Up With People dances through time

The colorful cast of Up With People greeted students and faculty with ear-to-ear smiles as everyone settled into their seats and waited anxiously.

The show began at 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center, and the Up With People cast rushed through every aisle in the audience. Both sides of the stage filled up quickly, and a Georgia Southern University crowd filled the theater’s seats before the performance started. The performers gathered around the stage with harmony and vibrant colors from the performers’ outfits.

The performance, “Voices,” alternated between popular hits ranging from The Beatles to the Black Eyed Peas, international music and inspirational songs that incorporated the theme of giving a voice to people and standing together against violence and crime in the world.

“Voices” began in the 60s and 70s with classics such as “Age of Aquarius” and “ABC 123.” The cast came out in tie-dye and headscarves and grooved to The See PEOPLE, Page 15

Left to right: Joey Regester, freshman criminal justice major, Shizuya Oishi, Up With People dance instructor, and Braxton Moore, freshman political science major, performed a Japanese dance with Up With People’s visiting students and instructors. Students from GSU were able to hear and experience the group’s multicultural background.

Nick Ward vigil to be held tonight

A candlelit vigil will be held in honor of fallen Georgia Southern University student, Nick Ward, the victim of a drunken driving accident last month.

Friends and family will gather tonight from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Rotunda to pay their respects.

“We encourage people to come, hang out and talk amongst your friends. It doesn’t necessarily have to be just for people who knew Nick,” Andy Patton, senior marketing major and friend of Ward’s, said.

“Anybody can come show their support, meet new people, listen to some music and share some fellowship,” Patton said.

“Drinking and driving is a big issue, among college students especially. At least come out to support the fight against drunk driving and a sense of community, one student to another,” Ryan Clark, senior logistics and supply chain management major and Ward’s roommate, said.

There will be a luminary lighting at the Rotunda, and a few people will be holding candles. There will be a prayer led by a local pastor, and a few of Nick’s best friends will speak, Madison Rozakos, sophomore journalism and writing double-major, said.

Rozakos grew up with Ward, and she See VIGIL, Page 3
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Police Beat

Saturday, March 2

12:22 a.m.: An officer discovered an intoxicated person in J Lot. The intoxicated person, Davis Evans Ponder, 17, was arrested and charged with possession of alcohol under 21 years of age and giving false information to an officer.

12:42 a.m.: Officers responded to Centennial Place in reference to a drug complaint. Two occupants were arrested: Stephen Michael Nail, 19, charged with possession of marijuana - less than 1 ounce. Two other occupants were judicially referred.

1:05 a.m.: Officers responded to Eagle Village Clubhouse in reference to an intoxicated person. The intoxicated person, Zachary Ryan Looney, 19, was charged with possession of alcohol under 21 years of age.

9:06 a.m.: Officers responded to the Henderson Library in reference to a suspicious incident/person. Officers investigated the complaint with no suspicious incident/person located.

9:09 a.m.: Officers discovered an intoxicated person in Eagle Village. The intoxicated person was judicially referred.

1:22 p.m.: Officers responded to Centennial Place in reference to a fire alarm. The alarm was activated by smoke from a resident cooking. The Statesboro Fire Department checked the building with no other problems found.

3:00 p.m.: Officers responded to Freedom's Landing in reference to a welfare check.

9:53 p.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on Chandler Road at Olympic Blvd. The driver, Deon Dondre Allen, 19, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license and headlight required.

Sunday, March 3

2:36 a.m.: Officers responded to the Henderson Library in reference to a fire alarm. Maintenance responded. The building was checked with no problems found.

3:29 a.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop in Paulson Parking. A consent to search was completed. The driver was issued a traffic citation for failure to obey a traffic control device.

1:12 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at Kennedy Hall in reference to a fire alarm. The alarm was activated by smoke from a resident cooking.

8:20 p.m.: Officers responded to the Market at Centennial Place in reference to a low temperature alarm. The alarm was activated by employees cleaning a freezer.

Monday, March 4

6:26 a.m.: Officers responded to Einstein Bagel Shop in reference to a low temperature alarm. An employee leaving a freezer door open activated the alarm.

11:11 a.m.: An incident report was taken for an injured person who stated that they may have been shot with a BB gun near the J.J. Clements Stadium. Case turned over to the Investigations Department.

Tuesday, March 5

3:54 p.m.: Officers responded to Freedom's Landing for a report of an unwanted person who had damaged a door. Medina Sama LaFleur, 21, was charged with criminal trespass.

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considered him to be one of her nearest and closest friends.

David McDermott, the administrator from the Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Programs, will be speaking about alcohol awareness. A speaker from the counseling center will come and say a few words about dealing with loss and dealing with the grieving process, Patton said.

Clark will speak about the memory of Ward and try to offer first-hand experience of dealing with Ward not being here anymore and reiterate reasons why not to drink and drive.

A playlist was put together of Ward’s favorite songs. Ward was a music fanatic, his soul was music, Rozakos said. Widespread Panic was Ward’s favorite band, and he attended over 15 concerts, Rozakos said.

Donations will be accepted at the event, which will enter that person into a drawing that will be held within the next week for an autographed concert poster of Widespread Panic that was shipped to Ward, Patton said.

“Some of us emailed their (Widespread Panic) publicists about a week after Nick’s accident to see if they could offer their condolences, and they actually ended up contacting us all back, and they sent a care package full of posters and memorabilia,” Rozakos said. Proceeds will be given to Ward’s family to help with medical bills, Rozakos said.

Clark said, “Please come out and support a fellow Georgia Southern student and his family.”
Weekend crime needs attention

Tuesday we reported on 15 entering autos that occurred in various locations around campus and off-campus. None of the suspects have been apprehended in connection with the crimes yet, but a number of them have been spotted checking car doors and some are suspected of more than one entering auto.

The fact that 15 entering auto crimes could be committed in Georgia Southern University’s parking lots in one weekend is a concerning thing to consider. The fact that none of the suspects were caught is equally concerning. Police officers are trained to be able to recognize suspicious activity easily, yet the Campus Police interrupted none of the entering autos that were committed over the weekend?

GSU’s Campus Police are fully trained officers of the law, meaning that they are just as good at their jobs as the Statesboro police, so why were none of the perpetrators caught? Campus Police should work on finding ways to improve their ability to detect and break strings of crimes like what we just witnessed.

Campus Police has been making efforts to improve the overall safety of campus, but more should be done that focuses on safety and crime prevention on weekends. They know what can be done to improve safety and have undoubtedly considered many options, but there needs to be action taken toward implementation before we can expect to see a significantly safer campus.

