Tuition Up

Regents approve tuition increase; 2.5% change to hit fall 2013

BY ALANNA NAVIN
The George-Anne staff

Yesterday the University System of Georgia Board of Regents approved a 2.5 percent tuition increase for Georgia Southern University undergraduates.

The increase is the same as last year, which was the lowest increase in a decade, and the resulting dollar increase will range from a low of $32 to a high of $270 a semester, according to the Board of Regents website.

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GSU professor recounts Boston Marathon bombing

BY CYDNEY LONG
The George-Anne staff

Brian Menaker was sitting in a restaurant with his father and two other friends after running in the Boston Marathon when the first bomb exploded near the finish line on Monday afternoon.

"We were probably two hundred yards away, enough to hear and feel something, and for there to be a lot of panic around us," Menaker said.

Menaker is a health and kinesiology professor at Georgia Southern University and the coach of GSU’s running club, GSU RUN.

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"If anything, I think it made people angry that someone would attack one of the happier days that occurs in Boston," Menaker said.

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10:44 a.m.: Officers responded to a trouble alarm at Centennial Place. Maintenance responded. The room was checked with no problems found. The occupants were unaware of an alarm activation.

1:15 p.m.: Officers assisted Tybee Island Police with a report of a possible sexual assault that occurred in their jurisdiction.

1:40 p.m.: An incident report was taken for lost/mislaid property at the Kappa Alpha House on Olympic Blvd.

5:28 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at Kennedy Hall. The Statesboro Fire Department and maintenance responded. The alarm was activated by an occupant cooking.

5:44 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a criminal trespass in C/E/J Lot. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

10:48 p.m.: An incident report was taken and an investigation opened into a reported rape that occurred on Monday, April 8, 2013 at Eagle Village. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

Monday, April 15
10:36 a.m.: An officer on patrol discovered a crate of Red Bull Energy Drinks on the Pedestrian. A representative for Red Bull was contacted and the crate was removed and returned to the representative.

12:25 p.m.: An incident report was taken for an entering auto that occurred in the parking lot of Southern Pines between April 12 and April 13. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

12:45 p.m.: An incident report was taken for lost/mislaid property at University Villas.

Tuesday, April 16
8:00 a.m.: An investigation was initiated by criminal investigations in reference to a tip received on Eagle Eye Witness. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

9:57 a.m.: An incident report was taken for a suspicious incident at Centennial Place. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

4:12 p.m.: Officers responded to a panic alarm at Freedom’s Landing. Maintenance responded. Contact was made with the occupant and no problems were found.

5:12 p.m.: An incident report was taken for damage to property in Lot 21.

8:30 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft at the RAC. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

11:28 p.m.: Officers discovered an intoxicated female at Centennial Place. The intoxicated female, Molly Carol Hopper, 18, was arrested and charged with possession of alcohol (under 21 years of age).

11:33 p.m.: Officers responded to Centennial Place in reference to a drug complaint. The occupant gave consent for a search of his room. No action was taken.

2:05 a.m.: Officers responded to a sick person at Freedom’s Landing. The sick person received additional medical assistance.

Regents approve green fee

BY CYDNEY LONG
The George-Anne contributor

The University System of Georgia Board of Regents approved the $10 sustainability fee during yesterday’s meeting, and it will go into effect this fall.

In a previous article, The George-Anne reported that the sustainability, or “green,” fee was to be divided into four sections, each one covering a different area of sustainability. One part will cover sustainable efforts on campus, such as retrofitting buildings and re-lamping. The second part will be promotional, which will aid in putting up posters and other announcements promoting a green lifestyle. A third part will focus on curriculum and environmental education. Lastly, a fourth part of the fee will be used to hire personnel for the Center for Sustainability.

“I know the provost is working with a group to try to determine how best to use that money, and obviously students will have a great deal of say in how that’s used,” Keel said.

In addition to the $10 Sustainability Fee, a $25 Expansion Fee for the expansion of Paulson Stadium and a $75 fee to cover GSU’s move to the Football Bowl subdivision will also be implemented in the fall.

Of the 9,390 students who voted in the fall 74.4 percent were in support of the sustainability fee, which were the most student votes for any of the three fees.

Keel said, “I think there are some very unique programs we’re going to be able to do, and I’m actually looking forward to seeing what students suggest.”

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Our View

Student reaction reveals prejudice

On Tuesday, we reported that a two Greek organizations' letters had been rearranged to spell out "KKK" on another Greek organization's lawn. The acts had been done at around 6:20 a.m. Monday, and the letters were returned to their proper places by 9 a.m. the same day. The owners of the letters are reviewing security camera footage of the act.

On social media outlets, the picture of the rearranged letters spread quickly. Many people that commented on the picture made jokes poking fun at the initials and at the organizations themselves. The jokes ranged from jabs in good humor to statements bordering on racist.

The comments made on the displaced letters in the context of where we live and recent events reflect very poorly on us. We live in the South, a region with a long, deep history of racism. The recent refusal of Gov. Nathan Deal to take a stand on the segregated prom that is taking place in our state looks bad to the rest of the country, especially when it occurs in the South.

The act of rearranging large wooden letters to initials representing an organization with a history of committing race-driven crimes only adds fuel to the fire.

The attitude of many of the students toward this indicates racist sentiments masked as humor. Southern race relations may have gotten better over the years, but racism is obviously not entirely a thing of the past. This isn't what the Eagle Nation is about, and we should strive to put ourselves above the kind of attitudes exhibited in this act.

Actions speak louder than words

In the wake of the recent tragedy in Boston, there's been an outpouring of public support and kindness, especially over social media. Images such as the lights in Brooklyn saying "New York loves Boston" and the image simply saying "I stand with Boston" are among those that come to mind.

