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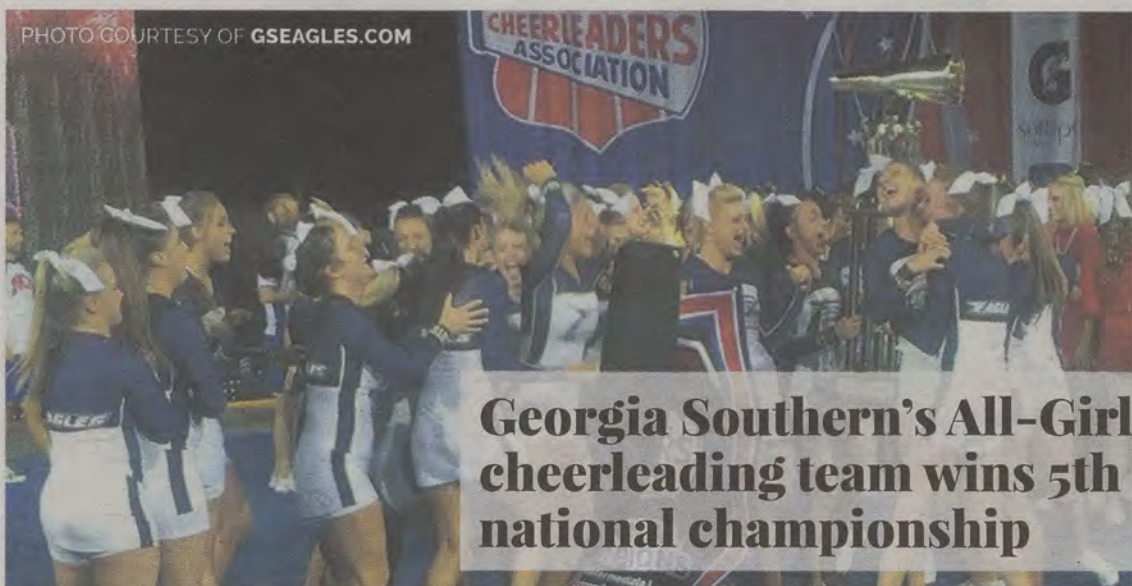
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Georgia Southern's All-Girl cheerleading team wins 5th national championship

ROTC program to host inaugural freedom run

BY JOZSEF PAPP
The George-Anne staff



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ROTC FACEBOOK PAGE

The Georgia Southern ROTC Program will host the inaugural Freedom Run 5K/10K race on Saturday, April 25 at 8 a.m. at the Recreation Activity Center (RAC) Pavilion.

"The run is in support of the Folds of Honor Foundation

which provides scholarships to family members of fallen service men and women, and funds will also be raised for the ROTC program," CPT Rob Gracia, assistant professor of Military Science and Executive Officer, said. "We look forward to seeing

participants of all ages at this event that will benefit two great causes in the community."

Registration for the Freedom Run is \$30 for the 5K and \$35 for the 10K until April 24. Discounts are available for teams. Ticket purchases

will include a Freedom Run T-shirt and a bib for the race of your choice. Registration will be available for \$40 on race day.

See this story online at thegeorgeanne.com/daily for the link to register.

No Impact Week Events

Tues. April 14:

Food (Farmer's market 10-1 across from Lakeside Dining Commons),

Planetarium: Ice Worlds, 11:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. & 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., 30 min. showings

Wed. April 15:

Water (Rotunda 11-1), 2nd annual Ocean Film Festival 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Union Theater

Thurs. April 17:

Transportation (Rotunda 11-1) - Ride your Bike to Campus Day

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The quick and dirty of entertainment news and trends you need to know.



Madonna Keeps On Shocking

Madonna fulfilled her apparent lifelong ambition to kiss Drake, this weekend at Coachella. Madonna made her guest appearance on stage as Drake performed the track 'Madonna' from his latest album ('If You're Reading This It's Too Late'). After Madonna sang two of her own singles, she impromptu planted a kiss on Drake. From the look on his face, it was clear the love session wasn't planned.

We can't blame the singer for taking the chance while she had it. Here's to you Madonna.

More Royal Baby Updates

Prepare yourself, the second royal baby is on the way! Kate Middleton's expected birth has been revealed by a close source. Royal baby number two is expected to make its grand entrance to the world on April 25.

Middleton will have two weeks of

maternity leave to "fully enjoy the bonding experience," according to the international business times.

While we still don't know for sure if a princess is on the way, we can only hope. Britain's are said to be favoring the name Charlotte if it is a girl.

SNL Takes on Hillary Clinton

You know you're officially a presidential candidate when you get impersonated on "Saturday Night Live."

Kate McKinnon impersonated Hillary Clinton on last weekend's SNL with plenty of aggressive lady and cell phone misuse jokes.

Bill wasn't left out either, Darrell Hammond impersonated President Bill Clinton who joined Hillary for her presidential bid announcement.

"Buckle up America because the Clintons are back!"

Rebel Wilson Continues to Live up to Her Name

Rebel Wilson took to the MTV Movie Awards to promote body positivity and talk about the upcoming release of "Pitch Perfect 2."

Dawning leather leggings with the word "THINK" across the backside, a Victoria's Secret classic bedazzled black bra, and infamous angel wings.

"I think one of the good messages in the movie is that you're all beautiful. I think sometimes girls look at Victoria's Secret models and think that they have to model themselves after that, but I really don't think that's the best, even though they are called 'models,' they're not the best people to model yourself after. I like to encourage girls to think, which is why I put that on my butt. It's really about what's up here [points to head], and not what's here [points to backside]."

