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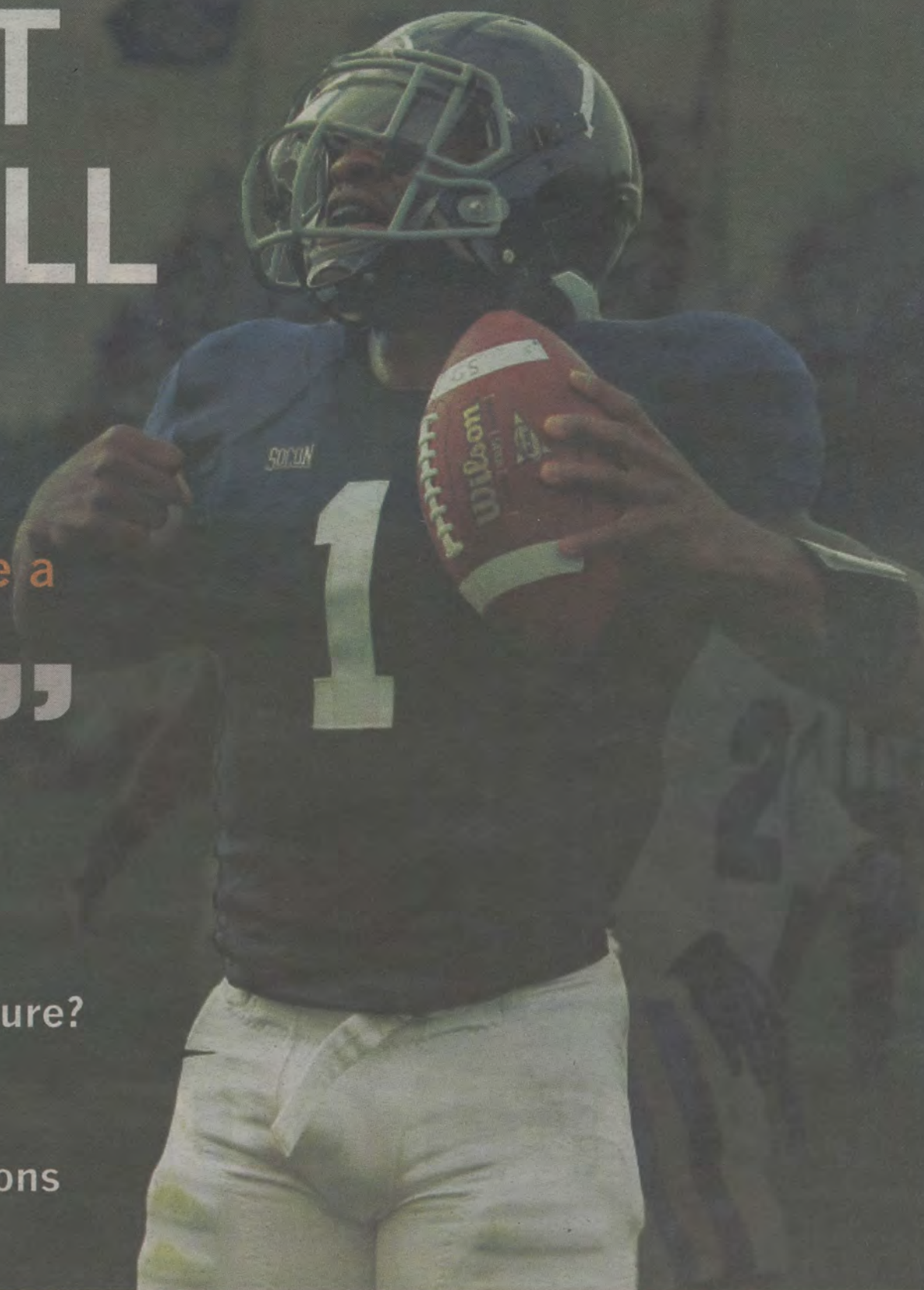
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Police Beat

Sunday, March 24

12:19 a.m.: Officers responded to an audible alarm at the Phi Mu house on Olympic Blvd. The exterior of the building was checked with no problems found. No one was at the house.

1:00 a.m.: Officers responded to the Wildlife Center in reference to a panic alarm. The building was checked and a door was found unsecured. No problems were found. Maintenance responded.

3:29 a.m.: Officers responded to a burglar alarm at Kennedy Hall. Maintenance responded. The buildings were checked with no problems found.

2:37 p.m.: Officers responded to the Hanner Fieldhouse in reference to an injured person. EMS responded and transported the injured person.

11:25 p.m.: Officers responded to a verbal altercation at University Villas. The police mediated the dispute.

Monday, March 25

9:00 a.m.: Officers responded to the

Henderson Library in reference to a trouble tamper alarm. Maintenance responded. The alarm was activated by a bad battery.

11:30 a.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft of a bike at the College of Education bike rack. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

12:55 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft of a bike at the Southern Pines bike rack. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

1:17 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident on Plant Drive – vehicle vs. bike. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.

1:53 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident in Lot 42. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.

5:12 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at Parrish Road at Forest Drive.

Tuesday, March 26

12:16 a.m.: Officer responded and

assisted the Statesboro Police Department at University Point Apartments in reference to an armed robbery that had occurred approximately 20 minutes earlier. A Campus Alert and an Eagle Gram was issued by Georgia Southern University.

2:48 a.m.: Officers responded to Southern Pines in reference to a drug complaint. Three occupants were judicially referred.

2:51 a.m.: A complaint of a rape – strong arm was reported to the Georgia Southern University Police. The incident occurred at Southern Pines. The victim desired no action to be taken. A waiver of prosecution was signed. A sexual assault incident report form was completed and forwarded to the Title IX Coordinator.

5:18 p.m. While at the RAC, an officer observed a subject open an emergency exit door and allow another person through. The subject, identified as Kevin Devon Parrish, 21, was arrested and charged with criminal trespass.

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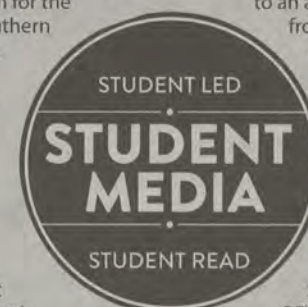
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Top SGA offices unopposed

BY LAUREN GORLA

The George-Anne staff

Campaigning has begun for the upcoming Student Government Association, and for the second year in a row, the executive president and executive vice president candidates are running unopposed.

"Ultimately, I want people who are passionate. If there were senators that did not feel ready or didn't prefer to run, then let the ones who are ready step up," Patrice Jackson, dean of students, said.

Garrett Green, current executive vice president of auxiliary affairs, is running unopposed for the position of executive president.

Annalee Ashley, current college of business administration SGA senator,

is running unopposed for the position of executive vice president.

"Running uncontested is not affecting my campaign at all. We're already going hard on sheet signs, flyers, buttons and getting in contact with organizations on campus," Green said.

There are still many senator positions open that are running opposed, and SGA is using the election to encourage students to vote for those positions, Green said.

"This election is really about getting



students involved, and I'm seeing it as more of a promotion of SGA than a campaign," Green said.

Dominique Quarles, executive president of SGA, ran unopposed last year and agreed with Green in remembering the other senator positions.

"The president and vice president are only two positions. Overall we have fifty," Quarles said.

An SGA senator expressed her viewpoint on the uncontested election.

Precious Lango, college of health and human sciences senator, said, "I don't completely agree with it because there are so many people completely capable of running but might be too humble or feel more comfortable in the backseat. (An uncontested election) is not something I promote."

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Corrections

In last Thursday's edition, in the story "GSU to focus on graduation rates," Dr. Sue Moore was incorrectly identified as the interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.

Our View

Encourage your peers, Eagles

As reported in Tuesday's edition of The George-Anne, the Independent Arts Movement of GSU, or IAMGSU, will perform Georgia Southern University's first play entirely composed and performed by students. The student-only philosophy of the organization guarantees that new ideas can be freely discussed and implemented while adhering to standards of their own formulation.

As the title of the show, "Vaudeville: Blind Tiger in the Big City," suggests, the performance is written in Vaudeville style, meaning exaggerated physical humor and witty one-liners will be the order of the evening. The play will feature skits, songs and dances that contribute to the telling of an overarching story. The show is written for students, by students, so students should expect to understand and appreciate much of the humor. The show is being directed by junior public relations major Ron Barden.

This is the group's first play entirely created by GSU students, as well as the first Vaudeville show. Everyone involved in the project is a student, from choreographers to directors. As the first attempt as a student-only group, the support and feedback of their peers would be invaluable.

