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RYAN WOODHAM THE GEORGE-ANNE

Georgia Southern and Ogeechee Tech Agree to Dual Enrollment Program

BY JOZSEF PAPP
The George-Anne Staff

Georgia Southern University and Ogeechee Technical College have agreed in a dual enrollment program that will allow Ogeechee Tech students to take select classes at GSU.

GSU President Dr. Brooks Keel and OTC President Dr. Dawn Cartee signed an agreement for a pilot project on Thursday. Although the agreement is a first for both schools, both presidents say that it is a step towards further agreements. The goal of the presidents is to allow students who earn a two-year degree from OTC to continue four-year degrees at GSU.

The agreement will provide up to 100 seats in Healthful Living, up to 50 seats in Career Exploration and up to 50 seats in a University Singers and Southern Chorale course starting during the summer session, according to

the Statesboro Herald.

In addition to taking classes, OTC students will have the ability to participate in GSU student activities, such as attending football games and using the RAC. OTC students will only pay the fee if they want the services. OTC students who take GSU classes will pay tuition specific for the number of credit hours.

President Keel hopes to expand the agreement to logistics and manufacturing engineering courses in the near future, according to the Statesboro Herald.

"We're just getting ready to really roll out a whole manufacturing engineering program, and that's going to be a fantastic opportunity for Ogeechee Tech and its students, and for what they have to offer there to be able to articulate into our bachelor's degree program in manufacturing," Keel said.



This Day in Black History

BY CASEY CARGLE
The George-Anne staff

On this day in history after 12 days of debates the Civil Rights Act was passed in the House of Representatives in 1964.

The bill made it so that no one, state or public facility could deny access to anyone because

of race or ethnicity. It had also forbid labor organizations and interstate commercial companies from doing the same.

After passing in the House, the bill went on to the Senate for an 83 day debate. After being passed President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the bill into law on July 2, 1964

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@TheGRAMMYS
@kendricklamar
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"cries"

@rihanna - What a night!
Still can't believe we @
kanyewest shared a stage
with a f***ing BEATLE
tonight! #bucketlists**t
Thank you Sir @
PaulMcCartney

@TheEllenShow Congratulations, @Pharrell! You
make me happy. So do those shorts. #GRAMMYS

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GUY!!! @samsmithworld
having grammys for
dinner. So Proud

@charli_cxc and the
four five seconds
performance
rocked my world

You know your'e a major when...

BY CAITLYN OLIVER
The George-Anne staff

Journalism/English/Writing Major: when friends and random people ask you to edit their papers for class. Even the classes you're not in or have/will not take.

Engineering/IT major: when everyone in your class is a guy.

Nursing major: when everyone in your class is a woman

Sports management major: when people assume you can't play sports so you'll just be the coach.

Accounting major: when people ask if you're good with numbers and can help with math problems.

Education major: when people ask if you want to be a teacher to get the summers off or if you are doing it to avoid being in the "real world."

Music major: when you realize getting a job is going to be difficult, unless you teach music.

History major: when everyone assumes you know the date of everything that has ever happened. Ever.

Art major: when you get asked what you'll do with your major and you don't have a good answer.

Criminal Justice/Forensic Science major: when people ask if you know how to murder someone and get away with it. Or if you watch Criminal Minds.

SPORTS SHORTS

- The Women's Basketball team lost to University of Louisiana-Monroe 58-50 on Saturday at Hanner Fieldhouse.
- The Men's Basketball team lost to the University of Louisiana-Monroe 71-68 in OT on Saturday at Hanner Fieldhouse. Both teams play again on Thursday against Arkansas State.
- The Georgia Southern Men's Tennis team lost to East Carolina in a 4-3 decision on Saturday at Wallis Tennis Center and Women's Tennis lost to Florida Atlantic 3-4.
- The Georgia Southern women's rifle team finished third overall at SEARC 6 on Saturday in Milledgeville, GA.

WEATHER BAR

Tuesday



High: 58°
Low: 36°

Wednesday



High: 61°
Low: 40°

Thursday



High: 63°
Low: 24°

WEATHER PENGUINS



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Songs for Lovers & Heartbreakers

By ReflectorGSU.com Staff Whether you're madly in love or suffering through a bitter break-up, our playlist of our favorite love and break-up songs compiled by the Reflector staff will have something for you no matter what state your love life is in.

Check out the whole list and a listen to the playlist at ReflectorGSU.com!

FAVORITE LOVE SONG

"I'll Be" - Edwin McCain

"This song is absolutely beautiful. Just listening to it I feel like he's speaking directly to me. It's been declared my wedding song for the past seven years."



ABBY JOHNSON

"All The Man That I Need" - Whitney Houston

"I chose this song because you can feel how much Whitney loves whoever she's singing about. When I'm in a relationship that's how I want to feel about my boyfriend. The song just makes you smile."



DONNA JONES

"Alive with the Glory of Love" - Say Anything

"The song is about a Jewish couple that is living through the Holocaust and they get sent to different camps but the love they feel for each other will keep them safe. I don't think that any other love song can live up to that story."



SKYLER BLACK

"I Would Do Anything For You" - Foster The People

"I Would Do Anything For You" starts out slow and mellow, but then dives into an upbeat ballad. If you aren't in love yet, this song has the power of cupid's arrow."



JEFF LICCIARDELLO

"The Ballad of Love and Hate" - The Avett Brothers

"This song is the story of if 'love' and 'hate' were actually in a relationship. I think it's a relatable song because at some point we've all needed forgiveness and we've probably done our fair share of forgiving someone when they least deserved it."



ALEXANDRA MCCRAY

FAVORITE BREAK UP SONG

"Since You've Been Gone" - Kelly Clarkson

"This song is so down to earth and energizing. It just makes me wanna dance and sing at the top of my lungs and let it all out."



"IDGAF" - Big Sean

"I chose this song because I'm usually upset when there's a break-up involved. This song gets you hyped up instead of all sad and mopey."



"Five Hundred Miles" - Justin Timberlake feat. Carey Mulligan

"Anytime I listen to this song, it just gets to me. It's such a simple song about jumping on a train and leaving with nothing and it's just so perfect."



"Em Only We Know" - Banks

"The classic tale of an unrequited love, Banks's plea for this relationship is full of raw emotion. After a glass of wine (or maybe a bottle) this song will have you singing. Just wanna tell you that I see you, baby, do you see me? and yes — there will be tears."



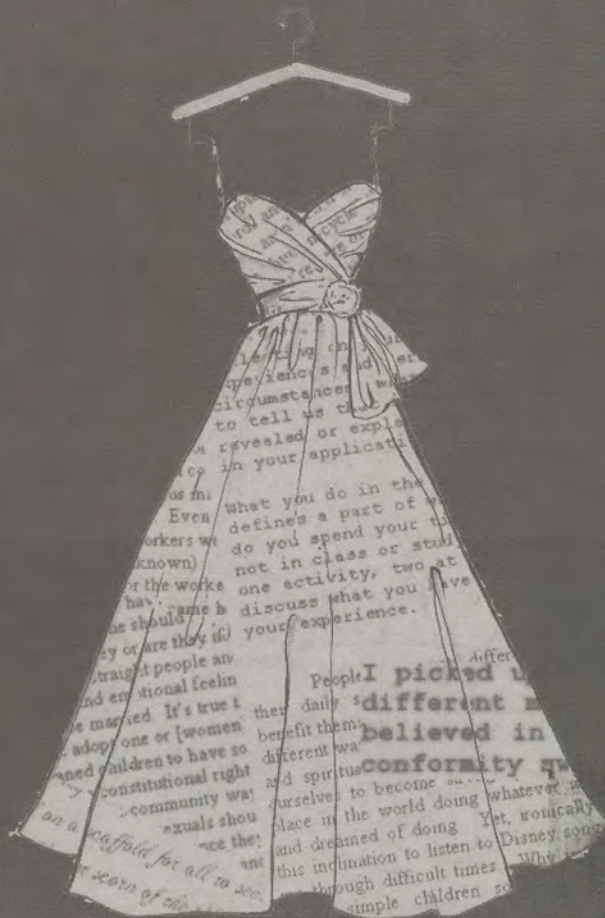
"No Regrets" - Ella Fitzgerald

"Don't let the slow medley fool you, it is the perfect song for getting over a break up. Fitzgerald sings that even though the relationship has ended, she'll never regret the time they spent together. I love the undertone of sass throughout the song as she's basically saying he'll never find a love as true as theirs again."



