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BLUE-WHITE SPRING GAME

THIS SATURDAY

KEVIN ELLISON

Ellison is the Eagles top quarterback. Last season, he tallied 12 rushing touchdowns and led GS to a Sun Belt title.

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2.5 Percent

Mr. Georgia Southern scholarship pageant

BY LINDSEY KEHRES
The George-Anne staff

The University Programming Board presents the Mr. Georgia Southern University Scholarship Pageant on Tuesday, April 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mr. GSU is a competition, similar to Miss GSU, for any male student at Georgia Southern.

Each competitor will entertain the audience and be ranked by a panel of judges

in several categories. These categories include: On-Stage Question, Formal Wear, Spirit Wear, Talent and Swimsuit. Mr. Georgia Southern University participates in spirit events across campus and gets the opportunity to host a variety of different events, showcasing the title.

This event will be held in the Russell Union Ballroom. Admission is free with the presentation of an Eagle ID.

PHOTO COURTESY OF STATESBORO KIWANIS RODEO FACEBOOK PAGE



BY CASEY CARGLE
The George-Anne staff

This Friday and Saturday the annual Statesboro Kiwanis Rodeo will be hosted at the Kiwanis Fairgrounds starting at 7:30 p.m.

There will be bareback riding, saddleback riding and bull riding as a part of the rough stock events as

well as several timed events.

Vendors will be on site with foods such as kettle corn, chicken on a stick, french fries, hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza and sausage dogs.

You can purchase your tickets at Anderson's General Store of Statesboro for \$14 or at the gate for \$15.

Poetry with Noah Blaustein



BY LINDSEY KEHRES
The George-Anne staff

Critically-acclaimed poet Noah Blaustein will be visiting Georgia Southern today as part of the Georgia Poetry Circuit to read some of his work to the community.

Along with being published in various journals, including the Los Angeles and Harvard Review, Noah's first book, Flirt, was

selected for the 2013 Mary Burrit Christiansen poetry series for the University of New Mexico. The anthology he edited, Motion: American Sports Poems, was also an editor's pick of National Public Radio, The Boston Globe and a Librarian's Pick of the New York Public Library.

Through vivid narrators, Blaustein addresses the

complexities that shape a life: adolescence, fatherhood, our responsibility for the lives of others, the exhilaration of romantic love and memory.

The reading will begin at 7 p.m. in room 1124 of the College of Business Administration building (COBA).

WEATHER BAR

Friday



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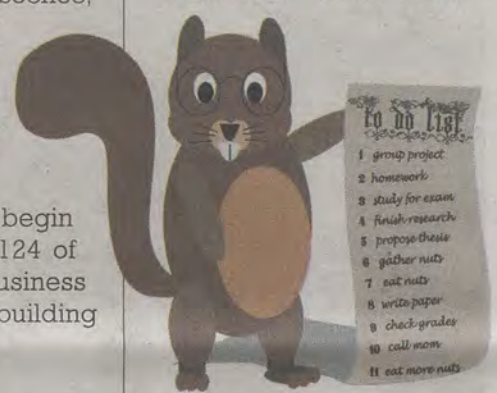
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Sunday



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WEATHER SQUIRREL



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- 2 homework
- 3 study for exam
- 4 finish research
- 5 propose thesis
- 6 gather nuts
- 7 eat nuts
- 8 write paper
- 9 check grades
- 10 call mom
- 11 eat more nuts

Georgia Southern online MBA ranked 17th top online MBA program of 2015

BY JOZSEF PAPP
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern Online MBA program offered by the College of Business Administration (COBA) has been ranked 17th by BestColleges.com as one of the Top Online MBA Program of 2015.

"We are gratified by the recognition and excited to be listed among the best

programs in the nation," Allen C. Amason, dean of the College of Business Administration, states, "Our faculty and staff have worked hard to deliver good value, and rankings like this are a testament to that commitment and effort."

BestColleges.com uses qualitative measures and data provided by IPEDS and the schools for the rankings. More than 350 not-for-profit online programs

were reviewed with consideration to factors such as accreditation, academic quality, and peer reviews.

COBA has offered its Online MBA program since 2001 and is cohort-based, asynchronous. The program lasted five semesters and has an established track record of preparing students for today's global business world.



What does Southern listen to?

By Jordan Felton, Tamara Price and Lindsay Futch

Check out the latest "What does Southern listen to?" at thecirclegsu.com. This week's episode includes the songs Girls With Addictions, Trap Queen and You Gussed It.

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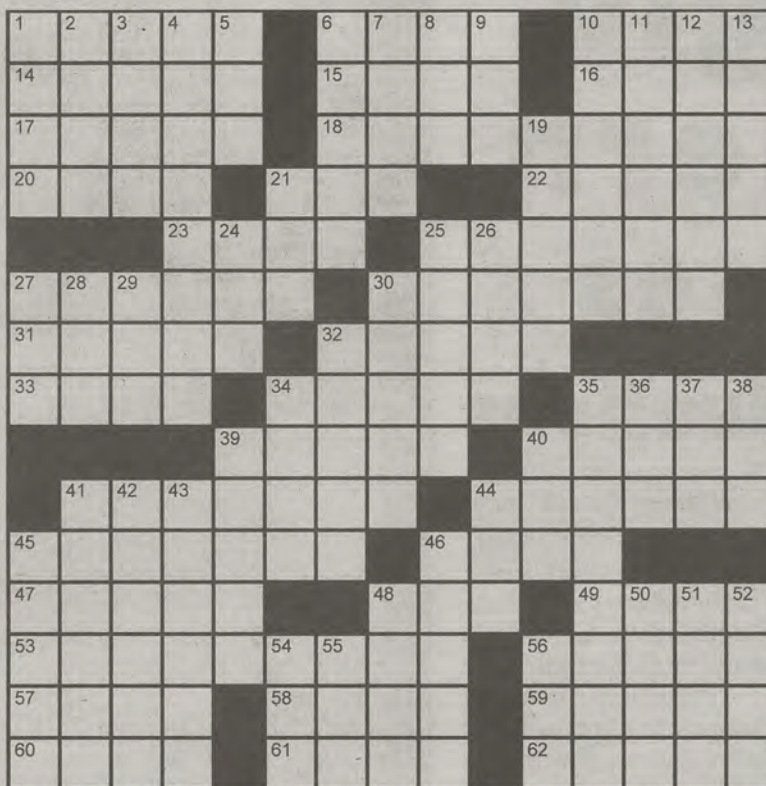
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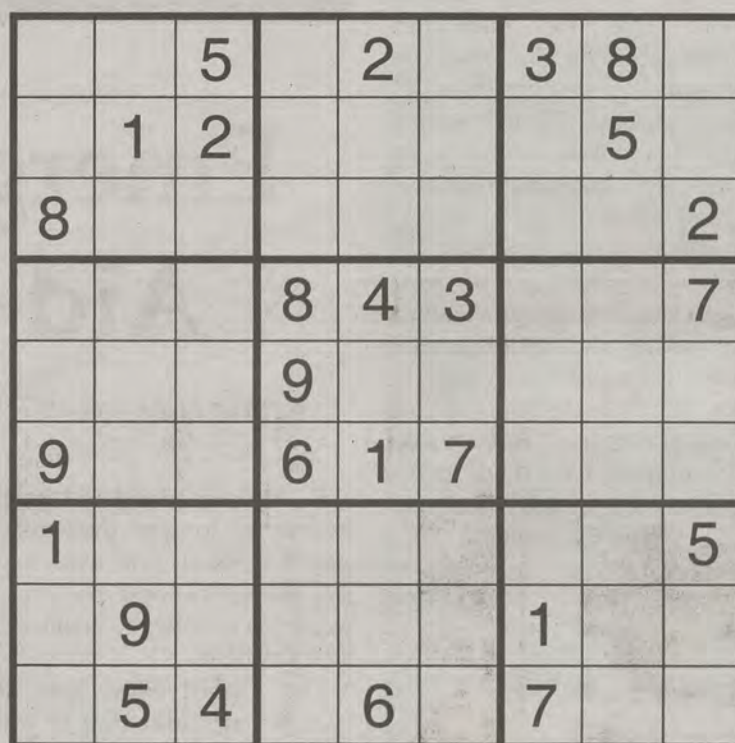
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Georgia Southern discusses teacher evaluations

