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years of
KEEL

BY OZZIE BUNBURY
The George-Anne staff

Dr. Brooks Keel marked his five year anniversary as the President of Georgia Southern University on Jan. 1, 2015. He has been successful in demonstrating his abilities of maintaining and pushing GSU standards to a whole new level. After taking over for Dr. Bruce Grube, who stepped down in 2009, he has continued to oversee the expansion of our school's curriculum and its overall beauty.

With a more outwardly focus on building a national presence,

Dr. Keel hopes to push GSU from more than just a great educational institution and into an institution that is also well economically developed.

Furthermore, Dr. Keel hopes to create a "more holistic education with an emphasis on leadership, service learning, creative thinking and theoretical learning. We can see some of these themes come to fruition such as, the newly offered B.S. Engineering degree. Note that the University has been pushing for this degree for over 30 years now but Dr. Keel along with his cabinet saw an opportunity and seized it.

"All the disciplines that we offer have been very pressed that our faculty really go that extra mile of providing students with the ability to really take what they learn in the classroom and apply it so that they will be able to competitively strive in the job place," President Keel said.

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THE BUZZ

NO BEES BUT PLENTY OF MUSIC

BY KENNETH LEE
The George-Anne staff

A call to arms against commercial radio and top 40 stations has been met with WVGS 91.9 The Buzz, a student-led organization and campus radio station specializing in streaming funky tunes and trendy talk shows.

The Buzz represents the many musical styles and tastes found on campus within Georgia Southern University. Students who were previously lamenting on being stuck listening to Jason Durulo's "Trumpets" for the twentieth time this spring, after failing to find new music, are bound to discover rising artists and obscure songs that have not yet touched their ears.

"91.9 offers students an opportunity to listen to not just mainstream hits, but to artists that are on the rise or up and coming. We pride ourselves on playing a diverse pool of genres, including Pop, Rap, Country, Rock, Alternative, R&B, EDM and

even others like Caribbean, Latin and International Pop," Mikalah Guyton, sophomore multimedia film and production major and program director, said. "Students with talk shows are not required to talk about anything in particular. The direction of a student's show is solely up to the host(s), and they range from girl talk to Korean entertainment."

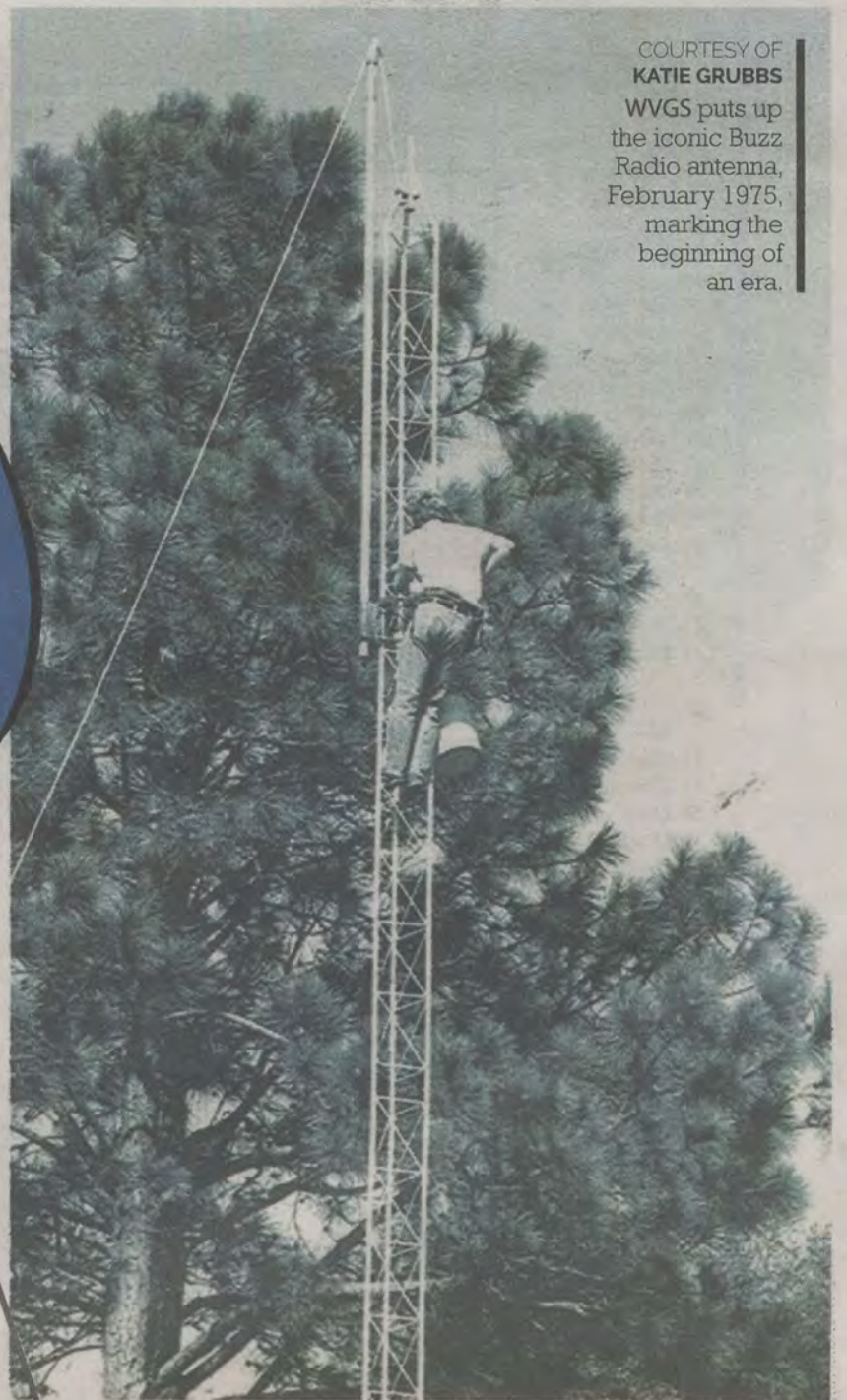
The Buzz has had an interesting rotation of musical guests visit their shows, such as Sister Bears, Francis Marion and the Crocodiles, Pour Man's Fancy, The Rotton Co-Founders, Umphrey's McGee, Blue Montana, and the Shop Boyz, who are known for their single "Party like a Rock Star."

The Buzz was first created in Sanford Hall during 1973. A year later, the studio was relocated to three rooms on the top floor of the Williams Center, playing rock, classical, jazz and a few other genres.



COURTESY OF
KATIE GRUBBS

WVGS puts up the iconic Buzz Radio antenna, February 1975, marking the beginning of an era.



ROTC CADET FOURTH IN THE NATION

Araya Jackson
The George-Anne staff

The United States Army recently announced the Top 10 Cadets on the 2015 Fiscal Year's national Order of Merit List. Georgia Southern University Cadet Matthew Horne, from Stedman, North Carolina, landed 4th on this list. He serves as the treasurer for the GSU Arabic Club, has made President's List the past 5 semesters and was



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a recipient of two different ROTC scholarships. Horne is an International Studies Major currently holding a 3.94 GPA, and he will commission in May as an active duty Infantry Officer.

Resolution solutions

Five tips for a better 2015

Araya Jackson
The George-Anne staff

1) Buy (and use) a planner: Never used a planner? No wonder your life is a mess. These little books are life savers. They are great for keeping track of a busy week, and helping remember important dates and such.

2) Watch what you eat: Believe it or not, eating healthier will make you feel better in the long run than any cream-filled donut ever will. And living a healthier lifestyle will inevitably lead to a happier self.

3) Don't Procrastinate: Avoid the dreadful late nights the day before a deadline. Having tasks complete in advance will take a huge weight off of your shoulders.