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LIBERAL ARTS IN THE CAPITOL

BY WHITT VAN TASSELL
The George-Anne staff

On Wednesday February 4, a select group of students and professors gathered to discuss government work with Joshua Adler, a former Georgia Southern University alumnus currently working in the intelligence community, to discuss his take on landing a government job.

"Mr. Adler...is an experienced cross-disciplinary social and data scientist with more than fifteen years of experience in the government sector," Dr. Barry Balleck, associate professor and chair of the Department of Political science, said. "His career has provided him countless opportunities to contribute to America's foreign and military policy decision making processes at the highest levels."

Adler holds a B.A. in International Relations from the American University and an M.S. in Strategic Studies from the University of Aberystwyth. While Adler started his collegiate career at GSU, he fell in love with Russian, a language not offered at GSU, and transferred to the American University in Washington D.C. to study it. While a student in D.C., Adler partook in many of the internship

opportunities offered in the city, taking two years off to work after graduation before moving to Wales to pursue his Masters Degree.

"The things I learned [at Georgia Southern] and the quality of the instruction here really set me on a good path in life," Adler said. "I'm so pleased to come advise the next group coming up behind me on things they can do to get ahead with a liberal arts degree -- which some of your parents have probably given you grief about."

Liberal Arts students, according to Adler, make much less than their contemporaries in the scientific and engineering disciplines. He attributes this income gap to the easily marketable skills that accompany scientific degrees, but reassured the audience that this gap evaporates after the first five years, when Liberal Arts majors begin to make much more thanks to their education in not 'how to do a thing,' but 'how to think better.'

"I have very rarely applied specific lessons from any class, but the things I learned in a well-rounded liberal arts curriculum really helped me set up to think, and that's what you're learning here," Adler said. "It's not specific facts, it's not specific treaty dates, it's not how to do specific

statistical formulas, but it's all about how you think, and how you can think better."

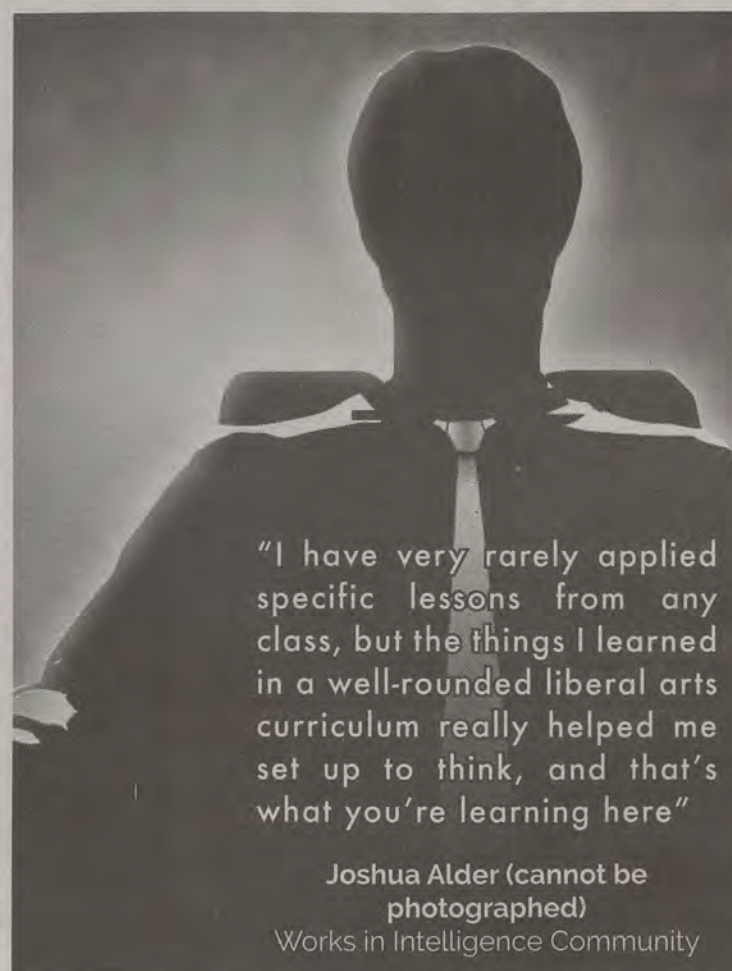
Following up his endorsement of a breadth of learning, Adler cautioned against excess specialization, all but guaranteeing that those who invest their time learning Russian will end up assigned to an account where people speak Spanish.

"The government really is not interested in what you know," Adler said. "In their opinion you don't really know what you need to know, they are interested in your ability to learn foreign languages, your ability to take a variety of coursework."

Speaking on the difficulties of acquiring security clearance, Adler warned students that they don't live inside of an "academic bubble."

"If you're a partier, if you're into drugs, if you're into 'questionable behaviors' as the government calls them, it's going to get found out about here," Adler said. "If this is the kind of career you aspire to, you should start cleaning up your act right now. The government has a policy where they don't hold past things you've done against you, but if you try to conceal something, that's it."

Adler highly recommends internships in Washington, calling them some of the



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Joshua Alder (cannot be photographed)
Works in Intelligence Community

most valuable moves he's ever made.

"One of the things no one ever tells you about Washington is that it's not possible to get a job in Washington, generally, without being in Washington. Having that summer where you have a Washington D.C. address is the only way you're ever going to get call backs," Adler said. "It's sort of a bizarre fact of life."

Adler did, however, stress that interns make at most \$10 a

day, and suggested students look past the obvious CIA route - an agency inundated with applications - and apply to intern at the less popular intelligence agencies.

"Doing this kind of work you're never going to become rich... you'll never be particularly well known or famous, but it is amazingly fulfilling," Adler said. "The people I've met and experiences that I've had, I wouldn't trade it for all the millions in the world."

Georgia Southern Assists in Bulloch County Integration Forest Heights Country Club

BY CHANCE SHELTON
The George-Anne staff

Today the Forest Heights Country club, located in Statesboro, is considered the leading establishment in regards to "country club living." According to the current general manager, Stacy Webb, the country club is a local and welcoming entity offering its services to all; however, with as much progress as Statesboro has made to become the diverse community it is today, things were much different just a little over 20 years ago.

While Georgia Southern University is a staple in Statesboro's community, they have always been separate entities each running at their own pace and developing at various speeds.

A county such as Bulloch, situated in the deep south, in

the mid 1900's would need time to adjust when its largest attraction begins the long process of integration and in turn raising the percentage of the community's Black population.

