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BORO BUCKET LIST

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How has GSU changed?

BY CHRISTOPHER CARTER
The George-Anne staff

\$1.6 million grant awarded to Georgia Southern School Of Nursing

The nursing program has been awarded a \$1.6 million grant for furthering nursing education. It was awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration to start an Advanced Practice Nurse-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners (APN-PMHNP) track which will tool nurses towards serving the mental health needs of people in rural or underserved locations.

Georgia Southern Alumnus in the running to have a show on the Travel channel

A Georgia Southern alumnus could soon be the next Travel Channel star. Blake Jeffers, a biology teacher from Collins, Ga, originally intended only to enter a contest to win a vacation but saw that the Travel Channel took video submissions for talent. After entering, he now is one of two in the running. It is largely due to votes from friends, family, and a growing fan base that he got so far. The winner will be announced this September.

White Room comes to the PLANETARIUM

BY CHRISTOPHER CARTER
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern Planetarium will be showing White Room; 02B3 a 2010 film is coming to the Georgia Southern planetarium. This is a free event and it takes place on August 19 and 20th at 5p.m. and 5:30p.m.

The planetarium can be found in the Math and

Physics building. Seating is limited and it is first come, first serve. The Planetarium's 360 degree full dome display.

The film is about six people who find themselves in a white room with no memory of how they got there. They find out that they are non consensual beings used for an experiment that could have huge implications for the future of humanity.

KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON SAFELY

by Johnny Lu



1. Always remember to lock the doors of your residence and vehicle.

2. Social media is extremely popular among the college community. Be aware of what you post and who can see your personal information.

3. Party Smartly. It is extremely important to stay cautious of your drinking habits. Drink your own drinks and be aware of your surroundings while doing so.

4. GSU offers a police escort service for those who may be studying or working late night on campus.

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WEATHER BAR

Wednesday



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Thursday



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WEATHER SLOTH



"I WISH THE RAIN WOULD LEAF ME ALONE"

REFLECTORGSU.COM LAZY GIRL STYLE GUIDE: TWO-MINUTE DO'S

by Macy Holloway

As the semester quickly rushes upon us, here at The Reflector we decided to go out and find our audience some quick "lazy girl" hairstyle tips for the upcoming months. When you're just completely over washing, drying and curling your hair every morning, take a break and throw your unwashed hair into a cute topknot.

I traveled off campus an entire five minutes over to Fair Road's own 67 Styles hair salon. The awesome Nicole, over in the back left corner, was more than willing to show us some of her favorite lazy girl styles--she called them her Two-Minute Do's.



FRENCH TWIST UP DO

Step 1 - Separate your hair into two equal sections--left and right. While separating the hair, begin at the root and french twist small strands leading toward the ends on each side.

(Note: French twists are just a simpler form of a french braid--use two strands and just pick more up as you progress backward)

Step 2 - Let the large sections of hair and twists end at the nape of the neck and put each section into a pony tale--it'll look like low pigtails.

Step 3 - Take the two pigtails and tie them in a big knot.

Step 4 - Simply begin tucking all of the leftover hair into the knot. It'll look like a wrapped up bun if done correctly.

(Note: if you've got tons of hair, after step 1 just throw your hair into a high pony or loose bun)



THE HEADBAND

Step 1 - Get an adorable headband, not too tight, and pull it over the top of your head. Let the entire band be wrapped over the top of your hair in the back and settle right above your eyebrows on your forehead.

Step 2 -Just start tucking all of your hair into the back of the headband, ends first. Your hair will create a little basket at the nape of your neck. Continue the process until all of your hair is tucked away and you look like the ladies from Great Gatsby.



HALF UP- HALF DOWN FRENCH TWIST

Step 1 - For this style, all you have to do is french twist back your bangs and the small section of hair opposite your part. Let the two meet at the middle in the back of your head- don't bobby pin yet!

Step 2 - Pick up a portion of hair at the crown of your head, about two to three inches wide and let it lay over where your two twists meet in the back. Bobby pin your twists. The small section of hair will neatly cover up the bobby pins for a sophisticated style.

With these quick two -minute hairstyles, you can roll out of bed 30 minutes before class and still look decent. You're welcome!



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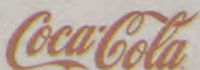
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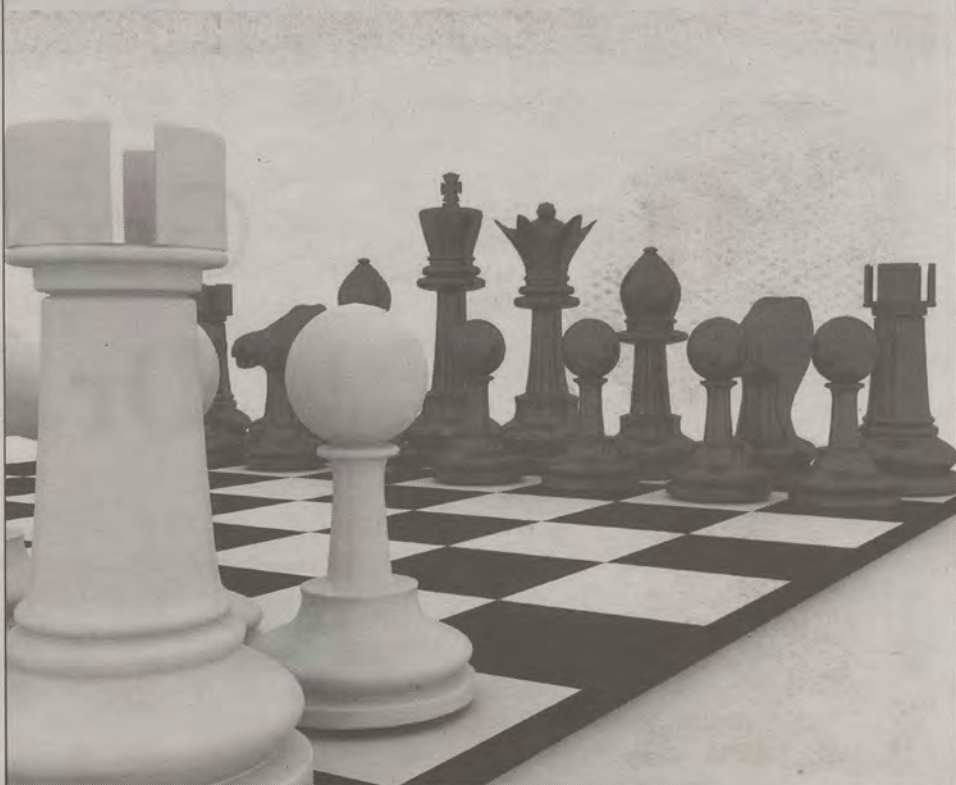
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Passing the torch to Dr. Jean Bartels

