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No Impact Week

By Lindsey Kehres
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern is hosting its 5th Annual No Impact Week next week, April 12-18, and will include more than 25 week-long activities to help students and staff reduce their impact on the Earth and to learn about sustainability resources on campus.

With the longest running No Impact Week program in the country, GSU invites the com-

munity to register online, get involved, and put your student sustainability fees to work. Registration provides helpful tips and information as well as a schedule of events, updates, and resources for each day of the challenge. It will also give participants the chance to win prizes and a No Impact Week t-shirt.

Register at recreation.georgiasouthern.edu to participate in this "carbon cleanse."



Baseball team takes on cancer

By Ian Leonard
The George-Anne staff

Following their match against UT Arlington this Saturday April 11, the Georgia Southern baseball team will be shaving their heads in honor of the Vs. Cancer foundation.

The Vs. Cancer project was started by a University of North Carolina baseball player who was diagnosed with stage four brain cancer. In honor of his struggle his teammates

shaved their heads, and began the charity to help other children who have to face similar situations.

The Eagles have started their own online fundraising campaign, with a goal of \$6,000, half of which will go to benefiting the foundation, and the other half will go towards aiding children at local hospitals.

You can visit team.vs-cancer.org/georgiasouthern to donate.

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App Update: Snapchat



By Ian Leonard
The George-Anne staff

Snapchat recently updated, fixing some small bugs and making the app run more smoothly overall. The biggest change however, was the addition of emoji markers, next to the names of your friends in order to convey your relationship with them.

This update comes at a little bit of a confusing time, as

the app had only recently re-voked features that allowed users to see similar information, in a previous update. And while these emojis aren't viewable by others, it still conveys enough information to allow users to draw conclusions, if they were so inclined.

For those of you who still haven't quite grasped the coding behind these emojis, here is a helpful, easy to follow chart.



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You have a mutual best friend

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What does Southern listen to?

By Lindsay Futch and Jordan Felton

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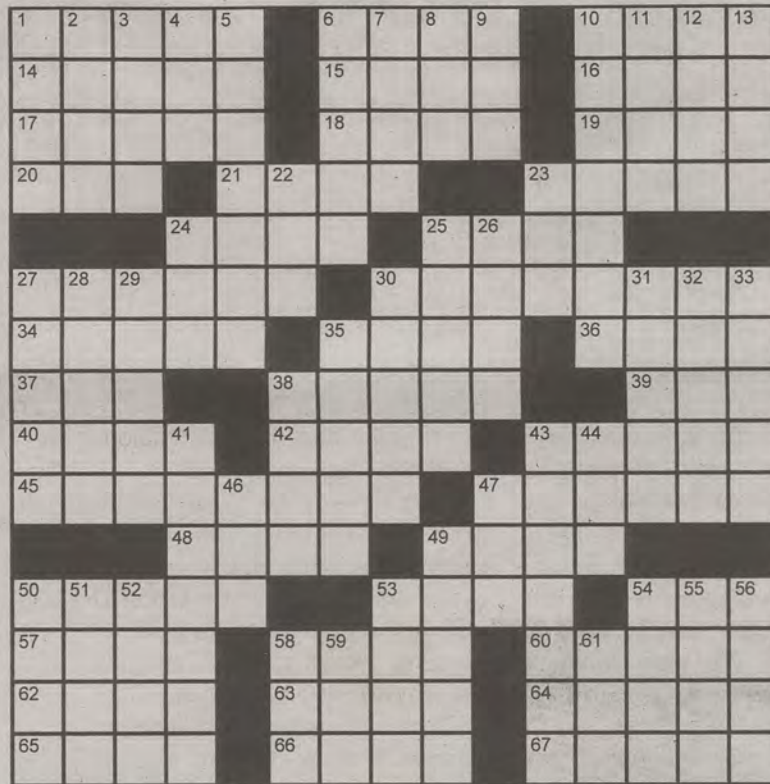
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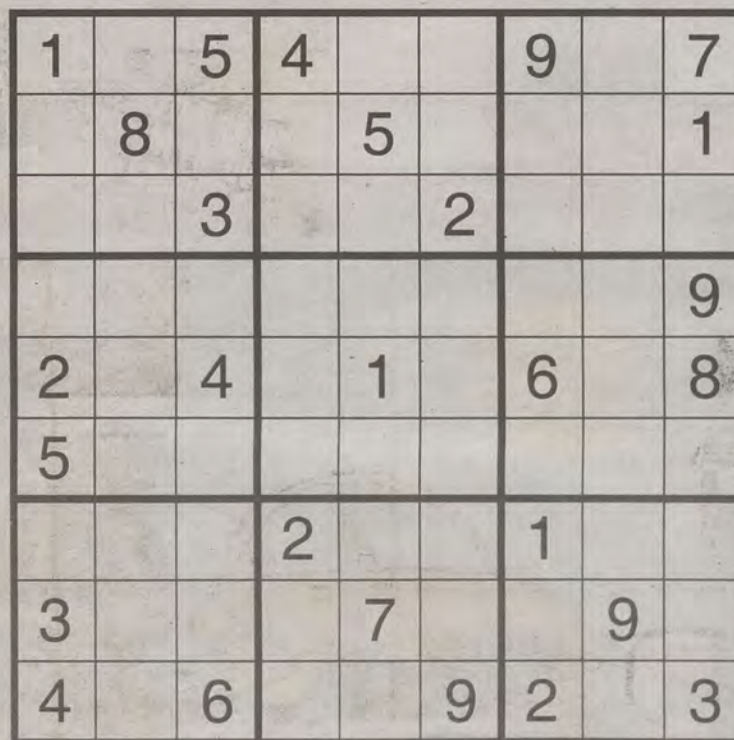
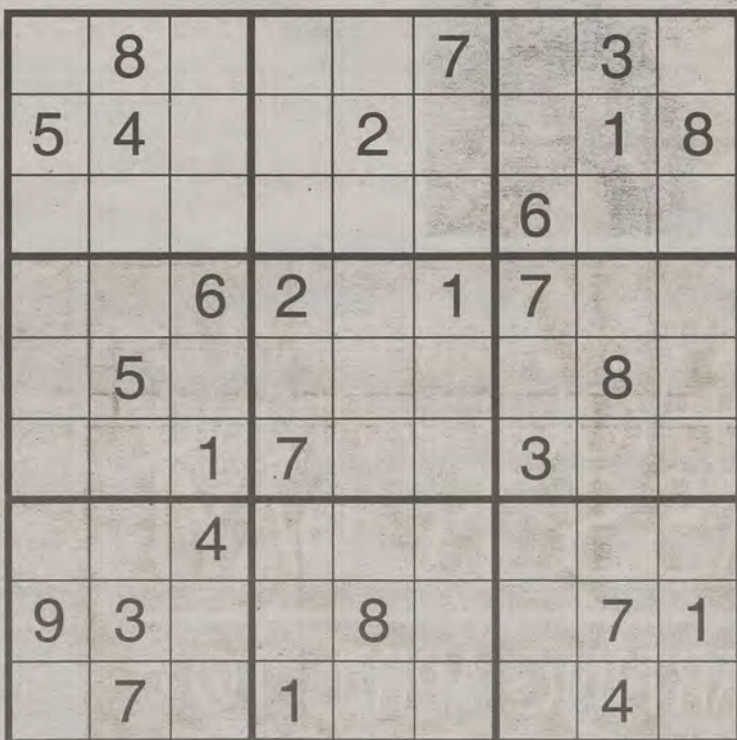
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GSU faculty show concern over stagnating pay

BY WHITT VAN TASSELL
The George-Anne staff

Last Friday, University of Georgia President Jere Morehead wrote an open letter to the Georgia Board of Regents citing sluggish faculty pay increase appropriations over the last few years as a critical problem in recruiting and retaining high quality faculty.

In tune with Morehead, Georgia Southern University President Brooks Keel said, "Georgia Southern and the state of Georgia is losing really outstanding faculty and staff because we're not able to keep pace with pay."

Though both presidents, Keel and Morehead, are optimistic that they will be able to give out merit-based pay increases over the next year, GSU will likely receive state funding for a 1 percent pay increase and a directive from the BOR to match the amount, creating an overall pool of 2 percent from which to pull money for the increases.

Rob Whitaker, vice president of business and finance at GSU, is the man in charge of university finances and agrees with professors and faculty who say that this round of increases will not be enough.

"Nobody is ever going to

be happy, from the very top of the organization to the bottom of the organization," Whitaker said. "When you go five years without a pay raise and the cost of living doesn't stop going up, last year's two percent and this year's two percent doesn't mend all the pain that we suffered those years we didn't get a pay raise."

Keel, however, sees any pay increase at all as a good thing.

At the Faculty Senate meeting on March 9, Keel reassured the audience that the Chancellor of the Board of Regents and the Governor recognize that Georgia Southern, and other USG institutions, are losing valuable faculty because of proportionally lower pay. He also reiterated that he has been explicitly forbidden to give an across-the-board pay increase, instead in favor for merit-based pay increases.

