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NICHOLAS KRISTOF ▶

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Photo courtesy of WBHG.org

Pulitzer-Prize winning columnist comes to GSU

BY JOZSEF PAPP
The George-Anne staff

Nicholas Kristof, a columnist for The New York Times, will present a lecture on Monday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. at the PAC. The event is free and open to the public.

Kristof is expected to discuss his latest book authored with Sheryl WuDunn, "A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity." The presentation will offer "a road map to becoming the most effective global citizen we can be."

"Kristof brings a fresh perspective to making a difference in the lives of the disadvantaged in the United States and globally," said Dr. Chris Caplinger, director of FYE. "Kristof speaks frankly

about the limitations of some forms of charity. Ultimately, though, he leaves us with a powerful call to action about how to engage effectively."

Several Georgia Southern entities have partnered to bring Kristof to campus, but Caplinger said that the Student Abolitionist Movement (SAM) was essential for the coordination of the whole event.

"For the past several years, students involved in SAM on campus have educated their peers about human trafficking, an issue that Kristof and WuDunn first addressed in an earlier book, Half the Sky," Caplinger said.

Kristof will be signing copies of his book after his lecture.

For more information see page 4 & 5

WELLNESS TIPS

BY IAN LEONARD
The George-Anne staff

Well it's Flu season again at Georgia Southern, and while nothing can quite beat modern medicine, sometimes the comforts of a good old fashioned home remedy can help mitigate some of the symptoms.

1. Tea: Tea offers plenty of benefits to a flu riddled patient. Black tea can help soothe a sore throat, citrus teas are rich in vitamin C and adding honey can give you a boost of antioxidants.

2. Pencils: Headaches caused by stress or anxiety can be often be remedied by simply chewing on a pencil. When you're stressed, you subconsciously clench your jaw, and by holding a pencil in your mouth, it can relieve this pressure, according to prevention.com.

3. Hot Peppers: According to sharecare.com spicy peppers contain a compound named capsaicin, which can serve as a decongestant for a stuffy nose. And even if you can't stand the heat, you could eat bell peppers, which are high in vitamin C.

4. Oatmeal: Oatmeal contains selenium, zinc, and beta glucen, all of which boosts your immune system and can help you stave off nasty cold and flu infections, according to sharecare.com.

5. Sleep: Probably the most important remedy of all time. Many students seriously underestimate the power of a good nights rest. According to the National Sleep Foundation, sleep deprivation can lead to an overall weaker immune system, cause cuts and burns to heal less quickly, and even spawn a number of mental issues. So be sure to rest up.



This day in Black History

BY LINDSEY KEHRES
The George-Anne staff

After spending time as a sprinter and long jumper at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, and being rejected several times from the U.S. Summer Olympics Team, Vonetta Flowers turned to bobsledding and quickly found success as a brakewoman.

In 2002, Flowers became the first black gold medalist in the history of the Winter Olympic Games. She, along with driver Jill Brakken, won the inaugural women's two-person bobsled event.

Flowers continued on to win the two-woman event at the 2004 FIBT World Championships in Königssee and was elected into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 2010.

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After finally hearing that Migos will be performing in Hanner Fieldhouse for this year's Spring Concert, our reporter Ariel Johnson asked various students how they felt about the artists students voted on. Follow her on Twitter @ArielNichole.

"I feel like they did a great job with more diversity with the artist."
1 Tyler Flain, sophomore business management major, said

"I'm not really excited because I didn't vote for them."
2 Camron Norman, senior fashion merchandising major, said

"I feel like they will bring a lot of energy and it will be a different thing to bring to campus."
3 Claire Bearb, senior nursing major, said

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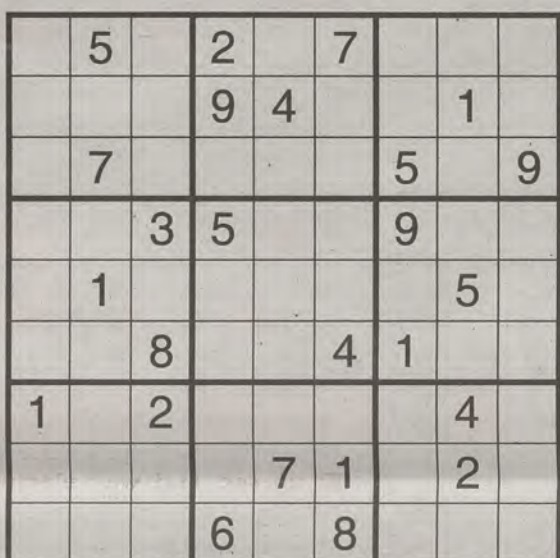
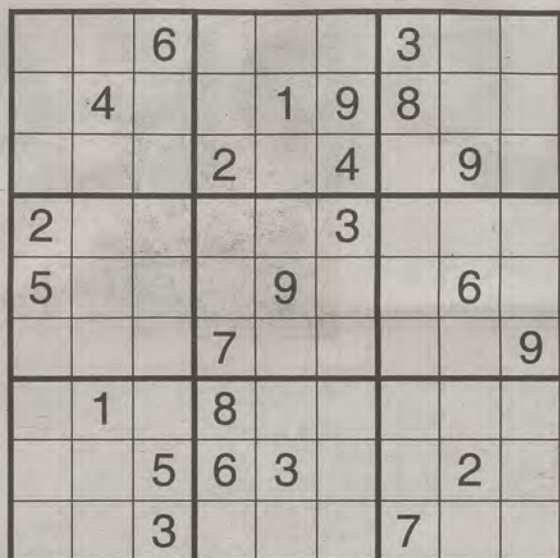
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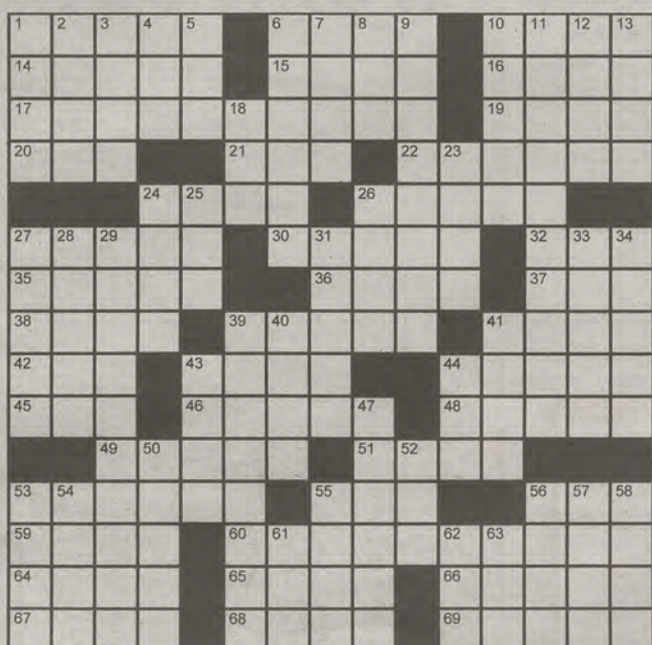
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Keeping you in the know about Student Affairs and Enrollment Management events, designed with you in mind.

