Audit: McClure traveled to cancelled event

BY TJ JACKSON
George-Anne staff

Writing and linguistics professor Randall McClure's report from audit services revealed that he did not follow proper university travel procedure before being charged in November with theft by deception.

Audit and Advisory Services was asked to review travel expenses for McClure regarding his trip to Ohio for the Writing Assessment Symposium at Kent State University. Although the symposium was cancelled, as well as the check for a $2,000 registration fee, Accounts Payable received McClure's hotel bill, car rental and other travel documentation indicating that he took the trip, according to the audit report.

On May 16, 2011, Dr. Michael Smith, the dean of College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, signed off on McClure's symposium trip from June 20 to July 1, 2011. McClure did not inform Smith that the symposium had been cancelled, according to the audit report.

After taking the trip, McClure submitted a Travel Expense Statement for a travel advance in a total amount of $2,746.93 to Accounts Payable on May 26, 2011 that included lodging, airfare and car rental expenses. McClure's trip lasted from June 19 to July 3, 2011, according to the audit report.

McClure met with Dr. Brian Huot, who was in charge of the symposium only on the morning of June 20, 2011, even though McClure did not receive approval from Smith to travel to meet with Huot at Kent State University, according to the audit report.

McClure stayed at a hotel in Ohio with three other guests, totaling a bill of $1,018.15. When McClure was questioned by Students opinion divided after professor's arrest

BY LINDSAY GASKINS
George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University students have varying opinions to news that Lance Durden, a biology professor at GSU, will to continue teach after being arrested for animal cruelty.

"I don't think that is a good look for our school; granted, everyone needs their job, but this is a little more serious than how people are taking it," said Ashlei Perkins, senior Early Childhood Education major.

"Durden shouldn't lose his job, but he should definitely not be in the same position as he is now," said Perkins.

"I don't think Georgia Southern should be hiring people who hurt animals," said Perkins.

Durden was charged with one count of animal cruelty while walking his dog on Dec. 28 after ordering his dog to capture and harm a cat that was trying to get away, according to the GSU Department of Public Safety police report.

Durden was then transferred to Bulloch County Jail where he was later released, according to the Bulloch County Sheriff's Office.

Georgia Southern will continue to handle this matter appropriately, said Christian Flathman, Director Administrative of Marketing and Communication.

"The incidence is continuing to be investigated and Georgia Southern will take appropriate internal action based on the findings of the investigation and criminal process," said Flathman.

Other students believe that Durden should face some sort of suspension for his actions, said Amanda Korponay, sophomore biology major.

"I think he should be on some type of probation given the circumstance and he shouldn't be teaching classes dealing with animals," said Korponay.

"He should at least have to have community service and maybe even community service at an animal shelter," said Joni Nicole Poole, sophomore psychology major.

Durden is set to continue teaching his classes for this fall semester, said Flathman.

Flathman said, "(Durden) will continue to be a full time professor and teach his classes as scheduled."
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Students react to SOPA and PIPA

“I think it violates the first amendment, personally. Especially in this district, especially with my political views, I don’t believe my voice is going to be as prevalent because we are a traditional conservative state and the republicans are going to fight for the bill.”

-Jeffery Jackson, graduate student of public administration

“I think it’s a good idea because everyone uses these websites and it comes to everyone’s benefit. If the government wants to get involved and get rid of them, I don’t agree with that.”

-Shannon Rhodes, sophomore chemistry major

“I don’t like it at all. I don’t want the government to take control like that.”

-Daniel Lee, freshman undeclared

“Actually, I sat on Wikipedia and refreshed it exactly at midnight. I feel like that the government is trying a bit too much. The internet is huge and it’s really integrated in society right now. We aren’t used to censorship.”

-Ashley Washington, sophomore psychology major

“The bill needs to be revised. They need to do a better job of protecting the stuff they’re worried about. If we can get into anything, it’s their responsibility to protect it. If they are really worried, they could come up with a better way to keep people away that have current access.”

-Dominic Armeni, sophomore undeclared

“I don’t think that the government should have control over the media.”

-Savannah Mathis, sophomore biology major

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Our View

Pay attention to Giuliani's GSU visit

Former mayor of New York City Rudy Giuliani will be speak at Georgia Southern University on March 28. With a presentation titled "Principled Leadership: In the Face of Change and Crisis," Giuliani is the latest in a line of notable and respected speakers that have come to GSU, including Angela Davis, Bill Ayers and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Giuliani was praised for his leadership as the mayor of New York following the terrorist attacks on 9/11 — a major event for most, if not all students at GSU, who have grown up in the years immediately following the attacks.

We highly encourage students at GSU to attend this event, especially considering that the 5000 available seats are free.

There are two clear reasons to attend. First off, the experiences of Giuliani, especially in the wake of 9/11, serve as a valuable look at one of the most pivotal moments of our generation. While the post-9/11 world we have grown up in has shaped our perception of the event into a political tool, there is no doubt that Giuliani's perspective is one that should be heard.

Second, students should pay attention to the leadership aspect of his presentation. Many of us are focusing on an education that will land us a solid career in the midst of America, but we should also be able to set our sights on positions of leadership and direction.