One of the ones that the religious community has been putting forth says "Pray for Boston." It's a great sentiment, especially because it can apply to any faith that engages in prayer. However, it's important to not forget to act. Many times in religious communities, especially here in the South, people rely on prayer, praying for God to send help to a place or person in need. For some of these people, it's the best they can do. The elderly, juveniles and the poor in a church often don't have the time or ability to lend a helping hand.

But for those of us who can act, who do have the resources or ability to give aid, it is easy to fall into the same pattern as those around us, simply praying for a miracle to happen and solve or alleviate the problems of those in need. At times like this, one needs to realize that sometimes as Jim Carrey said in "Bruce Almighty," you have to "be the miracle."

So what can anyone do to help? For one, wait to see if legitimate charities open up and donate money to those charities. If they don't open up, start one yourself. The Boston Marathon is an international event, and any foreign national that was injured without insurance might be facing extreme hospital bills that can turn this tragedy into a financial disaster. Seeing if there are any charities or organizations that are donating to help alleviate the financial burden on these people is a great place to start.

If you are down and out on financing, which many of us are, try to see if there is a letter writing campaign going on to express gratitude to our first responders and sympathy to the victims of the bombing. Get creative; there's nothing holding you back from making someone's day a little better.

In times like this, praying by way of your actions can go a long ways to answering the prayers of someone else.
GSU’s faculty lacking diversity

Something has been nagging at me lately: why is there such little diversity in the race of Georgia Southern’s faculty? Since I’ve been attending this school, I’ve only had one professor who was not white. I’ve never been taught by a black or Hispanic professor. Faculty includes “full” professors—or those that cannot be promoted any further within the faculty—associate professors, assistant professors, lecturers, instructors and visiting professors. According to the University’s 2011-2012 fact book, there were 49 black faculty members with only 7 being full professors, 75 Asian with only 9 of those being full professors and there were 20 Hispanic faculty members and zero were full professors. However, in 2011 there were 675 white faculty members with 153 of that faculty being full professors.

This isn’t just a GSU phenomenon. It’s consistent across the nation, but of course not as much at some Historically Black Colleges and Universities. So it begs the question, where are all the minority professors? Are there just no qualified people of color to fill teaching positions at institutions of higher education? Are they not pursuing careers in higher education? I don’t believe that this fully accounts for the large disparity among faculty race. Even so, there’s much that can be done to mend this situation.

First off, there needs to be a strong commitment to increase minority participation in academia. I know there are minority programs at GSU like the Minority Advisement Program, Pathways to Success and the Student African-American Brotherhood that focus on providing mentoring and encouragement during the years as a student. However, there should be similar programs and boards whose goals are increasing minority faculty representation and retaining those members. There should be support for these faculty members and resources provided to them to help make adjustments to life as an educator in higher learning, and by default a representative of minorities in the field.

It’s important to realize that minority faculty must, sometimes against their will, juggle multiple roles and are held to different standards because they are representing their race. This multiplicity of roles can be overwhelming and that’s why support should be a goal. I hope that GSU will continue to promote a diverse campus of not just students, but faculty as well.

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

Saying goodbye to a great leader

Yesterday we watched as Margaret Thatcher was laid to rest, her funeral took place at St. Paul’s cathedral in London. It is always remarkable to see how the world reacts when such a well-respected individual passes away. She was one of the most well respected women in the political history. She was the only woman to be elected to the office of Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

Aside from being the only woman elected to Prime Minister, she was by far the most successful Prime Minister that the United Kingdom had seen. She reshaped British politics to once again make them a front-runner in the international spotlight where they had not had much notice since the World War II. She revived their economy, as well as the UK’s foreign policy. She turned the decline of a nation around and set it on the path to being the world power that it is today. None of this came without scrutiny, though. The changes she made caused unemployment to rise before it improved, and there is no other twentieth century prime minister that has come as close to being assassinated. Despite initial angst and dispute, people began to see her policies work. She, along with Ronald Reagan, founded a school of conservative conviction politics, which in turn earned her the highest international recognition of a British politician since Winston Churchill.

With such drive and motivation, she truly embodies what politicians should strive to be. She stayed true to what she stood for and did not back down from what she knew was right. That is what this woman needs to be remembered for, that she didn’t back off when her opposition doubted that she knew what was best. This should be a wakeup call for conservatives out there; don’t compromise what you stand for because you think it might make you more likable. Work hard, reach out to people but be true to your roots and what you believe in. History shows that in the end conservative leadership is when our nation is at its best. We just have to keep working hard to overcome the obstacles that are ahead of us. So as we move forward remember the great things that Margaret Thatcher did for her country and emulate that resilience that she had as we work towards a brighter American future.

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

Ignorance is no excuse for hate

Hatred has always been cemented in the American fabric. No matter how ugly that may sound, it is nevertheless the truth. Throughout the course of American history, every racial, religious, ethnic and any other group you can think of has been overtly or covertly discriminated against. Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, women, Christians, gays and lesbians and even white people, we have all been victims of hate. Some more than others, but hate is hate.

Since September 11, 2001, we have focused our hate more on one group than any other group in the 21st century, Muslims. But it’s not only Muslims. Many Americans have decided to hate anyone of Middle Eastern descent. Nearly 12 years after 9/11, 12 years that could have been used to educate Americans about Muslims and their beliefs, many are still latching on to the ignorant idea that Muslims are terror-loving terrorists who hate America. It’s a damn shame that I even have to write a piece like this.

The tragedy in Boston has proven my claim. I want to extend my thoughts and prayers to those who were injured or lost a loved one on that horrific day earlier this week. But this tragedy does not serve as an excuse to justify some of the measures I have heard taken by those who are looking to find the suspect in the bombing.

Authorities apprehended a young Saudi Arabian male in his early twenties because they thought he might have had something to do with the bombing. He was seen “running away from the blast with burns over his body...just like everyone else. However, authorities felt the need to search his apartment, where they found nothing, and wasted valuable time, time that could’ve been used to find the real culprit.

