BY WILL PEEBLES
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University students will not see a big-name musical act in concert this semester.

The university along with University Programming Board has hosted a concert, either in the fall or spring semester, every academic year since 2007.

There was no fall concert this academic year because there were no artists touring in the area who would fit into the budget allotted for the concert, Teresa Thompson, vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment, said.

"It just wasn't feasible to have the concert this year," University Programming Board President Brittany Bullock said.

In 2010 the University developed a biannual schedule for spring concerts. During the off years, the portion of student fees set aside for the concert are saved to supplement the costs of the following year's concert and to keep the cost of student tickets low, Thompson said.

"In the years where we don't have a concert, the money budgeted for the concert is saved," Thompson said. "The Band Perry and The Fray cost $250,000 a piece. We wouldn't be able to pay that $500,000, plus the costs of lighting and sound equipment and rain insurance without saving money in the off year."

In recent years, GSU has hosted many well-known artists in the fall including Ludacris and O.A.R.

Fall concerts come about by chance. If there is an affordable artist looking for a place to play at the time, GSU will negotiate terms with them, Thompson said.

"There's been no ground work as far as finding an artist for next fall yet. It's really up to the programming board to figure out what they want to do. If they want to do a bigger act in the spring, then that's one option, or maybe bring a smaller act in the fall. They're always looking at the possibility of a homecoming concert as well," Assistant Director of the Office of Student Activities Justin Jeffery said.

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GSU to host its first Relay for Life

BY MADISON ROESEL
The George-Anne contributor

The Colleges Against Cancer organization and the American Cancer Society will host the first Relay for Life at Georgia Southern University on April 12.

The event will take place in the Paulson Stadium from 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Relay for Life is an overnight event in which teams are formed to raise money and awareness for cancer. GSU will be joining 500 other colleges in the nationwide movement to end cancer.

Everyone has a story

For those participating in Relay for Life, it is a ceremony to honor those who have survived or lost a loved one to cancer and it inspires others to take a stand against a disease that has had an impact on so many people.

“Everybody knows somebody who has cancer, and if they don’t, they will. It’s going to touch you. You cannot go through life without it touching you some kind of way,” LaShai Joshua, accounting masters student and co-chair of Relay for Life of Georgia Southern and Colleges against Cancer, said.

Joshua lost her paternal grandfather to prostate cancer in 2003, her mother to breast cancer in 2004 and her maternal grandfather to colon cancer in 2009.

“This was a dream from the beginning that GSU would have a Relay for Life similar to other big campuses,” Dr. Martha Hughes, professor in the foreign languages department and faculty advisor of Colleges against Cancer since 2005, said.

Hughes has been diagnosed with breast cancer twice, with the diagnoses being eight years apart.

Hughes had no family history of cancer and was stunned when first diagnosed.

“I didn’t think that could happen to me and it did. That’s the thing about cancer that people need to realize,” Hughes said.

Bailey Semkuley, sophomore early childhood education major and bone cancer survivor, and the GSU women’s club soccer team are in first place with over $3,000 in donations, $2,000 of which Semkuley raised alone.

Theme to bring an animated evening

All over the country Relay for Life event coordinators have the opportunity of selecting a theme to base booth and activity ideas on for that night’s event.

“The theme this year is ‘Cartooning for a Cure,’ so the teams will decorate their campsites in a certain cartoon character,” Robin Peeples, liaison for American Cancer Society at GSU, said.

Each team participating in the event will have a booth in which they can sell items and fundraise throughout the night however they choose.

“I’ve seen things from cookies to fried pickles to turkey legs being sold,” Joshua said. “If people just want to donate to your booth that is welcome as well, but all of the money at the end of the night will go to ACS for cancer prevention.”

“The money and research is important when fighting something like this,” Hughes said.

There will be live performances by Wally Brown and Trea Landon Band, according to Catherine Wagener, entertainment chair for the event.

“It’s a good time and gives a lot of spirit to keep fighting and keep going because we can’t just let this thing get us. We have to keep going,” Hughes said.

Supporters can join, create teams until day-of

Organizations and individuals at GSU can create teams to help support cancer research.

Students can go onto the American Cancer Society website to form and join teams, Peeples said.

“Even if you wanted to get a group of friends together to make a team the day of the event, it’s not too late,” Joshua said.

Those who raise over $100 receive a free t-shirt, Joshua said.

Students can also purchase luminaries on the website for five dollars in honor or in memory of somebody, and they will be on sale at the rotunda tomorrow from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Peeples said.

Peeples said, “We have one team called Students for Cancer that is already online so if anybody wants to sign up as their own individual to fundraise they can just join that team.”

Survivor tells story pre-relay

BY MADISON ROESEL
The George-Anne contributor

Bailey Semkuley, sophomore early childhood education major, participates in Relay for Life for personal reasons.

October will mark Semkuley’s 18th cancer-free year, she is the youngest person in North America to be diagnosed with Ewing’s sarcoma, a bone cancer, at 14 months old.

“The cancer was in my chest, and the tumor and fluid around the tumor filled half my chest. My heart was pushed over to the wrong side, and I was breathing only out of one lung,” Semkuley said.

Semkuley underwent 12 rounds of chemotherapy and surgery to remove the tumor and the eighth rib on her left side.

“I remember tests all of the time. I was in the hospital until I was two,” Semkuley said.

Although Semkuley is a member of Colleges Against Cancer, she decided to form her own team for the Relay.

“I decided to start my own team with the GSU women’s club soccer,” Semkuley said.

Semkuley’s team is in first place so far having risen over $3,000. Semkuley alone has raised over $2,000.

“My team is having a bra pong game to fundraise during the Relay. The bras are on a vertical flat board and you try to throw the ping pong balls in the cups for prizes,” Semkuley said.

Semkuley said, “I think we as a human population are so close to finding the cure to cancer. We just need more of a push and know we could all make a difference by raising funds and walking. We’ve all been touched by cancer, and this is a fun way to help raise awareness and funds.”
Police Beat

Wednesday, April 3

11:44 a.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident at the RAC. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.

