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'The Buried Life' visits GSU

BY AMBER GORDON

The George-Anne staff

What began in a garage blew up into a nationally known project involving "The Buried Life" crew traveling the country to cross items off its members bucket lists while doing good deeds for others.

The group's travels finally took it to Statesboro on Monday, as brothers Duncan Penn and Jonnie Penn from "The Buried Life" unearthed the secrets to accomplishing life goals at the Performing Arts Center.

The crew was invited to Statesboro by the Career Center and the University Wellness Program to discuss the importance of going for your dreams.

The PAC filled up quickly with students who wanted to hear the experiences of the two.

"I used to love watching 'The Buried Life,' so when I heard they were coming, I freaked out. I think it's awesome that they came to GSU," Jessie Hardy, junior economics major, said.

The event kicked off with a bang as Jonnie and Duncan shouted the GSU chant to get the crowd pumped.

The crew went on to discuss its misadventures traveling America, including the times when they opened the six o'clock news, became knights for a day and even broke into the Playboy Mansion dressed as Oompa Loompas.

Students were also able to hear heartwarming tales about how the group helped strangers fulfill a wish off their bucket list, such as when the guys helped a

man get a car to change his life around, or the time when they helped a woman dying of cancer complete her wish.

The main topic that came out during the performance was the point that no matter

what a person is going through, they have to believe in themselves.

The two brothers were able to motivate GSU students through their comical routine

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Lauren Davis/The George-Anne

Jonnie and Duncan Penn, two of "The Buried Life" members, share experiences with students at the PAC Monday night.

Faculty lot to expand

BY KRYSTAL MCMATH

The George-Anne contributor

The Department of Parking and Transportation is planning for an expansion of the Physical Plant faculty parking lot.

The expansion of the faculty parking lot is scheduled to begin soon, Kristi Bryant, director of parking and transportation, said.

"We hope to have it done by the end of the semester," Bryant said.

The lot, located behind the Physical Plant on Plant Drive, is currently at capacity, Bryant said.

Multiple contractors will be used for the plan, which includes close to 100 additional parking spaces, Bryant said.

While the new lot will be reserved for faculty, there are no current plans for student lots, Bryant said.

"There have always been talks of building a parking deck. We want to hold off on that as long as we absolutely, positively can to hold costs down for students. Right now our parking rates are one hundred and fifty dollars for commuters, and if we built a parking deck those prices would at least triple," Bryant said. "It would be probably eighteen to twenty million to build that parking structure."

The renovations of Lakeside and Landrum will cause the two dining halls to be relocated to a temporary building

