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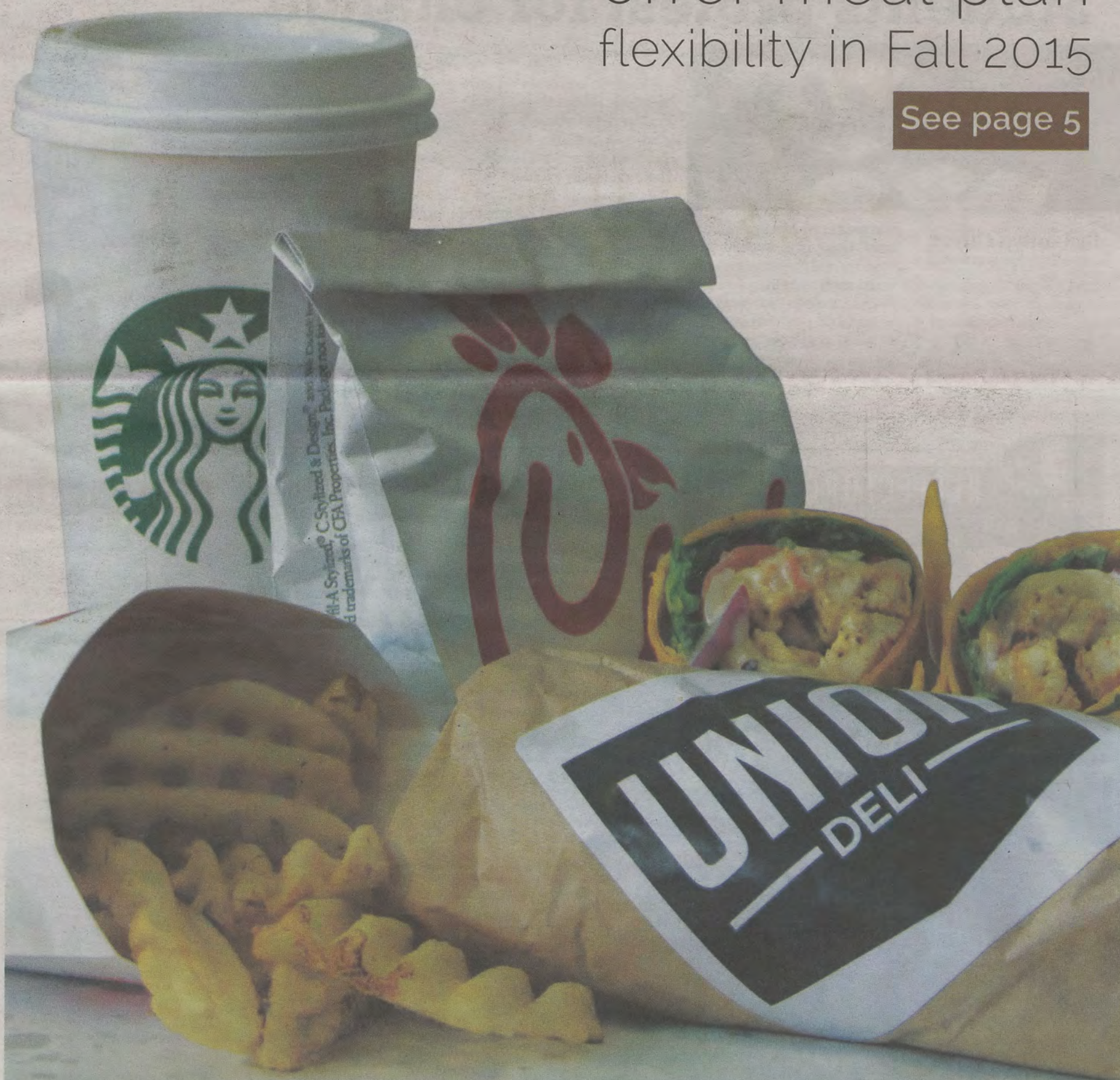
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Campus comes together during Sweetheart Memorial

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## Alzheimer's fundraiser walk

By Ian Leonard  
The George-Anne staff

On Tuesday, April 28, the Alzheimer's Association of Coastal Georgia will host a kick off party for their "Walk to End Alzheimer's" fundraiser at Eagle Creek Brewery.

The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public. There will be food, an information session,

fundraising supplies and an opportunity to meet the planning committee. Casey Corley, associate director of the organization, has expressed the need for more involvement from Statesboro's college population.

The actual walk will take place at Bulloch Academy on October 10, 2015. It is the organization's largest event, and its chief fundraiser for



the services they provide, such as their 24-hour helpline telephone, care consultation, support groups held at Pittman Park United Methodist Church, Caring Closet hosted by the Pilot Club, professional and family education, Arts for Alzheimer's and research.

For more information, or to donate to the organization, visit [www.georgiawalk.org](http://www.georgiawalk.org).

## SPORTS SHORTS

-Baseball had a double-header Friday against ULM and won 4-2 in the first game then lost 4-3, and then fell to ULM Sunday 1-11

-Softball lost to Mississippi State 2-6 on Saturday and 5-7 on Sunday

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## WEATHER BAR

Wednesday



High: 74°  
Low: 53°

Thursday



High: 73°  
Low: 49°

Friday



High: 74°  
Low: 52°

## WEATHER SQUIRREL



## Students protest for change



By Caitlyn Oliver  
The George-Anne staff

Monday April 20, a group of concerned students sat in the Marvin Pittman Administration building to ask to talk with President Keel about racial issues and disparities in faculty and staff diversity.

The goal of these students

was to sit in the president's office from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday until they could meet with the president. President Keel did show up around 2:00 p.m. despite being at home sick. Keel came in to try and solve this issue.

A letter to President Keel had been in the works since February so it was a big

surprise when he showed up at the meeting.

"There is a process we have to follow," Brooks Keel, Georgia Southern University president, said. "If there's a student problem, go to Dean Jackson. If there's a faculty problem, go to the provost."

The students had felt ignored and brushed off because a definite meeting time to address issues had not been set.