4) Be active: No, you don't necessarily have to spend hours at the gym. But take the stairs, go play football with a group of friends, or park further away for a longer walk. Stop making shortcuts for your everyday life.

5) Be nice: Yes, believe it or not, being nice can truly make someone's day. You never know what someone is going through, and it feels great when someone is nice to you. So return the favor.

REACTION TO BAR CLOSING

We had a good run, but we have been SOLD to @Shenanigans Boro! Go check them out! @Boro Retreivers

Zachary Millslagle Porter:

Farewell Retrievers Statesboro. The place where I spent a good portion of my time, and the overwhelming majority of my scholarship money.

Travis Bass:

Hate to see this. Thanks for all the memories.

Juila Haymore:

RIP Retrievers Statesboro — feeling sad.

SPORTS SHORTS

Chris Rossmann
The George-Anne staff

- Men's Basketball team played two games in the past week, beating Arkansas State 73-61 and South Alabama 81-73.

- Head Football Coach Willie Fritz was named Sun Belt Coach of the Year over the break and Matt Breida was named Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Year.

- Women's Basketball team played two games this past week, losing to Arkansas State 63-86 and beat South Alabama 67-53.

- Women's Swimming finished first in their meet on Saturday accompanied with two pool records; Lauren Cambell set a new pool mark in the 200 fly with a time of 2:06.38 and Christina Moran set a pool record with a time of 2:05.07 in the 200 back.

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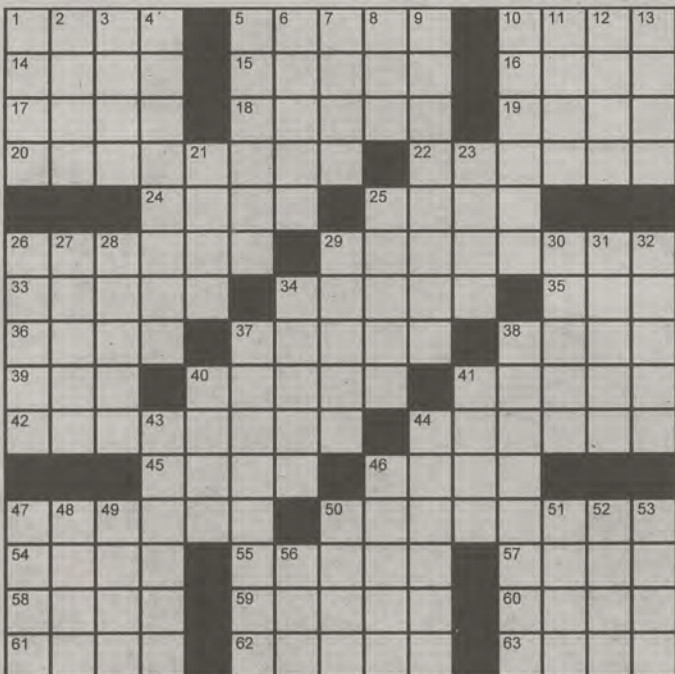
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ALCOHOL STRIKES ON CAMPUS

BY MICHELLE NORSWORTHY
The George Anne staff

Despite college campuses' efforts to curb underage or otherwise unhealthy drinking, it's no secret that freedom and [sometimes] free alcohol don't exactly mix.

According to Dr. Mark Whitesel, Associate Dean of Student Conduct, getting an alcohol violation isn't only about the consequences; it's about the education.

"I don't think anyone comes in saying 'Hey, I'm gonna go get arrested or get a violation,'" Dr. Whitesel said, "but there are things to be learned, even in those situations. Students often come in thinking 'Okay, it's the end of my world' and it's not."

The office of Student Conduct, along with the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs, both take an educational approach to handling violations.

Dr. Whitesel said, "I believe sometimes these situations are character building – that they can help people get back on the path where their goals and values really are – to where they

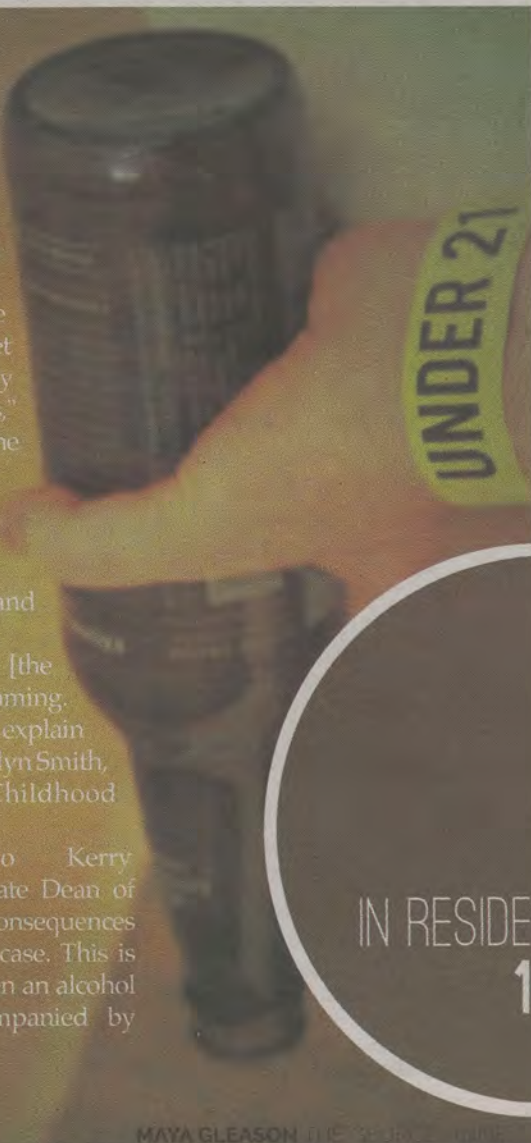
really want to go."

Nicole Withers, administrative coordinator for the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs, handles much of the education aspect.

"By the time [the students] get to me, they already have their sanctions," Withers said. She teaches the students who come her way about the dangers of underage and excessive drinking.

"It's good that [the class] wasn't shaming. They really just explain what's going," Kaitlyn Smith, freshman Early Childhood major, said.

According to Kerry Greenstein, Associate Dean of Students, the consequences may vary case by case. This is especially true when an alcohol violation is accompanied by other violations.



MAYA GLEASON THE GEORGE ANNE

3 STRIKES YOU'RE OUT

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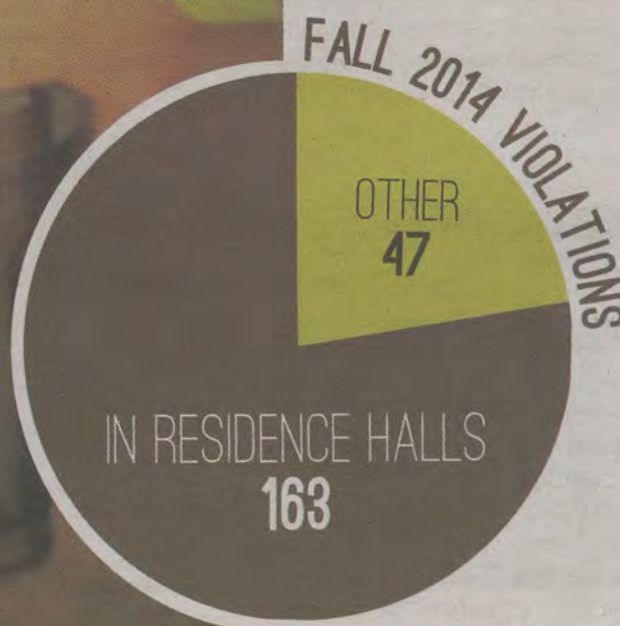
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FLU SHOT LESS EFFECTIVE THAN HOPED

BY WHITT VAN TASSELL
The George-Anne staff

As students return to the erratic weather conditions of Statesboro and their overflowing Georgia Southern University campus, it is important to take the proper precautions as flu season is in full effect, however, this winter, the vaccine's efficiency has been called into question.