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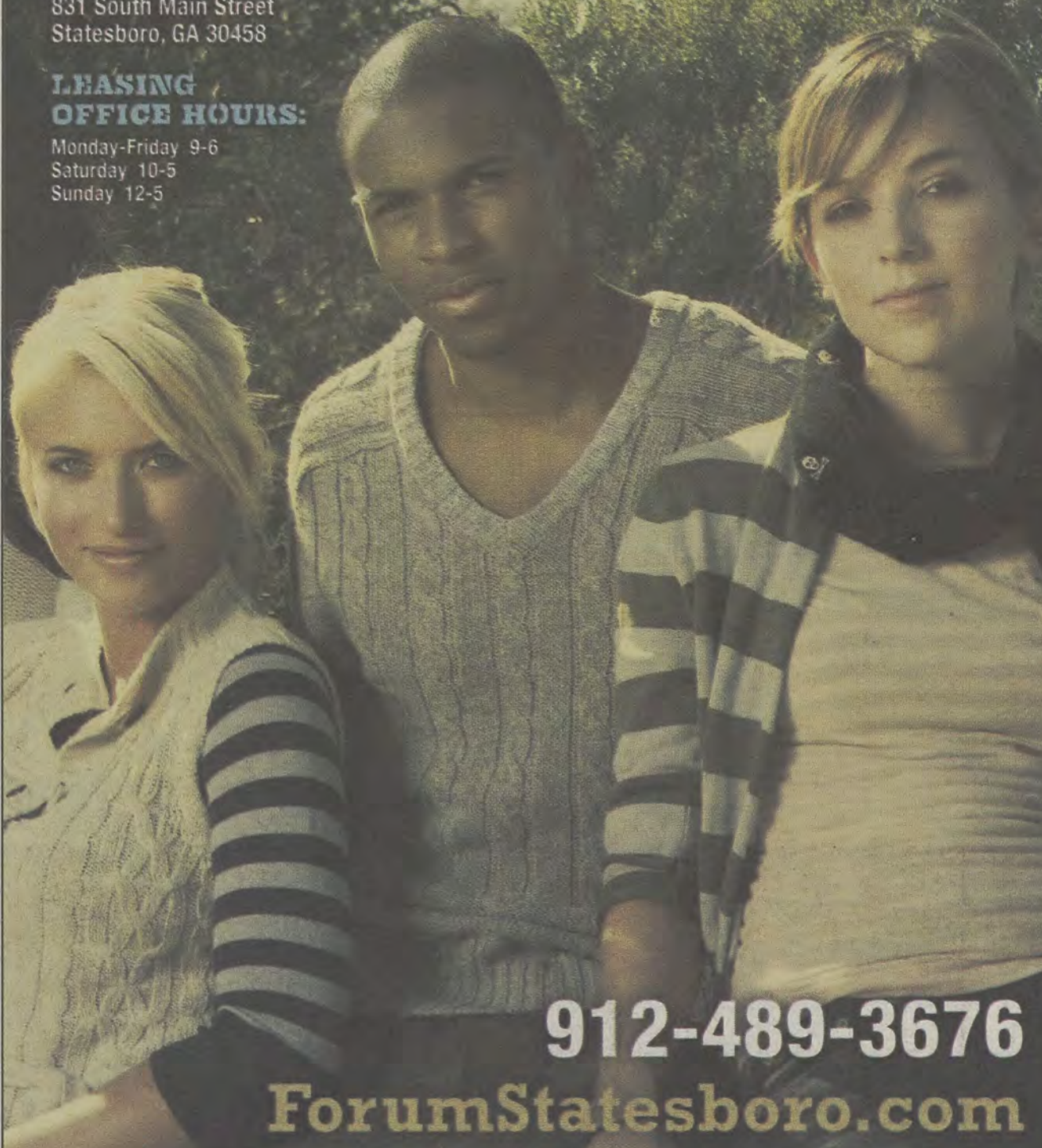
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Monday, Feb. 13

- Officers issued eight traffic citations, 10 traffic warnings, assisted six motorists, responded to one alarm and investigated two accidents.
- A drug complaint was reported at Southern Pines.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

- Officers responded to a complaint of possible drugs found at the College of Education.
- Officers responded to Centennial Place for complaints of an alcohol violation.
- Officers assisted another agency with an entering auto call at University Pines.
- Sean Thomas Coleman, 23, possession of a controlled substance, original container requirement.
- Brandon Jerel Cody, 18, possession of a controlled substance, original container requirement, underage possession of alcohol.
- Joshua Michael Booth, 19, underage possession of alcohol.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

- Officers issued five traffic warnings, eight traffic citations, responded to one alarm, and aided one injured person.
- A wallet was found at the Russell Union and turned over to officers.
- An iPad was reported stolen from the Information Technology building.
- A report of criminal trespass was reported at the MC Anderson Pavilion.
- Officers responded to an alcohol violation reported in "C" parking lot.

Thursday, Feb. 16

- Collins Gantt Lairsey, 20, was charged with underage possession of alcohol.
- Cameron Douglas Naab, 22, was charged with DUI, possession of marijuana, driving with suspended license and reckless driving.
- David Christopher Wilson, 20, was charged with underage possession of alcohol, disorderly conduct and obstruction of an officer.
- Edward N. Mwangi, 20, was charged with underage

possession of alcohol, disorderly conduct and possession of a false I.D.

Friday, Feb. 17

- Officers issued four traffic citations, six traffic warnings, assisted seven motorists, responded to one sick person call and one alarm.
- An alcohol violation was reported at Eagle Village.