As black history month comes to a full swing, reflecting back on the progression of the school and the community are important. For a higher institution of learning, located in the rural south, GSU allowed the entry of black students as early as the fall of 1965.

In F. Erik Brooks's book, Pursuing a Promise: A History of African Americans at Georgia Southern University, he wrote that "the relationship between the Forest Heights Country Club and university has been a point of contention because of the club's discriminatory practices."

"In the spring of 1988,

tensions between the school and the country club came to a head. Richard Peters and Jeff Hagans stated that they could not complete their student lab assignments for a recreation leadership class at Statesboro's Forest Heights Country Club because they were black," Brooks said.

After tensions became unbearable between the university and the country club, in 1993 the establishment granted membership to an African American for the first time.

Today Forest Heights Country Club is a respectable and highly recommended establishment, which accepts anyone who has a desire to learn the skill of golf.

"We have broken all the barriers whether it's nationality, race or gender and have integrated all parts of society," Webb said.



Photo Courtesy of GS Eagles

The Forest Heights Country Club is a private establishment built in 1966. In 1993, it granted membership to an African American for the first time.

Why World News Matters at GSU

BOKO HARAM

BY NADIA DREID
The George-Anne staff

Earlier this year, Islamist terrorist group Boko Haram launched an attack on the northeastern Nigerian town of Baga, virtually razing it to the ground and killing and capturing hundreds, according to Amnesty International.

Despite this, Nigerian-American student Ugo Anikpe said his fellow classmates hardly know anything about Nigeria or Boko Haram.

"What they know is Ebola, which makes me mad," Anikpe said. "It's a serious matter, because people are actually dying."

Anikpe was in Nigeria at the time of the attack on Baga, and when the attack made international news, a few of his friends did call to see if his family was safe. Original estimates placed the death toll at 2,000, although more recent reports suggest that the actual numbers are much lower.

For a day, Anikpe said the attack was just a rumor passed from person to person, with no confirmation from the government or the media. He said it was difficult for him to wrap his mind around.

Nigeria is a relatively large country, over twice the size of California, and Anikpe's family lives in the southeastern area, far-removed from the current reach of Boko Haram.

"It'd be like we're here in Statesboro and

then you hear that 2,000 people got killed in Atlanta," Anikpe said. "That's four hours away. How does that happen and no one knows?"

"My uncle and my aunt, they prayed about it every day. At dinner time, we talked about it," he said. "So people are definitely worried, but it's difficult to do anything."

People in the areas of Nigeria that are untouched by Boko Haram suffer more from worry than anything else, Anikpe said.

"What if it happened to you? What if you're sitting at home one day and you got a call that your little brothers and sisters were bombed because somebody thinks that their religion is better than yours?" Anikpe said. "I'm not asking you to go out and donate a million dollars or sit outside and protest with a sign, but at least listen, be educated and take it seriously."

Anikpe said he understands that college students are not always the most well-informed, but as future leaders and decision makers, owe it to themselves to pay attention to the world around them.

In 2014, Nigerian president Goodluck Jonathan announced that Boko Haram had killed 13,000 people since their insurgency began in 2009. Human Rights Watch has reported that over 14,000 Nigerians have fled the country into neighboring Chad since the beginning of the year.

What is Boko Haram?

Boko Haram is an Islamist terrorist group based in northeast Nigeria. The group's name comes from the Arabic word haram meaning forbidden, and the Hausa word boko meaning fake – the word boko has also been used by some Nigerians to refer to Western education.

"So anything associated with Western education to them, they saw it as forbidden," Dr. Saba Jallow, director for the Center for Africana Studies, said. "The word boko, it means fake, so in essence Boko Haram combined them. They associated boko with Western education and as a result, they combined those two terms to say Boko Haram. Western education (from the word fake) is forbidden."

The group began in 2002, when future Boko Haram leader Mohammed Yusuf founded a school to serve as an alternative to Western education, Jallow said. The school drew in poor Muslims from the surrounding areas.

"Anything that was affiliated with Western education . . . anything dealing with voting, anything Western in terms of clothing or anything else, they saw it in their school system as forbidden," Jallow said.

With time, the group became more indoctrinating and more openly opposed to the Nigerian government, Jallow said.

"They started basically campaigning against Western forms of education, started attacking churches," Jallow said. "Started attacking other Muslims whose faith they felt was too accommodating to Christians or the Western form of governance within those areas."

The Nigerian government reacted, and in 2009, Mohammed Yusuf was killed and his body displayed on public television. A man named Abubakar Shekau, the current leader of Boko Haram, took his place and used the opportunity to turn Yusuf into a martyr, garnering more support.

"Poverty is one of the main reasons that they are able to recruit thousands of people into their doctrine," Jallow said. "They have a sense of belonging and leaders, and they give them weapons and they train them . . . and those people basically become what I would call bandits, who are using religion as a weapon."

The group has now become openly militant, capturing and controlling an area roughly the size of Belgium and killing 14,000 people since 2009.

The African Union met last month to discuss the threat of Boko Haram and agreed to supply 7,500 troops from adjacent nations to address the threat. The group took its first major hit Wednesday when Chadian troops killed 200 Boko Haram militants.


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Dr. Saba Jallow
Director,
Center for Africana Studies

THIS MAP DENOTES THE VARIOUS LOCATIONS WHERE BOKO HARAM INCURSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE.