BY WHITT VAN TASSELL
The George-Anne staff

Every class at Georgia Southern has to complete them, but do they really help anyone? The SGA's Vice President of Academic Affairs Errol Spence, and a paper by Georgia Southern psychology professors Janie H. Wilson and Rebecca G. Ryan say yes, but acknowledge that improvements could be made.

Student Ratings of Instruction (SRIs) are currently conducted within two weeks of the last day of class, in class. Instructors do not receive summaries of the SRIs until after the termination of class, often not until the early weeks of the next semester.

Next semester, however, is too late to help the students currently enrolled in a class. Teachers often have to be proactive to assist students in the short term.

"Although I look at my student ratings of instruction, I don't wait for them to make classroom changes," Loretta Brandon, English professor, said. "When I see a student struggling, I ask them how I can help."

The Faculty Senate has created the SRI Revision Committee to address this and other shortcomings with the current SRI system.

"The charge of this committee is to ensure that the SRI instrument is consistent with BOR policy," Spence said.

The committee has discussed alternatives including improved forms with additional emphasis on qualitative reflection (rather than filling in columns), varying the SRI based on the type of course and administering additional SRIs mid-semester.

"[With Mid-semester SRIs] students may have the opportunity to evaluate any improvements to their learning experience and professors could assess if

their adjustments (if any) were effective," Spence said.

This solution is endorsed by Georgia Southern psychology professors Janie H. Wilson and Rebecca G. Ryan in their paper "Formative Teaching Evaluations: Is Student Input Useful?" The paper strongly supports both SRIs as a whole and explains at length their ideal environment.

"Student evaluations of teaching offer valuable information to teachers who want to improve their teaching," Wilson and Ryan write. "Specifically, formative student evaluations collected prior to the end of a course allow teachers to adjust teaching practices and potentially enhance learning... In the end, students want to be heard; they want to know the teacher is listening."

GSU's SRIs are also used as part of the annual evaluation of faculty, according to Associate Provost Diana Cone. This evaluation, among other things, helps to determine the allocation of merit-based pay increases, a compelling factor for many professors.

This compulsion doesn't hold true for instructors, however, who are often not eligible for merit pay increases. Brandon says that in this light, the evaluations aren't a big deal with instructors, as they don't weigh on pay or contract renewal for this class of teacher.

"SRIs are a students' opportunity to honestly convey to faculty and administration how they were impacted by the learning experiences they had in a course," Spence said. "Combined with the opinions of hundreds, maybe thousands of other students, SRIs enhance student learning."

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-Errol Spence

Vice President of Academic Affairs

Illustration by Alex Smith

Emergency Financial Aid still available

BY MACY HOLLOWAY
The George-Anne staff

If students need financial assistance to pay their rent, pay for classes and even just pay for the cut and dry living expenses of college—loans are still available.

The Parent Plus loan is one in particular that is still made available to students even now as the semester is winding down. It is known as a more 'emergency' type of loan for when students

find themselves unable to pay the remainder of the rent for their lease.

Designated for students in "extreme financial hardship" that won't be able to remain in school and live stably without the funds, the Plus Loan offers upwards of \$3,000 to \$5,000 to students that are accepted.

It is available to both Undergraduate and Graduate/Professional students.

The Plus loan is a federal loan and will have to eventually be paid back either before or after

a student's graduation from the University. The application can be found through Georgia Southern's website under the financial aid tab- forms- and then Plus application.

It is offered in spring, summer and fall semesters.

The Office of Financial Aid offers a lot of information pertaining to emergency loans and aid still available to students, even if it seems like the semester is coming to a close.

Dining Commons seeks to cut waste with **LeanPath**



BY NADIA DREID
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University's two residence dining halls, the Dining Commons and Lakeside, serve approximately 45,000 customers a week, according to director of residential dining Greg Crawford. During peak times (near the beginning of the semester), the Dining Commons alone serves approximately 8,000 students a day.

Last Wednesday, shortly after 1 p.m., over 80 students returned their dishes to the carousel within a 10 minute period. A majority of those dishes still had food on them - on many plates, it was a substantial amount.

Where waste comes from

Residence dining separates waste into two categories when considering it, Crawford said. Those categories are pre-consumer waste and post-consumer waste.

Pre-consumer waste comes from the kitchen - when more food is cooked than students consume. It also includes cooking waste, Crawford said - like the bits of the onion that don't go into the food.

However, Bud Fleming, general manager of the Dining Commons, estimates that only 20 percent of the dining hall's waste falls into the pre-consumer category. The majority, 80 percent, comes from post-consumer waste.

During a walkthrough of the Dining Commons facility, Crawford pointed out a recently returned plate that still contained three waffles and assorted fruit.

"The biggest issue we have is with the post-consumer waste - what we have left on plates, and it's a lot sometimes," Fleming said.