Weekly SGA Column

Resources are available to you

Let me start by extending a sincere "Welcome" to all first semester freshman and transfer students and a "Welcome Back" to students, faculty, staff and administration.

I hope you all enjoyed the lengthy break that we had and are all rejuvenated for the 2012 Spring Semester here at GSU. I like to start each semester off by reminding students of many of the resources that are available to them.

SGA, along with several other departments across campus, seek to do all that is possible to make life around campus as pleasurable as possible for you. With this in mind let me refresh you on a few things that you may want to take advantage of as we break into this New Year and set our plans into motion to "Excel in 2012."

For those of you that had set our resolutions to drop some weight or to tone up those abs this year I would like to encourage you to pay a visit to our Recreation Activity Center. The RAC offers amazing group fitness classes, specialized programs, and personal trainers that are all there to help you in your quest to become a more Physically "Well" individual.

After burning some calories at the gym let us not forget the importance of our academics.

To assist students that find themselves struggling in certain subject areas, the Academic Success Center is located in Cone Hall for your support.

I would also like to encourage all students to take advantage of the ShuttleGus program that is sponsored by the SGA. Each weekend SGA offers a free shuttle service that provides a safe ride for students that find themselves in social setting where alcohol is involved.

This service seeks to keep our entire community safe by eliminating the need to drive while under the influence of alcohol.

To request a ride just call 912-GSU-RIDE on any Friday or Saturday night between the hours of 10pm and 2am. We also provide a free legal aid service to students across the campus. We provide you with the ability to set up a FREE consultation with a practicing attorney.

Troy Marsh is the attorney that provides this assistance to students. If you are ever in need of legal advice he will be more than happy to assist you. For more information on scheduling a consultation with him please visit www.georgiasouthernsga.com.

Again I say Welcome and Welcome Back to what our President calls "The greatest university in America!"

As the advocate for students we look forward to working with each of you and invite you to come and visit us in our new home on the second floor of the Russell Union. We look forward to seeing you soon!

*Standifer is a senior middle grades education major from Monticello, Ga. He is the president of SGA.*
SOPA must be stopped

What is going on with America now a days? I thought they were having troubles with online Government censorship in China, but never thought that would be a problem in the US of A.

Many of you were probably unaware of SOPA and PIPA until Wednesday’s massive online blackouts by big names such as Wikipedia and Google. This bill (submitted by a Texas Republican, Lamar Smith) is aimed towards stopping online piracy through censorship. What are they thinking?!

If we allow Congress to pass a bill to censor certain sites they deem to be worthy of censorship, that’s to stop this freedom—or lack thereof—from expanding to our personal blogs and social media sites. Piracy is a big deal with the exponential growth of information available on the Internet now, but isn’t it such a large problem that we should have to resort to censorship?

The music stars, TV stars and all others affected by the rise in piracy aren’t the ones suffering. They still make the big bucks, while we are the ones who are trying to make our personal blogs and social media sites. Piracy is a huge infringement on our rights and I feel it will only serve as a stepping-stone for further expansions of bills such as these in the future.

If we allow for our rights to be eroded over time, we won’t have a rock to stand on when we find ourselves without them. It’s up to us to stand up for our rights and make our voices heard.

There are multiple petitions you can sign online. Look up SOPA on Google and I guarantee that one of the petitions will come up.

Contact your Representative and let them know that if they support this bill, they do not speak for you. Barrow (SOPA co-sponsor), Isakson and Chambliss (PIPA supporters) need to hear our voice. Stand up and speak out.

Rob Roberts is a senior public relations major from Warner Robins, Ga.

Pipeline delay is foolish

In a controversial decision yesterday, President Obama and his administration announced that the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline was to be denied on the grounds that it is not in the nation’s best interest to put a pipeline through a sensitive aquifer in Nebraska.

While conservation of this aquifer is important, what this country needs is jobs. The proposed pipeline would create over 20,000 jobs constructing and maintaining the pipeline, which would stretch from Hardisty, Canada to Port Arthur, Texas.

It would also take off the strain that the Middle East has on our oil prices by diminishing their share in U.S. oil sales.

The pipeline would also grant us more energy security. While the majority of our oil already comes from Canada, we still rely heavily on oil that comes from or moves through unfriendly countries.

Venezuela, whose president Hugo Chavez is a socialist wannabe dictator, supplies the United States with over 10% of our imported oil and might stop if we aid our Columbian allies.

Also, while Saudi Arabia is happy to sell us their oil, it must pass through the dangerous Strait of Hormuz which Iran’s military is ready to close due to our sanctions on their bank and nuclear system. If the Strait is closed, gas prices will go up to over $6 a gallon.

With us dragging our feet to get this approved, China is looking more and more promising to the Canadians every day.

They have already put in a bid to move the pipeline from North to South through America to run East to West and shipped over to China for refinement and distribution.

This would be a lose-lose-lose for us because we would lose the jobs and the oil to our biggest competitor, and environmentalists would lose because the oil would still be extracted and more supertankers would be crossing the Pacific Ocean to deal with the increase in supply.

The Obama administration insists that the reason they will not grant the oil company permission to build is because it is not in the best interest of the country to do so.

However, I believe that it is simply not in the best interest of Jimmy Carter 2.0’s campaign pocketbook. This pipeline is in direct competition with the green energy companies that funded Obama’s campaign in 2008 and will be in the 2012 campaign.