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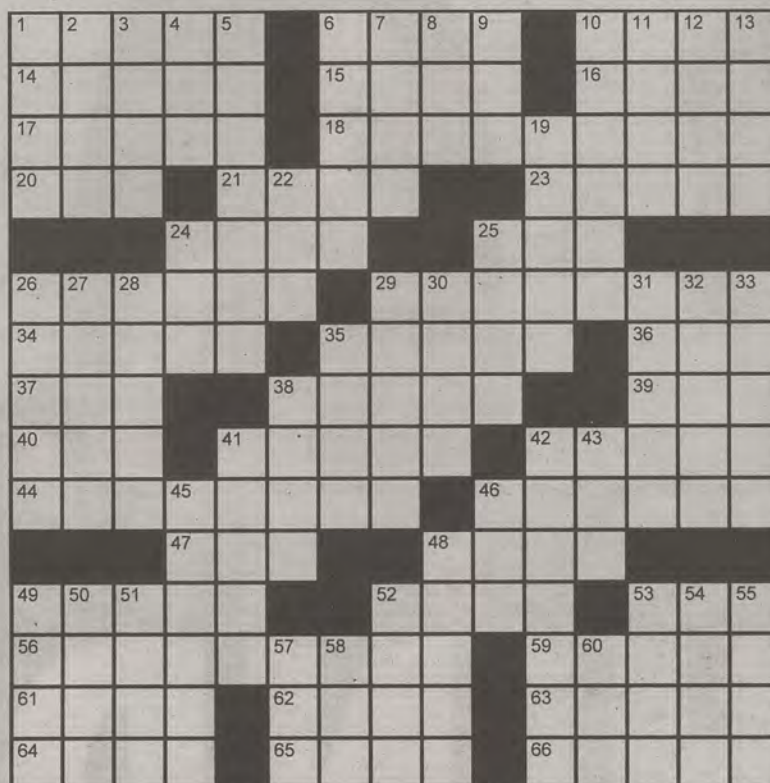
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SPRING BLING BEHIND THE SCENES

BY MAYA CLARK

Guest Writer and President of the
University Programming Board

As you can probably imagine, it takes several months and many people to coordinate a successful spring concert and the University Programming Board (UPB) has been working hard once again to provide students with unique campus entertainment you cannot find anywhere else in town. From artist selection to risk management, we want to provide you a behind-the-scenes look into the making of a spring concert.

THE BUDGET

The University Programming Board first decides they would like to have a spring concert and gets permission to spend reserve student activity fees from the Student Activity Budget Committee, chaired by the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (SAEM). A budget is determined based on available funds. The UPB executive committee also decides what amount of their annual budget will be reserved for concert expense. In addition to artists' fees, some of the costs include marketing, security, lighting and sound, custodial and hospitality. This is all part of the planning to determine how expensive a spring concert would be and ultimately helps determine the size of the venue and the ticket pricing

in order to generate revenue to cover expenses. Since student activity fees make up part of the budget, students always get a discounted price and have opportunities to purchase tickets before the general public.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

Approximately eight to 12 months in advance, the UPB executive committee solicits a list of available artists that are touring through the Southeast and/or willing to perform in Statesboro, GA. This information is provided by a third-party agent at Babco Entertainment. The board considers several factors when making the decision, including budget, artist popularity, previous ticket sales and student preference. To best represent all students, a list of artists from several genres including alternative, rap and hip-hop, R&B, country and pop are on the poll. This year's poll closed on October 16, 2014 and students overwhelmingly chose Migos with 40 percent of the student vote. Working with Babco Entertainment, UPB made an offer to the students' first choice. Had it not been accepted, the discussion would have continued for the second choice and so on.

MARKETING

Signage, posters, flyers, social media, radio advertising and television commercials all come at a cost, and the concert committee is advised by Marketing and Communications on which strategies produce the largest return on investment. This varies greatly with each concert and depends partly on the local market's interest. UPB also utilizes ticket giveaways and meet-and-greet promotions to help motivate ticket sales. And of course promotional tables at the Union are always a favorite marketing tool.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk management is a vital part of planning any on-campus event and a concert is no exception. UPB goes through a process to avoid and/or reduce potential and perceived risks. This process involves assessing all things that could occur at an event including physical, emotional, reputation, financial and facilities risk. The goal of risk management is to ensure the UPB hosts an event where everyone has a safe and fun experience.

SECURITY

Georgia Southern's Public Safety office advises the security strategy for each event. The number of uniformed and undercover officers is determined by the Chief of Police and arrangements are made with the city and county public safety departments. Most artists travel with their own security detail and they dictate minimum security requirements for areas around their transportation, dressing rooms, backstage and front of stage. All volunteers are trained in the security and safety measures for each event. Professional event staff are often hired to assist with maintaining order and ensuring the event is a success. Further measures such as bag checks, metal detectors and prohibiting anyone who is visibly under the influence of drugs or alcohol are always in place. If the officers feel there is imminent threat or danger, they will take action in order to keep attendees and performers safe.

VOLUNTEERS

Anywhere from 30 to 100 volunteers are used to cover ticket scanning, merchandise, guests relations, hospitality, VIP guests, concessions and more. Volunteers are composed of UPB members

and professional staff from across SAEM. Days prior to the performance all volunteers, both students and staff, are trained on what they will be doing in their assigned positions. Volunteers are also responsible for the venue setup, stage-building, and teardown.

For more behind the scenes, visit thegeorgeanne.com

Spring Bling '15 will take place on Saturday, April 18th at Hanner Fieldhouse. Doors will open at 7p.m. and the show will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets begin at \$10 for students with Eagle ID and are available to purchase online. For more information visit georgiasouthern.edu/concert

Gatto Bill one step from becoming law

BY NADIA DREID
The George-Anne staff

The bill known as Michael's Law, crafted by legislators with the help of the Gatto family after the death of their son last year, passed the Georgia Senate earlier this month.

Michael Gatto, 18, was a Georgia Southern University freshman in August of last year, when he died as a result of an assault that occurred outside a local bar.

Katherine Gatto, the mother of Michael Gatto, said that all that remains for the bill to become law is Governor Nathan Deal's signature.

"They changed and added a little bit, and it has passed in both legislative bodies so it just needs the signature, which we anticipate getting," Gatto said. "We don't foresee a problem there."

The original bill would have required all businesses that sell or serve alcohol to carry liability insurance. It also would have required all bouncers, bartenders and servers in establishments that serve alcohol to be over the age of 21 and to attend training. Business managers and alcohol license holders would have been required to complete this training as well.

However, on the bill's way

through the committees, the insurance requirements were cut, as well as those for employee training. In its final incarnation, the bill requires any employee or patron of a bar to be 21 years of age or older, and defines a bar as a business where 75 percent of more of its revenue is from alcohol sales that are consumed on-premise.

