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Women's History Month

BY LINDSEY KEHRES
The George-Anne staff

The beginning of March also brings the beginning of Women's History Month. Since getting its start in 1911, every March 8 has since been marked as International Women's Day.

In honor of all the contributions women have made throughout history, USA Today College has recommended a list of women who may not be the most famous, but whose work helped to pave the way not just for women's rights, but for the rights of people everywhere.



Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz
(1651-1695)

Cruz is best known for writing "Respuesta a Sor Filotea," which defended a woman's right to receive an education. She is considered to be an early feminist manifesto.



Nellie Bly
(1864-1922)

Bly was a fearless investigative journalist who was among the first to go "under cover" to report her stories. Among other achievements, she also exposed corrupt lobbyists and the inhuman ways that women prisoners were being treated.



Victoria Woodhull
(1838-1927)

Woodhull was a renowned women's libber, was the first woman to address a congressional committee, the first female candidate for United States presidency, and one of the first women to work as a Wall Street broker.

WEATHER BAR

Wednesday



High: 83°
Low: 62°

Thursday



High: 78°
Low: 56°

Friday



High: 70°
Low: 58°

App Update: Sneek



BY IAN LEONARD
The George-Anne staff

uMentioned, the company behind the hit app Sneek, updated its multimedia sharing application, with a lot of much wanted, and needed, improvements.

The most notable and drastic change was the introduction of topic specific channels, called chats. Users can subscribe to these chats to see content tailor made for their tastes. For example, there are chats dedicated to selfies, videos, memes and many more. In addition to some mainstay channels, any user can create their own chats that others can join.

This new feature also addressed another issue the app had been facing, specifically the issue of how to handle overtly sexual posts on boards in the app.

Due to the ongoing debate as to whether inappropriate posts should be allowed, there are now multiple chats dedicated specifically to these erotic materials, and users who don't wish to see these posts may simply not subscribe to these channels.

Sports Shorts

-Men's Baseball swept Appalachian State in a weekend series, ending Sunday with a 6-5 win.

-Women's Tennis extended their win streak with a 6-1 victory over Jacksonville State on Sunday.

-Men's tennis defeated North Carolina Greensboro Sunday 4-3, which marked the first win against Greensboro for the seniors on the team.

-Women's Softball fell short this weekend with a series against Texas State, ending Sunday with a loss 3-5.

-The Women's Rifle Team shot a program record 2800 in air rifle at the SEARC Championship this weekend.



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Reggie (Reginald) Elwood

Reflector Magazine wishes to celebrate the lives of Statesboro's coolest pets (because let's be honest, people are just the worst).

This is Reggie (Reginald) Elwood. He's a one-and-a-half-year-old Leopard Gecko. When Elwood got Reggie, he was a month old and immediately caught her eye because he had blue eyes and toes, which isn't too common of a feature. As he got older, the blue went away, but his little charismatic personality stayed.

Sometimes when Elwood plays the ukulele or piano, Reggie will come out from hiding and hangs out on his warm stone until she stop. He enjoys looking out of windows and is very well traveled. Road trips were not his favorite thing at first, but he's made it all the way from Savannah to Chicago and back. His hobbies include sleeping (nocturnal), eating crickets and worms (wax worms are his favorite), wiggling through the grass, and exploring anything that he can squeeze his little self in between. He's also very photogenic and doesn't know it, but is pretty famous on Facebook and Instagram.



All and all, he's a pretty happy little guy! Or, at least Elwood thinks so... he's always smiling!

Reggie is owned and loved by Meg Elwood, a sophomore multimedia journalism major.

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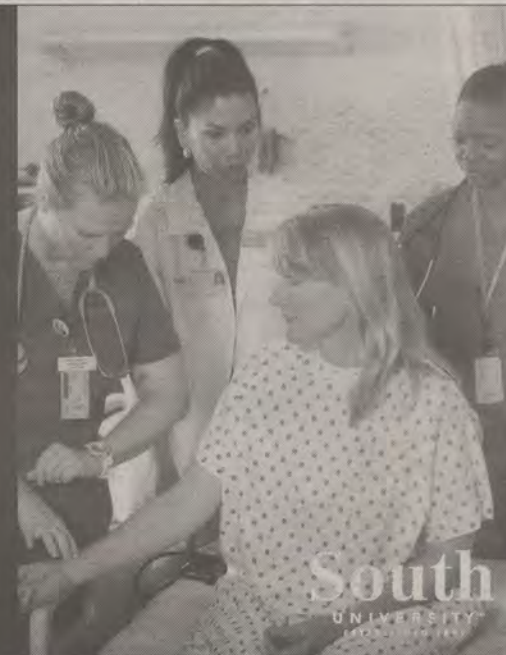
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BIOLOGY BUILDING PROFILE

After 2 years, sustainability efforts remain strong

BY JULIA FETCHER & OZZIE BUNBURY

The George-Anne candidate and staff

The new Biological Sciences building, built in 2013, functions both for the Georgia Southern University students and the environment.

In an effort to encourage alternative forms of transportation, the Biology building's parking lot is substantially smaller and reserved for fuel-efficient cars. There are numerous bike racks surrounding the building, as well as bike lanes for cyclists to use.

"The plants and landscaping give you a sense of place. If you're in Georgia and surrounded by plants from Asia, you could be anywhere. Plants inform us about our environment by bringing in native diversity, like pollinators," Dr. Lissa Legee, Biology professor and Director for the Center of Sustainability at GSU, said.

"It is a joy to work in the biology building. There is a lot of day lighting, so you don't have to use electricity to see everything you need. In the old biology building, there weren't any windows in my office, so the only way I could know the weather was by the squeak of students' boots if it was raining," Legee said.

Signs about the different sustainability features of the Biology building, as well as other structures on campus, will be put in place soon. The new Biology building has also been Georgia Peach certified, a state level of certification for environmentally sustainable buildings.

When asked about LEED certification, the national certification standards, Legee declined to comment. There is a bill going through the Georgia House of Representatives now that would ban LEED certification for all state buildings, including GSU, on the grounds of how wood products are credited towards LEED. For further information on this, students are encouraged to check out the official bill, HB 255, at <http://www.legis.ga.gov/>

- 57 solar panels adorn the roof of the Biology building. Those panels heat all of the water for the structure, as well as provide one percent of its electricity.

- Outside habitats are protected and act as watersheds. The chains hanging down from the building are rain chains, which help direct the water down to plants.

- There are 10 teaching labs, 15 research labs, 31 research labs, a greenhouse, aquatic lab and animal care area.

- There are water-less urinals in the men's restroom, as well as the double flush feature in all restrooms. With this feature, a student can choose how much water to use to flush the toilet, giving them the option to save water.

- Automatic sinks, towel dispensers and lighting are a staple in the Biology building. LCD displays hang on the walls, acting as digital billboards for students and faculty.

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GSU ORGANIZATIONS COLLABORATE TO RESTORE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB



MACY HOLLOWAY THE GEORGE-ANNE

The Boys and Girls Club of Bulloch County is currently stressing maximum capacity due to a fire at the adjacent Teen Center a few weeks ago.