Choose your apocalypse

Looks like we’ve got a couple of new doomsday scenarios to consider. After the disappointing 2012, we’ve got to come up with new things to scare our kids with. The CDC has been spreading warnings to hospitals regarding ways to prevent infection from an untreatable bacterium, and our government won’t assure us that they’ll never use drones on U.S. citizens.

Unsurprisingly, the safety tips for carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae, or Whatever-he-just-said disease, more commonly known as CRE, are remarkably similar to everything you learned about cleanliness in elementary school. Wash your hands at every convenient opportunity and at obvious times like after handling anything that could potentially have bacteria on it. It’s resistant to pretty much everything we have to treat bacteria. True to its doomsday-worthy attributes, doctors have called it a “nightmare bacterium.”

If that’s not enough to scare you, Eric Holder, our own Attorney General, can’t assure you that there’s no way drones won’t be used on U.S. citizens. Our government’s already drone-happy. The U.S. uses drones in more situations than any other nation, and an award is being considered that would be given to those that display valor while sitting in front of a control panel an ocean away from the action.

The awards would be similar to Xbox achievements, like a Congressional Medal of Efficiency achievement that could potentially have bacteria on it. It’s resistant to pretty much everything we have to treat bacteria. True to its doomsday-worthy attributes, doctors have called it a “nightmare bacterium.”

It looks like we’re in that weird transition period between doomsday predictions, where society is just bouncing ideas off itself. Maybe we can break the cycle this time. Hopefully most of us have realized that we’re a pretty hardy species and aren’t going to be facing anything similar to doomsday until the asteroid gets here.

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U.S. stretching itself too thin

It seems like we, as a nation, really will be in a perpetual war from now on. New and old threats alike continue to strengthen their armies and weapons while we attempt to use worthless sanctions as a means to cripple the weapons building. Iran is closer to a nuclear weapon than ever before, and the "point of no return" is fast approaching. Iran has stated relentlessly that their nuclear program is for nuclear energy but the United States is its sworn enemy, and with the rebels seek support from the United States. The growing problem for us is Russia's involvement in the affair. Russia has passed weapons under the table to help arm Assad's regime with the hope of Assad returning to power.

One way or another, it's hard to believe that, especially when Ahmadinejad has repeatedly threatened to wipe Israel off the face of the earth.

Now it's North Korea, a country already with nuclear weapons which has forced their people to starve in return for military equipment and weapons. It has explicitly stated that the United States is its sworn enemy, and with every weapon test it conducts, it gets closer to using real weapons of mass destruction.

The situation in Syria is not getting better. Assad continues to wage war against his own people while the rebels seek support from the United States. The growing problem for us is Russia's involvement in the affair. Russia has passed weapons under the table to help arm Assad's regime with the hope of Assad returning to power.

These and many other foreign issues require a U.S. response in one way or another, but with so many threats to American sovereignty it's hard not to think that we are on the brink of being stretched too thin. The Romans were stretched too thin militarily which ultimately led to their demise. If we as a nation continue down that path, we shouldn't expect a different outcome than what the Romans faced.

We have to realize that we have obligations to the world because we are the strongest, best country to ever exist, but our diplomats and the Pentagon have to find another way to solve our problems without the constant threat of war always looming. If war is inevitable we will see, for the first time, nuclear weapons on both sides of the war, and neither the United States nor any other country on the face of the Earth can afford to witness such an atrocity.

Women are not equal yet

FROM THE MARGINS

Tomorrow, March 8, marks the celebration of International Women's Day. Women's Day is a day to examine the political, economic and social gains of women worldwide and look forward to more achievements. This year's theme, as published on the International Women's Day website, is "The Gender Agenda: Gaining Momentum." This theme shows that while there has been headway, there is still work to be done for the goal of women's equality.

While many may believe we have reached that point, study results released by the Women's Media Center contain alarming results and further emphasize the importance of maintaining vigilance to create change in our societies. The Women's Media Center reported: "Men were far more likely to be quoted than women in newspapers, television and public radio. That's also the case in coverage of abortion, birth control, Planned Parenthood and women's rights." This point amazes me that, instead of following what seems to be an obvious journalistic rule and going straight to the source, the media decides to ask men about the rights of women and their bodies. I will never be able to take a man seriously when he believes he can speak on behalf of women and their physiology and what they should or should not be doing with their body.

Another alarming number from the report was: "At its current pace, it will take until 2085 for women to reach parity with men in leadership roles in government/politics, business, entrepreneurship and nonprofits." They go into more specifics about women in different high positions in the media world, and the numbers don't look good. Media serves as the voice of the people, and women's voices are not as equally heard as males. This is a large problem in our society when the majority of what's being heard on the radio, read online or watched on television by children is dominated by only one type of person. Even in The George-Anne, there is a disproportion between the number of male and female opinion writers. So, students, take the opportunity on Friday to observe the inequality that still exists and know changes must be made.

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

Zero-tolerance is not tolerant

IN MY HUMBLE OPINION

We hear the term "zero-tolerance" getting thrown around a lot in today's world. Companies saying they have a zero-tolerance policy for drug use. School systems have zero-tolerance for almost everything when you look at their policy on drugs, fighting, language and weapons of any kind. For the most part these rules are good for the sake of keeping companies professional and for keeping our schools a safer place for our kids to learn. However, there are many cases where zero-tolerance can be taken too literally or too far.

Now I realize that these rules are meant to keep children safe, but there are cases where zero-tolerance has been taken too far. For example, a few years ago a first grade child was suspended from school because he made a butter knife that he didn't know was in his backpack fall onto the cafeteria floor when he went to take out his lunch box. A teacher found it and even talked to him about it, yet the school board still suspended him from school. School systems can ruin a child's self-esteem by making an example of him like that. That is going to stay with him throughout primary school, he'll always be known as "the kid who brought a weapon to school." More recently, a 16-year-old high school student was suspended from school because of a zero-tolerance rule for fighting and violence on school property. The fight that this young man was involved in was wrestling away a loaded gun that another student pulled out of his backpack. The suspect student pulled out the gun and had it pointed at another student. Despite saving the life of another student, this young man was suspended from school because of a policy that allowed for zero-tolerance. There is a fine line that schools are dancing with when they use the term zero-tolerance. Where does it stop protecting students and start harming them? This young man is a hero, putting himself in danger to save another kid's life, yet he is being punished for being selfless.