"Even in years where a strain circulates that is not included in the vaccine (such as is the case this year), vaccination can offer some degree of protection," Dr. Brian DeLoach, Georgia Southern Health Services Director, said. "And keep in mind that each season, while one strain may predominate, other strains are still circulating... we are still recommending vaccination throughout the flu season."

The Center for Disease

Control and Prevention (CDC) warns that this season's influenza vaccine is less effective than previously hoped in their December reports. In samples taken Oct. 1 through Nov. 22, 2014, 52 percent were identified as drifted, or antigenically different, from the Influenza A (H3N2) strain protected against in the vaccine.

Vaccines help develop an immunity by imitating infection, which do not cause sickness, but does create immunity-boosting T- and B-lymphocytes and antibodies. These sickness fighters differ strain-to-strain, and therefore, lymphocytes developed by a vaccine will be much less effective against a drifted strain of the flu.

11.44 percent of GSU students received the flu shot in the 2013-14 season, a rate roughly one-third of that in the state of Georgia, and 35 percent of the national rate.

This reported rate does not include students vaccinated at locations outside of GSU Health Services.

"We would love to vaccinate more... over the past few years we have instituted multiple 'vaccine clinics' in various locations on campus, and while we still could vaccinate more," Deloach says. "These clinics have resulted in an almost 4-fold increase in number of vaccines administered as compared to 5+ years ago."

In addition to vaccination and personal hygiene, the CDC recommends antiviral medications as part of their three-point health plan. In past years and the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, recommended drugs such as Tamiflu and Relenza have been shown to alleviate fever, shorten duration of infection and reduce risk of complications when taken at first signs of infection.

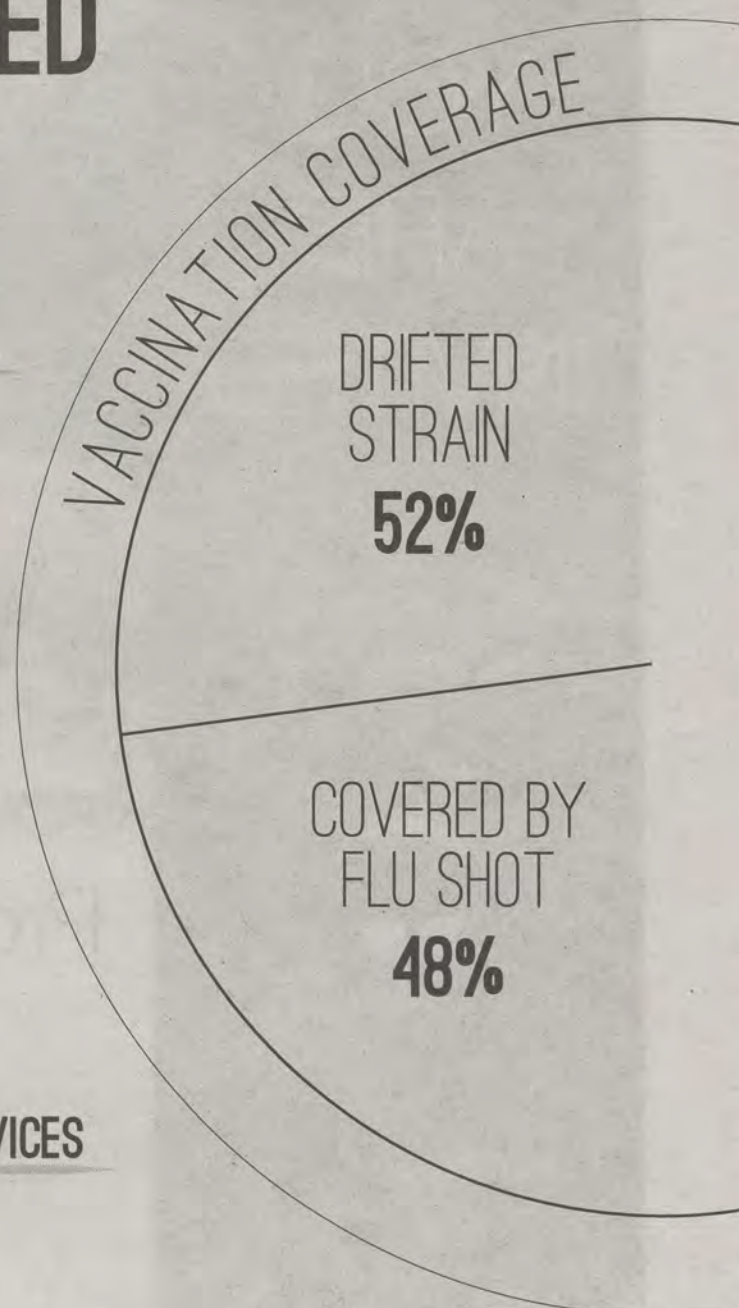
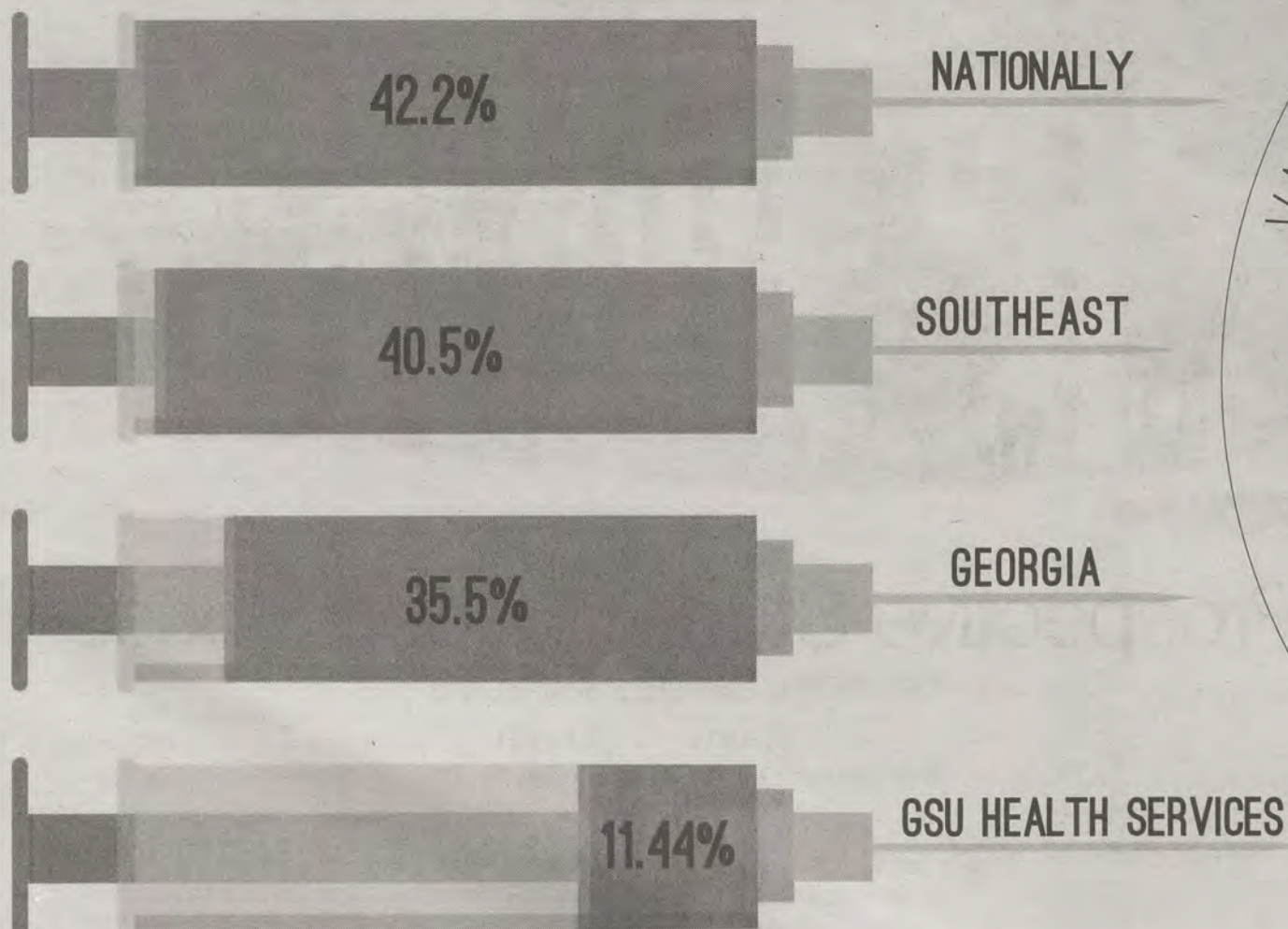
If diagnosed with or showing symptoms of the flu, Health Services recommends ample rest accompanied by alternating doses of Tylenol and Motrin to combat fever. Aspirin should not be used, as when combined with the flu, can cause life-threatening complications.