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Taking the LeanPath

Staff at residential dining have begun taking measures to prevent waste, and so far, it's working, Crawford said. To cut back on post-consumer waste, chefs and servers do everything from reuse rotisserie chicken for next day chicken salad to weighing food scraps before they are tossed out.

LeanPath, a food waste tracking system, is helping Dining Commons staff to prevent overcooking and excess waste. The LeanPath device includes a touch screen, complete with a scale and camera.

Before anything goes into the trash, it is weighed, photographed and separated into one of seven categories of waste, Crawford said.

"Say at the end of the night, we have a pan of lasagna and we can't do anything with that," Crawford said. "It goes into LeanPath and it tells us what that value it would be. It takes a picture of it and then that food would have to be discarded."

LeanPath lets cooks know when to cook less and what areas of waste need to be tackled. The Dining Commons has also made attempts to cut down on post-consumer waste by serving students smaller portions and making more stations staff-served, Crawford said. All the dining hall's cardboard is recycled, and its used oil is given to a company that converts it into biofuel to help support sustainability.

Progress?

Waste levels are not down where he would like them to be, but they are better than before, Crawford said. The Dining Commons has a single dumpster that is picked up twice daily.

"To give you a comparison, the old Landrum had two dumpsters that would be picked up twice a day," Crawford said.

This is despite the fact that the Dining Commons did three to four times more business than Landrum did, Fleming said. He also said they try to get the word out to students about food waste.

"[We are] trying to educate our students constantly, to talk to them and educate them through various social media and stuff like that," Fleming said. "To let them know how much waste we actually do incur."

Crawford said it is important to remember that food waste means more waste than what's left on the plate.

"What people don't realize is food waste is not just the food that's left over," Crawford said. "Think about all the gas that was wasted to get that food here... the time, the energy, the money that it takes and then all of a sudden we're throwing stuff away. It's more than just the food, it's the whole process of it."



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APRIL 16

UPB: Mr. Georgia Southern University Scholarship Pageant

Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 pm in the Russell Union Ballroom

Mr. Georgia Southern University is a competition for students at Georgia Southern. Contestants will compete in the following categories: On-Stage Question, Formal Wear, Spirit Wear, Talent, and Swimsuit. The competitors entertain the audience as our panel of judges select who will be Mr. GSU. Mr. Georgia Southern University participates in spirit events across campus and gets the opportunity to host different events - showcasing the title. This event is free and open to the public. Students, bring your Eagle ID. For information on accommodations related to access, email: upb@georgiasouthern.edu at least 2 weeks prior to the event. Contact Information: UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

APRIL 17

5th Career in Student Affairs & Enrollment Management Day (CSAEMD)

Time: 9:30am-4:15pm

Location: 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 18

UPB Spring Concert: SpringBling 15 with Migos

Saturday, April 18th

8:00 pm

Hanner Fieldhouse

The University Programming Board is hosting SpringBling 15 with Migos! Migos will headline a performance at Hanner Fieldhouse on the Georgia Southern University campus in Statesboro, Ga. Doors will open at 7:00 pm and the performance will start at 8:00 pm. Student tickets are on sale now at eTix.com for \$20 for floor, \$15 for lower arena, and \$10 for upper arena. We can also take cash sales in the Office of Student Activities. Tickets will go on sale to the General Public on Monday, April 6th at 10:00 am. Only lower (\$25) and upper arena (\$20) ticket options will be available. There is a limit of two (2) tickets per transaction for the general public. Students, buy your tickets now before we sell out! For more information and general concert information please visit www.georgiasouthern.edu/concert. Contact Information: UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu or OSA@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

APRIL 20

Student Organization Renewal Workshop

Monday, April 20th

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
Category II & III - Williams Center Multipurpose Room

APRIL 23

UPB Canoe Race

Thursday, April 23rd

3:00 - 5:00 pm

Lakeside (Lake Ruby)

In an effort to incorporate new traditions on our great campus, UPB will be hosting the first Canoe Race in Lake Ruby (next to Lakeside) on April 23rd from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. This event is open to all active student organizations. We are allowing only 20 student organizations to sign up (4 people from each organization, 2 per canoe). There is no cost to participate in the event but there will be a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, April 8th and Tuesday, April 14 at 6:00 pm. If your organization is interested in participating in this event, you may sign up via MyInvolvement, the University Programming Board page. Contact Information: Carlissa Hill at ch06757@GeorgiaSouthern.edu or the UPB office at (912) 478-2603.

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Board of Regents approves tuition hike

BY MACY HOLLOWAY

The George-Anne staff

This past Tuesday, April 14, Georgia's Board of Regents approved an increase in tuition for 30 of Georgia's public colleges and universities.

20 of the schools will receive a 2.5 percent increase while the 10 remaining schools will have a tuition increase between 3 percent and 9 percent. Research institutions such as Georgia Technical College and the University of Georgia will pay the top rate.

According to the Atlanta Journal Constitution, the 2.5 percent rate will level out to around a \$33 to \$64 per semester for in-state students while the out-of-state rate will run closer to \$216 to \$225 each semester.

The rates were configured in accordance with how necessary faculty improvement and overall operational duties are running at each institution. The need for a consistently qualified faculty was a major contributor.

"To ensure we can continue to offer quality public higher education, we must continue to invest in our institutions," Chancellor Hank Huckaby said on the University System of Georgia website. "We have carefully assessed the tuition rates for our institutions to make sure we are balancing the increasing costs of providing public higher education while keeping tuition and fees as affordable as possible."

