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NEVER GO TO  
COMPETE

GO TO WIN

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BY EMMA COLLINS  
The George-Anne staff

It's January. It's chilly and miserable outside. While most students at Georgia Southern are struggling to make it out of their beds for their noon classes, the GSU ROTC Ranger Challenge Team is up before 0600, running four to five miles, carrying twenty to thirty-pound rucksacks on their backs. They aren't doing this for fun, though; all of this hard work is in preparation for the upcoming Ranger Challenge Competition.

Since September, these men and women have been training for the two-day competition. Thirty-five people originally tried out for the team, but since September, that number has been narrowed down to nine (along with two alternates). During the competition, the Ranger Challenge Team will compete in events such as shooting and grenade exercises, long-distance runs, land navigation exercises and even injury and casualty simulations.

"It's a competition of endurance,

but it's also a big puzzle," MSG 4, Master Sergeant, and Team Leader Richard Fischl said.

Charlie Witkowski, MSG 4 and Captain of the Ranger Challenge Team, agreed with his teammate.

"We have changed our mentality some. We used to just want the biggest guys, but now we've realized it's a running man's game and a thinking game. You have to think about it, do it the smart way and do it the fast way," Witkowski said.

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**Jozsef Papp**  
The George-Anne staff

President Obama delivered his annual State of the Union Address Tuesday night from the House Chamber. He spoke mainly about Middle Class economics and his plans for his final two years in office.

## State of the Union

### Main Points

**Economy** The President talked about how the economy has recovered since the 2008's economic crisis. He favored the middle class saying the "middle-class economics works". Obama went on to explain that while he has been in office businesses have created more than 11 million new jobs over the past five years. In addition, he urged Congress to pass a law that would make sure women earn the same wages as men do.

**Taxes** The President continued to announce his intentions to lower the taxes of working families. Also, he stated that he wants to close the "loopholes" and make sure the top one

percent pays taxes on their accumulated wealth.

**Environment** President Obama referred to climate change as the greatest threat to future generations. He announced that The United States along with China have committed in reducing carbon emission. He made note that America is number one in wind power and has reduced its dependence on foreign oil.

**Education** President Obama stated that he will send Congress a bold new plan to make the cost of community college equal zero. His intention is for

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Chris Rossmann

ence," Dr. Brooks Keel said.

The research will be based primarily around biology, ecology and the effects of eco-tourism on the surrounding environment though other topics of research are acceptable on a case-by-case basis.

"We are beginning to dabble in true scientific research," said Brian Krohnke, the Executive Director of Mindo Cloudforest Foundation. "Along with the University of Wyoming, our research partnership with Georgia Southern will turn into something big, I hope."

## GSU partners with foundation in Ecuador

**Chris Rossmann**  
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University announced today a new partnership with the Mindo Cloudforest Foundation in Ecuador.

The partnership announced the first research station for the University in Latin America that will offer opportunities for faculty, undergraduates and graduate students to conduct innovative and groundbreaking research in several areas of social and environmental sciences.

"I think this partnership will allow our students and faculty to really experience the South American culture and heritage while gaining valuable research experi-

## SPORTS SHORTS

**Chris Rossmann**  
The George-Anne staff

- Georgia Southern Men's Basketball team looks to rebound at Texas State tonight, and then travels to Louisiana Monroe Saturday.

- The Women's Basketball team will also travel to Texas State on Thursday before

facing Louisiana Monroe on the road Saturday.

- The Georgia Southern Track & Field/Cross Country Team will be competing at the Bob Pollock Invitational in Clemson, South Carolina on Friday and Saturday.

- The Men's Tennis team will play Kennesaw State at home on Saturday.

- The Swimming and Diving team will face off against North Florida at home on Saturday.

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## Arlo Guthrie To Perform Full Set At PAC

**Jozsef Papp**  
The George-Anne staff

Sixties music icon, Arlo Guthrie, will perform a full set at his "Arlo Guthrie: Alice's Restaurant 40th Anniversary" on Friday, Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m.

The event will take place at the Performing Arts Center. Stacie McDaniel,

house manager at the PAC, is excited for this performance.

"We're all really looking forward to this performance because it's going to be like watching a little piece of history," McDaniel said.