BY LAUREN GORLA
The George-Anne staff

Q Even though it is the interim position, you are the first woman to hold the president title in Georgia Southern history. Do you think this says something about women rising to lead the way in education?

Bartels: First off, I think that's one of the most exciting parts of taking on the position is being able to be the first woman to actually hold the presidency at Georgia Southern. I think women have made contributions in higher education for a long, long time, and have come forward with wonderful decisions, wonderful activities, wonderful contributions to higher education. Certainly, it speaks well I think to the increased diversity we're experiencing in all of higher education and the opportunity for any individual to serve is really a privilege. So I think that part is particularly exciting. It is kinda fun to have the title as the first woman to hold the position here at Georgia Southern.

Q Dr. Bartels is now the first woman in our presidential history. What do you think that says about women leading the way for higher education?

Keel: That fact cannot be overlooked. That is a monumental part of our history now, something I am incredibly excited about and proud of. I'm proud for Jean Bartels because she's a woman, I'm proud for Jean Bartels because she's Jean Bartels. In over 108 years she is the first female president of this university, and I think that speaks volumes about where Georgia Southern is and where Georgia Southern

Q Will you keep an open door policy as president for students or faculty to speak with you about any problems they may have?

Bartels: And I'll answer that quickly: Absolutely. The way I managed my provost position is the same way, I believe very much in transparency and also in listening to what people have to say. I learn more from having those conversations often times than any other way I can get information. So I definitely will be looking for input and ideas and thoughts that students might have, that faculty might have, that anyone associated with the institution might have, internal to us or external in the community. So absolutely. You aren't going to ask me about Twitter and selfies? (laughs)

Q Would you like to speak to Twitter and selfies?

Bartels: I'm in the process of working to find out a better way... to increase my ability to Twitter better than I do and to continue that tradition which I think is kind of fun. And there'll be an occasional selfie, I'm sure. (Laughs)

Q President Keel has frequently been praised for the way in which he has used athletics to put Georgia Southern on a national stage. He frequently says it's a front-porch mentality that if people can get on your front porch, they can look in the windows at other great things like academics. Do you agree with this way of thinking or would you have something else in mind?

Bartels: Well, I think athletics is certainly a very vital part of Georgia Southern's history and the activities that students and everyone enjoys in the community and beyond enjoys seeing about Georgia Southern. We have many open windows for the institution for people to get a look at us. You start, I think, with really extraordinarily strong academic programs and really world-class faculty and great administrators that also are attractive for people to look at because it's the important thing that we do here at the university. That said, I think athletics is extremely important too. I certainly am an athletic supporter.

Q During the nursing student tragedy, you were a speaker at the vigil and reminded the community that you were a nurse and had served as chair of the school of nursing. Did that situation prepare or shape you at all for how to handle a tragedy in the future as president?

Bartels: My background is a nurse, that's how I started my entire career, and my career took me into practice in critical care areas for most of my practice, so dealing with and responding to very difficult situations is something I feel like I've done for a long time. Every situation is new, and every situation is extraordinarily painful, and gives you more insight into what kinds of things people need and how you support them when they're faced with difficult moments in their lives. So it was a very tragic and horrible situation, touched all of us deeply, and from it I learned the things I do have done as a nurse are going to always be an important part of how I respond to any situation like that. Support people, help them to cope with the situation, and try to find a brighter future for them to perceive into.

Q How would you define what it is to be a Georgia Southern Eagle?

Keel: All the taglines that we use, from an administrative point of view being student-centered, it means that. From a university point of view of being large-scale, small-feel, it means that. From being True Blue, it means that. From being the Greatest University in America, it means that, too. This concept of Eagle Nation, I just can't over-emphasize how powerful that is. It's one of those things that you really can't describe—and if you think about it, the best things in life you can't put into words because you've got to experience.

Goodbye Dr. Keel

Q Is there any advice that you are going to give her?

Keel: I'm going to give her all kinds of advice, and I hope she doesn't pay attention to any of it. She doesn't need any advice from me. I knew as soon as she was appointed that this university was in great hands.

is going to go. I think it does open the door, and I know that fact is not lost on her. I know she is very proud of that, too, and she is in a position to establish her own legacy. There will be a search for a president here some point in time but she's not going to sit back and hold on. She's going to be making great progress here, and I think that's going to be fun to watch.