So far, green energy companies alone have donated over $55 million in campaign money according to IWatch News analysis.

And I thought there wasn’t going to be any lobbying in the White House under this president. Just another campaign lie and a check in the loss column for Captain Hopenchange.

Chapin is a political science major from Roswell, Ga.

You Deserve to Sleep In Comfort!

- Fritz Chapin,
George-Anne Columnist
First week shows need for expansion

The first week of classes bring about much stress for all students, and even faculty. Expensive textbooks must be purchased, waking up before 12 p.m. becomes mandatory and everywhere on campus is over-flooded with students.

We all know that Georgia Southern University is a school that is growing, but evidence of the fact that it is literally busting at the seams is shown during the first week.

Buses become impossible to catch unless you elbow your way past your fellow students. The pedestrian becomes a hazard zone where your fear of being run over by another person or a bicyclist becomes a reality. What can be done to fix this?

First off, students should go to class more often. Huge amounts of money should not be spent on an education if you do not appreciate it enough to go to class. Also, the rapid growth of our population should be matched with growth of our campus and resources to get around campus.

The Forest Drive building feels like a cardboard box, and Newton has had ants throughout it at times. With the tuition prices we’re paying, surely we can afford some more efficient space to honor the reputation of GSU.

Curington is a writing and linguistics major from Warner Robins, Ga.

Letters to the Editor

Representing other colleges acceptable

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the Our View section from the Jan. 17 edition of the George-Anne.

I love Georgia Southern. The students, faculty and staff are some of the kindest, most helpful and respectful people I’ve met. I love the friends I have here. I’m so glad to be a part of the music department and proud of its accomplishments. And I must mention our football team is a blast to watch (One more time!).

That being said, I have more clothes than just GSU apparel. And yes, some of it has the mascot or name of another college or university on it. You want to know why? I support the people I love the most. My best friend goes to UGA. My boyfriend attends GA Tech. My other awesome friends from home go to Berry, to Covenant College, Brewton-Parker College, etc.

Yeah, I may want a shirt with a dawg on it, or wear my GA Tech Yellow Jackets hoodie (Okay, okay, it’s not mine, I’ll admit that I “borrowed” it from the boyfriend). I believe that a lot of GSU students can agree that, while we support our loved ones who attend other schools, we also still love, root for, and are proud of Georgia Southern. Why else would we be working our bottoms off to get a degree here or cheer on game day?

There are also some Georgia Tech students on campus going through the G-Trep program, future engineers who are working extremely hard to do work for two different campuses with two completely different schedules and different sets of professors. Who am I to hate on them for wearing Tech some days instead of Southern? I say, let them have their pick.

If you don’t like my Tech hoodie today, tough. I’ll wear GSU tomorrow, just like yesterday.

Sincerely,

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Health Services to construct new facilities

BY COURTNEY ESCHER
George-Anne staff

Health Services plans to more than double the size of its facilities in the next three to four years.

"The ideal goal would be to have the new facility up and running in two years. However, we know that realistically we can expect it in three years. The worst case scenario would push the project back one more year," said Director of Health Services Paul Ferguson.

Built in 1976, the Health Center was originally designed as an infirmary for not only students of Georgia Southern University, but members of the community as well.

Health Services has spent $1 million in the past year just to maintain the infrastructure of the building. However, maintaining infrastructure is not enough to keep up with the growing campus, said Ferguson.

Health Services sees about 150 students each day and its facilities cannot keep up with the demand of its services, said Ferguson.

The renovation would pay for itself almost entirely. Also, fees for the new Health Services will not come into effect until the students can use the new facilities, said Ferguson.

"The students come first," said Ferguson. "If there is a new facility fee it would not go into effect until students can use the new facilities."

The Health Center has become a network healthcare provider, meaning that students utilizing their facilities receive practically free healthcare. This also means that the money the Health Center makes from third party insurance will pay for the new building, said Ferguson.

"We needed to position ourselves, with the economy and all, such that when we build the new Health Center it will be affordable. However, when it's done it will be cost effective because healthcare is already affordable," said Ferguson.

The plans to build the new Health Services are currently under review by the board of regents. Once the board approves the plans to go forward, Health Services will continue to work towards the new facilities, said Ferguson.

"It is a work in progress," said Ferguson. "But we need to get it done as quickly as we can because the school will continue to grow."

There is a conceptual idea of what the staff would like to see in the new Health Services building, but no schematics have been made yet, said Ferguson.

"I would like to see three stories, somewhere more central to campus and the dorms. We want to include a separate floor for counseling and the women's center. Also, having a more easily accessible parking lot is ideal," said Ferguson.

Students expressed their opinions about a more centralized and more easily accessed Health Center.

"I think it's a really good idea because it'll be more convenient, and when you're sick you want to drive there," said Kera Sumner, freshman chemistry major.

"Fewer hoops to jump through. I had to crawl to the Health Center once and came back in five hours. So, having new facilities and walk-ins would be great," said Elizabeth Horne, freshman mass communications major.

The old Health Services facilities will remain on campus as opposed to being torn down.

"The great part about keeping the old buildings is that now someone else can use them and the students won't have to pay for more new buildings. Some of these temporary buildings like ROTC could make great use of these facilities. To be honest, this building would be a better office building than medical center," said Ferguson.