Saturday, Feb. 18

- Officers issued six traffic warnings, assisted one motorist, responded to one sick person call and four alarms.
- An alcohol violation was reported at Eagle Village.
- Spencer Mitchell Premo, 18, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and possession of marijuana.

Sunday, Feb. 19

- Officers issued one traffic warning, assisted five motorists and investigated one accident.
- A drug complaint was reported at Centennial Place.
- Two vehicles were broken into in C-Lot.

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Our View

SGA elections require full participation

Campaigning for the Georgia Southern University Student Government Association elections will begin this Friday, with the voting window to take place from Feb. 26-29.

Biographic information for each candidate will be available on the SGA website when campaigning begins, culminating in a debate on Feb. 28.

SGA serves as the face of the GSU student body to both the administration and those outside of the university. We highly encourage all students to put their vote in. The ballot is accessible by logging into WINGS.

The outcome of this election will directly impact GSU for the coming academic year, and the best results will only result from full participation.

We also want SGA to ensure that this election is as fair as possible. It needs to go smoother than last year, when there was contention over the ballot labels. One candidate had all other candidates running on his ticket properly labeled as such.

The other candidate's ticket was not similarly labeled.

If the student body is to be represented by these elected officials, then the election needs to be as fair and open as possible, with votes from as many students as possible.

The George-Anne welcomes letters to the editor and appropriate guest columns. All copy submitted should be 350 words or fewer, typed, and sent via e-mail in Microsoft Word format to gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu. All submissions must be signed and include phone number for verification. GSU students should include their academic major, year and hometown. The editors reserve the right to reject any submission and edit submissions for length.

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Jasmine Nielsen/The George-Anne

New WINGS looks irrelevant

With the dark storm of registration approaching, many students may have noticed that the WINGS student information system was recently out of action.

Now it's back and better than ever. Your frustrating experience with registration will now come with a much nicer, prettier website. It's all the thrill of riding a beautiful bus with all the character-building of having that bus crawl along until you're late to class.

The obvious change to WINGS is in appearance. After logging into MyGeorgiaSouthern and clicking your way to WINGS, you will see a sparsely decorated page colored in calming blue tones. It even has large letters that say "Welcome, [your name], to WINGS!"

Yes, the new WINGS is just thrilled to see you.

From here, there are three options to click on. First, there is the "number for that P.O. box you never use" personal information section.

Second is the "sign up for 8 a.m. classes and have your sub-par GPA explained to you in detail" section.



Third is the "you still owe the Boss money" financial aid section. You use this section to aid GSU's finances.

The second section, which has been given the vague title of "Student," is where you will want to go for registration.

Inside of the "Student" section are an even larger variety of ways for you to give GSU your money, presumably so it can afford to build prettier websites to use while you give it more money.

Moving on to the "Registration" section, you will be greeted by the bright red letters warning you that your financial aid information was due last week. You will also notice options that include "Who is my advisor again?" "My registration is at 6:00 a.m.!!" and "Please wait helplessly while your required classes fill up."

The big question being asked by students is if this year's registration will go smoother than fall semester's debacle.

Many of you are reading likely reading this in an 8:00 a.m. class because WINGS was malfunctioning completely when your registration period began.

Hopefully that will not happen again this round, but I cannot make any promises.

However, I can assure you that, should our WINGS get clipped at zero-hour, the wait will be very pleasant to look at.

LaSalle is a junior writing and linguistics major from Cumming, Ga.

From the left

GA needs better education

This weekend we saw another great step in Georgia's educational system. By great, I of course mean horrible. This is the type of decision-making that got us, and is helping us stay, at the bottom of the nation's educational ranks.

The Georgia House of Representatives has voted to cut funding for a grant program that makes sure poorer school districts can keep up with the more well off districts.

These cuts will take the funding from \$832 million dollars down to \$492 million dollars in the 2013 fiscal year.

It is reported that Gwinnett County Schools will get \$3.5 million more this year than they did last year, while Cherokee County Schools will get no money through this grant program.