In addition to performing folk music, the event is expected to include funny stories about Guthrie and his family and friends.

Tickets are \$26 for patrons, \$23 for Georgia Southern Faculty and Staff and \$10 for Georgia Southern students. Tickets are available at the PAC Box Office or online.

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PARIS LAWRENCE  
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## "I. Ain't. Got. No. Daddy."

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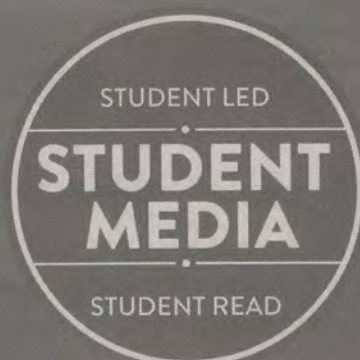


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## CELL PHONE USE BANNED IN SANFORD

BY TIFFANY SKINNER  
The George-Anne staff

The communications majors that tend to find themselves spending most days in Sanford Hall may need to begin rethinking whether or not bringing their cell phones to class is the best idea.

Effective as of January 12, 2015, the Georgia Southern University Department of Communication Arts is implementing a new cell phone policy which prohibits students from using their mobile devices during class unless directed to do so by their professor.

During the Fall 2014 semester, a committee of communication arts professors decided to come up with a new cell phone policy in Sanford Hall to reduce classroom distractions, increase student participation and provide a better learning environment. Several of the professors in the department are concerned students use their phones in class to do things unrelated to course material such as text and

surf the internet. They feel that class engagement helps them to understand what concepts the students grasp and in which areas they are still struggling.

"As professors we kind of feel like we are fighting for the attention of our students and classes are boring when students do not participate," Dr. Camille Broadway, Communication Arts Department professor, said.

The policy allows and encourages students to inform their instructors prior to the start of class if they are expecting a phone call during class, at which point they may step in the hallway to use the phone. Students caught on their phones will be warned and if they continue to break the policy they will be sent to the Office of Student Conduct for further punishment. Each instructor is allowed to have a more strict policy in regards to the use of cell phones and electronic s in their specific classroom.

The professors in the department also said they feel this policy will be effective in

reducing the instances where cheating may take place. Research has proven that 50 percent of college students use their smart phones to cheat on exams and in class assignments. Statistics also show that 70 percent of students admit to seeing their peers use their phones to cheat. The instructors know that the policy will not eliminate cheating but it will certainly reduce it.

Students in the Communication Arts program and others who have classes in Sanford Hall have stated that the policy is harsh and unnecessary. Some students say they don't use their phones to be academically dishonest, but to take notes, view lecture slides and define words.

"I understand that phones and other electronics can be a distraction in class but we are all adults, the fact that using your cell phone is punishable by judicial review is too harsh," Jordan Kelly, junior multimedia journalism major, said.



FILE PHOTO  
Sanford Hall opened  
Summer 2014

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DR. CAMILLE BROADWAY  
Communication Arts Professor

### Department of Communication Arts Cell Phone/Smart Phone & Electronics Policy

Students in Communication Arts classes are expected to demonstrate professional behaviors with their use of electronic devices in the classroom.

**The use of cell phones/smart phones, tablets and/or laptops to text, email or surf the Internet during class and/or assessments is banned except as directed or allowed by the instructor.**

- To assist in *your* learning the material for the course, you must be engaged in the class.
- Use of these electronic devices for outside activities during your class is disrespectful to both the professor and your peers.

All devices must be turned to silent or vibrate for the duration of the class period.

- If you are expecting an emergency phone call, speak to your professor prior to class. If you receive that call during class, you will leave the room to answer it.

Students with documented permission (from the SDRC) may use laptops and/or tablets in the classroom for note taking.

- In these cases students must disable the wireless capabilities of the device.
- Students may not post these recordings/videos to the Internet and/or share them with other students.