A Moment of Silence Remembering the Eagles we lost

BY KURT HANLON
The George-Anne staff

Aftermath of Michael Gatto's passing

Michael Gatto, an 18 year old freshman from Forsyth, was killed on the night of August 28 after an altercation at Rude Rudy's. Gatto, only two weeks into his freshman year, died from skull fractures and other head injuries hours after being beaten by Grant Spencer, a fellow Georgia Southern student. Spencer worked at Rude Rudy's as a bouncer, but was off duty the night of the incident. He was charged with felony murder and assault, denied bond, and is currently incarcerated within the Bulloch County Jail. No trial date has been set.

Rude Rudy's, the scene of the incident, is now permanently closed at the behest of owner Johnathan Earl Starkey, who also relinquished his alcohol license and ability to apply for another one in Statesboro. Currently, Starkey is involved in the opening of a bar at Clemson University called The Study Hall.

The Gatto's ran into

financial difficulty after Michael's passing. With over \$150,000 in medical and funeral expenses, the family reached out to Starkey about helping cover the massive cost. Unfortunately, the bar was closed and had no liquor liability insurance, excluding the option of a pay out to Michael's family.

The city of Statesboro now faces a potential \$11 million claim in damages from the Gatto family, saying that the city is at fault for failing to enforce its own alcohol laws, especially those forbidding alcohol being served to customers under 21. At this point, there is no official lawsuit, but attorneys acting on behalf of the Gatto family served the city an anti litem notice on February 20. Anti litem means "before litigation," and is required by Georgia law before a city can be sued. The family now has two years to file a suit against Statesboro.

After Michael's death, the Gatto family became active in pushing legislation that would prevent an incident such as this from happening again. The family created a petition to support the creation of

what they called "Michael's Law," which would require any establishment selling alcohol to maintain insurance, including liquor liability insurance. It would also raise the minimum age of bouncers working at bars from 18 to 21.

Their efforts were successful. House Bill 152 requires any licensed bar to be held responsible and fined for any arrest or citation arising from the bar violating alcohol laws. Also, and more significantly to underage bar-goers, no person under age 21 can enter a bar without a parent or guardian, and no bouncer employed by bars can be under age 21. House Bill 152 was signed into law on May 5, and took effect on July 1.

Moving forward after I-16 accident

On April 22, five Georgia Southern students tragically lost their lives in a seven car pileup on I-16. The wreck claimed the lives of Caitlyn Baggett, Morgan Bass, Emily Clark, Abbie Deloach and Catherine "McKay" Pittman, all junior nursing majors.

Two other students, Brittney McDaniel and Megan Richards, were injured in the crash and air lifted to the Memorial Hospital in Savannah, and have both recovered. The students were on their way to Savannah to complete their final clinical rotation at St. Joseph's Hospital.

The accident occurred at 5:45 am, near mile marker 140. A previous, unrelated accident occurring earlier in the morning had caused a traffic slow down along I-16. A semi-truck, driven by John Wayne Johnson, failed to slow and slammed through the car of Emily Clark at 68 mph, causing a chain reaction of collisions. Investigations revealed that the driver failed to brake or make any other evasive action. Four students were pronounced dead on scene, while another died at the hospital.

News of the crash quickly spread over the course of the school day, and the tragedy was confirmed in message to all students from President Keel. The University entered a state of mourning, especially along Olympic Boulevard, where many of the girls had lived with their sorority sisters.

A moment of silence and a candlelight vigil were held the next day, and the state capitol lowered its flags to half-staff in a show of support.

Since the accident, lawsuits have been filed by the families of the victims. The company that owned the truck, Total Transportation of Mississippi, its driver, John Wayne Johnson, parent company US Xpress and their insurers have all been named in the suit.

Total Transportation's driver safety record was revealed to be worse than 90 percent of other trucking companies, with over 85 crashes and 27 injuries over the past two years. No criminal charges have been filed against the driver of the truck, though a witness to the wreck told reporters that Johnson "wish he died too."

According to interviews with reporters, the families hope to send a message with this lawsuit, and ensure this doesn't happen to others. "How can I make sure that you don't receive that phone call that sends your world into a different spin," said Jimmy Deloach, father of the late Abbie.

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After petition and meetings, Confederate statue will not be removed

BY JOZSEF PAPP
The George-Anne staff

After the tragic shooting that occurred in Charleston, SC on June 17, a debate resurfaced throughout the entire United States. Symbols of the Confederacy were called into question because of pre-existing issues of race that date back to the Civil War.

In Statesboro, a confederate memorial statue stands in front of the Bulloch County Courthouse Square. James Major Woodall, 21, is a Georgia Southern political science major, who initiated a petition to have the statue removed or at least off government property after some debate on social media.

"The reason why we petition, it didn't necessary come from myself. It was a conversation that was on social media and somebody mentioned me in that conversation asking if a petition had been started. To which I responded that

"no," I was asked if I was willing to start one and I did, accordingly," Woodall said.

The statue was placed in 1906 by the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in order to honor the lives lost in the Civil War.

"The issue of the statue was not the statue in itself, it is what it represents. It represents a culture that neglects, ignores, and demeans people of color, minority descent and cultures in our country and community," Woodall said.

The petition was met with significant opposition from members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Ogeechee Rifles Camp 941 and of the Georgia chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Woodall was shocked by the claims the opposition made, especially against Georgia Southern students.

