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THE GEORGE-ANNE

## NAACP State President Reflects on Black History Month

*"We should celebrate it through reflection and response. Reflection on progress we've made and response to the challenges that remain."* SEE PAGE 3

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**"I GOT TO LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRAM HERE, THIS IS A LEGENDARY PLACE TO BE ABLE TO PLAY BASEBALL."**

-DALE MURPHY, ATLANTA BRAVES HALL OF FAME

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## #SUPER BOWL



**TRENDING TWEETS DURING & AFTER THE GAME**

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**FASHION TAKES SAVANNAH**

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**JUNK TO FUNK**  
proves that one man's trash is another man's treasure

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## #SUPER BOWL XLIX



## This day in black history



CAITLYN OLIVER  
The George-Anne Staff

Six time All-Star Bill White was named president of National League in 1989. White was the Saint Louis Cardinals first baseman from 1959 to 1965. When White was named president of the National League and he was the first African American to head a major sports league.

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### 9 Things Your Boyfriend Actually Wants for Valentines Day

By Alexandra McCray

1. To not celebrate Valentine's Day

Let's be real, that's not going to happen until hell freezes over...or you're the coolest girlfriend of all time.

2. A bottle opener that says it all



3. For you to pay for dinner/make him dinner

Paying for two people all the time gets expensive, give his wallet a break.

4. For you to save yourself time and money and not make that ~Adorable~ Pinterest craft he will never use.

Give him this one day to not have plaster on a smile and say he loves the crapp coasters you made him.

5. Home decor that will help him be a more functional human being

6. A poster of his favorite band/movie. The Eagle Print Shop can turn any image you give them into a small poster for super cheap.

7. The latest stand up by his favorite comedian

You can buy and download stand up specials from comedians likes Louis. C.K. for as little as \$5. You can watch them together, and I promise he'll enjoy it a lot more than "50 Shades of Grey."

8. For you to go the whole day without looking at your phone.

9. Nude pictures obviously!

Just kidding. Nudes are never a good idea. I'm pretty sure Jennifer Lawrence has taught us all that.

See more at  
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## GSU professor speaks at TEDx Talks

CAITLYN OLIVER  
The George-Anne staff

Fayth Parks, Ph.D, a psychologist and professor at Georgia Southern University was a speaker at TEDx Talk Augusta in Augusta, Ga. this weekend.

The theme of the talks was connections. Parks spoke on the connection between modern medicine and cultural traditions.

"Conventional medicine minimizes cultural formulations as legitimate partners.

However, there are connections between cultural practices and modern medicine," Parks said.

She has over 25 years of experience in her field and has been teaching at GSU for 11 years.

"I study healing traditions as a cultural group's belief system and coping strategies," Parks said. "Generally, these beliefs and practices are woven into narratives that give people meaning and order in healing and recovery."

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# CAMPUS NAACP SEES JUMP IN MEMBERSHIP

BY NADIA DREID  
The George-Anne staff

Over 30 students pledged to join the Georgia Southern University NAACP Thursday night after being addressed by local businessman Jonathan McCollar and the president of the Georgia NAACP Dr. Francys Johnson. It was the organization's first general body meeting of the semester.

"I am here for one reason and one reason alone, and that is because someone told a lie a long time ago," Johnson said in his opening remarks. "That because of the texture of your hair, the broadness of your nose, the composition of melanin in your skin, that you were less than . . . and that lie has been repeated over and over and over again and been used to deny life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to too many people."

Johnson, a GSU alum and former Student Government Association president, encouraged students to become the generation that "stomps out" the lie that some people are inferior to others and expressed his disappointment at being told that the GSU NAACP was struggling to remain active on campus.

"Surely if there should be an NAACP in any college - and we've resurrected 21 other college NAACPs between last year and now - it should be at Georgia Southern University," Johnson said.

Protesting the local theater's refusal to screen the 1992 film *Malcolm X* when it was released and campaigning for recognition of black contributions to Georgia Southern history are only a few of the things GSU's NAACP has accomplished in the past, Johnson said.

The NAACP is an umbrella organization, Johnson said, which means that in order to join many of the historically black students organizations on campus, such as the Divine Nine, students must first be NAACP members. They also must be registered to vote.

"Those organizations all have a shared mission in terms of uplifting underserved communities and certainly communities of color, and

so, one can't be a part of that uplift if one is not engaged as a voter, if one is not engaged in thinking deeply about the critical issues of the day," Johnson said.