"We've given the formal process a fair opportunity but giving time for the process is an issue. Many of us are seniors so how do we know this will be resolved when we are gone? It's a constant cycle between the spark being lit, working

on the issue, it dying out and then class letting out," James Major Woodall, senior political science major said.

The students feel they do not have professors or administrators they can relate to or that can relate to them.

"We don't want to call anyone or the university racist, that's not what we want. We just want to be heard and we feel like we're not," Major said.

Patrice Jackson, Dean of Students, said that explicit examples were not brought forward and, until that is done, little can be done to solve the racial problem students want to address.

## REFLECTORGSU.COM



## The Q&D The quick and dirty of entertainment news and trends you need to know.

### Bruce Jenner's first wife Chrystie Scott opens up

Bruce Jenner recently sat down with Diane Sawyer to have a heart to heart interview to answer many questions the public had.

In the interview Jenner confirmed that he is indeed transgender. He went on to tell the story of his journey to this realization and the next steps he plans to take in his process.

Many wondered how this affected his relationships with his previous two wives. Chrystie Scott said on "Good Morning America" that when he informed her about his inner crises she was shocked.

"He told me he wanted to be a woman, and understandably, I didn't know what to say."

Once she was able to wrap her head around it, Scott said. "It wasn't really a problem."

### Nikki Reed is officially Mrs. Ian Somerhalder!

Ian Somerhalder and Nikki Reed wed this past Sunday according to PEOPLE.

You may recognize the duo from their famous vampire roles, Reed from the "Twilight" series and Somerhalder from "Vampire Diaries" TV show.

The couple married had an

By Alexandra McCray

elegant outdoor ceremony on Topanga Canyon.

While we might be jealous that Somerhalder is off the market, we wish the couple lifelong happiness.

### The royal baby is coming to Twitter

You could say the royal couple is pretty social media savvy.

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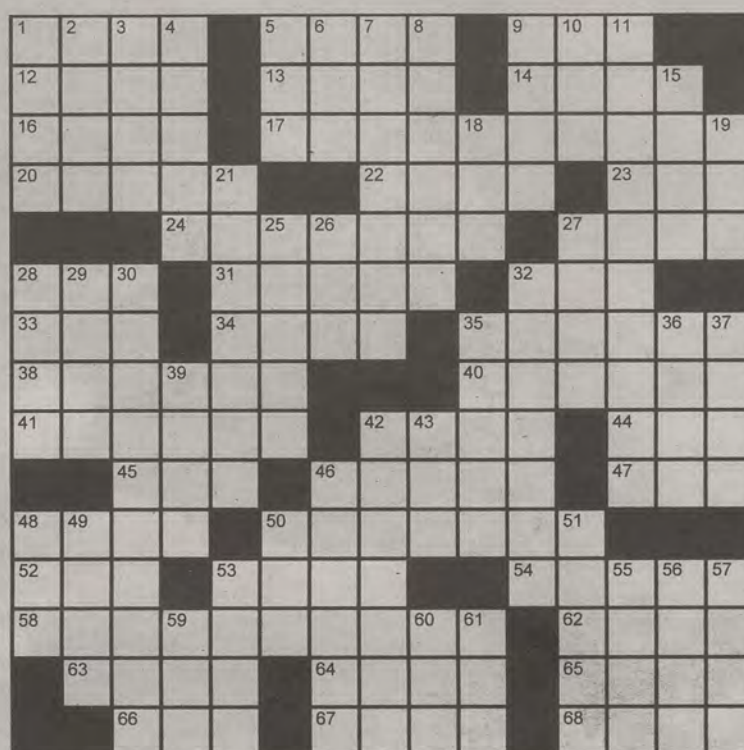
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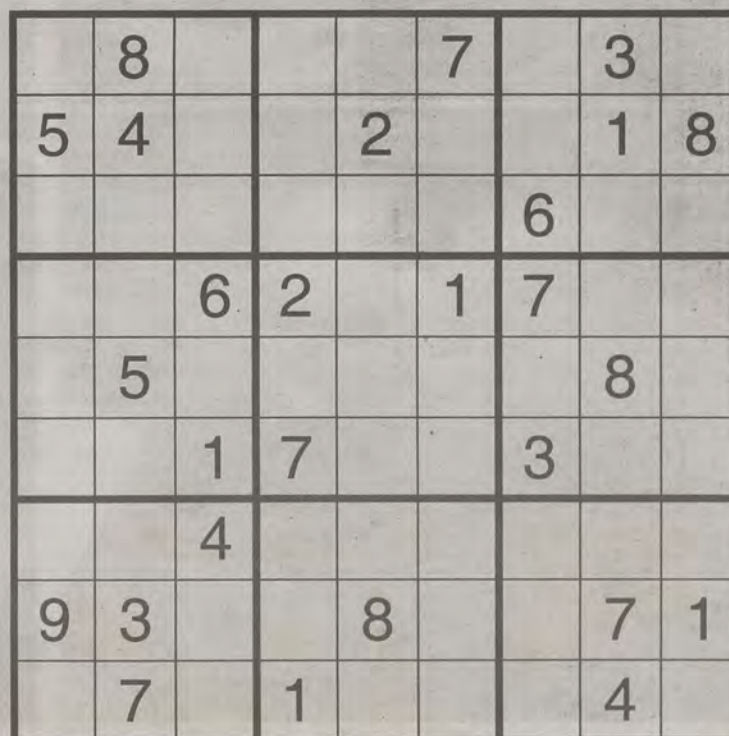
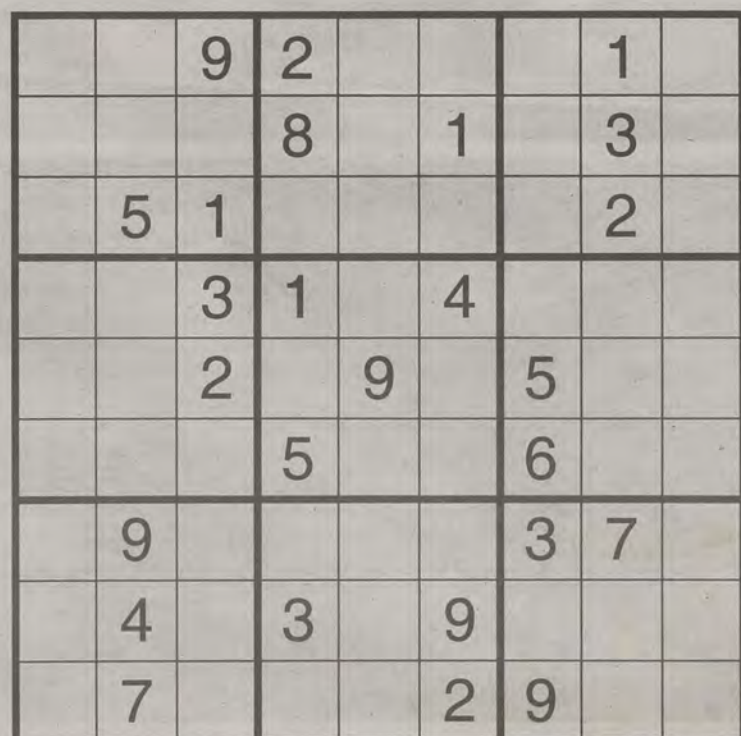


