence. One wonders had the mother's child been white, would that child then face the same treatment from this man?

Congress defines a hate crime as a "criminal offense against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by an offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, ethnic origin or sexual orientation." I argue that the child's race was a factor in pushing Hundley over the edge. Once could be seen as an outburst, but the mother claims that she asked Hundley what did he just say. The mother said that, in response, Hundley leaned close to her ear and whispered the slur again.

Obviously he was motivated by his animosity toward the color of the child's skin. Since the incident he has lost his job and could face up to a year in prison, but charging him with simple assault diminishes the role that race played in the whole situation which is an injustice to this mother and her family.

Pulley is a junior English major from Florence, S.C. She is also the vice-president of International Club.

Cable company is full of hypocrites

A local Michigan gun store was surprised at the response they received when they sent in their usual advertisement to a local cable company. They were told that Comcast had decided to remove all advertising for any company trying to sell firearms. When asked about it, Comcast replied saying that it had implemented a new policy as of Feb. 8: They would no longer be accepting advertisements that promote the use of firearms in any way.

This is just another example of liberal bias within the media. These stores advertising their firearms are the companies that need to be selling firearms. They don't sell the guns without performing the required background checks, and they make sure that the firearms are registered before they release the gun to the new owner. So why does Comcast feel that they should stop advertising for these companies? Especially when they promote proper use of owning firearms and how to obtain them legally.

IN MY HUMBLE OPINION



BLAIR MUTIMER

AWith all of the violent things that you see when you turn on the television I can hardly see any good that comes from removing these advertisements.

I'm sure that this new policy is not just out of nowhere. With as much debate as there is about gun control and gun violence, I am sure that it had some form of impact on the decision. If this is the case, then I challenge Comcast to try to deter gun violence in a more complete way. They need to stop showing violent films and television shows on its network. Movies such as "Die Hard," "Scarface" and "A Clockwork Orange" need to be removed from its cable network. Now I understand

these are classic films that have fantastic story lines, but they have also made lists as some the most violent films that Hollywood as ever produced.

It's probably best to assume that they won't actually remove those violent movies because people enjoy watching them so much, and they receive such high ratings as a result of showing them. Though if this is the case I find it hard to believe that advertising a company that sells firearms would increase gun violence in any way.

So Comcast needs to get its act together and decide how it is going to handle this situation fully. If it chooses not to air these commercials, then they need to remove the other violent images as well. The more reasonable action would be to allow these companies to air their commercials so they can advertise what they legally sell.

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

Letters to the Editor

Mutimer has wrong reason

Dear Editor,

To my fellow Eagle Blair Mutimer, as I read your opinion article in last week's edition of The George-Anne, what seemed to bother me most is your apparent lack of understanding of our country's workforce. You mentioned that minimum wage jobs are for college students or teenagers who work part time to save money for school. While the thought is nice, it's completely untrue.

College students occupy only one-quarter of minimum wage jobs. In fact, over half of these minimum wage jobs are occupied by adults. These minimum wage jobs are their only source of income. With the current minimum wage price at \$7.25, the average full-time worker only

makes \$15,080 a year. Keep in mind that the average poverty line is set at \$23,550 for a family of four. And thanks to our solid GSU education, I'm sure that you will be able to infer that the mere \$15,080 is nowhere near that poverty line.

With the cost of living nowadays, it's almost impossible to get by on an income like that. While the nearly \$2 increase may not help those who are living under the poverty line by much, it is a step in the right direction. I urge you, fellow Eagle, to extend your realm of reasoning beyond those who are like you. Not everyone is fortunate enough to take part in this magical "equal opportunity economy."

Simply put, not everyone will even have the chance to attend college or be blessed with an

opportunity to begin a career that pays enough money to live comfortably.

And in response to your comments about our president, he alone cannot accommodate everyone. But a step in the right direction, by helping those who may need it a little more than we do, is better than nothing at all. He understands our private sector—I'm willing to bet he understands it a lot better than you do—yet he also understands the needs of our country's people. Again, I encourage you to at least try to see it from a different point of view

Salutations from a fellow Eagle,

Brittani Hill
communication arts graduate
student
Stone Mountain

Don't miss 'Up with People' show

My family is currently hosting two young women from the Up With People organization -- Julia from Germany and Nikka from the Philippines. This talented cast of 120 performers is visiting our city March 4th-10th. If you don't know, Up With People is a global education and arts organization that travels the world promoting global understanding through service and music.

I will admit that I was a little out of my comfort zone hosting

strangers in my home. But I am here to tell you this has been one of the most enjoyable experiences. Julia and Nikka have shared with us their adventures and stories from traveling the world and how it has touched their lives and touched the lives of the people in various countries. We can't wait for them to return every evening and share the highlights of their day. Their energy and excitement for this organization and their mission is contagious. We have loved having

them in our home and consider them part of our family.

Don't miss this show being performed at Statesboro High School on Friday, March 8th and Saturday, March 9th. Call the Averitt Center to get your tickets 212-2787. Thank you, Julia & Nikka, for sharing your lives with us—we are going to miss you!

Sharon Altany
president of Averitt STARS
Statesboro

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 letters@georgiasouthern.edu

Are moral standards actually decaying?

"What has the world come to when a person who returns something that doesn't belong to him and all this happens?"

This quote comes from a homeless man who returned a diamond ring that someone accidentally dropped in his collection cup. The couple that the ring belonged to has started a fundraiser for him, which has garnered more than \$95,000. People from around the world have praised the homeless man for the honesty and integrity he displayed, especially given his circumstances.

I've never really been a believer in the idea that the moral fabric of America is unraveling, as some are. My faith in this moral fabric, however, has recently been shaken ever so slightly.

So what has the world come to when people react so strongly to a man exhibiting some integrity? Is it merely the fact that he was homeless that has caused this flow of appreciation? It could also be that we just don't hear about things like this very

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TAYLOR COOPER

often. "If it bleeds, it leads," and the people love dirty laundry, after all.

The George-Anne recently reported on the arrest of individuals in connection with thefts of property in the RAC. I find it ridiculous that people would even be willing to do something like what the RAC robbers did, much less actually do it. Taking something that doesn't belong to you without the owner's consent, whether they are a person or organization, is something that has been pounded into our heads as wrong from the time we were little.