Today we live in a society that preaches tolerance and political correctness. Society needs to reevaluate itself if it is ok with a hero being punished because of a zero-tolerance policy. It almost contradicts everything that the Political Correctness Police, as I call them, supposedly stand for. They need to be careful. If more students like this young man keep getting punished then all they are doing is teaching kids not to do the right thing.
Avoiding car thefts: A beginner’s guide

Public Safety at Georgia Southern University received 15 reports of entering auto last weekend. The thefts occurred both on and off campus.

There are currently two suspects, but they have not been apprehended as of this writing. Of course, the question everyone is asking is this: How did these thieves manage to get into 15 vehicles?

The answer may surprise you. Almost every vehicle at GSU contains one or more special devices called "vehicle doors." According to Wikipedia, "A vehicle door is a partition, typically hinged, but sometimes attached by other mechanisms such as tracks, in front of an opening which is used for entering and exiting a vehicle."

In layman’s terms, the door is how you get in and out of a vehicle.

If these thieves are using the same method of vehicle entry as you are, then how can they be stopped? Is there any way to fight against this door-opening menace?

Yes, there is. Lucky for you, I’m here to help.

Not many people know this, but there is more to getting in a car than just the door. In fact, there is a small device next to the door handle—you know, that thing you grab when you open the door—called a "lock." Almost every vehicle possesses a lock.

The purpose of a lock is to make it impossible to open the car door until the owner "unlocks" the vehicle door. This is done by using a "key." You may recognize a key as one of those things that jingle in your pocket and constantly disappear when you need them most.

Not only are keys used to unlock locks, but they are also used to lock locks. This makes it difficult for people, including those pesky thieves, to enter the vehicle.

Once you understand the operation of these special devices—and remember to use them by locking your car door—you can avoid having your property stolen.

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Letters to the Editor

Pay more attention around cyclists

I want to write this letter to simply ask people to pay more attention to cyclists while you are walking around campus and especially while you are driving. I have been hit by a car which drove into me, causing me to crash into another car. Thankfully my leg, which took the majority of the first hit, suffered nothing worse than some nasty bruising, and my bike was not damaged very much. The girl who hit me was on her phone and didn’t even bother to make sure I was okay before she continued driving; neither did the person driving the other car.

I have had countless other close encounters where I would have been hit save for my awareness and quick reactions. I ride my bicycle in the bike lanes where they are provided and when I am not riding on the road or bike lanes. I ride on the sidewalk, which is actually illegal, but I do not trust other drivers. By law a cyclist is considered a driver and a cyclist has all the rights to the roadway applicable to any driver. So when you see a cyclist on the road, please respect the fact that we have the right to be there and give us enough room while you are passing us.

Now, while you are walking around campus, look before you suddenly turn and start walking in another direction or turn from the sidewalk onto Forest Drive. I am counting on you to continue on your current path so if you suddenly turn into my path I will try my best to avoid you, but you might get clipped. Again, I have had many close encounters due to people not paying attention. Please, it is not hard to pay more attention, for your sake and mine.

Derek Gramling
Junior mathematics major
Warner Robins

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WEEKLY BUZZ
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THURSDAY
NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

FRIDAY
3.8.2013
6 P.M. AND 8 P.M.
UPB MOVIE
RUSSELL UNION THEATER

The University Programming Board sponsors a weekly movie series every Friday in the Russell Union Theater. You can enjoy the newest, hottest and most popular pre-home releases for free with concessions going as little as $1 each, you can't beat UPB Cinema. Don't forget to bring your Eagle ID.

SATURDAY
3.9.2013
RACE 2 BREAK 5K

Don't forget you can still sign up for this exhilarating 3.1-mile race through Georgia Southern University's beautiful and historic campus. It will definitely get you excited about your spring break! Be aware that the price increases the closer the date of the race is. Sign up at http://welcome.georgiasouthern.edu/wellness/index.php/race2break/

TUESDAY
3.12.2013
5 P.M.
SLACKLINE CLINIC
SOUTHERN ADVENTURE CLINIC

Slacklining is the cousin of tight rope walking. You balance and walk on nylon webbing line a few feet off the ground that is tensioned between two fixed anchor points. This clinic is geared to help you learn safe setup and the basics of walking on a slackline. Beginners and advanced slackliners are welcome!

WEDNESDAY
3.13.2013
8 P.M.
ADVENTURE MOVIE SERIES
SOUTHERN ADVENTURE CENTER

Come to the RAC and watch a movie with the Southern Adventure team. Enjoy free popcorn and other snacks as well. Check out our more SA fun at http://services.georgiasouthern.edu/crisouthernAdventures.

GO GREEN - CFL GIVEAWAY

Head over to the Union Rotunda between 12 - 2 p.m. or the RAC lobby from 5 - 7 p.m. to receive your free compact fluorescent lamp from the University Wellness Program!
Eagle Battalion recognized by governor

BY SARAH RYNIKER
The George-Anne staff

On Tuesday, Georgia Governor Nathan Deal recognized Georgia Southern University’s ROTC Eagle Battalion at the State Capitol for its first-place Ranger Challenge win.

“The Eagle Battalion won first place out of thirty-nine teams that competed,” Battalion Sergeant Maj. Eric Lindsay said.

According to the ROTC website, The Ranger Challenge is a collection of 10 physical and mental tasks that are meant to test a variety of skills, such as weapons assembly and a ropes course.

Two faculty members from GSU were in attendance: President Brooks Keel and Russell Keen from the University’s Office of Government Relations and Community Engagement, according to a news release.

Also in attendance were Sen. Jack Hill and three members of the House of Representatives.

It was an honor to recognize the ROTC cadets for the win, Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, a former GSU alumnus, said in the news release.

“The key to Eagle Battalion’s success, like anything in the Army, is about attracting quality people who want to do the right thing and do it well,” according to the ROTC Ranger Challenge website.

The Eagle Battalion will compete in the International Sandhurst Competition at the U.S. Military Academy in April, according to the news release.

The National Sandhurst competition is a two-day event that takes place at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, NY on April 19 and April 20.

Lindsay said, “ROTC is a great program to promote the leaders of tomorrow.”

Invoost hosts online college stock market competition

BY LAUREN GORLA
The George-Anne staff

Imagine being able to feel the rush of trading stocks and making money on Wall Street all while sitting behind a computer screen in Statesboro.

Invoost, an online stock market gaming platform, is trying to produce this thrill by creating a virtual stock market world where college students can compete to win over $10,000.

