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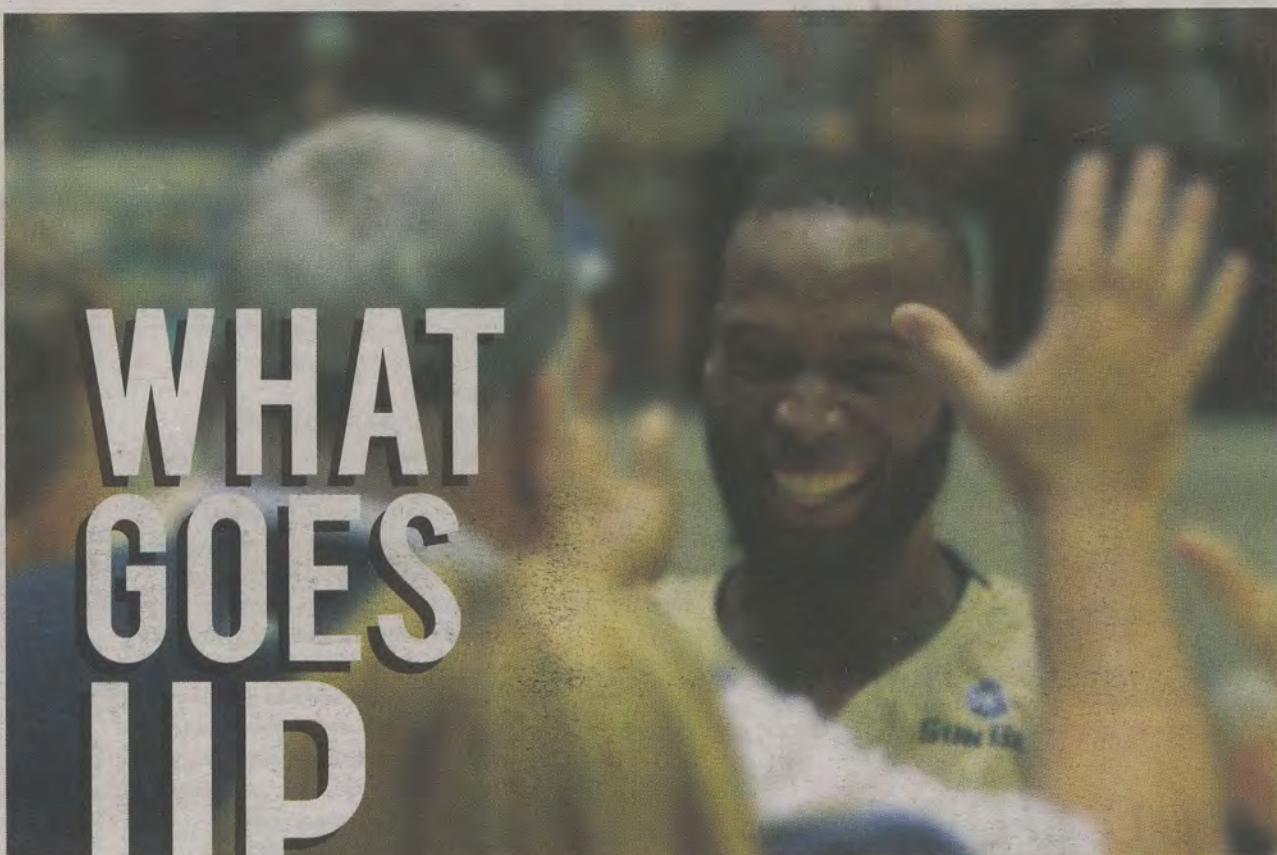
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-Patrick Jones

Georgia Vice-President of the NAACP

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WHAT GOES UP



MUST COME DOWN

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BRANDON WARNOCK THE GEORGE-ANNE

BY LAYNE SALIBA
The George-Anne staff

It was a battle of No. 1 UL Lafayette and No. 2 Georgia Southern on Thursday night in a sold out Hanner Fieldhouse. It was a night where everything went Georgia Southern's way as the Eagles got the best of the Ragin' Cajuns with a final score of 78-70.

HAPPINESS IN HANNER

This game was fast-paced, back-and-forth and intense. Tempers flared at points, and both teams seemed to be battling the referees throughout the game. But, none of this stopped the Eagles from getting the win; a memorable marker for the inaugural Sun Belt season for men's basketball.

You could see the excitement on each player's face as soon as

the final buzzer sounded. Eric Ferguson was one of the most enthusiastic players as he jumped onto the media table, pumping a fist in celebration with the crowd.

"We wanted to show everybody that we're here. We wanted to show everybody that we really are a good team, and I felt like we did that today," senior guard Curtis Diamond said following the win.



Study Abroad Q&A

Lindsey Kehres
The George-Anne staff

With over 30 programs to choose from, Georgia Southern offers a variety of summer programs and semester-long exchanges. Because the idea of studying abroad may seem daunting, junior Kira Mecher offered some personal experience and advice after spending five weeks in Paris, France last summer.

Why did you want to study abroad?

Mecher: "I love to travel. You get to see a lot more, not just the typical, touristy things. Also, they offered a course I was interested in and a lot of core classes."

What was the best part of your experience?

Mecher: "My favorite part was getting to explore by myself. You gain so much independence and really get to branch out and meet new people."

What advice would you give to those considering studying abroad?

Mecher: "If you are on the fence about study abroad, I'd say take it while you can. It's a once in a lifetime experience and will really get you out of your shell. Don't let the language barrier be a factor for you not going."

