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Green-Ashley sweeps SGA elections

BY LAUREN GORLA

The George-Anne staff

Last night Georgia Southern University students selected Garret Green and Annalee Ashley for the President and Vice President positions respectively for the Student Government Association.

Green is a higher education administration first-year graduate student. This will be his second year in a row serving on the executive board. He currently serves

as Vice President of Auxiliary Affairs.

Green hopes to focus on serving the students by increasing the education on what SGA can do.

"I think that this year we've done a good job at getting out and educating people on what all SGA has done, but I think we can do even better," Green said.

Ashley is a junior marketing major who has served in SGA for three years. This will be her first time serving on the executive board as a voted member. She has previously

served on the executive board as executive assistant, which is a hired position.

Ashley hopes to work not only with GSU students, but the community of Statesboro as well.

"Outreach is important because we affect our community. We've been starting to work with city council to have a senator attend those meetings and we're looking to implement that in the fall," Ashley said.

Ellen Hogan has been elected Executive Vice President of Finance.

Hogan is a sophomore logistics major who has served in SGA for two years. This will be her first executive board position.

Hogan's main focus will be on creating guidelines for fund requests so that students and organizations have a better idea of what SGA funds can be used for.

"Guidelines will be my first implement. There are some things that we fund and something's that we don't fund, and students

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'Erk the Movie' kicks off at Blue-White game

BY PEYTON CALLANAN

The George-Anne Staff

Paulson Stadium will go back in time to the 1980s when big hair was in and Erk Russell was a football coach at Georgia Southern University.

A film crew will come to Saturday's Blue and White game to begin a feature-length film on Erk Russell's life. The production team working on this film will

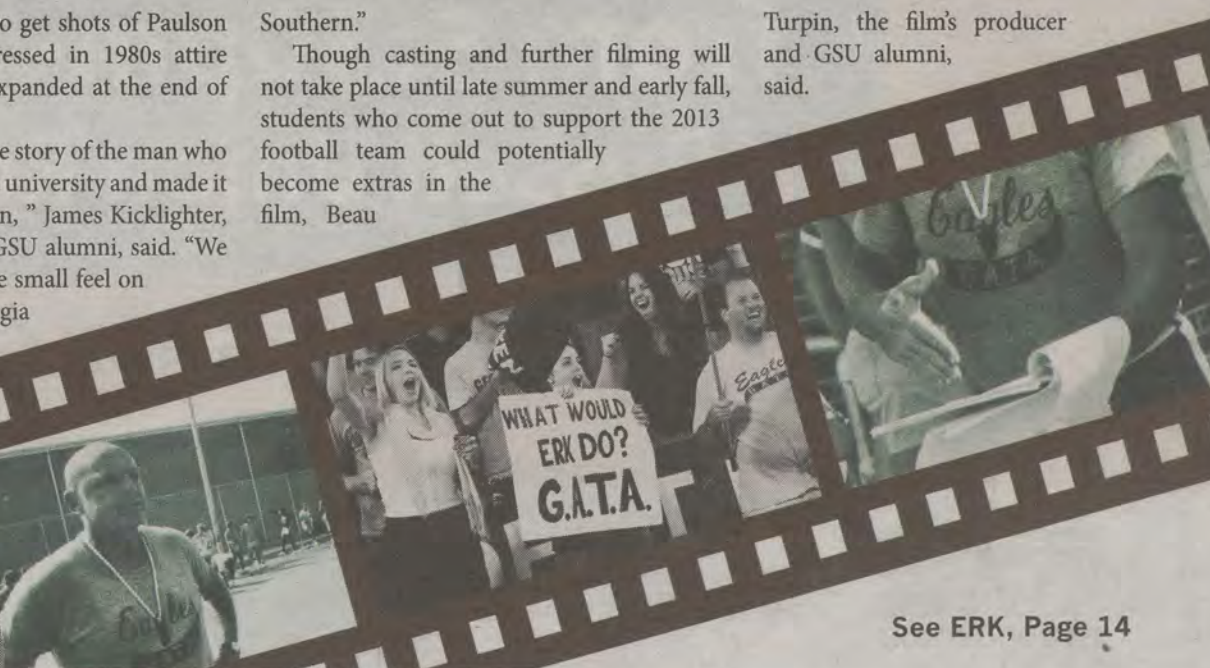
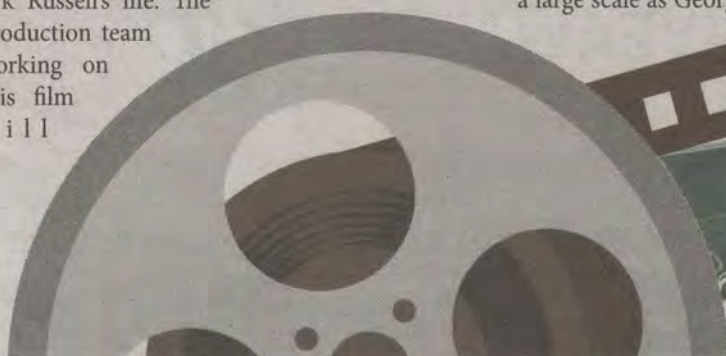
be there this weekend to get shots of Paulson Stadium and extras dressed in 1980s attire before the stadium is expanded at the end of the month.

"It's exciting to tell the story of the man who turned our college into a university and made it a much better institution," James Kicklighter, the film's director and GSU alumni, said. "We want it to have the same small feel on a large scale as Georgia

Southern."

Though casting and further filming will not take place until late summer and early fall, students who come out to support the 2013 football team could potentially become extras in the film, Beau

Turpin, the film's producer and GSU alumni, said.



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need to know that," Hogan said.

Azell Francis has been elected Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Francis is a senior mechanical engineering major who has served in SGA for two years as a senator. This will be her first executive board position.

Francis plans on helping students by working on scheduling to avoid 'Hell Week,' focus on the creation of a Second Year Experience Program and improving advising for all disciplines.

"I want to continue the great work Chad Harmon has started. We've done so much already as SGA, so all we need to keep doing is continue forward,"

Francis said.

Keeping a close relationship with administration members would be vital to being successful, Francis said.

"I want to continue the meetings with the Provost, college chairs and deans and others. Communication is the only means to achievement," Francis said.

Charles Glover has been elected Executive Vice President of Auxiliary Affairs.

Glover is a junior psychology major who has served in SGA for the past two years as a senator. This will be his first executive board position.

Glover plans on focusing his

attention to educating students on the many different facets of auxiliary affairs.





"I just want to educate the students more about what my position is and what I'm here to do. There's certain things that (SGA) doesn't have power over so I want to make sure students are more educated about what's going on," Glover said.

As part of his focus on education, Glover will ensure that students know him as a person, not just a position.

Glover said, "I am here to serve the students so please don't hesitate to contact me. I don't want students to feel like I'm some anonymous face or just a position."