School districts will be required to impose a minimum \$12 million property tax by 2015 to be eligible to receive grant money.

The state needs to take care of its educational system and do whatever it can to increase funding, lest we fall into educational obscurity, which we're not too far away from. This program has been awarded less and less money since



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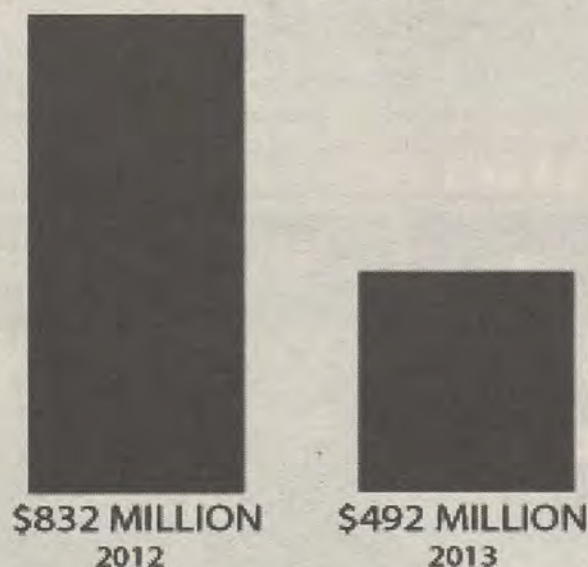
2009 and legislators don't even fully fund every school.

If we're to be a competitive and attractive market and draw in new businesses, we must improve our education system.

If we can't provide skilled workers and well-educated workers, businesses will not want to set up shop here. Georgia has one of the lowest financial security ratings in the nation and a lot of that comes down to our poor educational system.

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

FISCAL YEAR CUTS



Equalization grants

From the right

More kids need full families

A report from The New York Times on Sunday has brought an alarming statistic to light. It found that in 2009, more than half of new mothers gave birth to their children outside of marriage.

The reasoning for this — the normalization of "contemporary" families and government social safety nets. According to the American Family Association, a contemporary family is any family that does not fall under the category of a mother, father and children. According to its studies, this is a dangerous trend, as children of contemporary families tend to have higher instances of falling into poverty, failing in schools and suffering emotional and behavioral problems.

The AFA also has a higher instance of continuing the cycle of children being born outside of marriages or being born into marriages that end in divorce. It has also been argued by sociologists and psychologists that a lack of family, meaning both parents living and raising children together, lends to the loss of conservative values that this country was founded upon.

When the Times went to Lorain, Ohio, which had the highest instance of unmarried mothers under 30 at 63 percent, it reported the main reason they could remain single was because of government social programs. One mother, who remained unnamed, said that because she could rely on the government to provide free daycare, food stamps and healthcare, she didn't need to marry the man she conceived three children with. The reason she gave for not marrying him? He couldn't be trusted.

So to clarify, she wanted to have children with a man she had no intentions of marrying, so the government had to step in and use tax money,



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almost none of which she contributed because she fell into the 49.8 percent of Americans who don't pay income tax. That is insane.

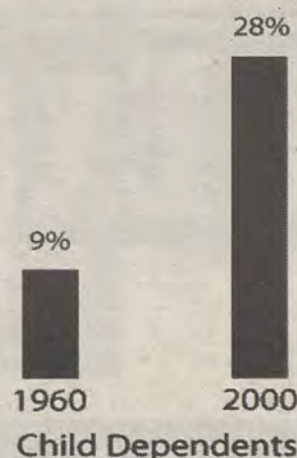
We need to get back to having children in stable marriages, if not for the sake of our debt, which is being rung up by outrageous amounts of social programs, but for our future children. Children need to be brought up in homes with two parents, preferably a mother and a father, because that is what nature intended to happen.

Children who are brought up in a classic nuclear family model are three times more likely to not only graduate college and become successful, but they are also more likely to have children in a marriage when they can afford to take care of them.

Having children is not a right, it is a privilege and a responsibility, but most people in our generation don't know the meaning of those two words.

Chapin is a senior political science major from Roswell, Ga.

Single Parents in U.S.