BY JASMYN BUSH & CHANCE SHELTON

The George-Anne candidate and staff

This is OUR HOUSE too: Community Effort to restore the Boys and Girls Club.

On Sunday, Feb. 15, the Boys and Girls Club Teen Center of Bulloch County suffered damages from a fire and now the community is coming together to assist in the rehabilitation of the recreational center.

Mike Jones, the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club, stated that the fire began in the electrical wiring above a restroom and spread throughout the building from there. This particular Boys and Girls Club is referred to as the Teen Center as it usually assists middle and high-schoolers. It is adjacent to the Boys and Girls Club which assists primarily younger children and elementary schoolers.

At the time of the fire, there were over 50 teenagers who usually attended after school sessions at the Club and have now been relocated to the pairing Boys and Girls Club which has recently reached just about maximum capacity.

Fortunately, during the time of the incident no children, staff or volunteers were present.

The Boys and Girls Club has been a center for academic enrichment, personal development and recreational activities for the past 11 years that it has been in Statesboro. The community and organizations on GSU's campus are working toward full restoration of the Boys and Girls Club.

Two organizations at the University helping

out are the Black Student Alliance (BSA) and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). URBAN ACT is the community service sector of BSA. It is currently lead by two co-directors, Kiante Childress, sophomore child development major and Xavieria Jeffers, junior political science/ history double major.

"Right now, we're exploring fundraisers and our main fundraising idea is going to be a dunk contest, which will be like the one sponsored by Sprite," Childress said. BSA's URBAN ACT will be charging a small entry fee to attend and as well as a fee for those who would like to participate. The winner of the dunk contest will be awarded a cash prize, but all proceeds from the dunk contest will go to the Boys and Girls Club.

"We are just doing the fundraiser right now, but if we can find something hands on to do, then we will definitely partake in it," Childress said.

They mentor, assist the children with their homework and participate in "Fun Fridays," where they create games and allow the kids to play and have a good time after school.

The NAACP is also aiding in the restoration of the Boys and Girls Club. On April 4, the NAACP will collaborate with the Minority Advisement Program, the Multicultural Greek Council and the National Pan-Hellenic Council to present



a kickball tournament and cookout.

"We want to have an event that's fun and enjoyable for everyone. We want to allow them to come together, all while supporting the Boys and Girls Club of Bulloch County," James "Major" Woodall, senior political science major and President of the NAACP, said.

The tournament and cookout will be free for everyone to attend and partake in. They will be asking for donations of \$5 or more and all proceeds collected from the donations will be given to the Boys and Girls Club.



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RUN. HIDE. FIGHT.

Statesboro PD teaches public how to survive active shooters

BY KURT HANLON
The George-Anne candidate

Statesboro PD provides tips on surviving an Active Shooter Event

The Statesboro Police Department gave free presentations at the Statesboro Police Station last Wednesday and Friday on how to survive if you find yourself threatened by an active shooter.

The presentation, "Tips on Surviving the Active Shooter" was developed by Statesboro Police Department's Training Bureau Lieutenant Kaleb Moore and presented by Bulloch County Sheriff's Office Investigator Sneed Collins.

Collins has served with the Statesboro Police Department for five years, and both he and Lieutenant Moore have served on the Department's Emergency Response Team-Statesboro's SWAT team equivalent.

The Statesboro Police Department's goal with this presentation was to educate the public on how to survive or even prevent active shooter situations.

Collins stressed the need for a program such as this to inform and prepare people on what to do during an attack.

"Just because you prepare for something doesn't mean it's going to happen," Collins said. "But if we are taking

the steps to ensure safety for everybody, that's the important thing to me. I want everybody to be on the same page so that if something were to happen...we can save as many lives as we can."

An active shooter, as defined by the presentation, is a person who attacks a confined and highly populated area, such as a school or mall, with the intent to kill as many people as possible.

A shooter is almost impossible to identify before they actually carry out the attack, so the presentation focuses on key survival strategies such as where to run or hide, what to do once rescue arrives and even how to fight the shooter yourself.

The presentation explained ways of attempting to identify a potential shooter, proper ways to react to wounded victims and how to respond to law enforcement back up.

A training video developed by the Department of Homeland Security titled "RUN. HIDE. FIGHT. Surviving an Active Shooter event" (available on YouTube) was also included. This particularly graphic video depicts an active shooting and goes over the three methods to survive it. Potential situations like this are no light matter for the Police Department. Last December, a masked person was seen roaming the Math and Physics building

on GSU's campus. Police locked down and searched the building while Eagle Alerts urged students to stay indoors and avoid campus. While the masked man turned out to be a graduate student playing a prank, this goes to show how serious law enforcement is when it comes to active shooter situations.

"It's a scary thing to even think about," Collins said. "Especially when you think about how many cops here have families and kids that go to schools."

"If an active shooter happens at a school...it could be the cop's kid in there," said Collins. "It's not as much a motivation to stop a bad guy as it is to help people."

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ACTIVE SHOOTER HOW TO RESPOND

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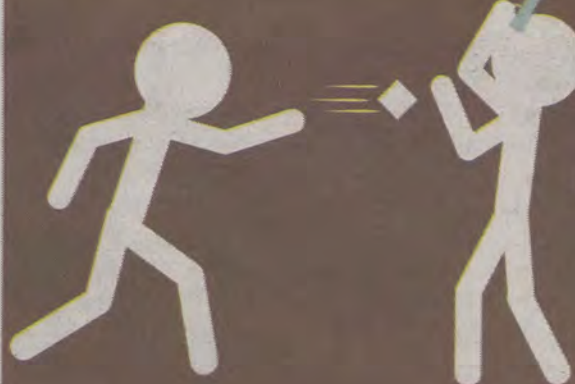
Keep your hands visible.



HIDE

Hide in an area out of the active shooter's view.

Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors.



FIGHT

As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger.

Attempt to incapacitate the active shooter.

Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter.

DELTA CHI BREAKS GROUND ON NEW FRATERNITY HOUSE

BY KURT HANLON

The George-Anne candidate



NICOLE MCINTYRE THE GEORGE-ANNE

Delta Chi members held a ceremony to officially begin construction on new facility.

The Delta Chi chapter of Georgia Southern University held a groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, March 8, to officially start construction on what will become their new fraternity house.

The home, located at 1405 Chandler Road, will be a two-story brick structure, boasting seven bedrooms and bathrooms, a chapter meeting facility and a parking lot behind the house to avoid clogging the street.

The GSU Delta Chi chapter has been at the campus since 1972, but according to Konner Fulk, President of the Georgia

Southern Delta Chi chapter, securing the plans for a chapter house did not go into motion until 2008.

The chapter previously resided in the Kappa Kappa Gamma house until 2007, when the KKG chapter returned to GSU. The chapter now resides in a facility across from University Plaza but Fulk is excited for this new development.

"This [house] will be larger in size, more bedrooms, and it's going to be owned by the chapter," Fulk said. "Which is perhaps the most important thing. We will own this. Not many Greek chapters on

Georgia Southern's campus can say that."