2013-2014 SGA Executive Board

total votes: 1,993

Garrett Green	Annalee Ashley	Azell Francis	Charles Glover	Ellen Hogan
				
President	Executive Vice President	Vice President of Academic Affairs	Vice President of Auxiliary Affairs	Vice President of Finance
For 1674	For 1653	For 915	For 1032	For 1599
Opposed 112	Opposed 114	Opposed (Jacob Jay) 854	Opposed (Madison Bajc) 718	Opposed 121

2013-2014 SGA SENATORS

AT-LARGE : 1727 voters	CEIT : 1687 voters	CHHS : 1692 voters	CLASS : 1738 voters
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COBA : 1744 voters	COE : 1646 voters	COGS : 1551 voters	COSM : 1562 voters
James Kelly 54.4% Bryce Kinard 45.6% Andrew Melton 45.4% Cliff Padgett 46.0% Matthew Pauley 42.8%	Jessica Bearden 71.5% Briana Boyd 72.4% Sarah Sandbach 73.4% Arria Simpson 64.8%	Jodie Beckford 96.8%	Samuel Derr 80.9% Rachel Metz 78.6%

Each number next to the college names represents the total number of students who completed a ballot for that college. The percentages shown next to each senator name represents the percentage of voters for that college.

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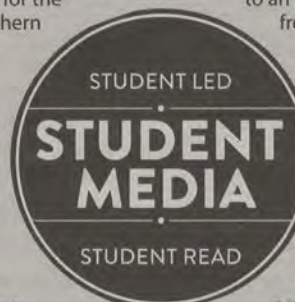
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Our View

Van Gogh's lack of organization confusing

In the first issue of this semester we reported that Van Gogh's Microbrewery and Pizza would open within 30 days. This would have put the opening date on Feb. 15, which is exactly a year after the day that we first told our readers of the new restaurant's construction in 2012.

Van Gogh's was originally supposed to open in August 2012, according to GATA's general manager, Jeff Stewart. However, the restaurant did not open.

Christian Bennett, the owner of both restaurants, has told The George-Anne's reporters "quality is more important than timeliness" twice. Yesterday, we released another update online on Van Gogh's not opening.

South and Vine Public House and 40 East Grill are both newly renovated, locally owned restaurants that took less than six months to open, not a year.

The public has been waiting for this new addition to Statesboro, but there has been no clear communication or marketing regarding when they will open. On the Van Gogh's Facebook page, it still says it is opening in fall 2012.

Anticipation is high for the new pizza place and microbrewery in town, but it seems that the business has no real answers. We want to know, when will there be a new watering hole in town, Christian?

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Mental health should lead budget debate

By the time you read this, President Obama will have unveiled his bottom-line budget proposal. It is going to come it at around \$3.77 trillion, but the specifics weren't announced until yesterday. The White House has stated that this proposal is the president's absolute bottom line, and that it meets Republicans "more than halfway" on their demands. You can be certain that the new proposal will feature tax increases on millionaires and billionaires, something that the Democrats have been adamant about. You can also be certain that the Republicans will ignore everything in the budget as long as those increases are still there.

Normally I would side with the Republicans on this. I prefer the idea of cutting governmental spending to increasing taxes, even on the rich. Anyone who has taken an American history class knows that income taxes

THE COOP SCOOP



TAYLOR COOPER
OPINIONS EDITOR

were originally implemented on the basis that they applied only to the rich, and we can see how that turned out. This time, however, I'd recommend that Republicans take the new budget into serious consideration.

According to the Washington Post, the new proposal includes \$235 million in mental health spending. The states have cut a collective \$4.35 billion in mental health care funding, which seems counterintuitive in the wake of Newtown and the Lone Star College "knifing rampage." This is an increase

in the federal government's spending on mental health, a step in the right direction. What is needed is more spending in this area. I recommend that Republicans stop stonewalling and start bargaining on this point. They could use approval of the tax increases to get more done in the budget in regards to mental health.

It is a small part of the overall budget, but one that is worthwhile. The entire budget has not been released at the time of writing, but it is speculated that it will include more spending that will benefit the nation much more than happy millionaires. Both Democrats and Republicans have refused to move on some issues, but you can't always do what's best for all of your constituents. Congress should do what will benefit the most people.

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

'Accidental Racist' presents a good message, but poorly implemented

If you've been browsing online anytime lately you might have come across a Brad Paisley song titled "Accidental Racist" which has been receiving criticism all over the web. I must admit I have never listened to Brad Paisley before, but I do know that he performed at our school back in 2007. But even though I am not a fan of country music I can give Paisley credit for the message he was trying to convey in his new song.

I commend him on recognizing that no, he will never know what it's like to be a black man, but he's willing to learn about their stories. I think the most jarring thing of all to most people is the title of the song. That is what riled me up, and I can think of no reason why he decided to title his song "Accidental Racist." I don't believe one can be a

FROM THE MARGINS



ADRIANA PULLEY

racist accidentally. Another reason people may be offended is because of how Paisley and LL Cool J (also on the track) take such a large issue and simplify it to a couple of verses and choruses. It's just too much to try to take on in one song. It seems insulting that they even attempted it. The South's history regarding racism and slavery cannot just be boiled down to mere "mistakes" as the song says.

I know that many Southerners

see the confederate flag as heritage, but they must realize that these have become loaded symbols for the majority of the nation. It doesn't just date back to the Civil War but even 50-60 years ago when the flag made a grand reappearance symbolizing the South's fight against desegregation. However, if there's one thing the song has accomplished, it's getting people to have discussions and healthy debates regarding the flag, racism and Southern history. These conversations are what open doors to people beginning to understand one another. We should never ignore history because once that happens then we will no longer be able to learn from it.

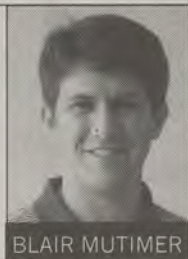
Pulley is a junior English major from Florence, S.C. Adriana is also the vice-president of International Club.

A special week for Georgia

Our great state of Georgia is home to a lot of very interesting history, whether it's the historic ports in Savannah, or the path that Sherman marched through back in the Civil War burning his way through the South. Georgia has many reasons to hold its head up with pride, but one of the biggest reasons, and the best mind you, is a golf club on the corner of Berkman's Road in Augusta. The Masters, for one week out of the year, the entire world turns its eyes to watch this magnificent tournament. It is the first major game of the golf season and for golfers all across the globe it seen as the biggest tournament in the world.

The most famous golf tournament in the world. Every time you say it, it just seems more and more unbelievable. The crazy thing about it is that if you were to be watching coverage on television; every swing, putt, hole-in-one, is

IN MY HUMBLE OPINION



BLAIR MUTIMER

happening only 80 miles away from this very university. Not even a two-hour drive, basically in our backyard if you compare it to where people travel from to come watch the tournament in person. It's even more mind boggling for us Augusta natives, though we can materialize it a little better because we know what Masters week traffic is like during that one week of the year.

The point is, everybody enjoys golf. This is a very special week in the fact that once again sports history will be made just a short 80 miles from where you're reading this—provided you're

reading the hard copy here and not online somewhere else. Golf isn't a sport exclusive to liberals, or conservatives or blacks, or whites. This is a week to be enjoyed by everyone, and that is how it should be. We've seen on the news about Barack Obama's love of the game; Condoleezza Rice was just admitted last fall as one of the first female members. President Eisenhower was a member of this club before he was elected president. From all walks of life you can watch this tournament and enjoy one of the things that puts the state of Georgia in an international spotlight. So grab an Arnold Palmer—iced tea mixed with lemonade—and enjoy the day at the course.

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

Learn from war in Iraq

Ten years after we witnessed the commencement of the war in Iraq, a decade after we were barraged by the Bush administration's

propaganda machine,

we are left to sort out exactly how we allowed the Bush administration to blatantly lie its way to war with Iraq.