Child Dependents



1.2% lived with a widowed parent.
11% lived with an unmarried parent.
15.6% lived with a divorced parent.

Statistics from U.S. Census.

Universal Unitarian church advocates acceptance

BY COURTNEY ESCHER

The George-Anne staff

In a sometimes judgmental and unwelcoming community, a rainbow flag waves in front of the door of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Statesboro, letting all know that they are welcome and loved.

The Reverend Jane Page is the minister at the UUFS. Outside her church, she proudly displays a rainbow flag as a greeting sign for all, including the LGBTQ community.

The physically small environment is a haven for many different types of people. Page's congregation prides itself on advocating love, acceptance and respect for one another.

"That's one of our principal — that we accept [everyone's] inherent worth and dignity; who they are at their very core," Page said.

Page strongly strives for acceptance and love among her congregation, letting all know that they are welcome in the home that she is a part of.

"We do have folks, because they have differing beliefs and differing ideas, that may feel uncomfortable in more traditional settings, and they do feel comfortable here," Page said.

"We don't say that you have to believe in a god, or that you have to meditate or pray, but we do have people that believe in a god and who meditate and who pray, and then we have people who don't," Page said.

"We do readings from the Bible and from the Koran and we tell life stories. I did a sermon based on John Lennon songs a while ago. If it's meaningful and helps us be better, we lift it up and it's sacred," Page said.

Page's congregation believes in creating a loving, respectful community rather than focusing attention on religious structure, Page



Courtesy of Jane Page

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Statesboro waves a rainbow flag in front of the building to show that people from all walks of life are welcome

said.

"We've all missed the mark in some ways, but we can come here, work together and try to be better together," Page said.

The Unitarian Universalist denomination came together in the early 1960s, creating a hybrid of religions and a diverse view of the world, Page said.

"We evolved from two Christian liberal denominations — the Unitarians; the belief that there is one god, but mainly the Unitarians highly valued reason, they were sort of a product of the enlightenment," Page said. "The Universalists are the 'no Hell' church, they believe that a loving god would not condemn anyone to Hell."

Unitarian Universalists create sacredness out of aspects of culture that they believe in, ranging from ancient works of literature to

modern folk songs, Page said.

"People need people," Page said.

"It makes it interesting for a minister because you have to know about all different religions," Page said.

The Unitarian Universalist denomination believes in living life to the fullest today, rather than concerning themselves with the concept of an afterlife, Page said.

"Our focus is on this life and how we can make this life best," Page said. "I am a Unitarian Universalist because I believe in life before death." Before Page became a Unitarian Universalist, she felt like an outcast out on her own path. It wasn't until she was enlightened by the idea of the church that she finally felt she belonged.

"I saw this thing on TV some time in the '80s and I thought, 'Wow that's me,'" Page said.

The denomination has always supported the rights of all people, especially those in the LGBTQ community, Page said.

"Since 1970, when the denomination was formed, that's when we came out and said that we supported gay rights," Page said. "We are advocates and allies of LGBTQ, and we want to be known for that."

Any congregation wishing to be legally recognized as an advocate for LGBTQ must undergo a program in which all involved must reflect on how they perceive acceptance, Page said.

"We went through a Welcoming Congregation program, meaning we had to look at ourselves and figure out the best way for us to be more accepting and to open our hearts and our minds," Page said.

Once the program was completed the congregation came to a unanimous vote to become a Welcoming Congregation, honored by this decision the church proudly hung the rainbow flag as a symbol of a home for all.

"We decided we would be welcoming and we put the flag out there so people would know that this is a place where they are welcome," Page said. "This is who we are."

Morality and respect for all living things take precedence over race or creed, lay pastoral care associate Shari Barr said.

"A belief in what holds true for each person is of the utmost importance," Barr said.

"We say the Unitarian Universalists believe what they must believe," Barr said.

Above all, Page feels that her congregation has a gospel just like any other congregation, said Page.

The affirming feelings overwhelm the congregation in an uplifting gospel, Page said.

Page said, "We feel that we have a gospel too — of acceptance and love."