The ceremony was attended by the chapter's 27 members and five associate members, along with numerous alumni, members of the Interfraternity Conference, Delta Chi Regent Chris Kilroy and Statesboro mayor Jan Moore.

Moore, speaking to the audience, reflected on the importance of having a chapter-owned house.

"As a freshman at the University of Georgia, I pledged Phi Mu," Moore said. "And to this day, every time I'm in Athens and I have my children

in the car, when I pass the Phi Mu house, my children say "That's Mom's house," and I say "You're damn right."

"That is my house," Moore said. "There is no better feeling in the world than driving by your fraternity or sorority house. It will always be your house... That is a wonderful feeling."

Bryan Davis, Chapter Housing Corporation president, reflected on the hurdles required to get to this day.

"The biggest challenge was pulling everyone together for a common goal," Davis said. "Working with the city, the fire department, alumni, architects,

the financial commitment, finding a bank that wants to be attached to a fraternity loan, and just the time commitment from everybody involved."

Davis, however, was optimistic throughout the process.

"Because of each one of the personal relationships we've made either in town, or through the alumni we were able to rise to each one of those challenges," Davis said. "And we did pretty well there."

The facility is expected to be completed by mid-July, with a projected move in date of August 1.

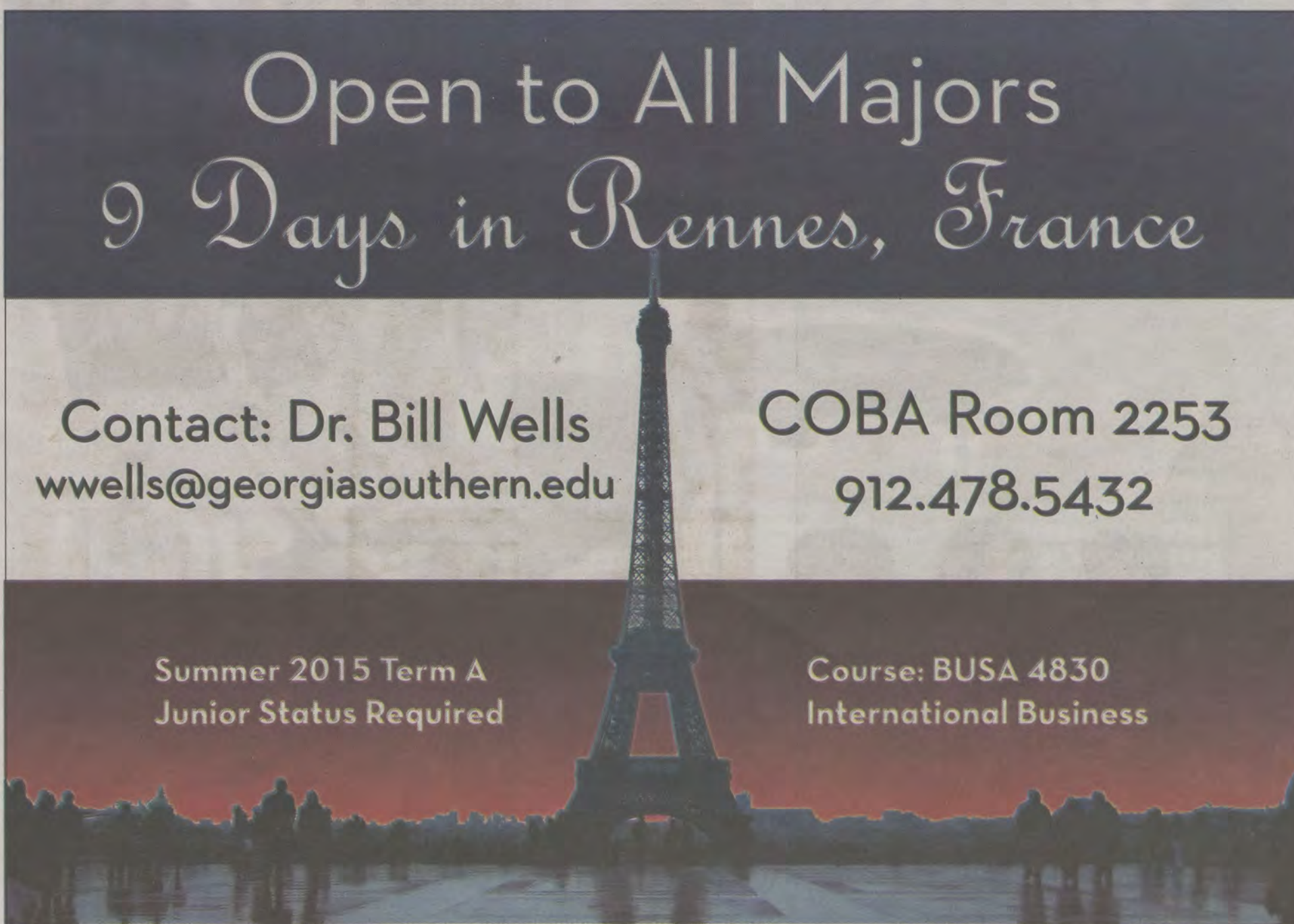
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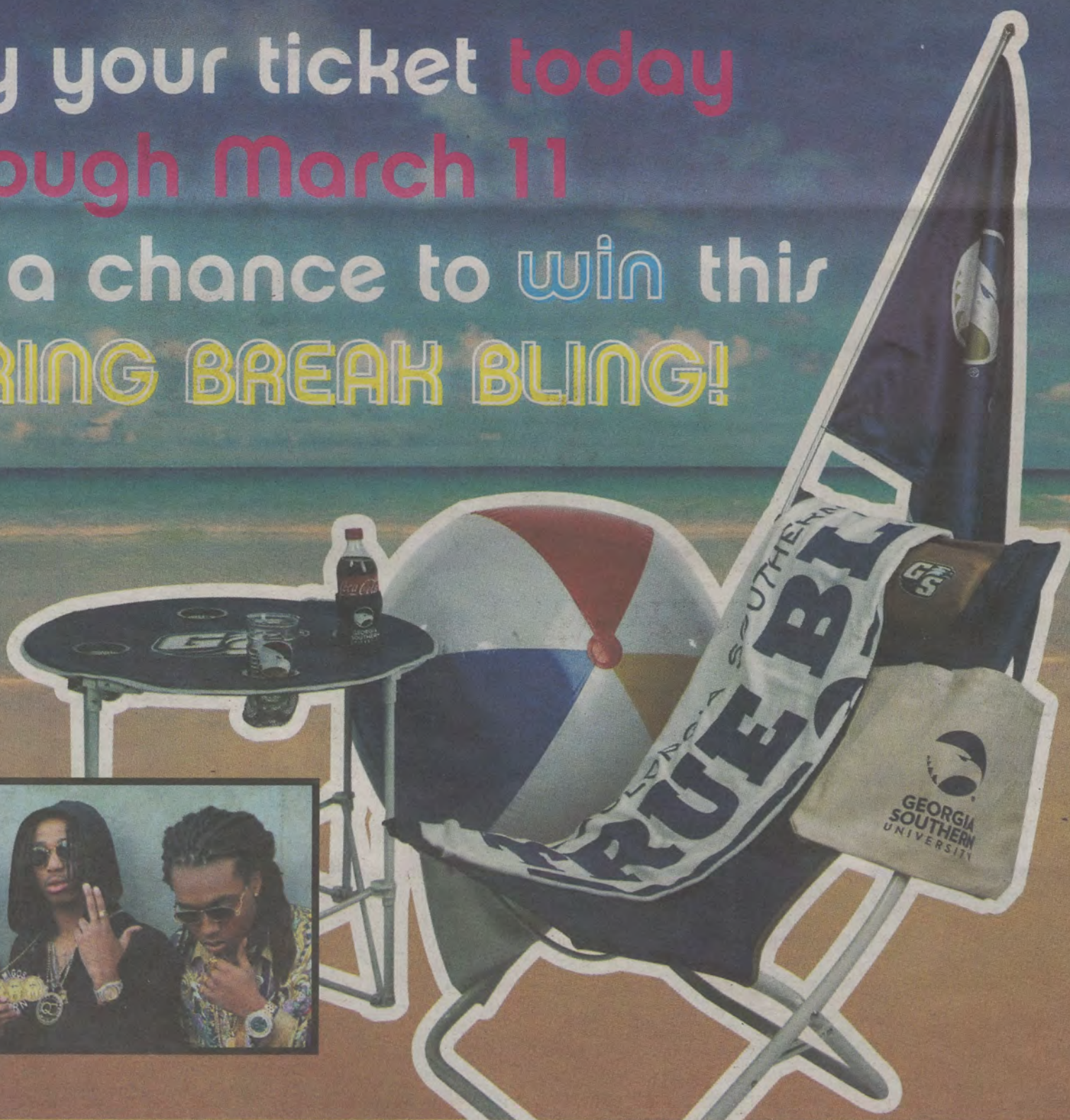
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SPRING BREAK: LIFE OUTSIDE STATESBORO

