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Eagles took to the field to show off their skills for recruiters.

◀ Edwin Jackson was the leading tackler for the Eagles last season.

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▲ Campaigning has started & voting is two weeks away

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## New survey finds a majority of Americans favor marijuana legalization

BY CHRIS ROSSMANN  
The George-Anne staff

For the first time, a majority of polled Americans said marijuana should be legalized.

The General Social Survey (GSS), a large, national survey conducted every two years, found that 52 percent of Americans polled thought marijuana should be legalized, with 42 percent opposed and 7 percent undecided.

The GSS marijuana statistics trace the U.S. drug policy and public opinion over the last 40 years. The survey found support of legalization at its lowest point in 1990, as support fell to 16 percent amid the Reagan era Drug War.

Since that point, support for legalization steadily increased until 2006, after which support skyrocketed.

Legalization supporters have ridden the crest of this wave of support to legalize the substance in four states and secured at least partial legalization for medical purposes in 24 total states.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

"I feel like it has it's ups and downs, it's good sides and it's bad sides. There's already some states that have legalized it, so I could see it coming and progressing and being more legalized throughout the whole U.S. but at the same time, I don't necessarily agree with that."

-HANNAH SCHWARZ  
BIOLOGY SOPHOMORE

"I'm fine with it, it doesn't bother me."

-STEPHANIE WEBBER  
POLITICAL SCIENCE JUNIOR

"I support the decriminalization, but not the legalization. I feel that pot smokers shouldn't be considered criminals, but at the same time, it isn't something that should be readily available to everyone because for some that works, and for some that doesn't."

-BLAKE DAVLIN  
PRE-BUSINESS SOPHOMORE

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## Eagles in the House

BY CAITLYN OLIVER  
The George-Anne staff

A Georgia Southern University student is interning in the House of Representatives for Congressman David Scott, of Atlanta through May.

Stanley Miller, sophomore public relations major, began his internship in January and is using public relations and journalistic skills.

"One of the things I love about Public Relations and Journalism is that they are very diverse

fields," Miller said. "I can use my skills in those areas in government and the corporate world. As a PR major, it is vital that I am able to communicate effectively. My internship has helped me to enhance my communication skills and network with great people."

Miller transferred to the Georgia Southern from College of The Bahamas. He wants to eventually become an executive for a PR firm or an international journalist in print or broadcast.

## Sports Shorts

**Womens Tennis** Won 4-3 against App. State and 4-3 against Troy

**Mens Tennis** Lost against App. State 0-7 and lost 0-4 against Charlotte

**Baseball** Lost 3-4 on Tuesday against The Citadel, lost 1-3 and won 3-2 and 6-3 against Arkansas State over the weekend

**Softball** Lost a Three-game series against UL Lafayette, won 3-1 on Thursday against University of Texas, lost 1-7 and 1-2 on Friday and won 13-10 on Saturday against UT Arlington

**Mens Golf** 3rd place out of 15 in the Schenkel Invitational

**Basketball** Lost the Sun Belt title game to Georgia State 36-38 in New Orleans

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PETSBORO:

## Cali

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

Cali is a two-year-old rescued cat. She was named Cali simply because she is a calico cat. Cali is a true trooper because she broke her leg in November and was put



in a hard cast for six weeks. No, she didn't break it from a moving vehicle. She is probably the only cat to ever break

a leg from trying to jump on top of the ironing board only to, unfortunately, have it fall and land on her leg. Cali is now

learning to use her leg again. She enjoys lounging in front of windows, sitting in cardboard boxes, and sleeping in her "hammock" that she created from a hole in the box spring mattress. Cali is owned and loved by Madeline Hite, a fashion merchandising and apparel design major.

**Want your pet to be featured next week? Send us your pet's biography and adorable photos to reflector@georgiasouthern.**

## Blood Drive needs help

BY ARAYA JACKSON  
The George-Anne staff

Phi Delta Epsilon, the medical fraternity on campus, and Tri Beta, an honor society in biological sciences, are sponsoring a blood drive in the Russell Union tomorrow March 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Due to the extreme cold

temperatures this winter, the Red Cross has been experiencing a severe blood shortage. They have been unsuccessful in collecting around 34,000 units of blood, which transfers to 102,000 potential lives that could be saved. Every unit of blood can save an average of three lives, so each donation counts.

## WEATHER BAR

Wednesday



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Thursday



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Low: 59°

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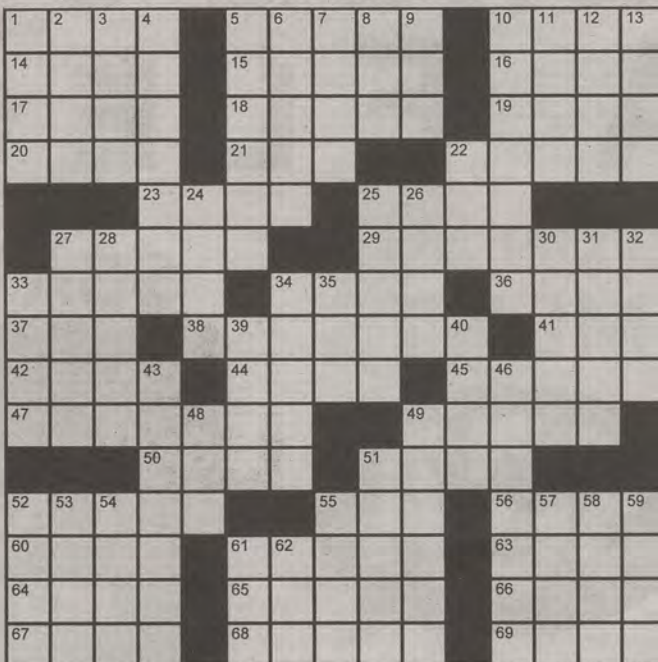
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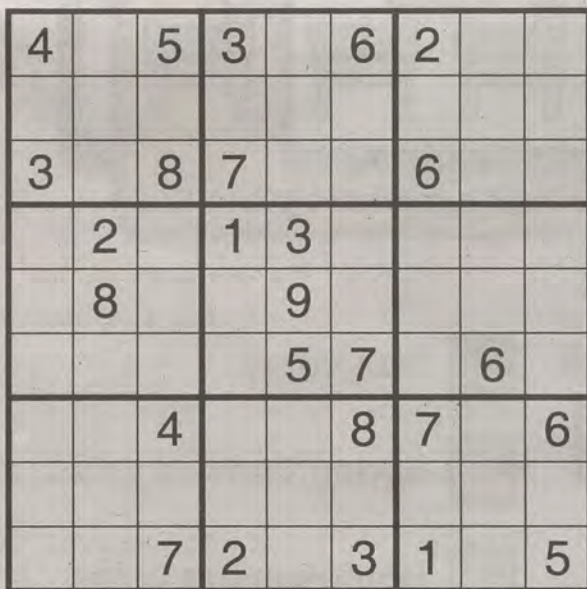