FEBRUARY 19

Swim Lessons Session III ends today.

If you are interested in learning how to swim or improving your swim performance, visit <http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/aquatics/aquatic-programs/swim-lessons/>.

FEBRUARY 20

First ever Black History Play entitled The Master Plan, showcased by the students of GSU!

Time: 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Location: Williams Center Multipurpose Room.

Admission is FREE!

This play was completely written by Joi Russell, a student leader on campus. The play showcases black history and the talent of students at GSU. The play is jam packed with exciting portrayals from the everyday students of GSU.

Please contact the Multicultural Student Center at 912-478-5409 for more information.

FEBRUARY 21

UPB - 67th Annual Miss Georgia Southern University Scholarship Pageant

Date: Saturday, February 21st

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Performing Arts Center (PAC).

Miss Georgia Southern University is a preliminary pageant for Miss Georgia and the winner could go on to become Miss America. This event is free and open to the public. Students, bring your Eagle ID. For information on accommodations related to access, email upb@georgiasouthern.edu at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

FEBRUARY 22

Yoga Workshop is today at 4pm.

FEBRUARY 23

Registration for Tennis Singles opens!

To register, please visit

<http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/intramurals/get-involved/how-to-register/>

A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity A lecture, Q and A and book signing by Nicholas Kristof

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Performing Arts Center

Mr. Kristof will sign copies of his book after his lecture, which will be available for purchase. The event will be simulcast in the Nessmith-Lane Ballroom and Assembly Hall. Arrive early! For more information, contact First-Year Experience at 912-478-3939.

Rockin' Toward Academic Success Workshop Series

2:30-3:20 pm	Take Control of Your Academic Future	Cone Hall 2002
2:00-2:50 pm	Goal Setting	Cone Hall 2003
3:00-3:50 pm	Note Taking in Lectures	Cone Hall 2003
4:00-4:50 pm	Learning Styles	Cone Hall 2003
5:00-5:50 pm	Reading Effectively	Cone Hall 2003
6:00-6:50 pm	Time Management	Cone Hall 2003

To register for a workshop, please call 912-478-5371 or send an e-mail to asc@georgiasouthern.edu (limited seating so register early)

FEBRUARY 24

Softball registration is closing today.

So, if your team hasn't signed up yet, be sure to do so.

<http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/intramurals/get-involved/how-to-register/>

SOLD Series Session: Benefits of Collaboration

Presented by: Michelle Davis

Time: 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Location: RU 2047

The SOLD Workshop Series is coordinated by the Office of Student Leadership & Civic Engagement and the Office of Student Activities. The SOLD Workshop Series is designed for any student seeking to develop their individual leadership capabilities and for students who currently or aspire to hold a leadership position within a student organization. The cost of attending this outstanding workshop series is FREE! Bring your Eagle ID! Contact Information: OSA@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

FEBRUARY 25

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YOUR STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES AT WORK

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A PATH APPEARS

PULITZER PRIZE WINNING JOURNALIST TO ADDRESS STUDENTS ON GLOBAL CITIZENRY

BY NADIA DREID

The George-Anne staff

New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof will address Georgia Southern University students Monday night about the importance of being effective global citizens.

Kristof, a two-time Pulitzer Prize award winner, will base his talk off his newest book (co-authored with wife Sheryl

WuDunn), "A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity" which takes an in-depth look at the way individuals can influence the world they live in by creating opportunity for others.

"I'd like to see more students be aware of global issues and try to make a difference. Partly, that's to empower others half a world away, but also because to be an educated person in this country, you also need some knowledge of and interaction

with the rest of the world," Kristof said.

Kristof and WuDunn became household names with their bestselling 2009 book "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide" which discussed the specific ways in which the world stacks the odds against women.

GSU's Student Abolitionist Movement was one of the driving forces behind bringing Kristof to campus. Dedicated

to the eradication of human trafficking worldwide, SAM president Claire Torell felt Kristof would be the perfect person to speak to students on the subject.

Torell thinks that Kristof's talk will help students see human trafficking in a different way, as a system that abuses the most vulnerable, rather than a series of personal choices.

"He has worked with this issue for so long. He's worked

in Darfur, he's worked with Tiananmen Square. If there's been a social justice issue, he's been on top of it," Torell said. "So it makes sense that with this one being one that affects millions and millions of people all across the globe, he is a great voice for that."