If granted state funding, GSU will allocate pay increases, ranging from 0 to 4 percent for each faculty member based on merit levels determined independently by each subsequent supervisor. The Board of Regents gives the overall 2 percent pay increase to the president, the

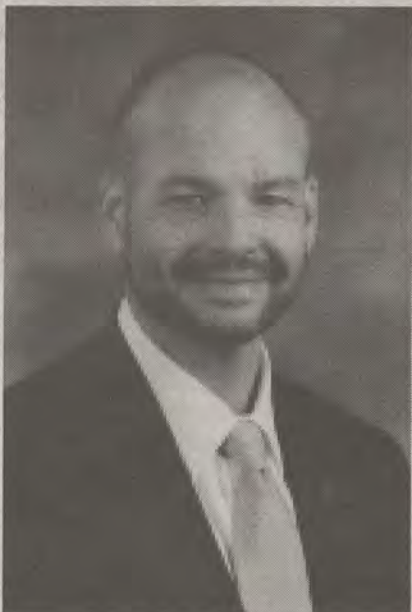
president gives it to the vice presidents, and it continues to trickle down until all employees are evaluated.

"We have to be based off of merit, so there will be some people who will get upwards of 4% and some people who will get downwards of zero percent," Keel said. "That's the way merit pools work."

Both Whitaker and the Board of Regents cite the recent economic downturn as explanation for the long period with no pay increase, and Whitaker acknowledges that the upcoming round might not be enough to satisfy some faculty.

"It's the tough part of being a supervisor," Whitaker said. "It's really challenging when you only have the 2 percent, because then you don't really have a range that's wide enough to really reward those high winners... You can go out and ask anybody, faculty, staff, from the highest to the lowest, even the ones that get four percent: is that enough? 'Probably not, because I suffered five years of nothing.'"

Will Peebles and William Price contributed to this report.



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Women's Empowerment Conference

BY OZZIE BUNBURY
The George-Anne staff

Saturday marks the return of the Woman's Empowerment Conference held annually at Georgia Southern University. The keynote speaker is Valeisha Butterfield Jones, who is the current founder and CEO of the Women in Entertainment Empowerment Network (WEEN).

She was also the deputy director of President Obama's International Trade Administration from 2009-2011. The all-day event will contain a number of guest speakers. The event is for any undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty or staff who would like to attend.

The topics will come from a wide variety of subjects, all with a focus on

the progression of women. "We don't want everyone talking about love, money, or relationships... Whoever puts in a variety [of topics] is normally who we choose," Talia Myrick, event coordinator and graduate assistant, said.

Everyone is invited, but the majority of the event is concentrated on women and a woman's worth.

"All of the speaker sessions are really helpful for the students. I think each section will help students learn about the realities of life," Myrick said.

The admission cost is \$10 with a student ID. That cost covers breakfast, lunch, snacks as well as a networking hour that will have food at the end. It's an all-day event, and they plan

on filling you up throughout the day.

One of the sessions for the day will be titled "Success Strategies Used to Overcome Perceived Institutional Barriers in Academe," opened up by Dr. Kimberly Robinson. She is the current director and owner of a group home for girls in Brooklet.

She intends for the session to "further the discussion on the lived experiences of women of color in higher education who currently hold leadership positions and how race and gender affects that process to leadership attainment." At the same time she hopes to give possible advice and strategies to women on how to navigate barriers.



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Valeisha Butterfield-Jones is an author, women's activist and award-winning political strategist.

Conference Schedule

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast & Registration/Check-In	1:30 pm – 2:20 pm	Breakout Session #4
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Welcome & Introductions	2:30 pm – 3:40 pm	Keynote Speaker: Valeisha Butterfield-Jones
9:30 am – 10:20 am	Breakout Session #1		UNconference Hour (Networking Time)
10:30 am – 11:20 am	Breakout Session #2	3:45 pm – 4:15 pm	Wrap-Up
11:30 am – 12:20 pm	Breakout Session #3		
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Why should I take summer classes?

BY JULIA FECHTER

The George-Anne contributor

As the summer semester is fast approaching it is important for Georgia Southern University students to consider taking summer classes, whether it's for extra credit hours or just because they can, summer classes are linked to a few stipulations.

There are several different things students should consider before deciding whether or not to sign up for summer classes. GSU offers two separate terms during the summer time, A and B term.

A term is offered from May 18 through June 18 and the B term is offered from June 22 through July 22. Online classes are offered each term as well.

Classes during the summer may seem like a drag or a burden. Depending on one's major; however, for some students taking summer classes may not be optional. Also, it follows that if one takes classes during the summer, they can get finished with college faster. As beneficial as taking summer classes may seem, financial difficulties can make taking classes seem like a long-shot.

Financial aid is offered for the summer semester just like it is for the regular school year, if a student already has the HOPE scholarship that will

cover classes just as it does during the year to whatever extent possible. The FAFSA application is to be filled out just the same online and

Students should complete the FAFSA application before completing paperwork for any type of scholarship or loan. There are different types of loans: federal, private and Georgia Student Access loans offered to GSU students to cover academic costs and fees as well. The PELL Grant and Federal Work Study programs are available for students seeking financial aid or a job over the summer at the University in addition to the HOPE scholarship.

While Zell Miller and HOPE are applied for through the FAFSA application, many other institutional and external scholarships exist. For more information on the different kinds of aid available, students can visit the Georgia Southern webpage.

The biggest challenge with taking summer classes is time management. "That's the only way you're gonna survive! If a friend calls you up and wants to go out, you gotta be strong enough to say no," Jacobs said.

Despite the odds, summer classes can prove beneficial to students in the long run. If managed efficiently, one can still have time to go to the beach and pass their classes.

Pros

- Classes are much more flexible with a summer work schedule
- Students don't have enough time to forget the material since it's only a month of class
- There isn't any time for distraction when classes are everyday
- The classes are occasionally broken down in a much easier to understand fashion

Cons

- Instructors must make sure all of their material fits into a compressed amount of time
- The majority of classes offered are MTWRF classes
- There isn't ample time to establish a relationship with the professor or other students
- Many classes will have assign work every single day since there isn't as much time to cover the same amount of material

MAP Coordinator Chris Pugh terminated

BY CHRIS ROSSMANN

The George-Anne staff

Assistant Director of the Multicultural Student Center (MSC) and Minority Advisement Program (MAP) coordinator Chris Pugh has been terminated from his post.

Pugh, known by students as "Big Chris," worked with minority students and helped to place MAP sponsors with undergrads to serve as mentors and friends.

According to the Termination of Employment letter, provided through an open records request, Pugh received notice on Monday, April 6. The letter, written by Dorsey Baldwin, Director for the Multicultural Student Center, stated that action was

necessitated in accordance to his "gross insubordination of failing to follow through" on various professional occasions.

The most recent issue noted was his unprofessional handling of the Graduate Assistant's hiring process, which occurred last month.

"Your behavior in the graduate assistant hiring process was unethical, insubordinate, unprofessional and deceptive. These characteristics are not acceptable behavior of a professional staff member in this office," Baldwin said in the letter.

Several specific instances of insubordination were stated as examples and in December of 2013 Pugh received a formal warning regarding his lack of follow through and failure to meet deadlines.

"I worked with Chris for over three years and he is what it means to be student centered," Dr. Consuela Ward, previous MSC director who hired Pugh, said.

"Chris is the epitome of a role model. From the moment I met him, set the standard for what a mentor should be: inspiring, motivating, relatable," Alvin Matheny, former Student African-American Brotherhood member and GSU alumni, said.

Christopher Pugh declined comment on the situation at this time.

Baldwin declined to comment about the matter when reached by The George-Anne.

Macy Holloway contributed to this report.

Clubhouse commended on new soccer fields

BY CHRIS CARTER

The George-Anne contributor

The Clubhouse in Statesboro is a sanctuary of family fun with an arcade, bowling, laser tag, go carts, mini golf, full sized golf driving range and most recently soccer fields open for all ages.

The new soccer fields that have been added are second to none. The field is sodded with Celebration Bermuda grass which is the same playing surface used in the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. The field's overall size is equivalent to four regulation fields.

This field has made The Clubhouse a haven for travel soccer teams. Teams come from all over the state to play on a quality soccer field. Travel soccer has no season

so year around on any given weekend the Clubhouse may host anywhere from nine to 18 games usually.

It is also the home field of The Storm soccer academy which trains people of all ages in soccer. It is one of the leading soccer academies in the area including Savannah and Statesboro.

All of this has lead to the Clubhouse soccer fields being selected to be the location of the Georgia Soccer State Cup final four. The two teams that play in the Georgia State Soccer Championship will be decided at the Clubhouse in Statesboro, Georgia.

This is quite an accomplishment considering the addition of the Soccer fields only happened in October of last year. The idea behind the addition of the fields for the Clubhouse

was to bring more people and attention to the Statesboro community. In this capacity they have surely been successful.

Between the travel soccer teams coming to play at the field and now the state cup final four a great deal of attention and tourism is assured. The Clubhouse's quality and fun spirit has garnered attention for themselves and the community of Statesboro as a whole.

Destination Management magazine has named it as one of its designated outstanding venues in the United States. The decision to have them host the final four for the state soccer cup only enforces the Clubhouse as great place for people to have their events.







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IF THE SHOE FITS...