"The point that really shocked me was the fact that a lot of the community spoke

in favor of the statue. A lot of times they used the redirect that the fact of students, who don't belong here and have no voice on what, goes on Bulloch County," Woodall said. "They limit our productivity and ability to speak of these issues because we are 'students at Georgia Southern.' That is the fact that shocked me the most. As great as Georgia Southern University is, we are not allowed to discuss these issues because we are 'not from here,' so we are not community."

Woodall was supported and represented by Georgia NAACP President and Statesboro attorney Francys Johnson. During the first meeting to discuss the petition, there were tense moments between supporters of the confederate symbols and the opposition. Johnson requested that the supporters remove their confederate flags classifying the flags as the "Southern swastika".

During the second meeting on July 21, Woodall petitioned a committee to be formed, as he had done before, but, no action was taking to comply with Woodall's requests.

"We want to put that community together so we can have both sides come to the table and discuss possible solutions on how we can move forward as a community together. Unfortunately, that did not happen. The Bulloch County Commissioners decided to just act and say, 'We will just leave the issue alone because it's too divisive, challenging, and polarizing to a certain degree,' so instead of having those difficult conversations, they refused to move forward towards a more unified community," Woodall said.

After much discussion between supporters and the opposition, Commissioner

Roy Thompson made the notion for the statue to remain on the courthouse lawn. The decision was reached on Tuesday Aug. 4, after an



unanimous vote by Bulloch County commissioners.

"We continue to be unheard, we continue to be ignored and neglected. Yet, we still remain strong and consistent. This is not the end," Woodall said.

Full Plate GUIDE



Check out these local restaurant deals!

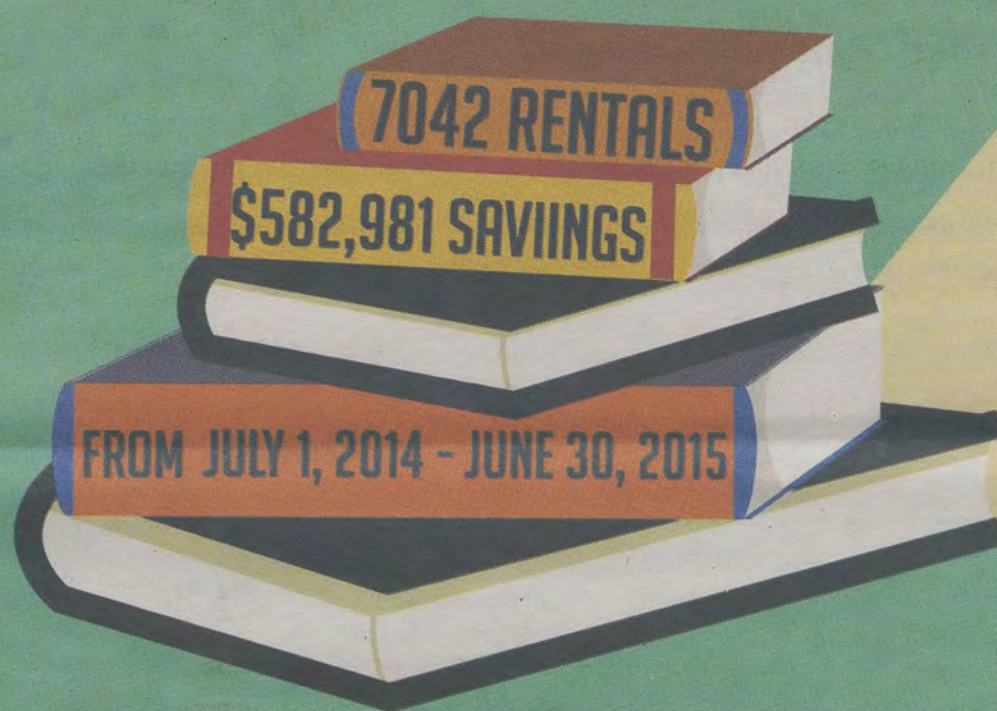
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BUCKETLIST

BY MATT SOWELL AND RASHIDA OTUNBA
The George-Anne staff

Dear freshmen,

Welcome to college. Obviously, you've made your way out of the broom closet that is your dorm room and you've had this paper thrust upon you by a student who looks as lost as you probably are. So far, you've done everything right. Statesboro is a magical place full of really interesting and fun things, but it can be a little overwhelming. Here at The George-Anne we've made an easy bucket list for you to follow before winter finals slap you in the face.

1. Sugar Magnolia's for Brunch.

Located in historic downtown, Sugar Mag's is a quaint hang out spot for students and locals alike. The hipster vibes and local food start any week off right.

2. A morning at the Farmer's Market

Saturday mornings, the farmers market is a great alternative to Walmart. It's open from 9 a.m. until 12:20 p.m. and offers everything from homemade honey to fresh vegetables. There's also stellar chocolate milk from PLACE.

3. Dinner at Zaxby's

Statesboro is the home of this famous fried chicken fast food chain, and in order to honor its history as the original chicken haven, Statesboro now houses the largest Zaxby's restaurant in America. When you're feeling burnt out on dining hall food, stop by and get your fill of wings.

4. Henderson Library

Yes, I understand that the library may not seem like the most interesting of hangout spots, but for those moments when you just want to have a momentary getaway, whether it be in the study rooms or the plush seats overlooking the pedestrian for a sublime view, the library offers a wonderful place to have some much needed rest and relaxation.