Students should support their fellow Eagles in this creative endeavor when the all-student production is performed tonight at 8 p.m. in the Russell Union multipurpose room. The play is free to all GSU students, so, barring previous engagements, there is no reason not to go see this performance.

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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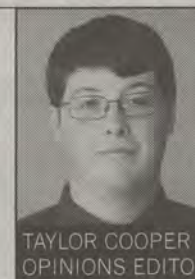


Conflict over bin Laden's death needs an application of logic

Osama bin Laden was a name that the vast majority of Americans think of with disdain. For 10 years he evaded the world's most advanced military. As of 2011, he was pronounced dead at the hand of Seal Team 6, which has since become famous worldwide. Recently, two accounts of his assassination have come into conflict.

Matt Bissonette wrote and had published a book titled "No Easy Day." The book details what he claims were the circumstances of bin Laden's assassination. Bissonette's book has faced some criticism on the finer points but overall has been accepted as an accurate description of the events. Another story of the events has been released, as often happens with major events that involve multiple people. This alternate telling of the story, told by someone known only as The Shooter, was published by Esquire and contested a few of the major details of Bissonette's book.

THE COOP SCOOP



TAYLOR COOPER
OPINIONS EDITOR

In The Shooter's telling of the assassination, three men, the point man, The Shooter, and Bissonette were the three present at the actual shooting. The point man's name has not been given, and never will, according to CNN. According to The Shooter, he was shot bin Laden twice in the head, but only after he noticed a gun within the al Qaeda leader's reach. This is in direct conflict with Bissonette's account, which states that the point man shot bin Laden once in the head as soon as he saw

him, and the three proceeded to shoot the terrorist in the chest when they found he was still alive.

One of the Seal Team's operators has come forward to say that the events were roughly the same as Bissonette described. Esquire has stated that they will stand behind the piece that they published. This isn't the first time something like this has happened. History is largely subjective. Events such as the Holocaust and the Moon landing are still frequently disputed.

The best that can be done is to look at all the facts with an objective attitude, look at where the information comes from and how much you can trust that source. Esquire, or a book that is supported by other members of the team involved. You figure it out.

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

My prediction: Big LGBT win

The Supreme Court began to hear arguments on same sex marriage this week. This marks the first time the Supreme Court has ever heard a case regarding the issue. I find it appalling that we are still dealing with equality issues in this country, so I will try my best to dissect this issue that is fueled by ignorance and at times hate.

Just like every issue, there are two sides to this debate. There is one side that believes gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to marry and enjoy the rights guaranteed by the Constitution under the first Article of the 14th Amendment. Then you have the other side who says that gays should not be married because it is "morally wrong" because the Bible speaks against gay and lesbian acts.

I guess the people who oppose gay marriage never heard of the separation of church and state. Or maybe they haven't realized that marriage is not only a religious

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CHRIS WARE

practice, but a legal practice as well. If you deprive anyone of their legal rights who has not done anything to be barred from the rights that other citizens have the ability to enjoy, then it is evident an injustice is being committed.

But I'm willing to make this a religious debate.

When Jesus Christ was asked what the most important Commandment was, Jesus replied with "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is

like it: love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus did not say "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself...unless they're lesbian or gay." The Bible teaches us that Jesus views us as equals and that we should treat each other as equals. The Bible also teaches us to love each other regardless of our differences. So I refuse to treat anyone with hate because they are lesbian or gay, because they're "different" from the rest of us. That goes against my Christian upbringing. Fifty years ago, my grandparents were the ones who were looked down upon because they were a different color than everyone else, but they had someone to stand up for them, and I will do my part to stand with anyone who has been treated unequally by the law because they are a little "different" from the rest of us.

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

Social media's effect on gay rights

You may have noticed your Facebook and Twitter feeds were populated with a little pink equal sign against a red background. The Human Rights Campaign, an organization advocating for gay rights and equality, posted the symbol on Monday to be shared on social media websites. The trend really took off on Tuesday as the Supreme Court began hearing cases regarding gay marriage. In the first case the court justices heard arguments against California's Proposition 8. Wednesday they heard challenges against the Defense of Marriage Act where marriage is defined as between a man and a woman; President Bill Clinton signed this act into law in 1996.

Many people argue that simply changing your Facebook photo or sharing this image will have no bearing in the battle for gay rights;

FROM THE MARGINS



ADRIANA PULLEY

however, I disagree. Things like this get people talking about the issues and force them to do a little research for themselves, which is what happened to me. My personal Facebook was aflame with the symbol and after a simple Google search I was led to more and more information about the history that was going on around me.

I admit during Spring Break I had turned my brain off, but now I'm excited to wake back up again and to witness and support the fight for marriage equality. It is amazing

to see just how much support the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning community is receiving, and a lot of it is digital. Right now is the best time in history for this discussion to take place and right now is the best time to change history.

One cannot ignore the role social media and the rest of the online world has played in drawing attention to this cause. We use our keyboards to start discussions, incite support and to get people to open their minds. When an issue is in your daily life then it allows you to step away from the sidelines and get involved. One small pink equal sign can be the spark that's needed to ring in a new era for our country.

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

Hats off to Harry Reid

I tip my hat to Harry Reid on his announcement for the package bill he is pushing through on the gun issue.

He is including the requirement of more thorough background checks and sanctions on wrongful or illegal transfers of weapons but is dropping the ban on assault weapons as well as the limitations on the magazine capacity. Now he is allowing debate for amendments to the bill dealing with a weapons ban or magazine limitations but rightfully left those out due to lack of probability of being passed through the House.

This is an excellent example of how proper legislation should be handled. There are bigger fish to fry in this nation rather than what kinds of weapons we should or should not be allowed to buy, especially when enforcing the background checks should be more than sufficient in preventing many of the crimes that they are hoping to keep from happening. Now with some GOP senators threatening to filibuster the bill for infringing on rights of citizens, I would hope that they use their best judgment in whether or not they should fight the proposed bill. Wait to see if any amendments are brought up before shooting down any bill that comes through.

In a nation that is approaching \$17 trillion in debt, we can't afford to keep paying these senators and representatives \$174,000 per year for them to discuss these menial issues in a committee. This topic has been discussed for four months now since the tragedy in Newtown. So when this first bill proposal gets voted on taxpayers will have spent \$31,072,366.70 on salaries for these men and women discussing gun control. It seems it could have been handled much more efficiently. I'm sure Senator Feinstein is going to want to argue this with every fiber of her being; she has already told media sources that if she could have every gun turned in then she would.

Honestly we should just ignore extremists such as Feinstein. Pass this bill as-is after the Easter recess, let's put this gun argument behind us and focus on what is really important: getting our finances in order.

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

IN MY HUMBLE OPINION



BLAIR MUTIMER

Letters to the Editor

Mutimer should write to inform, not divide

Dear Editor,

I have been an avid reader of The George-Anne since my arrival at Georgia Southern last fall. I always enjoy reading the opinion section to see what is on the mind of my fellow students. Last semester the conservatives had Fritz Chapin writing for them, and even though I didn't always agree with Fritz, I respected his opinions.

This semester, Mr. Blair Mutimer has filled Fritz's old spot, and his opinion is anything but humble. He regularly attacks those he doesn't understand: single parents, the poor and the president, but now he has dramatically stepped over the line.

He wrote this Tuesday about the recent DUI arrest of Congressman Barrow's son, James.

I'll start by saying that while I don't always agree with Congressman Barrow's policies, I was fuming when I read the despicable attacks on his son. As Blair states, his father and mother were divorced when he was only ten years old. Along with this, having a parent who is nationally known can be very stressful on anyone at a young age.

I already know from Blair's articles that American history is not his strong suit, but this article shows how short Mr. Mutimer's memory is. "His record is not showing a bright future if you ask me," he says about

James Barrow. I seem to recall another politician's son who was arrested multiple times while going through a difficult phase of life. That person also happens to be the last Republican president of the United States.

This whole article is appalling. Congressman Barrow has been elected 5 times and the people of our district approve of his job. Attacking his son's personal issues is not only petty but also speaks volumes of what real grievances you have with the Congressman.

Having an opinion is normal and is an important part of a lively debate. Fritz understood how to form factual conservative opinions and did so very well. Since taking

the position, Blair has done nothing but attempt appeal to hate, fear and prejudice. It not only looks bad on the College Republicans of GSU, but it also looks bad on our university as a whole to publish this yellow journalism.