Community dons heels for Walk A Mile in Her Shoes



WILL PEEBLES THE GEORGE-ANNE

BY KENNETH LEE
The George-Anne staff

This Thursday, men of all shoe sizes will be able to trade blood, sweat and tears, as they collectively walk a mile around campus in high heels, the double-edged sword of women's footwear. Why would any sane man subject himself to walking around campus in these uncomfortable deathtraps, especially when it's more than likely to clash with the rest of his masculine wardrobe? It's so that they can proudly support awareness for sexual assault, gender violence and rape, by participating in the fun and lighthearted event, known nationally as Walk a Mile in Her Shoes.

The third annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event will be located at the Rotunda at 3:30 p.m. on April 9, where a number of fun activities for participants will be held, accompanied by a DJ. In addition, many donors will have booths set up, offering fun giveaways, handouts and educational materials.

"I have been consistently impressed by the level of involvement among the university and community. We always have a huge turnout, with students, police officers, fraternity and sorority members, faculty, staff, and even local politicians. The level of support really shows how much our community cares about victims of rape, sexual assault and gender violence, and how committed we are to

stopping the violence," Laura Agnich, a professor involved with the planning committee, said. "We have raised around \$3,000 for SRSAC so far and we hope that this year will be the biggest fundraising year yet. I hope that we can double our donation."

Before the actual walk begins at 5:00 p.m., two members of Team SOAR (Speaking Out Against Rape) will share their personal stories as sexual assault survivors to the audience. Afterwards a quick "how to walk in heels" tutorial will commence, giving the guys an opportunity to avoid looking silly while marching around campus.

The actual mile walk will take the marchers (which will include men, women and children) from the Rotunda through campus, and back to the Union. Besides having a lot of fun, marchers will be able to read up on some important educational handouts on the two rest stations set up during the walk. Afterwards,

registered participants and donors will be invited to eat free food, which will include pizza and desserts. Participants will be happy to know that the money raised through their registration fees and donations will be for the Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center, which serves local victims of rape and sexual assault.

"I believe that participants will have a wonderful experience in doing Walk A Mile in Her Shoes. They can expect to leave Walk A Mile with new gained knowledge regarding sexual violence, some burned off calories, tons of laughter and pictures to add for memories and more laughter. I hope this event inspires others to help those who have been sexually assaulted and to

encourage victims of sexual assault to be brave and report their assaults to the higher authority and get the help that they need," Christina Catchings, freshman pre-nursing major who was involved with the planning committee, said.

Rape and sexual violence are some of the most prevalent crimes found on college campuses and are highly under-reported. According to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men have been raped at some time in their lives. Walk a Mile in Her Shoes calls attention to these ugly facts by organizing this walk to raising funds. The money raised will help serve sexual assault victims by supporting Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center (SRSAC). SRSAC provides invaluable resources and services, like community education, victim advocacy, and follow-up support, to victims of sexual assault in the Ogeechee Circuit.

"The vast majority of

victims of rape and sexual assault are women, which is why it's so important to see men taking time out to show support by walking a mile in her shoes. That isn't to say that men aren't victimized as well. This event raises money for an organization that serves all victims of rape and sexual assault in our community," Agnich said.

"I think female voices are important and that they should be heard; in fact, they need to be heard. Walk a Mile is really fun and great way to bring attention to the important subject of sexual assault. Unfortunately I don't think sexual violence will ever completely go away, but hopefully one day we will get to the point where we will be more willing to listen to victims of sexual violence," Aaron Evans, junior mathematics major who will participate in this upcoming walk, said.

Although people who show up on the fly will still be able to participate, those who register in advance at tinyurl.com/gsuwams2015 will guarantee themselves a pair of shoes in their size for the march, as well as a t-shirt.



The Queens are Back

MSC and GSA Host Annual Drag Show

FILE PHOTO
The annual drag show, a hit with students, is being held in the Russell Union Ballroom at 7 p.m.

BY MICHELLE NORSWORTHY
The George-Anne staff

The Gay Straight Alliance and Multicultural Student Center have teamed up to put on this year's Drag Show held in the Russell Union Ballroom starting at 7 p.m.

Once a year, queens like Tiffany DuBois make the trip from Club One in Savannah to shake things up at Georgia Southern University. With the glitz and glamour they're known for, the performers will entertain patrons with music and dancing. After the performances, audience members will get the chance to have a Question & Answer session with the queens.

"[It started] mostly as awareness," Levi Reid, secretary of GSA, said. "Just getting out there and finding people who do drag for fun or for empowerment, or entertainment. Just for recognition."

One of the performers, Marlon Smith (aka Tiffany DuBois), is a GSU alum where drag fell into his lap. After being cast as the black Barbie doll in one production, Smith says his stage persona Tiffany came to life. Smith has continued to wow audiences for the past 22 years, citing Diana

Ross and Janet Jackson as inspirations.

This year the show will be sporting an amateur portion. Both the MSC and GSA are excited about the amateur portion where students, and others, can participate in the drag show. While this year there will only be one amateur performance, the MSC and GSA are hopeful that more students will be willing to participate in the future.

"Mixing amateurs with professionals could add a great dynamic to the show," Smith said. For aspiring drag queens and kings, Smith has a piece of advice. "You decide on the type of entertainer you want to be, and stick with it. Don't let anyone derail your progress with their criticism and negative thoughts."

Though the show is packed with music and entertainment, there is still a message of awareness and education. The drag show comes on the heels of the annual Walk a Mile event, where men don a pair of heels and walk a mile in order to raise awareness for gender relations and sexual violence.

According to Talia Myrick, who serves as the MSC's graduate assistant for

diversity programming, the drag show couldn't have been better placed.

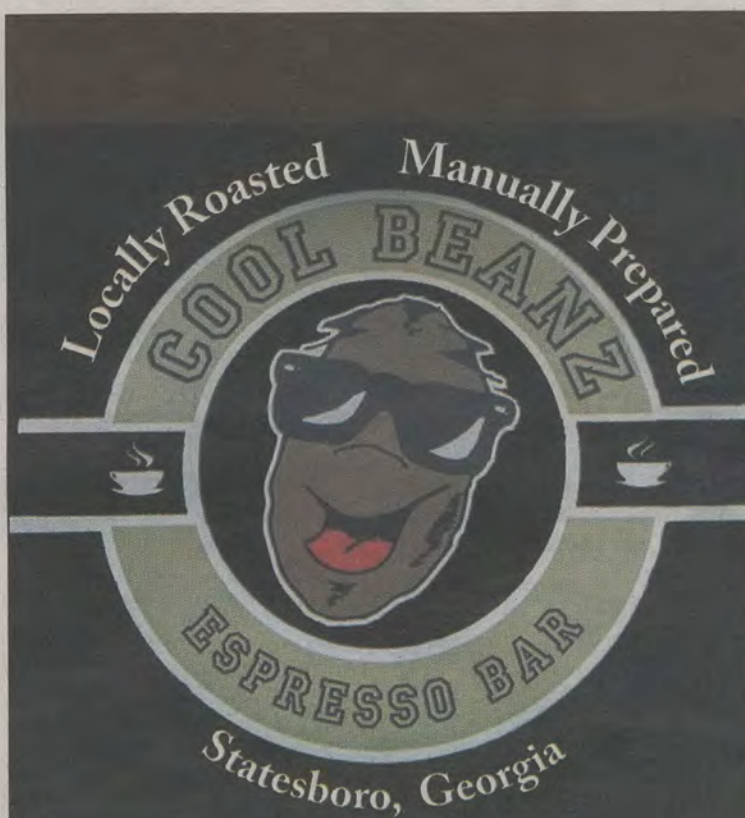
"We liked it because it's in conjunction with Walk a Mile," Myrick said. "[The events are] about awareness and inclusion."

During the Q&A portion of the night, audience members can ask the queens questions about performances, themselves, or drag in general.

"That's always for the people who don't know what drag is and have a lot of questions," Reid said. "After the show, [the audience] can ask them like, 'What is drag? Do they live their lives in drag? How does it fit into their everyday life?'"

Smith already has the answers for these questions. Though some do choose to live in drag, many choose not to.

"It is simply theatre," Smith said. "What you see on stage is generally not who we are. We are the same as anyone else. We have the same loves and desires as anyone else. We are actors; sit back, relax and enjoy."



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What do YOU run for?

Ready, Set, Glow!

BY KAT SHUMAN

The George-Anne contributor

This Friday April 10, the Sport and Exercise Psychology Club (SEP) will be hosting its 3rd Annual "Ready, Set, GLOW!" 5K.

SEP has hosted "Ready, Set, GLOW!" for three years, each year working to support an important cause. During its first year, it raised money to support those affected by the Boston Marathon Bombing. Last year, its funds went towards The Miracle League, and this year all proceeds will benefit IR4. IR4 is an organization founded by Tim Boyle. Tim's friend Michael had been diagnosed with bilateral hip dysplasia and was rendered unable to run. Tim became inspired to run for Michael, and together they have inspired over 30,000 to people to join "I Run For" (IR4).

Kelley Catenacci, President of SEP and Coordinator of "Ready, Set, GLOW," runs

for Rachel, a ten year old girl with cerebral palsy (CP).

"IR4 uses social media to help runners connect with children who have disabilities that render them unable to run. It's an amazing way to show support, and it creates a vicarious experience for the runner and their buddy" Catenacci said.

SEP is excited to support IR4 this year and is looking forward to getting the campus and community involved via the Glow 5K.