I know we're all living under a rough economy, but someone returning something valuable should not be surprising. It should be the norm, and I believe that we should all be ashamed that it isn't.

Cooper is a junior journalism major from Rincon. He is the Opinions Editor.

Do you like to draw? The George-Anne is looking for a new cartoonist. The applicant must be able to draw a cartoon twice weekly that addresses events, happenings or common experiences among GSU students.

GSU Problem?

Students question social media privacy rights

BY SARAH RYNIKER

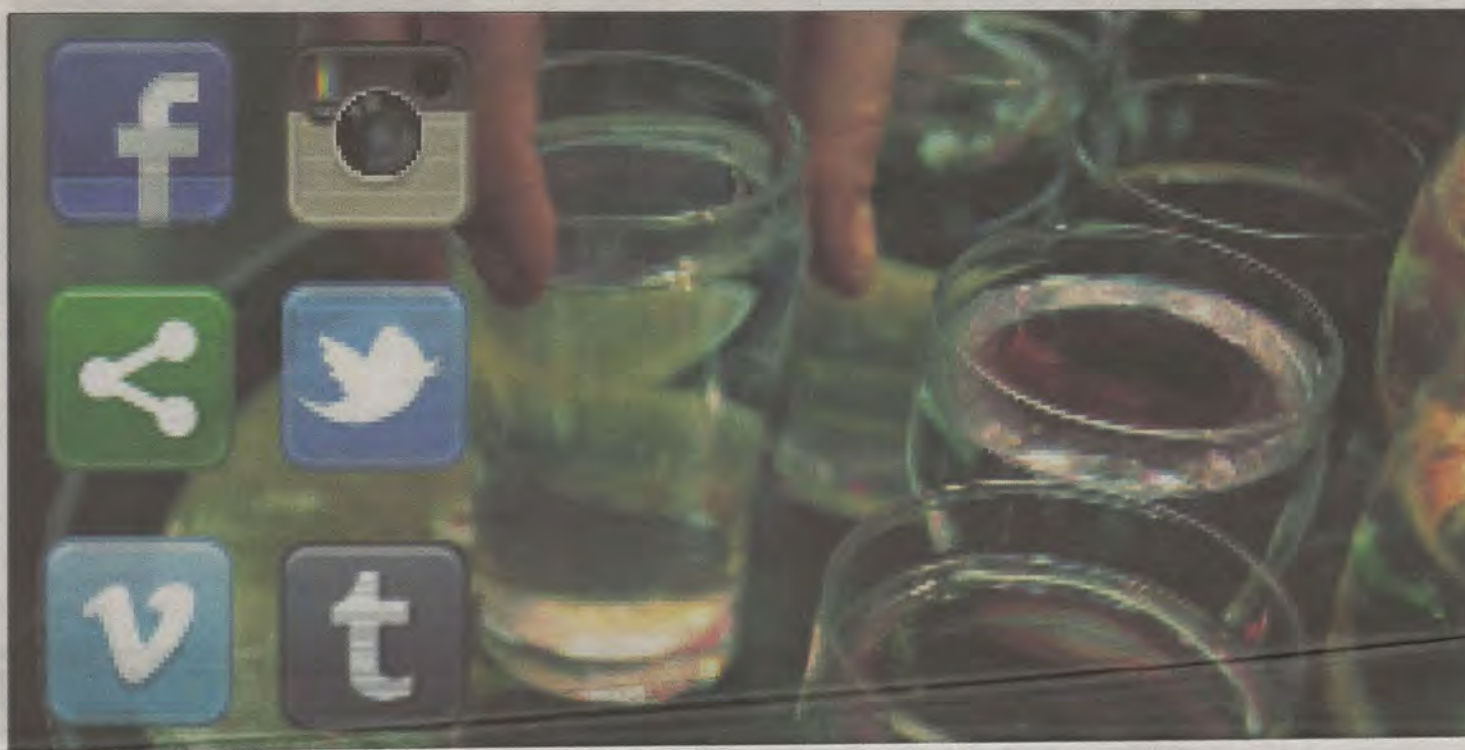
The George-Anne staff

Rumors that have surfaced over some pictures posted on social media sites like GSUProblems have students questioning their rights.

GSUProblems runs a combination of social media pages that allows Georgia Southern University students to anonymously send in pictures of other students and occurrences on campus and in the local area. Usually these pictures are of a risqué nature and highlight the drinking culture of GSU.

There is no official lawsuit as of yet that has been filed over pictures or postings on GSUProblems' pages. However, some students have commented that there should be legal action taken.

"In most cases, if you're in a public place, you have a right to take a photo. If you're at a party, vomiting all down your shirt, someone can take a picture as long as there is no



expectation of privacy," Dr. Michael Wiggins, professor of legal studies, said.

"Most privacy laws are state-generated. Usually, there are certain expectations of privacy," Scott Bryant, professor of the department of communication arts and photojournalist for the Statesboro Herald, said.

Taking photographs of things that are plainly visible from public spaces is a constitutional right, including federal buildings, transportation facilities and police and other government officials carrying out their duties, according to the American Civil Liberties Union website.

Facebook, one of the outlets that GSUProblems uses to post content, has its own privacy rules.

"We respect other people's rights, and expect you to do the same. You will not post content or take any action on Facebook that infringes or violates someone else's rights or otherwise violates the law," according to Facebook's Statement of Rights and Responsibilities.

The first amendment is about insuring a free flow of information, but someone can



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cross the line, Bryant said.

"A lot of it has to do with intent," Bryant said. "What value does it add to society?"

"The First Amendment has been widely understood as facilitating a free flow of information to the public about matters of social concern in order to make informed decisions about how we govern ourselves," Bryant said.

Some sites are owned and maintained by a user, such as GSU's Facebook page. The owner has a duty to regulate and prevent slanderous material posted on the sites that they manage, Francys Johnson, attorney at The Johnson Firm P.C., said.

"Social media sites have a way of amplifying

situations. It can reach a new level," Johnson said.

Recently, the trend is to apply the same rules for news and print media to online issues, Johnson said.

"The Internet has not caught up with the digital revolution," Johnson said.