BY KENNETH LEE
The George-Anne staff

Life in Statesboro can get pretty slow and lonely when classes are out, but if you know the right places to go, you never have to be bored. We'd like to tell you about a slew of destinations for you and a group of friends, either in town or within a few hours' drive. Whether you're looking for an outdoor expedition, tourist attractions, good food, or just fun or educational activities for an afternoon, we've got something for you!



ASHEVILLE, NC

If you're looking for an adventure outdoors, unleash your inner road hog, prepare for the four hour drive, and travel to Asheville, North Carolina. Asheville features a variety of fun activities, of which you'll find at the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Hiking, rafting, rock climbing and cave-diving are all available here, as well as at Chimney Rock Park, Linville Caverns, the Flat Rock Playhouse and River and Earth Adventures. The Downtown Market is also a great destination for any shoppers with some extra cash leftover for the week. Asheville also boasts plenty of well-reviewed bars and restaurants, such as The Bier Garden, Red Rocker Inn and The Lobster Trap.



ATLANTA, GA

Spring Break and warm beaches go hand to hand, but for those who lean more towards city life and less on sand and saltwater, Atlanta is the hub people should go to. Atlanta is home to many attractions like The Georgia Aquarium, where one can get lost for hours observing whales, dolphins and other aquatic life forms. If water animals aren't your thing, The World of Coca Cola has an exhibition with a tour showcasing the history of Cola attached with a fun tasting center at the end. In addition, Stone Mountain Park is just around the corner for those interested in getting in tune with Mother Nature and all that she offers, like hiking, picnic areas and walk ups. Six Flags is also just around the corner for groups of friends with an affinity for screams and thrills. The city also hosts an array of restaurants such as the Bones, Ecco, Antico Pizza and South City Kitchen Midtown.

We remind you to be safe on whatever adventure you may (or may not) decide to take this Spring Break. So now you have no excuse: log out of Netflix, turn your Xbox off and go on an adventure this Spring Break!

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SAVANNAH, GA

The most popular choice for GSU students over Spring Break and summer is this neighboring coastal city, and it's easy to see why. Only an hour's drive from Statesboro, Savannah contains plenty of landmarks and gorgeous scenery, especially within Forsyth Park and the Historical District. Old Fort Jackson and St. John's Cathedral are popular tourist attractions, and there are numerous museums to visit as well, including Pin Point Heritage Museum and Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum. As a coastal city, Savannah also features plenty of beaches, and Tybee Island, in particular, is a favorite for visitors from across the state. For lunches, dinners and nighttime entertainment, the city is overflowing with restaurants and bars, and of them, we recommend Sweet Melissa's pizza, The Pirates' House, Savannah Smiles Dueling Pianos Saloon and any of the River Street shops and bars.



CHARLESTON, SC

Bringing its own charm, along with the other cities, Charleston is host to fun, low-key activities like walking through the city market, a center of historic and cultural value, which holds several hundred artists, craftspeople, and food vendors. Magnolia Plantation and Garden also provides a beautiful venue for visitors to walk at a leisurely pace through, providing a scenic route across a diverse assortment of flowers and trees. Restaurants nearby includes 39 Rue de Jean, Basil, Blossom, Fleet Landing and Hank's Seafood.

JACKSONVILLE, FL

An exciting mini-Miami destination, you and your friends can travel southward for roughly two hours and undergo a fun safari expedition at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. This zoo holds all the essential cute animals that will make your heart go "aww," with holding pens for gorillas, elephants, penguins, otters and a feeding/petting station for giraffes. In the extreme unlikeliness that you become disinterested in cute animal gawking, the Jacksonville Beach is the next best destination choice on deck, with plenty of restaurants and fun shops nearby.





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BY NADIA DREID
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A Hindu celebration also known as the Festival of Colors, Holi is well over one thousand years old. Originating in northern India, the festival celebrates the triumph of good over evil and the welcoming of spring, Juli Gittinger, religious studies professor, said.

"Holi is a beautiful cultural holiday, rich in Indian and Hindu spirituality coupled with [the] exuberance and joy of the coming of spring," said Jacek Lubecki, director of the Center for International Studies. "With beautiful colors and music to accompany the celebrations, Holi is the perfect Indian holiday to be held on college campuses."

According to Hinduism Today, Hindu tradition teaches that there was once a great king who became arrogant in his power and began to believe he was God. When his son, Prahlad, refused to worship his father due to his devotion to the god Vishnu, the king plotted to have him killed. Prahlad had an aunt, a demoness named Holika, who could not be harmed by fire - the king had Holika trick Prahlad into climbing onto a burning pyre with her. However, Prahlad's piety protected him from the flames.

How is it celebrated?

Holi is often celebrated with pranks, food, dancing and the popular throwing of richly colored powder called gulal. Though gulal washes out, and is nontoxic, participants who take part in the festivities are advised to wear white tee shirts, or clothes they don't mind getting a little messy.

Each person being covered in colored powder is the unifying factor in this Holi tradition, as it symbolically covers the differences that separate people like social status, race, creed, and sex. An idea that the Multicultural Student Center embraces.