The bill would also require both business and city authorities to report any alcohol-related infractions to the Department of Revenue within 45 days.

"It's dual-blind reporting - if one reports and the other doesn't, one of those entities is in trouble and it gives the department the power to penalize a municipality for not reporting and this is new," Gatto said.

The bill would also make it illegal to produce, sell or possess powdered alcohol in the state of Georgia, which is a powdered substance that makes an alcoholic drink when mixed with liquid.

"It's sold in a little pouch, it can be smuggled in anywhere by any teen and each pouch is the equivalent of one drink. You can see the many problems that would come up with this substance," Gatto said. "So the fact that that was added to our bill, we were delighted with."

Gatto said that her family will continue to push for the reforms that were cut out of the original bill, such as insurance and training requirements.

"Obviously, the training is not in there yet, and that's something we look to add in the future as well as some kind of insurance," Gatto said. "We still will continue to crusade for that."

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KATHERINE GATTO

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WHAT THE LAW WOULD DO

Define a bar as an establishment where 75 percent of sales come from alcohol consumed on premises.

Make all bars 21 and up.

Require all bar employees to be 21 or older.

Require city authorities and all businesses to report alcohol violations to the Department of Revenue.

Make powdered alcohol illegal.

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MSC assistant director cited as 'unprofessional'



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Chris Pugh (pictured left) was hired in 2008 and officially terminated April 6.

BY LAUREN GORLA and
MACY HOLLOWAY
The George-Anne staff

In a letter dated March 27 between Dorsey Baldwin, director of the Multicultural Student Center, and Patrice Jackson, dean of students, Baldwin cited Chris Pugh, former assistant director of the MSC, as acting in a "unprofessional and unethical behavior."

In a three-page long letter obtained through an open records request, Baldwin details how Pugh mishandled the hiring of a Graduate Assistant for the MSC.

According to the letter, a hiring board had interviewed and extended a hiring offer to a woman, whose name has been removed from the letter, and Pugh was to offer her the job on Friday, March 13. Pugh gave the woman until Tuesday, March 17 to accept or decline the offer. Pugh reported to Baldwin that he had offered her the job and gave her until March 17 to let the office know her decision.

On March 17, the woman emailed Pugh to say she would be accepting the job. At this point, she had declined all other offers. According to Pugh, the woman then called him and

he "took that opportunity to discuss her intentions."

"[Pugh] stated that based on his conversation with her from Friday, March 13 and the fact that she had received multiple GA offers, he wanted to determine what her goals were, if she was still confused about which offer to accept and if she were sure if she wanted to work in the Multicultural Student Center," according to the letter.

Pugh then directed her to go after her first choice in jobs and offered to help get her hired there since she had already declined the offer. He then called the department personally and encouraged them to reconsider hiring her if in fact they were still interested after she had previously declined their offer. The department then reoffered her the Graduate Assistantship.

The graduate assistant then came in to the office to share what the events were from her point of view with Baldwin. She stated that after receiving a call from Pugh she felt that she was still unsure about which position to accept and that she would email him once she decided.

She emailed Pugh on Tuesday,

March 17 to officially accept the position, she stated that he then called her to talk- she missed the call and then had to call him back. When she called back, he then explained to her that he was unsure of who he wanted to hire. It was between her and another candidate.

She explained that she was under the impression that he would rather hire the other candidate and that based on his phone call on Friday, March 13 she thought that she had the job.

He explained over the phone that he wanted to make sure she could interact well with the current MAP students and asked if she could attend a second portion of the interview process—something of which she was not made aware of when she got the phone call initially offering her the job.

She stated that she never would've declined her other offers if she had known that the MAP GA position wasn't solely hers.

Baldwin then got in contact with a representative of the other organization and had a discussion with a staff member about the situation. They stated that they were confused about

her primary decline of the position and then coming back but that they'd be happy to reoffer the position since she was a great candidate.

The staff member also stated that Pugh mentioned to him how there was another candidate he thought would be able to fill the role of MAP GA because he was already in the organization and had been active for the past few years as a student and mentor.

Baldwin came to the conclusion that Pugh was not forth coming with the factual report when she first asked him whether or not she had accepted MAP's job offer.

At the end of the letter Baldwin states that "As an Assistant Director, I do not trust Chris to make appropriate and ethical decisions, and I feel that all of this was done by him in order to hire a student that he wanted and not the person that I had instructed him to hire based off the recommendation of the majority of the interview committee."

The conclusion of the letter, written March 27, was Baldwin stating that she recommended termination or providing Pugh the opportunity to resign.

Georgia House Passes Marijuana Bill

BY JULIA FECHTER
The George-Anne contributor

The Georgia House of Representatives passed a controversial bill legalizing medical marijuana on March 25. Sponsored by Representative Allen Peake, this bill will legalize the use of medical marijuana for treating seizure disorders, sickle-cell anemia, cancer, Crohn's disease, Lou Gehrig's disease, mitochondrial disease, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease.

There can only be up to five percent THC in the cannabis oil used to treat Georgia residents dealing with these illnesses. The bill also allows children in addition to adults to be treated with cannabis oil, provided they have one of the aforementioned diseases.

With the passage of this bill, families that had to go to Colorado to secure medical marijuana for their loved ones will not have to make the cross-country trek for the cannabis oil. Governor Nathan Deal is expected to sign the bill into law by the end of April.

2016 State Budget gives funding for new building on campus

BY KURT HANLON
The George-Anne contributor

A new Georgia State Legislature bill, which will allocate \$33 million to the creation of a new Interdisciplinary Academic Building on campus, is ready to be signed by the governor.

House Bill 76 makes general appropriations for the State Budget beginning July 1 2015, and ending June 30 2016. The new 2016 budget includes 1.05 billion in 20 year bonds.

\$319 million have been given to the University System of Georgia, which will use \$33 million to create the new

building at Georgia Southern, amongst other University System projects. After being passed in both the house and senate, the bill was sent to the Governor's Office to be signed last Monday. HB76 is expected to be signed in to law in the next few days.