Health Services is meeting with SGA and the board of regents to approve construction of the new facilities next week.
Dean Lewis to leave GSU

BY COURTNEY ESCHER and TJ JACKSON
George-Anne staff

At last night’s SGA meeting, President Alton Standifer announced that Georj Lewis, dean of students and enrollment management, would be leaving Georgia Southern University in late February.

“It’s been a lot of work, but it doesn’t feel like work to me because I enjoy it so much and I’m working with good people and students who want to do better,” said Lewis.

Lewis will be leaving to hold the position as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Indiana University in Gary, Indiana, said Lewis.

“This title will be similar to being a vice president here,” said Lewis.

He was offered his new position over the winter holiday break, said Lewis.

No one has been chosen yet to resume Lewis’ position as Dean of Students, but Lewis assumes that a successor will be found soon.

Lewis wishes to be involved in the process of finding a successor to resume his position.

“Right now I hope to make a smooth transition and help figure out who the successor serves as an interim or is hired from the outside,” said Lewis.

Lewis gives his regards to his students and will continue to mentor them for the next six weeks.

“I want to make sure that the students are in the best position and I want to be an advocate for them,” said Lewis. “I want to implement the great services that we (the university) have.”

The best moments during his career involved working with students, said Lewis.

“Small things like students coming up to me at the end of their careers and thanking me has meant a lot,” said Lewis.

Lewis is a GSU graduate who earned his doctorate in higher education leadership and has been working at the university for ten years.

“It was important to me to get my education and serve students,” said Lewis.

“I have a dream job and a dream career — to be able to do something that you love and don’t mind getting up to do. So, that makes everything good,” said Lewis.

Lewis said, “Everyday there’s difficulties, but it’s natural because this is such a great place and that’s what I do — work with students.”

DEAN LEWIS

I have a dream job and a dream career — to be able to do something that you love doing and don’t mind getting up to do. So, that makes everything good, everyday there’s difficulties, but it’s natural because this is such a great place and that’s what I do — work with students.

—Dean Georj Lewis,
Dean of Students

MCCLURE, from page 1

Accounts Payable as to why he got a two-bedroom suite, McClure stated that it came with a kitchen and he was trying to save money because his department does not reimburse faculty for meals while on travel status, according to the audit report.

A mid-size Chevy Malibu or similar car was reserved for McClure for an amount of $417.26 pre-paid through Travel Expense Statement. However, McClure returned in a receipt for a white Chrysler Town and Country minivan.

When questioned by Accounts Payable for an explanation for the van rental, McClure said that small cars “freak him out.” The minivan rental cost was $435.39, according to the audit report.

According to McClure’s public Facebook profile, it appeared that Dr. McClure is from Hudson, Ohio, approximately 10 miles from Kent State University and five miles from the hotel McClure stayed at, according to the audit.

“Dr. McClure is currently employed with the university,” said Christian Flathman, director administrative of marketing and communications. “He is teaching three online classes currently this semester.”

Dr. Phyllis Dallas, current writing and linguistics interim chair, declined to comment.

Jess Johnson, McClure’s lawyer, also had no comment.

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Campus Club to become Freedom’s Landing

BY TAYLOR COOPER
George-Anne staff

Campus Club, an apartment complex on Lanier Drive near Paulson Stadium, will be converted to a dormitory and reopened as Freedom’s Landing in time for the fall 2012 semester.

The apartment complex is occupied primarily by students, said John Coleman, Assistant Director for Administrative Services. “There are some people who aren’t students currently living there, but the only people who will be able to live out there later this year are Georgia Southern students,” said Coleman. “Current residents will continue with their leases until the end of July.”

Students who are currently living in Campus Club will be given an opportunity to reserve their current rooms for fall semester this month, said Coleman.

No serious structural changes are going to be made to the apartment complex, said Coleman.

“We’re doing some minor work, mostly structural, we’re putting in the wireless internet that is the same as other dorms, we’re bringing in Georgia Southern’s TV channels and repainting the parking lot lines,” said Coleman.

The transition to a dormitory will open more on-campus job opportunities for students.

“We do hiring for community leaders every year, and we will be hiring for Campus Club the same way,” said Coleman.

Many students have responded in favor of the change from Campus Club to Freedom’s Flight because of the space for new on-campus housing, but have varying opinions of the current residents having to find new places to live.

“It’s not really fair to the people that live there, but there is a growing demand for dorms. There’s a good and bad side to it,” said Kevin Seymour, a sophomore business education major.

“It should be for the students. If students need housing then they should be given the opportunity to get it,” said Jim Sanders, a senior engineering major.

“I think it’s alright. I think they (students) deserve somewhere to live, but it’s also hard to find somewhere new to live,” said Winston Crosse, a freshman business major.

Michael Stokes, sophomore marketing major said “The school is getting bigger and needs more dorms. I think its OK.”
New year brings about healthy changes at GSU

BY SAMARIA VINCENT
George-Anne staff

The tradition of making New Year’s resolutions started in Rome during the later years of B.C.E. In its beginnings, resolutions were created as a means of purification. Individuals fasted and prayed for hours on end. Today, New Year’s resolutions have become less strict and ceremonial, but the purpose continues to be used as a way to purify and improve oneself for the New Year.