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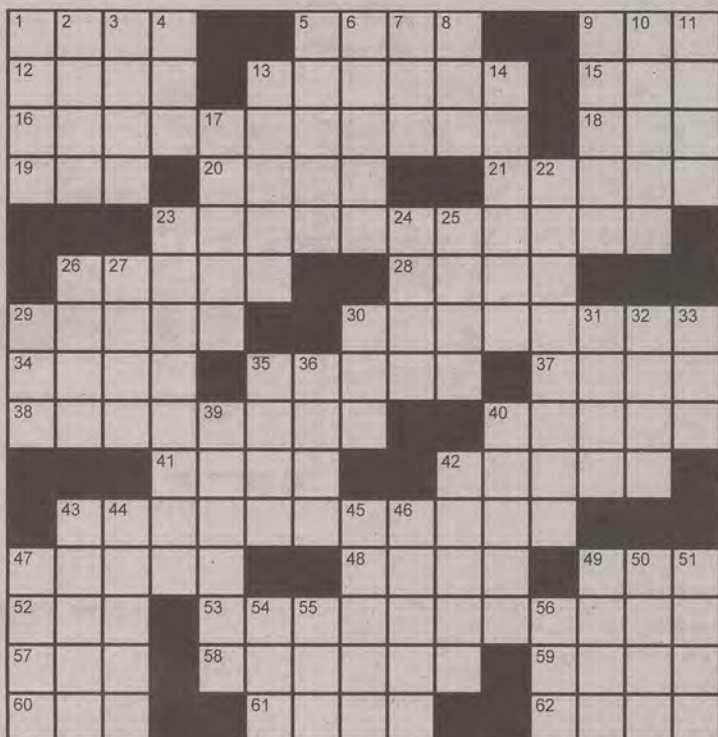
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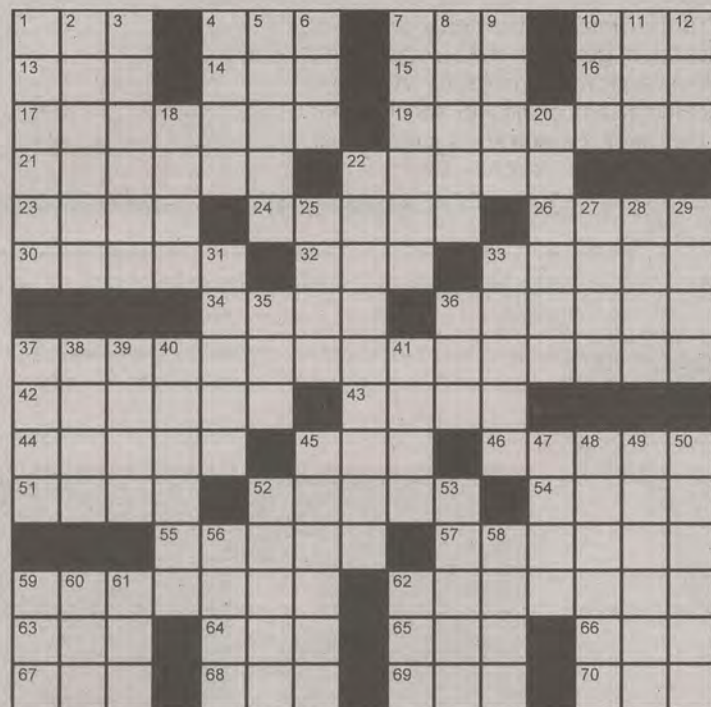
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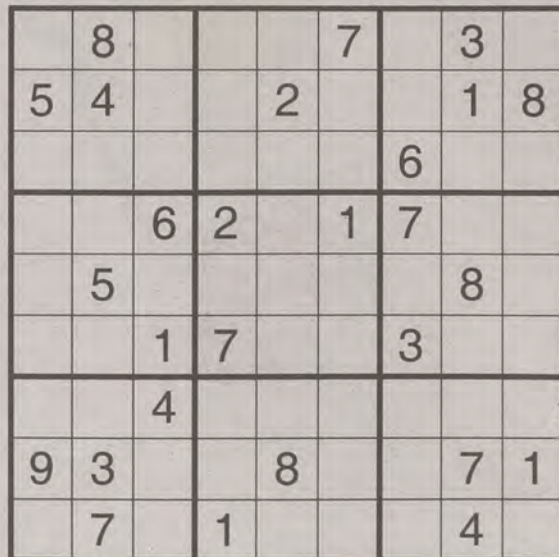
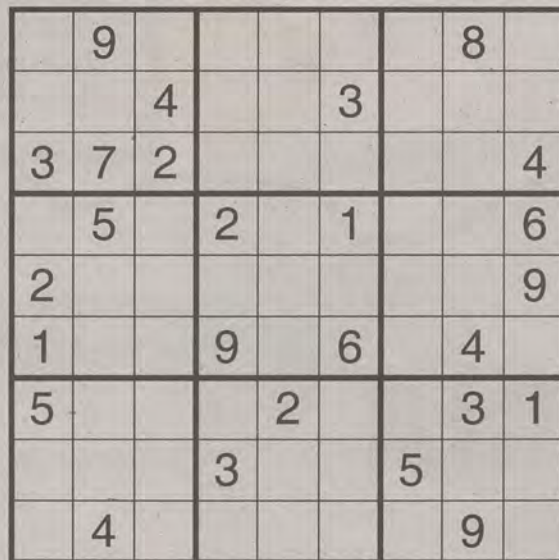
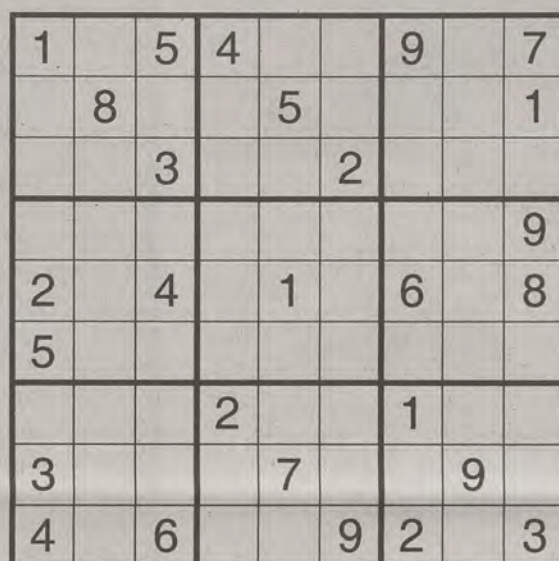
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A Different Sexuality



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Many people consider college to be the best environment for sexual exploration; hook up culture flourishes here. According to a study by the University of Portland, 60 percent of the national college student population engages in sexual activity at least once a week.

In college, those of us

who fall into the no sex zone category, for whatever reasons, can go through a very awkward experience, so imagine how much stranger it gets when you try to explain to a potential date that you do not feel sexual attraction...at all.

Well, welcome to my life! For those of you who don't know, I am asexual. For me, and many others whose sexual identity aligns with mine, the dating scene in college can be extremely hard to enter.

So what does it mean to be asexual? In a general sense it's "the lack of sexual attraction to anyone, or low or absent interest in sexual activity." It's not like abstinence or celibacy, where you make a conscious decision to not engage in sexual activity. It's more of like I just honestly lack a strong desire for sex or sexual attraction.

This doesn't mean that I will never have sex, up to this point in my life I haven't. But I can't say what the future holds, because relationships are about compromise. Maybe if I reached a high enough

level of emotional intimacy or commitment (like marriage), my care for that person would change things in regard to that level of physical intimacy, but at this point in my life it's not gonna happen.

I used to see being asexual as a curse. I questioned why I couldn't be "normal" and for years I found ways to try and conform to the sexual population. In fact, I have never had a boyfriend. Relationships, yes, but no boyfriend, because most guys our age are not about committing to someone who doesn't want sex. But through the trials and tribulations of trying to date in college with no sex, I have learned that there are some pretty awesome things in relation to being asexual and dating.

1. You aren't picky.

I don't have any physical preferences when it comes to dating, because I'm not looking at how that person's body can sexually stimulate me. That means if you are a guy (because I am heteromantic), I am an equal opportunity



dater. This has caused me to meet/talk to some amazing people, who if I was bound by what are society sees as being physically attractive, I never would have met.

2. You are really honest about what you want

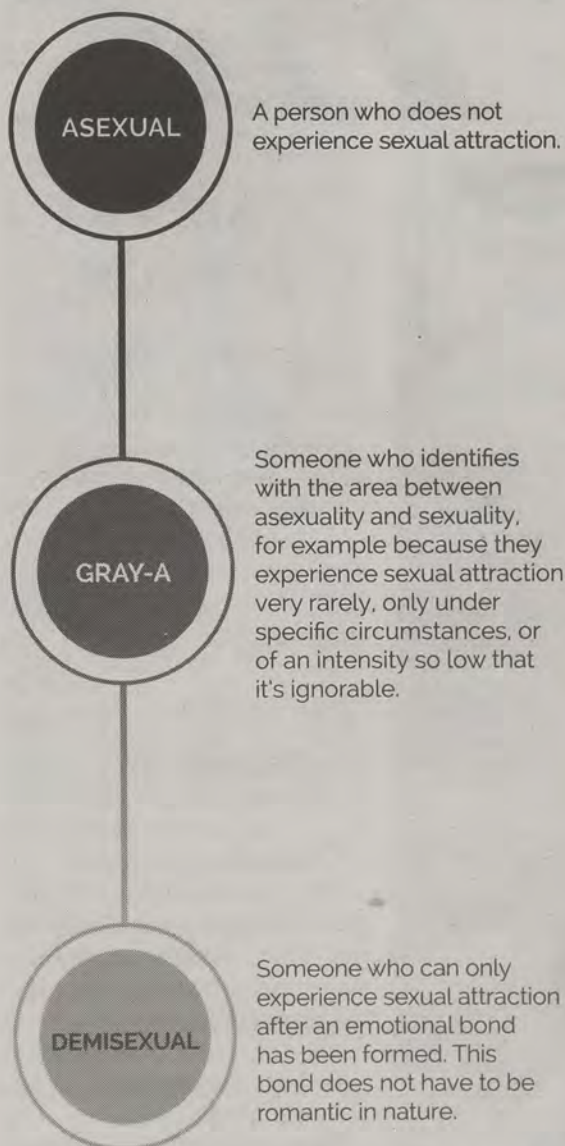
For the obvious reasons. If you can tell someone that you may never at any point in your life, be interested in sex and see their facial expressions/hear their reactions, you can be honest about anything.