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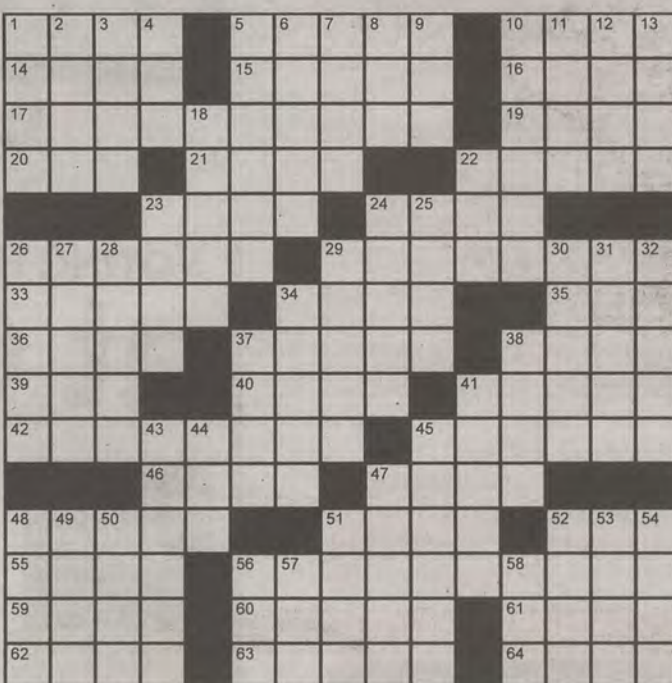
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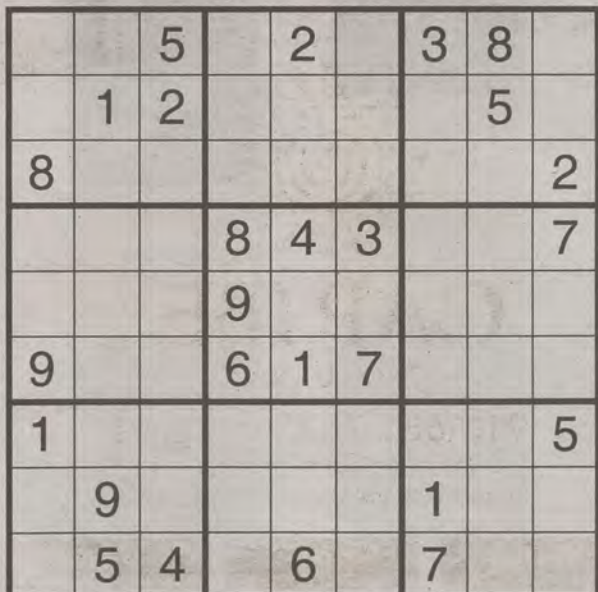
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# BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO SGA ELECTIONS

## REFLECTING ON SGA ACHIEVEMENTS

BY CHANCE SHELTON  
The George-Anne staff

As campaigning for Student Government Association elections begin, the current staff reflects on what has been achieved throughout the past year under their reign.

SGA plays an important role of bridging the gap between the student body and the administration.

By being completely conscience and aware of what is expected of them, SGA has pushed, funded and created numerous issues and opportunities to be presented to the student body.

Most recently, many students were taken by surprise when the Dining Commons had abruptly decided to discard the plastic straws provided by the drink stations. Students were upset by this decision and quite vocal about it as.

"I hated that they took them away because sometimes the cups weren't always cleaned, so I would easily grab a straw," Rasheed Hinds, sophomore information technology major, said.

A representative for the Dining Commons stated that they made this decision based on financial reasons and had planned on not reinstating them; however, after SGA noticed that this was an issue among the student body they took it upon themselves to meet with the head of residential dining. Thus having the straws returned as quickly as they were taken away.



SGA has also taken the forefront on their own personal philanthropy through Eagles for Eagles. Eagles for Eagles is an SGA fundraising initiative which serves the purpose and goal of raising money for students at GSU who are in serious financial adversity. Even when money is in short supply, SGA participates each week when the executive board and senators in "pass the bucket." This takes place during their weekly meetings, each college is presented with a small bucket and which they fill with any money that the members have in their wallets at that time.

SGA is also in large part involved with the United Way division at GSU. United Way is a leadership and support organization that strives to create a community "where all individuals and families achieve their human potential." Members of United Way pull together to help in ways of financial help and by volunteering with local events and groups within the Statesboro community such as at The Clubhouse and campus Student Organization Fair.

They take an active role by putting on events such as this past years GSU Idol which raised money for United Way.

## SGA ELECTION TIMELINE

**CAMPAIGNING**  
March 23 - April 8

**CANDIDATE DEBATE**

April 6 @ 7:00 PM

**VOTING**  
April 6-8

## SENATOR SPOTS 10 COLLEGES

5 Seats per College open through elections



Last Seat filled through interviews in the Fall

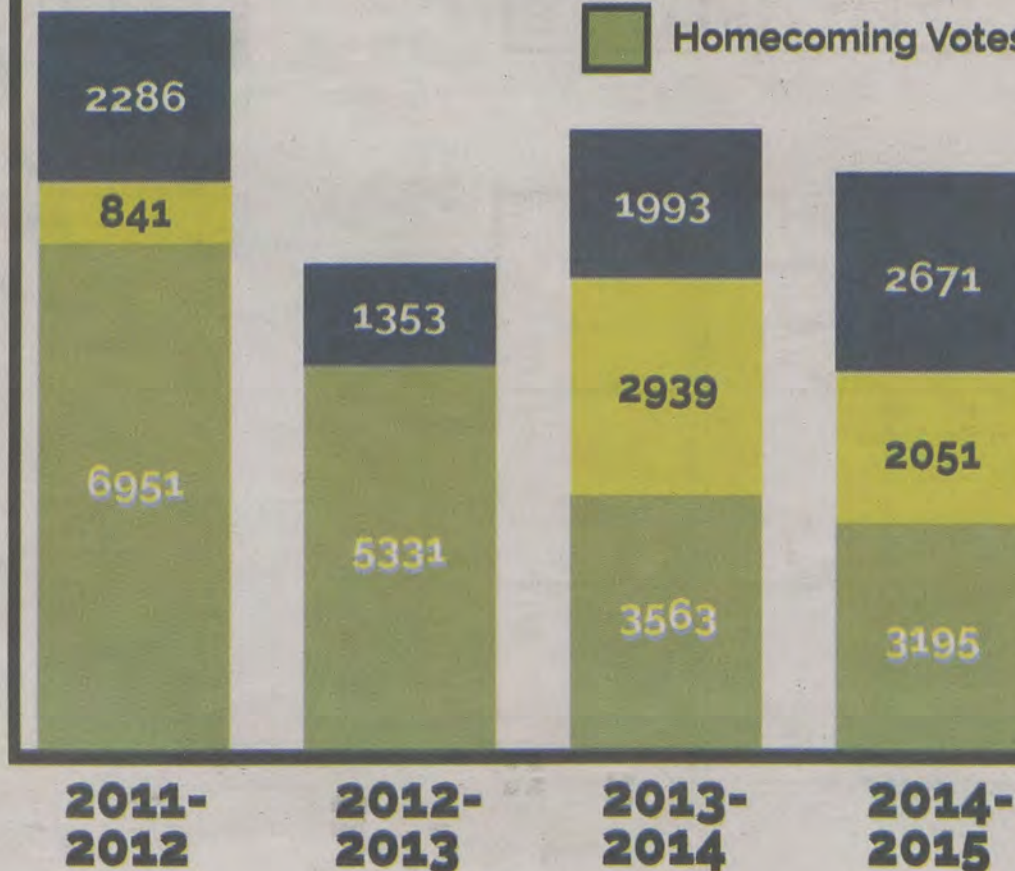
## EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

- President
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Nadia Dreid, Ozzie Bunbury and Will Peebles contributed to this story.

## VOTING PERCENTAGES at GSU

SGA Votes  
Spring Concert Votes  
Homecoming Votes





# New app offers emotional support to students

BY JULIA FLETCHER  
The George-Anne contributor

A new emotional support app, 7 Cups of Tea, has been catching a lot of traction across college campuses as of late. This app offers anonymous emotional support to college students by connecting them with trained listeners.