I am calling on the College Republicans to find a replacement for Blair, and/or an apology from The George-Anne for publishing this defamation of James Barrow's character. I highly recommend that anyone who is as fed up as I am to demand action.

Zachary Norman
Sophomore mechanical engineering major
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Pierson's appointment huge gain for women

As the popular saying goes, "Behind every great man, there is a great woman." It's a nice sentiment that often proves true. Of course, some of these women choose to stand in front of their man, or go on without a man at all.

One in particular has chosen to stand in front of a man for the past 30 years, even if bullets or bombs begin to fly. That woman is Julia A. Pierson, and she has been appointed by President Obama as the next head of the Secret Service.

This is a big win for women and feminists.

The first woman to hold the position, Pierson, is

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far from a token diversity appointment. You don't do that when you put someone in charge of protecting you and your family.

Pierson's appointment also signals that it is possible for a guy to recognize a qualified female and treat her accordingly, and there's no doubting the "guy" cred of a president who requested and personally funded the first White House beer brewery.

Her first order of business as head of the black-tied guards is going to be repairing the reputation of the Secret Service, which was damaged when multiple agents were caught purchasing prostitutes last year on an official visit to Columbia.

I guess now the saying should be changed to, "In front of every great man, there is a great woman in a bulletproof vest, clutching an assault rifle."

I am okay with this.

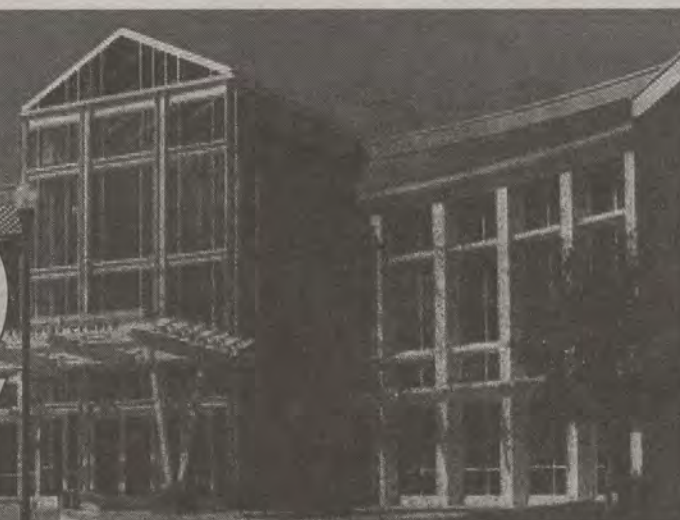
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3.28.2013

7 P.M.

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FRIDAY

3.29.2013

6 P.M. AND 8 P.M.

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SATURDAY

3.30.2013

NO GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

There will not be any fitness classes on this date. They will resume on Monday. For facility hours, visit the CRI website.

11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

WOMEN'S RUGBY VS. UCF

2 - 4 P.M.

MEN'S RUGBY VS. KSU

RAC FIELDS

SUNDAY

3.31.2013

RAC CLOSED

The RAC will be closed on this date for the Easter holiday. Normal hours will resume on Monday.

MONDAY

4.1.2013

4 - 8 P.M.

LIFEGUARD INSTRUCTOR CLASS BEGINS

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TUESDAY

4.2.2013

REGISTRATION CLOSES: 4-ON-4 FLAG FOOTBALL

Time is running out to register for 4on4 flag football! Gather a couple friends to sign up and enjoy playing in the tournaments! Get involved with intramurals and register now.

6 P.M.

CLUB SPORTS COUNCIL

Club Sports will be having their monthly council meeting on this date. Visit Club Sports at the CRI website.

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

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WEDNESDAY 4.3.2013

10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

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7-8 P.M.

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7 P.M.

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RUSSELL UNION COMMONS

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College education reform could be ahead

BY SARAH RYNIKER

The George-Anne staff

Massive Open Online Classes may headline a major transformation in college education.

MOOCs are online classes that have the capability to hold thousands of students worldwide. Faculty at Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology started the idea of content-based, non-traditional courses that are free to anyone, Jean Bartels, provost and vice president of academic affairs, said.

"The university education is on the brink of a huge revolution," David Dudley, chair of the literature and philosophy department, said.

"We need to get out ahead of this tsunami or we're going to be swallowed up by it," President Brooks Keel said in a faculty senate meeting.

Currently, there are no plans for MOOCs at GSU, although in the future,



JEAN BARTELS



MICHAEL WRIGHT

application of the idea into the classroom may be possible, Bartels said.

"There are some universities that are playing with the idea of whether they could translate it into actual course credit so that a student who took a MOOC and went through the certification of it might actually have something that is college credit transferable," Bartels said.

"There are concerns whether we ought to give credit, and what kind of credit,

would we give to students," Mitchell said.

"I haven't seen enough MOOCs to know if they are high quality enough to be comfortable with them being transferred into credit, but that isn't to say they aren't capable of that," Bartels said.

According to EducationDive.com, many online sites have created platforms for MOOCs, such as Coursera, edX and Udacity.

According to the American Council on Education website, an organization that represents colleges and universities in the United States, five MOOCs through Udacity have been analyzed and are recommended for college credit.

The potential addition of MOOCs has caused a debate that students will not receive the same comprehensive education that they do in smaller classes.

"The interaction between students and the fact that professors can learn from students is something much harder to foster in an online class," Caren Town, literature professor and director of graduate studies, said.

Professors can still stay relevant, even with the additional use of MOOCs, because it provides leverage to more ways of learning and can accommodate whichever way a student learns best, Dr. Michael Wright, international studies professor, said.

"Availability to videos from MOOCs gives access to watching and listening to some of the best minds on any subject. It's awesome. There's more material for people to learn from," Wright said.

Wright said, "Lecturing is the least efficient methodology for teaching. Teaching and lecturing are different. You can't teach critical thinking through lecturing. Traditional universities need to learn how to teach, not lecture."

Summer job-seekers outnumber open positions

BY ASHLEY CRAVEY

The George-Anne contributor

Approximately 430 students attended Tuesday's job fair seeking one of the 200-300 on-campus summer job openings.

The university hoped this fair would promote summer class registration by easing the financial burden on students over the summer.

The Department of Human Resources was impressed with the way students presented themselves and the number of students in attendance, Demetrius Bynes, assistant director of human resources, said.

"Students were lined up at 8:30 in the morning, and you could tell how much they needed a summer job," Bynes said.

There are 30 different departments offering jobs to students, including University Housing, Henderson Library, Wildlife Center, The University Store and others, Rieshawn Williams, coordinator of

human resources, said.

The jobs are not just for summer, but can also extend into the fall and onward, Bynes said.

The job fair's mission was to try and get more students to take summer classes while working a job as well.

"By having job fairs, it gives students an opportunity to practice how to communicate in a professional environment and how to present themselves," Bynes said.

The process of getting hired is a very important concept, and Human Resources wants students to learn the ropes of employment while they are students, so that when they graduate, they will be successful, Bynes said.

"It gives the students a chance to speak with departments in person," Williams said.

In order for students to register for the job fair, each student had to fill out one simple registration form and bring their Eagle I.D. to enter.



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"We learned a few months ago that the summer enrollment numbers were on the lower side, and the president asked if we could come up with a summer job fair in order to have students secure jobs and let

their parents know that they do have a job," Paul Michaud, associate vice president of the department of human resources, said.

Human Resources hosts a job fair twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring.

Don Corleone's doppelgänger to face lawsuit

BY CYDNEY LONG

The George-Anne contributor

An argument between the Don Corleone's partners has erupted, leading one to open a duplicate restaurant by the same name in Statesboro.

Abdulbaset Shukri, the owner of the new Don Corleone's, had a falling out with previous business partner Mohammad Khan, the owner of Don Corleone's Pizza and Wings on Lanier Drive.

The argument led to Shukri opening a new restaurant in College Plaza behind Zaxby's, which was named Don Corleone's Pizza and Shawrma.

"I filed two lawsuits against them for using the name," Khan said, because Don Corleone's is a trademarked name.

The "new Don's," which officially opened on March 2, will not keep the name for much longer, Shukri said.

"We are changing the name to Tripoli Pizza and Shawrma," Shukri said.

The new signs should be in this week, but it could be next week before they are up, Shukri said.

Although the new Don's will soon change its signs, Khan is not satisfied.

"The Statesboro City Council allowed them to have a business license with the name Don Corleone's on it even though I asked them not to," Khan said.

Khan said that the City Council is implementing a system so that things like this do not happen in the future.