“We’re trying to make the stock market more exciting. When people use these other platforms, there’s no way to feel the excitement of investing, so when there’s ten thousand dollars at stake, people act differently, and they’ve got a lot of emotion involved,” Tyler Maglione, chief operating officer of Invoost, said.

“The interesting factor is that whether the student is from an Ivy League school or a community college, they have the same chance of winning, Maglione said.

Competitors from colleges and universities across the nation have been invited to compete, although any college student with an interest in the stock market can register.

“The people that do this, it’s not just investment club people, it’s people in business programs or maybe they just read the Wall Street Journal,” Maglione said.

The company is currently based out of Spain, but it will be moving to Silicon Valley, Ca. in the near future, Maglione said.

The final seed before the final competition is April 12, and registration will close around the middle of March, Maglione said.

The final competition is April 19 and April 20.

Maglione said, “This is its first year (of the competition), but we did a trial competition last semester in Europe and it worked pretty well, so we’re just replicating what worked over there and trying to do it bigger in the U.S.”

“Students compete for medals, meaning that there’s these competitions of eighty people each, and if they place in the top twenty percent, they get a bronze medal. If they get a bronze medal, they can compete then for a silver medal, a gold medal and then be in the final to compete for the ten thousand dollars,” Maglione said.

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Megan George contributed to this report.
Sororities look to educate on alcohol poisoning

BY LAUREN GORLA
The George-Anne staff

A long night of partying can end up being a topic of conversation over a hangover breakfast with friends, but one college student never got the chance.

In the fall of 2004, Samantha Spady passed away from alcohol poisoning after overdrinking at a party. This can happen to anyone at anytime, but many students do not know the warning signs of alcohol poisoning.

Zeta Tau Alpha, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Delta sororities will host a Sam Spady Event to teach students about the signs of alcohol poisoning. The event will be on March 12 in the Russell Union Ballroom at 7 p.m.

"The whole purpose of the program is to help people realize the signs and warning signs in case it happens to you or a friend, by using the story," Katie Griffith, president of ZTA, said.

Although ZTA members have presented this program for 10 years during the spring semester within their own sorority, this will be the first year that they will present it for the entire GSU student population, Griffith said.

"It's something that we want everyone on campus to know because we don't want anybody to be affected by this," Ashley Landry, executive council member of the risk management committee, said.

The goal of the program is to show students the reality of alcohol poisoning and how it can affect anyone.

"We learn the logistics of things in health classes and throughout high school, but this program really does bring it to a real level and it definitely shows you how many people took place in this incident and it still happened," Griffith said.

The event will revolve around the story of Sam Spady, a 19-year old college student at Colorado State University who died in a fraternity house on September 5, 2004 from alcohol poisoning, according to the Sam Spady Foundation website.

After Spady's death, her family created the Sam Spady Foundation and brought her story to ZTA National, which then sent it to all of its chapters in the U.S., Griffin said.

"(Spady's) family along with Zeta Tau Alpha National have come together to make this program, and we just show it to everybody to show them how real alcohol poisoning is and how it can really affect everyone's lives," Landry said.

In the program, members of ZTA will describe the night of Spady's death hour-by-hour, highlighting points where she was given a drink by using colored cards given to each audience member, Landry said.

As the night progresses, presenters will discuss points in the night where another person gave Spady a drink by representing them with a color. Audience members with a card of the same color will stand up so that they can feel what it was like to be at the party, Landry said.

"Each color means something different, like if you have an orange card, we'll say you were one of the five people that gave her a shot of liquor that night, so they have to stand up when it's their card, so it makes it more personal especially the person that gets Sam Spady," Landry said.

The cards make the story more real and audience members will see how many people went through the night with Spady and how many people saw her and did nothing to help or stop it, Griffith said.

Landry said, presenters will also go over some of the basic signs of alcohol poisoning, breathing less than 10 times per minute, cold, clammy, pale in color or throwing up without waking up.

The Carter Lecture Series

Featuring guest lecturer: Dr. Tim Clipson

"Cracker Jacks, Kangaroos, and Snipe Hunting: LIFE Lessons for Today's Leaders"

Dr. Clipson is a Professor of Executive Communication and Executive Leadership in the MBA program at Stephen F. Austin State University where he also coordinates the Freshman Success Program. Dr. Clipson is President and co-founder of LIFE!, a leadership consulting firm dedicated to improving the quality of life in organizations and individuals.

Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.
Nessmith-Lane Assembly Hall
SGA to start election ‘Social Media Frenzy’

BY LAUREN GORLA
The George-Anne staff

Student Government Association will use social media to promote and engage students about the upcoming elections during a weeklong initiative called “Social Media Frenzy.”

Currently, each college of senators within SGA has a Facebook page, and SGA has its own Twitter account, but over the next week senators will post more than usual, Christina Belge, SGA executive vice president, said.

“We have a lot of things we want to happen with elections, and we want to make sure that there’s a neutral tone before we start getting into campaigning,” Belge said.

Each senator will be making a minimum of 10 posts per week on social media, like Facebook and Twitter, Belge said.

Applications are now available online through the MyInvolvement page found on the MyGeorgiaSouthern homepage and are due on March 15, Carolyn Cristancho, graduate assistant for SGA, said.

Cristancho said elections will take place between April 8-10 and results will be announced on April 11.
Music Fest lineup: Nothing new, nothing bad

**Music**

**BY ALEX LASALLE**
The George-Anne staff

The Statesboro Music Festival is upon us, which is sure to be entertaining. Fun times in spring weather are sure to be had by all, but what sort of music will we be hearing?

Statesboro, being a smaller Southern town, isn’t going to attract any superstar. Still, that doesn’t mean you can’t relax with good friends, good food and listen to what the festival has to offer.

It ain’t Bonnaroo, but some local musicians from GSU will perform and certainly deserve a listen from their fellow students. Others hail from different parts of the Southeast and bring listenable tunes with no surprises.

**Perpetual Groove**

Jam band. For some, those two words tell you everything you need to know about Perpetual Groove. This is a group of top-notch musicians who get up on stage and play their instruments with great skill. Some might find them boring, and others might find a fantastic live show worth seeing again. Thus is the nature of the Jam Band.

A festival environment is where bands like Savannah natives Perpetual Groove thrive—playing to a crowd in a field somewhere, not so much playing songs as they are playing whatever music fits the moment. Like any Jam Band worth their salt, Perpetual Groove is worth checking out live.

**The Tarlatans**
The Tarlatans are a country/folk type band that occasionally veers to the pop-side of Nashville. The obvious stylistic comparison is the Avett Brothers, but where the Avetts would veer to more bluegrass stylings, The Tarlatans play it straight through with a folksy sound that even veers into country territory.