Would you study abroad again if given the chance?

Mecher: "Yes, definitely. I would love to go to Spain or Ireland."

Rockin' out Alzheimers returns

Araya Jackson
The George-Anne staff

The Rockin' Out for Alzheimers fundraiser was developed three years ago by the co-chairman of the Rockin' Out committee, Darron Burnette, after he watched his mother lose her battle to Alzheimers. Burnette, along with a committee of 12 community volunteers, continue to raise funds for a disease that impacts over five million people.

The concert will be at the Performing Arts Center of Georgia Southern University on Saturday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m. The Journey Tribute Band will be back in Statesboro once again replicating the look and feel of the originals 80's rock band. Proceeds of the concert will go to benefit the Alzheimer's Association of Coastal Georgia.

WEATHER BAR

Wednesday



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Thursday



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Friday



High: 50°
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WEATHER CATS



"THIS IS PERFECT CAT NAP WEATHER!"

App Update

Google Classroom aims to simplify education

Jozsef Papp

The George-Anne staff



Google launched an app that will allow students to submit homework and different assignments from their own phone. Google Classroom has many different features that will allow school to be easier on students and teachers.

The app will allow teachers to create and collect assignment paperless. In addition, the application can be used along with other Google programs in order to provide information to each student.

This will permit students to keep track of assignments that are due and begin working on them immediately. Teachers can give instant feedback through the app as well.

Google Classroom is expected to mainly be used in high school, but could be used at universities across the country. The app will join Google drive, docs and Gmail as an app that help achieve higher education. The app is available in both the Google Play store and the App Store for free.

SPORTS SHORTS

Casey Cargle

The George-Anne staff

-Men's Basketball claimed the number one spot on Thursday (1/15/15) beating top ranked Louisiana LaFayette 78-70. But the Eagles fell short on Saturday losing to Troy University 71-75.

-Women's Basketball lost to Louisiana LaFayette on Thursday (1/15/15) 57-69 and fell to Troy University losing 74-84.

-Women's Swim and Dive won big at their meet on Saturday defeating the College of Charleston and SCAD

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The "Hot Guy" Pose: A HOW TO

If you're wondering what the "hot guy" pose is just pick up the nearest men's magazine and take a look at the cover model.

Contrary to popular belief anyone can perfect the hot guy pose, it just takes a few simple steps.

1 Turn slightly away from the camera while looking like you're lost deep in thought about world peace...or what you're going to eat for dinner tonight, no one will know the difference.

2 Next put one hand behind your head as if you're brushing those beautiful locks from your face or laughing shyly.

3 And finally once you've taken the perfect hot guy pose picture make it your profile picture on all social media. Because girls everywhere are tired of guys having horrible Facebook profile pictures.

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GEORGIA SOUTHERN'S ROAD TOWARD INTEGRATION

BY NADIA DREID
The George-Anne staff

In 1941, a lot of things were different. What is now Georgia Southern University was then known as Georgia Teacher's College (GTC), Martin Luther King Jr. was still in grade school and segregation was alive and well in the south.

Former GTC president Marvin Pittman was fired from his position at the college for, among other charges, allegedly supporting racial integration after he invited George Washington Carver and several other teachers from historically black Tuskegee University to visit the school. Pittman was accused of allowing black teachers to guest lecture in classes and eat in the school cafeteria with white students.

According to a manuscript made by alumni in memory of Pittman, the former-president went on WSB-Radio to respond to the charges against him.

"I do not need to defend myself on the race issue. I am a Southerner by birth and rearing," Pittman said, according to the document. "I am the grandson of a slave owner, the son of a Confederate soldier. I have the same attitude on that question as has every other intelligent, right-spirited Southern white man."

BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION

After the Supreme Court ruled segregation in public schools to be unconstitutional in 1954, the editorial staff of The George-Anne asked students to write in with their opinions on the decision.

The response was largely disapproving. Only two of the 25 students published were openly supportive of the ruling.

"Adjustment will be hard for the South, but adjustments will have to be made. Since the Constitution provides for equality, I don't see how the South can protest or rebel against the court's decision," Rita Harper, a student from Savannah, wrote.

Jimmy Johnson, a student from Augusta, provided a religious argument for integration.

"As civilized men and women of the Christian world we have our obligation to be met toward our fellow men," Johnson wrote. "If we wish to remain Christians in His sight, then I suggest we

must swallow the pill, bitter though it may be."

Other students, however, were openly upset with the ruling. Wayne Yaun, a student from Baxley, wrote in expressing his disapproval of the ruling and said that others agreed with him.

"I think that the Supreme Court is violating a good many rights of the U.S. Constitution. If the truth was known about the matter, there wouldn't be a one of the house of assembly who would like to sit by a Negro in a movie or church," Yaun wrote. "I believe in giving a Negro equal rights, but not letting them mix and mingle with the people of the white race. If they are given this step, they are going to expect another."

However, the most common thread among many of the students who responded to The George-Anne's call was disbelief that the Supreme Court's ruling would make any difference in their lives.

"Frankly, I'm not at all alarmed of the ruling of the Supreme Court. It had been almost one hundred years since Negroes were given their freedom. Since that time, most of the Southern Negroes have been satisfied to remain in their place," wrote Joanne Hill, a student from Hawkinsville. "Therefore, I don't believe that the ruling will cause them to suddenly change [to] a new status of life."

INTEGRATION

It was 11 years before the first black student would enroll at what was by then known as Georgia Southern College (GSC). In the winter quarter of 1965, two months before King would lead the historic march from Selma to Montgomery, John Bradley enrolled in classes at GSC.