Lastly, I must mention the claims made that President Obama is a Muslim. Those claims have quieted but if he is, so what? What’s the big deal? I urge you to write a letter to the editor explaining to me why it is not okay for the President to be a Muslim. Every religious group has extremists. Actions of a minority should not be projected upon the majority of any ethnicity, and I’m tired of hearing the tasteless jokes and ignorant comments. Wake up and educate yourselves.

Ware is a freshman political science major from Griffin. He is involved in the Young Democrats.
Boston bombing brings out best

America has seen too much tragedy in recent years, and this week another has been added. The Boston Marathon explosions will be covered extensively by almost every news organization in the coming weeks, but throughout it we Americans showed our true colors. We should take a moment to acknowledge those who made a difference.

The people of Boston haven’t seen a tragedy like this, but they handled it with grace. The police force called in over one hundred off-duty officers who responded immediately to help, and residents of Boston are offering their homes to the victims of families. Hospitals immediately called in tired, overworked doctors and nurses who came in without a moment’s hesitation. Thanks to the actions of the police and hospitals they were able to take the pressure off the marathon finish line.

The closest medical facility to the finish line was not a hospital, but the marathon’s medical tent. It was staffed by volunteer doctors, nurses and medical students. Most of these students and nurses had never seen very traumatic wounds, but they held it together. Within minutes of the explosion they had turned their medical tent into a trauma unit. Thanks to their fast response many lives were saved, but they couldn’t have done it alone.

The first responders to the explosions were the spectators and runners around the finish line at the time. When the bombs went off, instead of running away, they put their lives on the line and ran into the smoke to help the wounded. One man, Carlos Arredondo, wheeled a victim out while pinching an artery in the runner’s mutilated leg shut. He did this all after running almost twenty-six miles. Arredondo, and all of the civilians that helped amongst the chaos, should be known and held with the highest respect for the heroes that they are.

Sadly, we are not yet in the clear. We need to hold strong and be brave. As Americans we have put aside our differences. Through this tragedy we have banded together to support the victims and we can’t stop now. We need to continue donating, helping, supporting and keeping the ones affected in our thoughts. Just remember to take a moment to be proud of everyone that has helped show that we are not afraid.

Chalker is a freshman journalism major from Rome. He is the Video Editor.

Do you remember hearing a few weeks ago that Obama signed an emergency budget bill to keep the federal government from shutting down? Did you also know it contained a provision that protects biotech companies from judicial review? In it, the Secretary of Agriculture is ordered to "immediately grant" permits for use of GMO crops, even if they are temporarily banned because of a current lawsuit. It completely undermines the role the judicial branch plays in our system of checks and balances.

For some background information, biotech companies create genetically modified organisms, which are made by altering their DNA through genetic engineering. There has been a lot of controversy over genetically modified organisms. Studies are inconclusive, but many point to potential health risks such as cancer and sterility. Because it is new technology, we won’t be able measure actual effects on humans for decades. Born out of society’s unquestioning trust in the capabilities of science and technology, biotech companies are bypassing the process of evolution required to create species that exist in balance with the ecosystem. Native plants and humans could suffer the consequences. Regardless of if they should be grown or not, consumers should have the choice to not eat the foods that make them a walking science experiment. While GMO labeling on food is mandatory in the European Union, New Zealand, China, India and many other countries, it is not required in the U.S.

Here’s the best part of the story. The author of this irrelevant provision also sneaked 78 pages in and was listed as ‘anonymous’ when Obama signed it into action. It has now come to light that the author was Roy Blunt, a Republican senator from Missouri. Missouri is also home to one of the largest biotech companies in the world, Monsanto. Between 2008 and 2012, Sen. Blunt has received $64,250 (that we know of) from Monsanto to assist in his campaigning.

This is yet another stark example of corporations ruling the land more than ever before. The United States government is meant to be a republic, with elected officials making decisions on behalf of the public. However, politicians no longer make policy decisions for good of the whole. The republic now represents the interests of corporations and campaign donors. They’ve effectively made our politicians no more than puppets on a string, dancing to power of their dollar.

Walker is a senior sociology major with a concentration in sustainability from Brunswick. She is an officer of the Green Ambassadors.

Eagles, watch out for the GPNTS virus

Students of Georgia Southern University, a year ago we faced an epidemic that had taken over our campus, and I am here to say that this epidemic still plagues us.

I am of course talking about the Giant-Pants-Non-T-Shirts (GPNTS) virus that is in full force here after girls tried to counteract the previous Giant-T-Shirt-Non-Pants (GTSNP) virus.

Symptoms of the virus include females wearing giant pants and a form of non-t-shirts. These pants tend to look a lot like actual article of clothing.

The virus seems to be spreading mostly over the female population, but even some guys have hopping on board by wearing bro-tanks and other non-t-shirt items.

Behold! There’s a cure.

First you must stop caring about what other people think about you. This includes ignoring any opinions of people who tell you that you look dumb. If you want to wear a purple non-t-shirt brazier, or a t-shirt that goes down to your knees, then go for it.

Know that you can be whatever you want to be, even if you’re wearing fishnets with overalls and a fedora.

Don’t let one person control how you want to express yourself. If you want to wear yoga pants or Nike shots as your pants, do it, no one is stopping you. Sometimes its nice to wear a huge t-shirt just because.

Gutknecht is from Conyers. She is the sports editor.
THURSDAY 4.18.2013

10 A.M. – 2 P.M.
DUMP THE PUMP CHALLENGE
RUSSELL UNION ROTUNDA
Cheer on your favorite mode of transportation as Georgia Southern students and faculty race by bike, skateboard, bus and car over to the RAC and back! Check out other No Impact Week events at http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/wellness/special-events/no-impact-week/.