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The new Don Corleone's located behind Zaxbys is offering students a variety of cuisines including shawrma.





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The GT Step Show will bring hundreds of step teams from surrounding colleges and universities to Georgia. The teams will compete for first, second and third place Saturday at 7 p.m. at Hanner Fieldhouse.

Colleges from Southeast come to GSU for step show

Culture

BY ZAKYRA COLVIN
AND BRANDON HILL

The George-Anne contributors

The 22nd annual GT Step Show will attract fraternities and sororities from all over the Southeast to Georgia Southern University this Saturday.

Step teams will pack the arena with loud stomping, clapping and cheering. Teams from the University of Georgia, Clark Atlanta University, Bethune-Cookman University and more will be represented at the show. The GT Step Show, formerly known as Gorilla Thrilla, will be held March 30 at 7 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse.

"For something to be going on this long at

Georgia Southern campus, it's the only event that packs out Hanner other than a sporting event, graduation or a president coming to talk," Jamin Malone, senior finance major and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity member, said.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Good Entertainment are hosting the event and are currently selling tickets.

There will be 7 to 10 acts performing with first, second and third place prizes.

First place will get \$1500, second \$1000 and third \$500, Darryl Dawson, senior mechanical engineering major and president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, said.

The GT Step Show is a highly anticipated event every year and on average 3,000 people attend this event, Dawson said.

They have already sold approximately 500

to 600 tickets, and they will sell tickets all week and at the door, William Akuoko, freshman general studies major and member of Good Entertainment, said.

The show will also feature exhibition performances from Dyerzion Dance Team and Southwest DeKalb Step Team.

"I am really excited to be performing," Demetrianna Sanders, member of Dyerzion and sophomore middle grades education major, said. "A lot of the dances are hip-hop, but we do have a lot of sexy dances, though."

There have been a variety of different reactions about the GT Step Show from GSU students.

"I heard that there will be Greek people coming from different schools, and I think it's going to be a really good show. I like when there is

a diversity of organizations represented," Briana Still, senior health education and promotion major, said.

Not every spectator has been satisfied with the show in the past. Jamari Devine, junior English major said that the show last year was nothing major.

"I've heard that the step show used to be a big deal, especially the parties after. Now, it's not as exciting anymore because less schools participate in the step show," Devine said.

There has been no word about what other schools will be performing at the show or who the judges will be.

Tickets for the show are still available online at GTStepShow.com. They can also be purchased from any Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity member and any member of Good Entertainment.



Tasha Lund/ The George-Anne

Fuzzy's Taco Shop's new sign is visible from Highway 301. The restaurant will open on April 15.

Fuzzy's to bring new bar, breakfast scene in April

Culinary Arts

BY GRACE HUSETH

The George-Anne staff

The chain restaurant Fuzzy's Taco Shop will serve its first customers at 7 a.m. on April 15.

The taco shop is being completed in the building that was Sonny's BBQ and has been under construction since the middle of February.

In the past week the restaurant has received the kitchen, bar equipment and a brand new sign that can easily be seen from Hwy 301.

The main construction focus has been on the wrap-around covered patio that will hopefully

attract more customers, Mitchell Clearman, director of development, said.

The patio will have direct access to the bar as well as two concession stands installed for customers to purchase appetizers.

"Overall, the patio and restaurant will have a bright, open atmosphere with plenty of color," Bowser said.

Fuzzy's Taco Shop is known for its variety of tacos and Tex-Mex style food.

Fuzzy's Taco Shop will be open seven days a week from 7 a.m. until 1 a.m. on Monday through Wednesday. Thursday, Friday and Saturday the restaurant will stay open until 2 a.m. On Sundays it will close early at 10 p.m.

In addition to the breakfast menu that will be sold all day, the Tex-Mex taco shop will also serve a variety of tacos ranging from pulled pork to shrimp.

At this time there is no special event to accompany the grand opening, but general manager Matt Bowser is currently working on developing something for the day and might even try out a few soft openings, Clearman said.

Customers can check the progress of the chain restaurant on its Facebook page.

Matt Bowser, general manager said, "We won't have any specials on opening day because Fuzzy's has specials every day for everyone to enjoy all the time."

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Braves' home opener will feature Southern Pride

Music

BY WILL PEEBLES

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University's marching band, Southern Pride, will perform live at Turner Field for the Atlanta Braves' Opening Night Monday at 7.

The Braves' ticket office contacted Southern Pride's director Colin McKenzie earlier this week about performing.

"There's an alumni who works for the Braves, and the ticket office called and they invited us to come and do it. We've been working together since then to find out what we're doing and how we're doing it," McKenzie said.

Southern Pride will perform songs from various shows the group has performed this year, as well as a few GSU specific songs.

"We're going to do a couple of

songs from our Motown show because we thought they'd have a broad appeal. We're playing 'I Want You Back' and 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough' to fit the time window, and if we have time we're doing a couple of Georgia Southern specific tunes, like our fight song," McKenzie said.

The group will perform on Turner Field before the game. Tickets to the game will also be provided to the members of Southern Pride.

"We're doing the whole performance on the field, then we're forming a tunnel, and when they introduce the team for the first time, the players will run through the tunnel. The Braves have provided us tickets to the game. It's going to be neat to be there for opening day," McKenzie said.

The band will leave Statesboro Monday morning and travel to Atlanta.

"We're going to leave pretty much

before the sun rises, like five a.m. We're going to be performing for a couple of high schools too," Dylan Kennedy, freshman pre-law major, said.

In addition to performing at Turner Field, McKenzie has arranged public performances for Atlanta-area high schools.

"We're going to try to put together a couple of performances for high schools in the Atlanta area that afternoon. We're trying to set up a performance at the Lenox mall area, or something like that. We'll publicize it in the Atlanta area to let people know we're going to be there, to come out and hear us, and also for recruitment purposes," said McKenzie.

The group is excited about the opportunity to play.

Anthony Alberti, junior music education major, said, "It's the Braves, and it's free! We're going up to practice, and then we'll play at seven. It's going to be a great experience."



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Southern Pride Marching Band will play at the Atlanta Braves' Opening Night on Monday. They were invited by GSU alumni who works for the Braves.

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The Buzz List

- To the delight of nobody over the age of 13, Justin Bieber is in the news again. This time it is for getting involved in an altercation with one of his neighbors. According to TMZ, the neighbor was furious about the deafening noise from the car and also felt Justin was endangering the community by tearing through the streets at breakneck speeds. The only thing going faster than Bieber's car is the decline of his career.
- A frustrated Bieber, according to later reports, responded to his neighbor by spitting in his neighbor's face, much like he spat on popular music.
- Kim Kardashian is still pregnant, y'all.
- Scott Disick is facing severe criticism from animal rights groups after shooting an alligator in the face—legally—on a recent episode of "Kourtney and Kim



Alex LaSalle

- Take Miami. "This begs the question, who the heck is Scott Disick?"
- Kim Kardashian really wants you to know she's pregnant with Kanye's baby, which is going to be named Paparazzi's Fantasy. It's a pretty bland name by celebrity-baby standards.
- The stars of hit reality show "Duck Dynasty" are asking for a big pay increase to return to A&E's top-rated series, and the salary standoff is holding up a fourth-season renewal of the show. Sources say that they are asking for \$200,000 an episode, money that would presumably be spent on beard-care products.
- Kim Kardashian's butt, which actually has its own publicist, would like you to know that Kim Kardashian is still pregnant.

Information compiled by Arts & Entertainment Editor Gianna Carme and Arts & Entertainment Chief Kimeko McCoy from perezhilton.com and TMZ.com.

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Spartans and Eagles to go to war

Baseball (17-7)

BY SHAKEEM HOLLOWAY

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University baseball team, which was recently ranked 22nd in the country by the magazine Baseball America, will look to

deny the University of North Carolina at Chattanooga in a three-game series.

These are two teams on different sides of the spectrum at this point of the season. The Eagles have won five of their last six Southern Conference matchups, and they are number one in the

SoCon. On the other hand, the Spartans have lost five of their last six SoCon games and are currently in last place in the conference.

On paper, this is a difficult matchup for the Eagles. Through 23 games played for both teams, the Spartans lead GSU in multiple categories

despite the Eagles having a better record.

As a team, the Spartans have a better batting average than GSU (.298-.280). The Spartans have scored more runs than the Eagles with 154 to 143, and they barely edge out the Eagles in on-base percentage with .375 in comparison to .371 for the Eagles.