Unfortunately, that proves to be their undoing when compared with their contemporaries. The more country—the further away from a calmer folk sound—their music gets, the less exciting it gets. The music sounds like what you would listen to sitting on a front porch, sipping iced tea and watching the sun set, but there’s nothing you haven’t heard before.

The Deadfields

The Deadfields are another country/folk/bluegrass band that sort of sits in the middle of all those genres. Their debut album from 2012, called “Dance in the Sun,” holds a bunch of mid-tempo songs that will be perfect to listen to for an afternoon in Statesboro, and little else. Bring your friends, or you might get bored.

**First-ever BBQ competition to heat up Music Fest**

The vision for the barbecue competition was created by the Music Festival Committee, which consists of about 10-15 local business leaders and GSU students.

Lehman Franklin, event director, said, the Statesboro Music Festival will have a lot of different elements so the entire Statesboro community can play a part.

_The Deadfields_
**BORO BEAT**

**THURSDAY**

- **Dingus Magee's**
  - Happy Hour 5-7 p.m. and 9-11 p.m.
  - 2-for-1 Appetizers and well drinks
- **El Sombrero**
  - $2.50 Domestic beers
- **Gnat's Landing**
  - Happy hour 5-7 p.m.
  - $3 Double well drinks
  - $2 Bottle beer
  - $6 Bud light pitchers
- **Mellow Mushroom**
  - Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
  - $2.75 Draft beers
- **South and Vine**
  - Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
  - 2-for-1 Appetizers and well drinks

**FRIDAY**

- **Dingus Magee's**
  - Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
  - $2 Pints
  - ½ off boneless wings and chips and queso
  - Ent. Cyril Durant
- **GATA's**
  - Happy Hour 5-8 p.m.
  - $1.50 bud light, Miller light, and Coors light bottles
  - $1 shots
  - $2 vodka and bourbon doubles and wells
  - $8 Sam Adam's pitchers
  - All night
  - Andrew James band
- **Millhouse**
  - Happy Hour all day
  - $2 Draft beers, well drinks and margaritas
- **Mellow Mushroom**
  - Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
  - $2.75 Draft beers

**SATURDAY**

- **El Sombrero**
  - $2 Margaritas
- **Gnat's Landing**
  - Happy hour 5-7 p.m.
  - Ent. Gavin McCoy
- **Loco's**
  - Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
  - $2 Pints
  - Ent. Kermic
- **Millhouse**
  - Happy Hour all day
  - $2 Draft beers, well drinks and margaritas
- **The Grill**
  - Happy Hour 9 p.m. – close
  - $3.50 Bud Light, Miller Light Drafts, Well drinks
  - $4.50 Premium well drinks
  - $5.50 Super well drinks
  - $1 off Sangria, bar only
- **GATA's**
  - Happy Hour 5-8 p.m.
  - $2 Bud light, Miller Light, and Coors light bottles
  - $1 shots
  - $2 vodka and bourbon doubles and wells
  - $8 Sam Adam's pitchers
  - All night
  - Ty Bates (free cover)
- **Manny's**
  - Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.
  - $2 Drafts, single well drinks
  - $3 Double well drinks
  - Kids eat free w/entree purchase
- **Loco's**
  - Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
  - $2 Pints
  - $3 Miller and Coors Light tallboys
- **South and Vine**
  - Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
  - $2.75 Draft beers

**SUNDAY**

- **Applebee's**
  - $3 Margaritas, Bud Light, Miller Light
  - $3.50 Long Island Ice Teas
- **Chili's**
  - $2.99 Margaritas
  - Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
  - $2.99 Well drinks and draft beer
- **El Sombrero**
  - $3.50 Bloody Mary's
- **Mellow Mushroom**
  - Happy Hour all day
  - $2 Draft beers, well drinks and margaritas
- **The Grill**
  - Happy Hour 9 p.m. – close
  - $3.50 Bud Light, Miller Light Drafts, Well drinks
  - $4.50 Premium well drinks
  - $5.50 Super well drinks
  - $4.50 Shock Top, bar only
How to negotiate your way to a cheaper lease

Culture

BY WILLIAM PRICE
The George-Anne staff

Ready or not, leasing season is upon Georgia Southern University students as housing vendors aim to sign as many students on as possible for fall 2013.

This past Tuesday, housing agents from every apartment complex and rental service in Statesboro gathered in the Russell Union to show off their brand and court the signatures of GSU students.

It can be tempting to sign the first contract presented and be done with it, but with a little effort and help from an experienced professional in the housing field students can be prepared going in to sign a lease and come out with a fair deal.

"It's extremely important to remember that all terms you see on leases and contracts are negotiable. They are not final by any means," Joe Ruhland, assistant professor in department of finance and economics, said.

Students should also know that their ability to negotiate is determined by the demand for what they are negotiating for. Don't try to negotiate if there is a line of people behind you, Ruhland said.

"A common mistake students make is not understanding or reading what is in a lease before they sign it, when they need to pay rent by and other important details," Margaret Hudson, property manager at the Premier Management Group in Statesboro, said.

"I recommend all potential leasers to read up on their tenant rights in Georgia. The rules vary state-by-state. Get yourself informed and a step ahead of the curve," Ruhland said.

Many students don't think about the secondary costs of living off-campus. Things like parking passes, utilities and damage charges can add up fast, Hudson said.

Every person has a different list of priorities when looking for housing. Some of the key priorities are proximity to campus, whether the property is pet friendly and if utilities are included in the rent, Hudson said.

Current freshmen who have not dealt with signing leases and contracts are at a greater disadvantage when searching for a place to live.

"My advice to a freshmen would be to constantly weigh your options. Don't just live where your friends live. Really think about it and make an educated decision. Take your time," Christina Gondry, junior geology major, said.

Some freshmen have already found roommates and signed leases for the fall.

"We knew we wanted to live somewhere built recently and that is fairly close to campus, and of course at a reasonable price," Carmyn Coleman, freshman pre-business major, said.

"It was easier than we thought it would be. Having a plan helped out a lot," Kelsey Chandler, undeclared freshman, said.

Coleman said, "I think going in with a plan and a list of things we wanted really helped us decide where to live. We're really happy with how it turned out."
College version of ‘The Hangover’ disappoints

BY PEYTON CALLANAN
The George-Anne staff

Long before “21 and Over” ever reached theaters, it was being touted as a college version of “The Hangover,” a description that it would never be able to live up to.