McCollar encouraged students to get involved, be aware of the politics of their surroundings and to protest with their wallets and pocketbooks.

"They want your money, but they don't want your voice," McCollar said. "Don't spend your money with people that don't care about

your interests."

While traditionally campaigning for the rights of black Americans, Johnson said that it is vital for the NAACP to be inclusive of all groups and for others to recognize that black Americans want the same things as their nonblack counterparts.

"The values that are held by African-Americans are the same values by which all Americans want to live - they want a good education, a fair criminal justice system, equal access

to participate in the electoral process, communities that are healthy and they want an environment that is clean," Johnson said. "These are things that are not black and white. These are things that are red, white and blue."

Dr. Saba Jallow, GSU NAACP faculty advisor and director of the Center for Africana Studies, said he was happy with the turnout and credited the current leadership of the organization for the renewed student interest.

Jallow said that students should remember that the NAACP is open to everyone and is dedicated to making life better for all people.

"There are always problems out there in terms of progress which has been made and taken back. We always have to stand together, and it doesn't matter whether you're black, white, Asian, Hispanic," Jallow said. "Membership of this organization gives you the road to make things better for everybody."



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FRANCYS JOHNSON  
Georgia NAACP President

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**Dr. Francys Johnson** is an attorney and pastor in Statesboro. He was appointed as the Southeast Region Director of the NAACP in 2006.



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## Q&A: FRANCYS JOHNSON, NAACP GEORGIA STATE PRESIDENT

**Black history month has been controversial from its inception, with some arguing that it's racist and others arguing that it's unfair that black history is confined to a single month. How do you feel about it?**

In this country, it is a part of what makes us great that we can focus on a particular community and highlight their achievements as a part of the overall American story. It represents the best of America, one of the most diverse countries on the planet, and of course we would take moments to lift up significant communities in our nation. So it is not racist in that regard, and it's not confined to February.

Our focus on women's heart health isn't confined to February, our focus on breast cancer isn't confined to October. It's just a particular moment on the calendar where we reserve to give special attention and focus, so it is neither racist nor is it restrictive.

**How should black history month be celebrated?**

When the founders crafted this nation, they knew that it was far from perfect and they left every succeeding generation with an obligation to make it a more perfect union and I think when you look at African-American history from the arrival of Africans in America, then you have to say that we have made such tremendous progress within that history.

We still have a ways to go until the day where we can say that our criminal justice system is truly color-blind, where our education system is a system that produces world-class learners who are ready for global opportunities despite the color of their skin. We can't say that here in Bulloch County, where half of the students who show up in kindergarten won't graduate in the twelfth grade.

We should celebrate it through reflection and response. Reflection on progress we've made and response to the challenges that remain.

**We tend to think of the civil rights movement as something that happened and ended a long time ago. Is the work done?**

Absolutely not.

This country has been engaged in a civil rights movement from the moment that colonists took upon themselves their own will to write and declare their intentions to live as free people. The Declaration of Independence is a declaration of civil rights for those colonists, and what we have been doing over the years is expanding that document and its promises to an ever-widening group of people. To women and to people of color and in recent years, to people of same-sex orientation, and the work is not done until America is truly the land of the free and the home of the brave. For all of God's children.

**What do you consider to be the major civil rights issues for this generation?**

We need an economic reality that makes sense. So it doesn't matter whether an African-American and a white person can live together in an interracial marriage if they can't afford a house and education for their children's minds and sustenance for their bodies, a living wage.

It's just un-American that you can work every day of the year of every week of the year and still be below the poverty line, that's just un-American.

We've got to tighten the loopholes that allow those who have made the most of the American dream to take billions of dollars overseas and away from this country and away from critical investments in our infrastructure, and then we've got to make sure the government is efficient in the use of its resources.

**At the meeting Thursday night, you talked about the importance of inclusivity to a civil rights movement. Can you expand on that?**