5. The Rocky Horror Picture Show

This raunchy theatrical cinematic experience happens at the Averitt Center in downtown Statesboro around Halloween. Get out of your comfort zone and go, it's a true college must. Stay tuned for dates.

6. A show at the Black Box Theatre

The Center for Arts and Theatre is a nifty place in itself, but twice a semester the Black Box Theatre opens its doors to give students an immersive play. This semester's shows are "The Pillow Man (Sept. 30—Oct. 7) and "The Mysteries: Creation" (Nov. 11-18)

7. Rock climbing at the RAC

Since Statesboro is as flat as your stomach pre beer gut, people who enjoy outdoorsy things such as mountain climbing might feel a little lost and sad. Luckily the RAC has an indoor rock climbing wall. It's a good way to unwind after a stressful Monday.

8. A day in Sweetheart Circle

When the scorching summer heat finally leaves, take an afternoon to do some homework in the middle of Sweetheart Circle. The fresh air and beautiful landscaping is iconic to Georgia Southern.

9. A long walk around the 'Boro

There are several nature trails located around campus, but perhaps the best walk is Blind Willie McTell trail. It winds from the front of campus all the way to downtown and it's a nice walk or bike ride. There's also the greenway, a straight trail that stretches two miles. In addition to this, you should also check out our very own Botanical gardens!

10. Football and tailgating

Whether you like football or not, game days are a cultural experience. The campus gets a new breath of life as students and locals celebrate by tailgating. Put on your favorite Georgia Southern gear and get involved.

11. Coffee at the Daily Grind

Right now, college is an exciting world with endless possibilities. In three months, however, it's going to be a little stressful. The Daily Grind is a cozy little coffee shop located downtown. Go in, get a chocolate banana iced coffee, and study away.

12. Raptor show

As a Georgia Southern student, the ghost of Erk Russell requires all of his followers to take a pilgrimage to the raptor center to visit freedom. In the words of the modern poet Shia LaBeouf, "Just do it."

FIVE ITEMS EVERY STUDENT NEEDS TO SURVIVE COLLEGE IN STATESBORO

BY KAT SHUMAN
The George-Anne staff

1 WATER BOTTLE 2 RAIN GEAR

If you didn't already know, August in Statesboro is HOT, and staying hydrated is crucial to beating the otherwise unbearable Statesboro heat. When choosing a water bottle, make sure that it has been designed to be durable. The sidewalks of Georgia Southern can be unforgiving on plastic tumblers and other cups that have been designed for looks alone. Purchase a water bottle that is reusable. Although buying bottled water can be convenient for a while, eventually your Dasani or Aquafina bill will leave you wishing you had taken my advice.

"I thought you just said Statesboro was hot?" It is, but Statesboro weather would be amiss if it kept a steady pattern. In Statesboro it is not uncommon for rain to begin pouring unexpectedly on an otherwise beautiful day. Statesboro also has a mini-monsoon season around March where things like umbrellas, rain boots and rain jackets will be essential additions to your everyday attire.

3 SMARTPHONE

It seems pretentious to say that all college students must have a smartphone, but there is no denying their expedience. Smartphones provide you with many obvious benefits, but they can also benefit you in a class setting. For every professor that demands your phone be turned off during their class, there is another asking you to use yours. Whether it is checking Folio, Googling information, or taking a quick picture of your professors' notes, having a smartphone can make your day much easier. It is also worth noting that investing in a second phone charger to keep in your backpack might come in handy one day.

4 PLANNER

It is true that college comes with a lot more free time than there was in high school. Rather than being stuck in school from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, you can schedule your classes at times that are convenient for you. This gives you more time to get involved with student organizations, hang out with your friends and even get a job. Most college students can relate with staying busy and trying to manage a schedule full of events like this. The best way to do this is by keeping your obligations in a planner. Whether you use an agenda or an app, keeping your schedule organized is crucial in college.

5 GOOD SHOES

If you didn't already know, (let me restate that) August in Statesboro is HOT. You will also be doing lots of walking on campus. Investing in a good pair of walking shoes will definitely pay off later. Though there is nothing wrong with a good pair of tennis shoes, an open toed shoe is the way to go in Statesboro. Think "breezy" when picking footwear for your on campus treks.

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"I use a Nalgene water bottle. It has clips that let me hook it on my book bag and a wide mouth that makes it easy to refill."

Jonathon Hall
sophomore psychology major

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"I have a Columbia Rain Coat from Belk. It folds up nicely and fits right in my book bag so I can carry it with me all the time."

Jacqueline Craig
junior international studies major

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"I recommend an Android because they are also a sturdier, cheaper and easier to use than other phones, such as the iPhone."

Andre Terrell
senior psychology major

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"I love my Blue Sky Planner. It gives me a view of the week and the month, so I always know what my schedule looks like."

Brandi Smith
sophomore math major

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"Chacos are a great shoe to use on campus because they are waterproof and have great support. They also give you unbeatable tan lines."

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WHO'S YOUR COLLEGE SOUTH PARK CHARACTER?

BY MEG ELWOOD
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University loves their students and wants them to know Designated Drivers are a must. Recently, Uber taxi has expanded their service to Statesboro and will be available this semester for an affordable and comfortable transportation option. Drinking responsibly is also important, and the 'South Park' crew are here to help. Any of these characters seem familiar?

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* ALL CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS IN THIS ARTICLE ARE BASED ON REAL ACTIONS FROM REAL COLLEGE STUDENTS AND ARE MEANT TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY...SERIOUSLY. THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE CONTAINS EDUCATIONAL FACTS GIVEN IN A RELATABLE WAY BY WHICH THE AVERAGE STUDENT'S ATTENTION SPAN IS TO BE HELD.