Students fear ending up on GSUProblems. "I would be completely embarrassed if I was on GSUProblems. It's the number one thing a student fears," Robyn Sanders, freshman pre-business management major, said.

"(Students) want to be the one who takes the picture, not the one in the picture," Sanders said.

If ever featured on GSUProblems, Sanders would take legal action after first asking for the manager of the site to remove the picture.

"It's funny, but it is a sad representation of our school," Sanders said.

Other students believe that GSUProblems is an accurate depiction of the culture of GSU.

"I like GSUProblems. It's important that we have a site that shows how the school really is instead of how the university wants it portrayed," James Devlin, sophomore writing and linguistics major, said.

Alicia Jodrey, freshman pre-med biology major, said, "If you're willing to go out in public and act like the students on GSUProblems do, you probably deserve it."

GSU research team looks to stop corrosion

BY ALANNA NAVIN

The George-Anne staff

The Office of Naval Research is funding a Georgia Southern University research team's ongoing effort to create a coating that can detect and potentially stop corrosion on battleships and aircraft carriers.

The goal is to develop smart coating that can detect early stages of metal corrosion, while also finding a way to make a self-healing, corrosion-protection coating, Dr. Marshall Ming, professor of chemistry, said.

"In 2011, the total cost related to corrosion maintenance in Navy and Marine Corps alone was \$7.36 billion. Overall in the whole U.S., combining military, civilian applications, not only for ships, but also for aircraft, railway bridges. Everything together, the new number is \$1 trillion annually for 2012," Ming said.

"If you were able to put off repairs necessary just for one year, you are saving \$1 trillion worth of effort," Dr. John DiCesare, professor of chemistry, said. "So there are a lot of people entrusted in ways of keeping corrosion from happening or delaying it in any way."

The project has two goals, Ming said.

One goal is to determine the best time to detect corrosion for maintenance. If the effects of corrosion are found too late, the metal structure will be permanently damaged, and the structure will collapse eventually, which will ultimately cost money to replace and potentially lose lives, Ming said.

The other goal is to find a way of prolonging the metal's life by giving an anti-corrosion function to the metal, which will come from the coating, Ming said.

The coating is a polymer, a type of molecule, that will release a corrosion inhibitor, a function that stops corrosion, which will bond to the ions in the metal, Ben Howard, a junior chemistry physics major and member of the research team, said.

Robby Kirk, a senior chemistry major, is working on a fluorescent coating called FD1 that will become fluorescent when corrosion is occurring.

"I want to see what happens to this fluorescent compound under basic conditions," Kirk said.

Basic conditions refer to the various acidic

Smart epoxy coating on steel

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Fluorescent
onset of corrosion detected

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GSU researchers are working on a coating called FD1 that will help detect corrosion on ships.

conditions that the polymer can come into contact with while in the ocean.

"It's not like a typical chemistry lab where you have a plan. It's more or less, you have to think and the overall goal is to make a contribution to science," Kirk said.

Not only can the coating be used for military ships, but it can also be used for

civilian machines like aircraft carriers and cars, Ming said.

Ming said, "Not only in the U.S. but worldwide, there is a huge amount of effort and money spent on trying to solve the corrosion issue. We are just trying to make our contribution. We are not saying that we are going to come out with the ultimate solution."

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GSU expands online summer class options

BY LAUREN GORLA
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University is increasing the number of online classes offered for the summer terms this year in hopes to attract students from GSU as well as from other schools.

This summer, GSU is offering over 1,600 courses face-to-face from May to July, in A-term, B-term and long-term.

"We felt like there are a lot of universities in the state that don't offer as many online courses during the summer or courses in summer in general," Christian Flathman, director of the Office of Marketing and Communications, said.

The university will now be offering 381 online courses to meet the demands of the growing summer term enrollment, Flathman said.

"There's a high level of interest from students, and the number of students

taking these summer classes is increasing," Flathman said.

"Our strategy is that the addition of online courses will open new opportunities to attract students from around the state and the country," Flathman said.

By offering more online courses, students have the opportunity to go home and still take an online course and avoid the headaches of taking a course at a local institution, Flathman said.

"Whether students are planning to go home for the summer or working a full-time job, they can get ahead or take a class that they may not have been able to get during the regular school year," President Brooks Keel said in a news release.

Flathman said, "I would encourage students that may not only want to pursue an online course that we do have a total of 1,600 courses that we're offering here in the summer."

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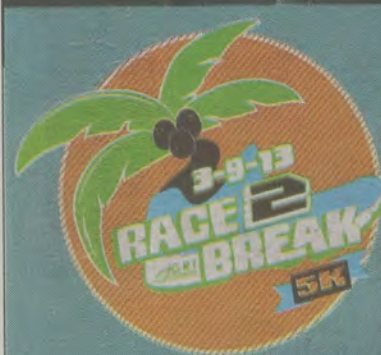
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Dress for success

Eagle Expo to give students professional networking opportunity

Fashion

BY LINDSEY MCCORMICK

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Students and alumni will dress to impress in their ties and pencil skirts during a networking event at the Eagle Career Expo this week.

The Office of Career Services will host an Eagle Expo: Graduate School and Career Fair for Georgia Southern University students Thursday, Feb. 27 from 12 to 4 p.m. in the Recreational Activity Center. At the expo, students and alumni will be able to meet employers from several organizations and representatives from graduate schools.

Students can meet professional organizations including Savannah World Trade Center, GEICO, Frito-Lay, Belk, One Life America and many more.

"I would try to dress business casual. Make sure that your shirts are cleanly ironed and if you're a girl who plans on wearing a skirt, it needs to be knee length," Angela Hendricks, head of marketing at Savannah World Trade Center, said.

Making a good first impression with potential employers can be done by choosing a proper outfit. Professional always outweighs personal, Heather Scarboro, coordinator of Career Services said.

"I would advise to shy away from showing too much personal style. It is important to be yourself, but don't try to over-do it and forget the fact that you're at a professional

career expo," Scarboro said.

Ashlee Addison, GSU student and Career Services employee, agreed that keeping it simple is the best way to go.

"You wouldn't want to wear any brightly colored jewelry or anything of that nature. That wouldn't be professional," Addison said.