Bradley had already obtained a bachelor's degree from the historically black Texas Southern University, but needed to take several courses in order to be certified to teach in Georgia. Then-president Zach Henderson greeted Bradley outside of Hanner Gym, and helped him through the registration process.

When integration did occur, neither The George-Anne or The Statesboro Herald made any mention of it.

That fall, six more black students enrolled. One of them, Jessie Ziegler (now Carter), became the first

black woman to complete all four years of her education at the college.

"I was proud to be at Georgia Southern. I was proud to be a student there," Carter said. "I was proud to be able to go to school in my hometown and I was excited, elated and ecstatic about the fact that I was able to go to school."

Carter said her experience was largely a good one, and that she didn't experience any of the hostility that some of her black classmates sometimes felt.

"I knew it was the height of the civil rights movement, and I didn't expect everyone to be friendly, falling all over me, but nevertheless, they were not hostile either," Carter said. "Everybody treated me with respect."

In his book, *Pursuing a Promise: A History of African-Americans at Georgia Southern University*, former GSU professor F. Erik Brooks interviewed Carolyn Hobbs, a black student who enrolled at GSC a few semesters after Carter.

Hobbs described her experience at GSC as largely a good one, but said she also experienced discrimination, from professors as well as students.

"One of my English professors would not call on me when I raised my hand in class. This professor would not meet with me to discuss my tests and assignments with me after class," Hobbs said. "Other professors, who called roll, they would call my name but would not look at me."

Despite making integration history at Georgia Southern, Carter said the hardest part of her time in college was making the grades and the most rewarding part was finally making it through.

"Just being able to receive that diploma after four years," Carter said. "Just being able to walk down the aisle, walk the aisle with my parents there cheering me on and my family members, you know, that was just really the highlight of my experience."

Carter went on to become a schoolteacher in Treutlen County. She retired in 2000, but still substitute teaches, and tries to use her experience to motivate her students.

"I encourage students every day," Carter said. "If I did it 50 years ago, you can do it now . . . if I did it then, just think what you can do now."

This Segregation Bit

By KITTY KELLY

The segregation question is one that has been tossed about much like the proverbial football. One has only to turn on a radio or TV set to have some newscaster blasting away about the latest incident in the Luce-University of Alabama feud or some similar trivia.

Actually, if left alone, this probably wouldn't seem quite so serious. But politicians haven't enough to do; they feel they must whip people into a frenzy over a problem that can only be solved through calm, rational thinking. White schools are brimming over at best, bringing in Negro children will only heighten the confusion.

We of the South are a stubborn breed and no amount of Supreme Court action or NAACP threats will force us into integration. On the contrary, they may force us to take steps that would set education in the South back 50 years or more. Back in the 1860's, a war was fought over this Negro question, the problem wasn't solved then.

Many of the same people who shudder at the idea of going to school with Negroes, were brought up by Negro servants and ran first to their old black mammy for comfort when hurt. During their school years, they ate food prepared and served by Negro cooks. There is the same situation in many fine restaurants. So what, pray, is the objection?

When asked why they object to integration in schools these people might reply, "I don't care to have to associate with Negroes socially; if white and Negroes go to schools together, then it follows that they will have to mix socially. That is a

lot of bull! If these people object to strenuously to Negroes, their very objection will prevent too close association. No one will be forced to dance with Negro classmates at parties. One needn't associate with anyone, regardless of race, unless he wishes to do so. Sitting in the same classroom with a Negro can't hurt anyone. The people in the North do it, (and, contrary to popular opinion in the South, Yankees are white people too!)

Another objection to integration concerns health standards among the colored people in the South. But Negro children who go to school with white children would have to conform to good standards of health and cleanliness or white parents would object and rightly so. That would be the case whether the children concerned were white or colored. No parent is going to stand for any child that is unclean or diseased to endanger the health of her own youngsters. The child in question would be immediately removed from school and the malady corrected before the child would be allowed to return to school.

However, I don't believe that the people of the South are ready for integration. Prejudices against the idea are too deeply imbedded. It will take a lot of open-minded and practical thought to accomplish the orientation of these Southerners to the idea of mixed schools. Meanwhile, we must continue to furnish the same facilities to the Negro race that we do to the white. There must be no discrimination in that respect. To favor the white race will only give the NAACP grounds for argument.

Opinion piece that ran in The George-Anne on May 25th, 1956.

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First Black Female Georgia
Southern Graduate

Flashback: The George-Anne, April 7th, 1970

Students, Faculty March In King Memorial

By DAVID TICE
News Editor

When I arrived at the steps of the Ad building, the time was five minutes after five and approximately 20 persons were sitting on the grass nearby. At fifteen after five the group adjourned to the Georgian Hotel, and from there they walked to the courthouse lawn.

Upon arrival at that point the square around the courthouse was crowded with persons, mostly blacks, and a loudspeaker blaired Dr. Martin L. King's now-famous "I Have A Dream" speech. Five minutes later the march was under way.

Roosevelt Love, member of the

Community Committee in charge of the march reported that the people in the street numbered close to three-hundered.

The crowd of singing and chanting marchers headed east on Highway 301. Their destination was William James High School located on Williams Road.

The college was represented by a number of students both Black and White, and several faculty members. One of these faculty members Joseph Theriault, an instructor in French, had this to say of the march.

"I think that there is still a feeling of overawe by persons who might otherwise participate. I think that this march, though, is good for this place."