12:04 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft of a bike at Southern Pines. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

12:34 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at Kennedy Hall. Maintenance responded. The alarm was activated by smoke from an occupant cooking.

3:44 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident - hit and run in Lot 42. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.

5:32 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident at the Russell Union parking lot. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.

6:25 p.m.: Officers responded to Kennedy Hall in reference to a drug complaint. One occupant was judicially referred.

9:16 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident at C Lot. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.

11:49 p.m.: Officers responded to Kennedy Hall in reference to a fire alarm. The Statesboro Fire Department and maintenance responded. The alarm was activated by smoke from an occupant cooking.

Thursday, April 4

8:21 a.m.: Criminal Investigations opened a case for theft by deception and forgery.

1:58 p.m.: Officers responded to a domestic dispute at Maleki Drive and Akins Blvd. The two persons involved were separated, and the female was escorted to class by the police department.

2:00 p.m.: Criminal Investigations opened a case for suspicious activities.

5:44 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the Henderson Library. One owner of the property was contacted, and her property was returned. The remaining property was placed in the police department property room.

10:39 p.m.: An incident report was taken for theft by extortion at Centennial Place. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

3:15 a.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the Williams Center. The found property was placed in the police department property room.

Friday, April 5

9:28 a.m.: A radio was found by physical plant personnel and turned over to officers. The radio was found to belong to housing maintenance and was returned.

10:59 a.m.: Lost/misplaced property was turned over to officers at Herty Hall. It was placed in the property room for safekeeping.

11:13 a.m.: A cell phone was reported stolen from Freedom's Landing. Case turned over to Criminal Investigations.

12:54 p.m.: A GSU student ID was reported stolen from Einsteins' Bagels. Case turned over to Criminal Investigations.

1:54 p.m.: An iPhone was reported stolen from the IT building. Case turned over to Criminal Investigations.

3:16 p.m.: A GSU ID was reported lost/misplaced in the area of Talon's Grill.

3:17 p.m.: An iPhone was reported lost/misplaced.

3:22 p.m.: Officers responded to Counseling Services for a sick person. Officers transported them to East Georgia Regional Medical Center for treatment.

4:25 p.m.: Officers responded to the Center for Art & Theater for an alarm. A worker that did not know the alarm was on had set off the alarm.

9:01 p.m.: Money and credit cards were reported stolen from a wallet at The Nest. Case turned over to Criminal Investigations.

Saturday, April 6

1:26 a.m.: Brandon Jerald Bennett, 19, was arrested for DUI and headlight requirement.

2:00 a.m.: Dillon Adair Mines, 20, was arrested for DUI and headlight requirement.

Sunday, April 7

12:02 a.m.: Officers responded to an accident at Forest Drive and Akins Boulevard. The driver had missed the stop sign and driven into the retention pond. EMS responded and transported the driver. The vehicle was towed from the pond.

11:39 a.m.: Officers responded to Freedom's Landing for a panic alarm. The room was unoccupied, and it was determined to be a malfunction.

2:11 p.m.: An iPhone was reported stolen from the Pi Kappa Phi house. Case turned over to Criminal Investigations.

6:25 p.m.: An iPhone was reported stolen from the RAC. Case turned over to Criminal Investigations.

7:05 p.m.: A hand purse was reported stolen from University Villas. Case turned over to Criminal Investigations.
Our View

Show some Eagle Nation pride, Luke

Luke Bryan, winner of the Academy of Country Music’s Entertainer of the Year award, doesn’t have much school pride. As a Georgia Southern University alumnus, one would assume that he would show a bit of love to his alma mater. He is often seen wearing apparel advertising schools and teams other than the Eagles, such as the University of Georgia Bulldogs.

GSU is trying to broaden its national recognition, and Bryan could contribute to that goal. He could seriously contribute to the growth of the university and turn it into something to be more proud of. Our football team becomes better known and renowned every year. With the move to the Sun Belt Conference, the trend is only going to continue. Bryan could get in on the ground floor of what will eventually be a huge contender in college football.

Other well-known alumni have shown deference to GSU, such as Elizabeth Cook, who requested that a few members of Southern Pride’s drum line accompany her on the “Late Show with David Letterman.” Southern Pride has even played at for the Braves, a team that Bryan apparently pulls for.

Bryan, show some school spirit. GSU is making its mark, and you could be a big part of that. Advertising your Eagle Nation pride would even expand your fan base among those who like GSU, but not country. Either way, you come out on top with a grateful university.

Stop Skynet before it begins

With drones appearing in the news more and more often, it’s probably time to start seriously discussing automated warfare. I’m sure we’ve all seen at least one of the Terminator movies—no one is suggesting that it could get out of hand that quickly, but you never know.

An organization based in England, Stop Killer Robots, is planning on beginning a social awareness program regarding the dangers of unchecked warfare waged by autonomous robots. The organization takes issue with the severe lack of international regulation of robotics for the purpose of killing.

I think it’s about time we take this discussion out of science fiction stories and into reality. Robotics is a lucrative and growing field and it’s only becoming more so. The last century has seen thousands of stories and books written about robots, the dangers of robots and the consequences of becoming too dependent on robots.

One thing few want to talk about, but many want to research and finance, is robotic warfare, or the application of synthetic soldiers and AIs to the battlefield. We have already seen the very earliest uses in the controversial flying drones, but many other uses for robotics are already on their way to being implemented. DARPA’s AlphaDog, Boston Dynamic’s Cheetah and Raytheon’s inefficient XOS 2 powered exoskeleton are some of the better-known examples.

But Stop Killer Robot isn’t just looking to regulate the hardware, but the software, as well. AIs are a common antagonist in movies, book and comics, and for good reason. A functioning AI would have the ability to process millions of calculations faster than you can pick paper or plastic. It would be very difficult to program an AI with ethics or morals, as they are near impossible to quantify. How would one try a robot for war crimes? It has would have no inkling of what a war crime it. The fault would have to fall on the commander, or the programmer, or the manufacturer. Sabotage, both mechanical and digital, would be a constant threat.

Our government and the United Nations need to seriously consider the dangers of unregulated robotic development. The future of war will be determined in the next few decades, so our governments need to get on it.