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in the parking lot of Centennial Place. Approximately 135 spots will be lost due to the building, Bryant said.

"We do have a surplus of availability at the parking lot of Eagle Village on Harvey Drive, and we also have the parking lot adjacent to Kennedy Hall that can accommodate the overflow of those students," Bryant said.

According to the 2011 parking lot inventory, there are a total of 11,713 parking spaces on the Georgia Southern University campus. Of those spaces, about 2,800 are designated for student commuters. The commuter permits, which are lot-specific, cost \$150. This system was implemented in 2003.

"The parking system in place was through the University Police," Joanie Greenlees, supervisor of parking and transportation, said.

Parking and transportation was not a separate department until 1991, Greenlees said.

"[When I was a student] you either had a residence hall permit for your residence hall or you had a commuter permit, and that commuter permit would allow you to park in any lot," Bryant said.

"What you would find during class change

times would just become a congested mess with people trying to fight for a parking spot, and then they would be running late for class and they would have to park in a visitor's spot or something like that. Then, they would get a ticket," Bryant said.

"They were writing over 40,000 tickets a year until fines were increased in the nineties. The number of tickets dropped drastically in the next year," Greenlees said.

In 2011, there were 33,761 citations written on campus, which was a decrease from the 38,000 in 2010, said Greenlees.

"You have to think about how many kids are on campus. A lot of people will park anywhere and just hope they won't get a ticket," Carson Weaver, senior accounting major, said. "I know a lot of people just park to park."

"While we have an inadequate amount of parking in the core of campus, we have ample parking, it's just not where people want to park," Bryant said. "The majority of our parking is at the stadium and the RAC, which are not desirable locations."

Students with any valid GSU permit may park at the RAC any time during the day, and stadium parking is free. There are over 400 available paved spaces at the stadium along with over 1,700 grass spots. Students who park



File Photo

Parking has been a problem for at least the past 82 years. Sweetheart Circle had parking problems in 1930.

at the stadium then ride the bus or bike onto campus.

With the help of the inter-campus transit system, student needs are being met, Greenlees said.

Hunter Joyce, sophomore multimedia communication major, said, "I appreciate that the school offers a place to park for free, however, I feel that the bus system is inadequate for the number of students who use it."



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The parking lot behind the Information Technology building experiences overcrowding problems.

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Best-known for his "Alexandria Quartet," Lawrence Durrell remains one of the most enigmatic writers of the twentieth century. A bohemian in Paris with Henry Miller and Anais Nin in the 1930's, Durrell worked with the British Foreign Service after World War II. He found himself in a range of locations from Alexandria to Argentina, including the bitter war on Cyprus in the 1950's. From these experiences, he wrote gritty and cryptic novels with intensely primal scenes, books that continue to surprise and challenge in the twenty-first century.

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Similar logos cause controversy between schools

BY TJ JACKSON

The George-Anne staff

Documents show Georgia Southern University encountered logo conflicts with Freedom High School and Athens Christian School, but took legal action with only one of the high schools in question.

GSU has not communicated with Athens Christian regarding conflicting similar logos since 2009, when the university began questioning the legal issues behind the logos.

GSU is not taking any further legal action with the issue, Christian Flathman, director of the Office of Marketing and Communications, said.

"We reviewed the matter and took it to the state, where we were advised not to take further action," Flathman said.

GSU proposed a license agreement with Loudon County Public



Schools in South Riding, Va., when GSU became aware of the similar qualities in the high school's logo. The school was asked to discontinue use of the logo after June 30, 2015.

A signed version of this contract could not be found by legal affairs, Maura Copeland, associate vice president for Legal Affairs, said.

In Feb. 2009, GSU asked Athens Christian School in Athens, Ga., to cease infringing on GSU's athletic logo, according to a letter sent by former GSU Associate Vice President for Legal Affairs Lee Davis.

Athens Christian's Headmaster, Steve Cummings, replied one month later in a letter that read that his school's logo was not infringing



upon the GSU logo and that Athens Christian's logo is visually different.