DeLoach cites "the myth that 'you can get the flu from the flu shot'" as a major barrier to decreasing student flu rates.

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Dr. Brian DeLoach
Georgia Southern Health
Services Director

ADULTS OVER 18 VACCINATED LAST FLU SEASON



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Dr. Keel has an extensive background in the field of sciences. He was a Vice President of research, Biomedical Sciences and professor of research foundation at Florida State University. During his tenure here, he has also launched the College of Engineering and Information technology and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, programs, and is continually expanding with new programs such as Manufacturing Engineering, which will be coming in the fall.

He started working on a new capital campaign, similar to Dr. Grube's, that will be a seven year process in hopes of raising more money for the University.

"We have fantastic support from those folks in the governor's office. So that has had an incredible impact on us and our new Vice President of Advancement which will help us get this whole capitol campaign in place," President Keel said.

The administration hopes to achieve this feat through community fundraising, alumni donations and outreach on a national level. "You can't have any sort of campaign or opportunity to give back to the University without establishing a great relationship with alumni to start the groundwork to do all of that, so we've been working diligently," President Keel said.

"We've been trying to push Georgia Southern to a more national stage, not get away from but to take us from the great regional reputation and really try to brand the university nation-wide," President Keel said.

When asked about some of his greatest moments at the University, he proudly accredited athletics. Although he has received criticism for putting too much emphasis on athletics in the past, he took a risky chance by advancing the football program to the Football Bowl Subdivision, which has paid off in leaps and bounds as the season was one that brought much success.

"The success in the FBS and athletics that we've had has been able to put us on the national map in a way that nothing else could have," President Keel said.

The FBS has brought about an abundance of marketing opportunities, such as "being able to brand the Georgia Southern logo," Dr. Keel said. He is also immensely proud of the Coca-Cola deal that took place last year, as a renewed relationship, that provides "funding for student scholarships, academic programs, athletics and sustainability collaboration[s]"

What about the next five years?

"Well you can look forward to the Sports Education Center, that'll be completed this summer. We just broke ground on the Health Center so you'll start seeing construction on that probably around 12 months before they actually get moved in. We are now beginning to have conversations with the Board of Regents and Governor's office on a new academic classroom building. So we're very hopeful that over the next several years we can secure funding for that."

"As you know, the Forest Drive Building has been a

temporary building since the mid 90s, which by anybody's definition is a stretch on the word temporary. So our priority is to build a new classroom building to replace not only Forest Drive but several other temporary buildings as well. We should break the ground on the Military Science Building hopefully by this summer or early fall at the latest."

What was one of the proudest moments you've experienced at GSU within the past few years?

"Well getting the ability to offer a BS in Engineering was something that was a 30 year process, it didn't just happen

because I came here, that has been a major accomplishment across the board and it brings us just incredible opportunities to our students. I'm very very proud of that."

Who were the people within the University that you looked toward to help you as you first became president?

"Well of course the entire president's cabinet and vice presidents that we have here are just outstanding across the board and I really just get to be cheerleader to most of the people out front while they do mostly all of the hard work and heavy lifting for the University."



FILE PHOTO

GREEN FEES

New Sustainability Projects funded

BY NADIA DREID
The George-Anne Staff

In December, the Center for Sustainability announced it would be funding 11 out of 25 proposals submitted by Georgia Southern University students, faculty and staff to help make campus greener.

The center used nearly all of the \$200,000 allotted for proposed sustainability initiatives, which are funded by the \$10 green fee students pay each semester.

Dr. Lissa Leege, professor of biology and director of the Center for Sustainability, said

that students can expect most of these projects to be in full swing by the end of the semester.

"One of the critical things that we evaluated was whether or not it would actually improve campus sustainability, so you could actually point to that improvement. In terms of reducing greenhouse gases or taking care of storm water or increasing campus biodiversity," Leege said.

Quentin Ladson, Student Government Association senator, was on the committee that voted on which proposals to fund. He said he tried to choose the proposals that

would do the most good, while staying within the budget.

"I'm really excited for them all because it's going to save us money and we're going to be more sustainable," Ladson said.

The funded proposals include plans for testing an energy efficient high speed computer network, placing several solar powered compacting recycling cans on campus and harvesting wind energy from campus air condition towers, which could be used to charge electric cars.

Dr. Ji Wu, professor of chemistry, and Dr. Shaowen Xu, professor of mechanical engineering, submitted a

proposal to create and test lithium ion batteries in campus streetlights.

"We are trying to improve the capacities. To use very small volumes to store huge amounts of energy, which is more portable, more cost effective," Leege said.

The proposal would fund two streetlights outside the Carruth Building. The batteries in those streetlights would be smaller and more powerful than the current streetlights, Wu said, as well as self-charging, through solar power.

Average streetlights cost approximately 10 cent per

kilowatt-hour to operate, Wu said. The ones powered with lithium ion batteries would cost nothing after the initial investment.

But more than saving money, Wu said he hopes that the project helps fuel students' interest in sustainability, because the world's supply of fossil fuels is not endless.

"In the short term, we can save some energy using a self-powered street lamp . . . but the long [term] goal is to arouse the importance of green technologies, green science, sustainable science, among students," Leege said.



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Originally, the broadcast signal was rather limited, but has significantly grown since then, along with their fan-base. Now, after being relocated back to Sanford, the original birthplace, the station and staff of college radio are making it their mission to continue giving the students music that they want to hear.

"I love this organization because it is strictly student run. The students decide what music to play and what to talk about. It gives students a chance to have their own show and get real experience. This is especially helpful if radio is something they are interested in making a career out of," said Katie Grubbs, senior multimedia communications major and station manager. "We also have DJs who live mix for certain shows. We offer a sports talk show on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and a news talk show on Mondays at 10 a.m."

The Buzz's accessibility to GSU students is similar to the accessibility of Friends to those with a Netflix account. In fact, any student enrolled in six or more hours and has at least a 2.0 GPA is eligible to apply for their own show or even shadow/volunteer. They also have the opportunity to be involved with the various areas of college radio, whether it be music, programming, technical or sports. The Buzz has applications online through the WVGS 91.9 page on myInvolvement for students' convenience and already has several openings in the sports department this spring. The applications for spring shows are due by January 28.