The last time Addison attended a career fair, she wore a full pantsuit with flats. Addison mentions that if students wear heels at a professional event, to keep it to a minimum.

"When wearing heels you should keep it at a minimum of two to three inches. Wearing anything above three inches is not usually viewed in a great light in the professional world," Addison said.

For those who consider these professional style tips, hair and facial appearance should also be taken into consideration.

"Guys should be freshly shaven and girls should make sure that their hair is in a position so that it is out of their face. You don't want to be playing with or having to keep tucking it behind your ear," Scarboro said.

The Eagle Expo will give prominence to careers in the financial services, government/non-profit agencies, technology, sales, manufacturing and other fields. Graduate schools nationwide will be present at the expo in addition to employers.

The expo will shed light on full-time positions, internships and co-op positions. Representatives from the attending graduate schools will offer options to further students' degrees.



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Career Services allows students to borrow professional wear, which includes blazers and slacks. If the clothing item fits, the wearer gets to keep it. All of the clothing items are donated to Career Services.

Eagle Dining chefs to hold cooking demos

Culinary arts

GRACE HUSETH

The George-Anne staff

Eagle Dining Services will regularly show how students can get creative using their dining plans to cook their own meals with ingredients from the Pickle Barrel.

Beginning in March, chefs from Eagle Dining Services will hold Fresh and Tasty Spotlight cooking demos each Wednesday outside the Pickle Barrel.

Eagle Dining Services has had a few successful cooking demos before and look forward to hosting them weekly, Brittany Parham, Eagle Dining Services nutrition coordinator, said.

"These dishes are options you can cook so you don't have to eat raw fruits and vegetables all the time," Parham said.

Fresh and Tasty Spotlight demonstrates how

students can cook healthy side dishes that may not cost a lot to buy the ingredients.

"Sometimes we throw in something special like Gorgonzola, but we try to keep it versatile with ingredients you can easily find," Michael Price, Eagle Dining Services chef, said.

The dishes are versatile so that students can incorporate every single ingredient found in the Pickle Barrel.

For instance, in the last spotlight on Feb. 20, the creamy bacon and corn sauté dish called for soymilk but the Pickle Barrel only had vanilla soymilk.

Adjusting the recipe to include vanilla soymilk was not an inconvenience but an opportunity to experiment with different flavor pairings, Price said.

The spotlight on Feb. 18 featured Portobello mushrooms and sweet potato hash with Gorgonzola cheese and Price gave students cooking tips during the demo, one of which was to have all ingredients out in front of you before

you start cooking.

Students should

be curious to

see how the

chefs include

ingredients

from the

Pickle

Barrel into

the dish.

They might

even pick

up on some

cooking

techniques

as well, Josh

Gebhardt, junior

finance major, said.

Parham said, all

recipes will be posted

to Eagle Dining Services'

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'Cult' has cult potential

Film



BY PEYTON CALLANAN

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The CW network is trying to explore projects outside of the teen drama realm with the new show "Cult" by mixing an intriguing dose of pulp into the story of a man's disappearance.

When a television show sets up a mystery as the major concept of the plot, it can work out one of two ways for a series.

The series can either race through the plot, answering all of the questions laid out in the beginning and then scramble to create more, which often leads to cancelation, or in the best case, pull a "Lost" and live a full life but never answer everything it set out to.

It is hard to tell from the first episode which one of these categories "Cult" will fall into, but the show's premise, of a disappearance of a man that mirrors events in a largely popular show about a cult, is interesting enough to warrant the show a couple of views.

Besides the much more mature and ambitious plot, "Cult" looks and feels similar to most of The CW's shows with flashy cool colors and electric music that would have fit in on the sets of "Gossip Girl."

The main character Jeff, played by Matthew Davis, who is best known as Elle Wood's ex Warren in "Legally Blonde," searches for his brother after he disappears and leaves behind clues that connect him to the fictional cult in the show within a show.

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Davis is wonderfully charismatic, and though he is not the strongest actor anchoring a show on TV right now, he does act circles around some of his co-stars who are beautiful but wooden and would be better off on the set of "90210."

The action and suspense in the pilot were well paced and written, setting up in intrigue of the mystery quite well. The scenes including the show "Cult" are really what gives the show its unique feel. They are just over the top enough to give the show a creepy and clever feel.

Robert Knepper, who plays the menacing, but bewitching, leader of the cult on the fictional show, plays a stark contrast to Davis's realistic Jeff.

Hopefully over time the show's creators will even out the cast with other actors and characters that can help pull some of the weight.

"Cult" will probably never reach the success of "Lost," but if it continues to pace itself well and stretch the bounds of a typical CW show, it could be a successfully fun guilty pleasure.

The second episode of "Cult" will air Tuesday at 9 p.m. on The CW.

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Speaker shines light on eating disorders

Culinary Arts

BY GRACE HUSETH

The George-Anne staff

A recovering patient with an eating disorder introduced Georgia Southern University to National Eating Disorder Awareness Week by telling her personal story of living with anorexia and bulimia.

Last night, Georgia Southern University's Student Dietetic Association brought Madison Preston to break the stereotypes associated with eating disorders through a personal account of someone struggling with the disease.

"I think that we all have a disordered eating pattern and that it's vital to get the message out about the real signs and symptoms," Vice President of SDA Morgan Schaack said.

One of the themes for National Eating

Disorder Awareness Week is, "everyone knows someone." During her speech, Preston adapted a statistic to show that there are up to 2,000 students at GSU with an eating disorder, Schaack said.

In her story, Preston outlined how her first insecurities and tendencies developed through the years to become a disease. Once she learned to accept her eating disorder she has been more successful in recovery over the past year.

"It's important to see a personal experience. What they show in school is completely different than how it really is," Meagan Hess, junior nutrition major, said.

An eating disorder or even a poor relationship with food is something you have to work at everyday, Preston said.

Preston said, "I've learned that food is just food. Everything in moderation is okay."