The event will be held in the Performing Arts Center at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 23.

FORCE, FRAUD, COERCION: SLAVERY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

In January of 2013, FBI Operation Dark Night resulted in the bust of a sex trafficking ring in Savannah, Ga. It was the largest sex trafficking organization to ever be prosecuted in the southern district of Georgia and resulted in the convictions of 23 traffickers and the rescue of 12 victims.

According to prosecutors, the women were Latin American nationals enticed to America with promises of a better life. Once inside the country, they were held prisoner and forced to perform sex acts on up to 50 men a day.

"We want to shine a light on the fact that not only does [slavery] still exist, now more than ever," Claire Torell, president of the Student Abolitionists Movement, said. "Numbers are over 27 million people in the world are enslaved and we don't even recognize that slavery exists in our country."

Part of the issue is that 21st century human trafficking looks different from the idea of slavery people have in their head. People "need to see shackles," Torell said.

Nicholas Kristof, Pulitzer Prize winner and New York Times columnist, who will be addressing students at Georgia Southern University this Monday, has written

extensively on the issue. In his book Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide, which he wrote with his wife and partner Sheryl WuDunn, Kristof tackles some of the systematic issues that lead to women making up more than 70 percent of human trafficking victims.

Kristof thinks that journalists should work harder to bring light to the reality of human trafficking.

"I think we in the news media can do a better job, and any of us can raise the issue in our conversations with others," Kristof said. "Part of the problem is that it's an ugly issue that we tend to avert our eyes from; I'd say we have to look squarely at it."

The Student Abolitionist Movement uses a three word litmus test to categorize human trafficking: force, fraud, or coercion.

"That just means that people are doing something that they don't want to be doing by force, fraud, or coercion and that takes so many faces," Torell said. "But people want that gory story of the gun to your head."

Last summer, Torell had the opportunity to work with boys in Thailand who had been sex trafficked from a young age. She said that a lot of people she

spoke to about her experience wanted justification for the boys' actions.

"People asked me 'What's making them do it?'" Torell said. "Well, how about the fact that they're orphans that were kicked out of school when they were eight years old and had no other option than to be out on the street?" To me, that's not a choice and that will never be a choice."

The Student Abolitionist Movement wants to make the fight against slavery everyone's fight. Last semester, the organization hosted an event called "Do what you do in the direction of freedom" that tried to encourage students that no matter their area of study, they could work to stop human trafficking.

"Every single major has a huge impact on the future of human trafficking. You don't have to be the nurse that goes and repairs genital mutilation in Africa," Torell said. "You can help in your own hometown, just being aware of the signs. You want to be a business owner, you can make sure you're getting sources that are ethical . . . anything you do you can do in the direction of freedom."

HOW MANY SLAVES WORK FOR YOU?

Any student or CEO can find out how many slaves they employ with a few clicks of a mouse, thanks to Made In a Free World CEO Justin Dillon and his website Slavery Footprint.

<http://slaveryfootprint.org>

By answering a few questions about your demographics and spending habits, Slavery Footprint will calculate the approximate number of slaves working to support your lifestyle. You can also receive a breakdown on where those numbers come from and contact information for companies if you would like to request they make their products fairtrade.

Fairtrade certified items promise that the all workers producing their goods work in fair conditions and receive a living wage.

"I'd say that often our values and interests align, that when we ignore foreign crises at the front end, we often end up paying at the back end," Kristof said. "I do think that while students often start out thinking that they're going to empower people in, say, Africa, often it's the students themselves who end up most empowered."

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PEOPLE CURRENTLY LIVE IN SLAVERY,
according to the **2014 GLOBAL SLAVERY INDEX**.