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## Campus in recovery

*Students gather in Sweetheart Circle to remember fallen classmates*

BRANDON WARNOCK AND CRISTEN GULLATT THE GEORGE-ANNE

The Eagle Nation came together as one on Thursday, April 23 to honor the memory of five nursing students who were involved in a fatal car accident Wednesday, April 22. Sweetheart Circle was filled with thousands of people who came out to support the grieving community.



## ACCIDENT UPDATE

BY CHRIS ROSSMANN  
The George-Anne staff

The name of the man who caused the accident that killed five Georgia Southern nursing students last week has been confirmed by the Georgia State Patrol.

According to WSBTV in Atlanta, John Wayne

Johnson, 55, of Shreveport, Louisiana, drove for the trucking company Total Transportation out of Mississippi. The company has over 900 drivers and 740 vehicles, and has been hit with 266 unsafe driving violations in the last two years.

Federal records show

that only 10 percent of comparable U.S. trucking companies have worse safety records.

“Shocking. This company should have been severely curtailed in their operations by the authorities,” Bob Cheeley, transportation safety specialist attorney, told WSBTV.

### DRIVING VIOLATIONS

- 107 speeding violations
- 45 violations for not following traffic control devices
- 9 violations for driving while using a cellphone
- 5 for following too closely



# BUDGET BUCKS

New meal plans coming in Fall 2015

BY WHITT VAN TASSELL  
The George-Anne staff

A new meal plan, Budget Bucks, has officially been approved to begin in the fall semester of 2015.

The plan, Budget Bucks, makes money available on a weekly basis and comes in two forms, a \$960 plan or a \$480 plan, which allocate either \$60 or \$30 per week, over 16 weeks.

The plan excludes Thanksgiving and Spring Break, as most students do not remain on campus during these times. Budget Bucks will function as an alternative to both expensive, unlimited dining plans and less structured EagleExpress packages.

"SGA came to us time and time again saying they want something more controlled for financially responsible students," Jeff Yawn, Executive Director of Eagle Dining Services, said.

Money allocated through Budget Bucks can be spent at Dining Halls for the discounted campus price as well as at all on-campus retail locations including Starbucks, Chick-fil-A and Eagle

Dining-run concessions at sporting events.

Unlike EagleExpress, Budget Bucks are only usable at on-campus locations.

SGA President-Elect Charles Glover, who worked closely with Eagle Dining to create the plan, says Budget Bucks is geared toward upperclassmen who want a less expensive plan while retaining the ability to pick up meals or a quick snack on campus, but doesn't discount its utility to all levels of students.

"I've heard a lot of students say they don't have any money left by the end of the year and they're left on hotdogs and ramen," Glover said. "This helps them manage their money."

Budget Bucks will roll over to the following week, semester and year. Glover calls this feature the selling point of the Budget Bucks plan—combining money management with flexibility.

Glover said, "That was one thing that we [the SGA] heard the students really wanted. If it's what the students want, I don't see a huge issue in it. Eagle Dining has the same goals in mind as the SGA as far as helping students."

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Budget Bucks is geared toward upperclassmen to be a more flexible meal plan alternative to EagleExpress.



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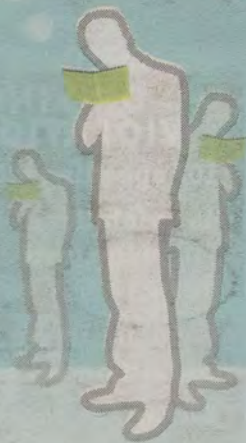
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# On-campus jobs available for next year

BY TIFFANY SKINNER  
The George-Anne staff

With the summer semester coming up and positions opening, it is important for students to know that Georgia Southern University has 2,600 student employees that hold various positions on campus, and they are always searching for more.

Students who demonstrate financial need based on their Free Application for Student Aid are eligible for Federal Work Study. Students must apply and wait to be awarded Federal Work Study. After being awarded work study, students can apply to work study positions on campus. Students must bring their work study authorization form to the interview.

Work study students are allowed to work 20 hours per week and 144 hours over the course of the semester. Someone who holds a work study position currently earns \$7.25 per hour. They can keep their positions during the fall and spring semesters. Students must be enrolled in at least one credit hour to receive work study during summer. All students must

be in good academic standing to keep their positions. Not many students qualify for work study because there is an 18-24 month waiting list.

Work study students can apply for a variety of job positions including tutor, data clerk and customer service representative.

"My work study position offers flexible hours that correlate with my class schedule," Amanda Francis, junior health education and promotion major said.

Students who don't qualify for work study positions can apply for institutional positions. These positions are not based on financial need.

Students must be enrolled in at least six credit hours and be in good academic standing. Those who work institutional positions are allowed to work 25 hours per week. They can also work two institutional positions or a work study and institutional position. They are not allowed to work more than 25 hours per week. Institutional student employees get paid at least \$7.25, but can be paid up \$19 an hour in specialized positions.

Institutional Student employment positions include

Electrical Engineering Research Assistant, Public Relations internship, Chemistry research assistant and Logistics and Supply Chain Management Tutor. Students can apply for jobs online through the student employment website.