This will be a nontraditional 5K with three contestants dividing the course to make it a relay race.

"For those who are not avid runners, dividing the 5K between three people makes the race less intimidating" Catenacci said. SEP wants everyone to feel confident and comfortable enough to come and participate in the 5K.

Runners are encouraged to adorn themselves in glow-in-the-dark apparel, so they can light up the course as they run.



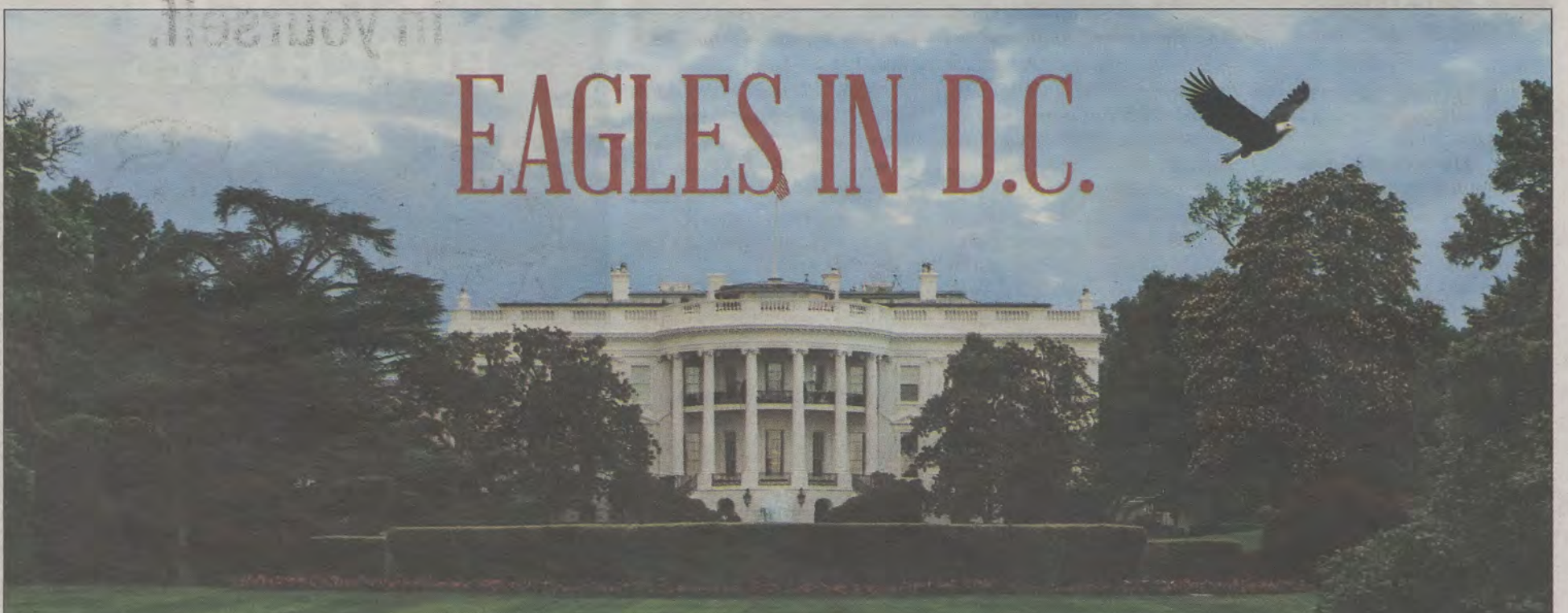
Rest assured, their costumes will not be the only thing lighting the way. There will be several students from the Exercise, Nutrition and Athletic Training Graduate Programs volunteering to direct runners and traffic during the event for safety purposes.

The 5K will start at the RAC Pavilion and loop around M.C. Anderson Park. The Kid's

Race will start at 8:00 p.m. (for children ages twelve and under). The Adult Race will take place at 8:30 p.m. with packet pickups beginning at 6:30 p.m. After the race, there will be refreshments, raffle prizes, lawn games and a DJ. Finally, the 5K will conclude with recognizing the first place teams in Co-Ed, Male, Female and Best Dressed.

The last day to register for the 5K is April 9 at 5:00 p.m. Each team for the 5K should consist of three people. The cost for entering is \$45 per team, (\$15 per person) and registration includes: a t-shirt, glow sticks, a swag bag and several coupons from local supporters.

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Q&A REECE'S SMOKE SHOP



MEG ELWOOD THE GEORGE-ANNE
Reece's Pieces is a new store located next to Mellow Mushroom. They sell a variety of novelties and have cats.

BY MEG ELWOOD &
 KATIE KEITH

The George-Anne staff & contributor

Statesboro's newest Herbalist Hobby Shop, **Reece's Pieces**, is located right next door to Mellow Mushroom on Bermuda Run. Owner Brian Thompson is a former GSU student who decided to open his own shop

in August with great prices and even better products, like incense, tapestries, handmade art and even Nintendo 64 games. The shop even features two unexpected guests: Lucy and Lord Billingsworth.

The cats, Lucy and Lord Billingsworth, both showed up randomly. They are now healthy, well loved, and sociable little cats who will peek

from under tables and behind couches from time to time.

The store also displays and sells local artwork and hand crafted glasswork.

"A lot of our glass items actually come from our stores in Mississippi, they actually have glass blowers there," Thompson said. Another unique service they provide is booze-bottle bubbler making.

WANT TO KNOW MORE? CHECK OUT THIS Q&A.

Q: WHAT'S YOUR MAIN SPECIALTY?

A: "We were originally tobacco pipes, but now almost half of our business is video games, we carry some of the newer games, but generally vintage games, which we buy from people who come in and we trade for store credit or we buy outright."

Q: HOW DO YOU THINK YOUR PRICES ARE COMPARED TO OTHER SMOKE SHOPS?

A: "We try to have really good prices on everything. I'd rather go with low markup and high volume. Then everyone's happy, especially the customers."

Q: HOW DID THIS STORE BECOME WHAT IT IS TODAY?

A: "It was actually based off of a friend's store, me and my business partner both used to manage smoke shops here in town called Cosmic Charlie's and we opened our own in Mississippi, but I moved back to open one here in August. So we've got a store there and here."

Q: WHERE DID THE NAME "REECE'S PIECES" COME FROM?

A: "Actually it's named after one of my friends who passed away and he wanted a head shop so, we gave him one."

Q: ONE OF YOUR STORE'S ICONIC TOUCHES ARE THE CATS RUNNING AROUND. WHY CATS?

A: "Our other store actually had a shop-kitty and everybody loved it. We've actually always had them in all of our stores. I like to have something to do since I'm up here for almost 10 hours a day, they keep me from being too stressed out."

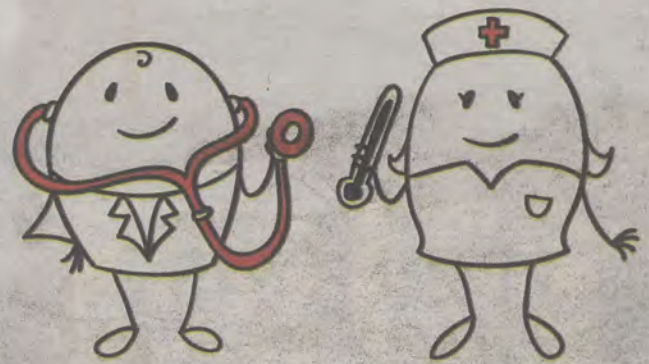
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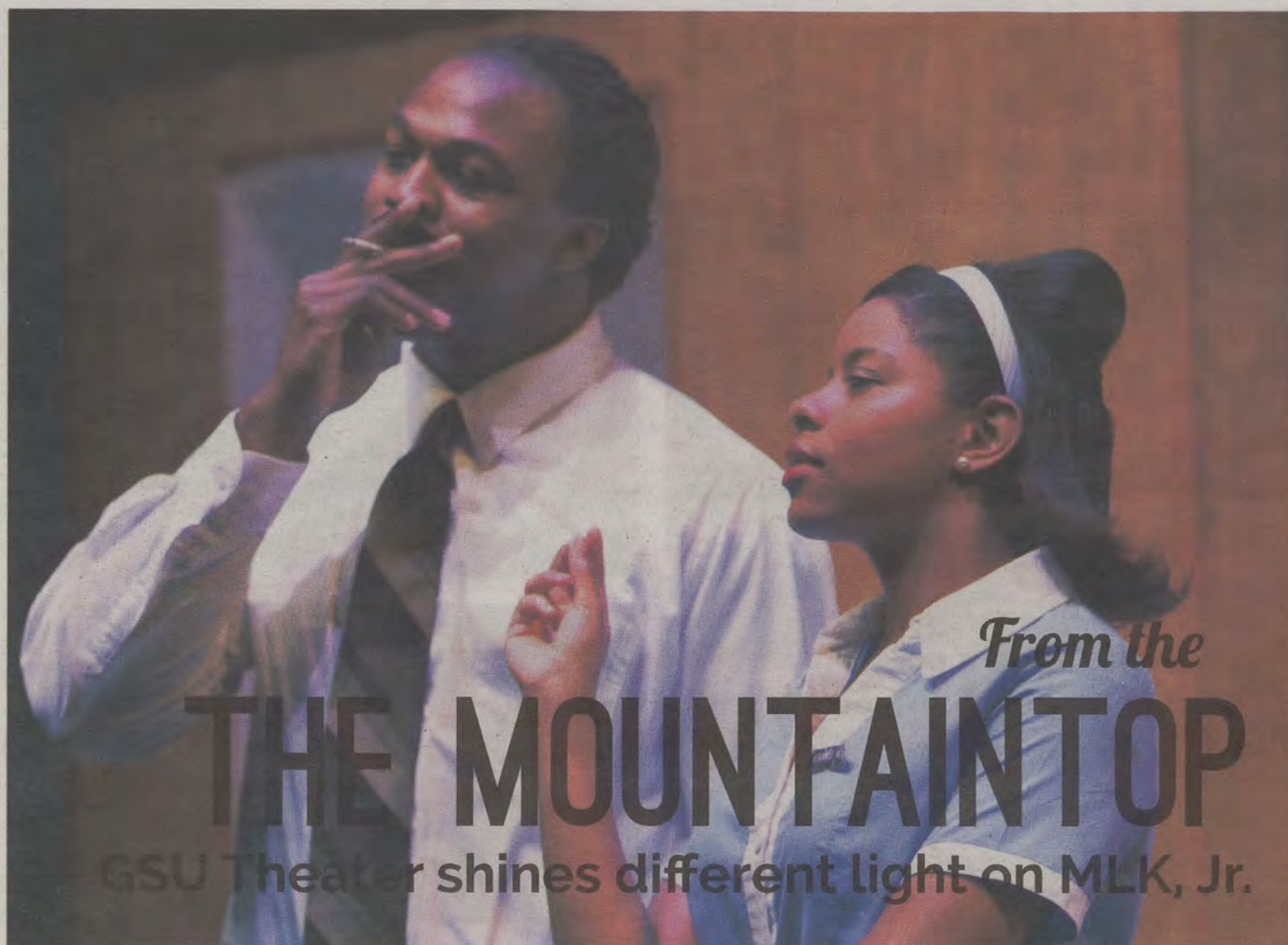