"One of the goals of the Multicultural Student Center is to produce programs and activities

intended to raise multicultural awareness and appreciation of diversity across the campus... The Holi Festival does exactly that," said Mrs. Dorsey Baldwin, director of the MSC. "We were excited that some students and faculty members came to us with the idea of having this cultural program on our campus and we are equally excited to make this a tradition on our campus."

"You will be a target," Gittinger said. "It doesn't matter how old you are. You can be 101 - you are going to be hit with color."

It is also a very equalizing time, Gittinger said, when men and women as well as members of different castes interact freely in the streets.

But aside from the fun public celebrations, Holi is also a time for forgiveness. After the celebrations, people go home, wash up and spend time with their families.

Public health graduate assistant Rakhi Trivedi said that it is very common for feuding neighbors and friends to mend relationships during Holi.

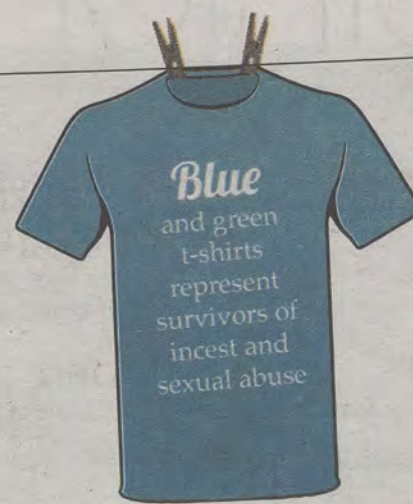
"If somebody is holding a grudge against someone during the festival, they would just talk and say 'let's forget it and let's be friends,'" Trivedi said. "That is actually the occasion."

Holi at GSU

The Multicultural Student Center and the Center for International Studies will host a Holi celebration for the students of Georgia Southern University this Wednesday. There will be several speakers giving background on the history and meaning of the holiday, as well as Bollywood dancers, said MSC graduate assistant Sushma Kurella.

"And then the countdown begins and the students will start playing Holi," Kurella said.

Students are encouraged to wear white clothes that they don't mind getting colorful. However, the powders should be washable. The event will be held Wednesday, March 11, at 6 p.m. outside the University Store and Dining Commons.



Sexual Assault Response Team

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BY ASYA FIELDS
 The George-Anne staff

Last week, Georgia Southern University observed Sexual Assault Awareness Week. one of the most noticeable events involved was the Clothesline Project, in which shirts of various colors were hung around campus signifying various ways in which women have been assaulted.

The Clothesline Project is an annual event sponsored by Georgia Southern University's Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). Dr. Ali Anderson is over the event and she is also a counselor at the counseling center on campus.

"SART has been doing the Clothesline Project on campus for the past 14 years," Anderson said. The Clothesline Project is a way for people who have been effected

by "sexual assault, domestic violence and other acts of violence" to come express themselves concerning the incident, according to the GSU website.

With such a serious topic being openly discussed on a campus full of students, the reaction has been completely positive.

"People who have chosen to decorate a shirt have told us that the experience has been helpful, and passersby are often surprised at the amount of shirts that are created," Anderson said.

SART is also involved in showing support for Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center (SRSAC), which is a local rape crisis center. As a part of their other events, SART is having the Take Back the Night march and the End the Violence Rally this week.

Everyone is encouraged to get engaged in the conversation and activities surrounding Sexual Assault Awareness Week. Advocacy is very important to Anderson and her supporters during this time.

"I hope that Sexual Assault Awareness Week brings increased education and awareness to the Georgia Southern community and I hope people will learn about the various resources available to assist those who have experienced sexual or related violence," Anderson said.

For more information or ways to help those who are victims of violence, visit www.SRSAC.com or Statesboro Safe Haven, domestic violence shelter (www.safehavenstatesboro.org).



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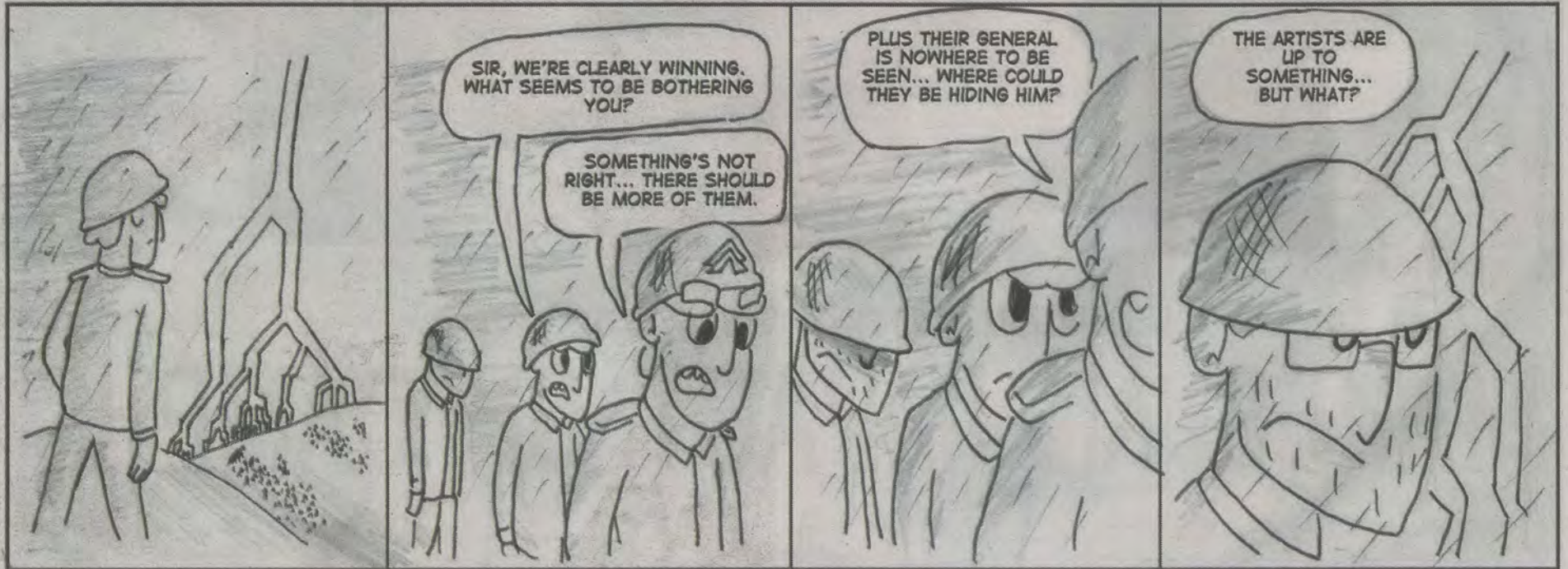
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Women's History Month

TO BE A WOMAN MEANS TO BE EQUAL



ALIA LEWIS

Lewis is a sophomore journalism major from Atlanta, Ga.

For many, March commences the beginning of everything spring related, from warmer weather and wrinkled shorts to hammocking in Sweetheart Circle with your beloved Eno. But surprisingly it also marks the beginning of something very few of us, including myself knew about- Women's History Month. Not to mention, this past Sunday, the world celebrated International Women's Day. With all of the awareness that these holidays bring, it's time for people to take a stand and decide, are we feminist or nah?