One thing the Eagles do better than the Spartans is not make mistakes. The Spartans lead the SoCon in errors with 52 and the Eagles are ninth with 32.

GSU also ranks light-years ahead of the Spartans in fielding percentage. The Eagles boast an incredible fielding percentage of .962 which puts them in third place of the SoCon. The Spartans on the other hand, rank yet again at the bottom with a fielding percentage of .943.

Two headliners of the Spartans' weekend rotation are sophomore starting pitchers Lee Gilliam and Max Povse. Gilliam and Povse combine for 57 strikeouts.

Gilliam is 1-1 in six starts, his only appearances, with a 1.54 ERA through 35 innings pitched. Povse holds a 3.90 ERA with a 1-0 record through six starts and 27.2 innings pitched.

Freshman pitcher Jason Richman and sophomore pitcher Sam Howard are still going strong as the top two starters for the Eagles' weekend rotation.

Richman (4-1) has a 4.73 ERA through 32.1 innings pitched with 29 strikeouts. Howard is right there with Richman, as Howard (4-2) has a 4.75 ERA with 41 strikeouts.

Unlike a typical weekend series, the first pitch is set for today at 6 p.m., and the three-game series will continue through Saturday.



Demario Cullars/The George-Anne

Junior infielder Ben Morgan (18) makes contact and follows through on a swing. Morgan holds the third highest batting average for the Eagles with a .316.

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Q. What is your favorite sport to watch/cheer for?

A. "The Georgia Southern football team. There is nothing like being there to cheer for them on the sidelines every Saturday."

Q. If you could play any other sport, what would it be and why?

A. "If I played another sport it would be softball. Those girls are amazing athletes, and I think the game is fun. I would probably like it even better if I could actually hit the ball."

Q. What is your favorite cereal?

A. "I love so many different kinds of cereal, but if I had to choose one it would be Cocoa Puffs."

Q. Do you have a special talent?

A. "I can't cook very well, but I can make a really good cheesecake."

Q. What is your favorite song at the moment?

A. "I have so many favorite songs, but the one that I have had on repeat lately is 'Shake It Out' by Florence and the Machine."



Demario Cullars/ The George-Anne

Junior outfielder Robbie Dodds (44) follows through with a swing.

An unexpected catalyst

Robbie Dodds steps up to the plate for GSU

BY COLIN RITSICK

The George-Anne staff

When sophomore outfielder Hunter Thomas went down in pain only six games into the season, an opportunity arose for junior outfielder Robbie Dodds that he would not throw away.

Dodds, described by teammate Ben Morgan as the 'funniest character' on the team, has taken his chances to play and is running with them. He leads the No. 22 ranked Georgia Southern University baseball team in batting average. The 5'7 207-pound right-hander is hitting .364 in eighteen games played and holds the second-highest slugging percentage of .561 for the Eagles.

Last season, power hitter and first-round draft pick Victor Roache went down with a broken wrist only five games into the Eagles campaign. GSU was the preseason favorite to win the Southern Conference, but when Roache injured himself, the team dropped nine of its next 12 games and would finish the year 33-27.

So when Thomas, admittedly not as potent as Roache but a solid player nonetheless (batting .287 before the injury), went down so early in the season when the Eagles were experiencing success, one could not help but flashback to the skid that the team fell under the previous season.

But Thomas's replacement, Dodds, had other plans in mind. The Eagles have now won 12 of 14 and are atop

the SoCon with an 8-1 conference record. Dodds has slid comfortably into the five-hole in the order right behind senior infielder T.D. Davis.

One thing that Dodds brings to the table that statistics do not measure is his effect on how opposing pitchers work the GSU lineup. Davis is the best power hitter in the lineup, and with Dodds hitting as well as he is right behind Davis in the order, pitchers are forced to pitch to Davis rather than try to go around him. Dodds' high batting average has a positive outcome on the GSU offense far beyond just his total number of hits.

Injuries are never welcome in sports, but opportunities are. And for Dodds, all he needed was an opportunity.

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Evenly matched Eagles and Paladins face off



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Sophomore second baseman Lexi Allen (7) throws the ball to first base. Allen has 40 put outs and a fielding percentage of .972.

Softball (15-18)

BY KATIE TOLBERT

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University softball team (15-18) will return back home to play a three-game weekend series against Southern Conference foe Furman University (15-13).

Over spring break and returning from the break, the Eagles were entirely on the road, playing nine away games. Tomorrow will be the Eagles' first home game back since the beginning of March, and out of the Paladins' last 14 games only their last two games have been on the road.

Furman has won five consecutive games coming into this weekend, while the Eagles lost seven out of their last eight games over the break. Although the Eagles hit a rough patch this past week, returning home might be the fuel to their fire to get some runs on the board against the Paladins.

The Eagles overpower the Paladins

in the circle in several different areas. Junior pitcher Sarah Purvis has more strikeouts this season than both of the Paladins main pitchers combined. Also, the Eagles allow a significantly lower number of hits than the Furman pitchers do.

Both of these teams have faced some of the same opponents this season. GSU and Furman both lost to Kennesaw State University, the University of South Carolina and the College of Charleston, but GSU does have one win over CofC that Furman does not have.

The Paladins are a strong team behind the plate with high numbers in hits and runs, but GSU's recent games against powerhouse schools such as Florida State University and Louisiana State University could give the Eagles the upper hand in this home weekend series.

The Eagles will begin the series tomorrow at 4 p.m., and then they will play a double header on Saturday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.



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Rivalries refreshed: App. State, Ga. State to challenge Eagles

BY SHAKEEM HOLLOWAY

The George-Anne staff

New conference, same bad blood.

The Southern Conference just lost a Georgia Southern University-Appalachian State

University rivalry, and the Sun Belt gained Eagles-Mountaineers and GSU-Georgia State University rivalries.

Unlike the Panthers-Eagles rivalry, which is for supremacy of the name GSU, the

Mountaineers-Eagles rivalry is primarily a football rivalry.

The Mountaineers and the Eagles have played each other in football annually since the two teams met in a 1993 thriller where the Eagles were victorious beating the Mountaineers 34-28.

The teams met five times prior to their first meeting as conference opponents in the 1993 thriller. They met once in 1987, and the Mountaineers shut out the Eagles 19-0 in the quarterfinals of the playoffs.

In the 1930's the teams met four times. They tied once, the only tie in the history of their entire rivalry. The other three times they met the Mountaineers captured a 2-1 edge against GSU.

The Mountaineers hold the edge all-time with a winning record of 14-11-1 against the Eagles.

Even in the press conference President Brooks Keel and athletic director Tom Kleinlein had to take a jab at the Mountaineers calling them "the school to be named later."

Moving to the Sun Belt will give the Eagles the opportunity to continue what has been a great rivalry and potentially take the series lead as the Eagles have lost four of their last five to the Mountaineers.

The Eagles rivalry with the Panthers is a little bit different.

The rivalry, with what students refer to as "the other GSU" or "the fake GSU," is more over what school is "the real GSU."

Much of Eagle Nation, more than likely, has friends at "the other GSU" that engage in heated dialogue with over who's the real GSU and why our school is better.

On Twitter, when students hashtag GSU, they usually follow up with the phrase #SouthernNOTState or #StateNOTSouthern.

GSU students may trash talk State students by bringing up their lack of a campus.

State students may respond with criticizing GSU's location, saying the school is in the boondocks.

Ga. State registered the domain www.gsu.edu first. Eagle fans lost on that one. When you type it in Google, the Panther website is the first thing you see, followed by the Eagles' website.

However, if you type in GSU athletics, the Eagles' website is the first thing you see.

To no surprise, if you search for "GSU football" for the first three pages they are all about the Eagle Nation.

If it's a question of athletics, then GSU is

easily the real GSU.