The app is available on iPhones or Androids. 7 Cups' goal, as stated by its founder, Glen Moriarty, is to offer emotional support at no cost, 24/7, worldwide.

How the app works is fairly straightforward. If a student wants to talk to someone, then they can either talk one-on-one with a trained listener or talk in a group. To talk in a group, users click the chat widget at the bottom of the phone screen, and then select the group support tab.

There are chats for the new members and sharing stories. There are also chats specific to the support you want such as anxiety or depression support.

For the one-on-one option, you select the 'one-on-one' tab and are connected with the next available listener.

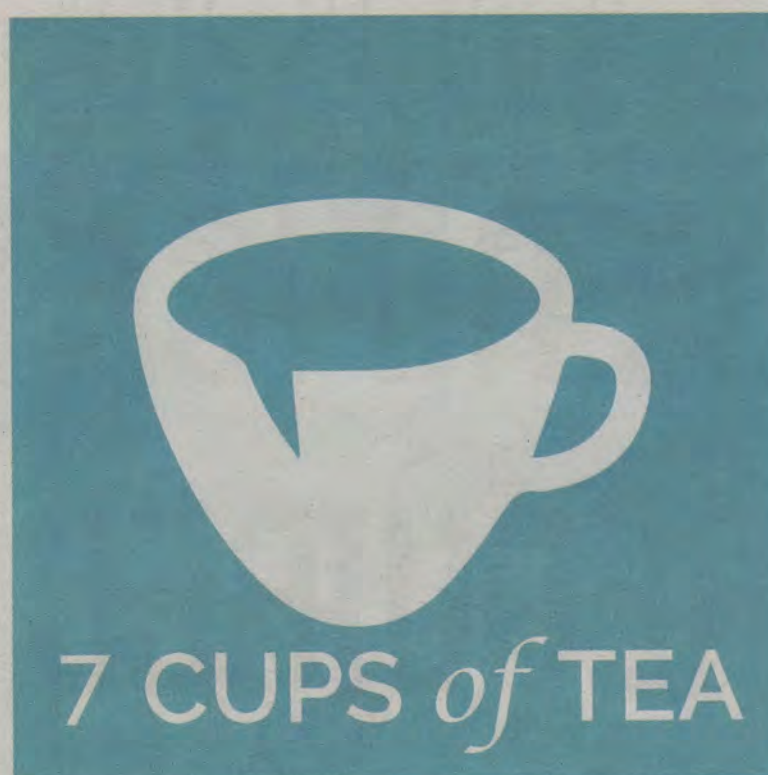
If a user is unsure about talking to someone, or would like to know more about them, there is a Listeners section of the app. Here, users can view the profiles of the certified listeners and request to talk to a specific one. Each may specialize in different areas, such as depression, bullying, family stress or LGBT issues.

All of the listeners are certified in active listening through a program designed by Glen Moriarty, who is a licensed psychologist. This program teaches a

set of communication skills including empathy, compassion and respect. It frames active listening as the act of completely focusing on absorbing what another person is saying, this means that the listeners are trained to fully comprehend and respond to what users are telling them, rather than responding immediately with their own thoughts.

This way of conversation helps remove the tension present in typical conversations, according to 7 Cups. It is worth noting that, while 7 Cups is intended to be an alternative or supplement to other kinds of therapy, it is not a crisis resource. 7 Cups does provide a link to a helpline in its group chats if needed.

Additional features on 7 Cups of Tea are the Community Events Calendar, Community



Project and the Forum. The Forum hosts a wide range of topics, from Uplifting Quotes to the Indian Sub-Community to choosing where to attend college.

7 Cups of Tea can be downloaded via the App Store for iPhones or the

Play Store for Androids. For more information, students can visit the app's website, 7cupsoftea.com.

The name "7 Cups of Tea" was actually derived from a famous Chinese poem by Lu Tong. The poem, after translation, explains how each cup represents a separate level of healing.

"The first cup kisses away  
my thirst,  
and my loneliness is  
quelled by the second.  
The third gives insight  
worthy of ancient scrolls,  
and the fourth exiles my  
troubles.  
My body becomes lighter  
with the fifth,  
and the sixth sends word  
from immortals.  
But the seventh—oh the  
seventh cup—  
if I drink you, a wind will  
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Poem provided by  
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### THE TRUST SPECTRUM IN 2015



**CONNOR WHITE**

White is a senior multimedia communications major from Fayetteville, Ga.

In a brief moment of absent-mindedness, I locked my keys in my apartment early yesterday morning. With no means of getting back inside, I had no way of getting to my first class. Thankfully, the office had just opened, and I hurried over to see what could be done. I was fumbling with my driver's license and credit cards, assuming I'd need some sort of identification. But when I made my way inside and explained my situation, I was handed a spare key without question. No identification needed. I just had to bring the key back when I was done.

Despite the convenience of it all, I was dumbstruck. I had only given my apartment number and nothing else. I could have been a thief, a stalker, a murderer and they had just given me the most necessary of tools to just walk in and do whatever I pleased. I'm all for relying on the kindness and honesty of others as the

office worker very well may have been doing, but had I been asked, I wouldn't have considered presenting my identification an unkindness or an outrageous request. This is someone's apartment, after all. It might have a bike, expensive electronics or money inside. It's somewhere people think is safe, and the fact that I was allowed to saunter up and snatch a key without any identifying information makes that apartment feel much less safe.

On the opposite end of this 'trust' spectrum I'm creating, I remember a time several years ago when I was traveling with my high school class. We had stopped at a mall for lunch, and were given some free time to roam around and shop. This was in the middle of winter, so being your typical rebellious, fashion-oblivious teen, I was dressed in a ragged hoodie and baggy jeans. I had no intentions other than to kill time before we were back on our way, but I soon realized I was being followed around the store by an employee, a crotchety old man who likely assumed I was looking for something to steal. This was in addition to the security guards outside, the tags on the items and the cameras in every corner of the store. His trust in teenagers was so low he was willing to stalk me around the store rather than allow the security measures to do their job.

Between these two examples, a very unsettling disparity in how and what people trust these days. It's

a warping of priorities that continues to pervade multiple levels of society. It seems that people aren't worried about breaking and entering, but heaven forbid they steal a \$20 pair of jeans. People refuse to raise hell when millions of dollars are embezzled, but heaven forbid someone smoke pot in the comfort of their own home. Even worse, people of different races or sexual orientations are treated with suspicion, people who struggle to make ends meet are assumed to be lazy or incompetent and punishment towards such parties are almost always harsher.

There's nothing wrong with being wary, but judge others on their actions, not their appearance or whatever preconceived notions you may have. In the small, day-to-day interactions of everyday life, I would rather be burned over and over again believing in the best of people than allow myself to be cynical and automatically assume everyone as out to get me. At the same time, when important things such as people's homes or savings are at stake, there's nothing wrong with an extra question or two so long as it's fairly applied to everyone. Making these small kinds of changes to what people choose to trust would have enormous, positive effects on society.

It might also stop people from breaking into my apartment right when I'm in the middle of watching cartoons and eating a pint of Ben and Jerry's. I do have a reputation to uphold, after all.

## Michael's Law



**ANDREW SMALLWOOD**

Smallwood is a junior political science major from Cumming, Ga. He is the floor leader's congressional intern at the state capitol.

would be grounds for the suspension, revocation, or cancellation of the businesses' license. This opens up bars to more government oversight, and creates a substantial paper trail for any offenses.