It’s not hard to compare the two movies, along with several other similar movies, because “21 and Over” doesn’t do anything special to set itself apart.

Though “21 and Over” was written by the same team as “The Hangover,” there was no way the writers could outdo the movie that made Bradley Cooper and Zach Galifianakis household names.

It became the highest grossing “R” rated comedy ever—that is until a little movie about a talking bear that sounded like Peter Griffin came along.

The movie stars Miles Teller (“Project X”), Skylar Astin (“Pitch Perfect”) and Justin Chon (“Twilight”) as a group of old friends celebrating one’s 21st birthday until things get out of hand.

It is easy to see how “The Hangover” influenced this movie, with many scenes that feel like they would fit seamlessly into the director’s cut of the predecessor.

Many other scenes seem to be borrowed straight from other comedies with the same theme of longtime friends out for a night of drunken debauchery, like that of “Animal House,” “Old School” and “Superbad.”

The final critique is that “21 and Over” feels mostly like “Superbad.” In fact, if you just changed the names in the script to Evan, Seth and McLovin it would make a logical sequel to the original storyline. However, “21 and Over” just feels like warmed-up leftovers and is ultimately missing the over-the-top craziness and endlessly quotable lines of all the movies it’s imitating.

Teller’s great comedic timing carries most of the movie, but his acting can only take the mediocre script so far. His character Miller gets in several good lines, but none of them are particularly memorable after leaving the theater.

Astin is incredibly vanilla as Casey, the token good, responsible guy who gets the girl. Chon’s character Jeff Chang is this movie’s version of McLovin, the awkward third wheel in Miller and Casey’s bromance.

Overall the movie is far from painful to watch, the actors are fun and attractive, the music is good, the party scenes will instantly make every party you have been to seem boring, but it will never overcome the expectations that its creators put on it.
Jackson 5 and other famous artists of the time.

The music was appropriate for the message that Up With People wanted to convey because their music was from an era that strived to improve human rights around the world, Harrison Hogan, freshman French and chemistry double-major said.

The headscarves were then thrown to the wind and traded in for side ponytails and tutus as the Up With People cast rocked out to “Girls Just Want to Have Fun.” The iconic parachute pants and red leather jacket even made an appearance for “You Can’t Touch This” and “Thriller.”

GSU students revisited their childhood in the 90s as Britney Spears and boy bands ‘N Sync and Backstreet Boys hit the stage.

“I like the eighties and nineties because I thought it was the best compilation across the board because they had stuff that was more mainstream and not so mainstream. There was rock as well as softer stuff. They didn’t just stick to one genre,” Shekirah Rolle, freshman international studies major, said.

Up with People then shared international experiences and culture by showing off global dances. The group performed an Irish jig, a salsa and a Bollywood dance to the song, “Jai Ho.”

“I thought it was pretty cool how they did dances from all over the world. The performers did a great job, and I thought it was awesome how they take the time to learn the dances from different countries they visit,” Rolle said.

The show concluded with a ceremony of flags from across the world as well as a mash up of some of the current top songs in America like “Gangnam Style,” “I Gotta Feeling” and “Call Me Maybe.”

“My favorite part was when they were telling about all the different countries they visited by having Up With People do something to represent each country. I also liked the original songs, especially the duet about coming home,” Chrystal Messar, freshman biology and French double-major said.

After the show, the audience was given the chance to meet and talk with the cast members, purchase the Up With People CD and attend a meeting if they were interested in joining the cast someday.
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS
1   Forest youngster
5   John Wesley’s relig.
6   Nueve menos dos
14  Canyon comeback
15  -deucy
16  “Come on in”
17  Pre-cal course
18  Little vehicle
20  Fable writer
22  Western Australia’s capital
23  Little time
26  Real estate units
28  “I’m on it.”
30  Pre-cal course
31  Beauty pageant accessories
33  Therapists’ org.
36  “Yes, I have a
39  Friendship bracelet components
40  Little role
43  MolecularResolve
44  Remote button with two vertical bars
45  Weight unit
46  Earth Day prefix
47  Recipe amount
48  “It’s been real, dahling.”
50  Grandstand feature
51  Little break
56  Greek salad cheese
57  Do in, as a vampire
59  Bills with Hamilton on them
60  Little type
65  Summer camp setting
66  Bamboo muncher
67  Scratch or scuff, say
69  -craftsy
70  List-shortening abbr.
71  Rare variety of 12-Down

DOWN
1   Greek salad cheese
2   Real estate units
3   Rustling sound
4   Rotten to the core
5   Rock’s Fleetwood
6   Earth Day prefix
7   Italian
8   Side by side
9   -and... of thousands’
10  High-strung
11  List-shortening abbr.
12  Steeped beverage
13  Pub the shot, say
14  Where there are plenty of fish
15  “I’m having trouble finding a place in the city that has what we want.”
16  Lady
17  Pre-cal course
18  List-shortening abbr.
19  Weapons
20  Fable writer
21  Ask for a hand on one knee
22  Western Australia’s capital
23  “That is so not happening!”
24  Scandal figure
25  Monica Lewinsky scandal figure
26  Earth Day prefix
27  Refuse to, quantity
28  For managed care giant
29  German industrial city
30  “Hey Chuck, what are you doing?”
31  Butterfly catcher
32  “Hey, you can always make another one.”
33  “…and of thousands’
34  Bender LaBelle or LuPone
35  “I’m on it.”
36  “Yes, I have a... of thousands’
37  Luisa’s love
38  Tie during a tennis game
39  Response
40  Little role
41  16x16 grid
42  That is so not happening!”
43  Recipe amount
44  Verdi opera with Desdemona
45  Encore presentation
46  “I’m on it.”
47  Recipe amount
48  “Yes, I have a... of thousands’
49  Verdi opera with Desdemona
50  Grandstand feature
51  Little break
52  High-strung
53  Format “Who’s there?”
54  Illuminated studio sign
55  Black variety of 12-Down
56  Earth Day prefix
57  Do in, as a vampire
58  Bills with Hamilton on them
59  Bills with Hamilton on them
60  Mud bath venue
61  Scratch or scuff, say
62  Picnic invader
63  Butterfly catcher
64  16x16 grid
65  Summer camp setting
66  Bamboo muncher
67  Scratch or scuff, say
68  MGM symbol
69  -craftsy
70  Real estate units
71  Rare variety of 12-Down

By Melanie Miller

Last Edition’s Puzzle Solved

**Sudoku**

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 7 4 5 6 2 3 1 9 8
 4 3 5 7 1 2 9 8 6
 5 6 9 7 3 8 4 2 1
 9 1 3 6 5 4 7 2 8
 6 7 2 1 8 5 9 3 4
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 3 5 1 2 4 6 8 7 9
 1 2 6 4 9 7 3 5 8
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Wofford’s old-school offense to challenge GSU

BY COLIN RITSICK
The George-Anne staff

Southern Conference play begins this weekend for the Georgia Southern University baseball team as it plays host to Wofford College in a three-game series at J.I. Clements Stadium.