In the following days after the horrific 9/11 attacks, President Bush and Vice President Cheney began the process of finding and bringing to justice the people responsible for the 9/11 attacks. They sought to topple extremist regimes such as the Taliban in Afghanistan, but they also went after Saddam Hussein, the notorious dictator of Iraq, but still to this day, it is hard to explain exactly what his role was concerning 9/11.

Leading up to the war in Iraq, the American people and the entire world was constantly spoon-fed fabricated material to justify the administration's eventual invasion of Iraq. We were told Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and he planned on using them on the United States and our allies. President Bush told the world inaction would produce a "mushroom cloud" in the United States. The information the regime presented to Congress was flimsy at best, but they nevertheless granted Bush the power to invade Iraq.

We have to realize our government has made some mistakes in the past, but this situation far surpasses the line of an "incorrect hunch." The Bush administration based their entire reasoning for war with Iraq on weapons of mass destruction, weapons that never existed, weapons they knew did not exist. Once we realize our nation has been subject to the imperialist ideals of a select few neo-conservatives in the Pentagon and the White House, the quicker we can wash our hands of them, ensure that we don't give power to their likes again and continue to fix the way we handle foreign affairs. We have to learn that we can't put our soldiers in harm's way without factual evidence that suggests our way of life is on the brink of compromise because no mother or father should lose their son or daughter because of fabrications by our government.

A LIBERAL DOSE



CHRIS WARE

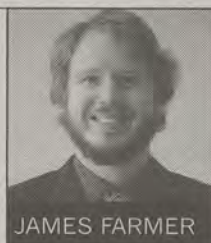
Ware is a freshman political science major from Griffin. He is involved in the Young Democrats.

Governments are annoying and necessary

There's an American institution that is in the news a lot right now for mainly negative reasons. Inefficiency, bureaucratic overload and a general problem enacting any meaningful reform or change are characteristics of this institution. This institution is regarded as a pain in the butt for all who are a part of it, yet nobody has any serious plan of leaving it. Talk show hosts rage against this institution, criticizing most of its moves with a heavy hand. No, the institution at hand isn't the U.S. government. It's the NCAA.

The NCAA is being criticized for its investigation of the University of Miami, mainly because the governing body of collegiate sports relied heavily on the testimony of a convicted felon in gathering information. The rules regarding student-athlete payment have been under fire of late, due to the immense amount of capital the athletes bring to the school without being compensated anywhere near that amount.

THE FARM LIFE



JAMES FARMER

Of course, many of the criticisms of the NCAA are the same ones levied against the U.S. government. But, according to some, the U.S. government "robs" people with taxes and is an altogether evil institution. How surprised would these people be that the NCAA has much of the same policies enacted, but is not considered a robber by its member institutions?

Comparing the NCAA and the U.S. federal government provides insights into the way institutions govern. Many of the same problems arise in both governing bodies, mainly dealing with size and effectiveness of policies and programs. The fact that the NCAA is a business as well

as a governing body makes an interesting counter argument to those who wish to see government run more like a business.

Governing bodies are inevitable. From the dawning of recorded time, man has sought to organize himself and his community in some sort of power structure, and quite frankly, from the beginning of recorded time, those organizations have been pretty inefficient and annoying when applied over a wide range. But that doesn't mean that humanity is better without them. In both the NCAA and U.S. government, the positives outweigh the negatives, which is why these institutions still exist. If there was no benefit to these organizations, the schools would leave the NCAA and the people would leave the USA.

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

Wiener looking at return to politics

While it hasn't been made official yet, there is a possibility that ex-U.S. Representative Anthony

ALEX THE PRETTY GOOD



ALEX LASALLE

Wiener will be making a run for mayor of New York City.

You might remember Wiener as the Congressman who resigned after he got caught sexting pictures of his crotch to a 21-year-old. While the news of his potential candidacy for mayor might invite childish jokes on the esteemed congressman's last name, I think this is a good time to talk about the idea of "forgiveness" in politics.

Of all political scandals, the dreaded sex scandal is probably the hardest to recover from. There are few exceptions, notably former president Bill Clinton, but they are rare exceptions. Remember kids: if you're in office when you bone, soon enough you'll be alone.

Normally, we as a society demand moral and ethical behavior from our politicians—demands that are rarely met—but I think Wiener can be forgiven for his past actions. He has clearly made efforts to straighten out his life and his relationship with his wife. That is certainly more than we can say for most politicians that have given their constituents the shaft.

Wiener's saving grace is that his behavior could have certainly been worse. As far as we know, he never met or physically interacted with any of the women he was sexting. No interns were involved, which is also a plus.

He also has a political advantage. He's a liberal who would be running in a field full of liberals to govern a mostly liberal city. Add that to the obvious name-recognition factor, and he could certainly rise above the opposition.

While I might be able to look past Wienergate in a political context, it would ultimately be up to the people of New York City to forgive him. A lengthy mayoral campaign could end in victory, or everything could just go limp right out of the gate.

I am a fan of second chances. If someone can take responsibility for their own screw-ups and if they can show us that they have worked to move past them, then I can try look past them.

Also, having a "Mayor Wiener" would really be a boon to snarky newspapers columnists.

LaSalle is a senior writing and linguistics major from Cumming. He is the current Arts & Entertainment Chief and former Opinions Editor.

Online Comments

- **In response to "Topless protest bottoms out," by Alex LaSalle:**
"As a protest against restrictions on women, I think a woman going topless in protest is actually somewhat effective. Is it *the* most effective? No. But at the same time, it is also not some woman getting naked for the pleasure of men."
-Jackie G.
- **In response to "Removal of age restrictions for contraceptives protects youth" by Adriana Pulley:**
"What do you think politics is?"
-Sam Russell
- **In response to "Media softening views of illegal immigrants," by Blair Mutimer:**
"Amnesty isn't a liberal idea. In 1986 Ronald Reagan granted full amnesty to three million illegal immigrants living in the United States."
-Will Bryan
- **In response to "Should North Korea be taken seriously?" by Chris Ware:**
"United States Secretary of Defense says that North Korea is 'real and clear threat.'"
-Sam Russell

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2-5 P.M.

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6 P.M. AND 8 P.M.

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RUSSELL UNION THEATER

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10 A.M.

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RAC PAVILION

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THE RAC

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SUNDAY 4.14.2013

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Join the GSU community for a fun and challenging weeklong carbon cleanse, and discover how lowering your impact can benefit not only the planet, but also your own quality of life. Find out more at <http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/wellness/special-events/no-impact-week/>.

MONDAY 4.15.2013

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Warm weather is coming back, so it's time to get back to hanging out by the RAC outdoor pool! Find the opening hours at <http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/aquatics/aquatic-center/outdoor-pool/>

7 P.M.

BIKE MAINTENANCE CLINIC

SOUTHERN ADVENTURE CENTER

Attend this clinic to learn how to properly clean and repair your bike. Sign up at the Southern Adventure Center.

5:30 - 6:30 P.M.

SOLD WORKSHOP

RUSSELL UNION 2048

The Office of Student Activities and the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement will be holding a SOLD workshop each week this semester. These workshops are available for students who wish to develop their leadership skills and make the most of their college experience at Georgia Southern University. The next SOLD workshop's presenter will be Mr. John Banter from the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement who will be dealing with the topic of inclusive leadership.

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

UNPLUGGED

RUSSELL UNION COMMONS

The University Programming Board invites you to our weekly UNplugged Series! Looking for something fun to do on campus? Want to watch some live performers? Maybe even want to try out that new song of yours? Georgia Southern UNplugged is a coffeehouse series/Open Mic Night held in the Russell Union Commons. Come see the talented students of Georgia Southern showcase their skills. Free Starbucks coffee for attendees. Don't forget to bring your Eagle ID.