More impactful to your everyday college student however, is the fact that if this bill is signed into law the only people under 21 who will be allowed to step through the doors will be the bartenders and other service people. Patrons and bouncers alike would have to be of drinking age to enter. There is still time to enjoy yourself however. This part of the law would not go into effect until July 1, 2016.

House Bill 152 is still a long way off from being codified in our state. While passing through the house in a 157 to 12 vote, it still must make its way out of a Senate committee and be passed by the Senate Chamber. All the while if this bill is changed by even a word, it has to go back before the House. This can repeat until either both houses agree on a bill or the proposed legislation dies. Sometimes, a joint committee between the House and the Senate is formed in the hopes of finding a middle ground, and if an agreement is reached the Governor may sign HB 152 into law. The clock is ticking though, the Georgia General Assembly Session ends on April 2nd.

On Friday the 13th, House Bill 152 was altered by substitute before being passed out of the House of Representatives and onto the Senate. Known as "Michael's Law," this bill, if adopted, will heavily impact the bar industry. Rep. Geoff Duncan (Cumming) hopes his proposed legislation will accomplish two specific tasks. First, to require all 'disciplinary actions' against the owners, employees or shareholders of a bar involving alcohol and that take place on the establishment's premises to be reported to the Department of Revenue.

Not only does each one of these disciplinary actions open the owner up to a \$750 fine, but two or more disciplinary actions, defined as arrests or tickets, within three years

## Excerpt from Bill 152

"To amend Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, 2 so as to impose certain requirements upon holders of certain alcohol licenses and those who 3 issue such licenses; to provide for definitions; to change certain provisions relating to notice 4 to the Department of Revenue of violations relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages to 5 underage persons; to require self-reporting of disciplinary actions to the department by 6 persons licensed to manufacture, distribute, or sell alcoholic beverages; to provide for fines 7 and penalties; to provide for the reporting of certain disciplinary actions by counties and 8 municipalities which issue licenses or permits for the manufacture, distribution, or sale of 9 alcoholic beverages; to provide for the state revenue commissioner to promulgate certain 10 rules and regulations; to prohibit individuals under a certain age from being bouncers for or 11 entering certain establishments; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates 12 and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes."





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## 9 Years at Gnat's Landing: A STATESBORO HUB

BY KENNETH LEE  
The George-Anne staff

Gnat's Landing, a hub of liveliness, energy and activity, has recently passed the monumental milestone of being in business for nine years within Statesboro.

"In the nine years that we've been here, the first four were extremely difficult. But along the years, we've had a bunch of good staff, and it has just slowly been building. Each year has been bigger than the previous, and we're not stopping here," Al Chapman, owner of Gnat's Landing since 2007, said.

With engaging conversations and lively music playing in the background, and the smell of delicious food filling the room, Gnat's has cultivated a unique, but accessible atmosphere that's been welcoming to everyone.

"I like to call this place where the pine tree meets the palm tree. It's a little country, a little beachy and everything in-between. Sometimes I refer to it as 'The Melting Pot of Statesboro.' It's just a good mix of everything," Chapman said. "We have everything from bar food to seafood, but mainly the word I would say is that we sell comfort food. If you come in, it's just that good old country, comfort food."

Chapman expressed his appreciation for the growing support and the rewarding relationships that Georgia Southern University and Statesboro has given Gnat's throughout its long run.

"All of my staff are pretty much from Georgia Southern, or Ogeechee Tech, or one of the other schools. I have a great relationship with all the coaches and teachers. We get students, faculty and coaches, too you name it," Chapman said. "We're all about the community, we're all about Georgia Southern, and the locals too. It's one of the best communities that I've ever lived in."

Chapman later expressed his pride and admiration for his staff, which he believes to have been a major influence on the success of his restaurant.

"We have a great staff and a great kitchen. They deserve all of the credit in the world. I'm just here running the show. Without the 50 of them, I'll never be able to do it. I'm just one person here, but there's no one person that can do what this place has done. This place is so much bigger than what I am."

"We're really close, it's kinda like a big family. I can't really imagine working anywhere else. We're really close and we get along really well. Al's a great boss and he stays on top of it and makes us better employees," Erica Tyler, junior special education major, said.

With such a long history, Gnat's has been able to change and develop during its stay in Statesboro, improving the dining experience of its customers.

"With the deck outside being one of the things that's a big change, it's also quality of food, and all around, just learning as you go. That's the biggest change for this place

when we first started. We've learned so much more about customer service and quality of everything that we do and it keeps the ball rolling.

One way Gnat's Landing has embedded itself within the local community is through the music scene. Throughout the years, Gnat's has built the reputation of being a popular and welcoming band venue for local Statesboro bands.

"We always keep music rolling here. We work with a lot of local artists and students. Music is a big deal. My background is actually in recording arts, it's what I went to school for, so it's a big deal for me to help local artists. Places like this is where they get their start at. It's important for local venues to help all these artists, and to get them to the place where they need to be. Without people like us, they never get that chance. That's why it's important to keep the music scene rolling," Chapman said.

"Gnat's finds ways to give back to the community. Whether it's setting up local bands to play, or sponsoring a sports team, they care about their customers. Gnat's has, and always will be, one of the greatest places to eat in Statesboro, because of the friendly staff, great management, and delicious food," Nolan Yuro, junior early childhood education major, said.



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Gnat's Landing, a staple of life in Statesboro, has been dubbed as by Gnat's owner as "the place where pine trees meet palm trees."

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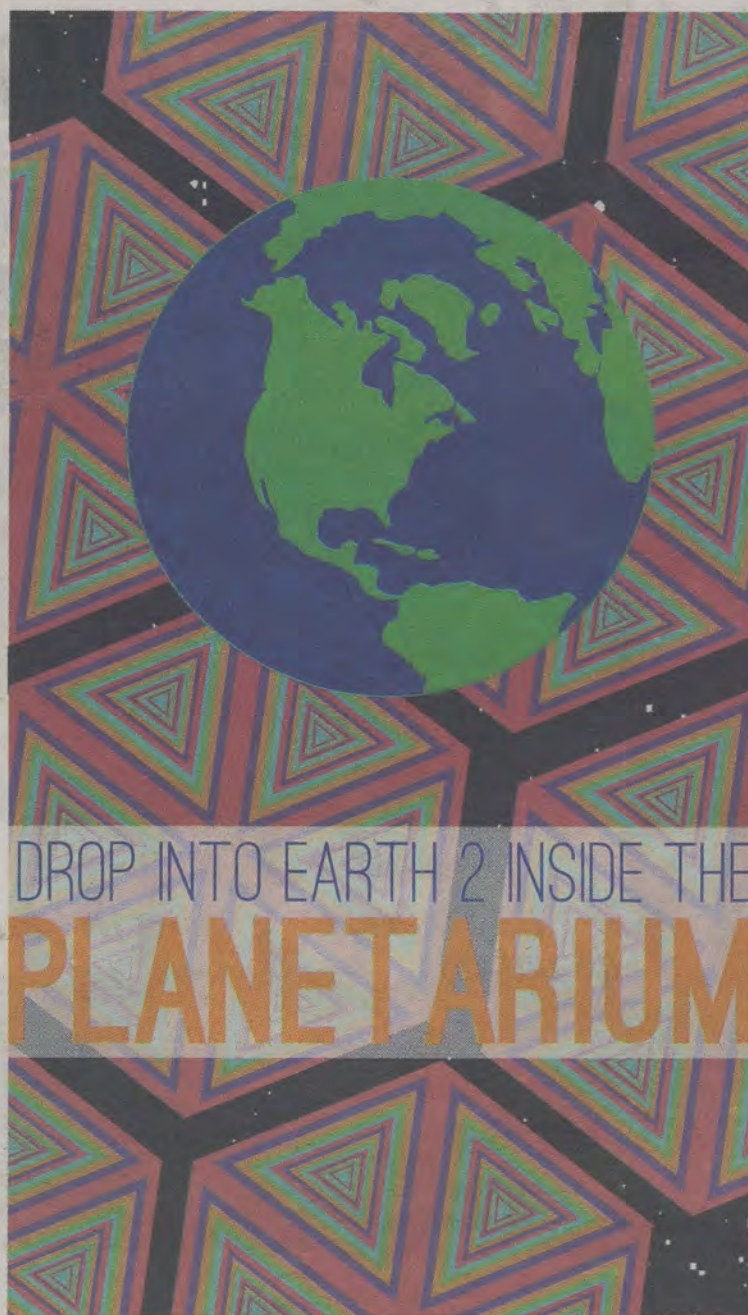
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## DROP INTO EARTH 2 INSIDE THE PLANETARIUM