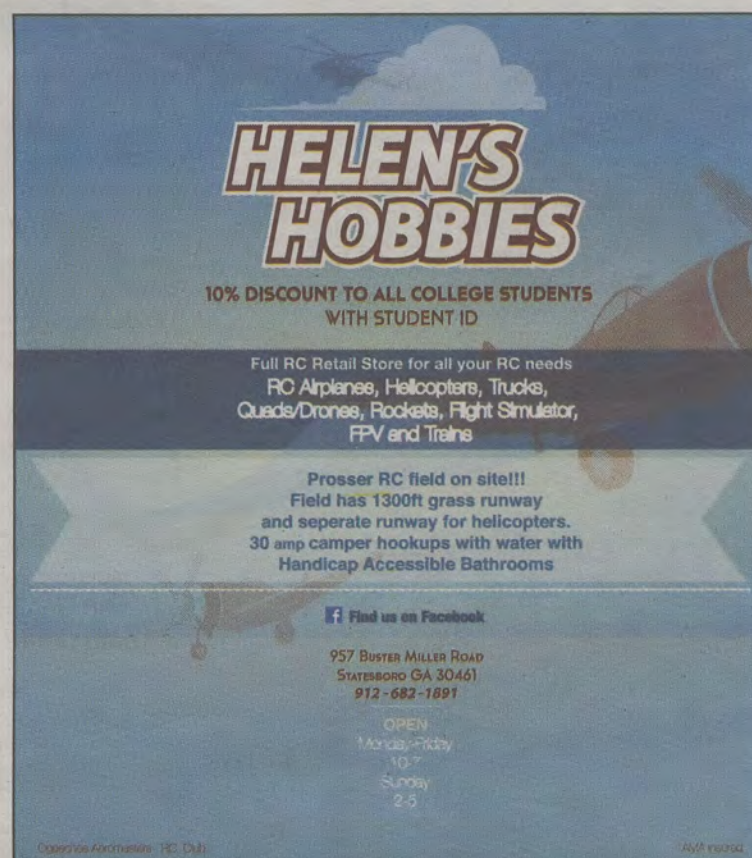
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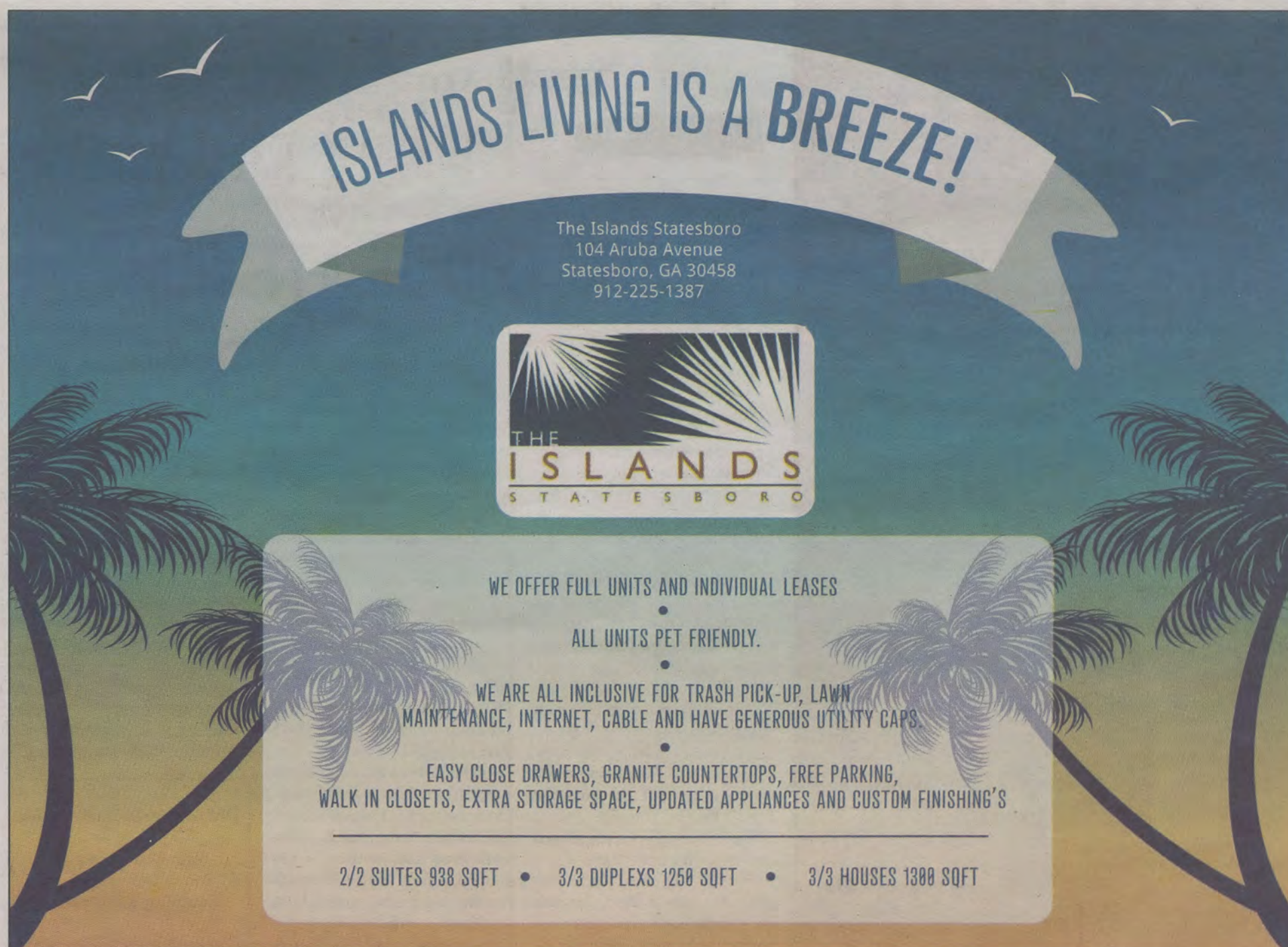
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GAMERS GUIDE TO TEKLAN

THE 28TH GAMER-HEAVEN COMES BACK TO CAMPUS THIS FRIDAY, FEB. 20.

HOSTED BY AITP (ASSOCIATION INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSION)

BY MEG ELWOOD
The George-Anne staff

Location: 2nd Floor of the IT Building



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WHAT IS THIS MAGICAL PLACE?

Twice a semester, AITP hosts this non-profit event for the students of Georgia Southern University to game away into the early hours of the night. The founder of AITP wanted to show the students that the IT Building is not only a place to use for work, but for fun as well. With the event offering a large space for all kinds of different gaming experiences, not only are students playing games, but they're also learning about technology and different ways to use it.

HOW IT WORKS:

1. Show Up. Bring yourself, friends, gaming console or laptop.
2. Sign-In on your Steam account. Don't have one? No worries, TekLAN's got you covered for the night with a free pass for an account.
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people

WHY GO?

"If you're a gamer, TekLAN is a great way to get out of your dorm or apartment and play in a new environment. Gamers can meet other gamers, create teams and play face to face against or with each other while even making new friends," Meaghan Thomson, AITP president, said.

CAN'T GO?

No worries, if you can't make it this Friday, the next TekLAN is expected to late March/early April.

GO FORTH AND GEEK ON GAMERS!

Sweetest Race in the 'Boro

THE CHOCOLATE RUN

BY MICHELLE NORSWORTHY
The George-Anne staff

It's often said the opposites attract, and this Saturday, two of the world's greatest opposites will meet for a messy showdown of perseverance and indulgence. We're talking exercise and chocolate; we're talking the 3rd Annual 5K Chocolate Run.