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Plan B can protect youth

Last week federal Judge Edward R. Korman ruled that emergency contraceptives, such as Plan B, should not be restricted to women of any age. Typically the “morning after pill” was restricted to women 17 years of age and older, but with the new ruling they will be available to all ages without identification. The previous law required that the woman have government-issued ID proving they were of age and it was only available from the pharmacy. Now, there will be no restrictions that could possibly prevent women who don’t have a government ID, who do not live near a pharmacy with long hours or young women from having access to emergency contraceptives.

Judge Korman argued that for too long the limitation of these contraceptives have been “politically motivated, (and) scientifically unjustified.” He has given the Food and Drug Administration 30 days to get rid of any age and sale restrictions on the drugs. As expected, this decision has sparked debate. Many people don’t like the thought of girls as young as 11 being able to purchase an emergency contraceptive over the counter. But, however unsavory the idea may seem to some, teens having sex is a reality.

Scientists at the FDA, the American Medical Association, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Academy of Pediatrics have all been advocating this move for years. They all agree it is a safe drug and have found no evidence that it will cause a negative effect in a young girl’s body. It’s also important to note that drugs like Plan B are not abortifacients—they do not induce an abortion—at all. They only prevent a pregnancy from ever happening. So no, they are not having an abortion by taking these drugs.

I believe it is better to allow young women access to something that has been thoroughly studied and determined as safe than having them turn to other methods that carry more risk that will possibly cause harm. I support Judge Korman’s decision and agree that it’s time for politics to take a back seat to the health and well being of women.

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Media in favor of illegal immigrants

In various books and television programs you see an ever-growing liberal media bias. The Associated Press has just joined the club by removing the term “Illegal Immigrant” from its press releases. They have done this, and the same topic is being discussed by officials within the New York Times. This has been done over the increasing debate over our nation’s immigration reform, or lack thereof, but when does it become less of an issue of legality and more of an issue of political correctness?

These are people with no legal paperwork, no right to be here in this country. Why discuss what term to call them by? What is wrong with the term illegal immigrant? The Associated Press has decided instead to start calling these people “undocumented immigrants.” Well, last time I checked, a person living within the United States is required to have documentation proving their citizenship, whether it is a birth certificate or proper immigration papers. Either way, an “undocumented immigrant” as the Associated Press now calls them, is in fact an illegal immigrant: a person living in our nation without the proper means of doing so.

This just goes to show that media is trying to become even more biased to the left than they already have been. By changing the words that they use to make things reflect a certain way skews the image that people get when reading their publications. Every bit of what these “undocumented immigrants” are is completely illegal in absolutely every way. So why is it that this media outlet is trying to make it sound anything but that?

With the left trying to grant amnesty to our near 11 million illegal immigrants, the media is trying to soften the perception of what is going on with the immigration crisis in this country. The bottom line is that there is no need for the media to try to soften the public’s view of these issues by trying to make these things seem less serious than they are.

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Job numbers looking weak

We’ve once again reached the time of the month where the coveted jobs numbers are released. Due to the “crisis” in North Korea, however, the mainstream media forgot the March jobs numbers, of course. But no worries, I’ll let you in on the news.

It’s a good thing the Obama administration had North Korea to keep the masses entertained when these jobs numbers came out because they were slightly disappointing. We saw a meager gain of 88,000 jobs for March, which could mean one of a couple things.

First, it could possibly mean we are once again heading toward another economic downturn. Experts in the field of economics have drawn parallels between today’s bullish economic numbers to the numbers of the dot com bubble right before it burst, which put us in a rather challenging economic situation to say the least. Today’s economic numbers are also extremely similar to the housing bubble’s numbers right before it burst, which sent us into an economic spiral in 2007. These jobs numbers would be another indicator on where the economy is headed. This situation is possible but somewhat unlikely.

These jobs numbers could also mean close to nothing. Many people are beginning to think that the jobs numbers don’t hold the same value as they used to months ago when job creation was more critical to economic recovery. We can’t expect the economy to create hundreds of thousands of jobs consecutively on a monthly basis.

Personally, I am very wary of jobs numbers and the methods politicians use to “create” jobs. I don’t believe politicians create jobs, entrepreneurs do. Sure, there are government jobs, but those jobs aren’t the ones that tell us how the economy is faring and what consumers are planning to do with their money. The economy is extremely cyclical in nature and contrary to what they think, politicians have very little control over what the economy does and even less control in creating the jobs they often take credit for.

So, we can continue to look at jobs numbers as a forecast of things to come economically, or we can just look in our own wallets and compare them to previous months to see what can be expected. Regardless if you are a Keynesian or a supply-sider, the economic standing of the individual consumer is the best determinant of figuring which way the economy will move.

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Anti-Putin topless protests bottom out

Are you sick and tired of being oppressed by the leftist regime in charge of your country? Then take off your shirt.

That is the logic behind a few protesters in Germany last weekend, one of who ran up to Russian President Vladimir Putin without his shirt on, an obscene anti-Putin message scrawled on her torso. The women appeared to be members of the feminist group FEMEN, which has staged topless protests against the sex industry and religious institutions.

The idea of toplessness/nudity as a form of protest is hardly new. PETA has made waves in past years by convincing celebrities to take off their clothes in protest of overpriced gerbil food or something.

But here's the thing: it's not really effective as a form of protest. Yes, it gets attention, probably more than petitions, marches or billboards. It makes the news, but all the news headlines are some variation of "Putin confronted by topless protester." The actual motivation behind the strip-n-shout was of little interest to most.

Even Putin was unaffected, greeting the protesting women with, I am not joking, a snarky grin and two thumbs up. The Russian president—who ranks first on the list of "World Leaders Whose Names Make 5-year-olds Laugh"—said, "As for the protest, I liked it."

Clearly, the sight of an angry woman running breasts-first at him did not shake him.

I get that a big part of activism is getting attention, and that makes sense. But, it is also important to make sure that the attention-getting aspect doesn't overshadow the original cause for protest.

FEMEN, the Ukrainian feminist group involved in the Putin protest, has gained a reputation in recent years for holding topless protests as part of activism on a plethora of gender-related issues. While I doubt Ukraine is a mecca of gender equality, I also don't think going topless is the best way to approach that sort of change.