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### 01/27

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Student Organization Leader Certification Workshop  
5:30-7:00 pm Russell Union 2044, 2047, 2080  
Organization Leader Tracks is an opportunity for students in leadership positions within their organization to take their experience to the next level! This year, Presidents, Vice Presidents, Treasurers, and student leaders who have positions focusing on event planning will have the opportunity to complete "tracks" related to their leadership positions. We hope that you take advantage of this great way to boost your leadership skills and resume!  
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## The Declassified

# DESIGNATED DRIVERS GUIDE

BY ASYA FIELDS  
The George-Anne Staff



There are many right of passages during the college years. Some of them are good, and some of them are absolutely horrible. The most traumatizing of all may be having to sacrifice possible adventures for the weekend. If you're experiencing this agonizing pain, you have most likely been chosen as the Designated Driver (DD).

If this is your first time, most likely you don't know what you are getting yourself into. Unfortunately, for most first time DD's, they were either manipulated into the job, or volunteered their own services. Thankfully, there are people who have experienced this awful right of passage and they are here to give assistance.

### Rule #1: Know your Drunken Friend

There are two types of drinkers, and different ways to handle them. It's always best for the DD to know what type of drunk friend they are dealing with. It could be the calm collected friend that is just down for a good time, or the dramatic crier or fighter type.

The calm friends who have had a few drinks and can be easily handled is the best for first time DD's. They are easier to get in the car when it's time to go and won't be obnoxious about everything that is going on. This is the best way to ensure a good time.

The Crier/ Fighter on the other hand, is a drama queen/ king. They want everything done their way and ultimately have decided that the DD is their slave for the night. They are definitely not suggested for first timers.

### Rule #2: Avoid just being a taxi service

No one wants to simply drive a person around, drop them off from location to location and never actually go out. Being the DD isn't a contract to not have fun. Go out with your intoxicated friends, and enjoy the night because it's equally as possible for you to have a great night too!

### Rule #3: Be Aware of Responsibilities

Most students know someone who isn't the most responsible. Being the DD is a position that requires a lot of discipline and responsibility. It would be better for a first time DD to be completely okay with not being able to drink that night. It can be very easy to succumb to peer pressure and drink, even though there was an agreement made. Be smart and be safe.

## Back to the bars

# A look at the trends

BY MEG ELWOOD  
The George-Anne Staff

Going back to college brings back the most popular pass time on weekday evenings and weekend nights. Bar life. And during this past year, it's changed incredibly.

The Plaza has been a traditional (and almost historical) area for Georgia Southern students to eat, drink, laugh, cry and have a great time with friends. But years have passed. Freshman became graduates, graduates became alumni, and the bar scene has completely changed. Rudy's closed, Retrievers was sold, and into the picture came South City, Club 125 and Shenanigans.

So what's left? Where will everyone be? How much cash should I plan to not see in my wallet the next morning?

All good questions! To answer them, we decided to take an anonymous poll which asked people which bar they were planning to visit most often this semester.

- The most popular bar chosen was Club 125, one of Statesboro's

newest venues which opened mid October, off-Plaza, last semester.

- The next most popular is South City. Which opened off-Plaza in the Spring Semester of 2014.

- Shenanigans takes third place as it's extremely new and opened just this past Friday. But once being Retrievers, this on-Plaza bar may quickly jump to the top.

- Rum Runners and Tavern take the lowest placements. Very little voted for Rums and no one voted for poor little Tavern. Even "other" bars dominated these two, with Dingus MaGees taking over 90% (4 votes) of the "other" category and Big Shows taking 10% (1 vote).

How much does an average night cost at a bar?

This is really opinion and time based. It depends on the bar. Their specials, an event, if there's cover or not, if it's a weekday or a weekend. It also depends on the person. How frugal do you want to be, how many places you want to go (or are dragged to), how high or low of a tolerance you have, etc.

Note: This scale was based off of an average night on a weekend for one

person. Cover charge was included. Happy Hour and other specials were not included, therefore actual placements on the scale may vary.