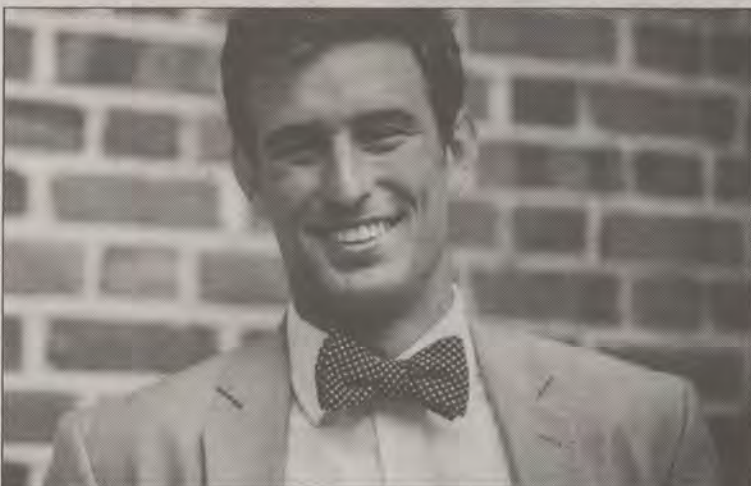
People often say to me as the head of the NAACP, "Why is the NAACP concerned with black and white issues?" And I am quick to remind them that the NAACP was founded by a diverse group of citizens of every hue, of every faith and even of no religious faith at all, founded on the basic premise that America had a ways to go in terms of living up to her promises.

We must seek to be more inclusive within our own work and space. If we look around and everyone looks like us and has the same viewpoint, then we should take it upon ourselves to make it a more diverse space, wherever we are.

Inclusion is my mission and that's important... to finish this last work of the civil rights movement.

## SGA APPROVES SHUTTLE GUS POLICY

BY MACY HOLLOWAY  
The George-Anne staff



Georgia Southern's Student Government Association has recently been in deliberations regarding the use and future inner-workings of the well-known Shuttle Gus service.

This past week at the regularly scheduled SGA meeting, a discussion was brought to the floor pertaining to the future policies regarding who would be in charge of Shuttle Gus administration each weekend.

For those who may not be familiar with what exactly Shuttle Gus is, it is a service the SGA provides in collaboration with other organizations around campus to offer free rides to students all over Statesboro on Friday and Saturday nights from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. The organizations sign up in advance for a specific weekend and they are paid \$300 to volunteer. Three vehicles are rented out of SGA's operational budget every weekend.

The initial discussion was brought to the floor by SGA's graduate assistant Ben Dyer, who stated that the responsibility of handling the heavy lifting of Shuttle Gus would no longer fall

directly on the shoulders of the executive board. This included the President, Azell Francis, Vice President, Ellen Hogan, and various other Vice Presidents of specific departments.

"The exec board actually runs Shuttle Gus for the first weekend of every semester, so we actually drive that weekend and take calls. All weeks after, the volunteering organizations drive and answer calls, and as an SGA member, their specific role is just to represent and make sure everything runs smoothly," Francis said.

"Each college will now be responsible for an entire weekend, twice this semester," Dyer said. Initially, an otherwise negative reaction from the majority of senators—each college is represented by six senators—was heard; however, in the end policies were agreed upon and SGA was able to implement and introduce the new system to its public board. "We wanted to make sure that, as an organization, we were doing things as efficiently and effectively as possible. So with that we decided to empower our senators to allow them to really fulfill their responsibilities,"

Francis said.

The policy was voted on and has been effective as of last Friday.

"It doesn't affect Shuttle Gus as a program, it only affects how it is internally ran," Francis said. The senators, on their respective weekends, are the primary supervisors on site—a pavilion that they run Shuttle Gus out of. They meet with the volunteering organization on those nights and just overhead supervise to take calls and assist in ensuring the safety of the vehicles and students.

As far as the disagreements during the SGA meeting, Francis felt that as they are supposed to be the voice of the entire student body, sometimes it can be beneficial to not always agree on bigger decisions such as this that must be made. Conversation allowed them to make sure this was the right decision for everyone at the time.

"I want the senators to make sure they remember the 'why' and that they promised to serve students—that a senator should be the best representative of students possible."


Chance Shelton contributed to this report.



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## *I Do But I Don't*

The Big Commitment in College: The Married Life vs. Going Solo

**BY MICHELLE NORSWORTHY**  
The George-Anne staff

It's coming, we're literally a week away from Valentine's day (AKA single awareness day). This has a lot of people thinking about relationships. As we reach the end of cuffing season, we decided to look at the two extremes of college dating: Married and single.

You've got your friend that's out to find The One, the friend who's already got that, and the one who wants to have as many Ones as they can squeeze into the four or five years they're here – Oh, and let's not forget the one here for an education. Because who knew that was a thing?

Many succeed, many fail and many just don't give a damn. Regardless of your relationship status, it's always important to know the benefits and shortcomings of any situation.