Now before you throw away this article and dismiss it as "one of those pieces", consider first what feminism means.

FEMINISM IS THE BELIEF THAT MEN AND WOMEN SHOULD HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES.

Now if you believe that both sexes should receive the same pay, have access to the same education, be able to enter into the same profession and every other situation that symbolizes equality, then you're a feminist. And though the word in itself precedes copious misconceptions in many areas of the world especially the sweet tea sipping south, a feminist simply means equality.

Being a feminist doesn't mean you're gay or you don't shave or you hate men (not saying that anything is wrong with the first two) but the essence of feminism is equality. And advocates of equality (feminists) come in all shapes, sizes, races, religions, sexual orientations and genders.

I say all of this because it's 2015 and despite there being an actual day and month to celebrate women, it's time to add action to all of this awareness and start treating men and women equally.

Think about this. Hilary Clinton is running for president. Malala Yousafzai, the young girl who got shot in the head by the Taliban, just received the Nobel Peace Prize. Elizabeth Holmes was recently named Forbes youngest self-made female billionaire. We as women have proved time after time that we operate at the same competency, possess the same intellect and have the same drive and ambition as men. Why then in our culture do people freak out if a woman makes more than a man? Why are women considered bossy when they operate in the same leadership roles

as men? Why is the phrase "run like a girl" inferior to the phrase "run like a boy" in fact no one ever says run like a boy because they automatically associate boys with speed and agility, the complete opposite of a girl? And finally why does our culture focus so heavily on gender as it relates to job profession as if taking a female or male dominated career inevitably changes your sexual orientation? I didn't write this to get into a debate, I simply want the conversation and actions in America to reflect equality.

Women's History Month and International Women's Day reflect the idea that everyone should be encouraged to pursue whatever life they

desire, no matter gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or economic status. To the women who entered college to get their Mrs. Degree, your future doesn't have to depend on whether or not you marry some rich doctor. You can be the doctor, the lawyer, the professor, the CEO and have a net worth of \$4.5 billion like Elizabeth Holmes. You can make a living for yourself.

It's time for us all, women and men, to start seeing ourselves as billionaires, presidents, honorees, world changers and impactors. Your gender doesn't make you inferior but your inability to see your potential does. Let's use our voices to change the world. Happy Women's History Month GSU!



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HEAD COACH VOZAB FIRED



HAYDEN BOUDREAUX

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Originally, I planned to write a piece on head coach Chris Vozab and a review of her third year at the helm for the Lady Eagles. After news broke on Sunday of Vozab being released from the team, I opted to examine the season and offer up an explanation of the decision.

SEASON BREAKDOWN

It has been a rough year for the Lady Eagles in their first year of Sun Belt play which included a 15-game losing streak and winning only five of their 29 matchups. A victory over Georgia State on Saturday broke the trend, but Vozab was relieved of her duties on Sunday.

The Lady Eagles started off the season with an exhibition win against College of Coastal Georgia where they posted 114 points. It was hard to gauge the season based on the early out of conference games. The Lady Eagles faced resembling their win over Jacksonville University all the way up to a road trip to Athens against No. 22 Georgia.

Over the winter break the Lady Eagles traveled to Gainesville to wrap up the out of conference schedule. They wrapped up the trip with a loss to Eastern Washington and a win over Southern University. The team was prepared to turn things around and everyone seemed optimistic.

Despite the good intentions, the team dropped three heavy losses to UT Arlington, Texas State and Arkansas State, with each being at least 12 point losses. The team needed a win and found one against South Alabama on the road. While the Eagles hoped that things were prepared to turn things around, it only got worse.



BRANDON WARNOCK THE GEORGE-ANNE
The Lady Eagles went 5-24 this season, only winning two in the conference. Vozab was fired officially one day after the Eagles' victory against Ga. State.

Three straight 10-point losses came at the hands of conference opponents before they traveled to Louisiana and battled with UL-Monroe. In one of their best performances of the season and they fought well into overtime, but took the loss.

They were set to have five straight home games and after the tight loss things seemed to have turned around. Every game saw flashes of brilliance, namely against Appalachian State where they led for a majority of the game and another close match against UL Monroe. All five home matches ended in losses including the away game against UALR.

After the losses came, one of the most exciting basketball games I have witnessed at any level happened. The Lady Eagles returned home against Troy when they opened strong and battled back and forth with the Trojans. The game ended in a tight overtime loss, but it was one of the highest totals for the Eagles as they put 94 points on the scoreboard.

Unfortunately, as with the past sparks of light, the team fell in the next four matches by at least 20 point margins. With 15 straight losses, the team was at a low point. Their last game of the season matched them up with in-state rival Georgia State in Atlanta. The team was able to rally and end their season on a high note with an eight point victory.

WHY FIRE VOZAB?

When looking at the statistics from the season, things look bleak. The team was outscored by an average of over 10 points per game which was the worst scoring margin in the Sun Belt. The team lagged at the bottom of the conference in nearly every statistical category. The blame has to be shifted on someone, and in situations like these the first person on the list is the head coach.

3 SEASONS

23-68	OVERALL
5-24	'14-'15 SEASON
2-18	SUN BELT

In her first of three years taking over the team Vozab led the team to an 8-24 record that came off of an eight win season the previous year under the former coach. Last season saw improvement as she picked up 10 wins and a second round SoCon tournament appearance. This season did have its downs, but there are positives that Vozab left behind to better the program.

Examining the good, we can look to the development of players on the court. With only one senior leader, Anna Claire Knight, it left an opportunity for her recruit Angel McGowan to take up a leadership role and become one of the best players on the team. Additionally, Vozab recruited Patrice and Sierra Butler. Patrice, a transfer, was a constant asset to the team that made big plays in every game she appeared and her sister has a bright future ahead.

I had the privilege of interviewing and talking with Vozab several times and they were some of my most pleasant experiences in reporting. She was full of passion and was excited about every opportunity her team received. After talking to several fans, it is clear that all of them understand the circumstances but have great respect for her and what she has done for the players. From the players, fans and myself we wish Chris Vozab the best of luck and a successful career.



BRANDON WARNOCK THE GEORGE-ANNE

Eagles drop conference opener to Texas State



CRISTEN GULLETT THE GEORGE-ANNE
This season the Eagles are 4-18, and after this weekend they are 0-3 in the conference. They have two games against New Mexico this Thursday.

BY ROBERT GEORGE
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern Eagles softball team played their first series in the Sun Belt this weekend against the Texas State Bobcats. The Eagles went 0-3 in the conference opener.

Game 1 (L 4-1)

The Eagles didn't reach base until the third inning when A.J. Hamilton drew a walk. She later scored on a line drive single off the bat of Breanna McLendon to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead. The Eagles took that lead into the fifth inning, but committed two errors that led to three Bobcat runs. The Bobcats added one more run in the top of the seventh to make the final score 4-1.