BY MICHELLE PRATT  
The George-Anne contributor

On Friday, March 27, the Planetarium will be showing "LICHTMOND-Universe of Light," a poetic trip through sounds and landscapes taking viewers to a parallel universe called Earth 2.

"Universe of Light" is a short show lasting thirty nine minutes. The showing starts at 6 p.m. and will play on a loop until 10 p.m.

Unlike most shows at the planetarium, "Universe of Light" is not meant to be an educational piece but instead a piece for "fun and enjoyment," according to Becky Lowder, the Astronomy Laboratory Coordinator.

"Just let it come over your senses and sit back and just enjoy," Lowder said.

"Universe of Light" opens your senses and touches your soul through beauty, poetry, and purity. When a meteor hits this Earth 2 a tree of life forms along with what seems to be any life form imaginable. From flying fish to dancing leaf people, "Universe of Light" will definitely blow your mind.

"LICHTMOND is a beautiful and artistic 360 degree full dome experience musically and visually," Lowder said.

The music is also one of the most important factors in drawing in the crowd. You cannot have psychedelic scenes without psychedelic music.

Some of the artists featured in this film are Alan Parsons, I Murvini and Boy George.

"The poetry in the lyrics of the music is just beautiful. It's all about life," Lowder said.

Under the Planetarium Dome you will be able to experience the almost three-dimensional figures throughout this immersive experience, according to Lowder.

Ryan Kessler, political science major, went to this show his sophomore year and explained the experience as life changing.

"I really only knew mainstream music that was currently on the radio, but when I went and watched LICHTMOND I realized that there was so much more out there in the artistic realm," Kessler said.

After watching the trailer Morgan Goss, freshman public relations major, is really looking forward to going to the planetarium to watch "Universe of Light."

Goss said, "When I first read the description I thought it sounded pretty cool, but the trailer really is what makes me want to go. I cannot wait to see what the rest of the movie looks like."

# THE BUZZ LIST



MATT SOWELL  
Features editor

► Rob Kardashian, brother to the stars and alleged douche bag, recently compared his sister Kim to "Amy Dunn" from *Gone Girl*. Though I'm sure she's not the most pleasant lady on earth, I doubt she's smart enough to fake her own murder. Wait, spoiler alert.

► Justin Bieber, actual douche bag, is being sued by the guy he egged a while back. Jeff Schwartz, egged man, says that his life has been defined by the egging. He says that he has even been spit on by people over it. lol.

► Taylor Swift, tumblr user and ex-country singer, has purchased every domain name involving her name. The reason she has done so is so that porn sites based off of her don't start popping up. Smart move, but I'm a little disappointed we won't be seeing "dude drops on my guitar" or "beat it off" any time soon.

► Kim Kardashian wore jeans. Sorry, I was scrolling through TMZ and that was an actual headline so I thought I would share.

► Louis Tomlinson, babe from One Direction, has recently split up with his girlfriend of four years Eleanor Calder. 15 year old girls, college girls, cool moms and homosexual men are all swooning over the newly available bae. Meanwhile, Tumblr users and fanfiction writers are probably going crazy right now. If you've never experienced One Direction fan fiction, it's probably a good thing.

► Zayn Malik, hella babe also from One Direction, recently abandoned the group on their tour. He flew from Thailand back home to the UK blaming it on personal reasons. Is One Direction spiraling downward? Is this the beginning of the end? We shall see.



# Welcome Back:

OUR GUIDE TO THE SLAP IN THE FACE FOLIO JUST GAVE YOU



BY MEG ELWOOD  
The George-Anne staff

Get it together!

If you're like everyone else on campus at this time of year, you may be checking your grades so you can keep your scholarship or your parents' generosity for the next coming semester. You're not worried at all, it's still so early in the semester, right?

Oh, no..

Cue the gut drop of panic.

Looks like that 70 on the midterm (or maybe midterms) really did some damage. Don't lose your cool yet. You still have a month and a half, plus final exams, to bring your grade up. It's completely doable.

## #1. FOCUS

Write yourself a sticky note and put it in front of your face when you look up from your work. Get a roommate to slap you if you walk out of your room or just do SOMETHING to make yourself stay focused. Focus. Is. Key.

## #2. Coffee

The legal cocaine. If you really can't focus, try drinking a cup of this little miracle. According to studies done by the Health and Research Unit of the University of Wales College, "Many controlled trials in humans show that coffee improves various aspects of brain function. This includes memory, mood, vigilance, energy levels, reaction times and general cognitive function." So in a way, coffee makes you smarter.

## #3. Sleep more, go out less

Sad, but true. Unless you're going out to Club Hendy with your boys or girls, getting the grade can mean putting yourself on a leash for a while. A great trick to try is to go to bed as soon as you're done studying. So catch some Z's!

## #4. Get to Study Sessions

After 5 p.m.? That's when pregame starts! Too bad. If you want to keep that scholarship money flowing, you have to close the tab. As Spiderman's uncle says, "With great power comes great responsibility." Sure, you don't have too much power right now in your life, but sitting through a quick tutorial can literally make miracles happen. They are there for a reason.

## #5. Be Observant

Being observant in class and in day-to-day life can really make a huge difference. Unplug from your tablet, phone or laptop and grab some pens, paper and listen. It may be old school, but sometimes traditional habits never die and can even save you on study time. Instead of spacing out while walking around campus, take your headphones out and actually look around for once. You'll

become a helluva lot more aware of your day-to-day life when you do. Spark your "imaa-gin-aa-tion."

## #6. Make the Change

You can't magically wish for yourself to know everything. Learn from Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull. Knowing everything makes your head explode. You've got to pull your briefs/panties up and "Just Do It." Because you totally can!