Campus Recreation & Intramurals has the most student employees. If a student applies and is selected for a position in the Health Services they must take a drug test before being hired. Others may be subject to drug testing if reasonable suspicion is documented by the hiring manager with the Department of Human Resources.

Students can hold an institutional position during the fall, spring and summer. University Housing employs the largest number of student employees during the summer. Some departments advertise for certain positions in advance for students looking to become Community Leaders during the fall. They must apply during the spring and vice versa.

The Student Employment Center encourages students seek on-campus employment while in college because it supports the experiential learning theory.

# WORK STUDY DETAILS

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# QUICK TIPS FROM ADVISORS



BEUNKA STEPHENS



SCOTT CURLEY

BY CHANCE SHELTON  
The George-Anne staff

Since registration has opened and is now currently open to all Georgia Southern University students, advising has been in full effect.

## Prior to advisement, what should students already have?

"I think the biggest thing that helps us [advisors] is for the students to come prepared with a list of classes they want to take next semester," Scott Curley, an academic advisor in the College of Business Administration, said. "A lot of students think the role of advisement is strictly to give them their schedule, but if could come with a good idea of what they want to take that frees up time to talk about more in-depth things, such as how are classes going, what are your carrier plans, how is college in general."

"They should come prepared, knowing whether they want to take summer or fall classes...that way we can plan if they want to stay here [Georgia Southern] and take classes or if they want to be a transit student," Beunka Stephens, an advisor in the College of Health

and Human Sciences, said. "Also come with an idea of what classes they have left, so we can focus on the overall goal--graduation."

Danielle Bostick, an advisor in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences listed out that students should "bring in personal records...and even some students have their soar binder that they have and used to keep up with their advisement forms."

"I think the more prepared the better."

BEUNKA STEPHENS

## Do you ever feel as if students can come over prepared?

"No, I think the more prepared the better," Stephens said.

"The trouble with being over prepared is that students may have this CRN match with this time and when it's time to register that particular class may be closed already, but I think coming with a

good idea of what you want to take is excellent," Curley said.

"No not really...I don't think it's bad to be over prepared at all. As far as time schedules just to be flexible, because you might have the CRN numbers and times written down and when it's time to register you may not get those classes," Bostick said.

## What steps do you take when a student comes in unprepared?

"I try to engage with them...talk to them about their interest and maybe suggest use resources like the career services or even a faculty member, because they might have experience in the field...I tend to do a lot of reflecting and thinking [with the student]," Bostick said.

"I make sure I go over the curriculum sheet...and show them how to read it, because it's kind of your road map while you're here at Georgia Southern," Stephens stated.

"For all my students I already have a list of classes that I that they can take, and the ones that are prepared we kind of cross check the list, we always try to recommend a good balance of courses," Curley said.



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## GSU Department of Music presents THE GUITAR ENSEMBLE

**BY GRANT PURVIS**  
The George-Anne contributor

Featuring performances of classical guitar compositions as well as many arrangements of pieces originally written for piano and other instruments, this concert is packed with music from across the world.

Performers tonight will be featured in various groups as well as a few soloists, and they will include Joshua Cook, Austin Kent, Michael Foster, Robert Cottle, Jacob Sanders and Dr. Brian Luckett, the head of the guitar program at Georgia Southern University.

Also featured as a special guest will be exchange student Arturo Rosas Carbajal, from Xalapa, Mexico.

"We try to be as diverse as we can in our repertoire to really show off the wide ranges of styles, textures and sounds associated with the guitar," Luckett said. "The majority of the music at this concert is pieces for other instruments arranged for the guitar, but we've also included some contemporary pieces written for guitar, as well as dances and traditional folk music from Russia and Mexico."

"Lots of people come to these

concerts with the association of the guitar with rock, jazz, country music, etc.," Luckett continued, "and so I think it's always surprising for them to hear something different, like classical or romantic period music. It builds an audience, almost like a cult following, because the guitar is one instrument that really draws people in."

The Georgia Southern University music department has only in the past year opened up its guitar ensemble program, under the direction of Dr. Luckett, a classical guitar professor from Savannah.

"I believe that the more these guitarists can do, whether it's solos or duets or ensembles or whatever, the more well-rounded their musical careers can be. The ensemble shows strong and weak points for each player that you can't find in solo performances," Luckett said. "As a result, a lot of the players have really improved over the last year. I think the other faculty has been seeing things they've never seen before."

The guitar students have been enthusiastic about Dr. Luckett's impact on the guitar program since he arrived at GSU in spring 2014.

**WILL PEEBLES**  
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The Georgia Southern Music Department presents a guitar ensemble presenting music from around the world.

"He's turned the program around," Austin Kent, three-year guitar student, said. "He asks more of us than we were used to before, and pushes us harder. He's given me a new interest in playing, and I would say I've improved as a guitarist more under his teaching than ever."

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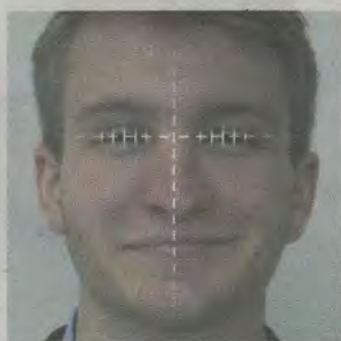
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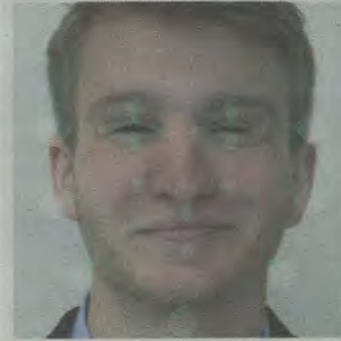
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The app is hilarious and makes for a great conversation starter or just making embarrassing things of your friends.

So there you have it, from start to finish of how to make a demented digital you just like the celebrities. Happy avataring!

**BY MATT SOWELL**  
The George-Anne staff

My Idol is a nifty little app that has made quite a splash in the pop culture world. If you've been on Instagram, Tumblr or Twitter then you've probably seen it. Miley Cyrus and Sam Smith made one of themselves pole dancing, John Mayer made one of himself singing and Lena Dunham made one of herself looking like the child from "The Omen."