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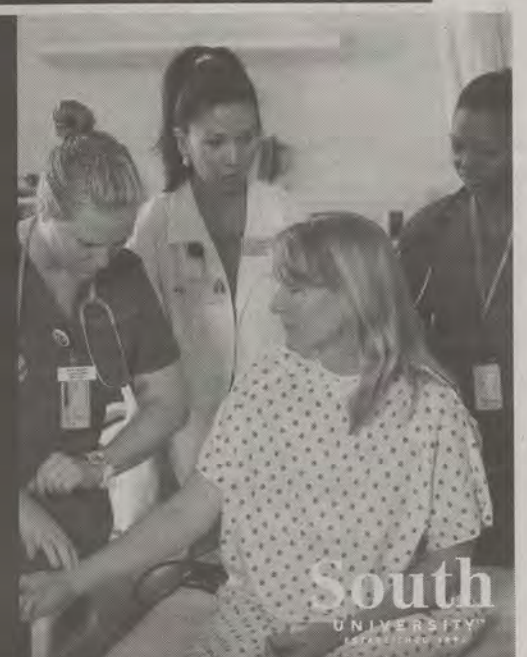
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Greek Week

GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Greek Week was held March 30-April 2, 2015. There were 7 teams consisting of members from each of our 35 fraternities and sororities, with 4 to 5 organizations per team. This year's CHAMPION was Team 1 which represented Kappa Delta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Alpha Sigma Phi and Phi Sigma Kappa. Greek Week was filled with friendly competitions and philanthropies which allowed members of each chapter to come together and celebrate the spirit of being a Greek member and to show off their Greek pride. United together, the Greek community uses this time to show its passion for scholarship, service, leadership, and brotherhood/sisterhood.

The competitions for Greek Week included Penny Wars, tug-of-war, sack races, obstacle courses, paintball and The Quest and everyone attending seemed to have a lot of fun with the events. Philanthropies included a blood drive for the American Red Cross where 78 pints of blood were donated; Kappa Delta War of the Wings in which 80% of the proceeds went to support Prevent Child Abuse Bulloch County and 20% supported Prevent Child Abuse America; and Penny Wars in which all of the \$700 that was raised will be donated to Eagles for Eagles. Since Fall 2014, the fraternities and sororities of Georgia Southern have raised over \$4,000 to support Eagles for Eagles.

Congratulations to the winners of Greek Week 2015 and the Greek community looks forward to next year's competition!



GREEK WEEK CHAMPIONS: KAPPA DELTA, ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA, PI KAPPA PHI, ALPHA SIGMA PHI AND PHI SIGMA KAPPA

2015 Spring Fashion Guide



DRESS: FRANCESCA'S
SHOES: DILLARD'S
LONG NECKLACE: FRANCESCA'S
FLOWER BRACELET: FRANCESCA'S
GOLD ROPE BRACELET: ETSY

BY RASHIDA OTUNBA &
MICHELLE PRATT
The George-Anne staff and contributor

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SPORTY

*Mary Vanderheyden
Richmond Hill, Georgia*

"My fashion sense is casual with some vintage influences while still being modern. Honestly, my style changes based on how I'm feeling and the weather, and what I'm planning on doing. My fashion icons are Taylor Swift and the people on Pinterest. Those people have skill."



SHIRT: OLD NAVY
SHORTS: AMERICAN EAGLE
SHOES: DILLARD'S
NECKLACE: FRANCESCA'S
FLOWER BRACELET: FRANCESCA'S
GOLD ROPE BRACELET: ETSY

Every girl should own at least one good shift dress. The lace background with the geometric patterns around the top of Mary's dress really sticks to her idea of having a style

that has "vintage influences while still being modern." For a look like Mary's you can look to Taylor Swift for inspiration when putting together a cute but casual look.



Laid back, casual, and super cute are all words that can be used to describe this sophomore pre-nutrition and food science major. With a pair of simple white shorts with a navy top and a long necklace she shows that you

can stay comfortable and still look cute at the same time. This look is also very versatile and allows you to pair a lighter colored bottom with a darker top or a dark bottom with a light top if you want to keep your look simple.



JEAN JACKET: IZOD
WHITE TANK TOP: OLD NAVY
NEON SHORTS: CHARLOTTE RUSSE
SHOES: STEVE MADDEN



PREPPY

*Madeline Peebles
Wrens, Georgia*

"My style is a mixture of everything, but I like to put modern and classic twists on my outfits. The South has really influenced my style and I like to really capture the essence of a true modern Southern belle with a little rebellious side. I really enjoy the work of Kate Spade, because she truly captures a classic preppy style but adds to it with the trends of today.

My fashion icons would have to be Reese Witherspoon, Carrie Underwood and Savannah Chrisley."



WHITE JEANS: AMERICAN EAGLE
BUTTON DOWN: POLO
PEARL NECKLACE: J.CREW

In this outfit, Peebles combines bright shorts with a plain tank to create a look that is always in style, plus by adding a jean jacket she

gives this classic look a little edge. With simple outfits like this one, adding a statement bag brings the whole look together.



Sticking to her Southern style, Madeline uses a pastel shirt and pairs it with some white skinny jeans rolled into capris for this hot Georgia weather.

Madeline thinks you can never go wrong with pearls and doesn't hesitate to add a chunky pearl necklace to show off her inner Reese Witherspoon.