The Eagles (6-6, 0-0 SoCon) look to get back above .500 as they face the Terriers (7-6, 0-0 SoCon). The series will be the first conference test for both teams.

Just looking at the stats, these two teams match up pretty evenly. The teams have similar records, batting averages of just under .300 and slightly above average ERA’s. But the differences in strength of schedule tell a much different story about GSU and Wofford.

The Eagles have opened their first 11 games of the season squaring up against the University of Georgia, University of Florida, Indiana University, Georgia Institute of Technology and Xavier University. The Eagles have emerged from that brutal stretch of games with six wins and an above .500 record.

Wofford, on the other hand, features losses against East Tennessee State University, Presbyterian College and University of Dayton. The Terriers have also lost the only game they have played on the road this season.

However, Wofford will bring with it the most methodical offense in the SoCon. The Terriers have found success by simply grinding out many of their runs. Wofford leads the conference in on-base percentage, sacrifice bunts and total number of steals. This old-school style team will not necessarily shock anyone in attendance with power hitting as it has only hit four home runs on the year—the fewest in the SoCon. The Terriers will instead consistently try to catch the Eagles sleeping and move runners from base to base with patient approaches at the plate and attempted steals.

GSU is second in the SoCon in total stolen bases with 23. The only team ahead of the Eagles is Wofford with a whopping 44 steals.

Sophomore catcher Chase Griffin for GSU will undoubtedly have his arm tested this weekend.

First pitch is set for 6:30 p.m. tomorrow, 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Sunday’s baseball game to honor athletic trainers

BY COLIN RITSICK
The George-Anne staff

Sunday’s baseball game at J.I. Clements Stadium is designated Athletic Training Appreciation Day to honor all of the athletic training staff and students as well as those in the community.

“All athletic trainers from the school, athletic training students and trainers from the area will be invited to the game,” Sports Information Director Barrett Gilham said in a news release.

Although fans usually only see the athletic trainers when a player gets hurt on the field, there is much more to the profession than simply responding to injuries on the field.

“Trainers coordinate all the doctor’s visits of the athletes,” Marcus Underwood, senior athletic training student, said. “We also do the majority of the athletes rehabilitation from injuries they may sustain in games or practice.”

Athletic trainers are paid employees. Athletic training students are Georgia Southern University students that must log a certain number of hours per week and semester in order to graduate in that major.

“Trainers will, on a daily basis, do rehabs for the athletes. With orthopedic injuries we will pretty much do all of that rehab just like a physical therapist would for the general population,” Underwood said.

GSU’s Director of Sports Medicine Brandy Clouse will be throwing out the first pitch for Sunday’s game that is set for 1:30 p.m.

In addition to being invited to the game on Sunday, athletic trainers from the area were also invited to attend a teaching demo for emergency situations on Tuesday night.

“There’s a human simulator that is able to simulate different emergency scenarios that will be at the demo,” Underwood said.

Included in the emergency scenarios were how to administer an EpiPen, how to administer a nebulizer and how to spine board a patient.

All athletic trainers, athletic training students and athletic training professionals from around the community are invited to attend the baseball game on Sunday in honor of their hard work to keep GSU athletes and athletes around Statesboro healthy.
Wofford and GSU slated to rematch

BY SHAKEEM HOLLOWAY
The George-Anne staff

Twice already, Wofford College has defeated the Georgia Southern University men's basketball team and tomorrow's matchup will pit the two teams together again.

The first time these teams played, the Terriers won at home by an 18-point margin. In their second matchup the Eagles played better, but the Terriers excelled in the clutch and beat GSU 53-47 on their home court. Now the teams meet again in the Southern Conference Tournament.

After their second game against the Terriers, head coach Charlton Young said, "Tonight's game boiled down to two things. We gave up 11 offensive rebounds and down the stretch, Wofford made the effort plays that it took to get the win."

GSU is coming off a 35-point beat down by Davidson College, and the Eagles are 3-5 in their last eight games. On the other bench, the Terriers are 5-3 in their last eight games and look to continue their dominance of GSU this season.

The Eagles have been inconsistent offensively this season but have caught fire shooting in some games and to succeed against the Terriers they will have find consistency within their offense.

Although the Eagles average more points per game (62.3) than the Terriers (58.5), in both games the Eagles were not able to score more than 53 points.

Defensively in those games the Eagles could not stop sophomore guard Karl Cochran who has scored a combined 41 points in two games against GSU, leading the Terriers in scoring for both games.

Cochran is the leading scorer for the Terriers, averaging 16 points per game. However, in the two games against the Eagles Cochran is shooting 17-43 (39.5) from the field, barely 40 percent.

The Terriers' key to winning is their offensive rebounding because they do not shoot the ball well at 39.4 percent; second chance opportunities are a huge factor for them.

In both matchups the Eagles were outrebounded offensively, the Terriers held a 25-12 offensive rebounding advantage in both games combined.

The Eagles have put up great games offensively this season, and they must muster up another one to ensure victory against the Terriers. Effort and offense are key contributing factors for GSU to come out victorious tomorrow.

Because they do not have superb height as a team, the Eagles need to become workhorses in the paint in order to prevent the Terriers from getting second chance opportunities.

Tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. the Eagles and the Terriers kick off the SoCon Tournament in Asheville, N.C. at the U.S. Cellular Center.
**Sports**

Eagles look to overcome tournament losing streak

**Women's Basketball (7-22)**

**BY COLIN RITSICK**
The George-Anne staff

For the third year in a row, the Georgia Southern University women's basketball team will play Western Carolina University in the first round of the Southern Conference Tournament.

Although the teams split their meetings this season with the Eagles (7-22, 6-14 SoCon) winning the first meeting and the Catamounts (7-22, 5-15 SoCon) taking the second, history takes the side of WCU when it comes to the SoCon tournament.

Two years ago the Catamounts edged by the Eagles and won 48-42. Last year, the Eagles took WCU to overtime before falling 61-56 in front of almost 2,000 fans. This year GSU will look for senior leadership in guard Meredith Frye to deny the Catamounts a third straight victory in tournament play against the Eagles.