With services like Spotify and iTunes, it may seem like radio shows are outdated, but Guyton believes that The Buzz and other radio shows are more arcane than archaic, being able to offer the inherent magic of

COURTESY OF KATIE GRUBBS

The Buzz, Georgia Southern's radio station, has always been a deep-rooted tradition even back in its earliest days.

discovering a passion and sharing it with others.

"Personally, I enjoy interacting with people and I love music, so I can honestly say I enjoy what I do. It is a wonderful opportunity, giving students and peers a chance to give their opinion and their voice, and to share something special to them, whether it's submitting a song that they personally produced, a show playing a new song they love, or a discussion on a topic he or she is passionate about," Guyton said. "Whether my voice is heard or not is irrelevant, because seeing the people around me enjoy the one-hour on the mike makes my day better."



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A LOOK AT STUDENT FEES

BY ASYA FIELDS

The George-Anne staff

The recent documentary Ivory Town not only brought about lots of controversy, but even more conversation about the cost of tuition nationwide and the quality of education.

This has also been true on Georgia Southern University's campus. Many students, ones like junior general studies major DiArron Morrison, want to know where the money is going and how had it directly effected my education."

With the recent subject being so prominent, future college students and parents are paying more attention to the rankings of colleges and universities to ensure that they are receiving the biggest bang for the huge buck that is a college education.

Students have expressed concerned about the recent 2% increase in tuition, but these financial increases are only to ensure students get the best quality of education. According to a Kiplinger, a finance website, Georgia Southern was ranked as one of the "Top 100 Best Values for Public Colleges and Universities."

"The increase in tuition has allowed us to continue to provide our students with the education you want at the end of your four years at Georgia Southern," Robert Whitaker, Vice President of Finance, said.

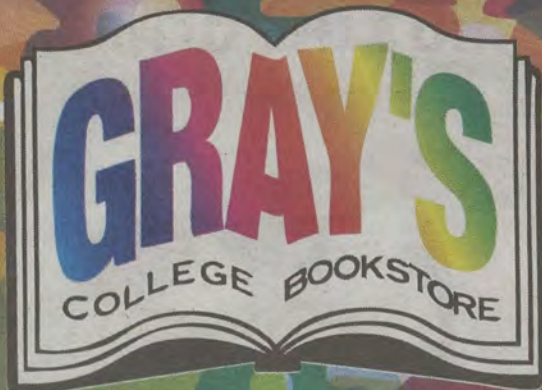
The main focus of the institution is to allow students to be able to have the experience necessary for life after college. With continued focus on student involvement, higher tuition is necessary for the opportunities that are available.

With Kiplinger's rankings of Georgia colleges and universities placing GSU just behind schools like the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech, some may wonder what we are doing differently than universities that have tuition rates similar to ours.

"We encourage a safe learning environment, with new technologies to enhance learning outcomes of students," Whitaker said. This is how the quality of the GSU education is able to compare to UGA and GA Tech.

With the cost of tuition being such an important and

relevant topic in today's world, many students may wonder how attainable this information is to the general public.



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THE BUZZ LIST

MATT SOWELL THE GEORGE-ANNE

Justin Bieber recently did a photo shoot with Calvin Klein. This racy shoot isn't really a big deal, however there are two things that are lol worthy: 1) TMZ reported that the Bieb's happy trail was digitally done, what a twink. 2) The model who was handsy with him in the pictures is receiving death threats for touching this national treasure from young girls who still have Bieber fever. Eww.

Nicholas Sparks, romantic novelist and chick flick enabler, announced earlier this week that he and his wife are officially separated. Apparently this relationship was no Safe Haven; the Last Song was sung when Mrs. Sparks moved out of the massive family home. At least we can cling to the hope that Sparky Sparks will lose it and write a sequel to The Notebook that involves zombies.

Michael Phelps' self-proclaimed ex-girlfriend dove into a whole new world of naughty glory after shooting her first hardcore porno featuring a Phelps look alike. Though she could be telling the truth about being an ex-Phelps lover, she also told the media she was born "intersex" which means she had both a ding-a-ling and a uterus. The penis has since been removed. Either this woman is crazy or the most interesting woman ever.

Perhaps one of the most loved (and hated) traditions of New Years are New Year Resolutions. We asked our features staff what their resolutions were.

BY MATT SOWELL
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I can't believe a year's gone by so fast, it seems like yesterday I was freaking out because it was the first day of the spring semester. I guess my resolution is to enjoy the little things more than I normally do. I want to spend more time outside and less time in front of a computer screen.



BY KENNETH LEE
(Twitterless)

My New Year's resolution is to watch all five Step Up movies and revel in watching the age old tale of a classically trained performer falling in love and learning unorthodox breakdancing moves from a troubled street dancer, while they both save the local inner city community center from being torn down.



BY RASHIDA OTUNBA
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This year my main New Year's Resolution is to stop being such a hot mess, literally and figuratively, and actually get my life together. In order to achieve this goal I have purchased various planners and calendars to make a daily schedule so that I no longer have the urge to spend the entire day in a sleepy, Netflix-induced haze.



BY ASYA FIELDS
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People make unattainable resolutions on January 1st at 12:00 am and break them at 1:00am. There is no fun in that! This year I want us to bring back the fun in New Year resolutions. That is why my resolution is to continually be as sarcastic as possible! Yes, for 365 days I will continue to grow in my sarcastic abilities.



BY MEG ELWOOD
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I want to become more of a bookworm with both books and textbooks, because apparently reading those \$10,000 bricks actually does something! Third, I'm going to continue to hug and cry my little tears of joy in the arms of my best dude-friends because they both hate it, but deep down they love it. They do. After all, who needs boyfriends when you've got boy friends?



BY MICHELLE NORSWORTHY
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I'm going to be the Queen of DIY this year. Every ounce of faux flowery prettiness, oozing craft glue and pastel acrylic paint shall be mine. I will tackle every pin on my "Things to Do Eventually Sometime" board and sell it all at outrageous prices to thrift shop hoppers the world over. Hobby Lobby will be rehamed... Michelle Lobby...or something not lame, and everything changed with the fire nation attacked.



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Which Semester is Best(er)?



CONNOR WHITE

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College is a time of metamorphosis. Starry-eyed, idealistic young freshmen 'blossom' into the world-weary, apathetic students such as you or I. More often than not the transition from their very first Fall semester to their first Spring semester is all that's required to take that bright young mind and shrivel it into what we have to work with the rest of our college careers. For you post-secondary first-timers, the differences between Fall and Spring are strange, and many. But have no fear children, for enlightenment is just a little further down the page. Pros and Cons incoming.

ILLUSTRATION BY JAMES DAWSON

FALL SEMESTER

Pro: Celebration Saturation: For you extroverts out there, Fall semester is the best time to hit up the bars and parties to meet new people. The warm weather and football season supply more than enough reasons to drink and be merry. Though there are some people who take this to heart, and drink and be merry and drink and be merry until they're drunk and married. College is for B.S.'s and Ph.D.'s, not Mr. and Mrs. Finding the 'One' in college is perfectly fine; just make sure your entire relationship isn't based around your friends Jack, Bud, and Miller.

Con: It's hot. So very, very hot: Don't let the official title of 'Fall' semester fool you. Georgia's



summer lasts well into late November, and heat spikes are common, even in the middle of winter. It's Mother Nature's way of saying she hates your outfit and that purple totally isn't your color. And not to mention all your classes keep the air conditioning at 68 degrees to 'compensate', so your tank top and shorts are nowhere near enough to keep you comfortable. The nights are pleasant enough, or at least they would be if it weren't for the swarms of gnats flying down your throat. I try not to yawn when I'm outside.