Also, doesn't it get really cold there?

The one concession I will make is to protesters that are protesting in favor of public nudity. That does make sense, but unless your heart is set on defying your right to wave your willy, stick to fully-clothed marches, protests and petitions.

And really, if you want to change a guy's opinion, make sure all his blood is in his brain.

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Letters to the Editor

Gay rights need thought

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to the opinion article: Bandwagon activists blinded by hype. There are other issues affecting this nation that are just as important as marriage equality. Just because one issue is in the limelight does not mean that the other issues are forgotten. Every issue has its time for discussion. To say that marriage equality is not as important as other issues or even consider it not a "real issue" is disrespectful to all the people who have put their time and effort into fixing this problem. I think any issue that takes away a fundamental right is important and should be discussed and resolved.

I do not believe that "gay marriage should just be legalized for the sake of moving on." This is belittling marriage equality. I see it as giving a baby a bottle so it will stop whining and crying. That is wrong. It should be legalized because it is the right thing to do.

Right now in the majority of America, two women or two men cannot show their love for each other by getting married. This says they do not deserve the recognition or the benefits of marriage. This is not something that just needs to be rushed for the sake of moving on. There are consequences that could be overlooked if this is rushed.

Yes, there are other issues facing America that need to be addressed. And yes marriage equality has been the majority of the news in the past few weeks. But you cannot call it hype. It is a real issue that is affecting real Americans. The other issues will have their day. Someone will come along and start to fight for the cause just like they did with marriage equality.

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Ware misunderstands NRA

Dear Editor,

As a proud card-carrying member of the NRA, I feel it my duty to write a response to Mr. Ware's article "NRA Does Not Understand". My plan is to take Mr. Ware's arguments apart and to present my responses to his argument.

When Mr. Ware says "Due to the severity of this issue, one would assume the partnership and pride that accompanies other valence issues would not play the role it has taken on in this debate by certain entities that have a stake in infringing," I do not believe that was what Mr. Ware meant.

Judging by the rest of the article it seems that the NRA is the only group being partisan and using "childish tactics and unrealistic measures intended to end the gut-wrenching violence that plagues our nation." I say this because in the second paragraph Mr. Ware claims that: "The NRA has introduced yet another unrealistic measure that fails to address the crisis the nation is facing."

He states correctly that the NRA proposed placing TRAINED "teachers, administrators or police officers" with weapons in schools in the case of an emergency. According to the NRA's report, which can be found at http://www.nra schoollshield.com/NSS_Final.pdf, "Without a weapon to defend them, even the most heroic individuals are unprepared to defend against violent attackers armed with guns."

"The NRA is not proposing just handing out weapons without limitations or structure. They are proposing a model-training program which has been developed by the NSS Task Force for the professional training of armed personnel in the school environment. This training will only be open to those who are designated by school officials and qualified by appropriate background investigation, testing and relevant experience," the report says.

In the fourth paragraph Mr. Ware states, "The NRA needs to do its part in addressing gun violence as a whole." I would also ask you, the reader, to look into all of the other training programs that the NRA does as found on their website.

Finally Mr. Ware states, "We need some real leadership on this issue." We do need leadership on this issue. We need to teach our citizenry how to responsibly defend themselves in the case of an event that would pose a serious threat. That is what the NRA does; they TRAIN people to be responsible gun owners. They encourage people to be responsible and to show leadership. They are an organization that protects and promotes individual rights so that you can feel safe and secure in your persons.

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GSU Health Services receives $10 million grant

BY SARAH RYNIKER
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Georgia Southern University received a $10 million grant from the state to build a new Health Services and Counseling Center facility to accommodate the growing student population.

The new building will house the Counseling Center on the top floor with Health Services on the bottom, Paul Ferguson, director of Health Services, said.

The current health building was constructed in 1977 and was meant to serve a population of less than 10,000 students, Ferguson said.

"We are going to expand our facilities. The state recognizes the need for our students' health," Teresa Thompson, vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, said.

In the current building there is a concern about patient health information confidentiality and privacy, which is a big issue for healthcare staff, Ferguson said.

"We meet HIPPA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) guidelines, but we would like to do better. It's a challenge in the space we are in now," Tammy Howard, coordinator of Office Services at Health Services, said.

"Between 2005 and 2010 the staff population has grown from eighteen to fifty. This staff increase has led to the overcrowding of the facilities in various offices and inadequate space for patients," according to the Health Center and Counseling Center Facility Report conducted last year.

The new building will have more privacy, more space and separate waiting rooms for different segments of health services, Howard said.

"Right now, we have less than half of the exam room space we need. The space limitations are significant," Ferguson said.

According to the GSU Health Facility Plan, the new building will most closely resemble the Auburn University Health Care Center, a 41,684-sq. ft building.

Several state university health centers such as the University of Georgia Health Center, Georgia Tech University Health Center, Valdosta State University Health Center and University of Delaware Health Center were also studied for potential design and functionality, Ferguson said.

"We have not started official planning for the new building. None of the steps have been taken yet," Howard said.

The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care has inspected GSU's Health Services for possible reaccreditation.

"The areas inspected were the rights of patients, administration, quality of care provided, quality of management and improvement, clinical records and infection prevention and control safety.

GSU is currently awaiting notification of national accreditation, Ferguson said.

If approved, GSU will be one of three accredited student health centers in Georgia alongside Emory University and Georgia Tech, Ferguson said.

"Two people, administrative and students, have been going on. Our staff does an extremely good job in healthcare."

No Impact Week to hit campus for 3rd year

BY LILLY MCCANN
The George-Anne contributing writer

The third annual No Impact Week will focus on improving and protecting the environment through a series of events designed to promote eco-friendly behaviors concerning food, energy, water and waste.

Georgia Southern University’s Center for Sustainability and the University Wellness Program will host the only third consecutive year of No Impact Week in the United States from April 14 to April 22.

"No Impact Week engages our campus in extended sustainability awareness with challenges, action and positive choices that are within our control," Lissa Leege, director of the Center for Sustainability, said in a news release.