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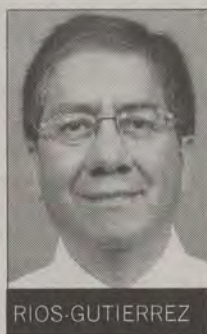
This past Saturday a Georgia Southern University professor and student were honored at a regional Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers conference held in Jacksonville, Fl.

Fenando Rios-Gutierrez, GSU assistant professor in the department of electrical engineering, received the Joseph Biedenbach Outstanding Engineering Educator Award.

This award recognized his teaching excellence and contributions toward the

development of the Electrical Engineering & Electrical Engineering Technology programs, according to a news release.

Rios-Gutierrez is the first faculty member from GSU to receive the award and was selected from more than 30,000 educators in Region 3, which includes nine states in the southeast.



RIOS-GUTIERREZ

Brad Bazemore, junior computer science major, received an award for first place in the technical paper competition.

"The paper discusses a universal model for other universities to use when building cluster type supercomputers. My goal was to reduce the complexity and standardize the design of these machines," Bazemore said in the news release.

IEEE is the largest professional association for the advancement of technology in the world, Rios-Gutierrez said.

Rios-Gutierrez arrived at GSU

more than five years ago and with his wife established a robotics lab that offered a mobile robotics capstone design course that led to the Robotics Club, according to the news release.

"Our program is growing, and the field of robotics is becoming extremely popular. In fact, we are moving toward the design of service robots," Rios-Gutierrez said in the news release.

Supercomputers are being used by people in the fields of physics, chemistry, economics, engineering, medical research and many other fields all using a different design and

tool set that makes collaboration near impossible, Bazemore said in the news release.

Rios-Gutierrez received his nomination near two months ago and was told a week before the conference that he had been selected to receive the award.

An advisory board that meets once a semester to discuss how to improve the engineering program nominated Rios-Gutierrez.

Bazemore said, "It was really nice to come in first and know that your work has been validated and be able to share my work with the scientific community."

Student employee receives honorable award



Courtesy of Margaret Pigatt-Lanier

Marvin Duggan won the Student Employee of the Year award Tuesday afternoon.

BY TAYLER CRITCHLOW

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University student employees were recognized Tuesday afternoon during the Student Employee of the Year ceremony.

Marvin Duggan, mechanical engineering graduate assistant, won the Student Employee of the Year out of the 48 nominees.

Student employment week is a national annual event during which universities throughout the country celebrate the achievements of students working on campus, Demitrius Bynes, director of Human Resources, said.

A nominee for the Student Employee of the Year award must be recognized as a student employee by the Department of Human Resources and have worked as a student employee for at least six months, Ashley Broxton, student financial aid counselor for the office of financial aid in charge of the ceremony, said.

There were eight judges

that read through each of the nominations before selecting the winner, Broxton said.

"All nominees receive a framed certificate of recognition and they receive a coupon from the university bookstore. The winner receives an engraved plaque along with a one hundred dollar check," Broxton said.

Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Teresa Thompson also recognized nominees.

Along with the Student Employee of the Year ceremony Student Employment Week hosted other events.

Yesterday was Student Appreciation Day, which is the biggest event of the week, Bynes said.

"We celebrate our students that work on campus and we have food and refreshments, and we play games and just do a lot of little things to let students know that we appreciate them," Bynes said.

Today there will be a Rocky Horror Interview Show in the Russell Union Commons area

from 10 - 11:30 a.m., Shaun Williams, coordinator for Human Resources, said.

This will be the first time the Rocky Horror Interview Show will take place. It will be a public mock interview conducted by professionals from the department of Human Resources, Williams said.

Students will be able to watch other students being interviewed to make mental notes of good things that are happening and bad things that should not be done, Bynes said.

"Ultimately, part of our mission is to help students gain employment either on campus or off campus and interviewing is a big key," Bynes said.

Bynes said, "Any student that is on campus is free to come to any of our events. We want to connect with the students. We want to talk to them about employment opportunities that we have on campus as well as off campus. We want to make them aware of our work that we are doing here on campus to find more employment opportunities."

Students to vote for Homecoming theme Monday

BY LILLY MCCANN

The George-Anne contributor

For the first time, the Georgia Southern University Programming Board will allow students to vote for the Homecoming theme that they want on April 15.

The four themes students will be able to choose from for the fall 2013 Homecoming are Disney, board games, around the world and carnival.

"We want to make homecoming a stronger tradition and a memorable week. Voting lets students' voices be heard. It's their money and fees being put to work," Libbey Butgereit, homecoming committee chair, said.

"I think homecoming is a time for people to show off their school spirit, and I think being able to vote for our own theme will make students happier with the way homecoming is put on," Briana Nash, senior nutrition major, said.

Although events have not been specifically chosen, ideas for each theme have been floating around.



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A GSU student dresses as a superhero for Homecoming fall 2012.

The Disney theme could be narrowed down to sub-themes such as princesses, fairytales or

the classics, and for the parade organizations could choose a Disney movie to theme their float off of.

"Around the World' would be great for incorporating different types of foods and cultures from all over the world. We could have some cool speakers as well," Butgereit said.

The board game theme consists of 15 board games such as Monopoly and events would challenge organizations to make them GSU-esque, Butgereit said.

The carnival theme could potentially include GSU's own carnival, if space and budget permits.

"Voting gives me more of a chance to choose something I'm more interested in. Therefore, I'm going to want to participate more," David Pate, senior engineering major, said.

Staple events including Sculpt It, True Blue 5k, Paint the Campus Blue, Celebration, Doodah and the parade will still be incorporated into Homecoming Week, but some changes are set in motion, including the requirements for Royalty this year, Butgereit said.

Royalty may be required to fulfill more requirements than in previous Homecoming weeks, including being interviewed by more professionals from campus organizations, not just UPB, Butgereit said.

The Duke and Duchess will also be required to this year. Royalty may be required to sign a contract, similar to Mr. and Mrs. GSU, which will include things like service learning, Butgereit said.

"The value of winning the crown is more important than just winning a popularity contest. We want our Royalty to give back to the people that helped them win," Butgereit said.

Students can vote for their preferred homecoming theme through MyInvolvement via MyGeorgiaSouthern, from April 15 - 19 at 12 p.m.

Voting tables with free food will also be made available for students to vote Monday through Wednesday between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Butgereit said, "We want students to be as involved as possible so that we can make homecoming the best it can be."

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Greeks unite to cook for lung cancer cure

BY LAUREN GORLA

The George-Anne staff

Delta Tau Delta and Alpha Delta Pi will be hosting the 7th Annual Smoke-Out for Lung Cancer this Saturday from 1- 4 p.m. in the Hanner Fieldhouse parking lot.

"All the proceeds are going toward lung cancer awareness and to help fight against lung cancer," Michael Samiratedu, brother of DTD, said.

Students can buy plates for \$5 from DTD and ADPi members before the event or the day of the event at Hanner Fieldhouse parking lot. The plates will have pork, potato salad and baked beans as well as a choice of water, tea or lemonade, Samiratedu said.

ADPi decided to host the event with DTD because the members felt strongly enough about the severity of lung cancer to raise awareness about it through the cookout, Annalee Ashley, ADPi sister, said.