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THE MOUNTAIN TOP
 GSU Theater shines different light on MLK, Jr.

WILL PEEBLES THE GEORGE-ANNE

The **Mountaintop** is the latest show to be performed at the Black Box Theater. The show is a fictional account of what happened to Martin Luther King, Jr. the night before he was assassinated. It will run from April 8 until April 15

BY ASYA FIELDS
 The George-Anne staff

The **Mountaintop**, a play about the events leading up to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., will run from April 8 to April 15 in the Black Box Theater.

The **Mountaintop** by Katori Hall is a play that reflects the events leading up to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. after giving his speech "I've Been To the Mountain Top." The play is known for it being a two person play. This means, that through out the play, only two people will be on stage and saying lines.

"The two actors we got have a really good chemistry with each other and have been very professional," said Nicholas Newell, Director of **Mountaintop** at the Black Box Theater.

The show falls right in a great period for the theater department, due to their bigger shows such as **Metamorphoses**, showing just last month. The theater needed to do a play that allowed for there to be few cast members, but give a the quality that is expected from the Black Box.

Casting is the most important factor when creating a play with only two actors. Many people auditioned for the roles, but it only came down to two actors with Khadijah Carter and Akil Jackson playing the roles of Camae and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The play is something that can be enjoyed by all types and diversities of people. With the legal side, and the creative side coming together into one play, **Mountain Top** can reach almost any one.

"We have done a lot of out reach to many areas on campus," said Lisa L. Abbott from the Theater Department.

The show runs from April 8 to 15 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday Matinees at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for faculty and staff.



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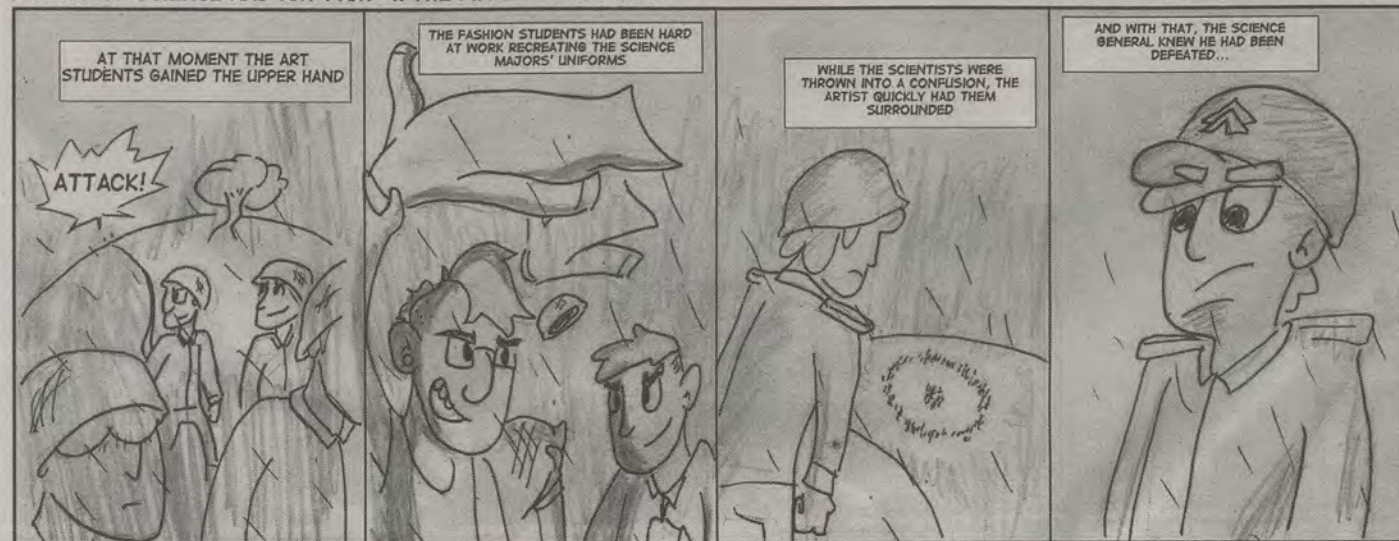
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A SONG OF SCIENCE AND ART PART 9: THE FINALE BY: TOMMY MARTIN



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear President Keel:

I hope this message finds you in good health. We have only had the pleasure of meeting twice, but my name is Doug Peters. At 23 years old, I am the youngest professional staff member at University of South Carolina Upstate. My formal title is listed as "Assistant Director of Student Life for Multicultural Programs and Non-Traditional Student Services", but "Assistant Director of Student Life" seems to be easier to say and type when describing my position. I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 2012. Two years later, I earned a Master of Education degree in Higher Education Administration in 2014. Both accolades are from the incomparable Georgia Southern University. The times that we met each other were during the undergraduate and graduate commencement exercises. Both pictures of the "Keel/Peters handshake" sit proudly next to each other on a wall in my mother's living room.

I am contacting you to state that I would not be where I am today if it were not for the

guidance, wisdom, wit, and integrity of Mr. Christopher Pugh. When I first met Chris, I was in my "awkward freshman" phase like many of the students that I advise and counsel on a day-to-day basis. I found my identity (both social and cultural) through active involvement in programs at the Multicultural Student Center under the leadership of Chris Pugh. The Pathways to Success program, Student African-American Brotherhood, and the Minority Advisement Program (MAP) kept me busy and engaged outside of coursework during my undergraduate career. Participation in those organizations crafted skills and lifelong relationships that I will carry for a lifetime. Participation in those organizations created great memories of my undergraduate and graduate experiences. Participation in those organizations influenced my career path. Participation in those organizations would have not had the same impact on my life if they were led by anyone other than Mr. Pugh. This is not a statement made to embellish for sentimental effect. I am simply sharing my truth.

Compassion, institutional knowledge, humor, relatability, and servant leadership are a few attributes that I attempt to exhibit in my role as an assistant director at my institution. These are qualities that I learned from working with Mr. Christopher Pugh in the capacity of a student, mentee, professional, and friend. His work speaks through the lives that has touched in his tenure at Georgia Southern University. He is a consummate intellectual, and it is my sincere hope that he has the opportunity to continue making a positive influence. Thank you for investing time in reading my remarks and have a wonderful day.

Respectfully,

Doug Peters

To whom it may concern,

My name is Aaron Keith, a two time graduate of Georgia Southern University (12') and (14'). I am reaching out to not only express my utter disbelief in Christopher Pugh's termination but also my respect for him as a fellow higher educational professional, a black man and positive role model for many of Georgia Southern University's minority students.


Although I and many of Christopher Pugh's former students do not know the grounds of his termination, it is sad and also extremely disappointing to have yet another dedicated, passionate mentor, advisor and confidant taken from the GSU minority class. For all who know Chris, just speaking of his selfless nature, humbling spirit and passion to reach, engage and help develop Georgia Southern Students into great leaders and individuals is an understatement.

I sincerely hope whoever has taken the time to read my message understands that great higher education professionals come one in a dozen and Georgia Southern University has truly given away an irreplaceable friend, coworker, mentor, supervisor and voice for minority students.