Starting at the RAC Pavilion, last-minute registration will take place at 7 a.m., followed by the Fun Run, an event specifically for kids. Participants have the chance to win a bike donated by Swim Bike Run.

At 8:30 a.m., runners, joggers and walkers alike will take off from the Pavilion for the 5K and a chance to win both an award and yummy chocolate.

Founded by the Leadership Bulloch Class of 2013, the idea for the run was born of a service project and a desire to help.

"We wanted something

that would leave a legacy," Jennifer Douglas, one of the event coordinators, said. "Not something we did one year and we're done. We wanted something that would stay awhile after we'd left and graduated."

Since its inception, the Chocolate Run has benefited the Open Hearts Community Mission in their efforts to help Statesboro's homeless populations.

This year marks a special occasion, as the run takes place the day after Open Hearts Community Mission breaks ground on Statesboro's first homeless shelter.

"[The OHCM] is more of a hand-up than a hand out," Douglas said. "They work not just to help temporarily - like with food and clothing - but they also help long term with finding a job and establishing a savings...and help them get back on their feet."

The Chocolate Run has

raised \$45,000 in its first two years for OHCM, and this year hopes to raise even more. Typically, around 500 people participate. This year they anticipate around 100 more than usual. Runners aren't the only thing they have more of: Hot chocolate and chocolate fondue fountains are only a few of the newer additions.

"At a few stops, we have zones. If you go through the clean zone, you're fine. If you go through the chocolate zone, we'll have volunteers squirting guns full of chocolate syrup," Douglas said, "So it actually gets messy on the track this year."

Online Registration Deadline:

Feb. 19 @ 11:59 p.m.

Race Day Registration:

7 a.m. @ the RAC Pavilion

Child Development Center teaches at every age



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
The Child Development Center is a daycare servicing children six weeks to five years.

BY MICHELLE NORSWORTHY

The George-Anne staff

In a remote corner of campus, there rests a brown brick building that houses a power so incredible, it can disarm even the toughest of adults with just one look. This power has only one name: Child. Its fortress? The Child Development Center.

At the Child Development Center, classes are divided by age. In the infant class, some may be as young as six weeks. The center services children ages six weeks to five years, and tailors the developmental experience to each child.

"Because we are mixed ages in preschool, it's crucial we work on an individualized basis so the children are all learning and growing developmentally and so that no one gets overlooked," Jessica DeLaigle, lead teacher, said. DeLaigle has been at the center since June 2011.

This individualized attention enables each child to meet the standards used by the center, in ways that are most attractive to them.

"The child development center [has a] theme based curriculum that focuses on the child," Raina Chance, lead infant teacher, said. "Say the children are showing a lot of attention to trucks, then the theme for the next week will be trucks."

Teaching plans are then made according to the children's interests. This attention to the individual is true to the center's philosophy of creating a learning environment, with play at the center of learning, Chance said.

But the infants, toddlers, and preschoolers aren't the only ones getting an education.

"The GSU Child Development Center is an integral part of the Child and Family Development program," Dr. Cynthia Johnson, Department Chair of the School of Human Ecology, said. "Housed under the School of Human Ecology, it's a training center for students who wish to work with young children."

After GSU students have prepared materials and observed, they get to apply their knowledge by teaching in the preschool classrooms.

While it is true that any profession requires passion, teaching also requires dedication and a love of children. Because of the love the teachers have



for the children, the center maintains a familial atmosphere.

"Just being able to have a two way conversation with the children in my classroom makes me love what I do," DeLaigle said. "The children are so funny, so sweet and so honest. Their comments truly make my day."

Though Tinnie Lee now serves as the Interim Director, much of her 15 year s at the center was spent in the classroom. "I love being an intentional teacher. Teachable moments happen every day," Lee said.

For her, there isn't one single thing that sticks out. For Lee, every day is a memorable one.

"When I walk into the classroom, the children always greet me with excitement like I've been gone for days instead of overnight," Lee said.

The work of the teachers doesn't go unnoticed. Parents, as well as major childcare organizations, have given them praise.

Bright from the Start – Georgia's source for childcare licenses, the Pre-K program and federal nutrition programs – rated GSU's Child Development Center 3 out of 3 stars.

"I'm extremely proud of our center for earning those three stars," DeLaigle said. "The teachers all put a lot of hard work, time and dedication to our classrooms and center."

Not only have the received the highest possible ranking from Bright from the Start, the center is also accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

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WHAT TO TAKE AWAY FROM MICHELE NORRIS



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Williams is a writing & linguistics and French double major from Winston, Ga. She is the current Opinions Editor of The George-Anne.

Yesterday, award-winning journalist and first African-American National Public Radio host, Michele Norris, came to Georgia Southern to impart her wisdom on students as the 2015 MLK speaker.

Many student leaders, myself included, had the wonderful opportunity of asking questions to Michele Norris as well as experience her "well-balanced dance of meticulous and relaxing" interview style when we were asked questions in return.

What was the hardest thing that you had to cover as a journalist and what was the most fun?

Hardest – Hurricane Katrina
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What was the hardest decision you had to make concerning diversity and leadership?

"I knew if I did a good job I had the chance to open the door to a person who came after me whether that be a woman or another person of color."

What advice would you give about how to have conversations on diversity?

"Think about the environment and space where you do these conversations

Do things over food – comfort food is called comfort food for a reason – food is a metaphor for opportunities

Set ground rules. Things might get tough and uncomfortable but we all must manage to be respectful."

As a journalist what is a topic or event that frightens you?

"Every time I walk into a studio is a personal victory because as a child I had a speech impediment. I was told that everyday you should do something that scares you, and I feel like I am doing that all the time."

What have you learned from The Race Card Project?

"I've learned a lot of things from the Race Card Project that apply to my work. I have learned about the assumption that race is something that people don't want to talk about is wrong. A lot of people want to talk about race but they are just looking for a way.