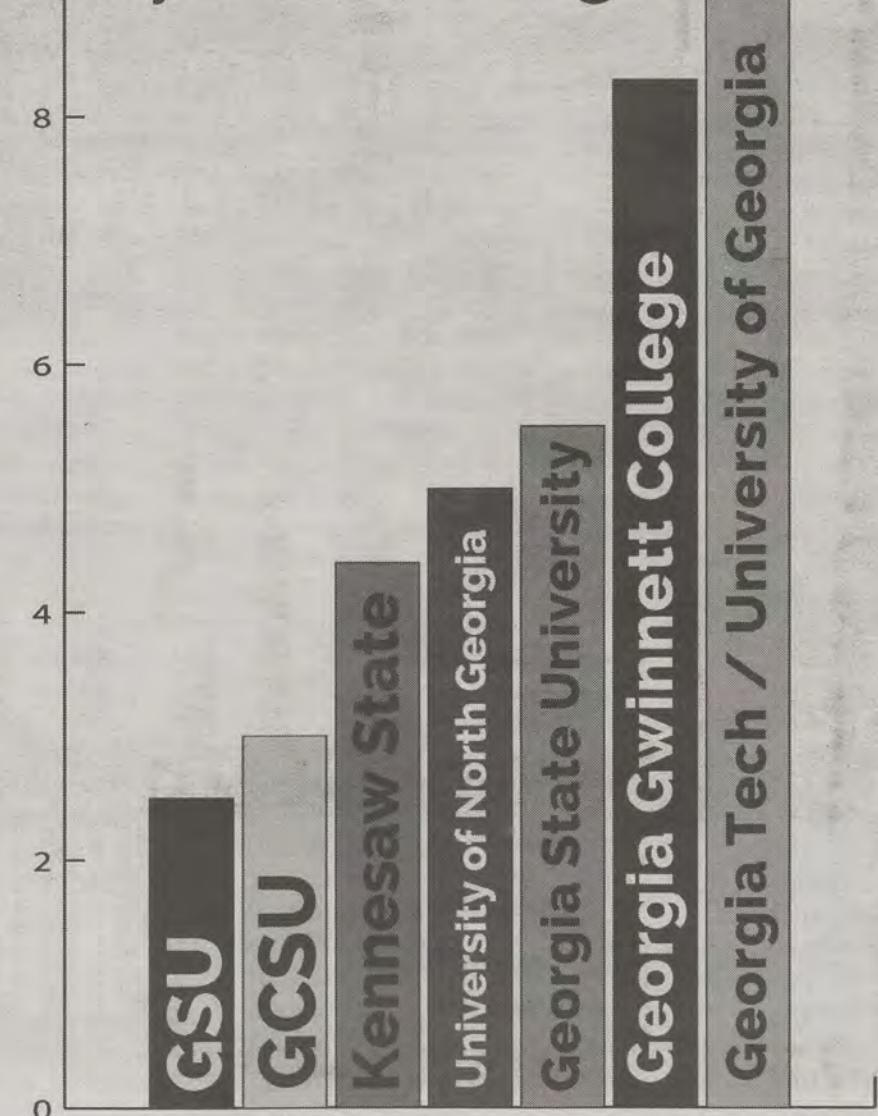
Georgia Southern University representatives have officially stated that the 2.5 percent increase will result in approximately \$64 per semester for full time students.

"There is a delicate balance between ensuring our students have access to a world-class education enabling them to compete in an ever-changing workforce while keeping the investment in their education as affordable as possible," Georgia Southern University said in an official statement.

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*Not all University System of Georgia schools are listed below

Tuition Increases by Percentage





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April 23 - Gimme Hendrix (Jimi Hendrix
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April 30 - Ryan Kinder Band

Opener: Nate Kenyon

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RYAN WOODHAM THE GEORGE-ANNE

On Friday of last week Eagle Creek Brewery and Cool Beanz coffee came together to lift the curtains on Eagle Creek's newest collaborative brew, the Hopshot Imperial IPA. TOP LEFT: The new coffee IPA is dark in color and bold in flavor. BOTTOM LEFT: Six brews were on tap for the event, the three pictured here are, from left to right, the Spot Tail Light Blonde Ale, the Low Country Pale Ale and the Grassroots Hefeweizen.

Eagle Creek and Cool Beanz unveil new coffee IPA

Last Friday Eagle Creek Brewing Company and Cool Beanz Espresso Bar officially tied the knot with the release of their Hopshot Imperial IPA.

The ceremony went down that evening at the brewing

company's French-quarter-looking home off of Savannah Ave. with live music from Statesboro-based band Poor Man's Fancy. Apart from the coffee IPA's release the tasting was standard fare;

\$10 for six tickets (1 pour of beer per ticket, Hopshot was 2 tickets), an Eagle Creek mug and a few hours of live music and corn hole.

Eagle Creek made six brews available at the event: the Low

Country Pale Ale, the Spot Tail Light Blonde Ale, the Georgia Tea Party Amber Ale, the Grassroots Lemon-Lime Hefeweizen, a peppermint stout and, the star of the show, the Hopshot Imperial IPA.

All that's fine and good but... how was the new beer? We asked our most veteran beer enthusiast and a relative beer noob to try it and let you know what it's like from both perspectives.

WILLIAM PRICE
The George-Anne
Editor-in-Chief



Eagle Creek's collaboration with Cool Beanz hits right note after right note, however it's unlikely to convert the IPA non-believers.

The Hopshot Imperial IPA is outright powerful. It's alcohol content sits at a cool 8.5% and it sucker punches the back of your throat, which is great if you're already into hoppy, potent IPAs.

Be warned: if you are not already on the super hoppy bandwagon of bitterness this beer probably won't get you to hop, and if you are not already a fan of deep coffee flavor it is unlikely you will be after drinking. It is bold in its bitter, smooth hoppiness

and even bolder in the fruity coffee flavor imparted on the beer. It's a beer drinker's beer through and through.

Although brewing beer and coffee together is not an overly unique triumph in today's microbrew craze, Eagle Creek's collaboration with Cool Beanz is not typical. You expect a coffee IPA to be extra hoppy and have a bite of coffee flavor in the aftertaste, which the Hopshot has in droves. And that is what sets it apart from other beers like it. The sheer level of coffee flavor and hoppiness turns this beer up a notch for the IPA purists and down a few degrees for those new to the hop lifestyle.

Beer Snob



Beer Noob



PEYTON CALLANAN
Reflector Magazine staff



I am a pretty casual beer drinker; not too picky about what I drink at parties but I do prefer a certain type of beer when I am looking for something to drink with a nice dinner. However, I have a feeling that many other college students are in the same boat as me and are still getting their toes wet in the world of ales and lagers.

So, I am here to provide you guys with the average student's opinion of Eagle Creek Brewing Company's new Hopshot Imperial IPA. When you first get handed a glass of this coffee infused IPA it can seem a bit intimidating. The beer is dark, like the soul of that professor who gives a test the Friday before spring

break, and has a rich espresso aroma that seems misplaced in a cool glass mug but don't let that scare you away.

While it is a little heavy, it packs quite a punch with its flavor that any coffee lover would appreciate. It is a sipping beer and would be best enjoyed with a well-seasoned meal that can stand up to this beer's bite.

If you prefer your coffee to have more milk and sugar than actual coffee then this may not be the beer for you. If you love a strong cup of black coffee and don't mind when your beer has a sharper flavor then it is definitely worth a ticket or two on a Friday at our friendly neighborhood brewery.