"Lung cancer affects a lot of people and I feel like sometimes it's overlooked. It just affects so many people that, even though it's neither of our philanthropies, we felt strongly enough to do something about it," Ashley said.

111 South and Tan-Tastic will be sponsoring the event, and companies from Statesboro have donated items to be raffled, Samiratedu said.

Raffle tickets can be bought at the event for \$1 for the chance to win multiple prizes including a 65 quart YETI Cooler from Anderson's General Store, two \$20 gift cards from Millhouse Steak House, shirts from the Sir Shop and a signed baseball by the Georgia Southern University baseball team.

Paul Tenzel, a DTD brother, in honor of his father, started the event seven years ago.

Samiratedu said, "One of Delt's alumni's, Paul Tenzel, his father, Jack Tenzel, was a physician here in town and he passed away, and Paul started this in his honor and in memory of him."

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Walk a Mile in Her Shoes to raise sexual abuse awareness

Fashion

BY ALEXANDRA MCCRAY

The George-Anne contributor

It's harder than it looks.

Wearing heels around campus can be a struggle, for both women and men, but today the boys are strutting what they've got in a pair of heels to raise awareness for sexual violence.

This is the first event like this for Georgia Southern University's campus. Walk a Mile in Her Shoes aims to change men's perspectives by helping them better understand victim's experiences in hopes of reducing the potential for violence.

"The event shows there's no line between being male and female, there's just being and existing as a person," Gerrard Davis, a participant in the event and senior philosophy and writing and linguistics major, said.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center. The walk will take place today at the Russell Union Rotunda. Registration will begin at 2:30 p.m., and the walk will

start at 3:30 p.m. Anyone who donates at least \$5 will receive a t-shirt.

"One of the reasons I got involved in it was because, not only as a male, but as a student at Georgia Southern I felt there weren't enough activities that pushed feminism in a positive light," Davis said.

The SRSAC provides services to survivors who come forward about their assault whether it has happened recently or in the past. These services include providing emotional support, help through police interviews and help through the judicial system and are completely free of charge, Christie Perry, SRSAC executive director, said.

"Without donations from the community, we would not be able to function because we rely so heavily on community support," Perry said.

Shanna Felix, president of Sexual Assault Student Educators said, "The reason this event is so important is because so often when you start talking about issues like this people start to think that men are the problem, and what's so awesome about Walk a Mile in Her Shoes is that we have almost one hundred registered men coming forward and saying we care about these issues too."



The decline continues for Paramore

Music



BY WILL PEEBLES

The George-Anne staff

Paramore's self-titled album often shifts from full-blast pop punk to raw ukulele interlude tracks, which is something different from what fans might be used to.

The album debuted Tuesday and turned out to be a bit disappointing. The use of electronics and synthesizers is a method Paramore has used sparingly in past releases, yet they are peppered onto many tracks of this record.

"Ain't It Fun" is a catchy song that wouldn't be as infectious without the use of synths. The self-assuring, almost punk "Anklebiters" begins with growling guitars and drumming that would easily fit in

with the songs on 2007 release "Riot," but the mood is quickly ruined by the forced, unnecessary synths.

Sometimes it works. Sometimes it doesn't.

Literally, the album leaves much to be desired. While lead vocalist Hayley Williams sings "No more high school drama/ Graduated with honors" on "Interlude: Holiday," the lyrical content of the album says otherwise. Since "Brand New Eyes," Williams' lyrics have been self-centered, immature and prissy.

One shining exception is "Part II," which is essentially a rewrite of 2007 track "Let the Flames Begin." As Williams sings, "Come and find me dancing all alone/ To the sound of an enemy's song," she openly displays the struggles the band has gone through in the last few years and her methods of coping.

Coping is what this album is about and what the listener has to do throughout.

Williams, bassist Jeremy Davis and guitarist Taylor York are currently the only accredited members of Paramore. Studio drummer Ilan Rubin (Lostprophets, Nine Inch Nails) recorded the drums for the album and will tour with the band for their upcoming summer tour.

Charismatic front-woman Williams' in-band relationship with former guitarist Josh Farro was unsuccessful, and after touring for 2010's album "Brand New Eyes" Josh and his brother, drummer Zac Farro, left the band. The band's sound has suffered in their absence.

While hardcore fans of the band may find the new more-pop-than-punk sound hard to adjust to, the album is at times very catchy and appealing.

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"This is the kickoff for the film," Kicklighter said.

The film crew will take shots of the stadium itself and take shots of the crowd at the game. Students from GSU's department of communication arts are helping the film crew on Saturday.

"We have invited students in the communications arts department to help, and we will use them through the fall because we can offer them a really unique hands-on experience," Kicklighter said.

"It's important for an extra to always look into the action. Just come out and support the 2013 football team and watch the game," Kicklighter said.

Both Turpin and Kicklighter decided to tell this story so they could shine a light on their alma mater and the regions they grew up in.

"I went to Georgia Southern, I grew up in South Georgia and upon finding out about Erk Russell and learning and knowing what he stood for, I wanted to share that story," Turpin said.

Kicklighter said, "We have the opportunity through the Blue-White game to get real fans, friends and students involved in a movie about their university."

9 tips from the directors of "Erk the Movie"

compiled by Peyton Callanan



BEAU TURPIN



JAMES KICKLIGHTER

1. Always look into the action and never at the camera.
2. Act natural and continue to enjoy the game. Don't play for the camera.
3. The movie takes place in the 80's, but don't dress like you are going to be in a Motley Crew video.
4. Avoid using cell phones or any other electronics if you are in the shot.
5. Avoid modern Georgia Southern attire and logos.
6. Vintage GSU apparel with the logo from the 80's, jeans and preppy game day attire is most appropriate.
7. Women should wear their hair like they did in the 80's - big.
8. Listen out for film handlers with walkie-talkies. These will clue you in and give instructions on what to do.
9. Have fun! This is the Blue and White game, we just happen to be filming.



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Fashion week ends with showcase

Fashion

BY LINDSEY MCCORMICK

The George-Anne staff

Fashion Menagerie will finish up its week of fashion-filled events with student's clothing designs in the organization's Annual Showcase.

The student-run fashion organization, Fashion Menagerie, will show students' work today at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union ballroom. The show consists of clothing displays from the students, a mini fashion show and retail booths from Cheeky Lingerie and Swimwear and Kathi Rich.

"Fashion Menagerie is all about helping the fashion students prepare for their careers, so we have this showcase every year," Miah Glover, editor of Fashion Menagerie magazine and senior fashion merchandising major, said.

The fashion group has organized

an Annual Showcase for the past four years, but this is the first time they have extended it into a full week of fashion events.

The Annual Showcase brings an end to a week that has brought events from how to use make-up products, a networking social and a Style Off competition.

The final event will display student's work from their design classes and their portfolios. Most of the designs are expected to come from Design Analysis I and II classes, textile designs and the students' personal look books.

"I am hoping to see a lot of neutrals, bright colors and structure in this year's designs. These designers work hard and deserve all of our support," Auri Lee, Fashion Menagerie member and senior marketing major, said.

This year's guests include Cheeky, a local retailer, and Kathi Rich, a Savannah retailer. The guests will be featured in a pop-up shop, a short-term retail shop

where students will have the chance to buy the retailer's clothing at the showcase.

"We added a pop-up shop for students to take a look at boutiques' around Statesboro items and purchase them. This is Fashion Menagerie's way of supporting our local boutique owners," Lee said.