A student, Jim Gibbons, said of Dr. King, "Non-violence is cool, until you get killed. Then, you've got to do something about it."

I questioned a middle-aged gentleman standings at the corner of U.S. 301 and U.S. 80 what his views were on the March.

"Well, I reckon it's alright." He smiled and turned back to watch the marchers.

There was some great deal of shouting. Usually the phrases were rhythmical chants such as "Two, Four, Six, Eight, We don't want a racist state," and "The streets belong to the people, power to the people."

The Marchers moved up Highway 80, singing and forming

chains across the road.

At William James High School the marchers assembled in the auditorium.

Chants of "Two, Four, Six, Eight, We don't want a honkey state," were quelled by Mrs. Charlie Lewis, who acted as master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Grant introduced the first speaker, Miss Esther Grant, a junior at Statesboro High School, and after a prayer by Rev. W.D. Kent of the First African Baptist Church of Statesboro, the program got under way.

Miss Grant told the audience, "There is a problem and I have the solution. The problem is the racial dividing line and the

solution is love. The dividing line is the same everywhere. It must be crossed with love."

The next speaker was Georgia Vice-president of the NAACP Patrick Jones.

"I would like to talk to you about dreams in dreams," said Jones. "And I would like to make it clear that when a man deprives another man of his freedom, then he must pay with his own."

After Jones's talk, Mrs. Carrie Howard sang "Take My Hand, Precious Lord." Following the selection, Mrs. Lewis thanked the marchers, and the audience stood, held hands and sang "We Shall Overcome."

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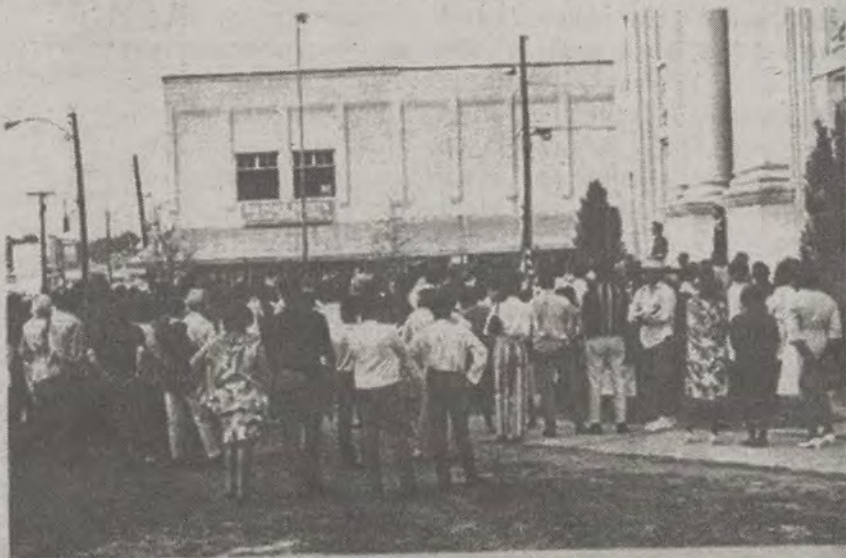
First Black Female Georgia
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Martin Luther King Memorial March Draws 300



Staff Photos—Neville

Over three hundred people participated in a memorial march and church service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Saturday. Blacks and whites get it together as Patrick Jones, Vice-President of the Georgia NAACP, addresses audience in the William James High School Auditorium. For complete details, see SECOND FRONT.



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Azure Rountree

Community leader, cooking messiah and praline vigilante

BY KENNETH LEE
The George-Anne staff

Azure Rountree is a woman who has managed to achieve a series of accomplishments through goodwill and great food. This former Georgia Southern University student and mother of four has sharpened her culinary skills, baking sweet confections for a good cause.

"I love the kitchen so much, seeing the joy that cooking brings to people. It makes you feel like you gone into the kitchen and made your own little masterpiece, like an artist does. It makes you feel so good about yourself and makes other people happy, that's why I love it so much," Rountree said.

Rountree credits her cooking expertise from watching the Food Network's cooking guru, Paula Deen, on television.

"I love casseroles, caramel cake, comfort food, so that's why I gravitated towards her show and that's how I learned how to cook, from watching her show, and the passion just grew out of that. A year after that, I started creating my own recipes and started playing around with other people's recipes and doing my own thing," Rountree said.

One sweet treat that Rountree is known for is her signature pralines, which are sold in Colonial House Flowers, as well as Paula Deen's own store in Savannah. The profits from her pralines inside Deen's store go towards The Autism Foundation of Georgia. With the support of Deen, Azure's pralines has raised over \$5,500 towards the organization, in honor of

her son, James, who was diagnosed with autism in April 2011.

"To be an advocate for autism and for him, that's what means the most to me, seeing the good I can do for others. That's what motivates me, knowing that money is going to the foundation and given to families with kids with autism that are struggling," Rountree said.

Rountree contributes more than just tasty treats to her community. She was also recognized with the Deen Day Smith Service for Mankind Award in April 2013 for starting a support group for parents with special needs children, in an effort to give them resources, aid and advice.

"I really felt like from the experience

that I have had, out in public and from what I was going through personally, that I needed to educate people. I'm one of those people who doesn't sit back; if something is going on, I got to do something. I can't just sit here, I gotta find a way to deal with this. I've been on a mission since a year after James was diagnosed to do everything I can to help and educate," Rountree said.

"I think for me, what I'm most concerned about is children and what they're going through and definitely what the parents are going through too. What tugs through my heart are the kids. In the future I would love to do more awareness. We have three kids with asthma. Probably in the future, I would love to raise more awareness for those kids as well. There's a million causes I would love to fight for."