Warm Regards,


Aaron Keith, M.Ed.
Admissions Recruiter
East Georgia State College

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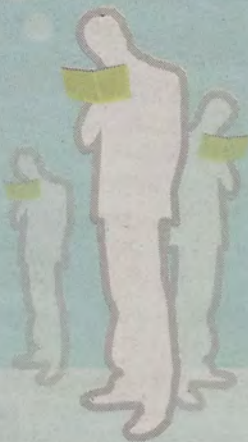
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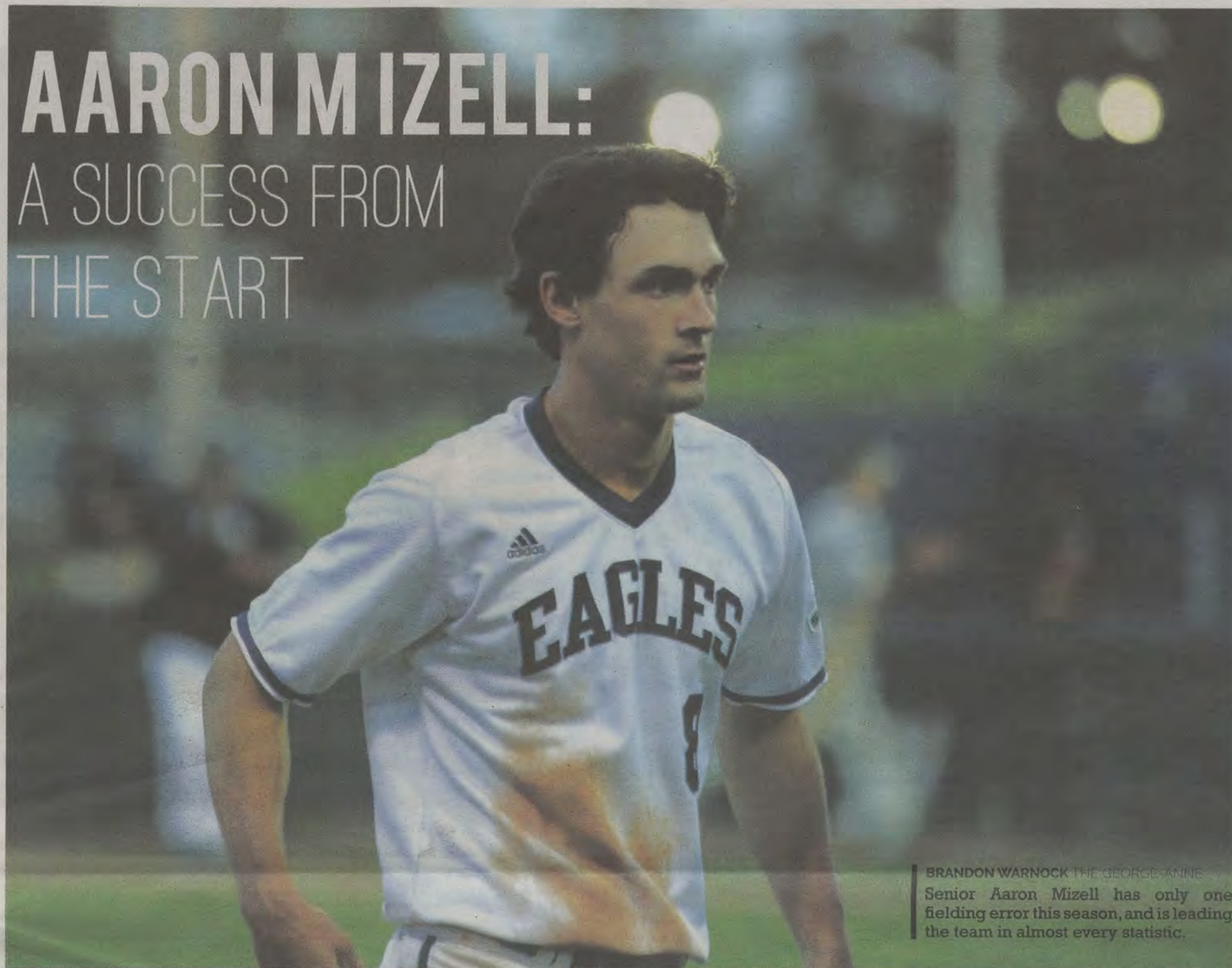


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AARON MIZELL: A SUCCESS FROM THE START



BRANDON WARNOCK THE GEORGE-ANNE
Senior Aaron Mizell has only one fielding error this season, and is leading the team in almost every statistic.

BY LAYNE SALIBA
The George-Anne staff

It seems like everywhere he goes, his team finds success. Freshman year of high school – best team in school's history. Freshman year of Junior College – ranked third in the nation. First year at Georgia Southern – Conference champions. There is not a lot that senior RF Aaron Mizell has not done or seen.

Mizell comes from a long line of baseball players that all begins with his grandfather. A three sport collegiate athlete that fell in love with baseball passed it on to his son, who then passed the love on to his own two sons.

"He's not with us anymore but he was a huge influence. He was quite a good baseball player himself, and I'd say he was definitely my biggest influence, on more than just baseball, but definitely baseball too," Mizell said.

Mizell came to Georgia Southern during his junior year of college after transferring from Gordon State College. Gordon State was never the end goal for Mizell, it was merely a stepping stone on the path to something greater.

Mizell was not challenged as

much as he would have liked to be, playing on a small town single-A team in high school. Because of this, he was not able to progress and develop his skills the way he wanted. So, he chose to accept an offer from Gordon State in order to get the college experience away from home, become more of a man and get better at baseball.

During summer ball, Georgia Southern spotted Mizell fairly early and liked what they saw from him. This prompted the coaches to call Mizell – the first of a few different Division 1 calls. Nonetheless, they began the recruitment process which led to a Georgia Southern visit. His first reaction was a feeling that he would fit in well. It also helped that Statesboro is a short drive from his hometown.

"It was just the right fit for me. I liked the coaches and I knew one or two guys on the team already, and I knew they were good guys. It just felt like an atmosphere that I wanted to be a part of," Mizell said.

He was not wrong about it being the right fit. Last year on the Eagles' 2014 Souther Conference championship team, Mizell posted a .309 batting average in 246 at bats. He led the team with 53 RBIs which ranked No.

41 in the nation and 13 home runs which put him at No. 16 in the nation. Mizell also was able to add 13 doubles and two triples throughout the season.

"I mean, the baseball experience has been great. If you don't love winning a championship like we did last year and having the fun we

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I mean, if you're given the ability to do anything, you should go out and do it.

JOHN SMITH

His information goes right here

did, then you're in the wrong place. It's just an amazing experience," Mizell said. "But even outside of baseball, the relationships I've built with my teammates, coaches and people around Statesboro have been awesome. I've got some lifelong relationships that have come from this and that's

something I'll take with me long past baseball."

This year, Mizell is on track to post some of the same numbers. He leads the team with a .311 batting average, 31 runs, 41 hits, eight doubles, three triples, nine home runs and 27 RBIs. Those statistics are even more impressive for the smallest guy on the team.

Mizell stands at 5-foot-10 and weighs 155 pounds. So, it is a surprise to see him leading in so many categories. Hitting home runs is fun for him and it is something he has always enjoyed doing since he was able to in high school.

"There's a little bit of joking around that goes on. I mean, we do it to everybody. Like if someone hits a ball off the wall, we'll tell him we've got weights tomorrow if you want to come lift with us or something like that. We joke around in a happy way, though. Nothing really serious. And I don't really pick on anybody because I am small. I just go out there and do my best," Mizell said.

Mizell has also been fortunate to not have any sort of major injury. Other than some minor bumps or bruises, he hasn't had an injury keep him out of the game for an extended

amount of time. He has found a way to remain healthy and plans to keep that going for the remainder of the season.

"I mean, if you're given the ability to do anything, you should go out and do it. That's the big thing for me. The good Lord gave me the ability to play baseball so I'm going to go play baseball," Mizell said. "That's kind of how I view it. You don't get to do this for forever, obviously, and it's fun to enjoy it while you can and to do it with a purpose. I've been blessed with it, and I've been handed the opportunity so I think that's what helps me get fired up and ready to go do it every single day."

Even though Mizell would love to play baseball his entire life, it's a career path that does not offer much security. Mizell chooses not to focus on that though. He focuses on getting a degree in biology – in hopes of working with animals.

It is easy to see that Mizell is full of surprises. From helping his teams succeed in his first season with each of them, to posting impressive statistics as a small athlete, to being intrigued with reptiles. Mizell is simply a gift that keeps on giving.

Hewitt among top 64 seniors

BY COLIN RITSICK
The George-Anne staff

Senior guard Jelani Hewitt was invited on Tuesday to play in the Portsmouth Invitational Tournament from April 8-11 in Portsmouth, Va.

What does that mean?

"It's a big deal. The top 64 seniors in college basketball [are invited], with the exception of the ones that know they're an automatic first round pick," head coach Mark Byington said.

Every NBA team will have scouts in attendance and many of the top professional teams from across the globe will be there as well. Byington said that after the PIT, about 10-15 players will be invited to an NBA combine.

"And from there those guys will be able to work their way into the NBA draft," Byington said.

Hewitt will be playing alongside senior standouts that led their teams well into the NCAA Tournament. Players like Matt Stainbrook of Butler, Pat Connaughton of Notre Dame and Wayne Blackshear of Louisville. Georgia State's Ryan Harrow is the only other invitee from the Sun Belt.