Over the course of the week, over 25 events will be offered to students and outreach centers will also contribute to No Impact Week by hosting programs for the public.

Each day will hold events in relation to a specific theme including consumption, trash, food, water, energy and giving back.

The Campus Life Enrichment Committee, the Multicultural Student Center, the Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development and the College of Science and Mathematics each sponsor the various events throughout the week.

Sunday will kick off the week by focusing on conservation with clothing and book drives held throughout the week.

The clothing drive will be located at the RAC and the book drive will be held at the Russell Union, Henderson Library, Carroll Building and the Biology Building.

Monday will focus on trash with a 'Swap, Don't Shop!' event from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. at the Rotunda. Students will be able to swap out their unwanted items, shoes and accessories for another student's items.

Transportation will be the focus for Wednesday featuring Van Jones, "New York Times" best-selling author, who will present at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

Jones is the founder of Green for All, is a national organization that supports green jobs in disadvantaged communities and has been an advisor for green jobs to the Obama White House.

"An Earth Day festival will be held on Thursday at the Rotunda from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. providing students the chance to cheer on their favorite mode of transportation, such as bikes, skateboard, bus and car as they are raced by students and faculty to the RAC and back."

No Impact Week will be wrapped up on April 22 with the celebration of Earth Day.

An energy panel will be in the Nessmith-Lane Building and the Biology Building.

"No Impact Week will be wrapped up on April 22 with the celebration of Earth Day. An energy panel will be in the Nessmith Lane Conference Center from 6:30–8 p.m.

Leege said, “It gives participants power in the face of difficult environmental problems and shows us collectively, that our small lifestyle changes can result in a large impact on the planet.”

Taylor Critchlow contributed to this report.
GSU honors outstanding alumni at banquet

BY MADISON ROESEL
The George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University honored ten alumni Saturday at the annual Alumni Association Awards Banquet for their outstanding career accomplishments and support of their alma mater.

Chris Riley, 1992 GSU alum, received the Alumnus of the Year award.

Riley graduated with a degree in justice studies and was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

"Chris is an outstanding example of an alumnus that is using his time and talents to support his alma mater every day," President Brooks Keel said in a news release.

Riley went to work for Governor Nathan Deal after graduating from GSU. He worked up from the bottom becoming chief of staff, overseeing all aspects of the Governor's office and agencies throughout the state.

President and CEO of Peachtree Capital Corporation, Caroline Harless, received the Alumna of the Year in Private Enterprise award.

Harless, who graduated in 1977 with a M.B.A. in finance/management, is co-owner of Flat Creek Lodge in eastern Georgia, a partner of Harless and Associates, a member of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and serves on numerous committees and boards for GSU.

Apart from Alumnus of the Year and Alumna of the Year in Private Enterprise, each of the eight colleges at GSU recognized an exceptional alumnus.

The College of Health and Human Sciences honored J.E. Rowe, who played for the New York Mets and Los Angeles Dodgers and was the head basketball coach at GSU from 1971-1974, as its Alumnus of the Year.

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Meg Heap, District Attorney in Savannah and a solo practitioner, graduated in 1986 with a B.S. in Sociology, and was honored with the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences' Alumnus of the Year award.

KKG to host Relay for Life benefit tomorrow

BY ASHLEY CRAVEY
The George-Anne contributor

Kappa Kappa Gamma will host a Relay for Life benefit night at Dingus Magee's tomorrow at 9 p.m. to raise money for cancer research.

Anyone who attends this event will have a chance to win two raffles with a variety of prizes.

The two raffles will start at 11 p.m. The mini raffle will be $1 a ticket and the prizes are t-shirts, cozies and gift cards. The ultimate raffle will be $5 a ticket with a prize of a $50 gift card to Dingus Magee's.

There will be live music by Centuries Old, a band composed of GSU students.

Sarah Penick, senior interior design major and team captain of KKG's Relay for Life team, organized the event in honor of her father, who passed away from cancer.

"I decided to come up with a Relay for Life team and do it with my sorority," Penick said.

Everyone is welcome to come and show support because everyone knows someone affected by cancer, Penick said.

Around 80 to 85 percent of the proceeds earned for Relay for Life are going towards cancer research for the different types of cancer, Penick said.

"I think it is very important to raise money for a cancer society and to help with cancer research," Haley Jackson, sophomore history major, said.

KKG hopes to raise over $1,000 and is halfway to the goal. The team is hoping to get $300 to $400 from the benefit, Penick said.

"I really wanted to get involved and spread awareness and help those who need it," Rebecca Scott, KKG member and junior math major, said.

Proceeds that are raised from the cover charge and raffle will go directly to supporting KKG's Relay for Life team.

The event is supported by the donors of Textures Salon, Sports Emporium, 'The Sir Shop, Jimmy Johns, R.J. Pope and La Berry.

Penick said, "If you have had cancer and survived it, it is also in honor of you."
Professor exits stage for the last time at GSU

### Performing Arts

**BY LAURIANNA CULL**

The George-Anne staff

In 1995, when he first started teaching at Georgia Southern University, there was no Performing Arts Center or Black Box Theater. Students had to perform in either a classroom that had been converted into a theater or in a non-air-conditioned auditorium. Georgia Southern College had just become a university four years before Jim Harbour landed a job as a theater professor at the newly established Georgia Southern University.

Harbour, who taught at three different schools before coming to GSU, brought a vision when he was given the opportunity to work here. He wanted to give students an opportunity to gain experience while enrolled in the university by creating a theater program for the PAC and the Black Box Theater.

"Working with Jim is a crazy experience. He's been doing this longer than I've been alive. He has an organic style of directing, and he gives you a lot of freedom with how you want to play your character," Leonard Morrow, freshman theater major and actor Howard Wagner in "Death of a Salesman," said.

Professor Harbour exited stage for the last time this semester at the Black Box Theater as lead character Willie Loman in "Death of a Salesman.

He is currently directing the show "On the Razzle," which will be his last production for the Performing Arts Center. He will retire spring semester after teaching theater and directing plays for the past 18 years.

"It's been such an honor to work under Jim for my freshman year. He's taught me a lot of things I didn't know. I'm very grateful to have him as a director," Alex Bowser, who plays Weinbel in "On the Razzle" and freshman accounting major, said.