### THE MARRIED LIFE

Jacquelyn Lewis, senior pre-physican's assistant biology major, has been married a little

over a year now. Her husband, Josh, is currently deployed. On top of her studies and marriage, Lewis also belongs to Delta Phi Epsilon and works as a Community Leader.

"I turned away from him for something and that's when he got down, but I thought he fell so I turned around was like 'What are you doing?'" Lewis said, "That's when he proposed, but I freaked out. I froze, obviously I said yes, but I was just like 'Did you tell my Mom?'"

Lewis and her husband had a shorter engagement, wanting to be married before Josh deployed. For her, the pros are easy: commitment and having a support system.

Joanna Rosenwald, a junior child and family service major, has been engaged nearly a year. Her fiancé, Matt, recently graduated and works as a teacher. Rosenwald also likes the commitment and support of a lifelong partner.

"It's nice to be past those first stages of dating where you're so shy and weird around each

other," Rosenwald said, "You can completely be yourself. There's a constant support system."

Both admit that there are cons to such serious relationships, and see the pros

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**JOANNA ROSENWALD**  
Junior Child and Family  
Service Major

in the single life.

"Don't just settle for anyone because you're lonely or you think you aren't going to find

anyone else. There is a huge undiscovered world out there with tons of people in it," Rosenwald said.

Though many people view such commitments has restricting, Rosenwald says being "tied down" isn't all bad.

For Lewis, the con is the difficulty in balancing all of her responsibilities. Between school, work, her sorority, friends, and her marriage, Lewis says managing her priorities can get overwhelming. "It depends on the person though, to see if you want that responsibility. It's not just you're taking care of anymore; it's someone else, too."

### THE SINGLE LIFE

So you're single and it's A-okay. Relationships may be the goal for some, but others may have no interest in them. Here are most common reasons people decide to stay single:

#### PRO: MORE ME TIME.

For Brittnee Chongling, a junior child and family service major, self-growth is precisely

the reason. "I'm not trying to get into a relationship," Chongling said, "I'm just trying to find myself."

#### PRO: FREEDOM, SWEET FREEDOM.

Others may feel that they aren't ready for that type of commitment. Others like Kelly Clarke, a senior anthropology major. "It's nice to have the freedom to do what you want and it doesn't hurt anyone."

The biggest cons to not having a boo?

Nevermind that Valentine's Day is right around the corner. For people like Chongling and Clarke, the biggest drawbacks are not having a "cuddle buddy" and not having someone there to support them.

"You don't have anyone to talk to about life and the little things," Chongling said.

While there are friends, something tells me it isn't the same thing.

So, in the mean time, keep tying those knots...or you know, run. Run far away. That's okay too.





## THE BUZZ LIST

MATT SOWELL  
Features editor



►Idina Menzel, the real MVP, absolutely slayed the National Anthem at Sunday night's super bowl. They should let her do the half time show. Better yet, they should advertise like she's going to sing "Let it Go" but then in reality she performs "Over the Moon" from RENT. Imagine the chaos that would erupt as a stadium full of people who have never seen RENT were like "...moo?". Let's be honest, a lot of you probably don't know that song. YouTube it, it's art.

►Katy Perry, Singer of all things bubbly, was lucky enough to be able to open and close for the Missy Elliott concert last night. Katy began her performance in a lovely Guy Fieri outfit that screamed "I am KAThisshearme Roar" (get it?). Her performance ended with her ascending back to her home planet on the NBC "The More You Know" star. In all honesty, the half time show was pretty great. I'm not the biggest fan of Katy Perry, but she did a pretty solid job. Also, the sharks were my favorite part. You know that somewhere, in some small town, a mom was like "That shark! That's my boy!"

►All in all this was a pretty decent Super Bowl. Nothing will ever beat Beyonce's half time show and epic black out. Katy may not have been my first choice, but it could have been worse. At least it wasn't Lana Del Rey.

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# JUNK 2 FUNK YOU UP



BY MEG ELWOOD  
The George-Anne Staff

Junk2Funk, a fashion show held by Savannah Arts Academy, features a show completely put on by students from the outfits to the lighting all the way down to the stage decorations.

## Mind. Blown. Right?

The challenge is told in the name: the students take "junk" like plastic bags, spoons, cardboard, lamp shades, whatever they can get their imaginative little hands on, and turn those items into wearable outfits that match the given theme.

This year the audience was taken into Insectum, where the designers had to apply a specific insect inspiration to their creations. Final pieces that looked like they belong on Project Runway strutted down the runway, from paper fan mantises,

to lightning bugs with real glowing ornaments under an umbrella skirt, it was amazing to see how these kids took junk and gave it incredible funk.