"If you look at the past, there's a lot of NBA players right now that played at that event," Byington said. "There are a lot of guys doing very well playing professionally overseas that played in

that event, so it's a pretty big deal."

The PIT is a four-day, twelve-game tournament that has sent some big names to the NBA over the years.

Jimmy Butler of the Chicago Bulls, a 2015 NBA All-Star, played in the tournament. Greats like John Stockton, Dennis Rodman, Tim Hardaway and Scottie Pippen all played in the PIT as well.

Hewitt was named the Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Year and a Defensive All-American by collegeinsider.com.

“If you look at the past, there's a lot of NBA players right now that played at that event.”

MARK BYINGTON
Head Coach



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Jelani Hewitt started all 31 games for the Eagles this season, totaling 1,087 minutes. He led the team in scoring with 17.6 points per game.

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A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS: RECRUITING BUDGET SOARS WITH MOVE TO FBS

BY COLIN RITSICK
The George-Anne staff

Since Georgia Southern students voted 'Yes to FBS' in September of 2012 to make the move from Division 1-AA to Division 1-A in football, the university's athletic budget doubled and the recruiting budget increased by 61 percent.

In fiscal year 2013 (July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013), Georgia Southern spent \$169,500 across 13 sports to recruit student athletes. In fiscal year 2014 (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014), that number increased to \$277,763.

The spike in recruiting money parallels the spike in the overall athletic budget. In just one year, the athletic budget went from \$9.7 million to nearly \$19 million.

The massive increase is no accident.

President Brooks Keel often refers to athletics as the 'front porch' of the university. He says that if people can get on the front porch, they're going to look through the windows and see what Georgia Southern as a whole is all about.

So given that philosophy, fielding the best sports teams possible is paramount to the university's long-term vision. Moving up to the Sun Belt puts Georgia Southern on a national stage, which opens doors to better recruits.

"The more Georgia Southern

“Recruiting is the life blood of any athletic department.”

TOM KLEINLEIN
Athletic Director

is able to make a name for [itself] both within the region and nationally; it will get kids more interested than they would have before. And I think that's part of the move to the FBS," John McElwain, Associate Commissioner of Communications for the Sun Belt, said.

Compare and Contrast

Even after doubling the athletic budget, Georgia Southern is still a relative lightweight in the Sun Belt and across the country.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education reports that Georgia Southern's athletic budget is the ninth-lowest in the Sun Belt.

Texas State has the highest budget with \$29 million, followed by New Mexico State and Georgia State with \$25.7 million and \$23 million respectively. Arkansas Little-Rock's \$8.5 million budget is the lowest.

But when it comes to recruiting, a budget can only take the coaches so far. At some point, intangibles come into play.

"There are things more valuable than money. I think in Georgia Southern's case there's definitely a lot to sell on the program as a whole with the tradition and history that there is; and with the community support in Statesboro," McElwain said. "Not to say anything against any Sun Belt institution or any other institutions in the Southeast, but Statesboro and Georgia Southern have a very unique atmosphere that could be quite attractive."

McElwain doesn't believe that recruiting dollars translates into success, necessarily. Fritz agrees.

"We've got a lot to sell. We're Division 1 now. Georgia Southern wouldn't have gotten these kids two years ago," Fritz said.

Fritz's 2015 football recruiting class is ranked No. 73 in ESPN's

How does Georgia Southern stack up?



Money spent on recruiting

top 75 classes. The two schools behind Georgia Southern are Memphis and Temple.

Both of those schools spend about triple what GS spends to recruit. Memphis pulls from roughly the same area and has a \$759,762 recruiting budget, yet its recruiting class was ranked below Georgia Southern's.

Football spent \$109,113 to recruit in FY 2014, about 40 percent of the overall recruiting budget for all sports. The next highest spenders were men's basketball, women's basketball and baseball. Those four sports combined for 80 percent of the recruiting budget - \$222,714.

So where does that money go?

"Traveling," athletics director Tom Kleinlein said. "[For football] you're talking about being out 30-40 days a year. And there's seven to nine coaches out on the road at any given time. That starts to add up."

Football head coach Willie Fritz puts it into perspective:

"We have spring recruiting so I'll have nine coaches that will be on the road during the last week of April and first three weeks of May - all over the state of Georgia, South Carolina, Florida and Alabama. You've got official visits. Then we recruit during the season. Most of it is hotel rooms, meals; getting the kids on campus. Then you have entertainment expenses; you've got to feed all the prospects, all their parents, brothers, sisters," Fritz said. "It's year round."

Basketball head coach Mark Byington echoed that statement.

"It goes to the coaches to travel to evaluate players, to go watch AAU tournaments and high school events; bringing kids in on official visits," Byington said.

Byington and his staff get about \$60,000 to spend on recruiting. Compared to one of his old schools, that's couch change.

Byington was an assistant coach at Virginia Tech during

the 2012-2013 season. The Hokies recruiting budget is \$1.2 million - about quadruple that of Georgia Southern's.

"At Virginia Tech, if I got a call about a kid in the morning I could go buy a plane ticket an hour later and go see the kid that day, and you wouldn't have to worry about costs as much," Byington said.

With a limited amount of money, Byington said there will be days when he and his coaches will drive 10 hours to see a recruit, meet with him and then drive ten hours back.

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MARK BYINGTON
Men's Basketball Head

"That's opposed to taking an expensive flight or getting a hotel room and everything else. So we try to be as budget conscious as we can without jeopardizing our safety," Byington said.

However, they are willing to make exceptions - like in the case of freshman shooting guard Jake Allsmiller. Allsmiller is from Nashville, TN; an area usually out of Georgia Southern's recruiting wingspan.

"A guy like Jake Allsmiller was so good that we went to Nashville to try to bring him here and it worked out for us," Byington said.

He said that when his staff recruits, they start close to home and work their way out so there will be enough resources available to get an out-of-state player if need be.

"We want Georgia Southern to be a national name. We want to feel comfortable enough that if it's a good player in Texas or a good player in Maryland or somewhere else that we can go get him," Byington said.

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

Friday, April 17th, 2015

9:30am-4:15pm at the Russell Union

Have you ever thought about a career in intramural sports, planning concerts with Student Activities or helping students orient themselves to campus life through SOAR? Then a career in Student Affairs and Enrollment Management could be for you! The goal of the event is to help students learn more about Student Affairs and Enrollment Management as a profession and how to move forward in this career path. Please visit the CSAEMD website at www.georgiasouthern.edu/SACareerday for more information and to register! Career in Student Affairs & Enrollment Management Day is sponsored by Georgia Southern University's Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

APRIL 9

Walk-A-Mile in Her Shoes is today! Starting at 5pm at the Rotunda, men will wear women's heels and walk a mile to raise awareness for sexual violence against women. For more information, visit <http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/wellness/wellness-partners/walk-a-mile/>

UPB Unplugged: Feature Artist Competition

Thursday, April 9th

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

William Center Multipurpose Room

The University Programming Board will be giving those who attend either Unplugged or the Dive-In Movie: Big Hero 6 the chance to win one (1) Meet & Greet Pass to the SpringBling 15 Migas Concert; must have purchased ticket(s). Unplugged series offers a relaxed, coffeehouse/lounge type environment for students to indulge in tasty treats and beverages while enjoying a variety of entertainment acts, provided by Georgia Southern's most talented. This event is free and open to the public. Students, bring your Eagle ID! Contact Information: OSA@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

APRIL 10

Student Organization Renewal Workshop

Friday, April 10th, 3:30 - 5:00 pm --- Williams Center Multipurpose Room & RU 2047

The Office of Student Activities will host the 2015 Renewal Workshops for all student organizations. There are two main parts of the Student Organization Renewal Process. Each organization must complete the online renewal process via MyInvolvement and attend one renewal workshop in April. Each organization must send the President and another student organization officer. Category I - RU 2047 and Category II & III - Williams Center Multipurpose Room

UPB Dive-in Movie: Big Hero 6

Friday, April 10th, Doors open at 9:00 pm, Show starts at 9:30 pm

RAC Indoor Pool

You can enjoy the newest, hottest and most popular pre-home releases for FREE. With concessions going for as little as \$1.00 each, you can't beat the value of UPB Cinema. The University Programming Board will be giving those who attend either Unplugged or the Dive-In Movie: Big Hero 6 the chance to win one (1) Meet & Greet Pass to the SpringBling 15 Migas Concert; must have purchased ticket(s). It's easily the best way to start off your Friday nights. Doors open at 9:00pm. Bleachers available for those who do not wish to swim. Students, bring your Eagle ID. Contact Information: UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

APRIL 11

Strongest Eagle is today! Participants compete in a non-traditional strength competition that tests strength and endurance. Events include keg toss, tire flip, log press and more. The event is free to students. For more information, visit <http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/fitness/special-events/strength-events/strongest-eagle/>.

APRIL 12

No Impact Week begins today. Various events will be held throughout the week to cause Georgia Southern residents to be aware and lessen their impact on the environment. For more information, visit <http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/wellness/special-events/no-impact-week/>.

APRIL 13

SOLD Series Workshop: Access & Event Planning

Presented by: Mike Chambers

Monday, April 13th at 5:30 pm, RU 2047

The cost of attending this outstanding workshop series is FREE!