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ARTIST CORNER

Featuring Ruth Patel

ABBY GREENE THE GEORGE-ANNE
Ruth Patel combines memory and architecture to create her surrealist work.



BY RASHIDA OTUNBA
The George-Anne staff

The phrase "hindsight is 20/20" takes on a whole new meaning as Georgia Southern artist Ruth Patel combines memory and architecture to create surreal three dimensional art pieces. As a graduate student, her showcase, titled "Confabulation," was recently featured in the MFA Thesis Exhibition and included grand sculptures made from both industrial materials like wire and pipes, and fun materials like spray foam, which were then painted fun pastel colors.

How would you describe "Confabulation"?

"Confabulation's" theme is memory and architecture. It represents the changing perceptions of memory and how that's mirrored through architecture. It is my memory of a space and how it has changed over time."

What is your creative process like?

"Usually, I create a piece by thinking of a particular memory, usually from my relatives' house. Then I think about everything in that space, such as the color of the carpet, the color of the wallpaper or whatever was falling down off the ceiling or coming out of the carpet.

I think about all of the colors and the textures, how it made me feel and what I think about it now. For example, when I was a kid, it was probably really fun to go into the carpet and see different things, now I think it's probably dangerous and gross.

After I pick out certain elements, like the carpet or wallpaper, I find another material that can mimic the qualities of that thing. It doesn't necessarily have to be the same material, so I do alot of trial and error until it all works out."

What do you want viewers to take away from your artwork?

"They should be taken back to their own memories and also inspired to make

new memories. It's really just about memory of a place. A place they've visited before or even a new place or something imaginary. I want it to seem playful at first, but then I want my audience to look at it to notice new elements."

Who is your favorite artist?

"Inna Bavaeva . She uses spray foam and I use alot of that in my own work. I love the whimsical nature of the work that she creates and the way she uses all kinds of mixed media."

How do you find inspiration to make your artwork when you are not making work for a particular class?

"There is alot more freedom in what you can choose. When you create your own artwork there are no bounds. I can make artwork with any material, any size, anything I want. It's just more open, but I think it also makes you more interested when you make it. It just feels more personal because it's only yours."

Die Fledermaus comes to GSU

BY GRANT PURVIS
The George-Anne contributor

On April 17 and 18, the adaptation of the Johann Strauss opera, Die Fledermaus, will be performed at the Performing Arts Center.

Featuring performances from several exemplary vocalists as well as orchestra accompaniment from Georgia Southern Symphony, this frivolous and comedic tale of revenge will be open to all audiences at 7:30 p.m. each night. The opera is adapted to English and will be at the PAC. Admission is free.

"Of course I'm always terrified, too, until the moment the show is over," Dr. Arikka Gregory, director of the show, said. "Mostly because I want so much for these kids, who have put so much into these performances. But I feel really lucky, that I have

really consistently talented leads. Everyone is excited and committed to the show, and that's not something you always have, especially with collegiate level operas. And of course"

Gregory also noted that this will be the first performance for much of her cast in the PAC and with a live orchestra, which can be intimidating for newcomers.

Zachary Futch, a freshman in the vocal area of the music department, will be playing the antagonistic Dr. Falke. "I'm very excited to be given this opportunity as an undergrad, because our undergrad program is really big. And this is a very talented group of people. With that in mind, who knows where I could be by the time I'm a grad student?"

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Bites

Statesboro's newest burger joint comes at a college student price



KENNETH LEE

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Having opened its doors three weeks ago, the new kid on the block, Bites, is ready to sink its teeth into Statesboro's restaurant scene.

Ramy Masry, the owner of Bites, is a proud and firm believer in the effectiveness of simplicity when it comes to managing his restaurant and satisfying his customers. The exposed brick within the walls of Bites helps extend a comfortable and laid-back atmosphere towards their arriving patrons. Working well with a small area that's not too spacious, along with a small staff of two cooks and two hostesses, Bites manages to

rival coffee shops in creating an aura of coziness and casualness.

"With Bites it was really simple to set up because the place was already set up pretty well, so it was just a few added decorations here and there," Masry said.

Bites also expands its mantra on simplicity toward its food, cultivating a menu that manages to avoid being too overbearing. Instead, Bites leans on familiarity, providing a humble list of traditional American entrees that customers should already be acquainted with, such as burgers, boneless wings, wraps and chicken tenders.

"The menu was the hardest part to come up with. It's all about the right ingredients and recipes, and that took us the longest time for us to get ready, but everything eventually became ready to go. It just took us some time to make sure this food was going to be something that everyone was going to like, but so far everyone likes it so that's good," Masry said.

The biggest stand-out in Bites' culinary repertoire has been their fresh, home-cut fries and potato chips, which manage to

be perfectly crispy and just as satisfying as their main courses.

In addition, they have a favorable selection of flavors for their boneless wings, such as hot, teriyaki, lemon pepper and lemon yaki, which is an interesting combination of teriyaki and lemon pepper that patrons are sure to approve of.

Masry is no stranger to Statesboro or entrepreneurship, having attended Georgia Southern University in 1995 to study restaurant management. Afterwards, he started his own business, Sahara Smoke, with his brother from the origins of a small living room. Working 14 years within the hookah business, Masry has helped operate various businesses with his brother here in Statesboro. When the current venue became available, Masry saw an opportunity to open up a restaurant and decided to put his hat into the ring by opening Bites.

"There's a beauty within the food industry. There's not a whole lot of profit with food sales, but it's the satisfaction you get when you see a



NICOLE MCINTYRE THE GEORGE-ANNE Bites, a new restaurant in Statesboro, offers students a simple yet filling food experience.



customer happy finishing their meal and saying 'I love this, I'm coming back.' To us, that's the satisfaction we really look for. We're doing this, because we love to do this," Masry said.

Masry, originally from Jerusalem, expressed an interest to eventually add a gentle touch to the menu with a few Middle Eastern-inspired items. In the meantime, Masry will continue to run Bites and ensure that his patrons will not only leave full, but also happy.

"We're going to increase the menu eventually, but for now this is what we're starting with.

I'd like to add a small taste of the Middle East eventually like falafel, but that's later on," Masry said. "I don't know what the future holds, it's just going and trying what you like to do and the rest is up to people liking it."