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By: Taylor D. Terrell

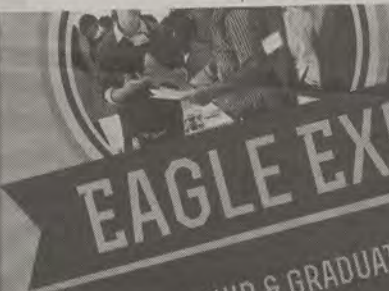
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Career fairs, like the Eagle Expo, are great ways to connect with potential employers. Depending on your use of time and preparation, a good impression may lead you into a future career. To achieve your goals, you need a plan of action—ensuring that you are taking the necessary steps to achieve exactly what you want. Whether you're attending a career fair to connect with an employer or to learn about other companies, there are a few steps you should follow:

- 1. Research the companies.** The Office of Career Services has a full employer attendance list on Eagle Career Net. Reviewing company websites and programs will help students learn more about the company. After you research, rank your interests.
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- 4. It's ok to ask for a business card.** Getting their contact information will come in handy when you need to follow up with the employers. Plus, you will be able to ask them for the next steps to apply for a position with their company. Never start a conversation asking for their business card.
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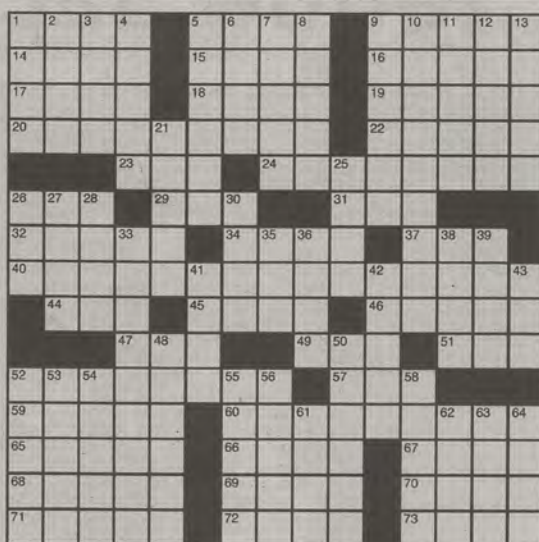
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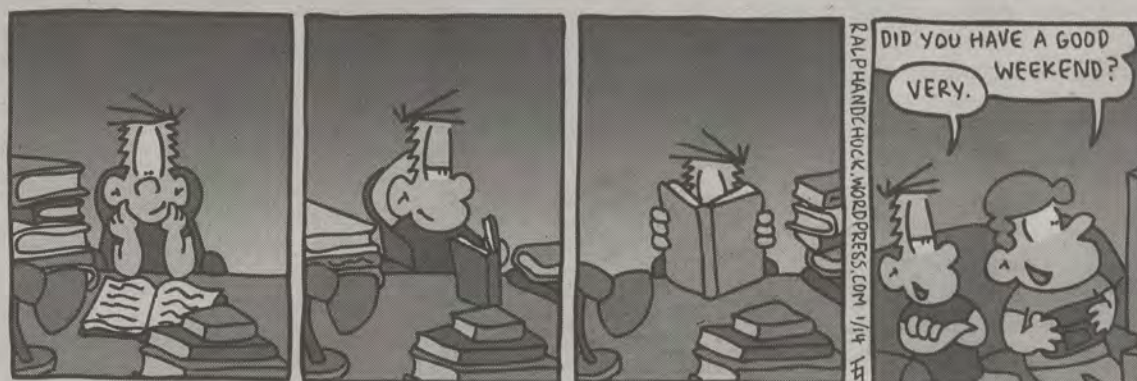
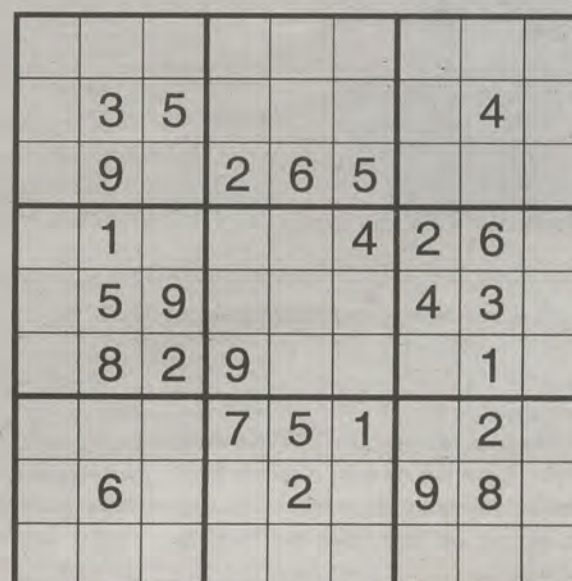
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Eagles to face No. 20 GT Yellow Jackets