The creepy and crafty app serves a purpose that is still pretty much unknown because the entire app is written in Chinese. It can be confusing, so we at The George-Anne want to teach you how to use it so you can have the next big thing.



# Teundras Oaks

From Statesboro to Washington, D.C.

BY KENNETH LEE  
The George-Anne staff

With The White House, The Supreme Court, and the Lincoln Memorial just around the corner, Washington, D.C. is a must-see for aspiring politicians, would-be government officials, and history buffs; however, it also has more than enough cause to attract thespians like Teundras Oaks, a senior theater major enrolled at Georgia Southern University.

Oaks was invited by the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) to travel to Washington D.C. and participate as one of four students in their dramaturgical competition from April 13-18, 2015.

Oaks's journey to Washington, D.C. originated last fall when she worked as the dramaturg for the Theater & Performance production of "Race; a play." As a dramaturg, Oaks acted as the literary manager and lead researcher for the production, enabling her to work closely with the director on creating the world of the play, as well as ensuring that a level of authenticity and accuracy was present throughout the production.

While most students' familiarity with the legal process is limited to Law & Order reruns, Oaks's knowledge extends to being thoroughly aware of the various legal terms normally used, the process of arrest and

booking to pleading before a judge, the intricacies of legal representation, and the history of crimes where race placed a role in the perception of guilt or innocence.

Her work as a dramaturg led to her nomination and victory in the regional competition during February, which then led to a series of interviews that concluded with her selection to attend KCACTF and compete at the national level.

"I didn't win the overall prize which was an internship in the summer, but I guess they really liked me and they wanted to see more of me, so they're letting me come back in July to work at the Hanson New playwright festival," Oaks said.

Despite not winning the national dramaturg competition, Oaks was able to experience the unique process of brainstorming with her peers on adapting the novel, "Blindness" by José Saramago, into a play at KCACTF.

"We thought of a vision to adapt the book into a stage play. We worked on the concept, and although it might take years for it to actually materialize, it was really cool to contribute as a part of the developmental process," Oaks said.

Although Oaks has recently found success within the performing arts, she had very little experience with theater until she attended GSU.

"I just always wanted to act, but I don't why I never



Teundras Oaks, a senior theatre major at Georgia Southern, traveled to Washington, D.C. recently to compete in the dramaturgical competition.

done it. I did it once in middle school. I froze up on stage. It was one of the worst experiences in my life, so I stayed away for a while, but I secretly still wanted to do it. Once I got to college, I just went ahead and did it. In my first semester, I auditioned for a play and ended up having a substantial role in it," Oaks said. "Within the last year is when I made the commitment that no matter what I do, as long as I'm somewhat

involved in the theater world, I'll be happy."

Oaks adventures don't end at KCACTF. She recently had an interview with the organization, Artist Striving to End Poverty (ASTEP), and was given a scholarship to teach classes emphasizing theater in India this upcoming September.

"The English translation

for the school is called Haven of Peace, so children are going to be on their fall break from school. It's going to be an outlet for them to use theater as a way to stay out of trouble, because it's going to be in a very rural area in South India. I'll be teaching improv classes and playwriting classes, whatever they need me to do I'll be on it," Oaks said.

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# Local humanitarians combat issue of homelessness in Statesboro



**BY ASYA FIELDS**

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Rapid Rehousing is a program ran through Safe Haven that is focused on helping the homeless of Statesboro find a safe place to live and regroup while looking for more permanent housing.

Debra Vives, Delia Mobly and Jamie Walker know all too well the effects of homelessness in the area and how desperate the need for assistance is.

Up until now, Safe Haven has tried to help those who were homeless as much as possible but now have the Rapid Rehousing program to relocate homeless men

and women who do not have any prior history with domestic violence.

"In this program, we help the homeless transition into permanent houses. We assess each homeless situation based on their needs to decide on a time line of how long they will need help to reach or maintain independence. They can always ask for our resources or the community resources," Jamie Walker, director of the Rapid Rehousing program, said.

Unfortunately, the leaders of Safe Haven can not physically take in and support people who have not suffered from domestic violence, but Rapid Rehousing is a way they help as much as possible with the homeless population in Statesboro.

"The men and women who come to us for help that are suffering from domestic violence are homeless. They have nowhere to go and some have families that we help out also," Debra Vives, director at Safe Haven, said.

The homeless people of Safe Haven are only a portion of the population in Statesboro. There were still a group of homeless people that could not be reached through Safe Haven. This allowed Open Hearts Community Mission to answer the call and send help where it was needed.

Open Hearts Community Mission is a group of people dedicated to feeding the hungry, and sheltering those who do not have homes. After already serving more than 400 people in the community, the shelter now holds 30 beds and has enough room for living spaces for many people in the community.

The shelter is centered around providing a Christian lifestyle and hires individuals who are "Christ-centered...with strong backgrounds in management of mission-driven homeless shelters," according to the community mission's newsletter. The shelter also offers a wide range of things to help those who come to live a life of self-sufficiency and financial management.

The shelter is open from dinner time to breakfast and has family suites, kitchen, dinning, women and men separate living areas, laundry rooms, storage areas and men and women dorm rooms.