But I do think there is something that sexuals can learn from us nonsexual folk

and that is the importance of getting to truly appreciate the joys of romance.

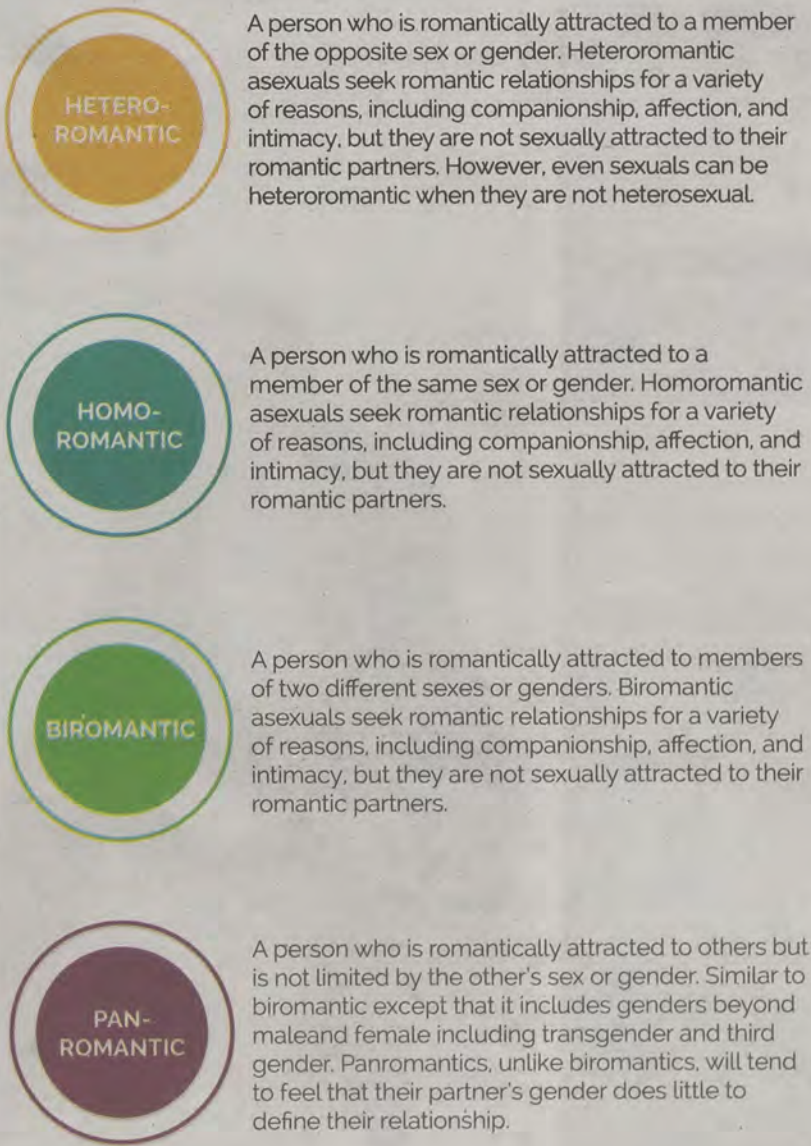
Sometimes I think people forget the little things about dating. Like how it feels to hold someone's hand or the beauty of truly getting to know someone's thoughts, wants and needs. It is as if many people our age only believe that intimacy is possible through touch. But if you take a page from my book, there are levels of intimacy that can be reached even without holding someone's hand.

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WINTER FASHION GUIDE

BY RASHIDA OTUNBA
The George-Anne staff

As you all know, we live in South Georgia, a magical place where Mother Nature changes the weather faster than Taylor Swift changes boyfriends. While many students often give up and bum it in their sweatpants and t-shirts, others make the bold choice of using the weather to their stylish advantage,

KIARA GRIFFIN

sophomore multimedia communications major

Edgy

Kiara's edgy outfit centers around a few select statement pieces while keeping the basics neutral. This edgy outfit proves that it is possible to experiment and be bold with fashion choices, while still being comfortable.

Sweater: H&M

This plain sweater makes the perfect "canvas" to build your outfit around.

Jacket: H&M

Kiara's jacket is a unique piece that serves as a great alternative to a sweatshirt or hoodie and allows lots of room for more layers underneath as needed.

Pants: T.J. Maxx

These distinct pants are the most noteworthy piece in this ensemble and are a great alternative to jeans.

Boots: Target

These boots are not attached to the pants, as one might think. Instead, they are ankle length booties, that are tucked in underneath the bottom of the pants.

Hat: Forever 21



“My sense of style is based on Chicago fashion and the 1980's. I love to experiment with fashion. I don't like to wear trendy pieces, and I like to keep my fashion very minimalist.”

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MEN'S EDITION

Less is always more in men's fashion. A few simple pieces in the right color palette can make a simple outfit memorable as these men demonstrate. Just wearing different color pants and adding an unexpected shoe to mix up the outfit can turn something casual into a statement.