Baseball (4-2)**BY COLIN RITSICK**

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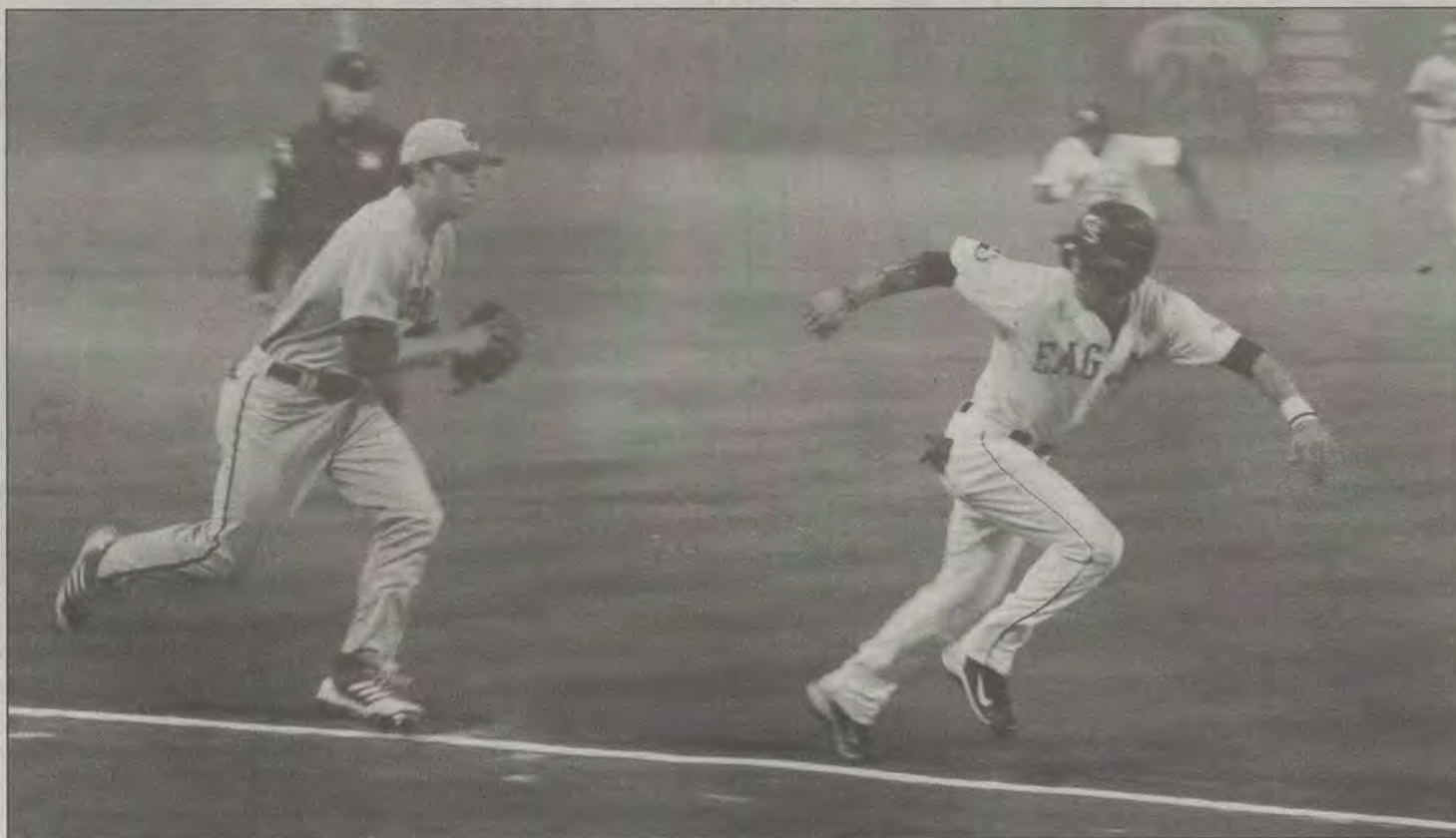
The national powerhouse opponents for the Georgia Southern University baseball team continue as the Eagles host the No. 20 Georgia Institute of Technology in a two-game series today and tomorrow at J.I. Clements Stadium.

GSU (4-2, 0-0 Southern Conference) will be the Yellow Jackets' (6-1, 0-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) first road contest this year. GT brings with it a very effective offense, scoring a total of 54 runs in just seven games. The Eagle pitching staff has not faced an offense as potent and as deep as the Yellow Jackets.

GT's starting lineup features four players with batting averages over .400, which is a rarity even this early in the season. In addition to high averages, the in-state rival's entire lineup has an on-base percentage of .424 – which means that almost one in every two batter reaches base safely. Needless to say, GSU pitchers will have their hands full come Tuesday.

However, the Eagle pitchers are no strangers to stepping up in pressure-packed situations. In the two wins against the No. 29 University of Georgia and the victory over the No. 13 University of Florida, head coach Rodney Hennon started a sophomore and two true freshman, both of whom were making their first collegiate start. Each of those pitchers rose to the occasion and paved the way for three Eagle victories.

On the opposite side of the field, GSU carries a high-octane offense of its own. The team has



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Redshirt freshman Kyle Streicher (6) gets out of a run-down and scores against Indiana University on Friday. This game was postponed until Sunday, due to fog, when the Eagles won 12-7.

batted a collective .372 in six games, headlined by senior first baseman T.D. Davis. Davis owns a .500 batting average with 11 RBI and three home runs. Right behind him is junior third baseman Ben Morgan with an impressive .385 average. Morgan has also stolen five bases in five attempts.

GSU as a whole is 13-16 on stolen bases this season, a number that Hennon will hope to exploit further against the Yellow Jackets. GT's starting catcher, Zane Evans, has yet to catch a runner stealing this season.

Last weekend's series against Indiana University was delayed due to weather

conditions. For this series, there is a 100 percent chance of rain today but a zero percent chance of rain for Wednesday, according to The Weather Channel.

First pitch for both games is set for 7 p.m. and tonight is promoted to fans as "Nerd Night" and tomorrow night will be "Greek Night."

T.D. Davis powers high-octane Eagle offense

BY COLIN RITSICK

The George-Anne staff

Senior first baseman T.D. Davis has been so hot at the plate this season he makes a Statesboro summer look a little chilly.

The Georgia Southern University baseball team beat the University of Georgia twice, the University of

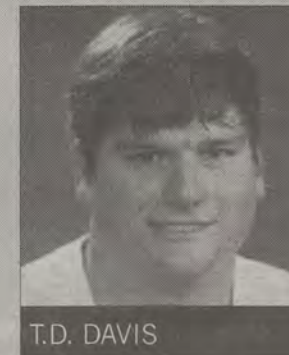
Florida in 12 innings, split the two-game series with Indiana University this past weekend and holds a 4-2 record. Davis, a 6-foot-4-inch 235-pound right-hander from Evans, Ga., has been an integral part in all of those victories and leads the Eagles in just about every offensive statistic imaginable.

He is hitting .550 in six games,

a stat that leads the team by far and ranks in the top-five for all Southern Conference players. Davis also leads the entire conference in slugging percentage with a 1.045 mark. He has knocked in 11 runs this year, tied for second in the SoCon on 11-22 hitting including eight runs. Davis is tied for third in the conference with three home runs as well.

The Eagles lost its all-time hits leader in Eric Phillips and a dynamic power hitter in Victor Roache last season. So far this year, Davis looks like he is trying to fill in those two big gaps all by himself.

He will continue his senior campaign tonight against the No. 20 Georgia Institute of Technology at home.



T.D. DAVIS

Eagles finish fifth at indoor championships

Track and Field

BY ROBERT HUITT

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University track and field team finished fifth at the Southern Conference Indoor Championships in Winston Salem, N.C. over the weekend.

Head coach Marlo Mincey said the lack of depth ultimately hurt the team but was pleased with the personal bests her team achieved.

"(The fifth place finish) doesn't reflect the effort and personal bests of the girls, but we were definitely lacking in some other areas," Mincey said.