Frye did not have the stellar start to her senior campaign that fans would have expected based on her performance last season. But the five-foot-ten-inch guard from Fredericksburg, Va., has played consistent basketball down the stretch of this season, averaging 11 points per game and is a defensive anchor on the court. She leads the team in takeaways and is not selfish with the ball once she steals it. She also leads the Eagles in assists.

Another player that GSU will look to for leadership as well as points is junior guard Mimi Dubose. Dubose has led the team all season long in points per game. She is currently averaging 12.6 points per game. In the Eagles' victory over the Catamounts this year, Dubose put up 20 points and was golden from the free throw line. The five-foot-nine-inch guard from Jefferson, Ga., sank five of five nearing the end of the game and 11 of 11 overall propelling her team to a 52-50 victory.

WCU does not have any secret weapon or major scoring threat that has been carrying them along all season. In fact, the Catamounts do not have a single player averaging over eight points per game. GSU's opponent will, however, bring a balanced attack that excels in rebounding. The Catamounts junior forward Shauna Terry has pulled down 167 boards this season, more than anyone on GSU. She stands at six-foot-two-inches and will provide what may be the most exciting matchup of the day going head to head with the Eagles' junior forward Danielle Spencer who stands at six-foot-three-inches.

Tip-off is set for 11:30 a.m. tomorrow in Asheville, N.C. at the Kimmel Arena.

4 feisty freshmen lead youth movement

**BY RANDALL HAMPTON**
The George-Anne staff

Leading the youth movement for the Georgia Southern University women's basketball team this regular season were four freshmen that bring big game to the court and big personality to the locker room while also providing the Eagles with her defensive prowess and high energy style of play.

"I'm definitely one of the other energizer bunnies with Alexis (Sams). I try to keep everybody uplifted and communicate. I just play the game of basketball and try to have fun," Kirkland said.

Kirkland may have been the first freshman to crack the starting line-up under Vozab, but guard Sams was the only freshman to keep her starting spot once she earned it.

Sams got her first start in the one point loss against George Mason University and would go on to start 20 games for the Eagles.

"It was hard at first because I was out with some injuries, but it's hard for everyone especially being a freshman," Sams said.

A true point guard, Sams gave credit to her teammate Kiara Rawls.

"She plays tough defense on me in practice all the time, and it just helps me in the game," Sams said.

That tough defense is what the player, affectionately known as Kiki, considers the best part of her game.

Rawls' transition from high school point guard to being the floor general of a college team was made even more difficult with coach Vozab being a former point guard.

"I honestly think it was a challenge because I don't have a point guard's mentality. That is not where my mindset is, so it was hard to transition to making more passes," Rawls said.

Rawls started two games this season, and she knows exactly what her coach wants her to do in order to take the next step as a point guard.

"I'm more of a transition offensive player so just running half court sets is a little difficult for me when trying to find my own shot or convert for somebody else. It just makes it a little harder," Rawls said.

Winning just seven games can put a damper on any season, but that has not stopped freshman forward Maggie Davis from being the life of the locker room.

"Davis said her personality comes from her mom and, "being an only child I was always the weird one, so I just had to make friends since I didn't have anyone to play with except my dog."

The team developed a camaraderie that Kirkland summed up the best when she said, "I really do enjoy being around this group of girls they make basketball really fun."
Late round pick-me-up helps GSU claim third

Golf

BY RYAN RAMSEY
The George-Anne contributor

The Georgia Southern University golf team finished third at the Samford Intercollegiate this week at Southern Conference foe Samford University’s home course.

In the first day of play, the tournament was scheduled to have two rounds, but frost delayed the start, leaving each team with about five holes left in round two.

GSU shot a 7-over-par 295 as a team and started the second round eight strokes behind the first-place Vanderbilt University. Auburn University (+3) and Furman University (+4) held the second and third spots respectively.

Sophomore Charlie Martin led the way for GSU with a 73 after firing an impressive 33 on his last nine. Sophomore Scott Wolfes, junior Will Evans and senior Blake Olson tallied 74s and all tied for the 27th spot. Junior Hayden Anderson rounded out the group with a 76.

"We put together a fairly solid round in the morning," head coach Larry Mays said in a news release. "We gave away a few strokes at the end but hung in there for the most part. We played a little better in the afternoon."

"We need to finish the second round strong tomorrow morning and then fight through whatever comes our way in the afternoon," Mays said in a news release.

Day two started with the Eagles finishing out the second round with five holes remaining because of the weather delay from the day before. The team was able to finish the second round with a 298 total, improving by a total of 11 strokes from round one.

GSU (+16) ended up finishing just 4 strokes behind second-place Vanderbilt (+12) while AU (+1) claimed the top spot after coming out strong in the final round, firing a 286. Winthrop University (+23) placed fourth and Samford (+24) rounded out the top five.

Through rough conditions, junior Will Evans finished tied for third, his career best, shooting a 70 in round two and finishing the last round of the tournament with a 72.

Two other Eagles matched Evans in the last round with a score of 72. Wolfes who was named SoCon Golfer of the Week last week, along with sophomore Charlie Martin who would go on to finish 19th also posted impressive late round numbers.

Anderson, who tallied a one-under-par (71) and Olson, who posted a 74, each tied for the 24th spot.

"We struggled this morning (day two) and gave some shots away, but we were able to rebound with a great round in the wind and rain to move up the leader board," head coach Larry Mays said in a news release. "We have really played well this year in final rounds."

The Eagles will have a week off before hosting the 34th annual Schenkel Invitational, one of the largest recognized tournaments in the country on March 15-17 at Forest Heights Country Club.

Jackie Gutknecht contributed to this report.

OUTSIDE THE LINES WITH...

Scott Wolfes

YEAR: Sophomore
SPORT: Golf
MAJOR: Business Marketing
FROM: St. Simons Island

Q. How long have you been playing golf?
A. "I’ve been playing since I was 10."

Q. What was the best round you have ever played?
A. "I shot a 62 a year ago on my home course in St. Simons."

Q. What is your favorite thing about golf?
A. "It's an individual sport and everything is on you. You can't blame anything on anyone else."

Q. If you could play for any other GSU team, what team would it be and what position?
A. "Shooting guard for the basketball team because I played high school ball and always wanted to play college."

Q. What do you like best about the GSU golf team?
A. "I love my teammates. They're great to get along with, and everybody meshes well, and we have a great time."
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