Fashion Menagerie wanted to interact more with the community by bringing these retailers to our showcase. This year we also made a full week of events, Glover said.

Rochelle Ham, president of Fashion Menagerie and senior fashion merchandising major said, "My favorite thing about the showcase is just seeing all of the FMAD professors and students there at once, as well as the supporters. It's really good to know that people get what we do and don't just think we twiddle our thumbs and read magazines every day."



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Rochelle Ham, FM president, and April Johnston, from Project Runway, network at last year's show.

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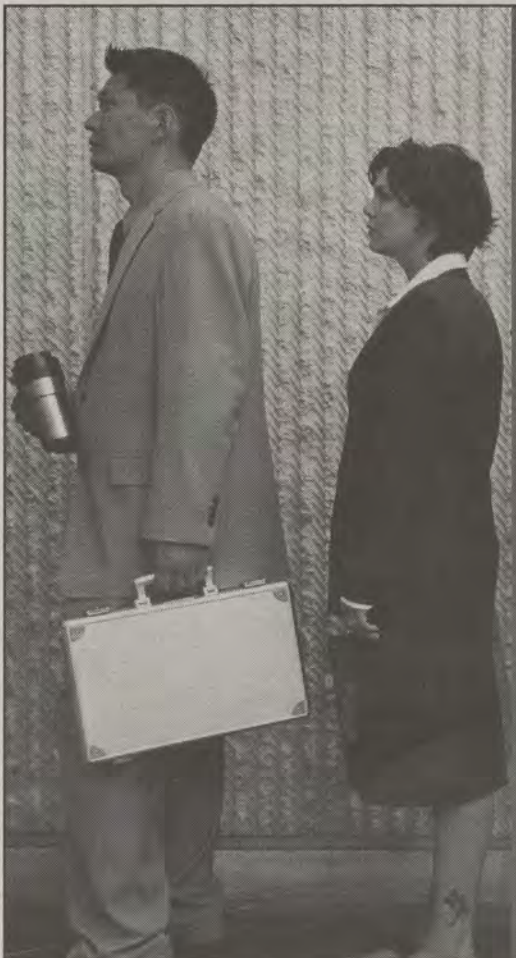
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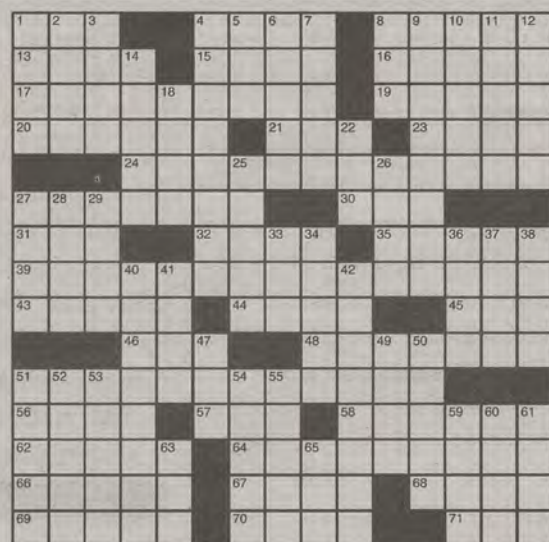
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ACROSS

- 1 President after JFK
- 4 Totally absorbed
- 8 Made like a kangaroo
- 13 Papers promising payment
- 15 "The Andy Griffith Show" tyke
- 16 Bonus
- 17 "Keep charging drinks
- 19 Pierces
- 20 Rectified, with "for"
- 21 "... a lender be"
- 23 Comic on a roll
- 24 "Occasion to say 'Whew!'"
- 27 Biblical haircutter
- 30 Letter between epsilon and chi
- 31 Cavity filler's org.
- 32 Trait carrier
- 35 Actor Milo
- 39 "Annual April paperwork
- 43 Greet casually, with "to"
- 44 Affectedly dainty, to Brits
- 45 Piddling point to pick
- 46 Writer's undergrad deg.
- 48 Devastates
- 51 "Running amok
- 56 Not yet eliminated
- 57 PC file suffix
- 58 Bygone Toyotas
- 62 Collectible print, briefly
- 64 "Overnight work assignment
- 66 Phillies infielder Chase
- 67 Chichén ...
- 68 Under sail, say
- 69 Scholarly article reviewers
- 70 Mopey look
- 71 Each answer to a starred clue ends in one

DOWN

- 1 Old Italian coin
- 2 Ring contest
- 3 2007 title role for Ellen Page

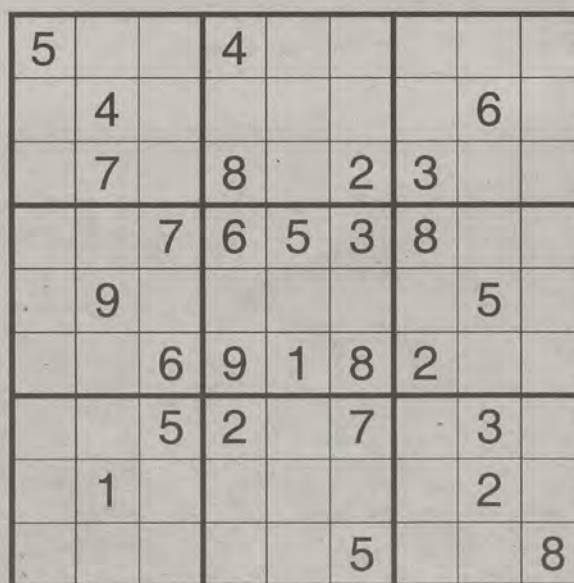


By Julian Lim

Last Edition's Puzzle Solved

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- 4 Violent reaction to traffic
- 5 Proper
- 6 Movers' challenge
- 7 Noted kneeling NFLer
- 8 Turkey helping
- 9 Curer of the demon-possessed
- 10 Cardiac chambers
- 11 Before surgery, briefly
- 12 Stylistic judgment
- 14 Largest division of Islam
- 18 Prolonged ringing
- 22 Gym unit
- 25 Butler of fiction
- 26 Dealer's dispenser
- 27 Orator's platform
- 28 Outlandish Dame
- 29 Like some nightgowns
- 33 "I ain't doin' that!"
- 34 Apply
- 36 Unable to decide, as a jury
- 37 Toledo's lake
- 38 Sugar bowl invaders
- 40 Woeful words from Winnie the Pooh
- 41 Vex
- 42 What shotgun callers shun
- 47 Pass and then some
- 49 RSVP part
- 50 Top dog
- 51 Prepare to shine in a bodybuilding contest?
- 52 Band together
- 53 Champ's holding
- 54 Primrose family plant
- 55 "Far out!"
- 59 Chance
- 60 For ...: not gratis
- 61 Time at the inn
- 63 Yiddish laments
- 65 Shih ... Tibetan dog



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Bulldogs and Eagles to fight it out

Men's Baseball

BY COLIN RITSICK

The George-Anne staff

After an eight-game road swing and losing two consecutive Southern Conference series, the Georgia Southern University baseball team will face off against The Citadel this weekend at home.

The Eagles (21-11, 10-5 SoCon) held a commanding lead over the conference with an 8-1 record and were touting an eight-game win streak before losing two games on the road to both the University of North Carolina Greensboro and Appalachian State University the past two weekends. GSU has now lost four of its last eight and has surrendered its SoCon lead to Elon University.

The Bulldogs (17-17, 6-6 SoCon) were looking good with a 15-9 record only a few weeks ago back on March 26. But in the team's last 10 games, it has dropped eight and are now struggling to hold its head above water.