"This is our first series in the Sun Belt. It's a different level than where we were in the SoCon," head coach Annie Smith said. "We just lost a couple of innings. We are tight throughout the game. You have to win every inning."

The defense has struggled so far. The team has committed 45 errors, the most for any Sun Belt team. Many of the games have been decided in extra innings or have been pretty close contests. The errors often lead to runs that ultimately decide the game.

Game 2 (L 10-2)

Kierra Camp started the second game for the Eagles, but gave up six runs on three hits and was replaced by Heather Felt. The Eagles responded in the bottom of the inning, scoring on a two-run RBI double off the bat of Lexi Allen to cut the lead 6-2.

Texas State added four more runs in the second, highlighted by a two-run bomb off the bat of Kourtney Koroll. Felt was replaced by Marla Thompson who scattered three hits over four shutout innings while striking out two batters.

"I thought she did some nice things,"

Smith said of the senior pitcher. "I'm impressed with what she's done so far."

Unfortunately, the Eagles offense went cold after the first inning, and could only get three hits in the final four innings of play.

Game 3 (L 5-3)

In the final game of the series, the Eagles fell behind 3-0 in the first inning on a couple of hits and a costly throwing error. Brooke Red settled down after that and pitched four consecutive shutout innings, using five strikeouts to work around an uncharacteristic nine walks on the day. Marla Thompson came on in relief and gave up a two-run single to make the score 5-0. She then settled down and didn't allow another hit for the rest of the game.

Breanna McLendon kicked off the bottom of the seventh with a solo shot over the left field fence to get on the board. Her home run seemed to give the Eagles life, as Kaitlyn Johnson and Taylor Rodgers both reached base. Rowan McGuire then came off the bench and delivered a bases clearing two-run RBI double that made the score 5-3. The comeback ended there, as the next two Eagles popped out and grounded out to end the game.

The offense has yet to really find its footing. Coach Smith has tinkered with the lineup throughout the season, but hasn't quite found one that can consistently produce runs. The Eagles have shown flashes of power and timely hitting, but just haven't done it consistently enough to help cover up the defensive mistakes.

But the Eagles showed some real signs of life at the end of the last game, and will look to carry that momentum into the rest of the conference play.

"You just have to keep working," Smith said. "You have to go out there and battle every pitch, every play."

The Eagles will return to action this Thursday when they travel to take on New Mexico in Charleston, South Carolina.



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REGULAR SEASON ENDED WITH LOSS

BY COLIN RITSICK
The George-Anne staff

An ugly first half of basketball put Georgia Southern in a hole it couldn't get out of as the Eagles lost the regular season championship to Georgia State 72-55 on Saturday.

"Yeah, it's a disappointed locker room. Our guys wanted this, we all wanted this. But the good thing is that it's not our last game of the year," head coach Mark Byington said.

The Panthers (22-9, 15-5 Sun Belt) won their second regular season title in a row and claimed the No. 1 seed in this weekend's Sun Belt Conference championships. The Eagles (21-8, 14-6 Sun Belt) earned the No. 2 seed so they, like State, are automatically in the semi-finals.

"The product of your hard work is a double-bye and that's the big one. The regular season is great...but our big goal comes [this] weekend," Byington said.

Georgia Southern never had a lead on Saturday. The Panthers jumped out 18-7 with 11:37 left in the first half and remained ahead by double digits for the majority of the day. The Eagles pulled within a few points a couple of times but were silenced with a Panther run each time.

The Eagles turned the ball over 10 times in the first half that resulted in 13 points for the Panthers. Georgia Southern trailed by 13 points heading into halftime, 34-21.

"The turnovers killed us early. We would have been right where we wanted to be if we took care of the ball and turned that 10 into five," Byington said.

He thought his team needed to be more aggressive in the first half dealing with the Panthers' zone defense.

"One of your fears playing a team like that [and their zone] is that you don't attack it and you stare at it," Byington said.

Staying back and trying to find ways through the zone, rather than attacking its holes and forcing an opening, oftentimes leads to turnovers as it did for GS in the first half.

Georgia State's defense makes it hard for a team to win if they can't score from inside or penetrate the lane - which the Eagles didn't do.

"There were some times when we really needed some points. And some missed free throws and some stuff around the rim that we really needed to make in times of an

offensive drought - we didn't get those," Byington said.

Georgia Southern got dominated down low. The Panthers scored 34 points in the paint compared to the Eagles' 12. Not only that, they got out-rebounded 39-23. That is the fewest number of rebounds in a game by GS all year long.

The Panthers (14) had twice as many offensive rebounds as the Eagles (7). Because of so many second chances by State, Byington said that his team couldn't get out in transition against the Panthers, where a zone defense is weak.

"A lot of the time the game got slowed down by us not boxing out and rebounding," he said. "We've got to be tougher. We've got to stand our ground and be tougher."

That is where F Angel Matias sitting on the sidelines hurts the Eagles the most. His rebounding ability and his toughness in the lane was missing from Saturday's game.

G Jelani Hewitt led the Eagles in scoring with 17 points, but his troubles from the free throw line continue. He was 5-11 from the line.

Georgia State's R.J. Hunter finished with 35 points and made 16-16 free throws.

With the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament, the Eagles will play their first game on Saturday at 4:30 EST. They will play the winner of No. 3 UL Monroe and No. 6 South Alabama/No. 7 UALR.

They won't know specifically who they play until Friday night.

"I think it's a good thing because we can focus on ourselves. Sometimes you get in the season and you're worried about the next opponent the game plan and what you have to do...that you forget about yourself," Byington said. "We'll get some needed rest, we'll worry about ourselves, build our legs up."

In most conference tournaments, a No. 2 seed would merit one bye, if that. But the Sun Belt rewards the teams that are better throughout the season with a double-bye.

Byington knows that benefits his team because they aren't as deep since Matias' injury. The most the Eagles have to win to make it to the NCAA Tournament is two games.

The Sun Belt Championships will be played in Lakefront Arena in New Orleans, La. The first games start on Thursday and the championship game is Sunday at 1 EST on ESPN2.



BRANDON WARNOCK THE GEORGE-ANNE
Curtis Diamond struggled shooting on Saturday only making three of 11 from the field. The Panthers maintained the lead the whole game with one tie.



BRANDON WARNOCK THE GEORGE-ANNE
Eric Ferguson posted eight points against Ga. State, making two of six from the field.

SUN BELT CONFERENCE STANDINGS

SCHOOL	RECORD	STREAK
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RYAN WOODHAM THE GEORGE-ANNE
Duffie has a fielding percentage of .833 with only three errors this season. At bat, he has posted 11 hits and five RBIs for the Eagles.



Junior college transfer belongs at Southern

BY LAYNE SALIBA
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern baseball team is off to an impressive start on the diamond this season. However, after some key players graduated or transferred during the offseason, the Eagles had to bring in some new talent. One of those new faces on the field is junior 3B Spencer Duffie.

Duffie began his career at a young 4-years-old striking out on the tee, thinking he wasn't good enough to play baseball. So, he tried his hand at other sports like basketball and football but never gave up on baseball.