A popular resolution that students make for New Year’s is to improve their health and wellness.

The RAC provides numerous options on helping you stick to your health and wellness goals for the new year.

“The RAC provides a wellness newsletter that students can receive via their Georgia Southern e-mail accounts that gives tips and information on their overall wellness. It includes healthy eating tips and other information on overall wellness. There are also over 60 group fit classes. The group fit instructors are there to help you — if you need help doing something, they will assist you. Sometimes it is easy when you have someone else there helping you through your workout, and the group fit instructors provide that,” said RAC employee Katie Fox, junior history major.

Fox advises students to write everything down as a way to stick their goals.

“Write down everything — when you worked out, what you did and how many calories you have eaten. There are so many apps and other resources that help you keep track and help you with your wellness goals.”

Justin Copeland, freshman biology pre-med major, and Travis Daiss, freshman political science major, shared their New Year’s resolutions. Copeland made a resolution to weigh 200 pounds, bench 350 pounds, squat 150 pounds and dead-lift 475 pounds. Travis’ goal is to bench 350 pounds and squat 405 pounds. They plan to do so by working out and following the guidelines in a book they purchased on diet and exercise.

Copeland said his inspiration was to, “do well at the Show of Strength” and Daiss’ was “the mirror.”

Activities at the RAC do not have to be limited to just physical health. Elaine Eagen is a junior history major and exchange student from Canada. During one of her first visits to the RAC she said, “This is more a social activity for me. A lot of the international students come here as a way to hang out and so that is why I am here.”

Emily Edwards and Anya Salzgeber were also at the RAC. The second year graduate students are studying sports psychology. They came for a quick work out between classes. Although neither have specific resolutions for the new year, they both have advice for those who do.

“It is important to do what you like — and even when it’s hard, do your best to stick to it,” said Edwards.

“Listening to music and little rewards will help you stay on track with your goals,” said Salzgeber.

The RAC is not the only place that helps you stay healthy and fit this year. Different eating establishments on campus provide a way to stay healthy.

Oasis, which is located in the RAC, sells pita pizzas, wraps, salads, power bagels and variety of healthy smoothies and shakes that will help you with whatever your goal is from losing weight, to gaining energy and muscle mass.

Landrum Dining Center gives students a salad and vegetable option when choosing a meal. The subs and salad station located in Lakeside Cafe gives students healthier options such as side salads, low-fat snacks or a piece of fruit along with water. The Market at Centennial has many healthy options including granola bars, salads, low-calorie snacks, fruits, microwavable dinners, smoothies and drinks.

Einstein Bros. Bagels provides numerous meal options that include salads, soups, wraps and sandwiches. The lighter side menu has dishes with 400 calories or less which include a bagel thin BLT sandwich with avocado, turkey, tuna, turkey chili bowl, egg white sandwich with bacon, turkey sausage or mushroom and swiss. Fruit salad and yogurt parfait are also part of the menu.

Talons Grille provides healthy alternatives like adding vegetables on pizza, ordering a salad or having a side of vegetables with your meal.

Starbucks offers health choices with the option to have a sugar substitute or low-fat milk.

Cold Stone Creamery also includes health options with energy smoothies and healthy choice ice cream.

Chick-fil-A healthy options include, but are not limited to the Chargrilled Chicken Sandwich, which is 300 calories, A Chargrilled Chicken Cool Wrap that is 410 calories, the Chick-fil-A Chicken-n-Strips salad with 470 calories, and the 8-count Chick-fil-A* nuggets with 260 calories. Healthy side items include a fruit cup and a side salad which are both 70 calories. Healthy drink options include both unsweetened tea, which has no calories, and diet lemonade with only has twenty calories.

“New Year’s resolutions are important. They allow you to get a grasp of what you did last year, what you can improve on and how to do so,” said Michael Samiratedu, junior chemistry pre-med major.
Dan Cummins to bring the funny to GSU

BY GIANNA CARME
George-Anne Staff

Comedian Dan Cummins will bring laughter to students and staff as he makes his second visit to Georgia Southern University.

Cummins has been featured on various Comedy Central shows including “Comedy Central Presents Dan Cummins” and “Crazy with a Capital F.” He has also made other televised appearances on “The Late, Late Show,” “The Tonight Show,” and “Last Comic Standing.”

In addition to his stand-up appearances, Cummins has released two comedic CDs, “Revenge is Near” and “Crazy with a Capital F.” Both of which debuted in the top 10 on the Billboard Comedy Charts.

“Cummins has been to GSU and had a pretty good reception,” said Paul Bupe, junior electrical engineering major and web and multimedia coordinator of Eagle Entertainment.

Eagle Entertainment hosted Cummins in September 2009. His performance and positive student reaction influenced Eagle Entertainment’s decision to bring him back this semester.

Students are excited for Cummins’ performance.

“I am ecstatic about it,” said Brittneay Maclin. “He came my freshman year and he was really good. I will definitely be going.”

“I am excited about coming here again,” said Cummins. “I was so impressed with the crowd last time.”

Dan Cummins will perform tonight at 8 p.m. in the Williams Center. The event is free of charge.