Any fans that wish to attend this weekend's games at J.I. Clements Stadium better stay home if they are looking for a pitcher's duel.

These two teams will undoubtedly be putting runs on the board. The Bulldogs and the Eagles are both top-five in the SoCon in runs scored. Both are top-five in on-base percentage. The Bulldogs are second in the conference in home runs this season with 30 and have six starters hitting above .300.

But stats aren't everything. If one looked strictly at the statistics, it would not look as if GSU held the best overall record in the SoCon—which it does. The Eagles are in the bottom half of the conference in batting average and have the most strikeouts. They also have one of the highest team ERAs and have allowed the most hits. But that is why the game isn't played on paper.

GSU will look to ride the success of its young talent on the mound while the veteran leadership will take precedent at the plate.

Sophomore Sam Howard (5-3) has struck out 52 batters this season and has provided the Eagles with a durable



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Sophomore catcher Chase Griffin (23) leads off first base. Griffin posts a .288 batting average, which is fourth on the team.

left-hander who can throw his off-speed pitches for strikes. He is a guy that can go seven innings a start and take some pressure off of the bullpen.

Howard's emergence into the starting rotation as a sophomore is trumped only by what true freshman Jason Richman (4-2) has been able to do so far this year. Richman leads the team in ERA and can also go late into ball games, twice pitching into the eighth inning for the Eagles. He is a slightly harder-throwing lefty with a long, loping delivery that can easily confuse batters.

Offensively, senior infielder T.D. Davis and junior outfielder Robbie Dodds will continue to be the heart of

the lineup against a team that has six pitchers with better ERAs than anyone on GSU. Davis has already hit three more home runs this season than all of last year and carries a .349 batting average. He is scattered somewhere in the top 10 on the SoCon leader board of most major offensive categories.

Dodds leads the team in batting average and is ranked third overall in the SoCon in that category, hitting .380 since coming off of the bench early in the season. He has provided the GSU lineup with another big bat to complement that of Davis.

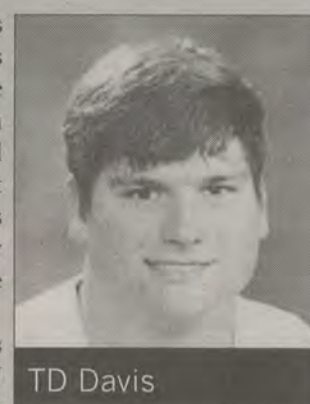
First-pitch is set for tomorrow at 6 p.m., Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Davis steps up for Eagles

BY SHAKEEM HOLLOWAY

The George-Anne staff

Now in his second season as a member of the Georgia Southern University baseball team, senior first basemen TD Davis has proved how great of a player he can be.



TD Davis

Davis transferred to GSU for his junior year

after playing his first two seasons at Georgia Perimeter College. In Davis' freshman year at GPC he hit .350 with 43 RBIs and nine home runs.

In Davis' first season with the Eagles he hit .308 with 34 RBIs and five home runs in 57 games. Those numbers, although solid, don't exactly echo progress for Davis.

However, this season Davis has turned things around dramatically. Davis started off the season batting over .400, and although he wasn't able to keep up that average, he has been able to sustain what could be deemed an impressive season.

Through 32 games played this season, Davis is batting .349 with 34 RBIs, and the senior has surpassed last year's home run total with eight home runs so far this season.

Davis has improved his power as well as his awareness at the plate, getting better in all facets of the game. Davis increased his on-base percentage from .379 to .404 and his slugging percentage from .445 to .612.

Davis is currently tied for third in the Southern Conference with 34 RBIs and is second on the team, behind sophomore catcher Chase Griffin who has 36.

In the conference Davis is in the top 10 in runs scored, batting average, hits, slugging percentage and home runs.

With 23 games left in the regular season, Davis is poised to surpass his 2012 season totals of hits, doubles and RBIs as he continues to lead the Eagles on a charge to win the division and compete for a SoCon title for the second straight season.

GSU and Ga. State play to stalemate

Softball (19-24)

BY RANDALL HAMPTON

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University softball team split a double header with Georgia State University yesterday.

GSU failed to show up in the first game as the Eagles went down 8-0. The Eagles found themselves on the wrong end of a perfect game by Ga. State junior pitcher Kaitlyn Medlam.

While the offense was getting blanked, the Eagles pitching staff was busy giving up 13 hits. Sophomore pitchers Brooke Red and Marla Thompson combined to give up eight earned runs in the loss.

After getting blitzed with a perfect game right off the bus, the Eagles had to get ready for game two with a sweep staring back at them.

Junior pitcher Sarah Purvis struck out six as she battled to keep GSU in the game. The team headed into the top of the seventh inning down 4-1.

That is when senior outfielder Alexa Lewis got on base with a single to right field.

Junior short stop Kourtney Thomas sent a shot up the middle to bring Lewis home.

A walk followed by a RBI sacrifice fly from senior first baseman Tabby Douberly kept the inning alive.

A dropped ball by Ga. State first baseman Lauren Coleman allowed freshman outfielder Dominique Grossman to score the game winning run for the Eagles.

The dramatic victory comes a few days before a crucial showdown with Southern Conference rival Samford University.

GSU will battle Samford at Eagle Field with game one of the series set to start at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.



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Freshman catcher AJ Hamilton (11) drives back a Mercer pitch. Hamilton has 7 RBIs for the Eagles.

Men's tennis seniors to finish home play



Lindsay Hartmann/The George-Anne

The Georgia Southern University men's tennis team has two more home matches left in the regular season.

Men's Tennis

BY TREVOR MCNABOE

The George-Anne staff

For two players on the Georgia Southern University men's tennis team, this upcoming weekend will be unforgettable.

Seniors Matthijs Verdam and Alex Doherty will close out their GSU career at home against Samford University and University of Tennessee at Chattanooga tomorrow and Saturday respectively.

The Eagles come into the home stretch of the season sporting a 9-7 record (5-3 SoCon). GSU has fared well in the familiar confines of Hanner Tennis Complex with a 3-2 record.

Freshman Rayane Djouad (20-4) and Sophomore Albert Codina Sala (13-9) lead the team in singles wins. The doubles combination of Djouad and Marco Osario are top on the team with a record of 6-5.

Friday's opponent Samford is near the top of the Southern Conference standings going into tournament time with a record of 11-7(6-1

SoCon). The double-digit record does come with a catch as the Bulldogs have struggled on the road posting a below five hundred record at 4-5.

One individual does not lead Samford in particular; in fact the definition of a team can be defined here as every singles player has won at least 10 games. For doubles, two teams stand out in sophomore Austin Akers and junior Elliot Barnwell, and freshman Fares Kilani and senior Alex Sajonz both coming in at 7-4.

The Eagles will cap off the season on Saturday afternoon with a matchup against SoCon foe UTC (10-8, 5-4 SoCon). The Mocs are currently on a two-match winning streak and are looking to seal up a decent seed in the upcoming Southern Conference Tournament.

However a win for UTC will not come easy as it also struggles on the road coming in at a record of 2-5 away from home.

Senior Manuel Barroetavena is leading UTC in singles play with a record of 21-9. Fellow senior Ankit Chopra follows him at 15-10.

Play will begin tomorrow at noon and continue on to Saturday at noon at the Hanner Tennis Complex.