"Just recently on the closing night of 'Death of a Salesman,' I had fifteen to twenty alumni come to see me. They told me how my place in their lives had influenced them. I was very touched," Harbour said.

He plans to migrate to Florida and make a return to professional acting.

Harbour acted in professional theater before he decided that he wanted to try his hand at teaching and got a job teaching theater to undergraduate students.

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Freshman year, he took advice from his aunt, who suggested that he take courses that had nothing to do with his major and to see how he liked it, Harbour said.

He took an oral interpretation of literature class where the students read stories aloud to their fellow classmates in college. The professor in this course inspired him to take a theater class the following semester, which is where his passion for theater and acting began.

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Statesboro’s Film Festival to spotlight local film talent

Film

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Local filmmakers will see their own work on the silver screen at the upcoming 5th Annual Statesboro Film Festival on April 11 at the Averitt Center for the Arts. The festival will showcase a series of short films that will compete for six different awards including a grand prize of “Best Picture.”

“The formation of the film festival was conceived on the idea that there was a lot of talent in the community with nowhere locally for that talent to get exposure,” Matthew Bankhead, video producer and festival coordinator, said.

Though an emphasis is put on the support of local filmmakers, anyone was welcome to submit an entry from any genre that was no longer than eight minutes. Ten films were featured last year, Bankhead said.

These films will be played for viewers at 7 p.m. following a reception catered by Millhouse Steakhouse that starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the Averitt Center box office.

“We had a great turnout last year from the community, and everyone had a great time. Millhouse Steakhouse catered the event last year with some delicious food and will once again be catering the festival this year,” Bankhead said.

Prior to the festival, viewers may go online and vote for their favorite short film at statesborofilmfestival.com and the film with the highest vote will receive the Viewer’s Choice Award at the festival, Bankhead said.

A panel of judges selects the other five awards, which include Best Picture, Best Director, Best Cinematography, Best Editing and Rising Artist.

The Rising Artist award will be given for the first time this year to the best filmmaker under 18 years old.

This award was created so young filmmakers who did not have the same resources as college students or others professional participants could still compete, Bankhead said.

Prizes will be given to the winners at the end of the festival.

Bankhead said, “We had over ten submissions last year and over a hundred people attended. We hope that it will continue to grow in the years to follow.”

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Arts & Entertainment

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Tripoli and Don Corleone’s fight for best pizza

Culinary Arts

BY GRACE HUSETH
The George Anne staff

Don Corleone’s Pizza and Wings is known for making an offer you can’t refuse with its pizza and hookah specials, but Tripoli Pizza and Shawarma battles for the new family pizza business.

Abdulbaset Shukri, owner of Tripoli Pizza and Shawarma, left Don Corleone’s to start his own business in College Plaza. He challenges the legacy of quality pizzas, wings and sandwiches, but with a different approach, which includes Middle Eastern-style flatbread sandwiches.

Don’s is great for sitting down with a slice while smoking hookah, but Tripoli might be best for pizza on the go.

Tripoli’s menu includes pizzas and Mediterranean sandwiches at a reasonable lunch rate of $6.75 for a medium cheese pizza and $5.95 for a sandwich.

Tripoli Pizza and Shawarma does not offer the chill vibe of Don’s. At Don’s the lower booths are constantly being re-arranged to make room for more friends to hangout.

Don’s is the only place in Statesboro that shares the social ritual of passing around the tobacco water pipe. Featuring hookah takes Don’s from just another college pizza place to being hangout worthy.

Which pizzeria you go to depends on what you prioritize when it comes to pizza. Tripoli’s is good for grabbing a quick lunch, but the extra cost at Don Corleone’s results in a relaxed atmosphere and hookah.
UPB is responsible for student entertainment events, including bringing musical acts to campus and organizing concerts. The decision to not have a spring concert was made in January when the spring calendar was organized.

UPB works in conjunction with the Student Affairs and Enrollment office to put together the calendar for the upcoming semester and to prioritize the use of student activity fees. A percentage of student activity fees are set aside for concerts.

"Last year we did the big concert, and we usually do something big like that every other year. There are a lot of people around the table involved. The vice president, Thompson, is a big supporter when it comes to the spring concert. She makes decisions as to what is the priority," Jeffery said.

Jeffery said, "At the end of the day it’s completely student-led and student-run, so we want to make sure that we’re bringing the artists that make the most sense for the student population."

The Band Perry was the headline performance at the 2012 spring concert and The Fray was the opening act. GSU has held either a fall or spring concert since 2007. UPB and the Student Affairs and Enrollment Office do not know when the next concert will be.
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Assistant Career Educators, are hosting this event in response to an outstanding number of students who need help with creating a résumé during the office’s walk-in hours. “We wanted to invite students who were unable to come during business hours to be able to share this same experience,” Johnson said.

“Students need to know what content is important when writing your résumé, and how you can use your résumé as a marketing tool to sell yourself to employers,” Johnson said. Often, students who are creating their résumé for the first time “will have much more going for them than they realize,” noted Johnson.

By attending this event, students can expect to:
- Learn the basics of résumé writing
- Build and create their résumé
- Take critical experiences and translate them into relevant résumé content

“Overall, students should be prepared with their résumés for upcoming events; we want to enhance their knowledge of résumé building,” Johnson said.

The event will have free pizza and drinks, while supplies last. Those with laptops are encouraged to bring them to the boot camp session, while others are able to use the office computers.

For more information visit the Office of Career Services located on the first floor of the Williams Center 1047 or call 912.478.5197.
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Eagles look to bring home a win vs. CSU Buccaneers

BY SHAKEEM HOLLOWAY
The George-Anne staff

After dropping four of its last six games and falling out of Baseball America's top 25, the Georgia Southern University baseball team looks to regain its dominance beginning at Charleston Southern University.

The Eagles now sit in the second position in the Southern Conference standings behind Elon University after being number one for most of the season.

The Buccaneers have struggled all season resulting in their 11-20 record, the exact opposite of the Eagles' record of 20-11.