The Buzz List

Websites such as Wikipedia and Reddit were blocked yesterday to protest SOPA. I rediscovered this about 20 times when I went to look something up. Hope everyone got their unreliable “facts” for homework a day sooner.

Jay-Z reportedly laid off half of his staff at Rocawear the day that his daughter Blue Ivy was born. Sorry folks, but Rocawear is not making any money nowadays and celebrity kids cost a fortune to maintain and show to photographers.

Paula Dean announced that she has type-two diabetes, and she has also become the spokesperson for the disease. So a woman who lives her life selling fatty food recipes is also making a living off of the disease caused by those recipes. Talk about living a double life.

A Former employee at a Philadelphia McDonalds uploaded a video of rats scurrying over and around hamburger buns. New speculations inform us that the rats were then offered jobs at Burger King.

Another viral video has surfaced. “S&!t ‘Modern Family’s’ Lily Says” has become a big hit on the internet. The saga will continue next week with “S&!t People Will Watch on YouTube.”

Information compiled by Arts Editor Quaniqua Epps, Assistant Arts Editor Gianna Carme and Views Editor Alex LaSalle from TheHollywoodReporter.com.
Applebee’s
-Jammin’ Thursday with DJ Jammin Jm 10 p.m.
Dos Primos
-Karaoke, 9 p.m.
The Grill
-Dance Night, 9 p.m.
KBob Kelly’s
-Karaoke, 10 p.m.
Rude Rudy’s
-Dance Night with DJ, 9 p.m.
Dingus Magee’s
-Tent City (Performing)
-Happy Hour, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Ruby Tuesday
-$5 appetizer, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
-$1 off drafts and wine, 9 p.m. to close
El Sombrero Downtown
-Happy Hour, 5-7 p.m.
-Big Beer $3
-Domestic $2
-Wells $2.25
-Well Shots $2

Applebee’s
-Trivia, 10 p.m.
Averritt Center for the Arts
-“Feathers, Flappers, & Follies” silent auction and fundraising event to benefit the Averritt Center, 7 p.m.
-$60 per person
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Gata’s (formally Buffalo’s)
-Aer & Ballyhoo, 8:30 p.m.
Gnat’s Landing
-Familiar Faces, 10 p.m.
The Grill
-Ladies Night, 9 p.m.
Millhouse
-Cutthroat Cowboys, 9 p.m.
Rude Rudy’s
-Dance Night with DJ, 9 p.m.
Dingus Magee’s
-Other Brothers (Performing)
Ruby Tuesday
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El Sombrero Downtown
-Happy Hour, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
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Applebee’s
-Do Good DJ’s, 10 p.m.
Averritt Center for the Arts
-2012 Praise Dance Exchange 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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Dos Primos
-Stoneheart 10 p.m.
Gata’s
-Concrete Jumpsuit, 10 p.m.
Millhouse
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Dingus Magee’s
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**SUNDAY**

**KBob Kelly's**
- Trivia with Mike, 7 p.m.

**GSU Performing Arts Center**
- Composer Marvin Hamlisch in concert
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**Ruby Tuesday**
- $5 appetizer, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- $1 off drafts and wine 9 p.m. to close

**El Sombrero Downtown**
- Happy Hour, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Big Beer $3
- Domestic $2
- Wells $2.25
- Well Shots $2

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**MONDAY**

**Dos Primos**
- Poker, 8 p.m.

**KBob Kelly's**
- Cornhole Tourney, 8 p.m.

**Southern Billiards & Burgers**
- 9 Ball Tourney, 7 p.m.
- $10 buy-in

**Dingus Magee's**
- Beer and Wings, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Ruby Tuesday**
- $5 appetizer 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- $1 off drafts and wine, 9 p.m. to close

**El Sombrero Downtown**
- Happy Hour, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Big Beer $3
- Domestic $2
- Wells $2.25
- Well Shots $2
- Special Margarita $2

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**TUESDAY**

**Applebee's**
- Karaoke, 10 p.m. to close

**Gata's**
- Beer Pong Tourney, 7 p.m.

**Dos Primos**
- Poker, 8 p.m.

**Carol A. Carter Recital Hall (Foy Fine Arts)**
- Georgia Southern Symphony Concerto Competition 6 p.m.

**Retrievers**
- Trivia, 6 p.m.

**Russel Union (room 2047)**
- Miss Georgia Southern University interest meeting, 7 p.m.

**Starbucks (Russel Union)**
- Unplugged (Open Mic Night), 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**Ruby Tuesday**
- $5 appetizer 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
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Recital hall to be rededicated

Ceremony to honor Carol A. Carter building on Jan. 21 at 3:00 p.m.

BY AMBER GORDON
George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University history will be celebrated as GSU students, faculty and residents of the Statesboro community gather together to rededicate the Carol A. Carter Recital Hall on January 21st.

"Carol Carter is actually from Statesboro. She was born in Bulloch County in 1950. She's a graduate of Statesboro High School and went to Wesleyan College. She was a music major and a great supporter of music in Statesboro," said Andrea Bennett, CLASS director of Communication and Outreach.

Carol Carter is very significant to GSU for her donation to the music department that has helped to fund scholarships for many music majors. Although donated in her honor, the money did not come from Carter herself. The endowment was given to GSU from Carol's sister-in-law Mildred Jenkins-Carter.