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

7 - 9 P.M.
MEN’S LACROSSE VS SCAD
RAC FIELDS
Support the Men’s Lacrosse team and watch them compete against SCAD. Find other Club Sports dates at http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/club-sports/schedule-of-events/

7:00 P.M.
COMEDIAN MALIK S.
WILLIAMS CENTER MULTI PURPOSE ROOM
Join Comedian Malik S. and the University Programming Board Thursday at 7pm in the Williams Center for a night of laughs. Malik S. appeared on BET’s Comic View for six seasons, NBC’s Last Comic Standing and HBO’s P. Diddy Presents the Bad Boys of Comedy. FREE ADMISSION! BRING YOUR EAGLE ID!

FRIDAY 4.19.2013

6 P.M. AND 8 P.M.
UPB MOVIE: GANGSTA SQUAD
RUSSELL UNION THEATER
The University Programming Board sponsors a weekly movie series every Friday in the Russell Union Theater. You can enjoy the newest, hottest and most popular pre-home releases for free with concessions going as little as $1 each. You can't beat UPB Cinema. Don't forget to bring your Eagle ID.

SATURDAY 4.20.2013

9 A.M. – 1 P.M.
GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP
STATESBORO COURTHOUSE LAWN
Help Keep Bulloch Beautiful and register to cleanup the litter in Statesboro! Find out how to register at http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/wellness/special-events/no-impact-week/.

SUNDAY 4.21.2013

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

MONDAY 4.22.2013

8 P.M.
BELAY CLINIC
SA CENTER
The clinic is geared to help you gain the SA Climbing Wall Belay Certification. This certification allows you the opportunity to belay other participants, which can help you avoid lines for belayers. Check out the outcomes, privileges and dates at http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/southern-adventures/skills-clinics/climbing-clinics/.

TUESDAY 4.23.2013

3:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.
QEP TOWN HALL MEETING FOR STUDENTS
RUSSELL UNION ROOM 2080
The QEP Steering Committee has scheduled a series of town hall meetings and presentations on campus to get your ideas and suggestions to develop the Quality Enhancement Plan to improve the academic experience of students at Georgia Southern.

WEDNESDAY 4.24.2013

8 P.M.
LEAD CLIMBING CLINIC
SOUTHERN ADVENTURE CENTER
This clinic is geared to help you gain the SA Lead Climbing Certification. This certification allows you the opportunity to lead climb and/or lead belay other participants. Read more about this clinic at http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/southern-adventures/skills-clinics/climbing-clinics/.
GSUProblems shirts on standby

BY SHELBY FARMER
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University officials ended GSUProblems' spring t-shirt campaign early due to a trademark issue with the name "Georgia Southern."
The shirts were summer tanks and t-shirts with a logo similar to a Jack Daniels whiskey bottle and had the words "Georgia Southern: 100 Proof Education" on the front.

"We would like to remind individuals and organizations when using trademarks that Georgia Southern is in possession of, they must first contact the offices of Marketing and Communication or Licenses and Trademarks," Christian Flathman, associate vice president of the department of marketing and communications, said.

Flathman contacted Teespring, the company being used to print the shirts, to end production and did not contact GSUProblems, the GSUProblems administrator said.

"We have notified the third-party vendor that they did not have a right to use the Georgia Southern logo," Flathman said.

"I see where (the university is) coming from obviously, but in the future, I'd rather them contact me first. They can reach out to me," the GSUProblems admin said.

"A lot of people wanted the shirts, so we did a last-minute bulk order, and those will be out sometime in the next few weeks," the GSUProblems admin said.

Use of the trademarked items is not impossible for outside parties.

"(GSU) works with a licensing resource website. There are certain requirements to obtain a license, but anyone in the business to produce quality products can get a license," Connie Palfy, assistant vice president for Licensing and Administrative Affairs, said.

Any other designs in the future will not have any trademarked content, the GSUProblems admin said.

GSUProblems runs a variety of social media sites as an outlet for students. Photos and comments can be submitted for publication on the sites. The posts usually pertain to happenings on GSU's campus and in the Statesboro area.

"I'm not against the university, and I don't want them to be against me because (GSUProblems) is a channel for the students," the GSUProblems admin said.

The GSUProblems admin said, "I'm proud to be an Eagle, and I'm sure a lot of the people who follow GSUProblems are too."

Sarah Ryniker contributed to this report.

The new GSUProblems' t-shirt campaign conflicted with GSU's logo resulting in legal issues.

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Hank Huckaby said in a news release.

The small percentage increase was made possible because of the strong budget provided to the USG by Gov. Nathan Deal and the General Assembly in the fiscal year 2014 budget, according to the Board of Regents website.

"(The Board of Regents makes) sure that any increase to students is looked at very, very carefully. As cost of living goes up, as cost of education goes up, as money from state is going down, we took a three percent budget cut this year. We have to find the resources to keep providing the quality of education that you've come to expect," Keel said.

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GSU President

"There was an increase in the formula funding for this year as well, which is what the Board of Regents bases how much money is given out, Keel said.

"We received $63 million in new formula funds to support our enrollment growth."

This is critical to our efforts to minimize tuition increases for students and we appreciate the support," Huckaby said in the news release.

"Part of that formula is head count. As universities grow in students, you get more money from the state. The regents take that money and dole it out to the campuses," Keel said.

The money for the university comes from two sources: tuition and fees and the state.

Huckaby said that as the board works to achieve the goal of Complete College Georgia of graduating 25,000 students, the board is doing everything possible to ensure that the cost to attend college is not a barrier.
Brian Menaker, Georgia Southern University health and kinesiology professor and running club coach, ran in the 117th Boston Marathon this Monday.

“Coach (Menaker) is willing to make sacrifices for this club, which means a lot to us because he doesn’t get paid to do this,” Perez said.