Rountree left parting words and advice for students interested in advocating for their own cause.

"I think the most important thing, is define what it is that you're truly passionate about. Sometimes you know from childhood what you love, sometimes you won't know until adulthood. The best thing is to find your passion, then educate yourself about your subject. The biggest thing is education, making sure you're aware of what's going on," Rountree said.

Rountree is also a vendor at the Farmer's Market which will open again from April to November on Saturdays.



Azure Rountree, Georgia Southern Alumni and locally famous cook, is known for her pralines, donates the money she makes to a good cause.

The BUZZ List



MATT SOWELL

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Seth Rogen, political philosopher of the modern world and reason we almost had WW3, is under fire for saying that the new movie "American Sniper" is similar to a fake nazi propaganda movie. The guy shouldn't be complaining, American Sniper actually had to pay for their marketing.

Mike Huckabee, actual political dude, told TMZ reporters that he loved Beyonce but he wishes she was more conservative. In a recent book he wrote, he called out President Obama for letting his daughters listen to such "obnoxious and toxic mental poison" lyrics. Maybe Queen Bey should consider more

wholesome lyrics like "He enjoys calling me peaches when we get this intimate after our marriage". lol. no.

Idina Menzel superior being and supreme of all things musical, will be singing the National Anthem at this year's Super Bowl. PSA: She's either Maureen from Rent, or Elphaba from

Wicked. If you call her Elsa from Frozen, you can't sit with us.

Friendly reminder that the Buzz List is pure satire, it has been in the George-Anne forever and is not meant to be a source of hard news. It's strictly for sleazy celebrity gossip and hopefully a chuckle.

10 REASONS TO VISIT THE PLANETARIUM

BY MICHELLE NORSWORTHY

The George Anne contributor

Nestled smack dab in the middle of the maze that is the Math and Physics Building, the planetarium is home to the most immersive, mind-blowingly spectacular shows of cosmic goodness that ever existed.

At least, that's what it feels like when you're leaning back in a comfy theater-style seat staring up at the night sky, with instrumentals that would make Yanni cry (in a totally good way).

If you've never ventured into this domed sanctuary, here's 10 good reasons why now is as good a time as any.

1. Outerspace Isn't An Option

Unless you've got some astronaut gear and a rocket ship tucked away somewhere, chances are taking a trip to outerspace isn't in the cards. You know, no air and all.

2. Not Getting Lost in the Labyrinth

You've heard the horror stories of students getting lost in the Math and Physics building - some never to be heard from again. As soon as you walk into the building, whoop, there it is. The planetarium, that is. It's hard to miss the giant blue cylinder in the middle of the hall.

3. Digistar 5

According to Mrs. Rebecca Lowder, astronomy lab coordinator, there used to be a giant sun with holes in it that rose from the floor. "When we'd turn on the lamp, the light would shine through the holes - creating the stars in the sky." Lowder said, "We couldn't go flying out into the solar system, the milky way or to the edge of the known universe."

With Digistar 5, viewers can witness a completely digital star show that goes far beyond its 1970's predecessor. The technology is so advanced, Lowder admits that they have yet to reach its limits. Which brings me to reason number four.

4. No Limits

Because the shows are created using codes, there's an endless array of possibilities - and not all of them are celestial. From the inner most workings of a plant's nuclei, to the changes going on at Earth's poles, the most minute pieces of the universe can be explored.

And even some not of this universe.

5. Lichtmond: Universe of Light

Meaning "light of the Moon," Lichtmond is a poetic, musical audiovisual show exploring an alternate universe. "There's nothing educational about it," Lowder said, "It's music and art...and there's such beautiful poetry that goes along with the music."

6. Date Night With Bae

Music, art and poetry? Let's see, throw some stargazing in there and that sounds like a date! If you're low on funds - or just looking for something to do around campus - the planetarium could be the place.

If your heart is set on Lichtmond, you'll have to wait until March, but there are a couple of opportunities right around the corner - all equally as immersive and impressive as that.

7. Total Immersion

Okay, maybe not completely. While you won't be floating by Mars any time soon, the planetarium is equipped with surround sound and a 360 degree dome. As soon as the lights go out, stars surround you by the thousands. You can even hear the whoosh as you leave Earth's atmosphere! Tell me where else you're gonna get that at? Oh, that's right, nowhere.

8. Helping People Who Need It

In case you're still on the fence (seriously?), there's one key component to each public event the planetarium hosts: good will. The planetarium takes non-perishable food donations at each and every public event, all of which is donated to the Statesboro Food Bank.

So, on your way to the planetarium, don't forget to grab those canned goods! There's a family right here in Statesboro who needs them.

9. Knowledge

Because for some, looking up and seeing tiny pinpricks of light isn't enough. The planetarium hosts educational star shows, complete with constellations, galaxies, planets and a whole host of cosmic wonders.

And nearly every constellation got a scandalous story behind it - there's romance! There's intrigue! There's...Hera getting revenge on Zeus and his side chicks.

10. And If Nothing Else Convinced You

It's free. Yes, the 360 degree visual and auditory experience, the comfy seats, the intergalactic (inter-universal) travel, being a good person, spending time with loved ones, high-tech shows and oxygen are all yours for the low, low price of absolutely nothing.

So take with you the wisdom I have imparted, young grasshoppers, and explore the universe!