DRESS: BRANDY MELVILLE
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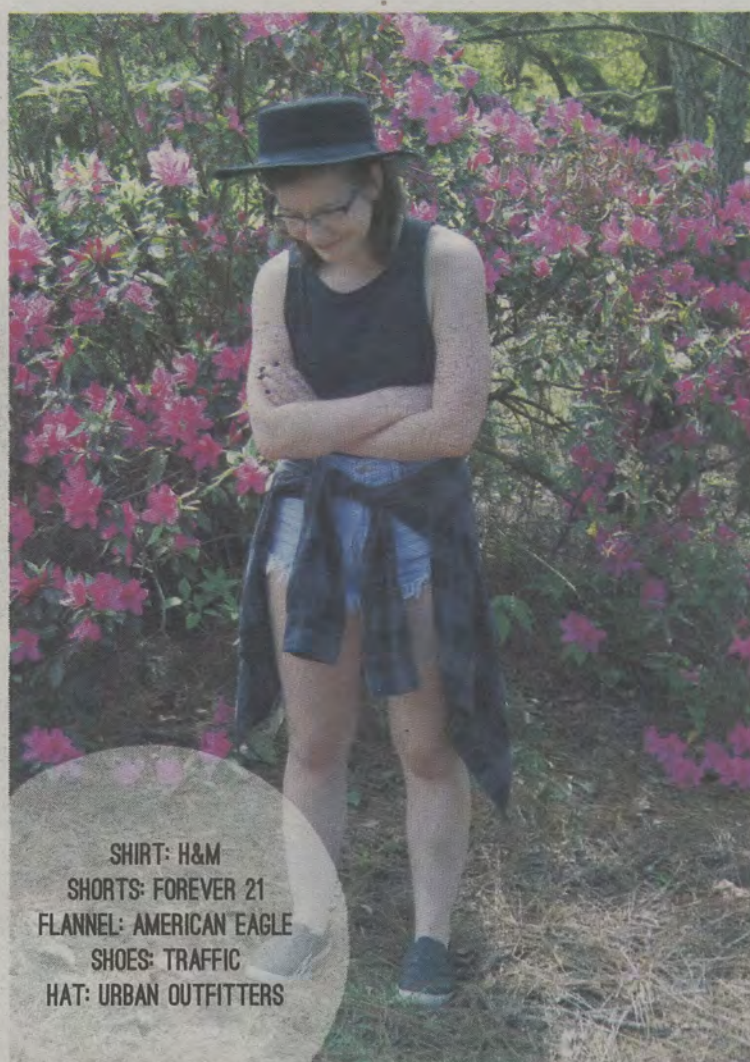


GRUNGE

Rachel Mounce
Tampa, Florida

"My style is minimalist with grunge/edgy elements. I'm a trend follower and I'm not ashamed, there's a reason certain looks are made popular at times. However, if I really like a certain trend, I'll keep wearing it long after it's gone. If an outfit looks good on me, there's no reason to stop wearing it even after the style has ended with the general public."

My inspiration comes from a lot of YouTubers such as Kailee Mckenzie, Rachel Whitehurst and Maddi Bragg.



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Sticking with her minimalist style, Mounce pairs a simple black and white dress with a pair of low heel booties and a chic hat. This outfit manages

to look sleek and polished without too much fuss and the dress's thin, breathable fabric makes it comfortable enough for spring.



In this ensemble, Mounce assimilates nineties grunge to Georgia weather to create a breathtaking look.

She accentuates her petite frame by adding a bandeau to her T-shirt and short shorts, which also allows her stay cool in the heat.







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EDGY

Chemani Baxter
Hampton, Virginia

"I would describe my style as chic, modern and statement-making. My style icons are Rihanna and Kim Kardashian."



Spring colors come to life in this jaw-dropping ensemble as biology major Chemani Baxter proves that it is easy to look both stylish and comfortable

on the journey to class. This colorful romper is an ode to style and simplicity, and when paired with heels, creates the perfect spring look.



DISTRESSED JEANS: WET SEAL
ORANGE SHEER SHIRT: ROSS
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For the edgy girl, it's all about statement pieces this spring. Combining a few simple pieces, like distressed jeans and an airy blouse with an amazing

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A SONG OF SCIENCE AND ART: THE EPILOGUE BY: TOMMY MARTIN



WE'RE ADULTS NOW IT'S TIME TO ACT LIKE IT



ALIA LEWIS

Lewis is a sophomore journalism major from Atlanta, Ga.

A friend once told me that if I ever wanted to be successful in my writing career I needed to stay away from politics, religion and money in my articles. I took the recycled advice that I'd heard so many times before and always tried to abide by it. Lately however, as I've been unintentionally discussing everything they told me to stay away from, I've started to reconsider their advice.

Like me, I'm sure you've heard those exact same words before, especially if you're engaging in everyday conversation. Society acts as if the things that hold the most importance in our lives are taboo to discuss. Don't get me wrong, I understand why. It's because some people aren't respectful and loving when it comes to the giving or receiving of ideas and beliefs that are different from their own. But I beg to pose a solution, instead of dismissing the conversation about religion or politics or race or money or any other controversial issue, why don't we simply choose to be respectful of the opinions of others instead of allowing them to divide us!

I'm a democrat, so Sunday's announcement of Hillary running for presidency came with great joy to me. Now if I dismissed everything you had

to say because you weren't a democrat or didn't like Hillary, clearly that would make anyone stand clear of political conversation. Plus it would make me seem like a major pain. However, a lot of times, it can be easy to reject someone because they don't share the same view as you. When you think about it, we all have this idea of what's right in our heads and majority of the time we want to share it with others. But what's right to you may not be right to someone else, and that doesn't make them less of a person or bad, it simply means they see the solution to the same problem in a different light than you do. Instead of steering away from the conversation of controversial issues, let's instead engage in them in a respectful and open minded manner.

So how do we do this? How do we get to the place where politics, religion, and money among other issues aren't weird or inappropriate to discuss in public?

1) Try to see the other person's perspective

Most arguments occur and continue because both people fail to see the other person's point of view. We're always so determined to share our side and tell what offended us without even considering the mindset of the other person when they said what they said. For example, if you're talking to someone about gay rights and you don't even care what they have to say or how their background and experiences have influenced what they believe, then you're going to have an argument and consequently conclude to never discuss that in public again. However the simple solution is to be respectful, actually listen and see where the other person is coming from. I'm convinced that people are not evil. I don't think everyone just walks around mad at the world

waiting to be hateful or say something offensive. Most of the time people don't try to offend, they simply state their opinions in the way that logically makes sense to them.

2) Don't try to force your opinions upon others

If you go into a situation or conversation and your main agenda is to be heard, but never listen, then you've already lost. I am Christian and it might seem contradictory to some for me to advise not to force your beliefs upon others, but it's true. Of course I go into conversations with intentions, but I never try to condemn someone because of what they believe. That's a sure fire way to have them never listen to you ever again. If we as people and as students are going to cultivate the ground of discussion so it will be fertile to produce open conversation without boundaries, then we must be respectful to others and not force feed our opinion down someone else's throat. If they agree, awesome. If they don't, then take the high road and agree to disagree.