The Eagles' best results of the tournament came in the long jump when freshman Alyssa Felton and sophomore Jasmine Walker took the two top spots.

Felton and Walker finished first and second respectively with jumps of 5.85m (19' 2.31") and 5.79m (18' 11.95").

Not only were two the jumps personal bests, but they were the fourth and fifth longest jumps in GSU history.

"They competed really well," Mincey said. "We knew they had those types of distances in them."

Senior Jasmine Billings entered the tournament as the champion in the 60-meter hurdles but was unable to successfully defend her title after narrowly finishing second with a time 8.69 seconds.

Senior Ebony Carter, like Billings, also failed to defend her title in the 60-meter dash. Carter's time of 7.59 was good enough for a second-place finish.

Carter also competed in the 200-meter dash where she finished third in 25.064 seconds.

In the high jump, freshman Keyanna Harris jumped 1.62m (5'3.78"), which was good enough to tie for fourth place.

Freshman Ashleigh Rasheed earned a seventh-place finish in the pentathlon. Rasheed accumulated 3,076 points and achieved a personal best in the process.

Rasheed later competed in the triple-jump and came in fourth.

Carter, Walker, Felton and Billings all received All-SoCon honors for finishing in the top-three of their respective events.

Along with the Eagles, 11 other teams from the SoCon gathered at JDL Fast Track



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Ebony Carter, Jasmine Billings, Jasmine Walker and Alyssa Felton garnered All-Southern Conference honors for finishing in the top-three of their respective events.

to claim the top spots in the conference. Western Carolina University came away with the team title.

After finishing the indoor season and looking back at it, there are still things we need to work on Mincey said.

"I'm happy for those that ended the season with personal bests, however we definitely have to work on depth and other areas of performing when we begin outdoor (meets)," Mincey said.

The Eagles will begin their outdoor season immediately as they travel to Jacksonville, Fla. to compete in the University of North Florida Spring Break Invite on Saturday.

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Eagles take third at CCSA Championships

Swimming & Diving

BY JACK MAGRUDER

The George-Anne staff

Over the weekend, the Georgia Southern University swimming and diving team claimed third place in the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association Championships, held in Athens, Ga.

The Eagles finished third out of the 13 teams participating in the event.

GSU swam into fourth place on the first day of the championships.

"We had a really good day," head Coach Nathan Kellogg said in a news release. "We felt like we had a really strong day and put ourselves in a really good position."

On the second day of competition, the Eagles moved to third place and defended their well-earned position until the end of the event.

In three days of competition the Eagles tallied seven new school records and 48 new personal bests.

"The future is bright. We have really good teams and people that buy into things. We're only scratching the surface of this team's potential," Kellogg said in a news release.

On the opening day of the event, the Eagles broke a school record, set 11 new personal bests and placed five individuals in the finals.

The Eagles' performance was highlighted by freshman Kylee Parsons' record-breaking second place finish in the 500-meter freestyle finals. The swimmer already broke the school record in her preliminaries round when she placed first in her heat and second overall with a time of 4:55.83. She then proceeded to break her own brand new record again in the finals, finishing just behind her competitor from Florida Gulf Coast University.

"She had a really good race. It's something she's been preparing for all year, and we knew it was certainly within reach. We are really happy with it. To finish second as a freshman is a pretty big deal and she is pretty fired up about it," Kellogg

said in a news release.

Meisenhelder earned a podium spot for her one-meter dive performance, placing third with a score of 257.15 points.

Sophomore diver Brittany Swanson qualified for her first career championship-finals and set a new personal best of 233.00, finishing eighth overall. Swanson also set a new personal best of 244.15 during the qualification round.

Lanson finished sixth in the 500 freestyle final, touching the plate in 23.07, only .02 short of her personal best. Juncker swam her 500 freestyle final in 5:03.34.

The Eagles earned one more podium spot when the 400-meter medley relay team consisting of freshman Christina Moran, Lavallin, sophomore Megan Heller and Lanson claimed bronze in the last event of the day.

On the second day of the championships, the Eagles broke four school records and had four athletes qualify for the finals.

The day's best performance came from the 200-meter medley relay team made up of Moran, Heller, Lavallin and Lanson. They finished second with a new school-record time of 1:43.58.

The relay squads were busy rewriting the GSU record books Sunday as the 800-meter free relay team consisting of Parsons, Rikki Babuka, Lindsay Mullican and Devan White also broke a school record, finishing fifth in 7:34.41.

Parsons continued her strong performance at her career first championships. The freshman earned her second podium spot in as many days after a tied for third place finish in the 200 freestyle, breaking her own school record from this morning's session.

Babuka and Lavallin also excelled. After qualifying for the 400 individual medley finals in seventh place with a personal best time of 4:28.15. Babuka finished in fourth place with another personal best of 4:26.36.

Lavallin added points for the

Eagles when she finished sixth in the 100-meter breaststroke finals with a time of 1:03.34.

Lanson finished out a dominating performance by the Eagles' sophomore class, finishing seventh in the 100-meter backstroke finals, tying her new personal record of 56.06 that was set at the championship meet.

Another school record was broken as sophomore Sarah Schwartz finished 11th in the 100-meter butterfly and qualified for the consolation finals in the evening session. There she placed seventh, good for a 15th overall finish.

10 different Eagles advanced to the consolation finals on day two of the CCSA Championships with Moran winning her heat in the 100-meter backstroke, establishing a new personal best of 56.74 for an overall ninth place finish.

Junior Megan Ostrom also set a new personal record in her heat of the 100 breaststroke "B" finals when she finished second, clocked in at 1:04.52, good for a tenth place finish overall.

Mullican and Juncker raced neck-and-neck in the 400 IM consolations. Mullican finished first with a career best mark of 4:27.75, and Juncker came in right behind her with a time of 4:28.59.

The Eagles placed an athlete in every event final, broke one school record, accumulated 11 more personal bests and earned four podium spots on the last day of the weekend-long event.

Parsons finished out her strong first championships appearance by earning another podium spot, her third in three days. The rookie swam the 1650-meter freestyle, setting a new personal best 17:10.78, good for a third place finish.

The diving squad also earned two podium spots in the three-meter dive on the final day.