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Food for the Soul



PARRISH TURNER

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I'll be honest, my mother is not the greatest cook in the world. She's not bad. She just isn't anything to write home about. My father's mother on the other hand was an amazing cook and this was a skill she passed on to her daughter, less so her son. Why does a man need to know how to cook

anyway? (Please tell me you can taste my sarcasm.)

When I started living on my own, I was shocked at how much money I could save by cooking for myself. At first, it was survival. I could spend ten dollars at Zaxby's, or get ten packs of mac and cheese. But I began to play and experiment. I became someone who didn't really do recipes. Does sour cream go in pasta? (Hint: it totally does.) I studied abroad and suddenly found myself trying to find food from my home. Apparently corn is something Northern Europeans just don't eat. How does one make pimento cheese without pimentos? I hadn't given credit to how much food meant to me until I couldn't have it.

My aunt passed away last Monday. With her, there goes a loss of fried cornbread and butterbeans. Studies show that taste is one of the

strongest triggers for memory. The popsicle reminds you of childhood summers. Kimchi reminds you of your ex. Tequila reminds you of your freshman year or maybe it doesn't. And cornbread reminds you of your grandmother.

Food gives us a way to hold on to our memories. It gives us a means to pass on a bit of our history and culture. It gives us a way to share a bit of ourselves with others. Food also gives us a means to connect with each other. It's why we go out to dinner on dates, have family reunions around food, bring someone chocolate when they are sad. But maybe that is just chocolate. Food provides comfort. I find it comforting to know that any time I bite into a country fried steak, I know I will be thinking of the women in my family I have been so lucky to know.

In Memory of Pat Bolton

UNTETHERED



WHITT VAN TASSELL

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Yesterday, my iPhone stopped working. Well, more accurately, I threw it 40 feet across a gymnasium after it died with 43 whole percent points of power remaining. Shortly after, the home button fell off for good, a few shards of the

already-shattered glass worked their way into my index finger, and pivotally, the phone never turned on again.

What struck me most over my roughly 72 off-the-grid hours wasn't the inconvenience or occasional boredom, but a peculiar feeling of freedom. It was as if I was a suddenly freed spirit, floating through life, instead of what I now realize I was: a hyper-connected worker bee flitting from appointment to appointment.

The feeling isn't what pop-culture tells you your cell impinges on. It's not the greater sense of engagement in life that was so appealing. If anything actually, I missed the constant distraction from mundane lecturing and go-to excuse from pre-bell conversation. When you're disconnected, no one can stop you. You missed the text to come home by six, the call to

do your chores before heading out and sure, you missed the notification your meeting was moved back 45 minutes; but on balance, the feeling is pure unbounding freedom. The same feeling one experiences two days into a hike up a mountainside, but with less accumulated sweat. Brilliant.

I've since reconnected with an iPhone 6, a beautiful monstrosity, and life is back to the hectic to-and-fro, constant contact with everyone who needs you at all hours. I doubt I would've lasted much longer, but I suggest you try it. A day urban-unplugged. I don't suggest you break your phone for good, just leave it uncharged for a day or two. See what you think of freedom.

Perhaps it was best phrased on my younger brother's T-shirt: "Life begins where cell range ends."



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Sister, Sister

DUO BRINGS SPECIAL CONNECTION TO THE COURT



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Patrice Butler (left) and Sierra Butler (right) take their relationship to the court, playing in the same position.

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAU
The George-Anne Staff

It is said that teammates develop a connection in their sport the longer they play together. Luckily for the Lady Eagles, sisters Patrice and Sierra Butler have had 19 years to develop that connection.

Junior forward Patrice Butler is experiencing her first season at Georgia Southern after transferring from Furman and taking advantage of the NCAA rule that allows her to play immediately. Patrice has been one of the leading scorers for the team, averaging 10.9 points per game. She was undoubtedly a great addition to the lineup, but she did not come alone.

"Both of the sisters came together on a visit with their mom, and we got a chance to know both of them," Chris Vozab, head coach, said.

The coaching staff had known about Sierra for a while and took the opportunity to get to know both of them as individuals. Shortly after her visit, Patrice committed to Georgia Southern to play basketball. While her older sister was committed, Sierra played through her recruiting season before making the decision to join her sister.

"We wanted them to know that we would treat them as individuals and still complement each other well, both on and off the court, without being in an-

other's shadow," Vozab said.

Sierra has played in 12 games this season for a total of 147 minutes where she has scored 32 points. While both do play the same position, there are times where they will be on the court at the same time. We got a chance to meet up with both of them and ask them about their history in basketball and their chemistry on the court.

"I started playing basketball in third grade, (Sierra) was a cheerleader, then she got too tall, so she had to switch to basketball," Patrice Butler said.

"It was a rough start, I scored in the wrong basket," Sierra said.

"It was so frustrating to

watch! She was my sister and I wanted her to be the best, so I would yell at her to keep her motivated," Butler said in agreement.

With the age difference, the sisters were able to play together for two years at Norcross High School. Sierra had fully blossomed into a serious player as her sister went on to win several championships in both their region and state.

Now that the sisters have reunited, they have had a chance to continue to work on their relationship on the court. When asked what the other one does best, both had nothing but good things to say.

"(Patrice) is good at everything. She can shoot, she can

post up, she can drive, just everything," Sierra said.