Menaker is a big part of the club, especially in the spring semester, because without him the season would not have been as successful as it was, White said. He is the fastest runner in Statesboro. In the fall he ran from his house to GSU, won the True Blue 5K, ran downtown and won the Turkey Trot Race, and then ran back home, White said.

Menaker said, “It’s something I’m never going to forget. If anything, it means I’m going to run another marathon, which I didn’t intend on doing.”

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Students to evaluate professors for changes

BY MEGAN GEORGE
The George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University students play a part in their professors’ futures by filling out evaluations each semester, but most students do not realize the benefits of the evaluations.

“When I administer evaluations, I often ask the students, ‘Do you know why we are doing this?’ And very often the students go, ‘I don’t know, just something we’re told to do,”’ David Dudley, chairman for the department of literature and philosophy said.

Students who are pleased or displeased with a professor’s performance, whether it was the teaching style or something that was said in the classroom can voice their opinions through the evaluations.

Professor evaluations will be given out through April 8 to May 2 in student’s classes.

Once the semester is over, department chairs review these evaluations with each professor and the evaluations can potentially dictate whether or not the professor receives raises or another year teaching at Georgia Southern University.

The main issue professor’s see with end of the semester evaluations is not enough comments written on the back.

If a teacher receives a low rating on one of the evaluation sheets, then the student really needs to write a response explaining the low rating, in order for the professor to understand what to improve next time, Haley McKenzie, first year experience student ratings of instruction assistant, said.

Professors not only read the negative comments, but the positive ones are taken into consideration as well.

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GSU summer enrollment numbers noticeably rise

BY ALANNA NAVIN
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University is closing the gap between this year’s summer enrollment numbers and last year’s numbers with help from the “I Heart Summer” campaign and human resource’s summer job fair.

“About four weeks ago we were down about sixteen hundred students compared to the previous year. Right now we are close to around five hundred down,” Dr. Teresa Thompson, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management, said.

“We also had a really good turnout from the number of departments that have attended, and we had a fairly decent number of students that have been hired,” Demetrius Bynes, director of employment services, said.

“This was our first job fair that was addressing summer hiring,” Rieshawn Williams, human resources coordinator, said.

Thompson said that turnout was not only due to the job fair, but academic affairs has done a really good job in helping students understand the support GSU has to offer them in finding ways to pay for expenses.

“And obviously the numbers show when you go from sixteen hundred to five hundred,” Thompson said.

The summer job fair shows that GSU is student-centered and is concerned about the methods that students pay for their expenses, which is a big factor on whether a student attends summer school or not, Thompson said.

For students who have missed the summer job fair, there is another fair scheduled for April 23 for Eagle Dining, which will not only have fall semester opportunities but opportunities for the summer term as well, Bynes said.

Thompson said, "What we are trying to do as an institution is help students graduate on time, if at all possible, and summer school has to be a part of that."

SEE THE FULL STORY ON www.thegeorgeanne.com
D.I.M.E.S. fashion to feature classic looks

BY LINDSEY MCCORMICK
The George-Anne staff

Students will bring iconic films to the runway as they showcase several big-screen classics in the D.I.M.E.S. annual spring fashion show.

“When we were searching for a theme, this one just clicked for me. By featuring fashion from iconic and timeless productions, we have broadened our audience to movie and theatre lovers,” Alexia Cooper, fashion director and vice president for D.I.M.E.S. and senior fashion design major, said.

D.I.M.E.S. is holding Fashion in Film on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Williams Center.

Fashion students have been working to put together a fashion show that is inspired by nine classic films. The selection of films includes “Breakfast at Tiffany’s,” “The Great Gatsby” and “The Wizard of Oz.”

“The idea came from our fashion director, Alexia Cooper. We have a spring fashion show every year and thought this would be a big hit,” Jodi-Ann Simpson, productions director of D.I.M.E.S. and junior public relations major, said.

“I am looking forward to seeing our vision come to life and to watch everyone enjoy the fruits of our labor,” Cooper said.

Cooper has always had a spot in her heart for vintage clothing and movies. Her inspiration comes from Hollywood actresses such as Audrey Hepburn and Dorothy Dandridge.

“My favorite garments are from the ‘Breakfast at Tiffany’s’ scene. The designers and stylist definitely captured the elegant essence of Audrey Hepburn’s little black dress, while adding a modern touch to the design details of the garments,” Brasmyne Holmes, D.I.M.E.S. president and senior fashion merchandising major, said.

Cooper said, “Fashion is something that has no boundaries. Students, GSU staff and Statesboro residents of all ages are encouraged to attend the show.”

Wine, Moonlight and Magnolias to help support garden

BY GRACE HUSETH
The George-Anne staff

The Gardens of the Coastal Plains at Georgia Southern University believes that green thumbs help gardens grow, but so does wine.

The garden will host its 13th annual Wine, Moonlight and Magnolias event tonight from 7 – 9 p.m. The money raised through ticket sales will help support the garden’s growth.

“The garden will be filled with the distant chatter of friends enjoying a good conversation and winding notes of soulful jazz,” Julie Churney, Garden of the Coastal Plain administrative coordinator, said.

The event will raise money for educational programs at the garden, as well as bring the community together for an evening with wine and music, Carolyn Altman, director of the botanical gardens, said.

An entry fee of $60 might deter students, but it is tax deductible, provides two full hours of tasting quality wine and more importantly supports the garden, Hattan said.

Money raised from past benefits helped fund the building of the covered pavilion and develop horticultural and educational programs. The pavilion now serves the public as a venue for receptions, weddings and community events. One of the garden’s educational programs includes a display garden that educates the public on how to grow native plants in Georgia.

The benefit has been teamed up with the Camellia Garden Club and will feature wines from distributors in the Southeast.

The wine distributors will bring knowledgeable experts who will pour small samples of various wines. They will explain each wine and educate the public on wine varieties and pairings, Churney said.