CHRISTIAN RAY

junior psychology major

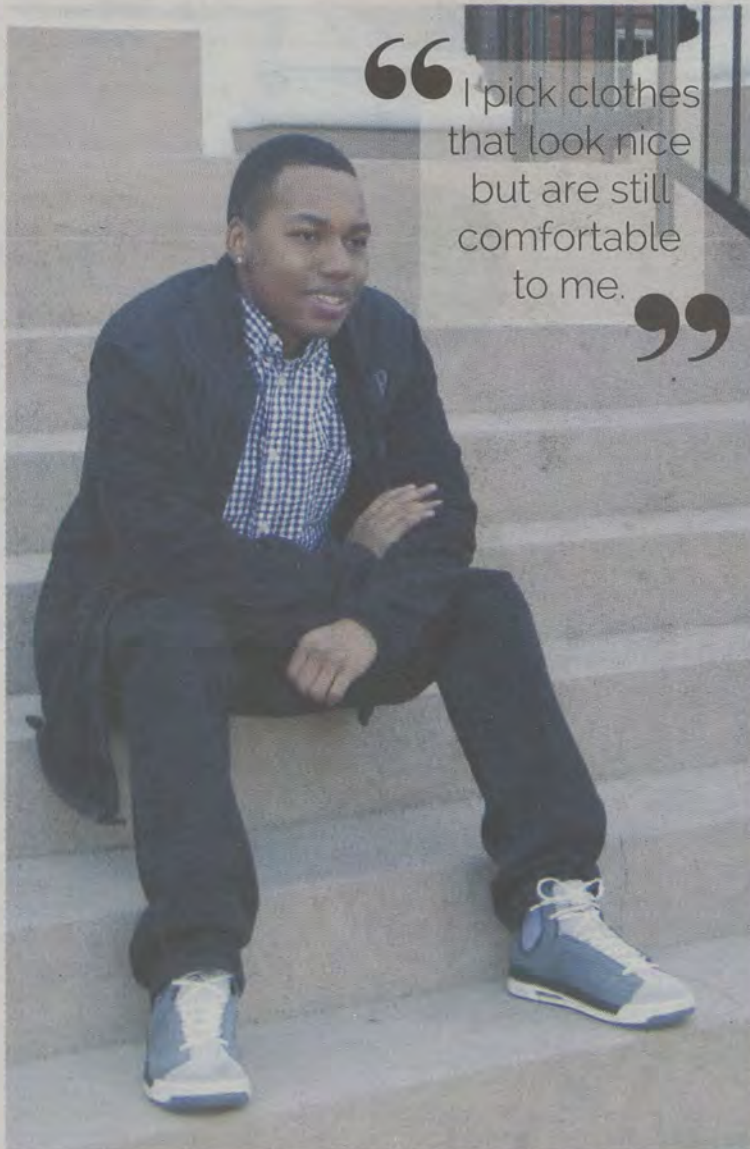
Casual

The button-down is the perfect choice for any season, but this winter, a heavy patterned fabric is definitely the way to go.

Jacket: Aeropostale

Pants: Levi's

Shoes: Nike Factory Store



“I pick clothes that look nice but are still comfortable to me.”

Shirt: Target

This blouse adds a feminine touch to this classy outfit. The neutral color means you can mix and match scarves, necklaces and jackets with ease.

Jacket: Forever 21

The jacket is the showstopper in this look, bringing out a fun punk rock vibe while still allowing the outfit to maintain its demure charm.

Pants: Hot Topic**Boots: American Eagle**

These gray booties are a great alternative to riding boots, which often get hot when you are running from class to class, and it also has the advantage of complementing the gray scarf.

Scarf: Forever 21**Purse: Target**

If you only happen to have one or two classes one day, this bag is a great, fashionable alternative to a book bag since it has enough room to hold textbooks, notebooks, pens, and your trusty smartphone all in one place!



My sense of style comes from my love of rock and roll culture and classic icons like Audrey Hepburn. I like to mix classical and punk rock pieces to create my outfits.

HAILEY MAURER

sophomore business major

Classic

In this outfit, Hailey blends classic pieces like a feminine blouse and black skinny jeans with a bold leather jacket to create the perfect winter outfit to beat the cold and stay stylish.



I mix and match urban and hipster, but at the same time I like giving new meaning to both styles. To me it's all about being an individual.

BRYAN BROOKER

sophomore logistics major

Polished**Jacket: Wal-Mart**

This jacket is both stylish and comfortable while not being too heavy, which is perfect for our oft-changing seasons.

Shirt: Model's own**Pants: Burlington Coat Factory**

Khaki pants as opposed to jeans or sweatpants give this outfit the perfect polished finish.

Shoes: Burlington Coat Factory

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► Kanye West, self proclaimed god and really bad awards show attendant, interrupted yet another award acceptance speech at Sunday's Grammy awards. This time, it was Beck who was at the receiving end. Kanye didn't say anything this time, he just sort of halfway got on stage and then changed his mind. Beck looked like a deer in the headlights, more so than usual. Kanye should be required to buckle up for awards shows.

► Let's play judge what people were wearing, because that's

what real celebrity news sources do:

► Ishmu Australia, who dat who dat i-g-g-y singer, looked sort of like an extra from the sound of music.

► Pharrel forgot his Indiana Jones hat, he needs to do that more often

► Sia, chandelier swinger and mysterious pop star, wore a giant white wig that covered her face, looking sort of like a muppet

► Beyonce looked like the Supreme

► Anna Kendrick, Pitch Perfect Cinderella, wore a pantsuit and it was bad-ass.

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THE OTHER GUYS

The backbone of men's basketball

BY COLIN RITSICK
The George-Anne staff

The saying "practice makes perfect" is usually tossed around when referring to the all-time greats who practice just as hard as they play – the Michael Jordan's, Albert Pujols' and J.J. Watt's of the world.

But, what about the guys whose job is to make each practice, perfect?

The scout team. These are the guys who show up every day and bust their ass only to watch the game from a padded seat. These are the guys that are charged with getting the starters ready to play, each and every day. They run the same sprints, lift the same weights and wear the same jersey – but don't get the same minutes.

Sophomore forward Scott Kelly, sophomore guard Grayson Clark, senior guard Zach Altany and senior guard D.J. Suter are all walk-ons. None of them have played in more than three games this season, but they all play a necessary part in the Eagles' 16-5 success. Does this number need to be updated now?

"What they do is they run the other team's plays, they've got to run the other team's defense," head coach Mark Byington said, "...so they've got to be smart. They have to learn quickly and apply that in practice."

Before Georgia Southern plays a game, the scout team has already gotten their mission from an assistant coach for the following game. They watch film and learn opponents' tendencies. When the whole team gets together for practice the next week, the walk-ons have already learned a new offense and duplicate it to prepare the starters for the upcoming game.

"I feel like we play a huge responsibility just going at it every day to prepare the guys," Suter said.

If these four players don't set the tone for the energy of practice, they have not done their job. Communication is their most important task, and if they don't talk and bring life to every practice, Byington makes sure they know, Kelly said.

"I think they like the fact that I'm going to treat them the same as our leading scorer," Byington said. "I want them to work hard and get better. So, it's not like there's any separation between scholarship and non-scholarship guys."

When Byington arrived in Statesboro for his first season as head coach last year, he only had nine scholarship players. He held walk-on tryouts with the intention of keeping two guys. That's all he felt he needed.

"But after I ended up seeing these kids and I interviewed them, I asked them their life goals and I talked to them, and it went from two to four. A

couple guys I just knew how bad they wanted to be a part of the team, and I couldn't say no to them. I'm glad I kept them all," Byington said.

He said that with open tryouts it is easy to want to keep the most talented players, which seems obvious. But knowing the talent that was already on the team, Byington looked first at the character of the players he would select.

"They have to be unselfish, they have to be a good student, they have to have high character and they have to bring energy," Byington said.

Clark and Kelly both graduated from Milton High School where they won the 2012 5-A State Championship. Many players on Milton's roster currently play D-1 basketball at other schools, so the pair said the transition to the college game was fairly easy. They've played together for six years and are enjoying their spots on the GSU roster.

"Everyone knows you're on the basketball team. Family and friends come watch; playing sports is something not everyone gets to do in college," Clark said.

Every team needs a player that isn't afraid to crack some jokes and diffuse tension here and there. His teammates and coach say that Clark is that player.

"Grayson brings tremendous energy, he's the life of the team," Byington said.

When pointed out by his fellow walk-ons as the comedic relief, Clark simply shrugged and said, "I accept it."

Altany, who was a two-time All-State guard at Bulloch Academy, likes playing in his hometown. He is a senior and knows his career is winding down.

"Play while you can, you've only got so many years," Altany said.

Suter, on the other hand, wants to continue playing basketball after he graduates this year.

"I've got two more years of eligibility, so I want to get my Master's and hopefully keep playing somewhere," Suter said.

All of these guys recognize their roles, and love being a part of the team, especially when the team is winning.

"Not playing is never fun...but when you see the results, and the team is winning, it's way better," Clark said.

Altany has noticed a culture change since last year. He said that he feels like the whole program is more excited for each game, and students are a big part of that. The sellout-crowd against Louisiana-Lafayette hyped up the team, and the players appreciate that kind of support.