The stage was setup as if the audience members were bugs instead of people, featuring giant umbrella sized clovers and a large bug cage where all of the models waited until they were shoed onto stage. Of course, the Academy likes to throw some entertainment into the show and opened with an extremely talented student singing "Junk2Funk you Up," their remix of "Uptown Funk." The interpretive dance group of the Academy also had two segments of the show. Dancers ran around the stage in a row like a line of ants as the frogs came to devour them -- dark, yet very well done.

If you've never been and your a fashionista then this is the annual show for you to go see.



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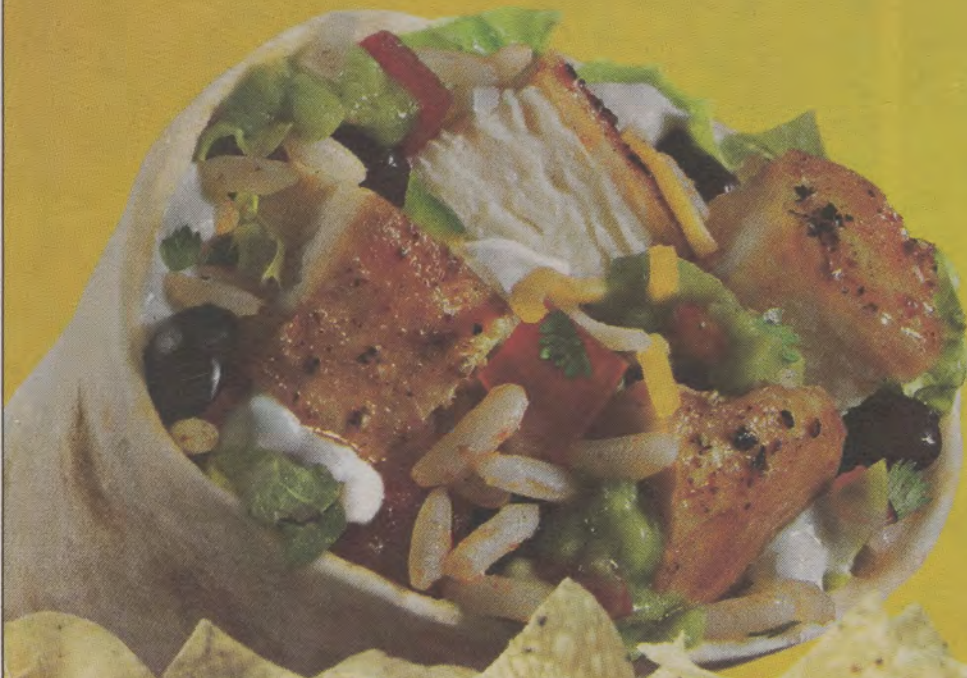
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## HUMANS V. ZOMBIES

### An Undead Friendship



**ANDREW CHIARIELLO**

Chiariello is a senior writing and linguistics major from Rincon, Ga.

Saying my first semester at Georgia Southern was rough is an understatement. If you asked me where anything on campus was, you would be lucky to have received more than a bunch of stutters and a nervous stare into the abyss. On top of that, I would only attend classes then go home for the night, not participating

in any campus events or organization activities. Indeed, I spent my first few weeks as an independent adult spending my days and nights alone, and I was pretty miserable.

That all changed one morning in October when I saw a peculiar sight. There were about ten students holding nerf blasters at the rotunda. Some of them were wearing bright bandannas while others had equally noticeable armbands. They had a table and sign that read "HvZ Signups!"

Stricken by curiosity, I approached them and asked what they were doing. They were advertising for a game called "Humans vs Zombies" and explained it to me. A 24/7 game of tag with a zombie theme? It sounded cool enough for me. Besides, I needed to do something besides attend classes and devour entire bags of cheetos while I played City of Heroes alone every night. So I went to the store, bought a

cheap nerf weapon, a bandanna and joined. What I did not realize was that I was joining what I believe to be the strongest and friendliest community on Georgia Southern's campus.

The game relies on teamwork and communication for both sides. Humans needed buddies to protect them on their way to class, and Zombies needed fellow brain-lovers to help them tag their next meal. Without one another, you are pretty much doomed. It was this necessity to communicate that made me realize I was spending more time with the players (after classes, of course) during the day.