“Every distributor chooses what they bring to the gardens and usually bring a good mix of reds and whites. It’s a great way to have a nice wine experience and learn about wine,” Deborah Hattan, Camellia Garden Club member, said.

In addition to wine, the event will feature hors d’oeuvres catered by the Beaver House, live jazz music by Georgia Southern University Jazz Combo and a lesson in wine.

An auction will also be held for a private wine tasting party with football head coach Jeff Monken.

Altman said, “This benefit is a great chance to dress up, enjoy and support the garden on a warm evening.”
**THURSDAY**

**Dingus Magee's**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m. and 9-11 p.m.
- 2-for-1 appetizers, bombs
  - $2 well drinks

**Fuzzy's**
- Happy Hour 3-8 p.m.
  - $2 Draft beers
  - $2 Small margarita
  - $3 Flavored margarita

**El Sombrero**
- $2.75 32 oz. domestic drafts

**Gnat's Landing**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m. and 9-11 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

**El Sombrero**
- $2.50 12 oz Margarita

**Gnat's Landing**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.

**Loco's**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
  - $2 draft beers

**Ruby Tuesday's**
- Happy Hour 9-11 p.m.
  - $5 Appetizers, well drinks

**Mcllhouse**
- Happy Hour 5-8 p.m.
  - $1.50 Domestic bottles
  - $2.50 Pint drafts

**Mellow Mushroom**
- Happy Hour 3-6 p.m.
  - $2.50 Pint drafts
  - $3 Wells

**Retrievers**
- Happy Hour 3-6 p.m.
  - 2-for-1 appetizers, bombs
  - $2 Well vodka drinks

**FRIDAY**

**Dingus Magee's**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m. and 9-11 p.m.

**GATA's**
- Happy Hour 5-8 p.m.
  - $1.50 Domestic bottles
  - $2.50 Import and craft beers

**Fuzzy's**
- Happy Hour 3-8 p.m.
  - $2 Small margarita
  - $3 Flavored margarita

**El Sombrero**
- $3 Sex on the beach

**Gata's Landing**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

**Manny's**
- Happy Hour 9 p.m.-close

**The Grill**
- Happy Hour 9 p.m.-close

**Mellow Mushroom**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
  - $2.75 Pint drafts
  - $3 Wells

**Manny's**
- Happy Hour all night
  - $3.50 Bud Light and Miller

**SUNDAY**

**Applebee's**
- $1 off Sangria

**Gata's Landing**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.

**Loco's**
- Happy hour 5-7 p.m.
  - ½ Wings, ½ drafts
  - $6 Miller Lite Pitchers

**Ruby Tuesday's**
- Happy Hour 9 p.m.-close
  - $2 Well vodka drinks

**GATA's**
- Happy Hour 5-8 p.m.
  - $1.50 Domestic bottles
  - $2.50 Import and craft beers

**The Grill**
- Happy Hour 9 p.m.-close

**Mellow Mushroom**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
  - $2.75 Pint drafts
  - $3 Wells

**Retrievers**
- Happy Hour 5-8 p.m.
  - $1.50 Miller Lite, Coors, PBR and High Life
  - $2 shots and big beers
  - $2.50 bombs
  - $3 doubles
  - $4.50 quads

**Ruby Tuesday's**
- Happy Hour 9 p.m.-close

**South and Vine**
- Public House
  - $3 Wells
  - $5 Craft beers
  - $4 Bottle beers

**SOUTH**

**Applebee's**
- $4.50 Shock tops

**Gata's Landing**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
  - ½ Wings, ½ drafts

**Manny's**
- Happy Hour all night

**Mellow Mushroom**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
  - $2.75 Pint drafts
  - $3 Wells

**Ruby Tuesday's**
- Happy Hour 9 p.m.-close

**South and Vine**
- Public House
  - $3 Wells
  - $5 Craft beers
  - $4 Bottle beers

**Manny's**
- Happy Hour all night
  - Kids eat free with purchase of an entree

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APA to perform tonight

Performing Arts

BY WILL PEEBLES
The George-Anne staff

Every Monday and Thursday night the sounds of harmonizing voices find their way to the outside of the multipurpose room in the Recreation Activity Center.

These vocal ensembles come from members of the Academy of Performing Arts Show Choir. APA has been practicing for its end-of-the-year concert “The End...Of the Beginning,” which will be performed tonight at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

“At the end of the day we don’t want people to feel like they’re watching the boring parts of ‘Glee’ at our show,” Courtney Escher, co-director of APA and junior multimedia communication major, said.

The concert will feature a diverse selection of songs and dance routines ranging from Broadway to top-40 hit songs.

“We want a variety of people to be able to come to the show and say, ‘Hey, I know that song,'” Shakarra White, co-director of APA and senior health education promotion major, said.

The event will cost $3 for students and $5 for general admission.

The Academy of Performing Arts consists of three groups of performers. The group is a student-led organization consisting of singing and dancing.

“APA started as a spinoff of Adrenaline Show Choir and formed an all-women’s show choir, The Spotlight Jewels. Now we have an all-male group, The Men in Black, and our dance group, The Triple Threats,” Alison Willis, freshman business management major, said.

The three groups within APA will perform together on multiple songs. The Spotlight Jewels, The Men in Black and The Triple Threats will perform selections of their own choosing at the concert.

“The smaller ensembles pick their own songs and then audition for the directors. Then we pick which ones make it into the show. The small groups help to bring about diversity in the show because everyone has a different taste in music and everyone has something different that they want to perform,” Escher said.

The group likes to think of themselves as a big family, Shekinah Bell, freshman psychology major, said.

Kyle Perkins, vice president of public relations for APA and freshman psychology major said, “When I come here, it’s a chance to release amplified emotion. If I’m angry, I can sing a part of a song angrily. If I’m sad, I can use that towards the song. No emotion is wasted. It’s not just something that can tear me down anymore.”
People will crawl, walk and run to the finish line Saturday to help raise money for military programs at Georgia Southern University.