SCOTT KELLY
SOPHOMORE
FORWARD
6'5"
210LBS



ZACH ALTANY
SENIOR
GUARD
6'4"
190LBS

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D.J. SUTER
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GA. SOUTHERN VS. GA. STATE (FINAL SCORE: 58-54)

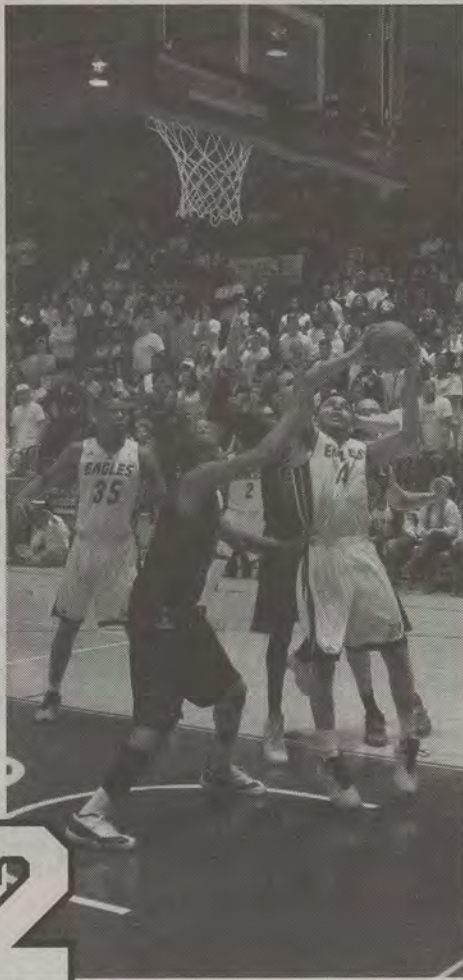
BY KATIE TOLBERT
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Hanner Fieldhouse housed a sellout crowd of 4,325 Thursday night for the men's basketball white-out game against Georgia State University. This game was not only a state-rivalry game, but it was also a game that would determine the No. 1 spot in the Sun Belt standings.

The game that everyone came out to see was not initially the game that was expected. Over ten minutes in the first half had gone by, and the score was a low 11-6 with the Panthers in the lead. The Eagles were struggling all over the court during the first half only shooting 26.9 percent from the field and 16.7 percent from behind the arc.



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Things were not looking to land in the Eagles favor at this point. Not only were shots not being made from the field, but the Eagles also shot 50 percent from the free throw line compared to the Panthers 100 percent. The first half closed with GS losing 19-25. There was not one Eagle to get over five points in the first half, while three starters for the Panthers were over five points, including Markus Crider with 12 points.



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The beginning of the second half was a back-and-forth match between Panther Ryan Harrow and Eagles Trent Wiedeman and Mike Hughes. With a shot from Hughes at the 14:41 mark, the Eagles closed the gap to a two-point deficit, 29-27. As the game continued, every time the Eagles put up numbers, the Panthers quickly responded.

Just when it seemed like the Eagles were never going to get the upper hand, the Eagles started to sink threes to make a comeback. Three-pointers from Curtis Diamond, Mike Hughes and Jelani Hewitt, along with two free-throw shots, tied the ball game up 41-41 with 7:36 left to go in the game. The shots from downtown continued to sink in for the Eagles, allowing the Eagles to finally gain the lead.



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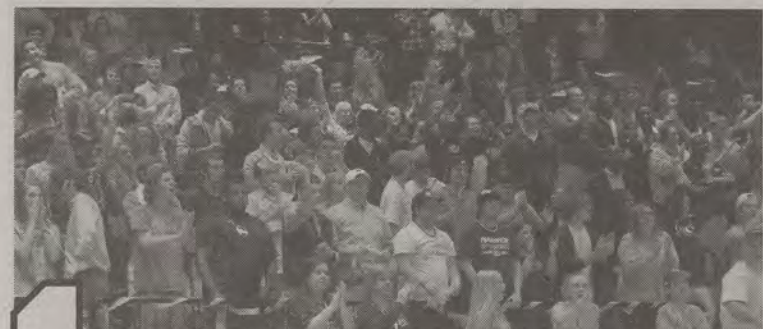
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After a crowd-pleasing dunk from Angel Matias with 2:04 left to go, most of the game all the way up until the end consisted of free-throw shots. The weakness that hurt the Eagles in the first half, turned out to be their strength in the second. GS made 16 free-throws in the second half, and those shots gave the Eagles the victory, 58-54.

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STAY ON TOP

GA. SOUTHERN VS. ULM (FINAL SCORE: 68-71)



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Only two nights later, the Eagles had to once again battle against a conference opponent to keep the top seed to themselves. The University of Louisiana at Monroe became second in the conference after Ga. State's loss to the Eagles, and came into Hanner ready to keep moving on up to the top. The crowd Saturday night really got into the game, chanting the entire time and wearing pink to support breast cancer through Pack the House in Pink.

For the first ten minutes of the game, the lead was switching back-and-forth as both teams were eager to respond to every move the opponent made. The Eagles didn't catch back up to the Warhawks until the 4:32 mark in the first half, tying the game 24-24. Jelani Hewitt was leading the Eagles in the first half with 11 points and two steals.



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From that point on, ULM took the lead and kept it for the rest of the first half. The Warhawks simply outshot the Eagles in the first half shooting 58.3 percent from the field compared to the Eagles 39.1 percent. The second half started with the score at 34-29 in favor of ULM, but within three minutes, the Eagles took the lead with a team effort.



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The Eagles maintained that lead throughout most of the second half, but right at about five minutes left in the game, ULM took the lead. Just like the first half, the game was favoring both teams at times from all around the court. The game was going down to the very last second. With six seconds left to go, the game was tied 62-62. Either team was able to make a play, so the Eagles went into their first overtime game of the season.

Five minutes was put onto the clock, and, immediately, things did not start off well with a missed three-pointer from Hughes. ULM took advantage of that shaky start and went up by five points in the first couple of minutes. But, the Eagles weren't going to give up that easy. With two free-throws from Hewitt and a jumper from Eric Ferguson, GS was able to close the gap to only a one-point deficit with 1:40 left on the clock.

The Eagles continued to fight to get on top down to the very last second of the overtime period. With a layup from Ferguson, the Eagles were only down by one point with the score at 69-68. But, with one second left on the clock, Wiedeman fouled Warhawk Tylor Ongwae. He made both shots and ULM won the game 71-68. ULM and GS are now tied for the No. 1 spot in the Sun Belt Conference.

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Assistant Coach ANDREW WILSON

The best man for the job

RYAN WOODHAM THE GEORGE-ANNE
Andrew Wilson was the perfect pick for assistant coach. Head coach Mark Byington knew Wilson previously from College of Charleston.

BY LAYNE SALIBA
The George-Anne staff

He's seen a lot of success during his basketball career. From becoming Harrison High School's all-time leading scorer, to ranking in the top 15 on Florida State University's all-time career list for three-pointers made, to coaching under a legendary future hall of fame coach, Georgia Southern men's basketball Assistant Coach Andrew Wilson has called Statesboro his home for the past couple of years.

But, basketball didn't begin in high school for Wilson. It began much earlier.

"I started out playing when I was three or four years old," Wilson said. "I remember shooting underhand. That's the only way I knew how to get the ball to the 10-foot goal playing in my driveway."