Pro: Freeedom!: You're a young adult now; you're entitled to your privacy and individuality. And whether it's because they never knocked, or insisted you keep your 10:30 curfew from middle school, you're probably excited to get some time away from dear old Mom and Dad. Your first semester is all about taking new risks and stepping out of your comfort zone. Or, if leaving your comfort zone isn't your thing, you can exercise your newfound freedom by like, peeing in the shower or doing your laundry in the sink.

Con: Freeedom! Part 2: Oh god, how do you even use this washing machine? Where do I pick up my student loans? Forks are okay to go in the microwave,

right? You haven't had a home-cooked meal in three weeks and your parents are 'renovating' your bedroom into that home office they always wanted.

Yayyy! Welcome to adulthood. You're gonna like it here.

SPRING SEMESTER

Pro: Winter Wonderland!: Well, sort of. Some of you prefer summers, but consider this: you can always put on more clothes to keep yourself warm but you can only take so much off. Feel free to take that off too, if you don't mind a criminal record. Everyone else might mind, though.

Con: Geese: Also known as the 'spawn of Satan,' these woeful waterfowl torment the whole of campus with their pitiful



existence. With Georgia being as far south as these stupid birds wanting to travel, we're stuck with them until the weather starts to warm. They're not pretty, they're not friendly and I've nothing against blowing them out of the sky with heavy artillery fire.

No, this has nothing to do with the fact that one bit me in the ass that one time freshman year. Why would you even think that?

Pro: Snowpocalypse: There's always that fleeting chance of icy temperatures rolling into town. As a humble, southerly state, Georgia calmly reacts by shutting down every facility within one hundred miles of snow or ice. Classes are canceled and assignments are delayed and you can spend all day lying in bed! Unless you lost power; then you're probably like, REALLY cold.

Con: Grade Point "Below" Average: You've realized that skipping that one 8:00 a.m. class you had probably wasn't a good idea, and now you really have to hit the books if you want to hike that GPA back up to a level that keeps you out of train yard hobo status. I'm as much for riding the rails as the next guy, but you're probably better off as a bachelor instead of a bum.

CHARLIE HEBDO

A voice greater than terrorism



ALIA LEWIS

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With all that has happened in the recent days of January and past months of 2014, it is undeniable that our voices matter, that our freedom of speech is powerful; so powerful in fact, that not even a terrorist attack could silence it.

Last Wednesday, according to BBC, 12 French citizens died during France's deadliest terrorist attack since 1961. The attack, which caused massive outrage from citizens in France to the US to Saudi Arabia, was led by two Islamic extremist against the French satirical magazine, Charlie Hebdo.

Charlie Hebdo is known for publishing witty, sarcastic, anti-religious cartoons that consequently offend many. Their extremely liberal magazine believes in saying whatever to whomever. The Telegraph stated that "In 2011, it was the victim of a fire bombing after publishing cartoons mocking the Prophet Muhammad." Although Charlie Hebdo is very offensive to many religions, heavily mocking Islam and Catholicism, there is no excuse for a violent attack.

Hamed Saeedi, a Muslim, sent this email to the BBC:

"In my Islamic upbringing I was taught that the pen is man's strongest weapon. These extremists must know that they can never silence freedom of speech, for it is a stronger weapon than any they'd dare to carry. Why couldn't they answer peacefully through the pen as our prophet likely would have? True Islam condemns such attacks, more so when they are ignorantly and violently carried out in its name. Long live freedom of expression, religious tolerance and peaceful coexistence."

The sickening terrorist attack that occurred last week and even

four years ago is not only an attack against humanity, but an attack against one of humanities greatest weapons: our voice and our freedom of speech. Charlie Hebdo understands this point and consequently will print as usual. Plus with the help of Google and other French newspapers, this Wednesday they will be printing one million copies, "the largest distribution in the magazines history" according to The Verge.

But what does this have to do with us here at Georgia Southern? How does it apply to our everyday lives?

Students, professors, employers, everyday citizens will not always like what you have to say, but that doesn't grant them to right to silence you. Your voice has power. Use it to speak out against whatever it is you believe in, whatever it is you're passionate about. Speak out against rights you feel have been violated, injustices that have been committed. People are listening. As proved with Eric Garner and Mike Brown through The Millions March and what has been proved on Wednesday, our voices matter and they shall be heard. Defend your freedom of speech.

Islamophobia in the Charlie Hebdo Aftermath



AMANDA MALONE

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The shooting at the Paris offices of Charlie Hebdo seem to have given some people license to be Islamophobic. I'm not just talking about the usual suspects: the misguided right-wingnuts on television or the radio. Rather, one response in particular I find troubling is the influx of political cartoons dedicated to the memory of the fallen. Some of the images involve a villainous brown man in a turban trying to inhibit free speech with violence. While some of these cartoonists have taken care to clearly label their villains as "Islamic extremists", an unintentional secondary

message is still spread with the bigoted stereotypes of Islam.

While attacking freedom of speech is no small thing, is it necessary to respond with Islamic caricatures? The brown man with a big nose and a turban is an image perpetuated as an ultimate villain. It is provocative for the sake of being provocative, not exactly conducive to the situation. Provocative commentary that may initially result in shock but leads to deeper thinking is a helpful asset to analyzing an issue. But what is generally provoked by an image of an Islamic terrorist? Feelings of hatred that attack the religion as a whole.

The Charlie Hebdo massacre may have been an act of hatred but so is perpetuating a villainous image of Muslim people. This is not to suggest anyone who perpetuates racist images should fear for their life, nor should these images necessarily be censored. I'm all for provocative commentary and freedom of speech, but these "memorial" images do much more harm than good. If the pen is mightier than the sword, messages need to be crafted more carefully.

WHAT THE HELL IS REDESIGN?



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THE GEORGE-ANNE

You see that logo floating above this sentence? Forget about it.

Have you ever had the same haircut for so long that it feels like the only haircut you can ever have? Then, when you finally start thinking about getting a haircut, all of your friends start to grumble and moan.

Why would you get your hair cut? What kind of style would you get? Where would you get it cut? Are you going to dye your hair?

When things stay the same for too long there is a tendency to fall into a routine. Falling into a routine affords you the ability to become strong on the field you've set for yourself, but renders you blind to what's not on your turf.

When I first started having discussions on changes with now-graduated editors they spoke of this mythical thing called redesign. They said it's where you evaluate and reevaluate everything and prepare yourself to change anything. They said it's where you change everything but the name of the paper.

After years of not having the necessary resources and time I am happy to announce The George-Anne is getting our haircut.

If you've read us in years or semesters past and are reading this now you've probably noticed a few differences. Everything is bigger, there are different logos and fonts and section heads, and it's a different style paper aesthetically. These more apparent changes are only a part of a process years in the making.

—WHAT WE WANT TO DO—

The first and last motivator for all of this is to get more Georgia Southern University students to be in the know and for us to be the lucky folks who get to help with that.

BE YOUR FIRST DESTINATION WHEN BIG STUFF HAPPENS

When we've got big things going on in or around our campus community we want to be the group that lets you know about it first. We want you to overhear students in your class talking about something interesting going on and have you go check our Twitter for the story.

HELP STUDENTS UNDERSTAND, NOT MAKE DECISIONS FOR THEM

We're not going to tell you whether something is good or bad or try to sway you in any way in a news story. Bottom line. We want to provide information in whatever format best helps students fully understand complex issues so that they may make their own judgements.

WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY

We'd desperately like to not be a news monolith that is known only through logos and publication names. We want to work with other student organizations on events, publicity, charities and whatever else we can do to interact on a personal level with students and the campus.

NOT BE BORING

Newspaper is among the first words thought of when people start talking about things that are outdated, bland and boring. We don't want to be that definition of a newspaper. Through redesign we've structured, restructured, structured and restructured again our sections, beats and cool subject matters that people our age find interesting.