Contact Information: OSA@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

Know Thyself Series: Let Your TRUE COLOR Shine Through

April 13th 4p.m., Russell Union 2044

Know Thyself is a three part series designed to help students learn more about themselves as they go through their college experience. This is the second session in the series and will focus on your personality type. The personality test will help you find out which Harry Potter House you belong in, and provides a fun way to learn more about yourself. For more information visit our website www.georgiasouthern.edu/career

Contact Info: Mary Lu Adams madams@georgiasouthern.edu

APRIL 14

The Campus Farmers Market is coming to campus at the Williams Center Plaza from 10 am. to 1 pm. If interested and wish to preview the vendors in advance, visit <http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/wellness/wellness-programs/campus-farmers-market/>.

Resume Bootcamp!

April 14th 12-4p.m., Williams Center Multipurpose Center

Students have the opportunity to have their resume critiqued by trained professionals in Career Services, or start a resume from scratch. For more information visit our website www.georgiasouthern.edu/career

Contact Info: Mary Lu Adams madams@georgiasouthern.edu

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TRACK AND FIELD

OUTDOOR SEASON IS IN THE WORKS



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Senior Kenyanna Harris placed second in the high jump at the UNF Spring Break Invitational. She almost tied her career best, jumping 1.68m.

BY ROBERT GEORGE

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern track and field team is in the midst of the outdoor part of the season. They have competed in two meets since the start of the outdoor season and have placed well at both events.

"There is a lot of learning, a lot of processing to try to get where we want to get," head coach Kelly Carter said. "The progression we've made going from indoor to outdoor is just preparing us to go into the Sun Belt for that first time."

One group that has shown promise in the outdoor season is the 4x100 Relay team. The team is comprised of juniors Jordan Fordham, Asha Stegall and Camryn Coleman and sophomore Chasin Gladdis.

The team won the 4x100 Relay at the Gamecock Quad Meet in Alabama a few weeks ago with a time of 47.58. But according to Fordham, the only returning member of the relay team, they can run faster.

"I really think we can run a 45-low," Fordham said.

Individually, the members of the team have a lot of talent. At the Quad Meet, Fordham won the 100m dash, Stegall won the 200m dash, and Coleman and Gladdis finished third in the long jump and 200m dash respectively. But, this is the first time these girls have competed together in the 4x100 relay.

"It's an entirely new relay team," Coach Carter said. "We've brought these girls together, and they've really gelled as a team to give the best they can for Georgia Southern."

Because this is a completely new group, there is still a lot to learn. Coach Carter wants them to keep practicing and keep working to get better.

"I expect them to learn, to progress," Coach Carter said. "That's all I'm

asking for every girl that we have. Anybody that has the opportunity to run on our relay team knows their job is to come out and do their best for Georgia Southern."

Fordham admits that the new coaching staff and new group of runners has been a tough transition, but she is excited about what Coach

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KELLY CARTER

Head Coach

Carter is teaching her.

"We're just trying to get a feel for his techniques and how he trains compared to last season," Fordham said. "But I think this season is a lot more positive. He's changed a lot of my stuff, but I think it's better."

As the only returner on the relay team, Fordham has taken on a leadership role and has helped the other girls adjust to their new teammates.

"We have two girls that this is the first time on the 4x100, and they get a little frustrated sometimes," Fordham said. "You just gotta stay on them and stay positive and let them know it's okay."

The Eagles will return to action this weekend when they travel to Athens, Georgia to compete in the Spec Town Invites.

Women's tennis regular season comes to a close for lone senior



PHOTO COURTESY OF gseagles.com
Senior Jordana Klein and doubles partner junior Francisca Norregaard are 1-2 overall.

BY DERIK WUCHTE
The George-Anne staff

Jordana Klein is the only senior player on the 10-6 women's tennis team. She has helped the team to a winning record as its regular season closed yesterday against the College of Charleston.

All her contributions and efforts have paid off this year. With the Sun Belt Championship approaching next week, the team is going to need Klein and everyone else to give it their all for them to win.

Earlier in the season, Klein seemed to recognize that this team had potential. With new head coach Michelle Stanford, Klein described how this was the team that would push past its limits.

"We came into the season working very hard on and off the court," Klein said. "We have what it takes to be successful this year. We have what it takes to beat anyone in our conference and in our schedule."

Troy University, Appalachian State University and Arkansas State University all fell to Southern this year. Only the past champs, Georgia State University, and undefeated South Alabama University got the upper hand on the Eagles. That pushed the team to a 3-2 conference record on the season.

Klein knew what shape the Eagles were in during February, and she sensed how the team would shape up during the season. Although not every contest was a win, the Eagles learned enough to better themselves with every match. Losses were minor setbacks on a longer road.

When the Eagles are the ones normally ahead, being behind put them in a different spot. Klein had

talked about the team's energy and how the women play off of each other. Especially when it came to being optimistic, the team never gave up.

"We're always cheering, no matter the outcome," Klein said. "It kind of

STATS

SINGLES:
(13-10) Overall
(1-4) Sun Belt

DOUBLES:
(13-11) Overall

helps being the louder team. It kind of gets in your opponent's head."

The Eagles had a 6-2 final record at home. Although tennis can be a low-profile sport, opposing teams always knew whose house it was when coming to Statesboro.

"College tennis is a lot different than any other college sport," Klein said. "Especially when you're the home team, you have the home field advantage."

Only a few meets slowed the Eagles down this season. With this being Klein's final year to give the Eagles a chance at a trophy, she plans on doing everything she can to help them win.

"Any given match, anyone can beat anyone," Klein said. "Everyone's match is just as important as yours."

Everything will need to come together for the Eagles to claim the championship. With the odds a bit in their favor, this could be their year.

Klein's regular season career has ended and all that is left will be the Sun Belt championship next week.

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Sunday, April 12 - Consumption
Sustainability Showcase: An Exhibit of the 2014-15 Sustainability Fee Funded Grant Projects
Georgia Southern's First Annual Sustainability Showcase features the 23 campus sustainability projects funded by the Student Sustainability Fee in FY2015. Come see a solar powered utility cart, new LED lights, interactive signs for the campus, cutting edge carbon capture technology, and much more. HENDERSON LIBRARY 1st Floor Exhibit Space, opens 12PM. Open during library hours, April 12 - 22, 2015.

Monday, April 13 - Trash
From Trash Heap to Your Heap: Hands-on Experience: Artist Tom Amettils
Local artist, Tom Amettils will help you to repurpose trash into art during this hands-on workshop. Drop in to create a masterpiece - sponsored by the Henderson Library.
ROTUNDA 11AM - 1PM
Trash to Treasure Workshop:
Repurpose used books and other items into beautiful art and useful items. Nina Beaton and The Green Ambassadors with some help from the Henderson Library will help you create trash from treasure during this 2 hour casual workshop.
RUSSELL UNION (ROOM 2052) 6PM

Tuesday, April 14 - Food
Campus Farmer's Market
Enjoy a great atmosphere and fresh produce too! Come on over to the Williams Center to see the beautiful home-made, home-grown food, cooking demonstrations, taste testings, and more! New Location: ACROSS FROM LAKESIDE DINING COMMONS 10-1.

Wednesday, April 15 - Water
2nd Annual Ocean Film Festival
A selection of Beneath the Waves films followed by a discussion with a panel of ocean experts from the region. UNION THEATER 6:30PM
Exhibits and Displays in Union Theater Lobby before and after film festival.

Thursday, April 16 - Transportation
Ride Your Bike to Campus Day
Check in at the Union ROTUNDA AT 11AM-1 PM for free prizes!
Community Bike Ride
Come see what local bike trails are accessible from campus with Southern Adventures. Meet at Union ROTUNDA AT 1 PM for a group bike ride around campus and into the community. Ending at the Garden of the Coastal Plain for cookies and lemonade!

Friday, April 17 - Energy
Light up the Night 5K Cure DBA Run/Walk
Join the Jiang-Ping Hsu College of Public Health Student Association at Georgia Southern University and Team Inyrinn for our 1st annual "Light Up The Night" evening 5K family fun run/walk. 5:30PM onsite registration, 6:15pm Kiddie Fun Run, 6:45pm Kiddie Awards Ceremony, 7:15pm 5K Begins, 8:00pm Awards Ceremony. \$20 per runner. This will be a glow in the dark race with glow bands and glow paint and whatever else you can light up with! MC ANDERSON PARK. REGISTER ONLINE

Saturday, April 18 - Giving Back
Campus and Community Cleanup
Be TRUE BLUE and help rid our campus and community of garbage. Meet @ Russell Union ROTUNDA AT 8AM for supplies and cleanup site assignment.

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MEET & GREET PASS OPPORTUNITY

If you attend the UPB UnPlugged Headliner Concert on Thursday, April 9th at 6:30 pm at the Williams Center Multipurpose Room or attend the UPB Dive-in Movie on Friday, April 10th at 9:30 pm at the RAC, you will be entered to win one (1) **MEET & GREET PASS** to the SpringBling15 Migos Concert. In order to win, you must have purchased a Migos ticket prior to, or the day of, one of these events. Kiosks will be available to purchase tickets at the events. Accepted forms of payment include: Debit/credit card/cash will be accepted. Students, please bring your EagleID!



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