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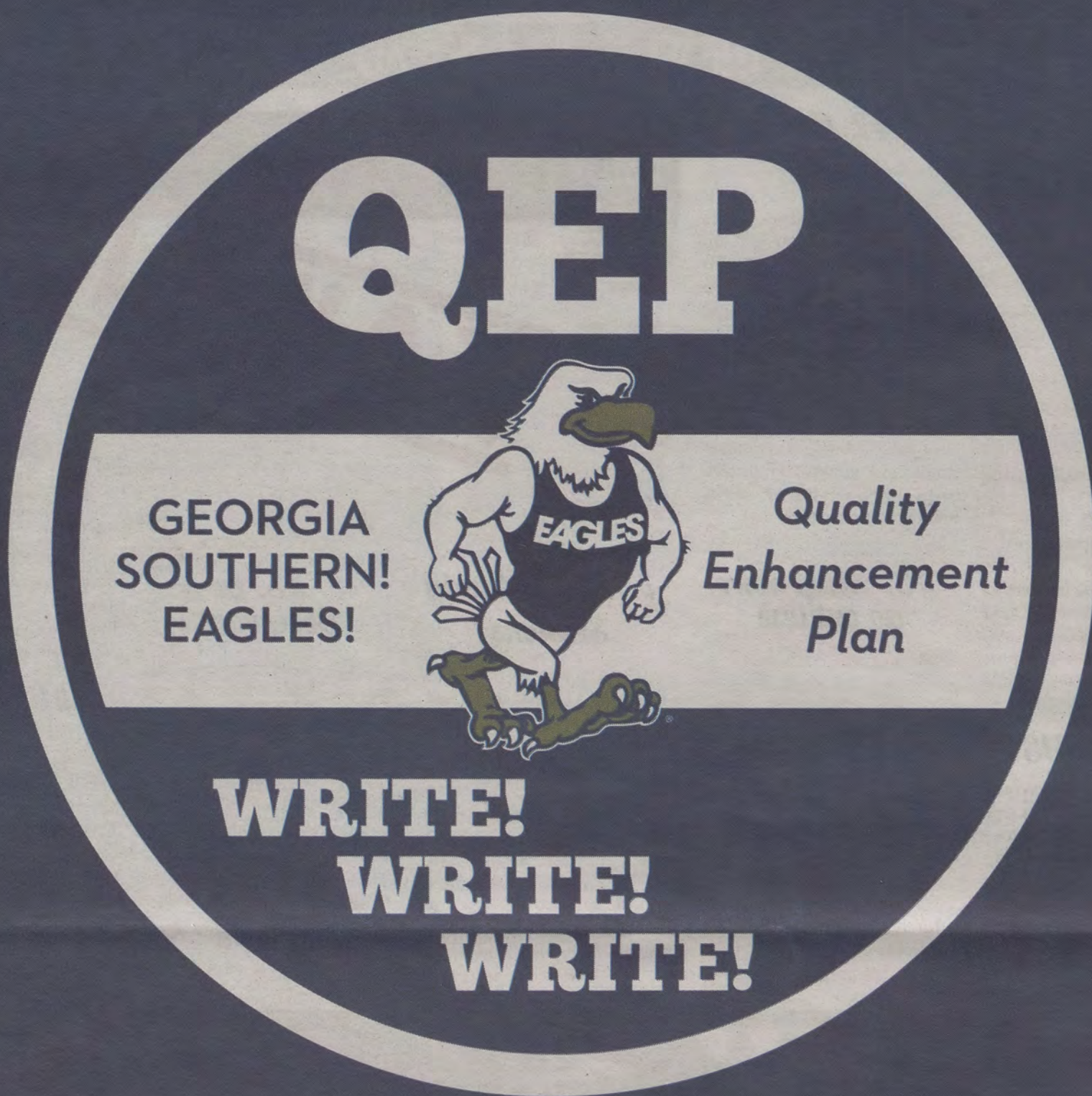
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## PRO DAY 2015 FOR THE EAGLES



### HAYDEN BOUDREAUX

Hayden is a junior finance major from St. Mary's, Ga.

The overcast skies rippled and allowed water to trickle down over Paulson Stadium as a group of senior Eagle football players gave their last bit of effort on that field for a chance to be noticed by the scouts.

While every athlete has a chance of being noticed at Pro Day, scouts come with a list of players that they are to keep a keen eye on. At the top of the list sits linebacker Edwin Jackson and offensive lineman Garret Frye. Both athletes were representatives in the Medal of Honor All-Star game following the season.

Family, friends and media watched from the field and from the Ted Smith Football Center as the athletes took the field first for the 40-yard dash. As I stepped onto the green of the football field I could feel how the slippery grass could be a problem. The first run was partially against the wind and each runner seemed to be sure of their feet.

The same could be said for the second run with the help from the wind as each Eagle ran, quite possibly, the most important 40 yards of their lives. Standing at the finish line was a handful of professional scouts. This included representatives from the Atlanta Falcons, Cleveland Browns, New York Giants, St. Louis Cardinals and the CFL British Columbia Lions.

After their sprints were completed the athletes moved up to the small turf field, normally graced by children on game days, and completed the L-Drill and the 5-10-5 shuttle run. Things got hairy for the Eagles at this stage as the effects of the weather began to take their toll. Players slipped and skidded on drills. Those who did not slip seemed to be over compensating and appeared flat footed coming out of their cuts.

The departing seniors then entered the weight room in the Ted Smith Center for the final three official events. Head coach Willie Fritz hovered around his former players as they competed for a chance of a lifetime. The vertical jump and the broad jump were up next.

The players had been split off into two groups. Jackson lined up for his broad jump, sized up the jump and leapt forward landing on both feet in a similar position but 9'10" away from his starting spot. The spotter placed a pen in the spot as Jackson took his second jump. He squatted down and launched from his stance and managed a very impressive 10 foot broad jump and let out a roar of excitement.

The last event in the weight room was the bench press. Athletes are meant to get under the bar and press 225 pounds as many times as possible. Each athlete walked up to one of two stations, laid down and began their test. Jackson, hyped after his broad jump got under the bar and gave the best performance of his former teammates. When he finally racked his weight, he had completed a staggering 30 repetitions which definitely raised some eyebrows.

For the final portion the athletes moved back outside for some drills to show their football talents. The lineman went to 1V1 drills while the skill players moved to a more wide open approach. Another familiar face was seen as Ezayi YouYoute, who helped quarterback the team to a Sun Belt Championship, threw passes to the skill players. His passes were tight but the conditions made it difficult for the athletes to build up speed.

No real breakdowns can be made until the official numbers are released. All-in-all the athletes looked impressive given the circumstances and there is definitely NFL potential. While the team does lack in some areas such as size and blazing speed, there is late round potential and surely players that could make a difference on special teams in the pros. Check for The George-Anne to deliver updates via Twitter or Thursday's edition for official times and results.



**RYAN WOODHAM**  
THE GEORGE-ANNE  
Edwin Jackson looked strong for recruiters the whole day. He finished the 2014 season with 100 total tackles and one interception for 48 yards.