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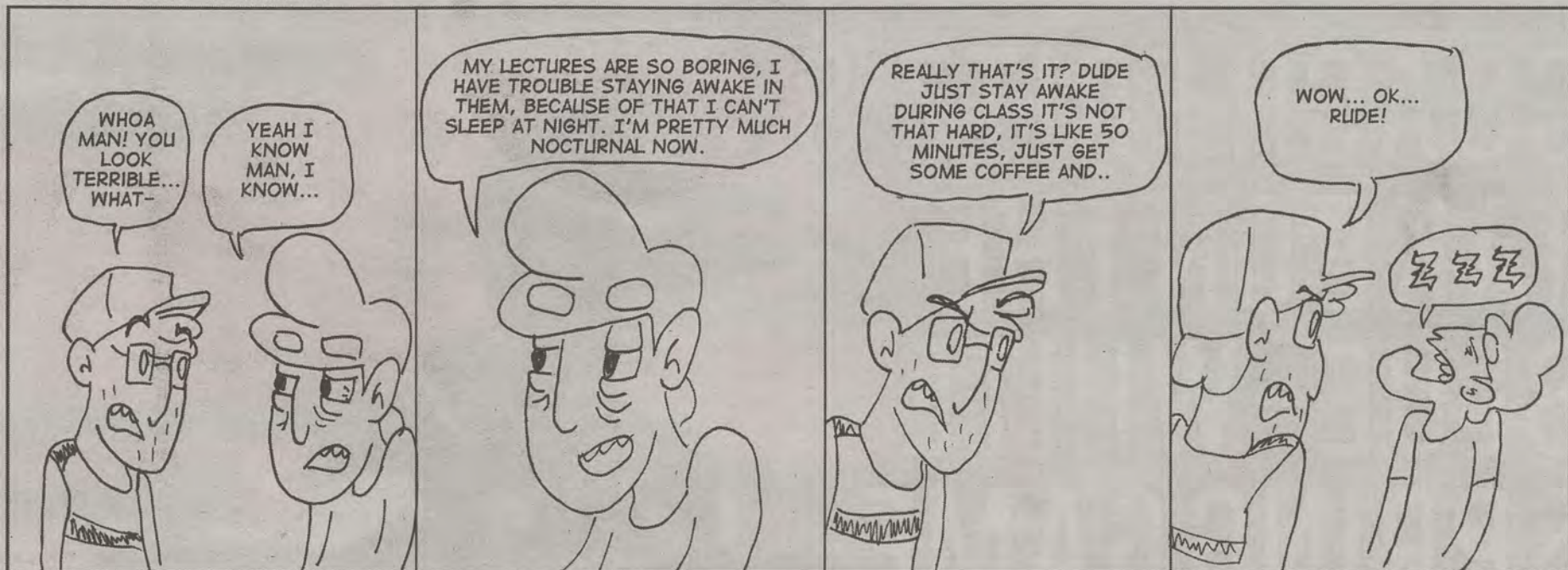
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End of the Semester Survival Guide



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It's that time of year again. Statesboro is hot and rainy once more. If the high pollen count hasn't already let you know, it's spring!, and like the new hatchlings gracing Southern's campus, we are bumbling, fumbling, waddling and stumbling into a new way of life. But unlike our chipper counterparts our lives will become a lot more frantic. Yep, just in case you have been too obsessed with the return of Game of Thrones

or the Netflix sensation that is The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt, we are wading into dark waters, the last weeks of the semester, are upon us.

So if this is your first time doing the Spring finals week shuffle you're in for a whole new world. Unlike the timid Fall finals week, students are way more intense. People are trying to graduate, maintain HOPE, get their GPA up to apply for more scholarships, transfer and much more. If you thought Club Hendy was packed last semester, you ain't seen nothing yet!

So how do you survive these weeks leading up to finals. Well, I could tell you go to class. But, I mean hey, if you haven't been going all semester and you have a cumulative final, I'm sorry, if you are reading this its waaaaaay to late. But if you want some tips about how to handle what might be the craziest weeks of your college life, I'm your girl.

Good luck and "may the curve be ever in your favor."



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COACH FRITZ'S TAKE ON THE BLUE-WHITE SPRING GAME

BY LAYNE SALIBA
The George-Anne staff

Spring practice for the Georgia Southern football team is almost over, and that means that the Eagles will be suiting up for the annual Blue-White Spring football game. Allen E. Paulson Stadium has not seen much action since the Eagles beat UL Monroe 22-16 to claim the Sun Belt title back on Nov. 11 of last year.

But on Saturday, that is all going to change. As fans fill the stands at Paulson Stadium, they will see much of the same team that they saw last season – a run-heavy offense and a defense that can get the job done.

But, head coach Willie Fritz is looking for even more this season. And because of this, he has been focusing on all three aspects of the game throughout spring practice – passing, rushing and special teams.

SPRING PRACTICE

Spring practice is a time of working on things that need improvement, and perfecting things that the team already does well. But in order to get the results he wants, Fritz says that the team has to get better at a lot of things.

"We've identified a few different areas that we need to improve in – throwing the ball, creating more takeaways, being more accurate kickers and doing a better job in the return game. So we're working on a lot of those areas every day," Fritz said. "It's not just one aspect that's going to make us better. The quarterback has to be more accurate, the pass protection has to be much better and we have to run crisper routes. I mean, it's everything that has to improve."

Compared to last year, spring practice has gone much smoother this time around. Last season, most of

the coaches were in their first year with the team. There was a lot of unfamiliarity between the coaches and players which created problems when it came to explaining things. The players had to learn a completely new system and the coaches had to get to know a team of completely new players.

YEAR TWO WITH COACHES

This season, however, the players know what the coaches expect of them. They know the drills they need to run and they know what they need to do to get their job done. This has made spring practice a much more productive time.

"It's totally different. The kids know what I'm talking about when I talk to them. I don't have to give a dissertation, I can give a short statement and they can go and do it out there on the field. And my coaches know what I'm talking about too. We've all been together for a year, so it's just been a lot simpler doing things than it was last year," Fritz said.

Although spring practice has been running better than last year, any coach will say it's frustrating when they lose athletes. And graduation is the largest culprit of creating that problem. With seniors leaving the team, a lot of leadership leaves with them. But for the Eagles, that has easily been replaced.

The offensive line almost completely disappeared at the conclusion of last season. The coaches have had to completely rebuild and restructure. But the fact that there are fewer seniors on the offensive line does not mean there is a lack of leadership.

"Darien Foreman on the offensive line has done a great job. He played with a bunch of seniors last season and now he

is a senior. So he's really taken that leadership role seriously," Fritz said.

OFFENSE

As far as offense goes, the Eagles rushed for 4,573 total yards last season which came out to just over 381 yards per game, giving them the most yards per game of any other team in the nation – a pretty impressive feat for a team in its first season in a new conference.