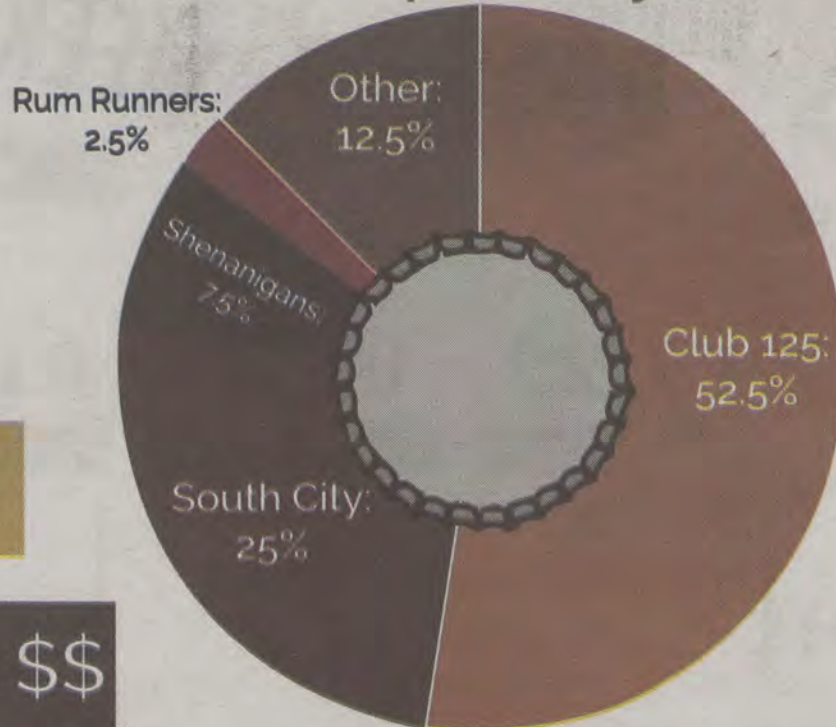
- South City, Rum's and Club 125 take the top segment of the scale, but this doesn't mean that you have to be a big baller in order to go to these bars. They are all quite affordable for us college students. Go to Atlanta or Savannah and back, then their prices will be as if the Dollar Store became a bar.

- Shenanigans and Tavern take the cheaper end of the scale. Who doesn't love to save a buck or two. This doesn't mean they have a cheap or crappy atmosphere though; these on-plaza bars are still great bars.

So, have the old classics been dominated by the shiny new bars? According to the data, and the fact that there are very few left, it's very possible. But, where you choose to go is your choice, so go where you wish! The Plaza is still there, enjoy it while you can, but never be afraid to branch out.

## Poll based off of 40 people

## Popularity



Tavern \$

Shenanigans \$\$

Club 125 \$\$\$

Rum Runners \$\$\$\$

South City \$\$\$\$\$



# CHASING THE DREAM WITH KALI DONN

BY MICHELLE NEWSWORTHY  
The George-Anne Staff

What do you get when you take a criminal justice major, soul and a guitar and smash them all together? Kali Donn, that's what.

Though she still considers herself a beginner, Kali Donn's musical and vocal talents have landed her continual spots at Unplugged and Savannah's The Love & Soul Experience - a monthly event where artists and professionals from across the nation and local area are invited to perform and network.

But the 19-year-old Savannah native doesn't seem to take herself too seriously.

"Both events bring forth such amazing opportunities to network and do what you love,"

Donn said, "I'm extremely humbled and blessed."

According to Donn, performing live isn't as easy as it looks. "I'll say to myself 'welp, you're up on stage now. There's no turning back. The only thing you can do is give it your all and the people will either like it or hate it.'"

And like it was the answer for Chatise Smith, junior public relations major.

"I thought [Donn's music] was very smooth, very soulful. It reminded me of like, India Arie, or maybe Floetry, and very relaxing," Smith said.

With a vocal style that can only be described as ethereal and soulful, Donn blends spoken word and her guitar skills to create an almost confessional experience in songs like, "Thank You" and the sneak-peek "AJC."

While Donn does covers from artists like

John Legend, Florence + the Machine and Beyoncé, she's tackled a handful of original songs.

"A new song usually happens like this: something really good, or bad, happens, I play a random chord progression, then sing about what happened and try to make the words rhyme," Donn said. "All this usually happens between 12 and 4 a.m."

As far as influences go, the songstress said that she's influenced by musicians who can really play, and gains her inspiration from her desire to make people happy - and, of course, make her mama proud.

With a few original songs under her belt, Donn didn't deny the possibility of dropping an album of her own. "I'd love to make albums," she said, but the focus is on finishing more original songs.

Until then, any one whose looking to add a little soul to their playlist can find her on YouTube and Soundcloud.