### BRANDON WARNOCK

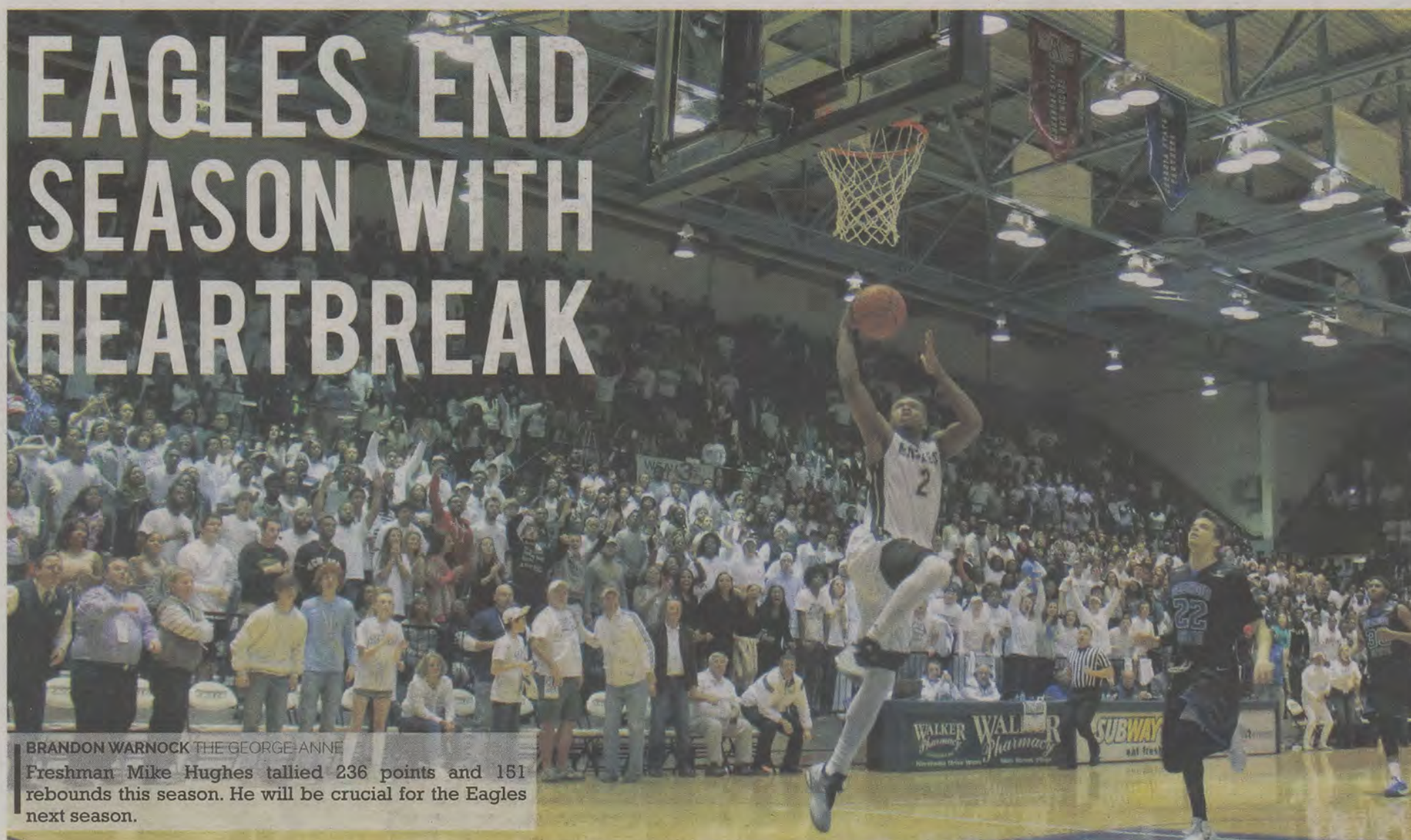
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Raymond Klugey also came out for Pro Day. He did not post high numbers for the Eagles in the 2014 season. Many Eagles showed skill in the indoor drills.





# EAGLES END SEASON WITH HEARTBREAK



BRANDON WARNOCK THE GEORGE-ANNE

Freshman Mike Hughes tallied 236 points and 161 rebounds this season. He will be crucial for the Eagles next season.

BY COLIN RITSICK

The George-Anne staff

The best season for Georgia Southern basketball in 11 years ended in heartbreak in New Orleans, La. last Sunday in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament finals against Georgia State 38-36.

Guard R.J. Hunter sunk two free throws with 21.6 seconds left in the game to win it for the Panthers. Forward Eric Ferguson's last-second three-point attempt for the Eagles was inches away from banking in to win the game.

"We were about as close as you can get. An inch or two here or there and we win the game. I feel bad for the guys because they've given me everything they had this year. I wanted them to have that moment," head coach Mark Byington said.

Georgia Southern was playing in its first conference finals since 1992 when the Eagles beat Georgia State to win the TAAC Championship. That was the

last time the school has been to the NCAA Tournament.

The 38-36 loss was the lowest scoring game in Sun Belt conference history in the shot clock era.

Byington said this year's team is one of the closest groups of friends on and off the court he's ever coached. The word 'family' gets thrown around a lot when these players talk about each other.

When the last shot bounced off the rim and the Georgia State bench rushed the floor, Hewitt and Ferguson hugged each other. Multiple guys didn't try to hide their tears. A Sun Belt official had to tell Diamond to get up and leave the court.

If Merriam-Webster dictionaries used videos to define words, the scene after the loss would play next to the word heartbreak.

For many of Byington's players, that was their last game in a Georgia Southern uniform. Guards Jelani Hewitt and Curtis Diamond, forwards Angel Matias and Ferguson, and center Trent Wiedeman

were the core of the team and they all graduate.

"I played my heart out," Hewitt said. "I didn't want to have any regrets. I know my teammates didn't want to have any regrets either. Like coach said, the ball just didn't bounce our way at the end."

"You put in months and months of work, and years and years for some of these guys, to try to have a moment like this, and we were close," Byington said.

#### 2014-15 SEASON

Overall	22-9
Conference	14-6
Home	13-2
Away	8-6

Hewitt and Wiedeman were named to the All-Tournament team, to go along with their season honors from the Sun Belt. Hewitt was the third-leading scorer in the Sunbelt with 17.6 ppg and was named the Defensive Player of the Year and to the All-Sun Belt first team. Wiedeman finished

the season averaging 11.6 ppg and 5.6 rpg and was named third-team All-Sun Belt.

Matias averaged 8.2 ppg and 5.6 rpg, Ferguson averaged 8.0 ppg and 5.3 rpg and Diamond averaged 7.8 ppg.

Byington deserves a lot of credit for the turnaround of this program since he's been here. The Eagles have now reached the semi-finals of a conference tournament two years in a row. Before that, they only appeared in three semi-final games in the last 20 years.

"Last year I tried to do the best we could of establishing a culture of trying to do things the right way...I had to get a group of guys that believed in my vision and what I wanted to do and where I wanted to go," Byington said.

Byington was named the Whack Hyder Georgia College Coach of the Year by the Atlanta Tipoff Club. However, he was not named the Sun Belt Coach of the Year.

That award went to Louisiana-Monroe's Keith Richard.

Louisiana-Monroe was picked in the pre-season to finish sixth in the Sun Belt, and it finished third. Georgia Southern was picked in the pre-season to finish tied for ninth in the Sun Belt, and it finished second.

ULM finished 22-12. Georgia Southern finished 22-9.

But that wasn't the only disappointment. The Eagles were not invited to play in the NIT - the secondary NCAA postseason tournament. However, teams like Arizona State (17-15), Alabama (18-14) and Pittsburgh (19-14) were invited.

Regardless of how the year ended, something happened for Georgia Southern basketball that hasn't happened in years. People were genuinely excited. Hanner Fieldhouse had sellouts. The Eagles were actually playing for something down the stretch.

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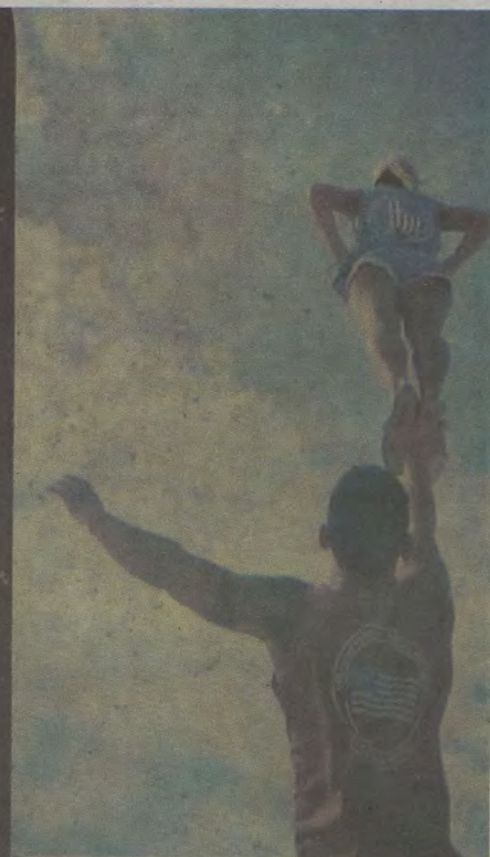
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# EAGLES GO 3-4 OVER BREAK

BY LAYNE SALIBA  
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern baseball team played seven games over Spring Break. Of those seven games, the Eagles won three. It was not a perfect stretch, but the Eagles still came out with one series victory of the two they played.