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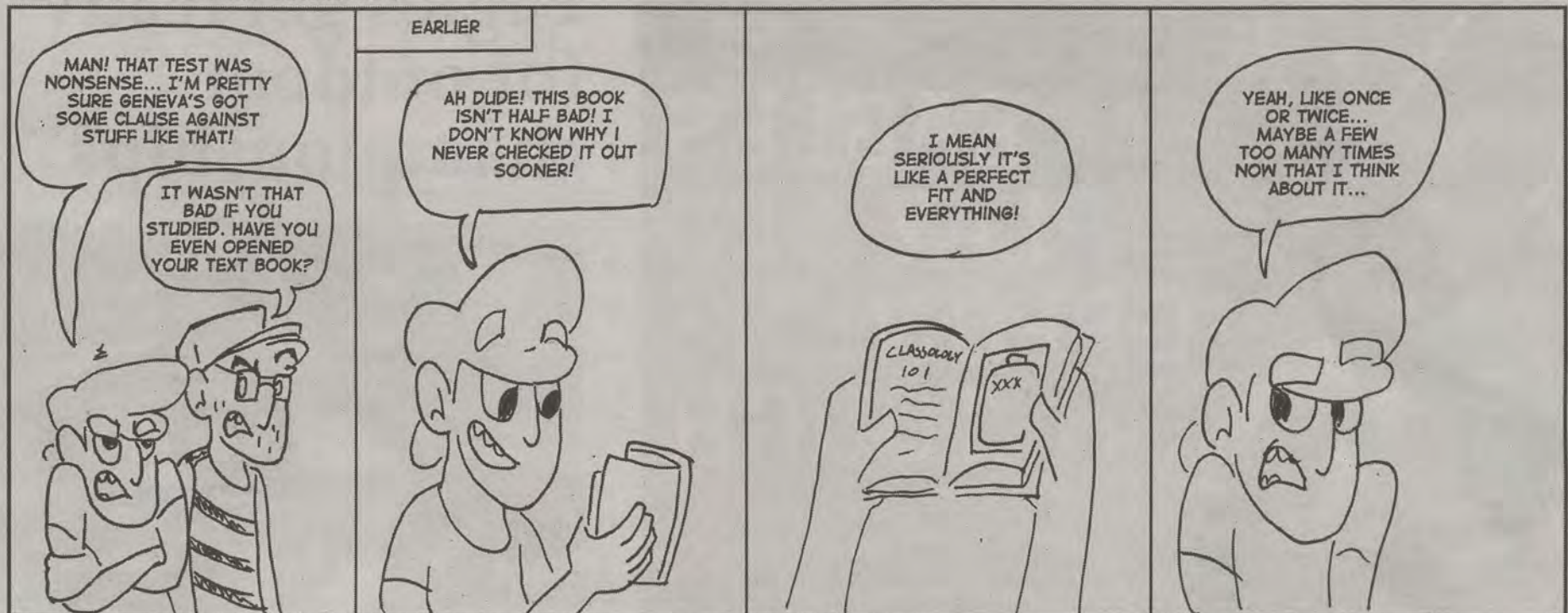


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## MANNY PACQUIAO VS. FLOYD MAYWEATHER



**CHRIS ROSSMANN**

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The fight of the century, the one we've all been waiting for. Manny Pacquiao versus Floyd Mayweather, one for the history books.

Or at least it would have been, if this fight were happening five years ago. Today, the two fighters are well past their respective primes and, at least in Pacquiao's case, have long since moved on. Today, Manny Pacquiao is 36 and Floyd Mayweather is 38. Today, Pacquiao is a politician and is developing a music career while Mayweather is counting down the days until retirement.

Once upon a time, this would have been a real fight of the century. These two boxers mowed down every fighter that stood in the way.

At their respective primes, Pacquiao was respected as one of the greatest offensive boxers in history. Mayweather was widely considered to be more of a brick wall than a man.

Five years ago, this would have been like a nuclear cruise missile smashing full force into a mountain.

Today, this looks like a bit of a disappointment.

While Mayweather brings his undefeated record to the fight, he is beginning to show his age. In his last two fights, both against Marcos Maidana, Mayweather hasn't looked quite like the Floyd "Money" Mayweather of old. His defense is slower and his counter punches don't have the power they once had.

Pacquiao, on the other

hand, looked quite shaky against Juan Manuel Marquez and was knocked out for only the third time in his career. He has since come back and won his last three fights, but the Marquez knockout coupled with the busy life Pacquiao leads outside the ring puts doubt in the minds of Pacquiao's supporters.

This fight of the century feels more like the final death throes of a sport in steep decline. Once, boxing existed in a golden era of sport. Fights were some of the biggest sporting events of the 60's and 70's, and coverage of the buildup to the fight was a daily story.

Today, newspapers seldom report any boxing results, and you can only watch a fight on Pay-Per-

View. Boxing has become a fringe sport in America and this fight just looks like the last hurrah.

We wouldn't be surprised to see both fighters retire shortly after this fight. Short of something controversial happening, we just don't see a rematch and we can't imagine any other fighters that would be worth fighting to Pacquiao or Mayweather. At the ages of 36 and 38, you don't fight just to fight anymore.

This was the big one, this was the fight both men have thought about for years. This was the fight boxing fans would tell their kids about.

But it came five years too late.

## One thing we can all learn from Bruce Jenner



**ALIA LEWIS**

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Eyes glued to the screen, and my mouth growing wider with every word, this was me when Bruce Jenner, 1976 Olympic champion and famed Kardashian father, said he is transitioning to a woman. During the exclusive ABC interview between Diane Sawyer and Bruce, he shared things no one would've imagined. During the interview, Bruce debunked stereotypes and opened up to millions. Before this interview, I had absolutely no idea he'd been struggling with this for so many years. On Keeping up with the Kardashians he always played the mellow dad who just listened to Kris and played with his airplanes.

Now to hear him open up to the world and share his deepest secrets is inspiring.

It's sad to know that Bruce, the man we thought we figured out so long ago, has been hiding who he really is for so long. I can't imagine how it must've felt to not be able to openly discuss what and how you feel for such an extended period of time, to in essence lock yourself up for 40-plus years.

I think that in a sense we can all relate to Bruce. I'm sure that at some point in all of our lives, we've allowed the opinions of others to triumph our own. It's extremely easy to suppress your personality, beliefs and feelings and conform to please

those around you. However, there's hope. It doesn't have to be this way. Bruce has proven that it's never too late to embrace yourself.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm guilty like everyone else. A lot of times I try to impress the people who don't matter more than the people who do. In my case, that's God. But to others, that person who matters might be yourself. Maybe you care too much about what everyone else thinks about you instead of what you think about yourself. I wonder where Bruce would be right now and how would he feel about himself if he would've simply come out a long time

ago. If anything, I'm sure he wouldn't have regretted the decision. If there's one thing we can all learn from this, it's to be true to yourself. Embrace who you are and who you're called to be.