Unfortunately for the Eagles, they have to travel to face the Buccaneers, which are an impressive 11-5 at home. The Buccaneers have yet to win one game on the road or at a neutral site, as they are 0-15 on the road.

The Buccaneers will look to get ahead early, as they have outscored their opponents 22-16 in the first inning. It will be the Eagles' responsibility to either respond or prevent them from taking an early lead.

The only two players to play in all of the Buccaneers' 31 games are sophomore outfielder Bobby Ison and junior infielder Alex Tomasovich, who both have the ability to hold their own at the plate. Ison is batting .352 with 23 runs scored and 18 RBI on 43 hits. Tomasovich is solid as well, boasting a .336 batting average with 21 runs and 15 RBI on 36 hits.

If the Eagles' defense can hold the Buccaneers to five runs or less, the game is theirs to lose as the Buccaneers are 0-20 when they score five runs or less. All of the Buccaneers' wins have come in games when they score six runs or more.

Though sophomore Chase Griffin and junior infielder Ben Morgan have struggled as of late with their batting averages dropping below .300, the two still have combined for 58 RBI this season.

Offensively, the Eagles can still count on senior first baseman T.D. Davis and junior outfielder Robbie Dodds, who both still bat over .300 with batting averages of .349 and .365 respectively. The two combine for 79 hits and 44 runs.

At 3 p.m. today, the first pitch will be thrown as the Eagles hope to stop their recent skid of losing.

GSU drops second consecutive SoCon series

BY COLIN RITSICK
The George-Anne staff

A ninth-inning comeback in game three of this weekend's series against Appalachian State University on the road saved Georgia Southern University's baseball team from being swept in this Southern Conference rivalry.

The Eagles (20-11, 10-5 SoCon) lost their second conference series in a row by dropping the opener on Friday by a score of 9-5 and were shutout for the second time this season, losing 2-0 on Saturday. GSU posted three runs in the top of the ninth inning on Sunday to avoid the series sweep and beat the Mountaineers (17-10, 8-6 SoCon) by a score of 8-7.

GSU has now lost four of its last six games and has fallen into second place in the SoCon. Elon University holds the top spot with a conference record of 12-6. College of Charleston, the Mountaineers and Western Carolina University all sit right behind GSU.

The bats of App. State dominated Friday's game. The Mountaineers tallied 15 hits on sophomore pitcher Sam Howard (5-3) and seven earned runs in Howard's four innings of work. Senior pitcher Drew Johnson pitched three innings in relief starting in the sixth inning. Johnson did not allow a run and let up only four hits.

Senior infielder T.D. Davis led the Eagles offensively going two for three from the plate with one RBI and one run scored as well as a walk.

Saturday's game belonged to Mountaineer junior pitcher Sam Agnew-Wieland. The Georgia-native and transfer from Middle Georgia College shut the Eagles down in a two-hit, complete game shutout. The only other time GSU has been shut out this year was against Kennesaw State University on March 6 by a score of 5-0.

Agnew-Wieland's impressive day on the mound overshadowed the excellent performance from the Eagles freshman pitcher Jason Richman. The lefty allowed only one earned run throughout the 6.2 innings he pitched. Richman gave his team an opportunity to win by holding the ASU to only two runs, but the offense just couldn't make it happen on Saturday.

Sunday looked like it was going to result with the Eagles' getting swept for the first time this year. Heading into the ninth inning, GSU was down by a score of 8-5 and the Mountaineers were getting excited. The Eagles had been hitting the ball consistently all day long, but it still seemed as if defeat was inevitable until a three-run inning that started with Davis singling up the middle was just enough for the Eagles to escape with a win.

Junior outfielder Robbie Dodds followed Davis' lead and singled to right field, moving him up to third. Junior designated hitter Arthur Owens was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Sophomore Zac Lenis was the equalizer and tied the game up at seven runs apiece with a two-RBI single to center field. Senior Scooter Williams got to play the hero on Sunday with his RBI double to right field that scored the winning run.

Roughly half of the season is left and the Eagles control their own destiny as the remainder of the schedule includes a three-game series against WCU in two weekends, a three-game series against Elon in three weekends and a three-game series against CoC at the very end of the year in May.

GSU will play next at Charleston Southern University today at 3 p.m.
BY KATIE TOLBERT
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University’s softball team dropped two games in its weekend series against the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga but left on Sunday dominating its final game.

The Eagles started their weekend on Saturday with a doubleheader against the Mocs. In the first game, neither team really dominated the other, but the Mocs showed up as the more consistent team. UTC scored a run every inning they were up at bat, defeating the Eagles 6-5.

The Eagles did not show themselves as weak to this UTC team, especially when junior infielder Kourtny Thomas scored a two-run home run in the first inning of the game and in the seventh inning junior infielder Shelby Morrill scored a solo home run.

Directly after this game, the Eagles had to face off against the Mocs once more to end the day. UTC showed power in the circle and shut out the Eagles 3-0. While GSU junior pitcher Allie Miles let up three runs, UTC sophomore pitcher Taylor Deason let up no runs and only allowed four total hits.

Although the Eagles got swept in their doubleheader, when they played their final game on Sunday they showed up as a brand new team. Miles was once again out in the circle, but during this game she only allowed seven hits and one run.

Behind the plate, the Eagles were able to get the bases loaded twice and both times scored two runs off of two singles. Also, Thomas hit her second home run of the series, her 10th home run of the season.

The Eagles recorded a losing record this weekend, but for the weekend they only committed three errors and let up 10 runs, while the Mocs committed four errors and let up 12 runs.

The Eagles will continue to play on the road in a doubleheader tomorrow against Georgia State University at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Men’s tennis falls to UNC Greensboro, defeats Elon

Men’s Tennis (9-7)

BY LUCAS BAGGETT
The George-Anne contributor

The Georgia Southern University men’s tennis team went 1-1 over the weekend, losing to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro 6-1 and beating Elon University 4-3.

The weekend started off rough for the Eagles after UNCG dominated in singles play, winning all six matches.

Freshman Rayane Djouad took his opponent to a thrilling third set, but came up short with a 2-6, 7-5, 6-1 loss at the No. 2 singles spot.