By the time the first game ended, I was basically good friends with most of the players. During the game, I was being invited to house parties where a bunch of humans would watch B-movies and eat pizza while we planned for missions and patrols the next day. Then when I inevitably died (spoilers: 99 percent of you will), I was

hanging out with my fellow zombies, plotting ways to tag humans.

It was through all of these parties, these hangouts, and these gatherings that made me break my anxiety-ridden, loner shell at Georgia Southern. It was through this game of tag where I met some of my closest friends, roommates, and even my beautiful girlfriend. It was through this game that I became a genuinely happy person for the first time in a while.

So yeah, to some students and faculty, we may seem like a bunch of crazy punks who like to play children's games. We may come off as a bunch of nerds, losers and virgins to those that don't give this game a chance. But you know what? That's fine by me. Because I know those insults are wrong. Humans vs Zombies is the best community I've had the privilege to be a part of and I think you should be a part of it too.

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

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## UNCONVENTIONAL NEWS

### Discovering Snapchat In A Whole New Way



**ALIA LEWIS**

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The room is quiet. Everyone is proudly showcasing their "I hate 9 a.m.'s on a Monday morning" face. We're in biology and to engage us my professor, full of jokes, asks a room of college students a question related to the news. She wanted to know if anyone knew anything about the bomb threat posted on twitter which caused mass havoc in the Hartsfield Jackson International Airport. As predicted, hardly anyone in the class knew about what

had happened. In fact, many became utterly clueless after hearing the word "news!"

It comes as no surprise to know that our generation is severely uninformed. Many of us indulge in various types of television shows, music, etc. but when it comes time to watching the news, it's difficult. For me, the news is both boring and depressing. Even after trying to supplement it from other formats such as through online journalism, I still always quit and consequently remained uninformed. Thankfully Snapchat is the answer to the uninformed millennial's prayer!

#### Introducing Snapchat Discover

The wonderful magic that has so many people including myself captivated is known as the discover feature! According to Snapchat's website, "Discover is a new way to explore stories from different editorial teams." You can watch videos, read captivating stories and articles, listen to radio excerpts, watch interviews and the works all

from your Snapchat. Different media companies such as Cosmo, ESPN, CNN, People, Yahoo News, etc. all post various amounts of content. In other words, as long as students check Snapchat, they will no longer be that clueless person sitting in biology class.

My favorite part about the discover feature is the concise, relevant content posted. When you hit the CNN button, you aren't bombarded by a 30 minute news coverage of every single detail in America. You get the main points, perfect for busy students on the go. Plus, the best part is you're in full control. You control how long you listen to a particular story instead of being forced to watch to an entire news segment or television show.

Besides discover, Snapchat has formulated other updates including its discontinuation of allowing others to view your best friends list. To say this update has caused tension is an understatement. Relationships are ending, shade is being thrown, salt dispersed across the room!

To some, this comes as great news (the cheating partner), while to others, the world has ended (the nosey partner). I'm joking, but I do fall into the great news category. I never thought your best friends list should've been made public in the first place. It's no one's business to know who you snap on the day to day.

All in all, the rediscovered Snapchat is great! By incorporating all of its new changes, it has the uninformed everywhere rejoicing!

## Q&A

**Q:** Do you like the new Snapchat features/updates and why?

**A:** Medgine Etienne, sophomore biology major: "I like the new Snapchat features but I'm afraid that all of this extra stuff is using more of my storage."

**A:** Morgan Fulton, sophomore biology major: "I like the new Snapchat. It is a tad bit more convenient and easy to use. It's also cool that there are interesting stories under Discover."





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**Dale Murphy** came to GSU to talk to the baseball team, coaches and boosters. It truly was an evening with all-stars.

## BRAVES LEGEND DALE MURPHY SPEAKS AT GSU

BY COLIN RITSICK  
 The George-Anne staff

Dale Murphy stood on the J.I. Clements Stadium concourse Friday afternoon, eyes squinting, watching the baseball team practice and reminiscing about the only other time he visited Statesboro.

"I was actually here 40 years ago, right here on this bank," Murphy said, looking behind the third-base dugout.

His eyes looked at the Wiggins Building which houses the coaches' offices and meeting rooms. But he was looking through the building, not at it. Picturing what it used to be.

"That tree was there, but not much else," Murphy said. "I got to learn about the program here, this is a legendary place to be able to play baseball."

Murphy was in town to talk to the Georgia Southern baseball team, coaches and boosters at the annual Dugout Club preseason banquet, An Evening with the All-Stars.