PHOTO COURTESY OF Kali Donn

## Artist's Corner



BY RASHIDA OTUNBA  
The George-Anne Staff

Hello, dear readers! As you may have noticed, here at The George-Anne we are changing many things this semester. In addition to our new design and expanded paper layout, we have also created a new section: Features! Our section will focus on campus life, pop culture, events, student profiles and many other fun additions that we hope students will enjoy reading.

One segment that we hope will become a staple of our section is Artist's Corner, a weekly

profile on student artists on Georgia Southern's campus. In this section we want to profile the work of talented artists and musicians who would like to share with us the method to their madness and give us an in-depth look into the life of a student artist.

In addition to student artists, we will also be covering art exhibitions in the Center for Art and Theatre that feature the work of renowned artists and talented alumni. To kick off the semester, the CAT will host "Continuum," an exhibit that showcases the artwork of GSU alumni. The art will be held in the CAT's Contemporary gallery from Jan. 12-Feb. 21 and there will be an artist's reception on Jan. 15 at 5 p.m. that is open to the public.

If you want to have your work and profile featured in The George-Anne, please email us at [gaartistscorner@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:gaartistscorner@georgiasouthern.edu).

## College Health Tip #9

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## WAITING FOR THE BUS BY: TOMMY MARTIN



## 2015: The year of allyship and anti-oppression



### ERINN WILLIAMS

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In 2014, through countless acts of bloodshed and violence, we witnessed the dawn of a new era. Driven by the grassroots ideologies of millennials, social justice movements moved to the forefront of America's thoughts.

Prison/court reform, racial, immigrant, women's, reproductive, LGBTQ, disability and many other rights/justices got their time in the spotlight

last year. So, if 2014 was the year that brought all of America's inequalities to the forefront, 2015 should be the year that we see some changes and we already have.

The world is slowly becoming more and more social justice oriented. Disenfranchised groups are finally starting to receive the recognition that they truly deserve. This change was even shown in Obama's State of the Union speech Tuesday night, where he said, "That's why we defend free speech, and advocate for political prisoners, and condemn the persecution of women, or religious minorities, or people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. We do these things not only because they're right, but because they make us safer" making him the first president to recognize and say the word "transgender" at such a high-profile occasion.

This has caused me to dub 2015 as "The Year of Allyship and Anti-oppression." People around the world have become informed and want to do

something, especially members of privileged groups. So how you can you do that? Well one way is by becoming an ally.

### What is an ally?

"An ally is any person who supports, empowers, or stands up for another person or a group of people"

### Why you should be an ally?

So why should you be an ally? Well, one reason is that in a study conducted by the Harvard University Voices of Diversity project, it was found that "diversity on college campuses has increased, but women and minorities still face prejudice and discrimination" according to Huffington Post. As much as we as minority groups are very good at fighting our own battles, it takes the combined work of all members of a society to truly cause reform and change.

Another reason is that you are a college student or at least a member of Georgia Southern University. Colleges are breeding grounds for new age thought and integration of diverse teachings, so in that same way they should be the birthplace of people from majority populations taking a stance to better the lives of their peers. So, put those culturally diverse courses that they made you take as core classes to good use!

The Community Tool Box says that "allies can help you achieve your mission. They may be willing to share their resources and information with you to achieve a common goal and the community is more likely to pay attention if there are more people working towards

that goal. In other words, the more help and support you have, the more you can get accomplished." As much as we as minority groups are very good at fighting our own battles, it takes the combined work of all members of a society to truly cause reform and change.

But just as a warning make sure that your intentions are pure in allyship. You shouldn't become an ally to any group just because you don't like your own culture or feel extremely guilty.