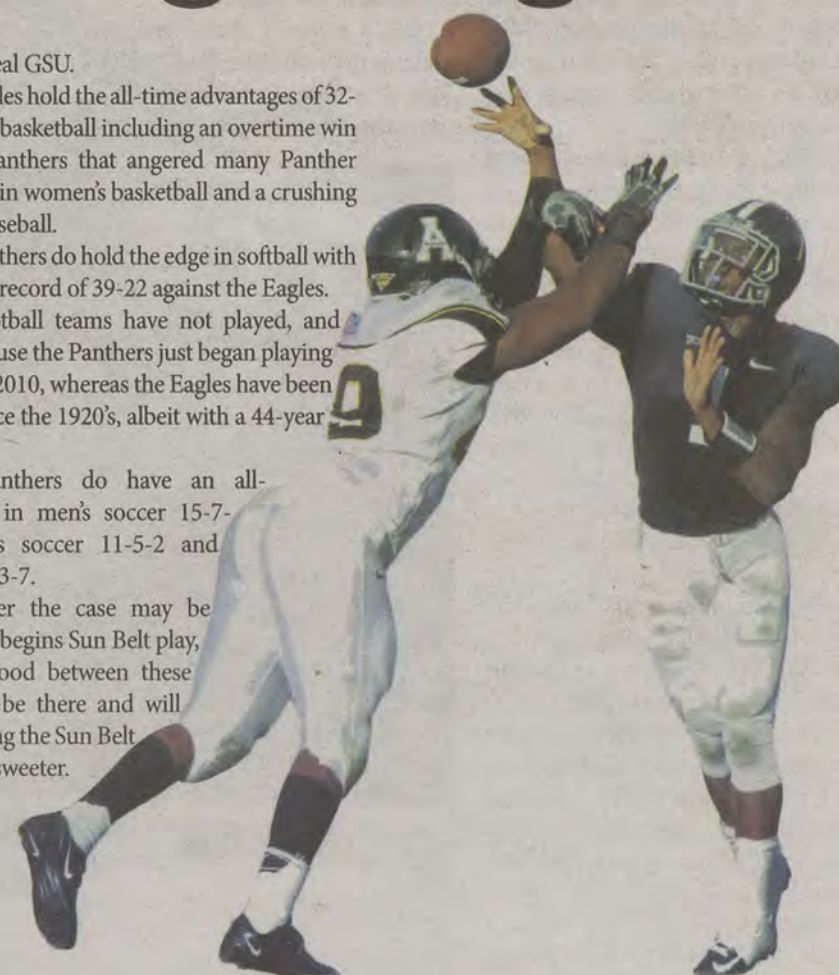
The Eagles hold the all-time advantages of 32-13 in men's basketball including an overtime win over the Panthers that angered many Panther fans, 21-14 in women's basketball and a crushing 58-17 in baseball.

The Panthers do hold the edge in softball with an all-time record of 39-22 against the Eagles.

The football teams have not played, and that is because the Panthers just began playing football in 2010, whereas the Eagles have been playing since the 1920's, albeit with a 44-year break.

The Panthers do have an all-time edge in men's soccer 15-7-5, women's soccer 11-5-2 and volleyball 13-7.

Whatever the case may be when GSU begins Sun Belt play, the bad blood between these teams will be there and will make joining the Sun Belt that much sweeter.



Lindsay Hartmann/The George-Anne

Junior quarterback Jerick McKinnon (1) throws a pass against rival Appalachian State. McKinnon totaled 597 yards passing.



Other GSU sports affected by moving up

BY WILL CHENEY

The George-Anne contributor

While the Georgia Southern University football program is moving up to the Football Bowl Subdivision, all of the other sports will be affected and facing new challenges as well.

GSU's baseball program would continue to face a heavy dose of competition in the Sun Belt as it did in the SoCon. Both conferences have all teams but two with .500 or better overall records in 2013. Out-of-conference scheduling shouldn't see much of a facelift. In baseball, unlike football, it is more common to see schools from smaller conferences schedule schools from major conferences.

The GSU men's basketball program, according to the 2012-2013 standings, will leave the SoCon for stiffer competition in the Sun Belt. Six teams in the Sun Belt had better than .500 overall records. The SoCon, however, only had three teams over the .500-mark overall. The news of this transition takes place less than a month after the firing of head coach Charlton Young.

The transition for GSU's women's basketball program should be more seamless, depending on the division in which GSU ends up being placed. The Eastern division

is much stronger with four of the six teams winning at least 17 games, while the Western division dominated by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

GSU's women's soccer program making the transition into the Sun Belt is a unique situation. As of now, the Sun Belt does not offer

NCAA intercollegiate men's soccer, so as of now the women's soccer program will be the only varsity soccer program at GSU after the move.

GSU's softball program will face a strong Sun Belt schedule following the transition, with six of the nine teams in the Sun Belt

having records over .500.

GSU's women's volleyball program will transition into the Sun Belt with an Eastern division that was at the mercy of Western Kentucky University with a record of 33-4 (15-0). The Western division, however, is a bit more balanced. As with women's

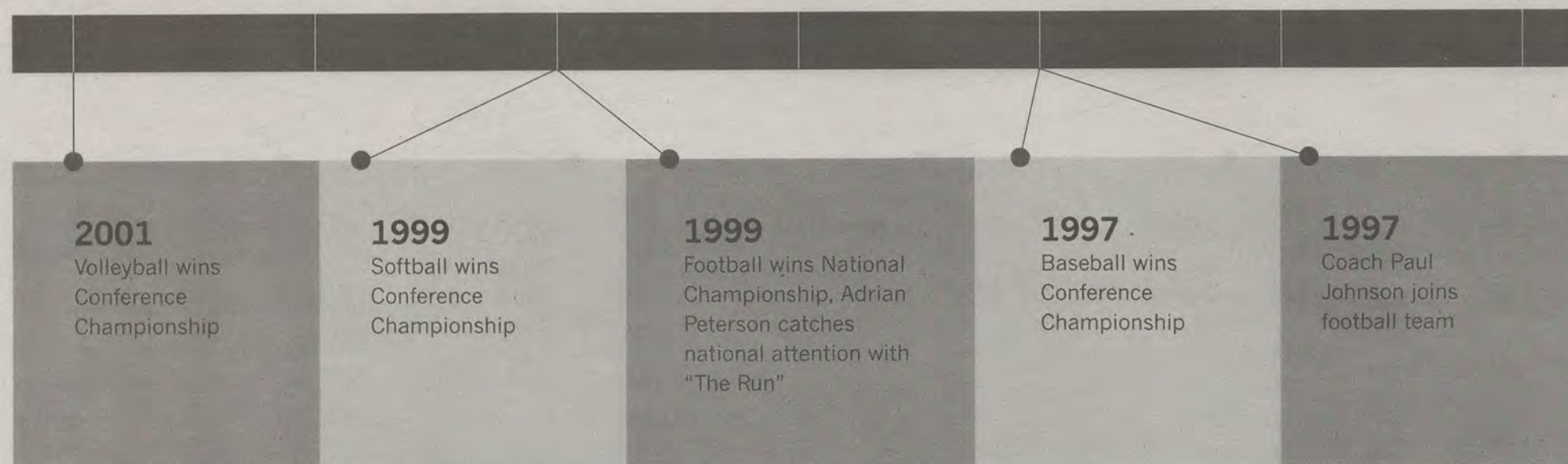
basketball, it depends on the division in which GSU lands.

With the GSU Athletic Department's jump from the SoCon to the Sun Belt, there is one aspect that is unchanged—the rivalry between GSU and Appalachian State University, as they have also made the jump to the Sun Belt.



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Sun Belt Commissioner Karl Benson welcomes Georgia Southern University to the Sun Belt Conference in a press conference yesterday morning.



SoCon to deal with gap at the top

BY KATIE TOLBERT

The George-Anne staff

With Georgia Southern University and Appalachian State University moving out of the Southern Conference, many people are wondering what kind of conference will be left after the two top dogs leave.

Without GSU and App. State, the new leaders of this conference will be all over the board. When it comes to football, Wofford College, Samford University and The Citadel have the best record from last season, while College of Charleston and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro still do not have a football program.

Besides football, there will be a lot of new leaders in other sports once GSU and App. State leave the conference. The Eagles excel in baseball, women's soccer, softball and swimming and diving. This means that, not only are these teams ready to move up to the next level, but the conference will soon have new leaders for these sports.

The dynamics of this conference will primarily remain the same between the teams that are left, but what will spice up the future outcomes of these different athletic programs will be what schools are added in the years to come. Western Carolina University will continue to be at the bottom in football and Davidson College will continue to be at the top in basketball until other schools move them out of these positions.

This removal of two teams will allow new



openings for other schools to possibly join the SoCon. When debating what teams should be brought in schools with a strong football program, a growing athletic department and multiple other sports are rising to attention.

A big name mentioned to add to the SoCon

is Kennesaw State University.