"It was a $500,000 endowment and it established the Carol A. Carter scholarship fund and obtained the hall in Carol's name," said Bennett.

The guest of honor during the ceremony, Harry Carter, has also had a large part in GSU history and has contributed to the success of the university.

"Dr. Harry Carter is Carol A. Carter's son and he is a huge supporter of Georgia Southern. He taught here and served as Vice President of Academic Affairs. Then he was the interim president two different times. My understanding is that Dr. Carter went to his aunt to ask for a donation to give to Georgia Southern in his mother's name," said Bennett.

The Foy building, which houses Georgia Southern's Department of Music, has gone through extensive renovations from 1999 to 2005. The hall was originally built in the '60s, before it was dedicated to Carol A. Carter. By the time it was 1999, the building was out-of-date, but thanks to the endowment, the school was able to have the building remodeled.

"They hired architects and acoustic specialists and they worked with Dr. Allen Henderson who's still a part of music faculty now," said Bennett. "They went in and completely gutted the thing. It was completed in 2005. There were ceremonies held to commemorate the renovations to the Foy building, nothing was done for the music hall."

The rededication of the recital hall, which takes place at 3:00 p.m. on Jan. 21st, will bring together over 260 people from all over the community to honor the memory of Carol Carter and her family, as well as to show appreciation for the renovations done to the recital hall over the years.

"It's going to feature Kaiser Ainiwaer playing piano, then Natasha Martin will also play piano, followed by Michael Thomas playing trumpet and then Kaiser will also be playing with three members of the string quartet. When selecting the groups to perform, we were thinking, 'What students do we have that best showcase the space and these amazing acoustics?'" said Bennett.

Directors of the event, and Carol's family and close friends, are really looking forward to celebrating the hall and Carol's memory.

"What we're doing is celebrating this great hall and the great change to the space," said Bennett. "You have to understand that something outdated in a place that was used to hold classes now is a premier concert venue."

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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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By Don Gagliardo and C.C. Burnikel
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FRIDAY 1.20.2012

7 PM and 9 PM

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WEDNESDAY 1.25.2012

7 PM

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7 PM and 9 PM

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RUSSELL UNION THEATER
Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities.


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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION
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Dick Gregory was on the frontline in the 1960’s during the Civil Rights Era; today he continues to be a “drum major for justice and equality.” Born Richard Claxton Gregory on Oct. 12, 1932, Gregory is an African American comedian and civil rights activist whose social satire changed the way white Americans perceived African American comedians since he first performed in public.

In 1973, the year he released his comedy album Caught in the Act, Gregory moved with his family to Plymouth, Massachusetts, where he developed an interest in vegetarianism and became a nutritional consultant.

Laron Scott plans to enter the NFL Draft

By Derrek Asberry
George-Anne staff

For most college football players, the off-season is a time to relax and unwind from the grind of the season, but not for former Georgia Southern University cornerback/kickoff returner Laron Scott.

After a long football season that includes a full schedule of classes, players generally use the winter break to take a much-needed rest.

Scott, this past winter break was far from uneventful. During the break, the Southern Conference Award winner added many accolades to his resume. The largest of all, however, is his declaration to enter the National Football League Draft.

Scott has put together an impressive career in his time at GSU. He broke the school record for total kickoff return yards, and posted an average of 30.6 yards per kickoff his senior year.

This includes two kickoff return touchdowns, one of which came against the 2011-2012 FBS national champions, the University of Alabama Crimson Tide.

In addition, Scott was named Special Teams Player of the Year by College Sporting News and was also named Kickoff Returner of the Year by College Football Performance Awards.

Currently, Scott is readying himself to participate in the AstroTurf NFL Players Association College Bowl, which is basically a college All-Star game.

The game will be held in Carson Calif. in the Home Depot Center on Jan. 21. The game is not only a chance for players to showcase their talent, but also an opportunity to perform in front of NFL scouts.

Scott has been one of the best football players to play at Georgia Southern. His quickness and speed has not only made him an incredible threat on kickoff, but also a premiere defender at the cornerback position.

With a resume that includes two consecutive trips to the semifinals, several conference awards, and a list of FCS accolades, Scott may very well be the next Eagle to make the transition from playing on Saturdays in Paulson Stadium to playing on Sundays with the pros.
Eagles to take on Paladins on the road

BY CLINTON HINELY
Georgia-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University men's basketball team travels tonight to take on Furman University at 7 p.m. in Greenville, S.C.

Currently, the Eagles have a 6-10 overall record but own a respectable 4-2 Southern Conference record. The Paladins have started their season 8-9 while struggling to begin conference play, only beginning the season at 2-4.

This meeting marks the 45th time the two rivals have faced off, and the series record couldn't be tighter at 22-22. The Paladins won both meetings last year by a combined score of 128-101.

AWAY RECORD: The Eagles have struggled on the road this season, only picking up one win in 29 games over the last two years. While the Paladins have played well at home, boasting a 5-2 record. To pick up a big conference win, the Eagles must overcome their demons of playing on the road. Coming off a blowout loss at Wofford College, the team will be motivated to rid that bad taste from their mouths.