I have also found that the conversations about race are depicted as being big explosive moments, but The Race Card Project has shown



that the impact around race and culture has to do with small moments. A lot of race cards are intimate moments.

Often media discussions are dominated by the notion that race is binary, Black and White, but America is multi-hued and our conversations about race reflect that. You have to reach beyond the big cosmic headlines to understand how people live in a symbolic way."

What should students take away from your speech?

"I hope that they realize that discussions about race don't have to be so torturous, sometimes they are but they don't have to be. The overall process can be productive.

I hope that students will have curiosity. Curiosity is a really good thing. Most students in college are trying

to conquer the world. It is easier to conquer the world if you understand it and it's hard to do that when you are looking through a narrow straw. Media is very narrow in the way that it confirms what you already believe and students should be curious about looking sources that reflect different views than their own."

What do you want the legacy of The Race Project to be?

"I want to help people listen to others who lead different lives to provide a window that will lead to having a way to learn about someone else or something else. I want it to be a mirror that shows you yourself that becomes a window that allows you to see others."

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CONFERENCE UPDATE:

BRIGHT FUTURE FOR MEN'S BASKETBALL

BY LAYNE SALIBA
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern men's basketball team (18-5, 11-3 SBC) sits just half a game behind No. 1 ULM, and with just five more games left to play this season, the Eagles will have to work hard to take control of the Sun Belt.

Georgia Southern has produced impressive numbers throughout the season and surpassed most of Eagle Nation's expectations. The Eagles currently have the best scoring margin in the league, winning by just over 10 points each game while holding their opponents to 60 points per game.

They have been shooting 43 percent from the field over the span of the 23 games this season while going 34 percent from three-point range. Even though they may not rank in the top three in three-point percentage, the Eagles lead the conference in three-pointers made with 184.

With the addition of big man Trent Wiedeman and the height from Eric Ferguson this season, the Eagles have been able to rack up 881 rebounds, averaging 38 per game. In addition, the defensive quickness around the perimeter has enabled Georgia Southern to record numerous steals, eight

per game up to this point.

Redshirt senior Jelani Hewitt leads the team with a total of 434 points, which comes out to about 19 per game. He also leads with 61 steals, double the amount that his next closest teammate has. Furthermore, he has tallied 87 assists and boasts an 85 percent free throw percentage on a team that struggles in that area.

Leading the boards for the Eagles has been redshirt senior forward Trent Wiedeman with 139 rebounds and senior forward Angel Matias with 127 rebounds respectively. Wiedeman

also leads the team in blocks with 21.

The Eagles are set to play Troy once again, who upset them after they gained the No. 1 spot in the conference for the first time on Jan. 17. Georgia Southern will also have to face South Alabama, App State, ULL, UT Arlington and Georgia State over the next three weeks before the Sun Belt Tournament.

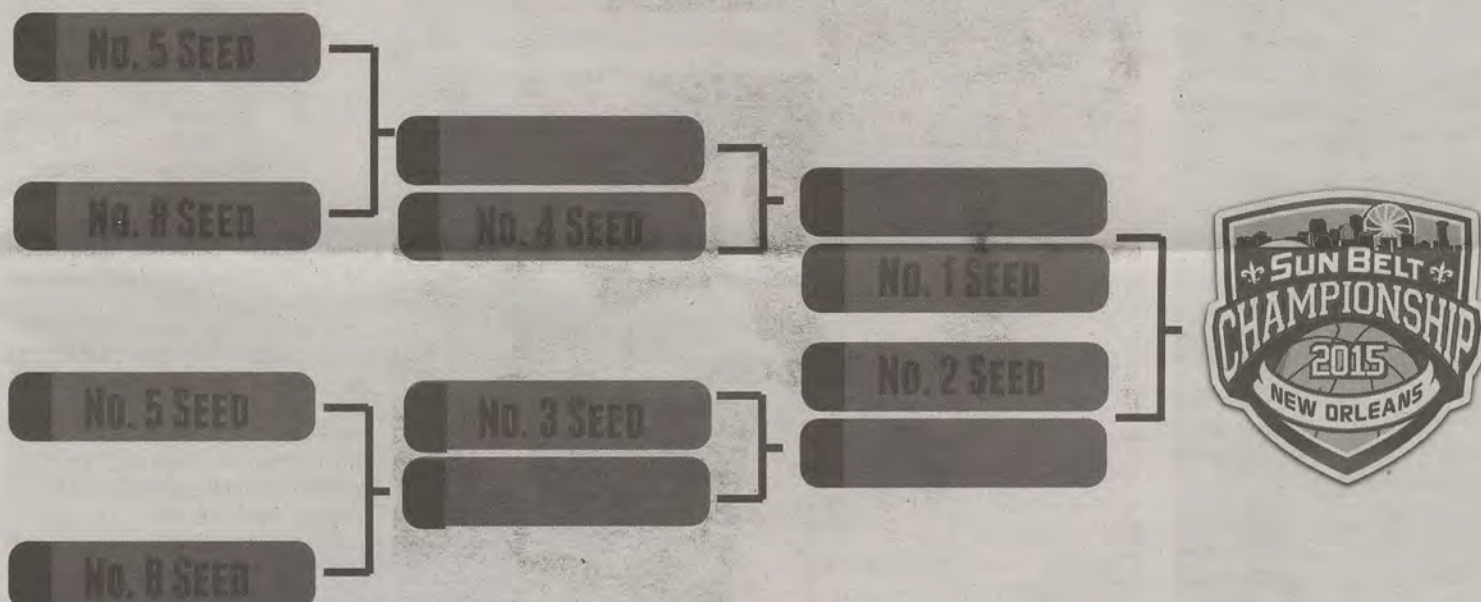
Georgia Southern should not have much trouble beating Troy, App State or South Alabama with their 4-10, 6-8 and 7-8 conference records respectively. As for the other three games, a win will not come easy, but is definitely possible.