GSU's ROTC program will host the fourth annual Snacks for Soldier's 5K/10K race this Saturday beginning at 7:30 a.m.

"This is Georgia Southern, this is the Eagle nation and this is a place where people believe in giving," Colonel George Frederick, director of military affairs, said.

This year the event will include a 10K option along with a pre-race pasta party and electronic chip timing to track the runners' time during the race. It is $20 to register before and $30 for day-of registration.

Captain Craig Anderson said that this event has been successful and continues to grow each year.

"The race itself is just a way to bring the community in and see the military side of the campus and see what we do," Anderson said.

There will also be first, second and third place winners in each age group and a top overall male and female winner for both the 5K and the 10K. The race will begin at the Recreation Activity Center and will continue down Akins Road and through campus.

"I am really excited to participate in this event. I love running in 5ks for the university. This will be my fifth one this year. I'm excited to run with colleagues of mine," Lloyd Graham, Southern Courtyard resident director and 5K participant, said.

To start off the event, cadets who want to go to air assault school will run a 12-mile road march. They will leave at 4:30 a.m., and should cross the finish line right before the race starts at 7:30 a.m. If they are able to do it in that time frame, they meet the criteria to try out for air assault school.

"I'm excited about it because I love running, and I like doing stuff to help the community and the soldiers across because I will be them one day," Rashelle Postell, senior sociology major and ROTC cadet, said.

The proceeds will go toward Snacks for Soldiers and the Wounded Warrior Project.

The Snack for Soldiers program provides snacks and non-perishable food items to soldiers in Afghanistan. Since last year's event, ROTC has sent 6,000 individual snacks and non-perishables to the programs.

People that will be in the race are not the only ones who can participate. Anyone can donate or volunteer to help by encouraging runners or handing out water. Anyone who wants to register, donate or volunteer can do so online.

Anderson said, "If you support your military and if (you) haven't had the chance to reach out and touch any soldiers that have been deployed, this is the way to do it indirectly."
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POSITION WANTED: Career Service Educators

The Office of Career Services is seeking to hire Career Service Educators for the Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 semester. Some of the responsibilities include:

- Greeting Georgia Southern students who enter the Office of Career Services and the Career Resource Center
- Conduct a brief interview to learn more about students’ situations and concerns
- Provide students with the resources necessary to successfully explore majors, careers and graduate school options and conduct an effective job search
- Meet with students who are considering changing their major and decide the appropriate next step (research career options, meet with a Career Advisor, etc.)
- Assist students on starting and critiquing a résumé or cover letter
- Make appropriate referrals, when needed, to career advisors, the Counseling Center, academic advisors, faculty members, and additional university and community services and resources
- Conduct student organization workshops and presentations involving the overview of services market programs to faculty, staff, and students
- Assist with on-campus recruitment, career fairs, and other special events such as Open Houses, Scholars’ Day, etc.

The position will be listed on the Student Employment Center with 00001413 as the position number towards the end of this week.

Preferable applicants will have used services prior to applying for the position, and participated in a résumé critique or mock interview through the Office of Career Services.

Those interested in applying can learn more about the position by logging onto the GSU Student Employment Center or visit the Office of Career Services located on the first floor of the Williams Center room 1047.

By: Taylor D. Terrell

The Office of Career Services will be hosting another Résumé Critique Night event on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom that you do not want to miss! This is a drop-in event, so students can come in and out anytime between 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. This will be the first time that the event will be sponsored by Woodmen of the World and PLS Logistics, who will also be helping with résumé critiques, along with other sponsors.

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By attending this event, students can expect to:
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- Build and create their résumé
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GSU hopes to dethrone Catamounts

Baseball (21-16)

BY SHAKEEM HOLLOWAY
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University baseball team, now ranked sixth in the Southern Conference, will look to take down Western Carolina University, which holds the No. 1 spot, this weekend.

The Eagles have dropped their last three SoCon series, while the Catamounts have won their last three SoCon series including last weekend's sweep of Samford University.

GSU was on the wrong end of a sweep this past weekend with a series lost to The Citadel.

GSU's bats have been struggling as of late. The team managed only two runs against the Bulldogs through three games. The Eagles were held scoreless in that series until the seventh inning of the final game. 

If GSU wants to compete with the Catamounts, the Eagles will have to get their bats going.

With 404 hits, the most in the SoCon, and a team batting average of .296, which is good for third in the SoCon, the Catamounts are an offensive juggernaut. The Catamounts are also first in the SoCon in doubles and slugging percentage as well as third in home runs.

Throughout their recent struggles, the Eagles have dropped to 10th in the SoCon in team batting average with an average of .264. GSU is 14-0 this season when recording as many hits or more than their opponent and 16-2 when scoring six or more runs.

GSU Sophomore pitcher Sam Howard (5-4) has lost his last two starts, and with those losses his ERA has risen to 5.77, the second highest total on the team. Howard sported an ERA below 5.00 before his last two outings and will need to get back to that in order for the Eagles to get back on top.

The bullpen for the Eagles is strong lead by senior pitchers Kyle Rowe (3-1) and Justin Hess (3-3) who have combined for 73 strikeouts and five saves.

First pitch is set for at 5 p.m. tomorrow, 4 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday with the Eagles looking to reclaim their number one ranking in the SoCon.
GSU prepares for a pivotal series with WCU

Softball (23-23)

BY RANDALL HAMPTON
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University softball team will try to stake its claim on third place in the Southern Conference with a three-game road series against Western Carolina University this weekend.

GSU has dominated WCU with a 10-0 record in the last 10 meetings between the two teams. WCU has not managed to beat the Eagles, but the last two contests were one-run games.

Last season the combination of sophomore pitcher Brooke Red and junior pitcher Sarah Purvis was too much for WCU, and this season the devastating duo will look to pick up where it left off.