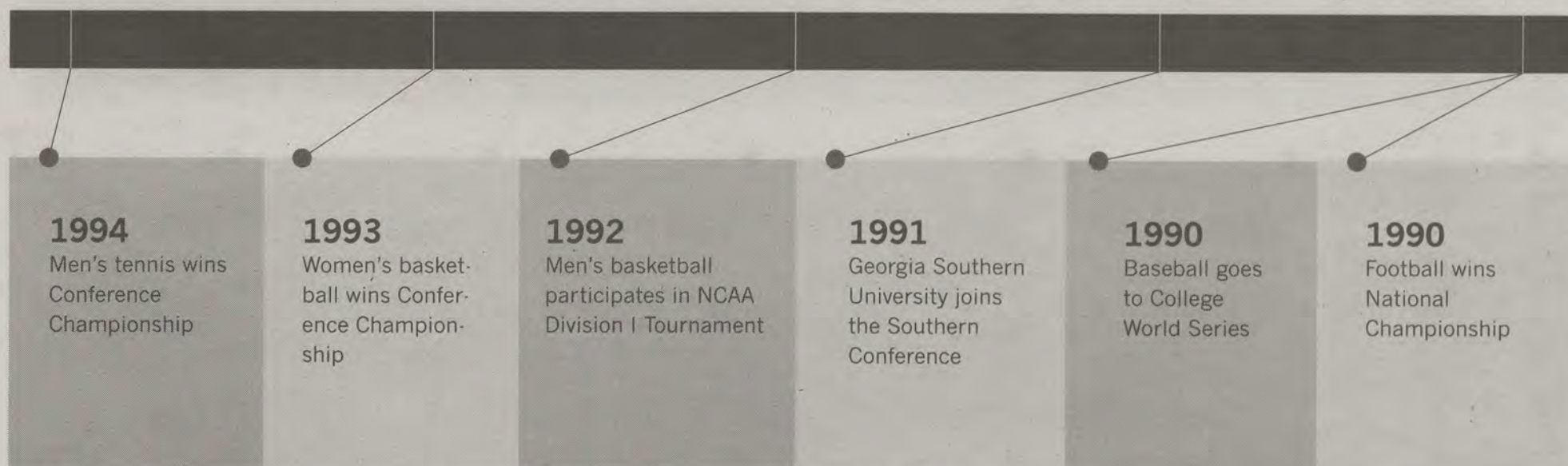
This addition might very well give all the current teams a run for their money. This season KSU has beat several schools, including GSU, in multiple different sports. Also, KSU has just recently announced former Georgia Institute of Technology

quarterback/B-backs coach, Brian Bohannon, as its new football head coach.

All of these changes will not take place immediately in the season to follow. In the next two seasons for athletic programs, there will be slight changes throughout their schedules to begin the transition, but GSU and App. State will not be completely removed from the SoCon until the year 2014.

Schools that the SoCon could potentially add:

1. Kennesaw State University
2. Virginia Military Institute
3. Mercer University
4. Coastal Carolina University
5. Tennessee Tech University
6. Richmond University
7. East Tennessee State University
8. South Carolina State University



FBS move bittersweet for upperclassmen

I love Georgia Southern football. The first time I ever heard of GSU was while playing "NCAA Football 08" where I could play as the Eagles and beat UGA. After playing as the Eagles, I sent my SAT scores here, and the rest is history. My love affair with GSU football makes it hard for me to swallow that I will never see our 7th banner raised as a GSU student.

The Eagles are ineligible for the postseason next season due to NCAA transition rules. After seeing Big Blue make deep postseason runs every year that I've been at school, it will certainly be a damper on my senior year to not have a shot at the national title. In fact, the Eagles won't be eligible for any sort of bowl or playoff until 2015. Many current upperclassmen will never see GSU play in the postseason again while they are in school.

But I am convinced—and I hope you will be too—that this move will pay off in the long run for not only the GSU athletics program but for GSU in general. I am more than willing to sacrifice the chance of a national title at this subdivision to be a force at the next. This FBS move will bring more money into the program due to revenue sharing, and the students have already decided to pay for a stadium expansion.

Try to envision the future of the

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program in even four more years. Instead of playing a 2 p.m. kickoff against a SoCon team with no TV coverage in an 18,000-man stadium, the Eagles could be playing a night game on ESPN versus a ranked opponent in a packed house of over 25,000 people. Even in a conference like the Sun Belt, there are nationally ranked teams. Troy University, for example, will often find its way into the Top 25.

This move by the university is designed to go for the gold of a new conference rather than the goal of a national title. It has created three classes of GSU students who cannot even reach a national title game, much less win one. The upside of this is the national spotlight, exposure and reputation that GSU has been after for so long. For the sake of all future Eagles and Eagle alumni, it's a risk I'm willing to take.

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Demario Cullars/The George-Anne

GSU President Brooks Keel, Sun Belt Commissioner Karl Benson and Athletic Director Tom Kleinlein announced yesterday morning that GSU accepted an invitation to the Sun Belt Conference.



'Tweet tweet,' Eagles said



Jeff Monken @CoachJeffMonken

#JointheJourney! #GeorgiaSouthern is in the #SunBelt Conference.
#FBS football #GATA #EagleNation



GSU Eagle Baseball @eagledugoutclub

@GSAthletics has accepted a bid to become a member of the
#SunBelt Conference! #HailSouthern



Prez Brooks Keel @NotBrooksKeel

It's a GREAT day to be a Georgia Southern Eagle #GATA #SunBelt
#Iloveyouguys



Hunter Lamar @Hlamar64

Georgia southern gets a new rival game with state in 2014!!
#HailSouthernAndNoPlaceElse #JointheJourney #GATAInTheSunBelt



Joe Murray @joemurray27

For now on App State shall be known as "the one to be named
later" - @NotTomKleinlein



Jordan Klebe @JKlebe_GATA

Well folks, here we go. Buckle up and hold on, things are about to
get wild. FBS, here we are. #GATA #TrueBlue #JoinTheJourney



Ben Phillips @benphil312

The thing I'm most excited about: when my kids are asked favorite
football team GSU will be a respected response. #hailsouthern



Brandavious Mann @TheMann_63

A day for the history books! #GATA #SunBelt #HailSouthern



Tony Barnhart @MrCFB

Congratulations to Georgia Southern, which will join the Sun Belt
for the 2014 season. Erk Russell would be very proud.



Erk The Statue @ErkStatue

Shout out to me. #thejourney



Victor Cabral @Coach_Cab

Honored to have #SunBelt commissioner here to formally invite us
to the Sunbelt Conference! #FiredUp #Movingonup #GATA
#GATAEagles



chloe cotter @chloeeecotter

Moving up! GREAT day to be an eagle! #HailSouthern



Dominique Quarles @MrDQuarles

Georgia Southern University has accepted the offer to the FBS
Sunbelt Conference! #HailSouthernAndNoPlaceElse #GATA
#WeAreTheEagleNation



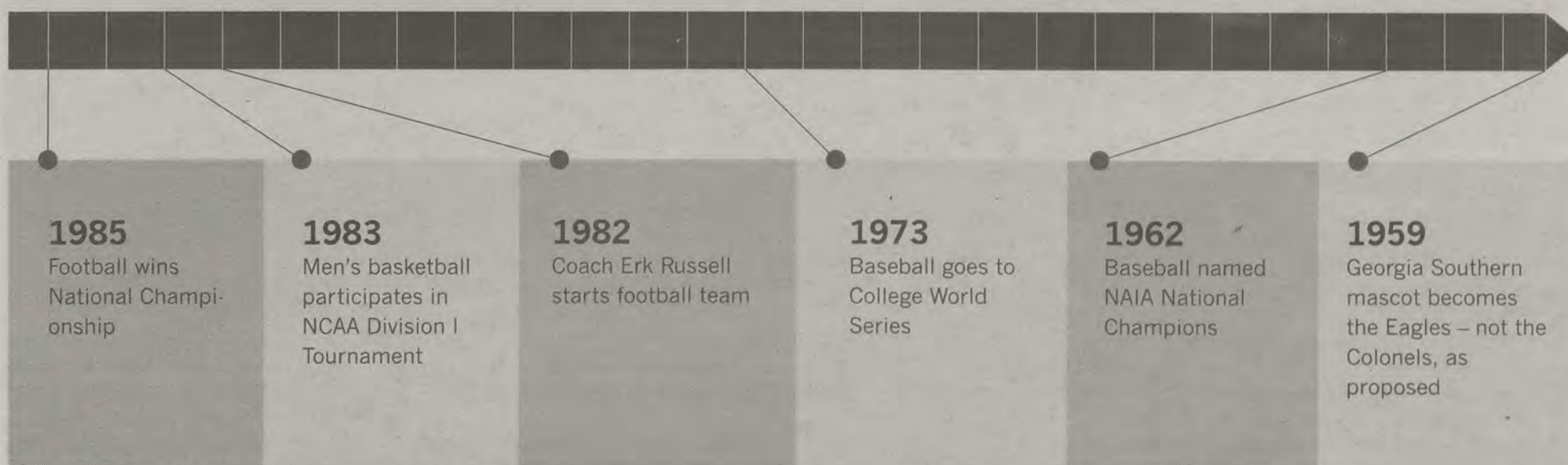
Chris Couch @couchy_baby56

Georgia Southern #Eagles moving to the FBS #Sunbelt Conference
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Rick Deal @DealRick

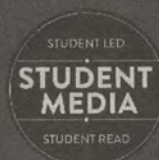
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Housing

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Housing

Summer male sublease available at The Pointe. 4BrR/4BT. Two rooms available. \$380/month, utilities included. Fully furnished, washer/dryer, great roommates, close to campus. Property includes pool, gym, tanning bed, computer lab, basketball/volleyball court. Contact Brian at 706-399-1860 or bb01693@georgiasouthern.edu.