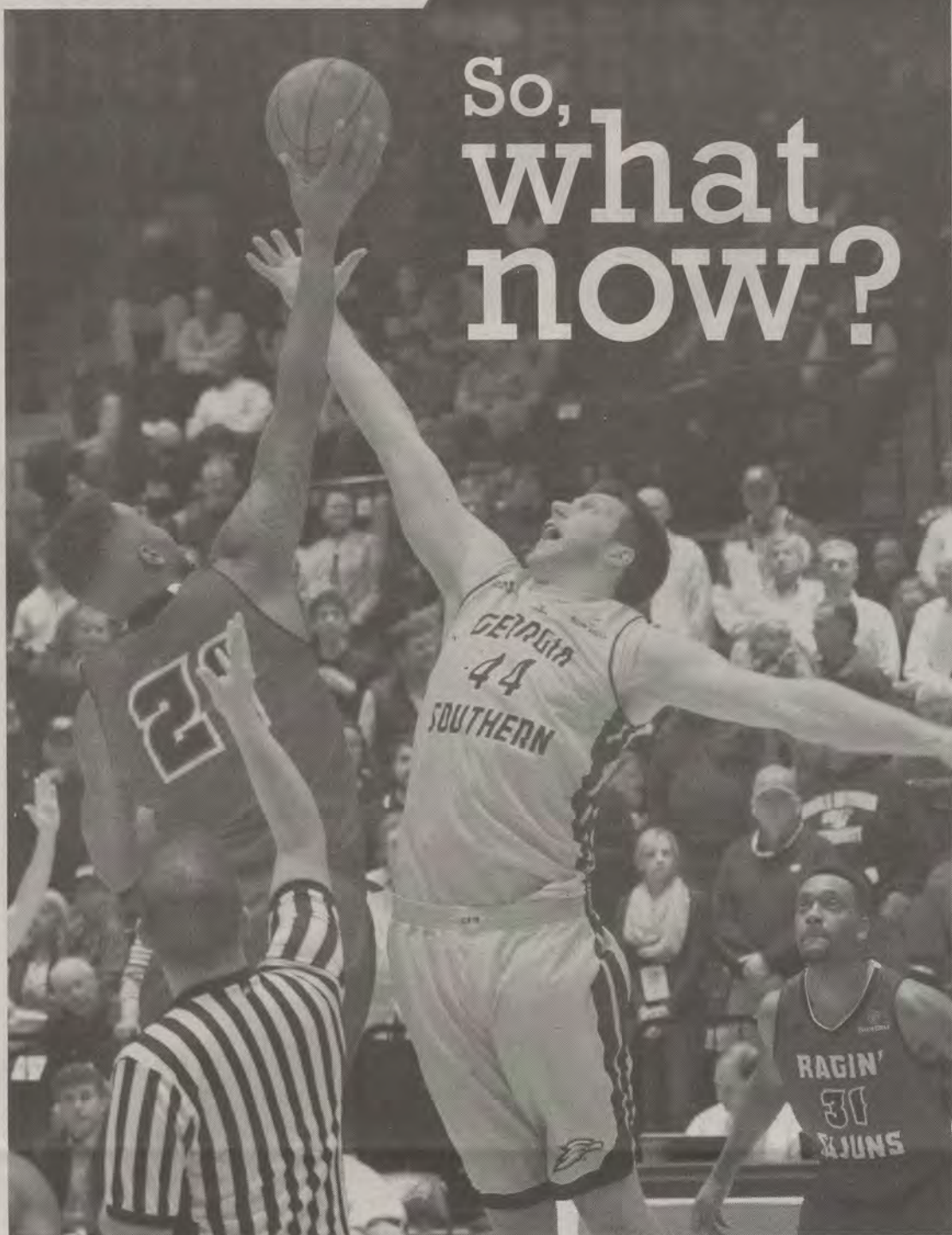
"I think (Sierra) is best on defense. She can move her feet, she can block shots, and she can block my shots! If she doesn't want someone to score on her, nobody will score on her," Patrice said.

Both players are only getting better and will have to be on their best game to take the Lady Eagles through the meat of Sun Belt play to come. If the moment comes where one basket is all they need to when, both knew when asked who should take the game winning shot.

"Patrice," Sierra said.

"Me," Patrice said.

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So, what now?

It would have been easy to leave that victory with an arrogant attitude, thinking you could beat any team in the conference. But, head coach Mark Byington knew that although this win was big for the Eagles, there was much more lying ahead.

"You know, there were no championship trophies and we're not cutting nets down. We gotta turn the page quick and play another one on Saturday," Byington said.

TERROR AT TROY

So, that's what the Eagles did. They turned the page and showed up in Troy, Ala. to face the Troy University Trojans (7-8, 2-4 SBC), expecting somewhat of an easy win from a bottom-of-the-pack team. Unfortunately, that No. 1 spot was short lived for Georgia Southern as they fell short 75-71 on Saturday, moving them down to the No. 2 position in the conference.

Despite an impressive performance from redshirt senior guard Jelani Hewitt, who led all scorers with 28 points while adding six rebounds, and 12 bench points coming from Diamond, Troy took control leaving Georgia Southern with their second Sun Belt loss.

Missed opportunity after

missed opportunity seemed to be the Eagles demise as the Trojans continued to do just the opposite. Their shots kept finding a way to make it through the net, and Georgia Southern just couldn't keep up as they only shot 28 percent from the floor in the second half.

NOW WHAT?

On Saturday, Georgia Southern was still holding on to the Thursday night victory. But, as those feelings slowly faded, Eagle Nation was left with just one question - now what?

Luckily, Georgia Southern has only faced six out of their 20 Sun Belt opponents, so there are plenty of games left to be played. And, if the Eagles want to continue in the success they have found thus far, they must continue to play at the level they played on Thursday night, and avoid the mistakes that were made on Saturday.