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Hayden Anderson

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MAJOR: Sports Management

FROM: Knoxville, Tenn.

Q. What is your favorite thing about golf?

A. "It is an Individual sport that is on you. It's all about honesty and integrity of the game. When you go out, it's just you and the golf course, and that's why I like it so much."

Q. What was the best round you have ever played?

A. "65 in a tournament a few years ago"

Q. What is your best skill in the game?

A. "I would say it's my ball striking. I can keep it in play and not get myself in trouble."

Q. What is your favorite restaurant?

A. "Chipotle is my favorite place to go."

Q. Where is your favorite place to go on campus?

A. "J.I Clements stadium."

Golf fails to rally, finishes 10th

Golf

BY RYAN RAMSEY

The George Anne contributor

The Georgia Southern University golf team was unable to produce a major day three comeback this week at the Gary Koch Invitational and finished tenth out of 15 teams in Tampa, Fla.

Day two proved to be too much for the Eagles, who couldn't get ahead of the field. Junior Will Evans and sophomore Scott Wolfes both lead the team with a 147, but with tough company at the invitational, the Eagles were too far out of contention for a spot in the top three.

Even after not performing up to expectations, head coach Larry Mays

recognized his team's ability to play through adversity and mount comeback for day three.

"We got three solid rounds today but just didn't get a fourth," Mays said in a news release. "The conditions were harder with the wind, and the course played tough."

Instead of a comeback, the Eagles battled more than a scoring deficit. Sixteen mile-per-hour winds and a tough course added to the struggle of pulling themselves out of a tenth place hole.

Wolfes ended the day with a team best score of 72, but his 23rd place overall finish did little to diminish the gap between the Eagles and 1st place Florida State University.

This is the worst finish for the Eagles this spring, and it couldn't have come at a worse time for the team. The Koch Invitational marks the end of the regular season for the

Eagles, and all attention goes towards the Southern Conference Championship. Mays hopes his team can learn from this week.

"Hopefully, we can use this as a little wake-up call heading into the SoCon Championships," Mays said in a news release.

Among the teams in the top 10 was Southern Conference foe College of Charleston, which finished sixth and had a commanding lead over the Eagles. This comes as a surprise after the Eagles dominated College of Charleston when they competed at the Schenkel Invitational in Statesboro last month.

With the SoCon Championships less than two weeks away, the Eagles will hope to put this tournament behind them and fire on all cylinders for the championship on their home course of Forrest Heights in Statesboro.



Photo courtesy of Eagle Athletics
Sophomore Scott Wolfes chips a ball onto the green. Wolfes averages 71.5 strokes per round so far this season.

Carter Collins is semifinalist

BY BRAVURA BANKS

The George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University assistant golf coach Carter Collins has been named a semifinalist for the Jan Strickland Award for the second year in a row.

This award has been sponsored by TaylorMade-Adidas since 2003 and is given by the Golf Coaches Association of America to the assistant coach in Division I, II, III, NAIA or NJCAA that excels in working with student-athletes both on the course and in the classroom.

The seven other semifinalists are University of Florida's John Handrigan, University of Houston's Chris Hill, Northwestern University's David Inglis, University of New Mexico's Brian Kortan, University of Texas' Ryan Murphy, Stanford University's Phil Rowe, University of Tennessee's Casey VanDamme and Wake Forest University's Daniel Walters.

The Jan Strickland Award winner will receive an invitation to the TaylorMade-addidas Golf Kingdom in Carlsbad, Ca.

"Although it's an individual award I've been named a semifinalist for, I'm only in this position because of what the team has been able to accomplish," Collins said in a news release. "Win or lose, I hope this process will be a positive reflection on the program."

GSU has finished top-five in five golf tournaments this season while claiming three tournament titles.



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A GSU student performs a dead lift last spring. Students will have the opportunity to do this and other strongman events.

Strongest Eagle will prevail

BY JACK MAGRUDER

The George-Anne staff

This Saturday Georgia Southern University Campus Recreation and Intramurals will host an unmerciful test of strength and endurance, known as the Strongest Eagle Competition.

The Strongest Eagle is set to begin at 10 a.m. at the RAC Pavilion.

Competitors should be ready to push their bodies to their breaking point with the raw, unrelenting power and intense force that only a true strongman competitor possesses.

"Our goal is to provide the opportunity for students to use some non-traditional equipment. With the strongest eagle, how often does someone get to pull a truck, lift atlas stones or throw keg shells? We want to provide the student body with diversity with our fitness programs," Greg Stephenson, fitness program director, said.

“With the strongest Eagle, how often does someone get to pull a truck, lift atlas stones or throw keg shells?”

-Greg Stephenson,
fitness program director

The Eagles will compete in events like lifting atlas stones, dead lift, heavy carry, the truck pull, flood pull, keg toss and tire flipping.

The Strongest Eagle Competition is open to all GSU community members. This includes undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff, as well as their spouses and dependents, alumni, current RAC members and the local community of Statesboro.

The competition will consist of multiple preliminary events. There are

separate divisions for each of the events for men and for women to compete against each other, as well as weight classes. Men weighing 205 lbs or more are to be considered as heavyweights and women 165 lbs or more are to be considered heavyweight competitors. Competitors weighing in under each of these weights will be classed as lightweights.

The top two finalists with the highest amount of points of each weight class and gender will compete in the championship event: the truck pull.



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Former Eagle slotback Darreion Robinson (7) advances the ball up the field in the 2012 Blue and White scrimmage game. The Blue team came out victorious in last year's game.

Eagles hobbling into Blue and White game

Football

BY SHAKEEM HOLLOWAY

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University football team, riddled with injuries, will have its annual Blue and White game with the Eagles' offense versus the Eagles' defense Saturday.

Many Eagles are suffering injuries that have held them

out of practice as well as the two scrimmages so far this spring, so younger players are forced to step up and play.

"This gives us the opportunity for those guys to get some work, and the more reps, the more plays we can get with those young guys, the better we are going to get, but I'd prefer our starters healthy and be out there," head football coach Jeff Monken said in a news release.

Freshmen quarterbacks Kevin Ellison and Vegas

Harley have both stepped up their games leading the second team and first team respectively. Both Harley and Ellison were able to lead their respective teams on scoring drives in both scrimmages.

With the loss of star seniors Brent Russell and J.J. Wilcox, the Eagles' defense will be forced to look elsewhere for leadership as the team will try to find replacements for each of their positions.

Rising senior linebacker Kyle Oehlbeck and rising

senior defensive tackle Blake Riley may be the two players that step up and fill the roles of Wilcox and Russell as leaders on the defense.

Oehlbeck and Riley both stood out in the two scrimmages the Eagles have held this spring by getting to the quarterback and making big hits in the open field.

However, the Eagles in the final scrimmage on Saturday had mishaps with both the offense and the defense.

"We have to improve

as tacklers and be more effective blocking. We missed a lot of assignments and had some foolish penalties. There is a lot we need to correct," Monken said in a news release.

The players will watch film of their mistakes and hopefully correct them going into the blue and white game on Saturday.

"We'll have notes for them so they can compare what happened to what the play was and what the defensive

call was, and they will know where there are issues. Then, the next time we get together and meet, we talk with them, and that's an important, teachable moment," Monken said in a news release.

GSU fans will get to see if the Eagles have corrected their mistakes on Saturday at 1 p.m., and fans may also get the chance to be an extra in the movie "Erk" as filming is set to take place at the game. The film crew is asking fans to dress in 1980's attire.