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If the Eagles are able to win at least half of the remaining games; they could finish the season with a solid 14-6 conference record, which could place them as high as a No. 4 seed in the conference tournament.

Being the No. 4 seed would give the Eagles a bye in the first round of the tournament. They would go on to play the winner of the No. 5 seed versus No. 8 seed game; and with a win in that game, the Eagles would take on the No. 1 seed.

It looks like there is a bright future for the Eagles in the conference tournament. Being a No. 4 seed is a low assumption for Georgia Southern, but it could happen. No matter what though, the Eagles should do well during their first Sun Belt tournament.



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Angel Matias is making his presence known in the paint. This season he has posted 127 rebounds and seven blocks.

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Track and field is ready for Championships

BY ROBERT GEORGE
The George-Anne staff

The young track and field team has seen tremendous improvement since the start of the season, and has been led by a strong throws program.

Coach Kelly Carter has been pleased with how the season is progressing.

"We're an up and coming group," Carter said. "They're really coming together. The program is really starting to gel in what we're trying to accomplish."

The throws program has been a big part of that early season success. Sophomore Kelsey Arnold began the season by breaking the school record for the weight throw with a toss of 17.90m. When discussing the team, Coach Carter acknowledges the consistency and talent in the throws.

"It is highlighted by our

throws program; they are the strong backbone of the program as it relates to points. I think we are making strides toward reaching a championship," Carter said.

Coach Carter gives the majority of the credit for the team's success to assistant coach Brittany Cox. Coach Cox is a former NCAA Shot Put All-American as well as a Sun Belt champion in the shot put and weight throw.

"Our throws program is being run by a very capable young lady," Carter said. "I've known her since she competed. I've always liked how she managed her time and managed those around her. She is a former All-American, so that adds a little weight for them to listen to her."

Coach Cox still competes at the national level, so she is able to practice and compete in some of the tournaments

with the girls, and even won the shot put event at the Hilton Garden Invitational. Her experience and knowledge in the sport has been a huge tremendous help for the girls.

"It's fun," Cox said. "It's hard work. It's a professional sisterhood. I don't see myself as a mom or an aunt. But, I can be that big sister for them."

Cox has helped each girl make strides in their game. Samantha Cook is a sophomore transfer from a Division III school. She says the transition has been tough, but Coach Cox has helped her adjust to tougher competition.

"It has been a huge improvement for Sam," Cox said. "Going from no technique to some technique is always great. She's starting to impress me with her technique."

Stephanne Henzler is another girl who has seen her skills grow under the guidance of Coach Cox. Henzler set a new personal record in the weight throw at the Bob Pollock Invitational with a toss of 15.21m, earning her a top-5 finish in the event.

"Thanks to Coach Cox, Coach Carter, all the coaches here, we've all been able to excel," Henzler said. "I don't know what I would have done without them."

Arnold is in the midst of a phenomenal season. She has set the school record for the weight throw, and has placed first in many of those events. She is grateful to have Coach Cox out there teaching them and competing with them.

"It's good to have someone to shadow," Arnold said. "I want to be better than her. I want to go farther than whatever she's ever done."

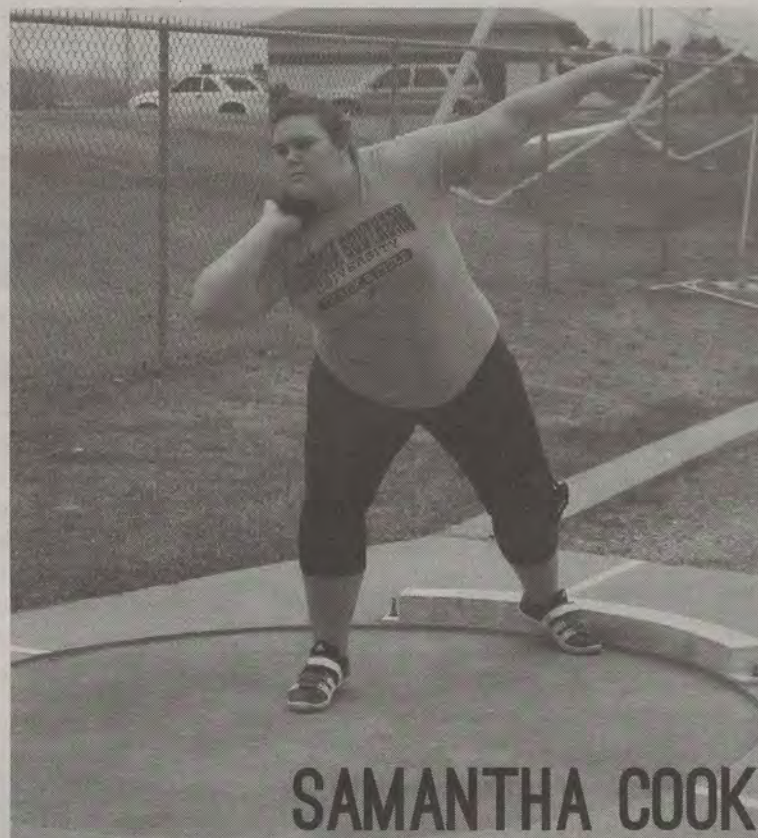
Cox has helped quite a lot with the Eagles this season, but she also realizes the level of talent this team has on in it.

"She was already a great athlete when I came down here," Cox says. "She's starting to realize 'Oh snap, I can do this, I can be great at this'."