KENNY

Don't be a Kenny. A Kenny drinks to the point of blackout with the only form of communication being short groans and mumbles. A Kenny needs to be aware that too much alcohol leads to alcohol poisoning or death...but that won't happen right? Spoiler alert; watch any episode of 'South Park.' Don't be a dead Kenny.



ERIC

Knowing a Cartman in real life is a nightmare. When drunk, the word "water" makes them furious. Even worse, their head grows to the point where flipping the bird with a "screw you guys, I'm going home!" seems like a valid reason to driving themselves home. Bad idea. Don't be a dead Kenny remembered as a Cartman.

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**KYLE**

A Kyle contains himself while sober by brushing off snide comments from a Cartman. After a few drinks, that tolerance level grows thin, and he can snap in a way that makes it really awkward for those around him. Throwing a fit in public is never exactly cool, and may get thrown out of the bar and onto the "Wall of Shame". Keep it cool, don't be a crazy Kyle.

**STAN**

A Stan may be a bit awkward at a bar, but they are the people to go with if you plan on drinking the night away. A Stan always tries to take a lesson out of a hectic situation and be relatively calm towards a Cartman or a Kyle in tantrum mode. They are also good people to nominate as the designated driver and will be there when you need him. Always have a Stan.

**BEBE**

A Bebe enjoys the hookup culture nightlife has to offer. To a Bebe, a few shots is the magic potion to cure creepiness and bad breath. Bebe's usually assume that nothing bad will happen when going home with their frog prince, but in reality they risk getting STD's or even worse, ending up as a dead Kenny. Keep Bebe's close and care for them, don't let them go home with a complete stranger.

Bad situations when drinking are real and always possible, but very easy to avoid. Always be aware and always drink water when necessary. For a designated driver, be a Stan and download the Uber App for your smartphone today for free.

**WENDY**

Wendy's are responsible, smart and are found around Stan's. Like a Kyle, a Wendy can easily become a drama queen when their patience is tested and make a small problem huge. Be a Stan to them and the problem will be forgotten in a matter of minutes. If they continue to be fussy, buy fast food and they will be out like a light for the night.

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State of the Onion Address: GSU Dining Services, A Step Above the Rest

BY IAN LEONARD
The George-Anne staff

So many college students today are doing their best to be more fiscally responsible. The cost of school only seems to be going up, so we all have to pinch pennies every now and again. So one must wonder, with all of the expenses that students face today, why do so many universities require thousand dollar dining plans for freshman, even for those who don't wish to utilize their services? Now I

access, to \$1,978 for seven day access. You can also upgrade to add retail dining dollars, as much \$275, redeemable at over 10 locations.

Finally let's take a look at Georgia State. They offer two dining plans, priced competitively at \$1,797 for five day access or \$1,898 for seven day access. Now that sounds a little lackluster, compared to the rest of the plans we have been showcasing,

that's not all, there are exciting changes coming to Market Street Deli as well. Starting this semester they will begin utilizing freshly sliced Boar's Head products in the food, as well as offering students the chance to purchase these Boar's Head meats and cheeses by the quarter or half pound for themselves.

They will also be adding, souvenir products to concessions a t

Southern graduates, including the three head directors I spoke with. They are present at freshman orientation every year, and their nutrition director, Brittany Parham, is constantly available to speak with students about dietary restrictions and allergies.

Naturally there have been a couple bumps in the road. Yawn mentioned that part of the reason he worked closely with the SGA to bring about the Budget Bucks plan, because he knew that so many students missed the old



personally appreciate and utilize Eagle Dining on almost a daily basis, even without being required to have a plan. That being said however, obviously anyone would wonder if their money is 'going the distance' so to speak. So I set out to analyze our dining services in comparison to what other comparable schools offer.

Let's start with prices. Our freshman meal plan prices range from \$1,725 to \$1,875. Both of these plans offer 7 day access to the dining halls, as well as one hundred dining dollars and five guest passes, and three hundred dining dollars and eight guest passes respectively. You can add up to 700 more dollars for Eagle Express which can be used at well over 20 on and off campus locations.

Now let's compare this with some other Georgia schools. Georgia Tech's freshman meal plan cost \$2,248, and also offers unlimited 7 day access to their dining locations, as well as one hundred dining dollars, and one hundred and fifty dollars of their version of retail dining dollars, with 19 participating locations.

The University of Georgia has freshman meal plans ranging in cost from \$1,877 for five day

but that's only because it actually is. Seriously, that's the whole dining plan. So regardless of how you feel about Eagle Dining, just be glad that you aren't a panther.

So, our plan is priced pretty well, so what? You still have no choice but to pay for it, how can you be sure that you're getting all of the bang out of your bucks? Well, I recently sat down with the directors of Eagle Dining, and talked to them about all of the improvements they have made, and how they plan to improve as they continue towards the future.

I spoke with Jeff Yawn, executive director of Eagle Dining, Greg Crawford, director of residential dining, and Mark Braswell, director of retail brands and catering. There are a lot of exciting plans on the horizon for all of us here at Georgia Southern. As many of you may already know a new Gus Mart recently opened up in the I.T. Building. Braswell noted this was added to increase their representation on that side of campus, as well as to compliment the Market Street Deli that also currently resides in the I.T. Building. But

sporting events. Fans can now purchase, refillable souvenir cups and popcorn buckets. thirty two and two hundred ounces respectively. The Freshens at the R.A.C. will also begin serving Keurig brand coffee and selling some of the merchandise offered at the University Store and Tech Corner, such as clothes, water bottles and ear buds for the students convenience.