In addition to the No. 1 offense, the Eagles were one of four teams in the nation to record a 100-yard interception return. So, it is safe to say that Fritz was happy with the way the season ended.

"We're proud of our accomplishments last year, but we're certainly not resting on that. We've got a long way to go if we're going to accomplish what we want to this season," Fritz said.

PASSING

Before he began last season, Fritz knew that he wanted to shake things up. Not enough to get chased out of town, but just enough to bring life to the program.

Because of that, Eagle Nation saw more pass attempts than in the past. This was something that left fans a little unsettled and worried, but it ended up working in the Eagles' favor. However, Fritz expects more this season.

"We did a great job running the ball last year offensively. But we need to pass for another 40, 50 or 60 yards a game. So that's what we're looking for," Fritz said.

The spring game will be a good way to showcase the emphasis that Fritz is putting on passing this season. It will provide the team with an environment where they will be able to run live plays in front of a crowd. This will help them see how they have improved over the last three weeks.

"We just want to be crisp and sharp. We are going to do some live scrimmaging, so it will be a good end to spring practice to go through some live plays and see what our guys can do," Fritz said.

DEFENSE

On the defensive side of the ball, Fritz is looking for improvement as well. The team finished with 747 tackles,

24 sacks, 13 interceptions and seven fumble recoveries last season. Although he was happy with those numbers, Fritz is hoping that spring practice creates more opportunities for new players to show what they have. He wants every player on the team to contribute.

If the players are able to contribute like Fritz wants them to, they will be in a spot to help the defense increase its productivity and increase all of those statistical numbers.

"I mean, we had a good defense last year, but we're always trying to get better and improve. I tell the guys that if everybody can get five percent better, we will have a much better team. And that will translate into more victories," Fritz said.

This spring game will be a good indicator of how the team will compete in its second year of Sun Belt competition. There are a lot of things that the coaches are looking to improve upon, and Saturday will be the time that Eagle Nation gets to see how far the team has come.

BRANDON WARNOCK
THE GEORGE-ANNE

Last season, head coach Willie Fritz led the Eagles to an undefeated season in the Sun Belt for his debut season.



BACK TO BACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

FOR ALL-GIRL CHEERLEADING

BY LAYNE SALIBA
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern All-Girls Cheerleading Team won their second straight National Cheerleading Association Collegiate Championship on Friday. This year's victory also marks their fifth National Championship in seven years.

"For the longest time, we couldn't figure out who got second place because they say the city you're from and then your school's name. So the second that all of us didn't hear the St-for second place, it was just screams, tackles and everything," senior cheer captain Chloe Cotter said.

The team traveled to Florida last Wednesday to compete against teams like the University of Florida, Ohio State, East Carolina, Texas A&M and West Virginia. All the teams that showed up performed well, but the Eagles were the ones that came out on top for the second time in as many years.

Though the All-Girls squad did finish No. 1 at the end of the day, there was a deduction that made the final score a lot closer than they would have liked.

A simple timing mistake could have knocked Georgia Southern out of the top spot, but they were able to complete the rest of their routine perfectly to remain at the top of the charts.

"I love seeing the girls win and seeing their success. There's nothing like seeing them when their name is announced as champion and they realize that they just won. It's really a special thing," head cheer coach Barry Munkasy said.

This team has been working for months on one routine, making sure they have every step down for the few minutes that they have in front of the judges. They train by running the steps in Hanner Field House at every practice. They spend every day going through the full routine with all of the skills included. It was one of the hardest years that the team has had, but it all paid off in the end.

The team is not only training during practice, though. Something that makes the Georgia Southern cheerleaders different from a lot of others is that they cheer sideline as well as competition. Doing this enables them to strengthen their skills and stay in shape for competition.



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The GSU All-Girl cheerleading team won the national championship for the fifth time in the past seven years.

Winning the NCA Championship is difficult. However, when there are five seniors on the 20-person team, it makes things a little easier. These five have been at Georgia Southern for four years. That means they have won the National Championship three times and they have three rings to show for it.

However, many people do not know about those rings because cheerleading gets overlooked most of the time. It is sometimes hard to deal with not receiving the recognition they feel that they deserve, but when they look

down at their hand and see those rings, that hardship quickly fades away.

These girls all joined this team with one goal in mind – to win. They did not just come to college to cheer for the football and basketball teams. Although that is a part they love, they always have something bigger in mind.

"When it came time to do what we needed to do, we got it done. And it was so easy to be a part of. It was just a group of people trying to win a national championship. And we did it," Cotter said.

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What to look for on Saturday

Blue-White spring game to showcase new and old talent



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Last season, the Eagles defeated in-state rival, Georgia State, 69-31 in Atlanta. This season, the Panthers will come to Statesboro for the Eagles' last regular season game.



HAYDEN BOUDREAUX

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This Saturday the Georgia Southern football team will kick off the annual Blue-White Spring Game at Paulson Stadium where fans will get to evaluate the talent they expect for the upcoming season.

Whether you are a diehard Eagles fan or just joined the

fandom last season, everyone is entering with similar expectations. Junior running back Matt Brieda will be expected to make a dazzling run that makes us salivate for the first game against West Virginia next season. Redshirt sophomore running back L.A. Ramsby will display his tough, between the tackles, running. Junior quarterback Kevin Ellison will show a mixture of running and passing, probably with a touchdown pass or two, to show us there will be more emphasis on diversifying the offense next season.

On defense, we will see senior defensive back Matt Dobson fly all over the field, knocking down passes and possibly picking up a turnover. The line backing core will work with the

defensive line to form a nearly impenetrable wall that could seemingly only be broken by our talent in the backfield.

Overall, spring football games aren't overly flashy. Though what I have described may seem flashy, it is really the making for a 14-7 or 21-14 finish. We won't get the full onslaught of Brieda rushing for 200 yards and Dobson returning an interception the length of the field as we did last season. What we will see, if we look hard enough, will be the impact performances from the up-and-comers for next season.

To put things simply, we can't run without an offensive line. The big guys up front rarely get the credit they deserve when fans think about the number one rushing team in the country. They still have a lot of time to develop before the beginning of the season, but their performances on Saturday will show who will be the leader(s) of the pack. Two transfers, senior Roscoe Byrd of UAB and Max Magana from a junior college, will likely step into that leadership role and have an immediate impact up front.

"We practice every day working with this new offensive line. We are trying to get them prepared to play with the big dogs and they are doing a great job. Coach Atkins is doing a great job and making sure there mind is on what we have going on," Ellison said.