### Definitions you need to know

**Privilege** - a special right, advantage or immunity granted or available only to a particular person or group of people

**Social justice** - is the view that everyone deserves equal economic, political and social rights and opportunities

**Cultural/Societal Oppression** - The aspects of society that overtly and covertly attribute value and normality to dominant groups & members and devalue, stereotype, and label subordinated groups & members as "other," different, less than, or render them invisible

**Minority group** - is a sociological category within a demographic. Rather than a relational "social group", as the term would indicate, the term refers to a category that is differentiated and defined by the social majority, that is, those who hold the majority of positions of social power in a society

**Solidarity** - unity or agreement of feeling or action, especially among individuals with a common interest; mutual support within a group

**Ableism** - discrimination

against people with disabilities. This means expressions of fear or hate for people with disabilities, a denial of accessibility, as well as institutionalized discrimination

**Cisgender** - is a gender identity term used to describe people who identify as the gender/sex they were assigned at birth

**Cultural Appropriation** - Taking objects, practices, and bodies out of their cultural context and exhibiting or performing them without consideration of the privilege such a removal or display entails. Oftentimes this goes hand-in-hand with exotification and fetishization of other cultures

### Steps to become an ally

1. Establish friendships with people who belong to groups that are not usually in the center of mainstream culture
2. Learn about each others cultures and histories
3. Examine your own prejudices
4. Take a stand when groups are targeted with unjust treatment
5. Promote the leadership of people in groups who don't normally take leadership positions
6. Support different groups on the issues that effect them directly
7. Support groups to gain power in their communities
8. Help bring marginalized or isolated groups into the center of activity
9. Work to change the system-wide problems that may be root causes of inequality and oppression
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## ROTC members head to RANGER CHALLENGE COMPETITION

This will not be the first time that Georgia Southern's ROTC has competed in the Ranger Challenge; the team has been a presence at the competition for many years, under the coaching of Sgt. 1st Class Linn, but never placed higher than eighth or ninth.

In 2012, Linn began to push the team harder, Fishl said, taking them on long runs where they were required to carry at least fifty pounds of added weight. Early in 2013, Master Sgt. Timothy Parks began coaching the team with Linn.

In 2013, the team won fastest overall time and the overall competition, beating teams from schools such as Georgia Tech, UGA and FSU.

"We showed up and were competing against over 40 different schools. It was a little intimidating, but we just gave it our best. We got fastest overall time. And then when they came to top three, we were number one. We still have video of them calling our names—we just couldn't believe it," Witkowski said.

Following the unexpected win in 2013, Witkowski said that they got much more serious about the competition. MSG Parks took the reins, becoming the team's

sole coach. His goal was to make sure that the team did not return to the competition simply to compete; instead, his goal was for them to win again.

In 2014, the team finished in 2nd place overall, finishing just behind their rivals at Florida State University, which has given them extra motivation for this year.

"We won first in rope-bridge, road march and overall time, but not first overall," Witkowski said. "This year, we're determined to win and defeat FSU. We've trained like no other."

While the team is comprised of eight men and one woman, two alternate teammates have also trained

alongside them. During the competition, if one of the team members is injured and unable to continue, an alternate can take his or her place. However, once an alternate is placed into the competition, that team automatically forfeits. On the first day of the competition in 2013, MSG 4 Fishl threw his shoulder out. Instead of using an alternate, however, he popped his shoulder back into its socket and continued for the rest of the competition.

MSG Parks, the team's coach, adamantly stressed how hard these men and women have trained throughout the past few months.

The team leaves today to compete in the Ranger Challenge Team at Camp Blanding, Fla.

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Imagine waking up every morning at 0500 in the pitch dark, below freezing and putting on a heavily-weighted ruck sack and running for miles on end. Pushing your body till there is nothing left. Imagine sacrificing your weekends to train on weapon marksmanship and other tedious tasks that might give you an upper edge in the competition. These Cadets—college students, might I add—have poured their heart and soul into preparation for this event.”

-MSG Parks

The team's coach



PHOTOS  
COURTESY OF  
CHARLIE  
WITKOWSKI  
& ALLISON RAINEY

The GSU ROTC Ranger Challenge Team won 1st place at the Sandhurst competition in 2013.



# ANGEL MCGOWAN: A LEADER ON AND OFF THE COURT

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As a sophomore, McGowan is the team's leader in points, steals and assists.



BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX  
The George-Anne Staff

When recruiting prospects, head women's basketball coach Chris Vozab looks at more than a player's skill on the court. Sophomore guard Angel McGowan certainly gave something to notice: a published children's book.

"In the recruiting process, we try to not just look at basketball, and look at the whole picture. We knew she wrote it, and we thought it was just the coolest thing," Vozab said.