Purvis pitched her way to a 5-1 victory, while Red posted consecutive 3-2 wins over the Spartans.

The Eagles are coming off a three-game sweep of Samford University, and the ladies sit deadlocked with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for third place in the SoCon.

Their SoCon records are identical, but GSU is currently riding a four-game hot streak while WCU has dropped two of its last three.

GSU is 5-3 when playing SoCon opponents on the road, but three solid games in North Carolina could have the Eagles nipping at the heels of SoCon leaders Appalachian State University and the College of Charleston.

GSU is in prime position to move up in the standings with no more out-of-conference games remaining on the schedule, but it would be a mistake for the team to look past a Spartan squad well aware of the 10 straight losses it has suffered at the hands of the Eagles.

The Eagles' pitching staff seems to be rounding into form just in time for the stretch run of games against their final three SoCon foes.

Junior pitcher Allie Miles surrendered the only two runs GSU has allowed in its last three games, but the runs came in a complete game 4-2 victory.

Purvis and Red both pitched shutouts the last time they stepped into the pitcher's circle.

GSU could be battling for SoCon supremacy in the season finale against App. State if the team handles its business against WCU.

The pivotal series kicks off with a double header on Saturday starting at 1:00p.m. with the rubber match starting at the same time on Sunday.
Eagles aim for SoCon title

**Golf**

**BY RYAN RAMSEY**
The George-Anne contributor

After an impressive season, the Georgia Southern University golf team will be heading into the Southern Conference championship Sunday in Charleston, S.C.

The Eagles will be looking to put their disappointing performance at the Gary Koch Invitational behind them and get back on the winning track to finish out the SoCon season.

The Eagles started the season with a bittersweet performance at the Gary Koch Invitational behind them and get back on the winning track. However, in the spring semester the Eagles picked up where they left off winning another title at the Wexford Intercollegiate in.

Over the long and challenging season the Eagles placed in the top-5 an impressive five times, three of those claiming first. Scott Wolfes would be honored twice as SoCon player of the week and assistant coach Carter Collins was named a semi-finalist for the Stickland Award for the second consecutive season.

In every tournament attended by more than one SoCon school, the Eagles have finished in less-than-stellar 11th out of 15 teams.

The Eagles would find their wings and soar as the season went on by winning back-to-back collegiate tournaments in October and kept the momentum going over the holiday break. When it came to the spring semester the Eagles picked up where they left off winning another title at the Wexford Intercollegiate in.

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In every tournament attended by more than one SoCon school, the Eagles have finished in the top 3. They are currently ranked No. 1 in the conference with a team best stroke average of 292.60. They lead the SoCon in team top-10 finishes this season and are one of only three SoCon teams to win a tournament.

The Eagles will expect heavy competition from rival University of Tennessee Chattanooga, which was last year’s number one seed and defending SoCon champion. UTC has not won a tournament this year, but it has two players on the conference top-5 leaderboard and can always cause problems for the Eagles.

The Eagles were runner-up in the SoCon Championship last year and won the title in 2011. This year to team is looking for its fourth SoCon title and is hoping for its 15th school NCAA Championship appearance, a place it hasn’t been since 2010.
OUTSIDE THE LINES WITH...

Matthijs Verdam
YEAR: Senior
SPORT: Men's Tennis
FROM: Hilversum, Netherlands

Q. What's your favorite type of music?
A. "Techno-house music"

Q. What's your favorite TV show?
A. "Well it's done already, but it's Friends."

Q. What sports were you interested in when you were younger besides tennis?
A. "Soccer! Europe is very big on soccer."

Q. What is something you cannot live without?
A. "I can't live without good food."

Q: Who is your inspiration for tennis?
A. "Lleyton Hewitt. He was a big inspiration when I was young and growing up."

Track and field gears up for outdoor championships

BY ROBERT HUITT
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University track and field team aims to soar past the competition this weekend in the Southern Conference Outdoor Championships.

Instead of competing, GSU stayed home last weekend to fine-tune its race strategies and mentally lock in on the Championships.

Back in February, the Eagles finished fifth at the indoor championships, and head coach Mario Mincey said that the team's depth was lacking.

Over the course of the outdoor season, Mincey has been consistent in expecting better times and distances from her team to improve the depth issue.

Freshman Alyssa Felton sits atop the SoCon rankings this season in the long jump event after her jump of 5.83m (19' 1.5") at the Florida Relays on April 4.

Senior Ebony Carter always seems to save her best performances for the outdoor championships. For the past two years, Carter has walked away as the champion in the 100-meter dash, and the Eagles will need her to continue this trend over the weekend.

Carter's top result of the season came at the Florida Relays as well when she crossed the finish line in 11.88 seconds in the 100m event. Her time currently ranks third in the SoCon this season.

Senior Jasmine Billings will enter the tournament looking to defend her title in the 100-meter hurdles.

Billings captured first place in last year's outdoor championships with a time of 13.94 seconds.

This year at the Florida Relays, Billings turned in her best result of the season with a time of 14.77, which ranks sixth in the SoCon.

The field is mostly balanced, but the Eagles' toughest competition will probably come from the Western Carolina University Catamounts.

The Catamounts' strongest event will be the 400-meter run. The trio of freshman Kendra Douglass and sophomores Genevieve Emrick and Lena Elliott hold the top three spots in the SoCon rankings this season for the event.

Also for the Catamounts, freshman Tayla Carter currently ranks first in the 100m dash (11.52) and second in the 200-meter dash (23.85). If she is able to repeat those times, then she will be tough to beat.

The Eagles will welcome 11 women's teams and nine men's teams to Statesboro as they host the championships beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Track and Field Complex at Erk Russell Athletic Park.

Senior hurdler Jasmine Billings practices hurdles. Billings' top performance in 2013 was 25.49 in the 200-meter against The Citadel.
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