We are adults. There's no reason why we have to limit what we discuss in public because we don't know how to be respectful. Although topics such as politics and religion and money and sex are great to talk about, we shouldn't allow those things to divide us. It's really not that serious! I promise you I don't care about politics enough for it to have me look down upon you as a person or question your character. This week and the weeks to come, especially as we near towards elections, as corny as this may sound, let's maintain an attitude of love and acceptance. In your everyday conversations, be open minded and respect the opinions of others. I know you can do it.

Open Records Act Explained

BY THE GEORGE-ANNE STAFF

Due to recent inquiries The George-Anne has received regarding the acquisition of documents pertaining to former MSC assistant director Chris Pugh's removal, we would like to clarify the process of acquiring those documents and others like them.

Firstly, an open records request submitted to a public institution, like a university or city government, requires that the institution grant access to any documents that the establishment maintains regarding the specific requested material.

The requesting party is not obliged to provide specific justification for wanting to examine the information. The institution is required to provide either access or reasoning as to why access has not been granted within three days of the request being submitted.

Open records requests must be specific and detailed. Georgia Southern University complies with the state of Georgia's Open Records Act and the requests submitted for any information related to GSU personnel are sent directly to the Office of Legal Affairs.

The George-Anne uses SPLC.org to generate the proper format for an open records request and fills in all of the information pursuant to the request before emailing the document to the Office of Legal Affairs and more specifically Mr. Geoffrey Carson.

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MEN'S SOCCER USES TECHNOLOGY TO MEASURE PERFORMANCE

BY EMMA COLLINS
The George-Anne staff

In a world where everyone has a different app to monitor and measure workouts, the Georgia Southern men's soccer team has found an innovative way to do exactly that: the Zephyr BioHarness 3.

"The biggest thing that it helps us do is that it gives us scientific data to measure the intensity of practice versus the game," head coach Kevin Kennedy said.

The BioHarness measures close to fifteen different factors, but the coaching staff and the team of four graduate students who monitor the data are primarily looking at average heart rate and physiological intensity.

Coach Kennedy wanted to use the data to make sure that his practices are equally as intense as the games that his players will compete in. So far, the

data has confirmed his belief that his practices are preparing the team adequately.

"According to the stats, from a muscle standpoint, the games might be slightly harder," Kennedy said.

Other factors that the BioHarnesses keep track of are peak heart rate, total calories burned, physiological load, mechanical load and intensity, average speed and total distance run. Monitoring all the players allows the coaching staff to see which players are working the hardest during the practices and the games.

"For us, we have a couple guys in the top range. In one particular practice, the average distance covered for a player was 3.93 miles. Thor covered 4.58 miles that day," Kennedy said.

Calories burned is another factor that the

staff pays close attention to. During an average practice, each player burns anywhere from 1,000 to 1,800 calories. On days when the team spends time in the weight room, they're burning up to 2,000 calories. Knowing this information prompted the staff to make sure the team knew what to eat, when to eat and how much to eat.

"We gave them a talk about why you need to eat certain types of foods," Kennedy said.

One of the more interesting discoveries from using the BioHarness is the correlation between those players who work the hardest and cover the most distance on the field to those who made All-Conference this past year.

"It's kind of interesting—you look at the guys who got All-Conference.

Thor, for example, and Chase Parks, made All-Conference, and they're both in the top four or five performers, according to the data," Kennedy said.

The coaching staff and graduate students first began working with the BioHarnesses in the fall of 2014, but since the beginning of spring training, the soccer team has worn the monitors in every practice and game.

"A former Health and Kinesiology professor wrote a grant to get the funds for the BioHarness system, which technically belongs to the Health and Kinesiology department. She has since left—she and I were sitting down, talking about it. I said I would love to do some research on it.

She decided to write a grant proposal to purchase it for the Health and Kinesiology department," Kennedy said.

Overall, Coach Kennedy is pleased with what the BioHarnesses have done so far and is eager to see what else they can help him and his staff learn about the soccer team.

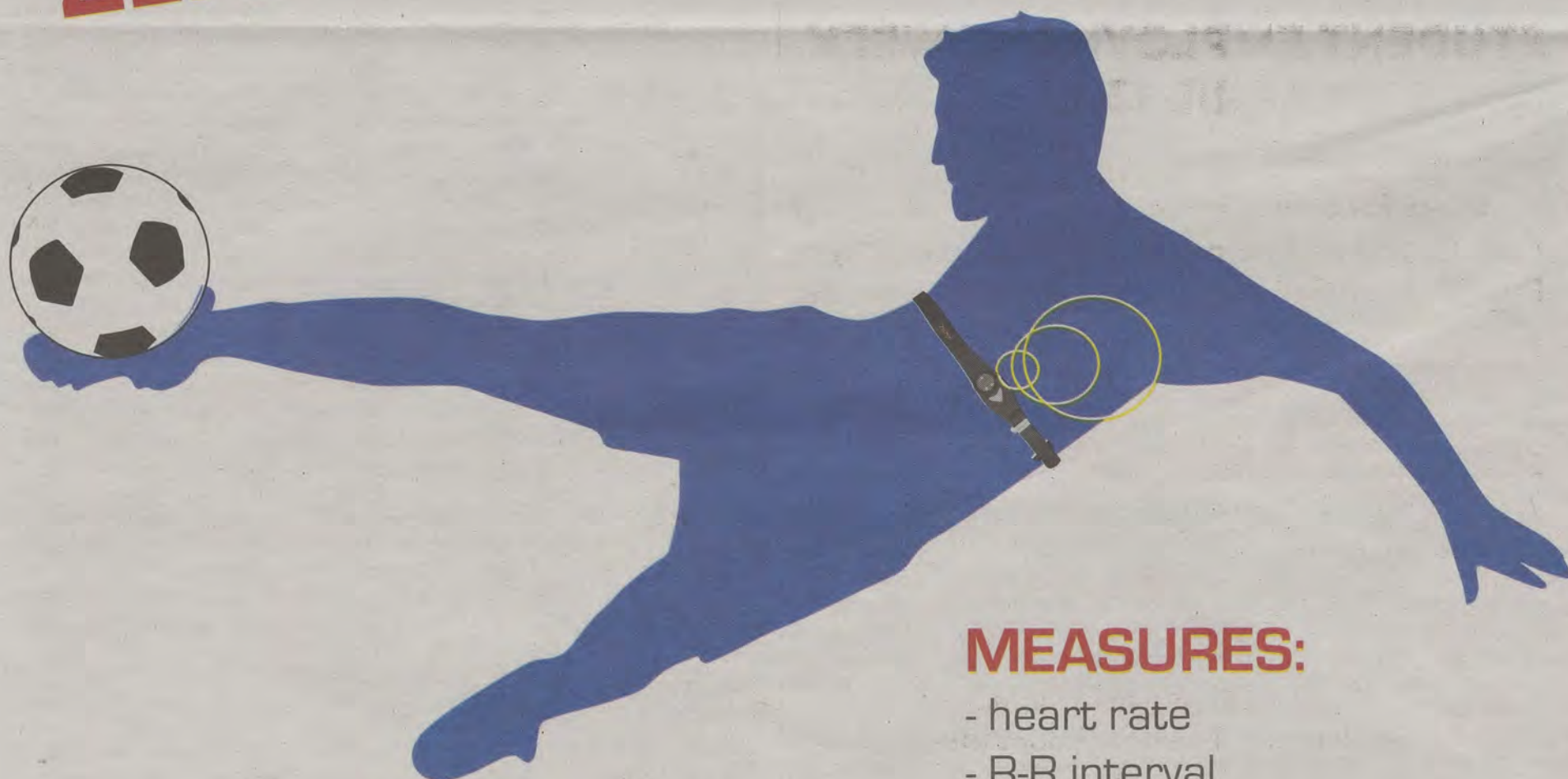
The men's team competes at home on Saturday in a Round Robin as part of their spring schedule with games at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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KEVIN KENNEDY
Head Coach