Continuing to play strong defense from the start is key to the Eagles' success. That is something that was proven against ULL and will need to be something the team continues to improve upon going forward. Limiting teams in transition is another key to winning games and that's something the

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The go to man under the net, Trent Weideman has totaled 100 rebounds this season.

Eagles have done fairly well throughout the season.

Another advantage the Eagles have which gives them a competitive edge is the balance in scoring from the floor. Four players reached double-digit scoring on Thursday which is something that a team needs in order to keep opponents on their toes.

"We've got a lot of balance, and the more balance you have the better it's going to be. We were turning to different guys and they all came through," Byington said after Thursday's victory. "I like to develop more depth, but it's not easy."

The No. 2 Eagles will face the new No. 1 seed in the conference, University of Louisiana Monroe (11-6, 5-1 SBC) on Saturday. This is a very good team with an outstanding defense that is undefeated at home and on a five game winning streak.

"It's gonna be a slugfest," Byington said of the upcoming game. "We're gonna find out what we're made of by how we respond after a loss like this."

GET INVOLVED

join club sports

BY ROBERT GEORGE
The George-Anne staff

Spring semester has just begun, which means it is time for club sports to start up once again. With so much going on this time of year, club sports can get overlooked behind classes, eagle athletics and new intramural sports.

But, being part of a club team has benefits that participants won't find in other athletic programs on campus. The first step to getting involved with a club is to attend the club sports fair, which will be held tonight at 6 p.m. in the RAC lobby.

So what makes club sports different from intramural or intercollegiate athletics?

"Well the main thing is the season length," Steve Sanders, director of club sports, said.

While the intramural season usually lasts for about two months, many club sports will run for full semesters and others even longer than that. Participants feel like they are part of a team, because club sports can be similar to intercollegiate athletics in many ways.

"Some competitive teams will practice 3 or 4 times a week and compete against other elite teams on the weekend," Sanders said.

What about the participants that aren't ready for that elite level of competition?

No worries, there are different skill levels in many of the sports offered, ranging from beginner to advanced. But for many people who weren't quite good enough to get on scholarship, the competition between clubs is high enough to capture some of that experience.

Some sports, like soccer and baseball which usually gather a large number of participants, even have tryouts. Make no mistake, there is a lot of pride on the line when club teams face off against other clubs, which makes competition extremely intense.

What exactly is all offered through club sports?

There are many traditional team sports offered like baseball, rugby and soccer. But, there are some individual sports like equestrian, fencing, mixed martial arts and archery. In fact, equestrian is one of the faster growing club sports here on campus according to Sanders. "It's getting bigger in high schools, so people are coming to college looking for it." Club sports offer less traditional sports that aren't part of the intramural program.

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24/7 SPORTS



BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX
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Last week, it was pointed out how head coach Willie Fritz was rebuilding the offensive line. This week will delve into the skill positions and see who will be putting points on the board in the coming years.

The Eagle defense had a lot of ups and downs this season and is looking to improve their pass defense. With safety Matt Dobson graduating after next season, it only makes sense to start bringing in some more talent to the secondary. For that, Fritz traveled down to Fairburn to pick up three-star safety, Joshua Moon.

Ranked at an 84 percent overall on 24/7 Sports, this Creekside High School athlete excels on the defensive side of the ball. He stands at 6'0 and tips the scales at 185 pounds. He saw a lot of attention from other schools, namely Syracuse, UNC and Appalachian State. Moon committed to Georgia Southern on Sept. 26 of last year as the Eagles began their championship season.

One thing can be said for certain after watching his tapes: he has big play ability. Moon lays huge hits and is an expert at taking people off their feet. He shows great talent as a return man and has college level speed. He can also play linebacker and has great vision into the backfield; he gets around blocks well and is all over the field.

As productive and powerful as the offense was this season, it is important to keep putting skilled athletes in positions to succeed and keep breaking rushing records. The three-headed rushing monster of sophomores Kevin Ellison and Matt Breida, along with redshirt freshman L.A. Ramsby will all be entering their third year of eligibility next season. They will be in a perfect spot to mentor younger

guys and mold them into future college stars. One that has his eyes on the horizon is running back Eric Montgomery.

Another three star prospect, Montgomery has the potential to do big things at Georgia Southern. 24/7 Sports has him rated at 80 percent overall and shows that he got major interest from Georgia, Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky. He shows great combine talent as he clocked in a 4.46 40-yard dash, squatted 350 pounds and has a 36-inch vertical.

Montgomery played his high school ball for Hillgrove High and was able to learn behind current Alabama running back Kenyan Drake. While 5'11 and 191 pounds certainly doesn't sound like a power runner, his highlight tape shows some interesting talents. He has ability to explode through a hole, which fans could consider comparable to Breida. He has a good stiff arm and rips through arm tackles easily.

The only area of concern is his speed down the field and his ability to accelerate or hold his speed once he is through the hole, which can be fixed with conditioning. He may not be a big guy, but he is not afraid of throwing leveling blocks.

Both prospects are strong talents that will have quite the future at Georgia Southern. Moon has the talent to come in and make an impact right away. If he can adjust to the speed of the game, he will be one of our biggest playmakers on defense. Montgomery is a player with a lot of potential that could possibly be redshirted his freshman year and just build on those talents to save a year of eligibility.

There are still a few players to mention in our weekly recruiting section. Next week we will be our last look at a couple more three star recruits: defensive end Alex Davis and cornerback Montre Hartage.



Eric Montgomery

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