In high school, McGowan was inspired by her parents' anti-bullying campaign. Though she was never bullied in school, she certainly had seen some throughout her school years. Her parents wanted Angel to go out and do something to bring attention to this issue that can be found in every school in the country.

"I wasn't bullied, but I had plenty of friends who were. When they came to me, and I saw how it affected them and I could really understand how important it was," McGowan said.

So, at the age of 15, she put pen to

paper and drafted out the children's book. Her mother was also an author and took her through the writing process. She made her first drafts and got with one of her classmates to illustrate it.

Once it was finished, she brought it to the publishing company, and its release warranted attention from local newspapers and talk shows. Once it was written, she was invited out to Los Angeles to represent her book, "STOMP OUT The Bullying."

Angel has not kept up with the number of copies sold, but her middle school and elementary school purchased their share. The book is about a young boy named Mikey who becomes worried about bullies at his school. "STOMP OUT The Bullying" can be found on Amazon.com.

McGowan's character and personality are part of the reason she has been such a great leader for her team and the team leader in assists. She leads the team in points per game with 12.3 and is shooting nearly 40 percent from the field and 70 percent from the free throw line.

She has also had to step into a leadership role as the team only has one senior. With the bulk of the season approaching, McGowan will have to lead her team well to turn around their Sun Belt record.

"As a team, we were struggling. We are starting to figure it all out, getting on the same page, and putting it all together. Once we do that consistently I think we will be alright," McGowan said.

The Lady Eagles will continue their three-game road swing today against Texas State at 6:30 p.m.





# Finland pride and GSU tennis meet

BY DERIK WUCHTE  
The George-Anne staff

Hailing from the land of a thousand lakes, Ristomatti Lanne is a tennis player ready to push his team ahead as they chase after a Sun Belt Championship victory this year.

Lanne is a junior journalism major from Finland and he is part of the men's tennis team for this spring semester. Through Jan. 13, he has put up a 9-4 record. With his most recent win over Georgia Tech senior Eduardo Segura, Lanne looks to keep his high from the fall season ongoing.

As a native to Finland, moving to Georgia Southern University was a big move for Lanne. Although Lanne had gone to Lander University in Greenwood, South Carolina first, GSU had something that Lander did not.

"I wanted to combine studies and tennis," Lanne said. "I thought it would be nice to play D-1 tennis."

GSU's large scale, small feel

atmosphere won Lanne over quickly. The "overall feeling as students" was something Lanne expressed feeling during his time here so far.

"You can feel like you're part of a community," Lanne said. "With football and basketball... Everyone is together as one big family."

The season may have started with a team loss against Georgia Tech, but that is not keeping the Eagles down. Lanne wants to do what he can to keep the team moving forward so they have a real shot at taking the championship this year.

"Tennis is an individual sport. But it would be selfish to just think of myself. I need to think of the team first," Lanne said. "I need to do my part and then do as much I can for the team."

Lanne and the men's tennis team will have their second meet against Kennesaw State at home in the Wallis Tennis Center next to Hanner on Saturday, Jan. 24. It will start at 12 p.m.

Through Jan. 13, Lanne is 9-4 overall on a three-win streak.



## 1. WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Kangasala, Finland

## 2. HOW OLD ARE YOU?

22

## 3. DO YOU HAVE A NICKNAME?

"Rice" or "Ris"

## 4. WHAT TYPE OF MUSIC DO YOU LIKE LISTENING TO?

Finnish, but open to everything. Country, house; everything.

## 5. WHAT WORDS WOULD YOU USE TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF?

Honest, hard-working, committed

## 6. WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?

Play golf, disk golf; all-around follow sports

## 7. WHAT AGE DID YOU START PLAYING TENNIS REGULARLY?

6 when I started, and became interested. Ten, more seriously.

## 8. BEST THING ABOUT PLAYING TENNIS?

Getting all the experiences traveling abroad. Fifteen to twenty countries. It also brought me here.

## 9. MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT PLAYING TENNIS?

Winning singles and doubles in the high school championship, 2011.

## 10. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO AFTER GRADUATION?

I really want to try and be a professional tennis player, but it's hard to know how that will work. So, graduating and doing my masters in Finland.

**Q&A**  
with Ristomatti Lanne

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