So to every student out there, gay, straight, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, asexual, I love you for who you are. At the end of the day, it's your life. I can't tell you how to live it, I can only suggest that you focus on what's important and always no matter what, stay true to yourself.

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## EAGLES PLAY SEC OPPONENT TOUGH

BY ROBERT GEORGE

The Georgia Southern softball team hosted SEC team Mississippi State this weekend. It was the second consecutive SEC opponent the Eagles played, following their midweek contest against South Carolina.

The Bulldogs swept the Eagles, winning the first game 6-2 and the second game 7-5 in nine innings.

Before both games, a moment of silence was held for the five nursing students who tragically passed away in a car accident last week. The names of the girls were read aloud over the intercom, as well as the names of those injured in the crash. The Eagles also wore special stickers on their helmets in honor of the girls.

"Some of our players knew those students," head coach Annie Smith said. "Anytime we can reflect on what's important it's a good thing. We want to keep perspective on what we're doing and the blessings we have."

### GAME 1 (L 2-6)

Julia Echols led off the game for the Bulldogs with a home run on the first pitch to give them an early 1-0 lead. MSU added four more runs in the second, chasing starting pitcher freshman Kierra Camp after just 1.2 innings pitched. She allowed five earned runs on four hits and three walks.

Senior Marla Thompson relieved her and threw 3.1 innings of shutout ball. She worked around six hits and relied on some excellent defense to navigate the tough Bulldog lineup.

But, the offense couldn't capitalize on the stellar pitching and defense. The Eagles have just one hit through the first five innings before finally

getting on the board in the sixth when sophomore Morgan Robinson singled in freshman Alesha Mann to make the score 6-1.

The Eagles pushed across another run in the seventh to make the final score 6-2. In addition to Thompson's performance, freshman Heather Felt pitched the final two innings and gave up just one run on two hits and a walk and two strikeouts.

"Our defense is tightening up and our pitching is settling down," Coach Smith said. "I thought we've played really well over the last three games. Those are SEC teams we're facing."

### GAME 2 (L 5-7)

For the second straight game, Echols led off for the Bulldogs and hit a homerun in her first at bat. The Bulldogs added another run in the inning to make the score 2-0.

But this time, the Eagle's leadoff hitter had a response of her own. Mann blasted a home run over the left field fence to cut the lead 2-1.

Both teams added a run in the second, making the game 3-2. The Eagles took their first lead of the series in the third, scoring three runs off consecutive throwing errors from the Bulldog infield to make the score 5-3.

However, the Eagle defense returned the favor in the top of the fourth, allowing the Bulldogs to tie the game on two unearned runs due to a costly error.

The game slowed down considerably after this, and neither team could score in the next three innings, sending the game into extras.

Both teams stranded a runner in the eighth. But in the ninth, Mackenzie Toler delivered the winning blow



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Senior Marla Thompson has 10 strikeouts this season with no wins or losses.

with a two-run home run over the right field fence. The Eagles went quietly in the bottom of the inning, making the final score 7-5.

"We had a lot of opportunities to win the game," Coach Smith said. "I'm excited about playing Georgia State next weekend and as we head into the Sun Belt Tournament."

The Eagles are a lock to make the tournament, and Coach Smith wants the girls to relax and just go play.

"Everybody's record is 0-0," Coach Smith said. "You go into that tournament and it's anybody's game. You just keep fighting and keep getting better and that's all you have to do."

## Eagles get ready for outdoor championships



BY ROBERT GEORGE

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern track and field team is preparing for the final stretch of the season this week as it gears up to compete in the Sun Belt Outdoor Championships.

The Eagles have just a few precious weeks of practice before the conference tournament, and head coach Kelly Carter is looking to take advantage of these practices.

"We're starting to get race ready," Carter said. "When we start in the fall, there is a lot of volume, just not as much intensity. As you get to this time of year, the volume is low, but the intensity is very high."

Coach Carter wants his girls to get used to giving all they have in practice, making it easier to do it at the championships.

"We're actually getting out the blocks," Carter said. "We'll do things at about 85 to 90 percent of their max speed. It's more of an actual race pace."

The girls will have the next two weekends off, so they can rest and get ready for finals. Coach Carter knows that this will help have them ready for the meet.

"We want to get their bodies ready for that environment," Carter said. "We want to give them enough rest along with taxing their bodies to compete at their best."

This will be the Eagles first time competing in the Sun Belt Outdoor Championships. Coach Carter wants the girls to relax and just compete to

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Junior Ashleigh Rasheed placed second in the triple jump at the UNF Spring Break Invitational

the best of their abilities. Everyone wants the awards, but he just wants to see his girls give it all they got at the Championships.

"I don't want them to think about placing or times," Carter said. "Just go out there and compete. If you go out and leave everything you have on the field, you can always walk away a winner."

The Eagles have had success at multiple meets this year. Sophomore Kelsey Arnold broke the school record for the weight throw at the beginning of the season. Sophomore Samantha Cook won the shot put event at the North Florida Twilight a few weeks ago. And, freshman Karli Koning won the 3000m event at the Bob Pollock Invite.

At the Quad Meet, the 4x100 Relay team placed first, junior Ashleigh Rasheed won the triple jump, and junior Jordan Fordham and junior Asha Stegall won the 100m and 200m dash respectively at the same meet.

It has been a season of change, improvement and new records for the Eagles track and field program. The Eagles will continue to work and get better in the final weeks of the season as they prepare for their first Sun Belt Outdoor Tournament appearance.

They will travel to Gulf Shores, Alabama to compete in the Sun Belt Outdoor Championships on May 8.



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# Postseason wrap-up with men's tennis

BY DERIK WUCHTE  
The George-Anne staff

With a season that started by naming a new head coach, the men's tennis team knew challenges were inbound. But, strong leadership and perseverance pushed them forward.

An 8-14 season with postseason accolades marked the 2014-2015 season for the Eagles as they went into new territory with new coaching personnel at their side.

Head coach Sander Koning was able to put the craziness of this season into one phrase: "Roller coaster."

"But a lot of fun," Koning added. "The team already played matches, so it was tough. I guess the big thing that helped me out was there was great leadership on this team. The players responded well."