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Crack the HM Code

By: Taylor D. Terrell
Public Relations Intern

Freshmen to graduate students alike know that job interviews have a black and white point of view-either it was a good interview, or bad (and the occasional, I'm not sure how it went). Though, having control over your body language, and being fully prepared to answer the questions and express your personality is only the first part of being one step ahead of the hiring managers (HM).

Superior job candidates will learn the hiring manager's secrets prior to undergoing the actual interview. Fortunately, the top 3 need-to-know HM secrets can be considered quite obvious, and are applicable to any type of interview:

1. Let the Candidate Lead the Interview

This statement does not mean that candidates are running the show; however, this brings light to the fact that hiring managers want to see how well you answer the questions both critically and logically. During the interview use the research that you obtained on the company, and apply it to your answers. Think of your own experiences, and how the questions can be

followed by personal examples.

2. Evaluate the Candidate's Language

A couple days before your interview read-up on books, magazines and online publications that discuss power words and practice answering questions with the words and your body language. Don't be too ambitious by using a lot of flowery adjectives; speak in clear, and confident terms, because HM know when they are being cheating out of the real you.

3. Understand How the Candidate Utilizes Silence

Some would say that "silence is golden", but during an interview it can be considered awkward. Try asking relevant questions during those silent moments to take on a more proactive role during the interview. Ultimately, the HM will not be disappointed to see that you've done extensive research on their company. Above all, this is much better than small talk.

For more tips and advice on job interviews, visit the Office of Career Services located on the first floor of the Williams Center.

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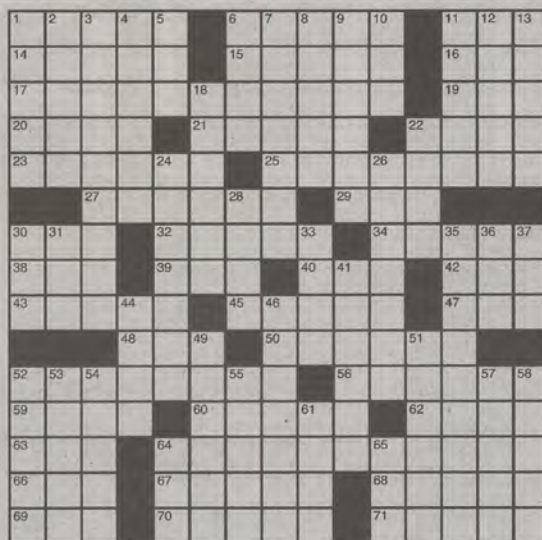
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 1 14-time All-Star catcher Rodriguez, familiarly
- 6 Smarten (up)
- 11 Data proc. equipment
- 14 Amer. economic assistance
- 15 Dermatologist's concern
- 16 Skill
- 17 "Karma Chameleon" band
- 19 Boot part
- 20 Sutra
- 21 Dipped in a well, maybe
- 22 Behold, to Livy
- 23 Tilts
- 25 "Space traveler"
- 27 Corrida celebrity
- 29 Global positioning fig.
- 30 alai
- 32 Turner memoir
- 34 State with a 45-mile Canadian border
- 38 Notable time
- 39 With 40-Across, kid's toy ... and a word that can precede the first word of the starred answers
- 40 See 39-Across ... and a word that can precede the last word of the starred answers
- 42 White
- 43 Ministers to
- 45 Lengthwise
- 47 "Deadwood" channel
- 48 Tampa NFLer
- 50 Learn well
- 52 "It's not good to meet with it"
- 56 18-and-overs
- 59 Programs for 11-Across, briefly
- 60 Reason
- 62 Trendy NYC section
- 63 Hwy.
- 64 "Used car selling point"
- 66 D. Petraeus's title
- 67 Shorthand system



By Gary Lowe

- 68 Seen enough
- 69 Not quite right
- 70 "The Gondoliers" bride
- 71 Actor Mike

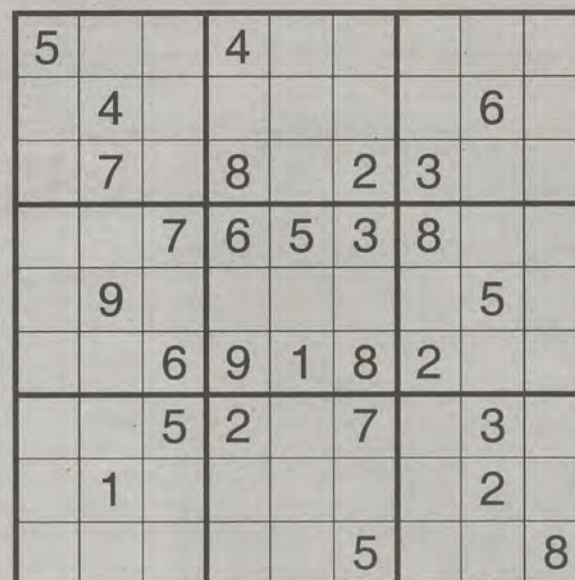
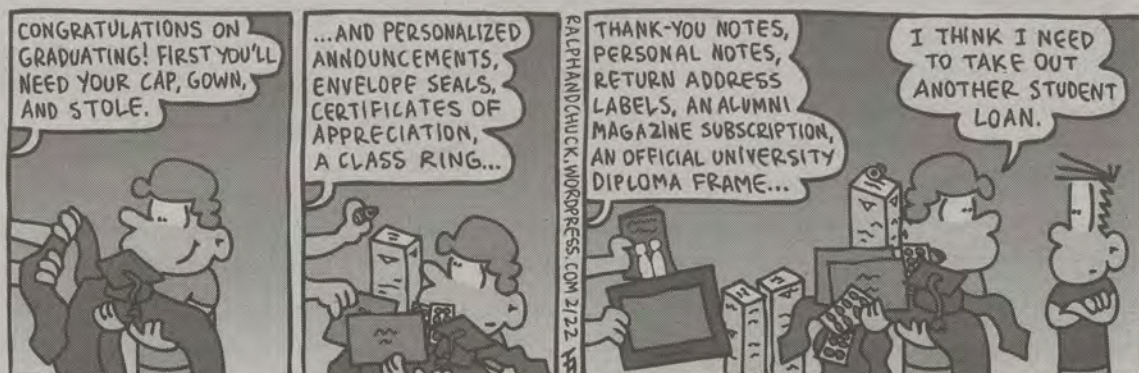
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- 2 Unremarkable
- 3 Firehouse mascot
- 4 Jeans brand
- 5 URL ender
- 6 WWII weapon
- 7 Singles out
- 8 Shoreline recess
- 9 Middle Aged?
- 10 "Swell"
- 11 Sewing kit item
- 12 Spring bloomers
- 13 Awfully expensive
- 18 Not back down from, as a challenge
- 22 Founded: Abbr.
- 24 Outwits on the stand
- 26 One invoked during a drought
- 28 "Live! With Kelly" host
- 30 Shark attack victim?
- 31 "___ you for real?"

Last Edition's Puzzle Solved

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- 33 Lots
- 35 Fair-haired
- 36 Fireplace food-warming shelf
- 37 Tic-tac-toe loser
- 41 Dicey
- 44 Two-baggers: Abbr.
- 46 Birds do it
- 49 Eau
- 51 "Project ___": fashion design show
- 52 Red River city
- 53 Made a choice
- 54 Topple
- 55 Actress Moorehead
- 57 The enemy's
- 58 Separates by type
- 61 "Three Sisters" sister
- 64 Pvt.'s boss
- 65 Electrical measure



Sudoku

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