Georgia Southern (14-11, 6-3) has played well on the weekends throughout the season. And that's no surprise with the way the weekend starting pitchers have been playing.

The Friday starter, redshirt sophomore Evan Challenger holds a 1.02 ERA, the best of the three weekend starters. Challenger (2-0) has pitched just over 35 innings and has tallied 27 strikeouts.

He had his best game of the season against Troy over the break. He fell just short of a complete game, pitching eight innings. He only let up three hits

and sat down five at the plate.

Saturday's starter, senior Tripp Sheppard, has a 3.42 ERA. Sheppard (1-2) has been able to strike out 21 batters in his 23.2 innings.

Sheppard's best game of the season was against Arkansas State last weekend. Sheppard pitched 6.2 innings, letting up just three hits and striking out four.

Freshman Connor Simmons is the starter on Sunday and falls right behind Challenger with a 1.35 ERA. However, Simmons (1-1) has only struck out 18 in his 26.2 innings pitched.

Additionally, Simmons struggled a little in the games over the break. He played 7.1 total innings and let up seven hits with only two strikeouts.

However, the bats seemed to be working well for the Eagles over the break – especially for senior RF Aaron Mizell. He hit a combined four home runs throughout the seven game stretch. He leads the team with

six total home runs and holds a .266 batting average.

Sophomore SS Cal Baker, senior C Chase Griffin and junior 3B Spencer Duffie each contributed one home run as well.

Nevertheless, when it comes to mid-week contests, the Eagles continue to struggle. They have yet to win a game during the week and a large part could be due to pitching. The one mid-week game the team played over the break was against The Citadel. The Eagles used seven pitchers who let up a combined 10 hits, four runs scored, all earned, and only seven batters were struck out.

The Eagles look to change that today as they take on Kennesaw State in Kennesaw. If that does not work out, the Eagles will have another chance on Wednesday at J.I. Clements Stadium against Jacksonville. First pitch for that game is set for 6 p.m.



BRANDON WARNOCK THE GEORGE-ANNE

Junior Chris Brown has a 6.19 ERA with 25 strikeouts and 11 errors. He pitched last weekend against Arkansas State taking his second loss of the season.



BRANDON WARNOCK THE GEORGE-ANNE

The Eagles have won two out of the three conference series they have played. Mid-week games are when GS has struggled the most.

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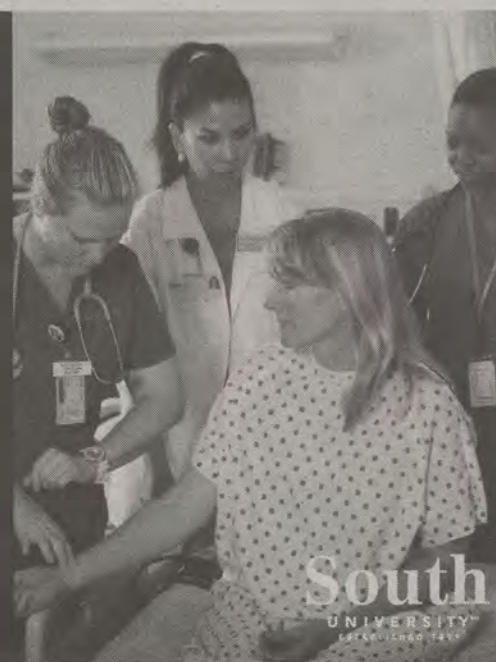
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# Softball stays busy over the break

BY ROBERT GEORGE  
The George-Anne staff

While most of the students enjoyed a week of relaxation and sunshine this past week, the Georgia Southern softball team played a total of nine games. The Eagles went 4-5 over the break, including a big win against Texas.

The Eagles kicked off the break by sweeping a double-header against New Mexico. In game one of the series, senior Brooke Red pitched a masterful game, allowing a season low three hits and just one earned run. The Eagles pushed two runs across in the top of the ninth to take a 4-2 win.

The Eagles offense came alive in the second game as the team grabbed an early 4-0 lead off of the team's 10 hits. Freshman Kierra Camp had another solid outing in the circle, allowing two runs on seven hits and a strikeout.

When the offense is clicking, the Eagles are a hard team to beat. The pitching has steadily improved all season, and the defense played well enough to protect the lead when the Eagles could get it. The problem is that the Eagles offense just hasn't been there game in and game out.

The Eagles then traveled to face Louisiana Lafayette in their second series in the Sun Belt. Hitting and poor defense caught up to the Eagles, and they collected just nine hits

and committed five errors in the series, and were swept by the Ragin' Cajuns. The pitching staff also struggled, giving up six home runs and a combined 29 hits in the series.

The Eagles then traveled to face against the Texas Longhorns in arguably the Eagles toughest test since the first weekend when they competed in the Seminole Classic. But the girls were up to the task, and took down the Longhorns 3-1.

Kierra Camp tossed one of her best games of the year, a one-run complete game against the Longhorns. She added a career high six strikeouts and worked around five walks to keep the Longhorns in check.

"It was big win for our program and Georgia Southern. It always is when you can go in and beat someone at their place, and Texas is a very good team. I thought we had a great team win," head coach Annie Smith said.

Indeed, it was what the Eagles needed coming off the losses against ULL. The Longhorns took a 1-0 lead in the third, but the Eagles offense responded in the fourth and scored two runs off back-to-back doubles from Alesha Mann and Breana McLendon.

Emily Snider blasted a solo home run in the seventh to give the Eagles a 3-1 lead. The Longhorns put a runner on third base in the bottom of the seventh, but Camp locked in and got two groundouts to give the Eagles the win.

"Kierra [Camp] pitched a great game, and we got some big hits. Brianna [McLendon] and Alesha [Mann] had some great hits," Smith said.

The Eagles looked to build off the momentum when they took to the road to take on conference foe UT Arlington. In the first game of the series, the Eagles defense committed four errors that led to four unearned runs. The offense couldn't string many hits together, and the team fell 1-7.

Camp came out strong again in the second game, and the Eagles took a 1-0 lead into the sixth inning. But the Eagles came up just short, as UTA scored a run in the sixth to tie the game, and another in the bottom of the seventh for the win.

The final game proved to be a high scoring affair. The teams traded leads throughout the game, but the Eagles prevailed with a final score of 13-10. The Eagles used three different pitchers and collected 17 hits to get the win. It was the Eagles first win in the Sun Belt.

The Eagles are now 8-21 on the season, including a 1-8 conference record. Despite the record, the Eagles have played well in every series. They have only played three series in the Sun Belt, so the Eagles have many more to go in conference play.

The Eagles will travel to Athens to take on No. 8 Georgia Bulldogs on Wednesday. First pitch is at 6 p.m.

CRISTEN GULLATT THE GEORGE-ANNE

Senior Breanna McLendon has 15 hits, nine RBI's and one home run this season. She is performing well in the outfield with a .918 fielding percentage.

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