Also they have been working closely with the center for sustainability, providing them with compost, and in return the center has been using that compost to begin growing produce for dining services. This continues a long standing trend of dining services collaborating with other organizations on campus. They work closely with the Student Government Association, even have a standing bi-weekly meeting, and collaborated with them to create the newest dining plan option, Budget Bucks. They are a leading employer of students on campus, with over 300 student employees, and a large portion of dining services leadership is comprised of Georgia

dining plans. Yawn commented that the plan was made for students who wanted to manage their money more easily but still have a little flexibility in their budget. They have comment boxes set up at all dining halls and take student input and responses very seriously.

In addition to all of these new features there are more projects constantly in the works with dining services, Braswell has noted that they are working on the possibility of getting food trucks on campus for students. They are also continually making strides to utilize products from local companies, and obviously improving quality is always a priority.

At first I didn't fully understand all of the nuanced influences that Eagle Dining has had on my student experience. It may not be perfect, but then again, what is? After doing a little research, I have to say I'm quite content with the current state of our dining services.

What are some things you would love to see from our dining services Eagles? Tweet us your suggestions @TheGeorgeAnne. We just may show your responses in the next edition of the George-Anne!

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REMEMBERING 2014 SEASON

BY ROBERT GEORGE
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern Eagles capped off their incredible 2014 season with a ferocious defensive goal line stand to seal a 22-16 victory over Louisiana Monroe to win the Sun Belt title outright in their first season in the conference. After a 1-2 start to the season that included last minute losses to ACC foes North Carolina State and Georgia Tech, the Eagles rebounded and rattled off seven straight conference wins en route to a perfect 8-0 record in the Sun Belt.

The Eagles hosted longtime SoCon rival Appalachian State on September 25 in a nationally televised game on ESPNU. The 24,535 fans in attendance were the second largest in Paulson Stadium history, and they were not disappointed with the performance on the field. The Eagles dismantled the Mountaineers 34-14, not

allowing them to score in the first quarter or in the entire second half. Kevin Ellison and Matt Breida combined to rush for 286 yards and two touchdowns to pace the Eagles to a satisfying victory. Exactly one month later

on October 25, the Eagles traveled to the Georgia Dome to take on "the other GSU", or the school some people call Georgia State. The Eagles rocked the Panthers in a 69-31 shellacking that saw the Eagles set a new Sun Belt conference rushing record with 613 yards and 10 rushing touchdowns. It also marked the 300th win in Eagles football history.

The Eagles then closed out the season with the win over ULM at Paulson Stadium,

giving the Eagles the Sun Belt title. After injuries forced Ellison and backup quarterback Favian Upshaw out of the game, third string senior Ezayi Youyoute stepped in and ignited the offense with 81 rushing yards in the fourth quarter, giving the Eagles a 22-16 lead in the final minutes. After ULM drove down to the goal line, the Eagle defense dug in and kept the Warhawks out of the end zone.

Head Coach Willie Fritz

was named Sun Belt Coach of the Year for leading the Eagles to the conference title. Matt Breida, LB Edwin Jackson and OL Garrett Frye and Manrey Saint-Armour were named to the First Team All-Sun Belt. Kevin Ellison and FS Matt Dobson were selected for the Second Team All-Sun Belt, while L.A. Ramsby was selected to the All-Sun Belt Newcomer Team.

Fans, coaches and players alike all wanted to win and establish themselves in the new conference. Needless to say, they've done just that. As the Eagles stormed through the Sun Belt, they began to garner more attention, with people all over the nation asking who was this team from Statesboro that was destroying their opponents with a relentless rushing attack and a scrappy defense. This year's team will face new challenges, a conference familiar with their schemes, and arguably a tougher schedule, with trips to West Virginia and Georgia looming. The Eagles won't be taking anyone by surprise this season.



RYAN WOODHAM THE GEORGE-ANNE
The Eagles rushed their way to perfection in the Sun Belt in 2014

ONE GOAL IN MIND FOR OFFENSIVE STARS

BRANDON WARNOCK THE GEORGE-ANNE
The dynamic quarterback is ready to lead the team in 2015



BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX
The George-Anne staff

After shocking the college football world last season, the Eagle backfield is ready break records, win awards, and most importantly: take home a second consecutive Sun Belt Championship.

It is a different season and full of different pressures

for Head coach Willie Fritz, his staff, and players as they prepare for the start of the season against West Virginia. Last season, no one knew what to expect: The Eagles were playing in a new conference, with a new coach, and a new offensive strategy. This season, the team is coming off an undefeated Sun Belt championship

season with the best rushing attack in the country.

Junior quarterback Kevin Ellison is back to take the reins of the Georgia Southern offensive whirlwind. He stole the hearts of Eagle Nation last season as he ran and threw his way to the top of the conference. He used the offseason as a chance to improve his passing game while maintaining the integrity of the lethal rushing attack. As practices heat up Ellison is cool as ever and understands how to deal with the mounting pressure to win.

"You have to just take it one day at a time, you can't come out here thinking 'we'll win this or win that'. It all starts out here on the practice field, building team chemistry, that is where you when games," Ellison said.

Last season, Ellison was the confident and athletic leader his team needed. He rushed for 1187 yards and 12 touchdowns and raised eyebrows all over the conference. He was also a threat in the air as he passed for 1001 yards and 5 touchdowns while completing 55.47% of his passes. His effort last year allowed him to be named to the Second Team All-Sun Belt Team. Ellison has his personal and team goals set, and they

are one in the same.