"I grew up watching my uncle play baseball. He played at Georgia Southern and I always looked up to him," Duffie said. "Baseball is something I just fell in love with."

Duffie hit .411 while at Greenbrier High School and was named All-County three times over the four years he played there.

He was not widely recruited out of high school and also made the process a little stressful on himself by signing late, after his senior year was over to be exact. Nevertheless, that did not stop him from continuing to do what he loved.

Duffie came out of high school and played two seasons of Junior College ball at Middle Georgia College. He racked up an impressive sophomore season by hitting .418 with three home runs and 48 RBIs. He also scored 48 runs while hitting 16 doubles, three triples and stealing 18 bases. Duffie walked a total of 33 times to post a .509 on base percentage as well.

"Middle Georgia was

great. I definitely enjoyed it," Duffie said. "Junior College is different though. It wasn't nearly as nice as what we have here but we enjoyed it and made it fun."

Nevertheless, Duffie knew he belonged somewhere else. Junior College was something that helped him develop as a player and helped him grow accustomed to college baseball.

“NO MATTER WHERE YOU’RE PLAYING YOU’RE WORKING TOGETHER.”

SPENCER DUFFIE
Junior infielder

However, he wanted more. Therefore, as soon as he got the chance to play at Georgia Southern, he did not hesitate.

He has always wanted to play in Statesboro. His uncle, Mark Hamlin, is the one he watched as he was growing up and the one who inspired him to play baseball in the first place. Hamlin played for the Eagles after passing up a spot on the St. Louis Cardinals roster as the 26th round draft pick out of high school.

"Honestly I always wanted to play here, so that worked out well," Duffie said.

He knew the program at Georgia Southern was one of

high caliber, but he did not know what it would be like to play on the team. He had only seen the stadium and been around the campus and city. As soon as he arrived however, he knew he had made the right decision.

"It's been great. Not just the program, but the atmosphere," Duffie said. "My teammates are awesome and the coaches are great. We have a great time and we work hard."

He has started in 12 games this season and has made sure Eagle Nation knows his name. He has posted a .268 batting average thus far while scoring nine runs and recording 11 hits.

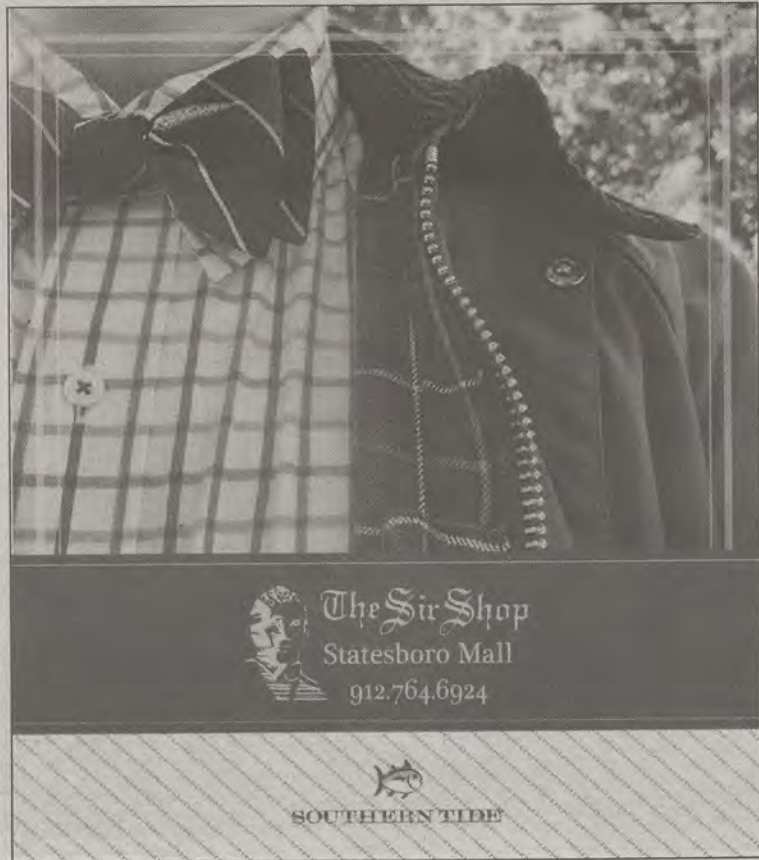
It is only the beginning of the season and Duffie has not had much experience with this team. However, the one thing he does know is that he wants to help the Eagles have

a successful season. He is not only thinking of a winning record, he wants more – even if a little bit of the passion comes out of jealousy.

"I just want to win a championship like they did last year. I want a ring. They always flash their rings around so I want one now," Duffie said.

There has been a lot of change in Duffie's baseball career, but he has not had much trouble with it. All the changes may be difficult for some athletes, but Duffie has not had a problem adjusting. He is where he wants to be and where he is supposed to be.

"No matter where you're playing you're working together to win. It's a different atmosphere here, but the change wasn't too bad. I think I fit in well," Duffie said.



RYAN WOODHAM THE GEORGE-ANNE

DALTON CHURCHWELL LEGACY SOCCER PLAYER MAKING THE FAMILY PROUD



BRANDON WARNOCK THE GEORGE-ANNE
Dalton Churchwell posted one goal
and two assists last season. He played
in 14 games and started in three.

BY EMMA COLLINS
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Georgia Southern men's soccer midfielder and defender Dalton Churchwell has a stronger tie to his school than most of his teammates do. Close to twenty years ago, his father played soccer for the Eagles, making Dalton the second generation of his family to play for the team.

"He loves it. He wanted me to play from the beginning," Churchwell said.

Churchwell's story is a bit of an unusual one. Right out of high school, he played soccer at Darton College in Albany, Ga. Eventually, he made the decision to transfer to Georgia Southern University, where he had ultimately hoped to end up.

"I played soccer my whole life, and I played a year of soccer at Darton College, and then I transferred here. I didn't end up playing—just did two years of school and wanted to play again, so I decided to walk on," Churchwell said.

Anyone on campus has the option of participating in walk-on tryouts for the soccer team, and that is precisely what Churchwell chose to do. During tryouts, the walk-ons must prove that they are skilled players and that they can play at a level close to that of the existing team.

For Churchwell, the most difficult part of walk-on tryouts was how physically demanding they were.

"It was tough at first because I was way out of shape, but it was fun once I got back into shape," he said.

During tryouts, the coaches saw talent and potential in Churchwell, and he was ultimately selected to play for the Eagles. Usually for those chosen to play for the team, the adjustment of balancing being a full-time athlete and a full-time student can be difficult. For Churchwell, though, it wasn't much of a change because he had had experience at Darton.

"I've already played soccer at college level, so it was a quick transition. Everyone's pretty nice on the team, so it was pretty easy transition," Churchwell said.

Churchwell encouraged others to try out for the team, even though it is difficult. Churchwell is one of the few who have tried out as a walk-on and actually made the team.

"Try it out. You never know what will happen," Churchwell said.

Churchwell has been playing for the Eagles for a year now, and his father continues to be a proud supporter of the team and of his son.

"He's really happy—he's at every game," Churchwell said.

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