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BY LAYNE SALIBA
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern football team is well on its way to a successful spring. They have been trying to work as many different things into this short three week period of practices in hopes of preparing themselves for the regular season.

As far as injuries go, the team is fairly healthy. The season is a long ways away, so any injuries that currently exist should be cleared up by the start of the season.

Despite the injuries, there are many improvements that have taken place over the past two weeks of practice, and the coaches are looking to continue that trend during the entire off-season.

A lot of the improvement can be attributed to some of the players that typically are looked over – freshmen.

Being a freshman during spring practice is a trying time. These are the guys that do not see a lot of actual playing time. Most of their time is spent imitating offenses and defenses that the veterans will see throughout the season. However, these back-ups play a key role in spring practice.

Without them, the starting players would have a difficult time getting the real experience they need to improve throughout the spring. With the help of second and third string players, the first team is able to get an idea of what they will be facing when the regular season arrives.

"We kind of threw them in the fire here, and they haven't really done a whole lot of Georgia Southern stuff. They've been emulating all these other teams we're going to be playing. But they're coming along, and a bunch of

them are actually going to have to play for us," head coach Willie Fritz said.

There are a total of 20 freshmen on the team, most of which fall on the offensive side of the ball. There are 13 total offensive freshmen – six linemen, four wide receivers, two running backs, one quarterback and one tight end. These players are used on the scout team most of the time, but the linemen are the players that will be seeing most of the playing time during the season.

After the majority of the line graduated last season, offensive line coach Alex Atkins was left with just two seniors. Luckily he acquired one more through the demise of the UAB football program. However, that still left a few spots to fill.

"We've got a good group of young offensive linemen. And three or four of those guys are going to have to play for us. So they're going to have to do a good job and step up, plain and simple," Fritz said.

On the other side of the ball, the team gained three defensive ends, one lineman, one defensive back and one safety. These players, although they will not see much game time since the Eagles did not lose much, will be key roles in running defensive plays that the offense can practice against.

That is what they have been doing throughout practice so far, and the results of their work will be seen in the spring game on Saturday.

Not only will their work be showcased through the veteran's performance on Saturday, but the younger players will actually get some time of their own in the game as well. Fritz plans to run at least 30 plays with them going up against the more experienced players.

LAYNE SALIBA THE GEORGE-ANNE

Sophomore **Evan Challenger** held UTA scoreless for seven innings in the series opener. This season he is 4-0 with 44 strikeouts.



EAGLES ARE SECOND IN THE SUN BELT

BY COLIN RITSICK
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern won its second straight series after taking two of three games from Texas-Arlington at J.I. Clements Stadium this weekend.

The Eagles (21-16, 11-7 SBC) are tied for second place in the Sun Belt with South Alabama. Everyone is chasing the league-leading Georgia State Panthers, which has an 11-3 conference record.

The Mavericks (15-19, 6-9 SBC) are struggling to climb the ladder in the conference standings; they currently sit in eighth place ahead of UL Monroe, Arkansas State and App State.

Georgia Southern won Friday's game 6-1 and Saturday's game 8-1 before falling 8-3 in the finale on Sunday.

Offensive Outburst

The Eagles had an above-average weekend from the plate; they usually score five runs per game.

All nine starters recorded a hit in Friday's game and five different guys batted at least one run in. 3B Cody Lanford was 3-4 with an RBI and a run scored; DH Kody Adams was 3-5 with a run scored; C Chase Griffin and SS Dalton Busby both had multi-hit games.

OF Hunter Thomas sent a two-run blast over the fence for his eighth home run this year. Thomas only hit one long ball all of last season. He doesn't have an explanation for the power boost – or perhaps he's just being modest.

"I couldn't tell you. I think I'm just seeing balls up and trying to hit them," Thomas said after Friday's game.

The Eagles plated three runs in the bottom of the first inning on Saturday before tacking on five more in the second, sixth and eighth innings.

Four players recorded multi-RBI games and the team put up 12 hits on the Mavericks. It was a good ole' fashioned beatdown.

After the game, the team celebrated by shaving their heads. Not a typical celebration, but one for a great cause. The team raised \$6,517 for Vs. Cancer, a philanthropy that fights cancer and supports children's hospitals.

The Eagles only hit safely five times on Sunday after having 27 hits across the first two games of the series. They scored three runs in the first three innings, but couldn't get any more across after that.

Stellar Starters

Friday night starter LHP Evan Challenger and Saturday starter RHP Tripp Sheppard continue to make it easy on the bullpen.