When you're going through our papers this semester and you see something you especially dislike or something you might even like feel free to let us know. Part of interacting with students more is not only hearing their criticisms but responding accordingly, and you're the first step in that equation. Let us know what you think and we'll adapt in stride. Every individual student or university faculty member that reads our publication is valued beyond belief and we couldn't be happier serving our favorite campus.

—LOOKING BACK—

At the beginning of this past Summer our former student executive board left our new student executive board with an organization primed for expansion, change and remodeling. They were the ones who established our training methods, guidelines, stylesheets and whatever else that is tedious and difficult. More or less, those now-graduated friends of mine arrived at Student Media to something resembling a bomb shelter and left an estate. If it were not for them, Student Media would be maybe a quarter of the size it is now and have a decimal point of the stable structure it has.

I'd like to give a special thanks to some of the folks who allowed us to do this:

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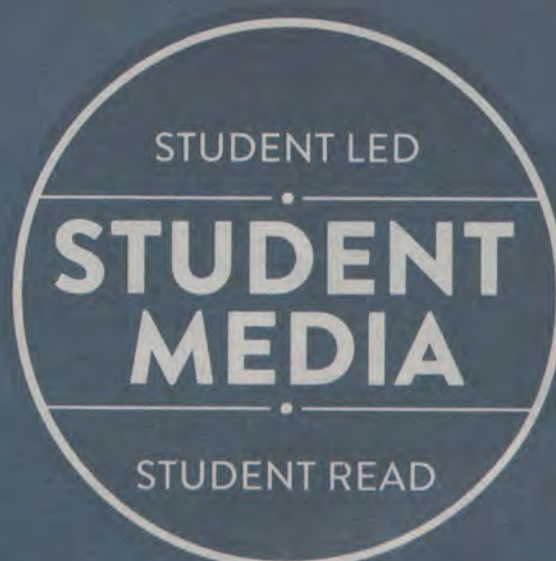
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UPGRADED IN THE PAINT

BY COLIN RITSICK
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Off to its best start since the 2003-2004 season, Georgia Southern basketball (10-3, 3-1 SBC) is experiencing success thanks to a balanced scoring attack and a legitimate post presence, something that is a noticeable change from last year.

Trent Wiedeman, 6-foot-8-inches, 255-pound redshirt senior, is playing his first and last season at GSU. Wiedeman came to Statesboro from the College of Charleston with head coach Mark Byington, but he had to sit out a year due to NCAA regulations. He is a forward that can bang down low but also has a good mid-range jumper. His ability to score from anywhere on the court creates a more balanced attack for the Eagle offense.

"The biggest thing is that it opens up our offense for other guys, especially me. A lot of

teams are going to key in on me, but it's hard to key in on me and a big presence down low," senior guard Jelani Hewitt said.

Hewitt is the second leading scorer in the Sun Belt with 20.2 points per game. "So basically you're going to have to pick your poison - either double up on me or double up on Trent. And that opens it up for other guys to make plays," Hewitt said.

Wiedeman averages 13.6 points per game and leads the team in rebounds with 6.8 per game. He took over big-man duties this year after Marvin Baynham graduated.

"Marvin had to play a little bit out of position for us. He was a little undersized," Byington said.

Baynham was a plus defender and shot-blocker, but only scored 5.4 points per game and was never a go-to threat on offense. With

Wiedeman, the Eagles can work from the inside out which creates more driving lanes and open three's.

"I'm a little more polished offensively, so now we can move the ball around more. Last year we had so many possessions where it was one pass then a shot. That has changed a lot this year," Wiedeman said.

Having someone who can score on the inside also means that the team hopefully doesn't repeat empty possessions, Byington said. The Eagles score 73.2 points per game, third in the conference behind Georgia State and Louisiana-Lafayette. Scoring efficiently is also much easier when you get more rebounds.

With Wiedeman on the floor in addition to a slimmer, more athletic Angel Matias and 6-foot-8 Eric Ferguson returning to action, the Eagles are dominating the boards. GSU

is in the top-20 in the nation in rebounding with 40.4 per game.

Size, both directly and indirectly, makes an impact on all sides of the ball for GSU.

"I think our length bothers people, we're able to really get after teams defensively," Wiedeman said.

Byington's defense only allows 60 points per game and leads the conference in scoring margin. They also block nearly twice as many shots as last year.

Not being able to play last season was frustrating for Wiedeman. But looking back on it, both he and Hewitt think it has made the team better.

"It was definitely weird, not being able to help the team out on the court. But, I think it helped me from a leadership perspective...impacting the game without actually playing," Wiedeman said.

Hewitt said that the team getting to know Wiedeman for

a year helped the chemistry going into this season. But even if the transfer rule that forced him to sit out hadn't been in effect, Wiedeman still would have been sidelined.

"He had ankle surgery and wasn't able to practice most of the year. So he's still kind of rounding into shape," Byington said. "I think he is going to continue to get better than he's playing right now."

Wiedeman and Hewitt were both given pre-season all-Sun Belt honors. If Wiedeman continues to improve like his coach thinks he will, this team could make some noise in March. Byington says the team isn't where they need to be yet, but, "if we keep getting better week by week, we're going to have a chance to win a championship."

"I'm not going to lie, the ceiling is very high...we just have to remain focused and take it one game at a time," Hewitt said.

Against USF, redshirt senior Trent Wiedeman was the second leading scorer with 17 points with a .62 field goal percentage.



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FERGUSON'S BACK?

BY KATIE TOLBERT
The George-Anne Staff

On Dec. 15, 2014, red-shirt senior forward Eric Ferguson's suspension from the GSU men's basketball team was lifted. This happened because he complied with all the obligations that went along with his suspension, and Ferguson went through a university judicial process. This process found Ferguson not responsible for the major charges that are placed against him. The GSU athletic department provided this information, and this is the only comment that will be made as of now. The official investigation is still currently ongoing.

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24/7 SPORTS



BY HAYDEN BOUDREAU
The George-Anne Staff

National Signing Day is three weeks away and head coach Willie Fritz has already assembled an impressive recruiting class in key areas for the 2015 season to make their bowl dreams become a reality.

After losing six seniors to graduation, nearly the entire offensive line for the Eagles will have to be rebuilt next season. Fritz spoke last offseason about the importance of recruiting offensive lineman, and this year he has continued to build on that foundation with some huge commitments.

Last month Bolles High School in Jacksonville, Fl. made the long road trip to Miami to compete in the Florida High School 4-A State

Championship game. Bolles is a private school football factory that has churned out 11 state championships, three state runner ups and 31 district titles. They build their team around their well-trained offensive line, which includes 6'5 280 lbs. Jeremiah Theus.

After playing under Corky Rogers, the winningest coach in Florida high school history, Theus will undoubtedly be a very coachable player that will fit right into the scheme of Fritz. He is also no stranger to the main stage or playing under pressure as he has appeared in four straight state championship title games throughout his high school career. He will join the college football ranks with his two brothers who play at the University of Georgia.

Theus made his mark in high

school as a two sport athlete in football and basketball. He has a big frame but clocked a 5.10 in the 40-yard dash. 24/7 Sports has him ranked as a three-star recruit and a grade of a 83 overall. The Florida native had incredible foresight as he committed to join the Eagles last June before his senior season. He also received offers from Cincinnati, Georgia State and South Alabama, the latter two teams also residing in the Sun Belt Conference.

Only last month, the Eagles added a new offensive lineman to the 2015 recruiting class, Max Magana. Standing at 6'5 and 285 lbs., Magana is a junior college transfer from Feather River College in Quincy, Ca. Feather River molds high school athletes to be better prepared for Division I academics and athletics.

Magana played his high school ball at Las Vegas High School where he was selected as a first team All-Northeast League member and second team All-South Nevada. In his time at Feather River College, Magana quickly rose to the starting position and was named as an All-Norcal League selection last season as a left tackle. The Golden Eagles broke multiple offensive team records with Magana on the line.