When we look into the backfield, we think of the three-headed monster that

wreaked havoc on the nation through the rushing attack. With two quarterbacks who have shown the ability to compete at the division I level and two running backs that combined for over 2200 yards last season, the team seems to be stacked. It can be difficult improving on such an impressive season running the ball, and Ellison along with the coaching staff is working to do just that.

"In the meeting room the coaches are doing a great job of making sure our schemes are built for the quarterback to have an option to run every play. Favian [Upshaw], Monteo [Garrett] and I are all runners and they scramble through the playbook to make sure there are runs for the quarterback," Ellison said.

There are still a few players that could make a difference in the future that fans should pay special attention to when they take the field. Redshirt quarterback Monteo Garrett is expected to see a significant amount of time on Saturday along with a talented backfield with redshirt freshman running back Thomas Banks and sophomore Chaz Thornton. Both running backs are hard runners and look to fit the scheme of the read option well. Garrett has a strong arm and looks comfortable in the pocket. We will probably get to see a lot of his running ability.

Shifting back to the defense, the fans should be looking for a leader to step up and take control of the team in place of graduated linebacker Edwin Jackson. We

could see senior linebacker Deshawntee Gallon step up to this leadership role as he is expected to take on some additional responsibility in the defensive backfield. Senior linebacker Antonio Glover is another candidate as he is already considered the hardest hitter by some of the offensive players.

"[The hardest hitter is] Antonio Glover, he comes with steam. When you see him you know he is coming downhill fast," Garrett said.

With a mostly veteran defense, we can expect them to be flying around and making a lot of plays to take advantage of the younger offensive line.

One question that at least half of the fans are wondering, is whether or not Dobson will be sporting his crop top for the last time as NCAA rules have no longer allowed for players to tuck their jerseys up into their pads.

@1peatfor7 on Twitter asked, "How will Dobson handle not being able to wear the crop top anymore?"

"Definitely disappointed, but it's NCAA rules and I understand that, but if I'm allowed in the Blue-White game I will," Dobson responded.

The game is expected to kick off at 1p.m. on Saturday on a possibly rainy afternoon. If you have any questions you would like to ask the players or Head Coach Willie Fritz in the post-game interviews, tweet them to us @GeorgeAnneSport and we may reply with their answer!



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VETERANS LOOKING FORWARD TO LIVE REPS

BY ROBERT GEORGE
The George-Anne staff

The annual Blue-White Spring football game this Saturday will be a chance for the fans to get their first look at the 2015-16 squad, as well as a chance for the coaches to get an idea of where the team is at heading into the summer.

The spring game is a great opportunity for both the starters and the reserves to get a chance to showcase everything they've

been working on in spring practice. For returning stars like running back Matt Breida, it's a chance to get some live reps and work on some of the technical aspects of his game.

"I feel like this year, I know the schemes better," Breida said. "Definitely been working on footwork and blocking. Just some of the technical things."

He also sees the game as an opportunity for the younger backs to get some real collegiate experience.

"Ramsey and I are the only two coming back that played last year," Breida said. "We definitely want to get them up to speed as quick as we can and get them going and allow them to see what it's like to play college football."

For other players, like reserve cornerback Gerriell Craig, it's a chance to show that they've improved and are ready for some time on the field.

"I've been working on technique, learning the plays,

and communication on the field," Craig said. "I'm looking to make some strides, and, in the game, finally show what I've been working on all spring."

For Coach Fritz, the spring game is about seeing how his team can execute the things they've been working on in spring ball. There are a lot of new faces on the team, so it's a chance to see how far along the younger guys are. Coach Fritz knows that this game is important for those players.

"We kind of threw them into the fire," Fritz said. "They're coming along, and a bunch of them are gonna have to play for us."

The Eagles lost starters on both sides of the ball this year, so Fritz will rely on his seniors and returning starters to help lead the team in the early going. Their

leadership will be crucial as the season begins.

"Our seniors have taken a real leadership role," Fritz said. "Jonathan Battle has done a good job with the defensive line. Antonio Glover and Matt Dobson are outstanding leaders for us. Darrien Foreman played with a bunch of seniors and now he's a senior and he's really taken that leadership role seriously. I put a lot of emphasis on senior leadership and those guys have done a good job."

Fritz knows that expectations are high following the success the Eagles had in their first season in the Sun Belt. But he and the rest of the Eagles are ready for the challenge and eager to get back on the field.

"We're certainly not resting on our laurels," Fritz said. "We got a long ways to go if we're going to accomplish what we want to."



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QB Kevin Ellison hands the ball off to star running back Matt Breida. Breida had 17 touchdowns and averaged 123.75 yards per game last season.

New positions to fill for the Eagles

BY MARQUS WILLIAMS
The George-Anne contributor

The Eagles headed into spring with the goal to be faster and more efficient offensively while getting everyone on the same page for the upcoming season.

The offense returns more of the known firepower from last season in Kevin Ellison and Matt Breida. Defensively, Jack Curtis, defensive coordinator, wanted to accomplish the goals of the defense playing with more confidence and providing more depth for the season.

"The biggest strides we've made are probably at the D-Line, particularly the defensive end position," Coach Curtis said.

It's still a little early to clearly see who all will be seen playing on Saturdays, but some key positions to watch for are wide receiver and linebacker.

At wide receiver, the Eagles

lost seniors Kentrellis Showers and Zach Walker to graduation this year. With senior BJ Johnson being the only returning player for the Eagles with at least ten receptions last season, his experience is crucial.

Some new faces to watch for in the wide receiver position this Saturday are sophomore Myles Campbell, junior Montay Crockett, senior Derek Keaton, senior Ed Collins and junior Ryan Longoria.

This position is on the watch because of the strength of the rushing attack. These receivers have to step up to not only catch the ball when thrown their way, but also to block downfield to set up the long runs for the offense. This position has more pressure on them than some fans realize.

With the exit of defensive leader Edwin Jackson, the linebacker position has its

vacancies, and the pressure to fill that void is undeniable. Senior linebacker Antwione Williams was a player Coach Curtis referred to as one of the key leaders coming back this season as well as senior safeties Matt Dobson and Antonio Glover. With the status of linebacker, they have the roles of filling up the holes to stop the rushing attack of the offense as well as dropping back in pass coverage.

The key middle linebacker also has the task of being the "quarterback" of the defense if called upon for that role by the coaches. The faces to watch for this position are senior Deshawntee Gallon, junior Ken Butler Jr. and sophomore Chris De LaRosa.

These players and the team can be seen April 18 at Paulson Stadium for the Blue and White spring game at 1 p.m.

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