Challenger pitched into the eighth inning on Friday and only gave up one run on five hits while striking out eighth Mavericks. Sheppard pitched into the seventh inning and gave up no earned runs on four hits. Head coach Rodney Hennon acknowledged that being able to rest the bullpen a little has been good for the team.

"It's big, being able to save those guys. We've been fortunate with Challenger and Tripp. Challenger did his job setting the tone on Friday night and Tripp [on Saturday]," Hennon said.

Challenger leads the Sun Belt in ERA (1.08), opposing batting average (.175) and batters struck out looking (18).

"That's something that is on my mind but I don't think about. I don't care if I give up 30 runs as long as we score 31," Challenger said.

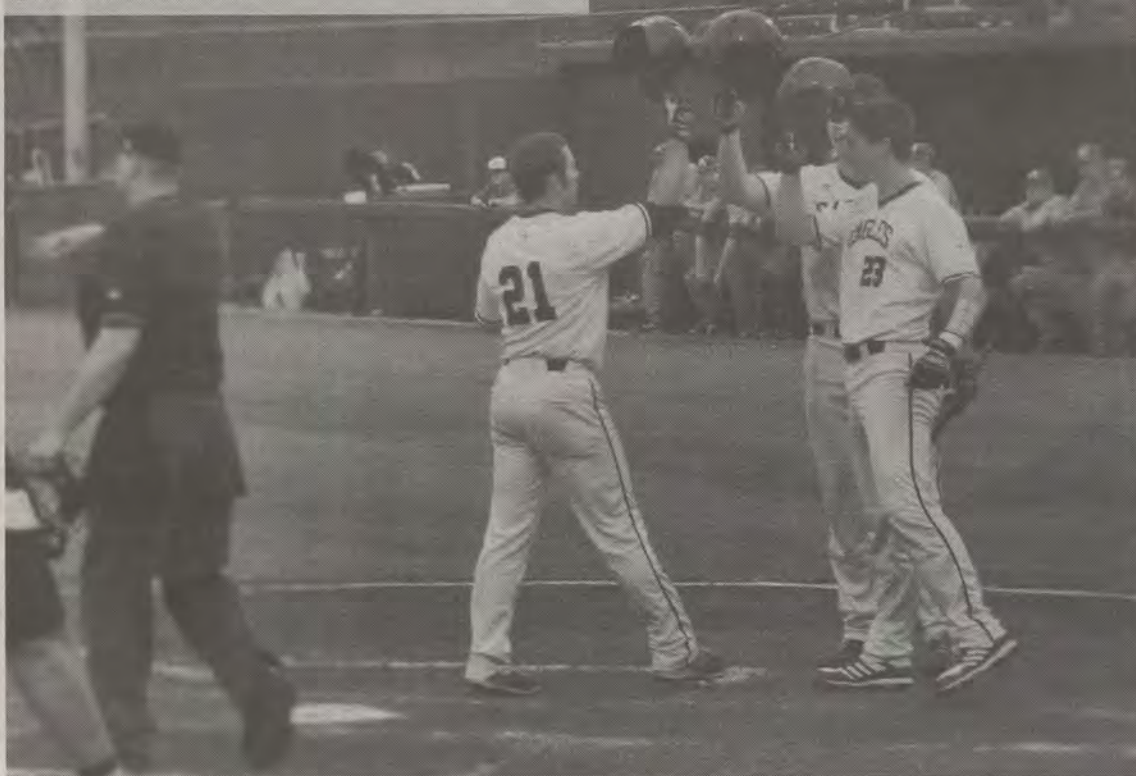
Sheppard's numbers aren't quite as prominent as Challenger's, but he is pitching well for the Eagles. He's got a 2.55 ERA, sixth in the Sun Belt and a 4-2 record this season.

These two starters are setting the tone for Georgia Southern's success this season.

The Eagles play at Mercer tomorrow night before heading up to Arkansas-Little Rock for the weekend. Follow @GeorgeAnneSport for updates.

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Junior **Hunter Thomas** hit his seventh home run on Friday earning himself and senior **Chase Griffin** each a run.



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BY LAYNE SALIBA
The George-Anne staff

When Chase Jones was a young freshman baseball player at the University of North Carolina, he received news that nothing could have prepared him for.

Jones was diagnosed with stage four brain cancer. A traumatic time for him, his family and all of his friends was lying ahead, but they all wanted to do something more than mourn.

So, Jones and his teammates decided to shave their heads in order to raise funds to fight childhood cancer.

On Saturday, the Georgia Southern baseball team chose to join that fight as well.

"I'm proud of our guys and I really appreciate everybody that supported and participated," head coach Rodney Hennon said. "I don't know many people who haven't been affected by cancer in some way, shape or form. So I'm glad we can be a part of it."

The Eagles have been raising money for quite some time hoping to reach a goal of \$6,000. After counting all of the donations on Saturday, the team found out that they did more than reach that goal – they surpassed

it. The Georgia Southern baseball team raised a total of \$6,517.72 with Cal Baker and Aaron Mizell leading the way.

Each player had their own web page where family and friends could donate. The players shared their page through Facebook and Twitter to raise even more awareness for the fundraiser and the Vs. Cancer Foundation.

Collectively, Mizell and Baker raised over one third of the total. Nevertheless, after Saturday's victory with family, friends and fans surrounding, each player lined up to have their head shaved.

One by one, the players took off their Georgia Southern baseball cap while sitting down in the chair and waiting for the cape to be in place. Next, each player took a deep breath and closed their eyes as they said goodbye to their hair.

"I've had all sorts of hairstyles throughout my days, so I'm not too worried about missing it. It's all for a great cause and I mean, it's hair so it will grow back," Mizell said.

It is not just about shaving heads though. All the team really wanted to do was raise money for children who are not able to be on the baseball field. This foundation is a bit

different from other cancer research foundations. Fifty percent of the donations that the Eagles received will go to national childhood cancer research, while the other half goes to a local children's hospital to help children in this community.

"I think cancer is something we're all affected by, whether it's your own family or your friends. So, it's a great cause," Mizell said. "Something as simple as shaving your head to raise support for people going through this is great because they can't be out here doing what we're doing so it's good to be able to give back to them."

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