That three year old boy turned into an athlete that shaped a very successful career at Florida State and made an impact in Tallahassee. Though many memories were made, Wilson's mind races to one moment when asked what the most memorable moment in his basketball career was.

"My senior night in college, we beat the No. 1 ranked team in the country at home playing against Duke," Wilson said.

Following his ACC career, Wilson was able to make the transition from the court as a player, to the sideline as a coach. At 23 years old, Wilson had the opportunity to coach under future Hall of Famer, Bobby Cremins, at the College of Charleston which is also where Coach Byington happened to be coaching. After spending six seasons learning from Coach Cremins, he took his coaching career up north to Binghamton University for a year before coming to Statesboro to join Coach Byington.

"At College of Charleston,"

Wilson said, "it was good for me to be able to get my feet wet working for a guy that was experienced and highly thought of as he [Cremins] was."

It didn't all come easy for Wilson though. Coaching is a difficult job that no run-of-the-mill basketball player can transition to easily. It takes time to learn and become a successful coach. And that's what Wilson says was a difficult part of making the switch from player to coach.

"As a player you think you know or have a good understanding of what coaches do, but you really don't. The only thing you see as a player is what the coaches do with you on the floor every day at practice. And there's so much more to it," Wilson said. "Our job as coaches is 20 percent actually coaching the kids and 80 percent everything else. And that's what you don't see as a player."

The road to Georgia Southern was a winding one for Wilson. But, Byington always seemed to be intertwined in the path in some way. From the beginning of his assistant coaching job at the College of Charleston, Byington and Wilson formed a relationship that neither one could have guessed would land them in Statesboro coaching together once again.

"Coach Byington and I were good friends at Charleston. Our business relationship has changed now because obviously I'm working for him. But, there's definitely a familiarity there between him and myself where I know exactly what he's looking for, since this is my eighth year of being around him," Wilson said.

As they both came to Statesboro, they knew there would be hardships and hurdles they had to get past. But Wilson was up to the challenge. Wilson came onto the coaching staff with Byington in hopes of creating a winning environment.

And that's what he believes they have been able to do.

"Things are changing right now. It was challenging when we first got here. We had a lot of things to do. But it's always been a great place. There's great people that work at the University here, but we definitely had some challenges when we first got here," Wilson said. "One thing I can definitely say is that we've changed the culture here. We've got great kids who are in our program that have totally bought in to what we're trying to do."

Playing in a conference that features a higher level of play sparks the interest of recruits. Wilson says that high school kids want to play at the highest level possible, and being in the Sun Belt has enabled Georgia Southern to meet players they wouldn't have had the chance to meet if they were still in the Southern Conference.

"You wear a lot of different hats as an assistant coach. The number one thing is recruiting. You gotta try and get out and find good players and players that want to be here. That's one of the biggest things that we've tried to find is kids that want to be at Georgia Southern, want to be an Eagle here and want to help us do something special," Wilson said.

Wilson isn't just a coach to these players though. He's more than that. The guys on the team respect him and believe in what he has to offer. It's more of a family than a team.

"It's important that assistant coaches are tight with the players on the team," Wilson said. "Sometimes you gotta be their mentor, sometimes you gotta be their friend, and sometimes you gotta kick 'em in the rear-end. The most important thing is having a good relationship with them and kind of understanding what's going on in their day-to-day lives and trying to help them that way."

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Rough start for rebuilt Eagle team

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern softball began this weekend as the Lady Eagles traveled to Tallahassee to take on Florida State and Kentucky to set the bar for their season. After a long weekend of growth, they were defeated in all four games by a combined score of 31-0.

It is always hard to rebound after losing a lot of key players. As far as what GS lost, it was one of the best pitchers in college softball with Sarah Purvis. Purvis pitched for three perfect games in her career and went down as one of the best in Statesboro history. They also graduated some of their best hitters and fielders including their home run leader from last season.

This season will be an interesting year to rebuild as the expectation for the Lady Eagles are mixed. Preseason polls placed GS at fifth in the Sun Belt and named sophomore outfielder Taylor Rodgers as the Preseason All-Sun Belt team member. Rodgers was the leadoff hitter most of last season and held a .381 average to be named not only to the All Southern Conference team but also the title of Conference Freshman of the Year.

Rodgers and the rest of the team loaded up for the long road to Florida to take part in the Florida State Softball Tournament. The Seminoles were ranked as the fifth best team in the country, so the Lady Eagles knew they were in for a fight. Senior pitcher Brooke Red has seen a lot of time through her career and backed up Purvis all of last season. Though it was the first game of the season, their opponents played in midseason form. Rodgers was not able to get a hit off, in fact, her team only accounted for one hit through six innings. Red also had her struggles as her team fell far behind in the sixth and lost 8-0.

Shell-shocked after the first performance, the Lady Eagles wanted to turn things around, but they faced the sixth ranked team in the country, the Kentucky Wildcats. Georgia Southern went with freshman pitcher Kierra Camp against the powerhouse. The freshman was faced with some of the best batters in the sport for her first collegiate match-up and managed to strike out three Wildcats.

She was pulled in the fifth inning and replaced with senior Marla Thompson who also saw time on the mound last year. Unfortunately, she faced some of the tougher batters and allowed four runs. Things on the batting side didn't look much better with the Lady Eagles only getting one hit from courtesy of senior Savannah Coon. The Wildcats ended the

first day of the softball season with a 9-0 victory.

It would have been hard for most teams to wake up Sunday knowing what they went through the previous day awaited them yet again. First up was Kentucky, and Red took the mound for her team once again. Things were decidedly better in the second matchup, with only two runs allowed in the first four innings. Red picked up three strikeouts and Rodgers along with senior Lexi Allen were both able to register hits. Despite the strong start, Red had to be pulled in the fifth after allowing three runs and was replaced by Camp. The Wildcats piled on in the remainder of the fifth and sixth inning and walked away with a 10-0 win.

After a hard weekend it was time for a break. A new pitcher stepped up to the mound and gave her best to provide some relief for her Eagle teammates. Freshman pitcher Heather Felt took the mound in her first collegiate match and raised some

eyebrows. It was a rough start after she watched a grand slam sail over her head in the first inning. But, Felt did not allow another run for her next four innings and only allowed four hits. The bad news for the Eagles was their failure to register a single hit through all seven innings. Red came in to relieve Felt in the sixth after walking two batters and the Seminoles defended their turf with a 4-0 win.

All things considered this was the best thing for the team and head coach Annie Smith undoubtedly knew it was the best way to get her team ready. By showing the team the level they should expect to play at, it allows them to feel more comfortable and dominant over the smaller teams. Smith got a chance to see her pitchers perform and was even able to work in the freshmen Camp and Felt giving them a taste of the big stage.

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Senior Lexi Allen has a fielding percentage of .875 this season so far.

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NESSMITH-LANE BALLROOM, 5 PM

4 PERSON TEAMS
PRIZES TO THE WINNER



FREE MOCKTAILS



KARAOKE



GIVEAWAYS



BE WELL.
DO WELL.



GEORGIA SOUTHERN OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING FAIR

FEBRUARY
12TH

FREE FOOD & GIVEAWAYS
11-2 AT THE RUSSELL UNION ROTUNDA

Cambridge @ Southern | University Village at Southern | 111 South
The Homptons | University Housing | and more!



Study Abroad Information Session

9 Days in Rennes, France

College of Business
Room 1113

February 10, 11, 12
from 4:00-5:00 PM

Summer 2015 Term A
Junior Status Required

Course: BUSA 4830
International Business



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THE HAMPTONS
TODAY!

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