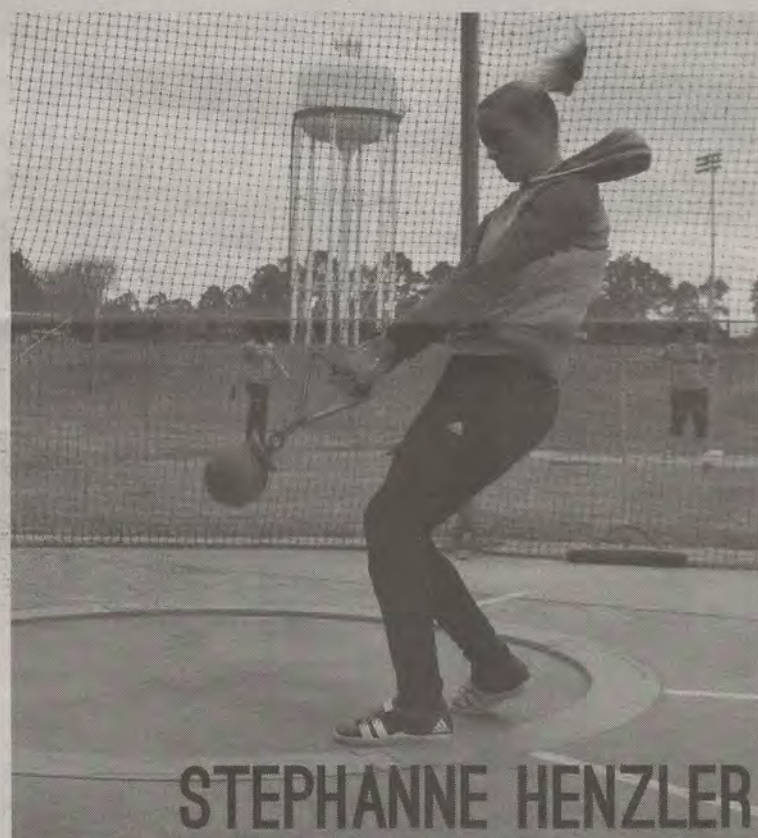
All the girls are happy to have her practicing with them and competing along side them. But, that doesn't mean there is not room for a little friendly competition between the girls.

Arnold is even planning on surpassing her this year. "I'll beat her at conference," Arnold boasts. "Whatever she has ever thrown, I will beat it."

The team will compete in the Sun Belt Indoor Championships starting this coming Monday, February 23.



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EAGLES FACE TROY IN CONFERENCE OPENER TOMORROW

BY DERIK WUCHTE
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern's men's tennis will be getting their first Sun Belt competition this Friday against Troy University. Troy, a driven team on a current three-game win streak, will be an interesting match-up, but the Eagles are up to the challenge with new head coach Sander Koning taking the helm.

In his first match as the Eagle's head coach, Koning lost a close one to East Carolina University 3-4. There are still some points the Eagles need to work on. Yet, Koning is confident and sure this team has what it takes.

When getting an opportunity to discuss the Sun Belt Conference Championship potential with Koning, one of the first things he mentioned

were specific teams that came to mind. Louisiana Lafayette and South Alabama were the first two. Troy then followed.

"But we're not far off," Koning said. "We'll be ready for it. The guys have been working really hard."

"What I've seen in college, the great coaches I've been under, it's really about who can handle pressure when it counts. It's about execution, at believing what you do is right," Koning said.

A lot of close matches for the Eagles have been lost from just one or two sets. Sophomore Christian Kerrigan in his singles match against East Carolina's senior Damien Bernard lost 6-4, 6-3. Only a few sets in that match going to Kerrigan's favor could have swayed the momentum for him.

Situations like those made Koning emphasize "execution." The pressure may be heightened with conference play starting up, but that doesn't mean it'll hold the Eagles back.

Koning spent time coaching at Indiana University and Old Dominion University. He also worked for the Dutch Tennis Federation. In addition to that, he competed and volunteer assistant coached at Clemson University.

Now at Georgia Southern, he will be seeing something different, along with the rest of the team.

"It'll be exciting. It'll be my first Sun Belt Conference match, and to the team. We're going out there and we're going to battle. My assistant, Carlos, has been working hard. It'll give us a great preview of the conference championship, and I'm looking forward to it," Koning said.

The Sun Belt is made of 11

teams. Of those 11, nine have men's tennis teams, including Georgia Southern.

The Eagles are scheduled to face five of those opponents: Troy, Appalachian State, Louisiana Lafayette, University of Texas at Arlington and Georgia State.

"The good thing we have is that [the schedule] was done by the previous coach. The only team we don't play is South Alabama," Koning said.

Troy will put the Eagles to the test, and it will give them a good idea of where they stand in the Sun Belt now. Just like Coach Koning said, "You know what you're up against."

The match against Troy will be in Alabama on Friday, Feb. 20. It will start the long journey to the Sun Belt Conference Championship in April for the Eagles.

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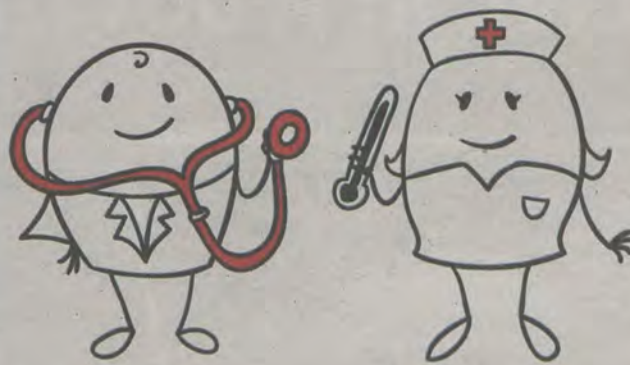
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