SHOOTING PERCENTAGE: GSU currently shoots 47.2 percent from the floor, which ranks 49th in the nation. Furman only shoots 40.8 percent putting them currently 289th overall. If the Eagles come out and make their open jump shots and lay-ups, this could be a great night for GSU.

ADVANTAGE: GSU

TURNOVERS: Both teams have a 3-1 record when they have more assists than turnovers. Each team needs to keep possession of the ball and limit fast-break points. With each game being as close as the series record, each possession could lead to a determining basket.

ADVANTAGE: EVEN

NUMBER TO WATCH: 3

Eric Ferguson, sophomore, has recorded three double-doubles on the season, barely missing a fourth last game against Wofford, in which he tied a career high with 26 points and had eight rebounds. Ferguson has been the player to watch this season for the Eagles, leading the team with an average of 16.2 points per game and 6.9 rebounds per a game.

If Furman cannot control Ferguson in the post, look for him to have another strong performance.

KEY PLAYER: WILLIE POWERS III

Powers III, senior, is the key cog to make GSU's offense work. He controls the ball at the point guard position and is a senior leader on the team.

If Powers III can set up the Eagles' offense and limit his turnovers, creating chances for Ferguson and other Eagles to have open looks, the Eagles can come away with a needed road victory in the SoCon.

FINAL SCORE: 68-60 GSU

Lady Eagles set to face Western Carolina

BY ANNA WELLS
Georgia-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University women's basketball team is preparing to take on Western Carolina University in their ninth Southern Conference game this season.

The Lady Eagles are 3-9 at home but are looking to improve their record during this Saturday's game.

Not only is this the team's final home game in two weeks, it is also the annual "Pack the House in Pink" game, where fans and players alike wear pink to support the fight against breast cancer.

The Eagles and the Catamounts both have a 1-7 record in the Southern Conference, so both teams are looking for a win this Saturday.

Rebounds: The Lady Eagles have excelled with rebounds all year, averaging 37 rebounds per game and making a total of 629 for the season thus far.

Junior Guard Meredyth Frye leads Georgia Southern with 89 rebounds and averages 5.2 per game. Guard Janay Wilson is not far behind Frye with 81 rebounds and an average of 4.8 per game. The Lady Eagles have managed to keep a rebound record that outdoes most of their SoCon rivals.

The Catamounts have a total of 605 rebounds this season. However, WCU does not have players such as Frye and Wilson that dominate the game with a high number of rebounds.

ADVANTAGE: GSU

Turnovers: GSU has struggled with turnovers all year, and in recent games these struggles have cost them two heartbreaking losses. The Lady Eagles make an average of 18.8 turnovers a game, giving their opponents more opportunities to score more baskets.

WCU averages of 17.5 turnovers per game, which may not seem far behind the Eagles, however the Catamounts' turnovers result in opposing baskets significantly less than GSU's.

ADVANTAGE: WCU

With such strong leaders, the Lady Eagles should be able to pull out a victory and increase their home record to 4-9.
Swimming and diving aim for championships

BY OLIVIA CLEMENTS
George-Anne staff

With February approaching fast, the Georgia Southern University swimming and diving team is focusing on one thing — the championships.

The Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association will be hosting its 2012 championship meet Feb.16-18 in Athens, Ga.

The last time GSU competed in a championship format was Nov.17-19 at the Highlander Invitational in Radford, Virginia. Eagle swimmers faced competition from a total of 10 teams, five of which also compete under the CCSA.

GSU placed third at the Highlander Invitational with scores totaling 619. Ahead, Campbell University came away with the win at 673 points with second place Liberty University close behind at 666.5. Campbell and Liberty are both members of the CCSA and will face GSU for the championship.

In Virginia, the Eagles were able to meet their goal of qualification for several second day swims.

On the final day of competition, Eagle swimmers Amber Juncker, Lindsay Mullican and Katlyn Jones each finished the 1650 free, qualifying within the top 15.

Highlights for the 200 back include Sarah Schwartz' fourth place finish with a time of 2:08.35. Elaina Lanson consistently placed fourth in the 100 free, finishing the meet with a time of 52.63 seconds.

Earning the highest Eagle ranking of the day was the 400-yard freestyle relay team consisting of Kristen Bates, Devan White, Katie Crider and Lanson.

The team finished second with a combined time of 3:34.50. Due to their efforts, GSU finished the final event of the day, earning 34 additional points. The relay team from Campbell placed first in this event with a final time of 3:32.83.

The swimming and diving team will continue practice as usual this week in preparation for Saturday's meet.

“'We expect for this to be out toughest meet of the year and we have to be ready,” said head coach Nathan Kellogg.

The Eagles will host Florida Gulf Coast University at the Recreation Activity Center on Jan. 21 at 12 p.m. for their final home meet.

The GSU swimming and diving team will travel to Davidson, N.C. on Jan. 28 to compete against several collegiate teams including Radford University, Campbell, Davidson College, North Carolina Agricultural and Howard University.
Men’s basketball fights to protect SoCon record

The Georgia Southern University men’s basketball team works hard to sustain its winning record. Right: Guard Willie Powers III (50) walks the ball up the court. Middle: Guard Tre Bussey (11) helps his teammate rip the ball from his opponent. Right: Guard Ben Drayton (0) looks for his teammates to make the next play.

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