Meisenhelder finished second with a score of 272.00 after qualifying as the number eight seed, and freshman Emma Weisel qualified for her first career finals, earning a bronze and setting a new personal best of 268.00.



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The GSU swimming and diving team finished third out of 13 teams at the CCSA Championships this past weekend.

"I thought the divers dove really well in finals. They were extremely composed and showed what great divers they were and that landed them on the podium. I'm extremely proud of them," diving coach David Giambra said in a news release.

The 400m free relay team consisting of Parsons, Moran, Devan White and Lanson finished up the last day of the championships with another school record-breaking performance of 3:25.91. The four earned a bronze medal in the event.

In her last race ever, the 200 butterfly final, Mullican made sure she went out on a high note. The senior

already set a new lifetime best but beat it one last time for a sixth place finish with a time of 2:04.14.

Lanson swam in her third individual final; entering the 100 freestyle final placed eighth, but was able to improve her ranking to seventh with a time of 51.61.

Junior Courtney Harrison earned important points for the Eagles in the 200 breaststroke, finishing fifth with a time of 2:19.25. Moran finished sixth in her 200 backstroke final with a time of 2:03.10.

In three days of competition, the Eagles tallied seven new school records and 48 new personal bests.



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Freshman catcher AJ Hamilton (11) takes off toward second base against TTU. GSU won this game 1-0.

Eagles hit rough patch

Softball (7-7)

BY: KATIE TOLBERT

The George-Anne staff

At the 2013 Citrus Classic, Georgia Southern University's softball team struggled against the Boston University Terriers and the University of Wisconsin Badgers finishing 1-4.

Both Friday and Saturday, the Eagles faced BU first, then the Badgers second.

GSU's first game was very slow, having both teams not score one run until the seventh inning. With the score tied at one-to-one, the game went into the eighth inning, in which the Terriers got a run to win the game 2-1.

The Eagles' second game started slow as well, until the sixth inning when the Badgers came out swinging and got three runs, ending junior pitcher Sarah Purvis's outing on the mound. These three runs won the game for the Badgers, 3-0.

After two losses, the Eagles had to replay the exact same schedule, but the outcome did not turn out with the same results.

Facing the Terriers first, GSU showed no mercy at bat whatsoever. In the fourth inning, the Eagles posted nine runs: one solo homerun by junior infielder Kourtney Thomas, two runs from senior outfielder Alexa Lewis's RBI double, two runs from freshman A.J. Hamilton's RBI double, two runs from junior infielder/outfielder Shelby Morrill's single, an RBI single by Hamilton and

an RBI single by freshman infielder/outfielder Lindsey Wilcox. The Terriers managed to get one run in the top of the fifth, but with the score at 9-1, the umpire called the game a victory for the Eagles.

This momentum from the first game did not carry on to the second. GSU had no real fire behind home plate, with only five hits the entire game from five different players. Just like how the Eagles took charge later on in the game against the Terriers, the Badgers took charge in the fifth and sixth inning scoring a collective four runs that earned another victory for Wisconsin against the Eagles.

To end the weekend for GSU, the Eagles had to face the Badgers for the third time.

With two losses to this team already, the Eagles looked promising when they were leading the game 3-1 in the first inning. The game remained at 3-2 in favor of the Eagles for three innings, until the sixth inning when the Badgers put three more runs up on the board making the score 5-3.

Although the Eagles made some great strides by getting the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth and Lewis's solo homerun in the bottom of the seventh, they could not pull out a win, and lost to the Badgers 6-4.

GSU will return home for the Eagle Classic Friday, March 1 through Sunday, March 3, facing Alabama State University, Florida International University, Kennesaw State University and the University of South Carolina.

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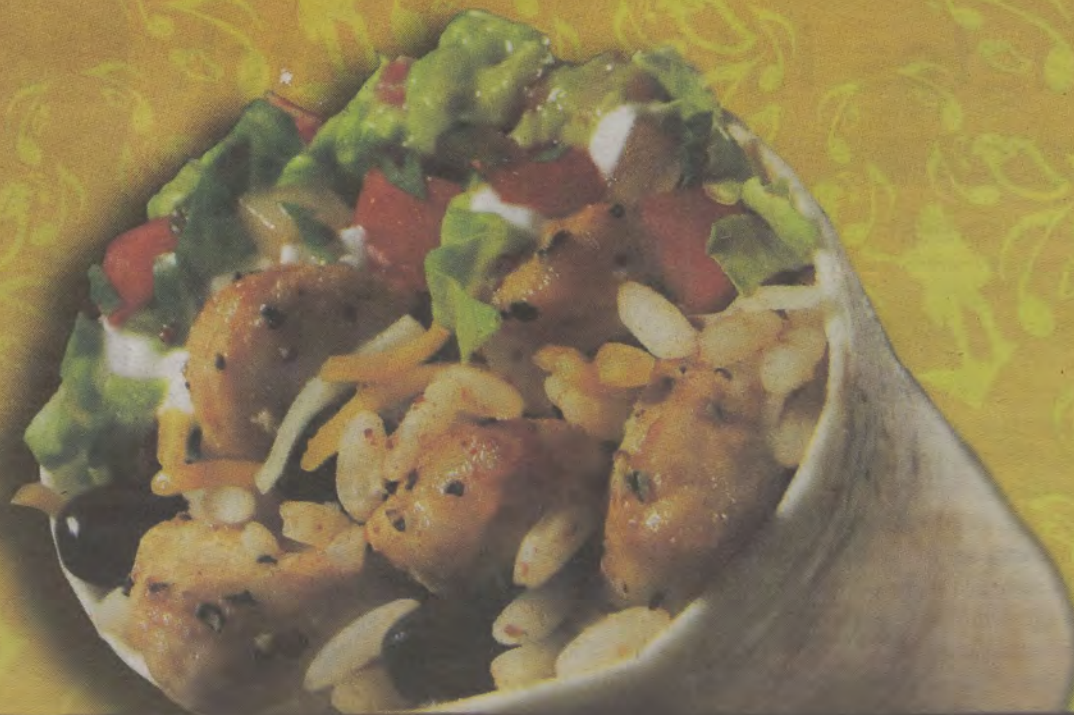
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