Senior Kyle Hoffman, senior Albert Codina Sala and junior Ristomatti Lanne were among some of the higher tier players on the team. Lanne played in the No. 1 position on the lineup for the season while Codina

Sala took up No. 2. Hoffman was at the No. 3 spot.

"What made me decide to come here was the people that were here," Koning said. "I got a sense there was a support for tennis; I could be part of that."

To finalize their seasons, Lanne earned a spot on the Sun Belt All-Conference Singles First Team. Senior Codina Sala earned a position on the Second Team.

Koning went into detail about how the powerful leadership already present on the team helped with the season and progression of all the players.

"Our No. 1 and No. 2 had great success," Koning said. "They showed that, 'Hey, if you work hard and show support to this program, you will have success.' They put it on themselves to be great leaders; and the younger guys see it. They see how they act and how they do."

While the season may not have gone the Eagles way in every match, it taught them a lot about how to prepare for and what to expect in next year's competition. Like Koning said, "If you put in the work,



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Senior Albert Codina Sala finished the season 19-15 in singles, winning four of his last 10 matches.

anything is possible."

"We'll build on what we did this semester and move forward," Koning said. "The way I see it, with the other places I've been, is great knowledge of this sport and college profession. I've had really great mentors over the years."

Hoffman and Codina Sala will be two of the seniors the Eagles

will be losing. The returning players will still make up a strong team. It will just be another challenge losing those two when the new season starts again.

"They showed great leadership," Koning said. "The legacy they left set such a good example. They set good blueprints; how you need to be

as a leader. It's really invaluable. The other guys are going to pick that up. They'll show the same fashion as Kyle and Albert did with their leadership."

The Eagles will be working hard over summer and be back in fall for the next year of competition.

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Freshman Anne Kurzweil dominated this season, finishing 18-4 singles and 13-2 in doubles combined. She ended the season winning 15 straight singles matches



## Positive season with great marks

Women's tennis closing notes for 2014-2015

BY DERIK WUCHTE  
The George-Anne staff

A high-end season for the women's tennis team closed with a defeat to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette two weeks ago in the Sun Belt Championship.

The winning record of 10-8 for the Eagles had its highs and lows over the season. The team seemed one match short of making something special happen, but a lot of good came from this year that will set the way for the future.

"The girls did a really good job dealing with adversity," head coach Michelle Stanford said. "They did a really good job staying focused, allowing them to stay strong."

The team had a freshman phenom, Anne Kurzweil, who went undefeated in

singles play this season. She was awarded Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year and also awarded a position on the All-Conference Second Team.

"Anne plays with a lot of poise," Stanford said. "If she's losing, you'd never notice. She has a strong sense of determination. That is something really great about her."

Only the sole senior on the team, Jordana Klein, will be leaving the Eagles next year. She played at the No. 1 spot this season. Her departure will set the Eagles back a bit, but they know to keep moving forward.

"Before we started this year, the team had high expectations," Stanford said. When asked about next year, Stanford said, "It'll be different

because we have a history in the Sun Belt. It'll help the team feel more prepared."

Before regulated play began in January, the Eagles recorded their team goals and individual goals. Every couple of weeks, the girls would check in to see their progress and where they were at. This helped keep the team level-headed and balanced, which accounts for part of their success this year.

Confidence and having a strong mentality were very important for the season. It helped lead the Eagles to a positive record and take them in the right direction.

Stanford said, "We went in blind to this competition. But knowing this team can win any match, and will win any match—it makes a huge difference."





## ATHLETICS WAS A WAY OF LIFE



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On May 9, I will head to Paulson Stadium one last time as a student of Georgia Southern University. This time, though, I won't be wearing my finest game-day dress. I won't be going to an Eagles football game. Instead, I'll don a cap and gown and walk out onto that field to receive my diploma.

I hate to get all sappy and mushy, but attending Georgia Southern was, without a doubt, the best decision I've made so far in my life. Of every choice I have ever made, I know that this one benefited me the most. Being a citizen of the Eagle Nation is something that I will always be proud of. Becoming alumni is something that I will consider an honor.

Much of the joy and excitement that college has provided for me has been a result of football, soccer, basketball and baseball games. Without Eagle Athletics, I think the time that I've been at Georgia Southern would have been really boring. I can't imagine Fall semesters without Freedom flying over the stadium, without the team charging onto the field or without the excitement of screaming fans.

Amazingly enough, I didn't really like to watch sports when I first arrived at Georgia Southern. To me, football was something my dad watched on the weekends. Since we only had a TV in our family room, my mom and I couldn't watch anything else but what my dad chose to watch. So, to us, football was a

form of torture—something neither one of us understood.

But when I came to Georgia Southern, I found that football was a way of life. It was a sport that an entire school seemed to understand, so I asked lots of questions and eventually learned the rules of the game. Understanding the game helped me figure out that it was actually an enjoyable sport to watch and I've been hooked since Fall 2012, when I attended my first Georgia Southern football game at Paulson Stadium. Eventually, I learned the rules of basketball and soccer, and now I enjoy being a spectator of those sports, too.

Being able to write about different sports and athletes has been a pleasure and a privilege for the last two semesters. I've had the opportunity to meet many of the coaches, and they have always been so willing to sit down and talk with me. Men's soccer coach Keven Kennedy is one of the friendliest people I've met at this school. He always remembers me and asks questions about what's going on in my life, even if we're out on the soccer fields during one of the team's practices. I want to thank him for always being so gracious and friendly when we meet.

I also want to thank all the athletes that I've interviewed. Many of them spoke to me when they had just finished playing a physically and mentally demanding game, when they were sweaty and would probably rather have headed to the locker rooms. But, they were always polite and talkative.

So, in just over a week, I'll walk out onto that field, holding my head high and trying not to let my heels sink into the grass. I'm beyond proud to be an Eagle, and when I walk across that stage and shake President Keel's hand, I'll feel as proud as I'm sure the football team does when they walk off the field after a victory. Except, I'll probably be shedding a few tears.

Farewell, GSU. Thanks for all the great memories. These have been the most amazing years of my life. I wish it wasn't time to leave.

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