Murphy was 19 or 20-years-old at the time of his first visit, on his way from spring training in West Palm Beach, Fla. to his minor-league

assignment in Greenwood, S.C.; totally unaware of the success he was about to have for the Atlanta Braves.

Serious Braves fans know what Dale Murphy accomplished in his time in Atlanta during the 1980's. The two-time National League MVP, seven-time All-Star, five-time Gold Glove played excellent baseball for the Braves in a decade when the teams, and baby-blue uniforms, were mostly anything but excellent.

For more casual Braves fans, an interaction between Murphy, a young fan and his dad about five years ago sums up what Murphy meant to Atlanta in the 1980's.

"I went to Spring Training when Chipper was still playing and I was signing autographs and a kid looks up at his dad and goes, 'Dad, who is this?' And his dad goes, 'Well son, this is Dale Murphy. He played outfield for the Braves. He kind of used to be like Chipper Jones,'" Murphy said.

"Then the kid looks up at his dad and goes, 'Well can he go in the locker room and get Chipper's autograph for me?'" Murphy joked.

In an era when athletes are answering media questions simply so they won't face a fine, Murphy is, and always has been, the kind of guy who will have a 10 minute conversation with an awestruck 22-year-old journalist.

He was oddly honest when talking about today's MLB. He likes how the game is getting back to its balanced roots, with speed and contact hitting beginning to matter as much as the long-ball.

"Murph" is a big guy standing at 6-foot-4 and even now, in his 50's wearing jeans and a sweater, looks like he could stroke a few balls over the fence.

He has faced some of the great pitchers in MLB history: Nolan Ryan, Steve Carlton, Fernando Valenzuela. But there is one pitcher in today's game he doesn't think he could hang with: current Braves closer Craig Kimbrel.

"People don't believe me, but I don't think I'd make contact against Craig Kimbrel," Murphy said. He thinks he'd have a chance against 2014 NL Cy Young winner Clayton Kershaw because he's a lefty, "...but Kimbrel? No chance."

In his prime, Murphy was a 30 HR per year player and a talented outfielder. But early in his career when he was struggling to break into the major leagues, hitting barely over .200 and making the most errors by any first-baseman (1978), Bobby Cox made a decision for him that changed his life.

"Bobby called me one winter and said, 'Murph what about the outfield?'" Murphy said. Murphy remembers asking his manager if he had any choice. Cox said no.

Murphy talked about what made Cox a great manager and leader, and how the GSU baseball team could apply those traits while they are here. Cox routinely got thrown out of games just so his players, and the umpires, knew he didn't think his players got a fair hand.

Cox respected his players, and treated them well. Murphy urged the team to do the same - to encourage each other and to respect each other.

"I wouldn't have a career if it weren't for Bobby Cox, and I'm not the only guy who can say that," Murphy said.

## AN EVENING WITH THE ALL-STARS HONORS 2014 TEAM

For the fifth year in a row, Georgia Southern baseball hosted An Evening with the All-Stars on Friday night, a fundraiser complete with guest speakers, dinner and a silent auction.

Opening Day is less than two weeks away, so the purpose of the banquet is to get baseball on people's minds. But with the success that GSU had last year, it also served as one last chance to remember the great moments from the 2014 team's run into the NCAA Regional playoffs.

Before Atlanta Braves legend Dale Murphy spoke to the crowd, last year's ace and third-round draft pick, Sam Howard, answered some questions about the improbable run for the Eagles. Georgia Southern lost its first game in the Southern Conference playoffs, but rattled off five straight wins to win the conference championship on a walk-off single from catcher Chase Griffin.

"When Chase hit that single, I was at the end of the dugout. I threw my glove down and as soon as he hit first I tackled him," Howard said.

The Eagles went on to dominate the No. 5 team in the country, Florida State, in the first game of NCAA Regional play, 7-0. Their performance earned both the team and Howard, who threw a two-hit complete game shutout, national attention. It also prompted a hilariously appropriate quote from Florida State manager Mike Martin.

"I don't remember distinctly the last time my daddy took me to the woodshed and whipped my butt, but that's pretty close to the way I feel," Martin said.

The silent auction at the banquet included prizes from Georgia Southern hats all the way to box seats in the SunTrust suite at Turner Field. The 2015 team was introduced by head coach Rodney Hennon. The season starts on February 13 against Bethune-Cookman.