"As a whole, we want to run the ball better. It's always good when you can rush for 300 yards a game, and drop back and throw for 200-300 yards. Our main focus has been to better our running game and our passing game," Ellison said.

One of the most notable returning starters on the national radar is junior running back Matt Breida. He made fissures last year as he rushed for 1495 yards and 17 touchdowns and was considered for the Doak Walker award, presented to the top running back in the FBS. His success has led to early hype for his junior year as he has been selected to Preseason First Team All-Sun Belt and is listed on the Doak Walker award watch list.

Throughout last season the offensive line would set goals for the running backs, specifically Breida. This season, nothing has changed as there are some pretty hefty requirements the O-line has placed on one of their star running backs.

"(Darian Foreman) wants me to get 2,000 yards. My goal is 200 yards per game so I have to do whatever I can this year, whether it be changing my

running style or getting extra yards at the end of each run, to help the offensive line out," Breida said.

Not all of the key starters for the Eagles played on last year's team. A prime example of this is senior offensive lineman Roscoe Byrd. After transferring from UAB after their program was shut down, the 6'3 319lb senior is stepping into a key leadership role on a relatively young and fresh offensive line.

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"MY GOAL IS 200 YARDS PER GAME SO I HAVE TO DO WHATEVER I CAN THIS YEAR..."

MATT BREIDA
Junior running back

"(Being a leader) is the type of personality I have. If I need to be a leader of a squad, I'm willing to do that. If I need to sit back and follow the leader, I'll do that too," Byrd said.

With a mixture of new and old players, one thing is certain: the stars are certainly shining bright in Statesboro.

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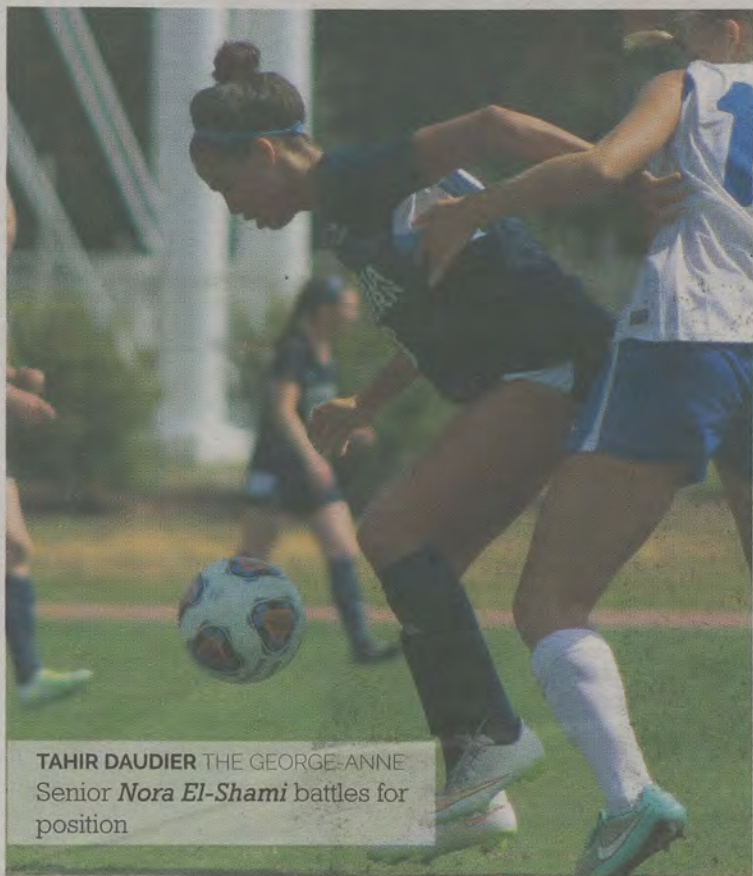


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Eagles Ready to Rock

Lukas Shines in Weekend Opener



TAHIR DAUDIER THE GEORGE-ANNE
Senior *Nora El-Shami* battles for position

BY Daniel Waugh
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University Women's Soccer team begins season two of competition play in the Sun Belt Conference. Last year, during the Eagle's inaugural Sun Belt season, the team finished with 11 wins, six losses and two ties, which was their best season since 2002. They also made it to the semifinals of the Sun Belt

Conference tournament. Out of their 11-6-2 record, they went 5-3-1 in conference play, and never lost at home, going 5-0-2 at Eagle Field in Erk Park.

Leading the Eagles will be No. 10 Nora El-Shami. Last season during her junior campaign, the recreation management major from Milton, Georgia led the team in goals and assists from the Forward position at seven apiece, and was named to the All-Sun Belt First Team.



TAHIR DAUDIER THE GEORGE-ANNE
Junior *Melinda Lukas* scored a goal in both games this weekend


This season, El-Shami is looking to take the team to new heights. By her side to assist her is No. 24, junior Forward Melinda Lukas. Last season, Lukas scored six goals, and four of those goals were game-winners scored in clutch situations. She was also named to the All-Sun

Belt Second Team for the 2014 season. Both El-Shami and Lukas were named to this year's Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference Team.

In preparation for the 2015 season, the Lady Eagles competed in two exhibition games over the weekend. They defeated The Citadel

on Friday 5-1 and defeated North Georgia on Sunday 2-0. Melinda Lukas scored a goal in each game.

The regular season home opener is at Eagle Field this Friday, August 21 against Jacksonville University at 7 p.m.

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