Magana should be expected to see some playing time early as he has some experience at the college level and two years of eligibility remaining. Magana's only official scholarship offer came from Georgia Southern, although he had interest from Georgia State. 24/7 Sports lists Magana as a two-star recruit with an overall grade of 77.

Both recruits will have an opportunity to show what they can do this offseason to battle for one of the open positions on the offensive line. Magana has the experience on his side which could be a huge benefit to the established rushing attack of Georgia Southern. However, it could also pay off to begin developing the true freshman Theus to have more of a long-term option.

Each week we will continue to highlight two recruits that have committed to play football at Georgia Southern University. Links to highlights of each player can be found on our website at TheGeorgeAnne.com. Next week we will be spotlighting safety Joshua Moon and running back Eric Montgomery.



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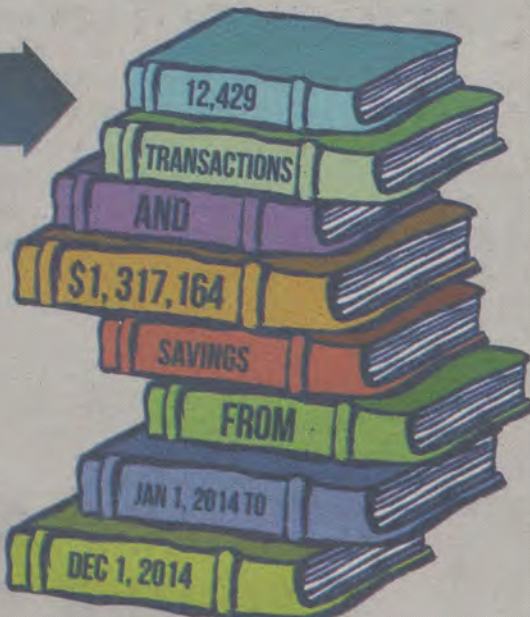


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Redshirt senior guard Jelani Hewitt leads the GSU team in points scored, balls stolen and assists made for the season.

LOOK OUT SUN BELT

BY ROBERT GEORGE
The George-Anne Staff

The Georgia Southern Eagles' men's basketball team had a successful holiday break, going 6-1 and getting its first win in the Sun Belt.

Tampa, Fla.

The Eagles started the break by making the trip down to Tampa, Fl. and defeating South Florida in a close 68-63 game. Senior guard Jelani Hewitt had a big game, dropping 33 points and nabbing three steals in the victory.

The Eagles then took on Stetson, another team out of Florida, and won 76-67. Hewitt played well again as he scored 30 points and posted four steals to go along with seven rebounds.

Back to Hanner

The Eagles finally returned home to Hanner for the first time in three weeks, and blew out Truett-McConnell 90-57. The Eagles scoring was a little more balanced this game, as four Eagles finished in double digits. Senior forward Trent Wiedeman led the team with 18 points, while Hewitt had 15 points and three steals. Senior guard Curtis Diamond hit nine free throws on his way to 14 points, and Kyle Doyle added 12 points and eight rebounds.

Texas

The Eagles then traveled to Texas to play their first game in the Sun Belt, taking on UT Arlington and losing a heartbreaker 62-61. The Mavericks hit a jumper with 14 seconds left to go ahead in the game, and the Eagles missed the potential game winner as Wiedeman's shot rimmed out as time expired. Senior Eric Ferguson came to play in this game, scoring 17 points and pulling down a career high 16 rebounds.

Conference Home Opener

The Eagles took on Texas State in GSU's conference home opener and won the very low scoring contest 40-36. Neither team shot the ball well, and both teams committed 18 turnovers in the game.

The Eagles got down early but fought back and took the lead for good when senior forward Angel Matias rebounded his own miss and scored. Wiedeman led the team with 12 points, and Hewitt and Ferguson each added 10.

On the Road Again

The Eagles took back to the road to face Arkansas State and won 73-61. Diamond had a career game, getting his first double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Hewitt added 17 points, and Matias and Ferguson each chipped in 11 points a piece.

In the final game before classes started back, the Eagles traveled to Mobile to face South Alabama. The Eagles won 81-73 behind the strong scoring of Hewitt who had 22 points and Diamond who hit four three point shots on his way to 19 points. Wiedeman led the team with nine rebounds to go along with his 12 points. Freshman guard Mike Hughes also had a solid game, scoring 11 points and nabbing three steals.

Wrap Up

The Eagles are now 10-3 overall and 3-1 in the Sun Belt, including a perfect 7-0 at Hanner. The Eagles are led by Hewitt, who leads the team in points per game, assists and steals. Wiedeman has also had a strong season, averaging 14 points per game while also leading the team in rebounds and blocks. The Eagles stalwart defense has been a key factor in many of the wins, as they only allow opposing teams to shoot 38 percent from the field, and hold teams to an average of 60 points a game. They also boast the number one scoring defense in the conference.

The Eagles will look to get their eleventh win on Thursday when they host Louisiana-Lafayette, who is undefeated in the Sun Belt. The game tips off at 7:30 p.m.

BEATEN DOWN OVER BREAK

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX
The George-Anne staff

While most of us were at home enjoying our holiday meals and unwrapping presents, the Lady Eagles were hard at work in their first season of play in the Sun Belt Conference.

It may not have been the winter break head coach Chris Vozab wanted, but it gave the team an opportunity to get quality time against opponents to prepare themselves for the rest of conference play and the 18 games remaining on their schedule.

Gator Classic Tournament

On Dec. 21, the Lady Eagles traveled to Gainesville, Fl. to play in the Gator Classic Tournament against Eastern Washington University and Southern University.

Their first game pitted the Lady Eagles against Eastern Washington. Sophomore guard Angel McGowan was able to put up 11 points along with the lone-senior Anna Claire-Knight scoring nine. However, it would not be enough as Eastern Washington prevailed, 55-42.

Next up for the Lady Eagles was the Southern University Jaguars. Freshman guard Abby Hix helped lead her team to a 68-52 win, thanks to her putting up 19 points in 31 minutes. Hix's performance in the Gator Classic earned her the recognition as being named Sun Belt Player of the Week by College Sports Madness.

Start of Conference Play

On Dec. 30, conference play was opened against the University of Texas at Arlington. McGowan scored 13 points and was followed by sophomore guard Alexis Sams with 11 points of her own. UT Arlington was able to escape with the win, 64-52.

In their second Sun Belt game, the Lady Eagles faced Texas State who had won six out of their first 10 games. McGowan led the team again in scoring with 18 points and junior forward Briana Jones scoring the second most with eight. They were unable to stop Texas State's Patrice Butler on her way to 24 points as the Bobcats walked away with the win, 79-65.

Road Play

The Lady Eagles hit the road in search of a win against Arkansas State on January 8. While the first half tested both teams and things seemed to be going well for McGowan and her team, things turned around for the home team, and the Lady Eagles fell, 86-63. Knight led the team in scoring with 14 points.

Immediately following their loss to Arkansas State, the blue and white had to make another journey to Mobile, to play South Alabama. The Lady Eagles played like an entirely different team, jumping out to an early lead, thanks to Butler putting up seven of the first 11 points, and in the second half led by as many as 29 points.

The Lady Eagles put away the Jaguars, 67-53. Butler led the team with 17 points in the contest, Knight put up 15 and grabbed five rebounds while McGowan scored 14 and got two rebounds.

A home game is up next for the Lady Eagles as UL-Lafayette travels to Statesboro. The match is set for Thursday night at 5 p.m. in the Hanner Fieldhouse.



Averaging 11.9 points a game, sophomore guard Angel McGowan has been leading this Eagle team.

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