In the No. 4 singles position, senior Matthijs Verdam also took his opponent to a third set, but lost 1-6, 6-3, 3-6.

The doubles portion of the match was a positive sign for the Eagles after winning two of three points.

Djouad and sophomore Andrew Dromsky defeated their opponents in the No. 2 doubles spot 8-5. It was followed by GSU’s last win of the day after Senior Alex Doherty and sophomore Kyle Hoffman won at No. 3 doubles 8-6.

The Eagles’ last task of the weekend was to face the SoCon leader, Elon University.

Elon won all three matches handily, sweeping GSU in doubles play.

Verdam and Junior Olive Webb took Elon’s 34th-ranked doubles duo to the wire, but still lost 5-8. The doubles teams of Dromsky and Djouad and Hoffman and Doherty both lost their matches 2-8.

The Eagles came from behind thanks to their play in the singles portion of the match.

Djouad, Webb and junior Marco Osorio all won their individual matches in three sets. Dromsky clinched the match for the Eagles after the fourth three-set match of the day with a 6-4, 6-7 (5-10), 6-2 win.

“I’m so proud of the group. Everybody, even in doubles and on the courts that lost and were down, had a great fight the whole way through,” Nick Zieziula said in a news release.

“Everybody, one through nine, every single person, pulled their weight whether they were cheering or helping out any other way they could, just all the way through.”

The 9-7 Eagles look to improve their 5-3 SoCon record with final home matches of the season against Samford University on Friday and University of Tennessee Chattanooga on Saturday.

Eagles split final two home matches

Women’s Tennis (8-11)

BY LUCAS BAGGETT
The George-Anne contributor

The Georgia Southern University women’s tennis team went 1-1 over the weekend losing to University of Tennessee at Chattanooga 1-6 and defeating Samford University 6-1.

The first match for the Eagles came against Chattanooga on Saturday. GSU fell behind early when it lost two of three doubles matches.

The only win for the Eagles in doubles play came from junior Paola Garrido and freshman Mary Phillips Smith, as they won 9-7 in the No. 1 doubles position.

Sophomore Jordana Klein gave the Eagles their only singles point of the day with a 6-3, 3-0 win in the No. 2 singles spot.

Despite a tough loss, head coach Amy Bonner saw positive signs.

“I was proud of my number one doubles team today, Mary Phillips Smith and Paola Garrido. They played great. They got a big lead and then Chattanooga came back and made it really close, and then fortunately we ended up pulling away 9-7,” Bonner said.

The Eagles had to quickly bounce back with their home finale on Sunday against Samford University. This match was also Senior Day for the lone senior Natalie Maffett.

The Eagles lost all three of their doubles matches but won five out of six singles matches on Sunday.

First off the court was senior Maffett in the No. 6 singles position. She beat her opponent 6-2, 6-0 to wrap up her career at the Hanner Tennis Complex.

“I just really kind of wanted to leave it on the court. That’s what our coach told us to do. I just wanted to make sure I played my best and played my hardest, not just for myself, but for my whole team, because I knew we could do it today and we needed a big win like today,” Maffett said.

Coach Bonner was very appreciative of what Maffett has done throughout her career after the match.

“It’s been great because she knows my expectations for this young team, and she has helped carry that out, and she’s led our young team through a great season, and we just appreciate everything she’s done,” Bonner said.

Freshman Stephanie Woods, Garrido, Klein and Smith also won their matches in singles play.

The Eagles will end their regular season with a match at Western Carolina University on Friday.
Alumni dominate one-time matchup

Men's Soccer

BY BRAVURA BANKS
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Experience had the upper hand as the Georgia Southern University men's soccer team came up short when it went toe-to-toe with former Eagles on Saturday in the Alumni game.

Exchanges of hugs, handshakes and friendly conversation buzzed from the moment players stepped onto the field. It was definitely not just a competition, but a reunion amongst friends as well.

"We want the current players to take the game seriously and be competitive, but to also enjoy the experience of playing with players that laid down the foundation before them to give them the opportunities they have today," assistant coach Ben Freakley said.

Over 30 alumni from different generations returned to play in the game. A connection between the past and the present is an essential goal hoped to be achieved by the alumni game.

Ultimately, having the alumni there to help the current players learn from past mistakes can prevent the same mistakes from continuing.

The alumni had the advantage from the jump, as they were playing with 14 players on the field compared to the usual 11. The advantage was apparent as the alumni went up 2-0 in the first half.

They finished off the match scoring 3 more goals and the current soccer team scored 2, ending the match with a score of 5-2.

GSU will play its last game of the spring season Sunday against Savannah College of Art and Design at home.

Eagles bring results against loaded field

Track & Field

BY ROBERT HUITT
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The Georgia Southern University track and field team competed against a loaded field that included six nationally ranked women's teams at the 69th annual Pepsi Florida Relays over the weekend.

"Competing at a national meet like this one helps our student-athletes understand where we need to go, especially as we are going up against more established programs," head coach Mario Mincey said in a news release.

The increased level of competition seemed to bring out the best in the Eagles as they turned in some of their best results of the outdoor season.

Sophomore Jasmine Walker, senior Ebony Carter, junior Aarian Tipton and freshman Alyssa Felton teamed up in the 4x200 meter relay and broke the school record in the event.

Their final time of 1:36.91 (12th) is now first in GSU's record books and replaces the previous record of 1:38.94, which had stood since 2005.

Senior Amber Vaughn joined Walker, Carter and Felton in the 4x100 meter relay and captured the school's best time since 2007 at 45.72 seconds (12th).

In the long jump, Felton achieved her best result of the outdoor season with a jump of 5.83m (19'1.5", -1.5 wind) and landed in 11th place.

In the 100-meter dash, Carter represented the Eagles and finished in 11.88 seconds (+3.0 wind), which placed her in the top-30 of more than 60 participants.

The Eagles will have a week off to continue training before hosting the Southern Conference Outdoor Championships on April 20 at the Eagle Track and Field Complex at Erk Russell Athletic Park.

Mincey said in a news release, "As we get ready for championships, we are going to be sharpening things up, making sure we are technically sound and mentally focused."
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