# ALE SHORTRIDGE IS UP TO THE CHALLENGE



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Between ROTC, the Ranger Challenge Team and the women's rifle team, **Ale Shortridge** is on to compete

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The time in college between freshman year and junior year can really change a person's life, and Ale Shortridge's story is certainly a testament to that: she just finished the two-day Ranger Challenge Competition.

"I really worked hard through the semester, and I was really excited to get to compete. It was the most challenging thing I've ever done. Now, looking back, I can't believe I actually did something like that," Shortridge said.

Just a few short years ago, Shortridge was a freshman who picked Georgia Southern University for the ROTC program it offered. Coming into college, Shortridge really

didn't even know that much about what she was getting herself into. Early in that year though, she was asked to try out for the 2013 Ranger Challenge Team.

"My freshman year, when I first started doing ROTC, I didn't know anything about the Army—what they did. I came in completely blind, but I was pretty athletic in high school. We had our first PT test, and I did really well. That's when one of the team members asked if I would come out, and I did," Shortridge said.

Shortridge made the team as an alternate in 2013, but found herself wishing she was able to compete with the team during the two-day competition at Camp Blanding, Fla.

"I remember really

wanting to compete and be out there with the team because training with them and then not getting to compete sucked," Shortridge said.

At the beginning of the training for the 2013 competition, Shortridge found the physical demands of the training much harder than she had imagined.

"When we started doing ruck marches, it was something I wasn't used to. I didn't have the strength to do it. I've never run with a bunch of weight on my back, and I had to get used to it. Over time, I did and I was able to keep up with everyone else," Shortridge said.

Shortridge tried out for the 2015 Ranger Challenge Team and this time, she was not an alternate. This time, she made the team. She

credits her ability to make the team to continued endurance training.

"Over time, I just got better at running and used to the rucking," Shortridge said.

Not only did Shortridge just finish the most intense competition of her life, but she has also been a member of the Georgia Southern Rifle Team for two seasons, since it was first started. Though she had no previous rifle experience besides going shooting with her dad occasionally and what she had learned during her time in the ROTC, she has proved a valuable member of the team.

"I think it was my sophomore year, we were at a field training exercise, and I heard that there was going

to be some sort of shooting team. I thought it was just a club team at first, so I signed my name up," Shortridge said. "I found out that there were going to be tryouts, and then I found out that it was going to be an NCAA team, so I came out to the tryouts."

Overall, Shortridge is proud of how far she has come and how much she has changed since her freshman year. During that time, she has gone from being an alternate on the team to having just completed the actual Ranger Challenge Competition, as the only girl on the team.

"It can be intimidating sometimes but I have come a very long way from my freshman year," Shortridge said.

## WHAT HAPPENED OVER THE WEEKEND

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### Men's Tennis (2-3)

The GS men's tennis team was on the road this past weekend, facing off against Florida Atlantic University and Florida Gulf Coast University. On Saturday, the Eagles were able to pull out a 4-3 victory against FAU, but Super Bowl Sunday caused some problems. The Eagles were only able to win one up against FGCU, almost getting swept 1-6.

### Women's Tennis (3-0)

Georgia Southern women's tennis had no trouble over the weekend against Mercer University and Savannah College of Art and Design defeating both teams. The Eagles looked strong only allowing Mercer to get two team points, winning 5-2, and sweeping SCAD 7-0.

### Swimming & Diving (8-3)

The GS swimming and diving team competed in a two-day competition this past weekend against the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, College of Charleston and Liberty University. The Eagles were able to put up second and third place finishes. Liberty defeated GS 52-97. But, the Eagles were able to defeat UNCW 83-71 and CofC 210-77.

### Women's Rifle (1-0)

The Eagles attended the SEARC 5 competition, finishing with the scores of 2198 in air rifle and 1999 in small bore. Jennifer Middlebrook set a career best in air rifle, and her teammate, Ale Shortridge was the second Eagle to shoot over 500 in air rifle.

### Track and Field

GS track and field had another successful weekend at the Garden Hilton Invitational in Winston Salem, N.C. Notable finishes in this meet are Kelsey Arnold with a third place finish in the weight throw with a distance of 17.39m. Also, Nia Hill posted a team season best and a personal best in the long jump with a distance of 5.28m.

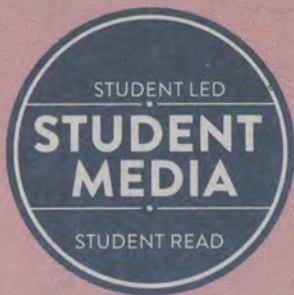


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