"The main visual portion of the logo, the lettering, is completely different," according to Cummings in a letter. "Moreover, among other things, the colors of the two logos are completely distinct, the eagle heads are different and the feathers are different."

Assistant Attorney General Mary Jo Volkert replied eight months later in November to Cummings' letter, stating that Regents intended to take legal actions against Athens Christian to stop infringement of the logo and that the logo could not be used after Jan. 1, 2010.

Cummings remained convinced that the Athens Christian logo does

not infringe upon the GSU logo or any trademark rights, according to a letter sent by Cummings on Dec. 17, 2009.

"Athens Christian School has a number of other defenses available to it that we believe would defeat any claim for infringement," according to a letter sent by Cummings. "We also disagree with a number of conclusions in your letter, including, among others, that the two logos are 'virtually identical.' Even if a court finds that two logos are similar, this does not mean the AC logo infringes upon the GSU logo."

Although GSU cannot pursue a criminal case, a civil case could be taken, Williamson said.

"GSU could pursue a permanent injunction in a civil case, because it's not a crime, it's a civil action," Williamson said.

Legal actions may not have been taken to protect GSU's image, Williamson said.

"From a public relations standpoint, it's not like you want to take Athens Christian to court and have some big battle," Williamson said. "Are we going to look bad beating up on the little Christian school?"

Another reason GSU may not have taken legal action against Athens Christian is a lack of damages, Williamson said.

"One issue for the school to look into is 'what are the damages?' Presumably, no monetary damages. I can't imagine any monetary damages there would be for Athens Christian, they're not siphoning any money off of people who think they're going to Georgia Southern," Williamson said.

The Attorney General Office of Georgia gave advice to GSU on how to handle the conflict with Athens Christian, which is protected by Attorney-Client Privilege, Lauren Kane, communication director of the Attorney General Office of Georgia, said.

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GSU goes on a journey with Blaqshion fashion

Fashion

BY TANIQUA RUSS

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University students pulled out their most fashionable clothing and packed out the Performing Arts Center on Sunday the Black Student Alliance annual Blaqshion fashion show, "Power + Beauty=Blaq12: the Definition."

As they made their way in their seats, audience members were greeted by a video showcasing the theme of the show, which explained the definition and "journey of a woman."

Blaqshion coordinator and senior biology and philosophy double major Alyscia Williams opened the show with an introduction of the host and the first scene, "Adam and Eve."

Models displayed fashions that consisted of leaves, shades of greens and other garden themed elements.

"I really liked the 'Adam and Eve' scene, it was very creative with the leaves and everything else," Lashika Archer, sophomore human resource management major, said.

The show then moved into a tribal themed scene, which was opened by an African inspired performance from Dyverzion dance team.

During the brief intermission following the tribal scene, the Blaqshion team gave a tribute to a GSU student who passed last year, Brian McQueen. They also attributed the theme "Introduction of the Female King," to him.

"It was a nice gesture to honor somebody who contributed as much he did to the organization," Teri Brown, senior general studies major, said.

The fashion show continued to take the audience on a journey with scenes that showcased international fashions, elaborate hair and makeup and lingerie-typed clothing.

"All the girls did well. It was obvious they practiced for a long time and they showed

passion," Brian Oliver, junior exercise science major, said.

Models in menswear inspired clothing hit the stage of the PAC for the final scene. Beyonce's "If I Were a Boy" played in the background and models defined "the woman" with their choreography and looks.

This year's show seemed to have been geared toward women with its underlying "Run the World (Girls)" theme, but Blaqshion 2012 sent a clear message to men and women alike.

"As men, we should not take our women for granted. Women are beautiful and they have a place in this world just like we do," Oliver said.



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Blaqshion models take audience members through different scenes during their fashion show "Power + Beautiful= Blaq12: the Definition"



'GSU's Got Talent' crowns first winner

Performing arts

BY HAYLEY MCGHEE

The George-Anne contributor

Singers, dancers, poets and other talents brought their all to the Russell Union Ballroom Friday evening as Positive Moves Music Club debuted its first ever "GSU's Got Talent" show.

Performing an original song while playing the guitar, Evan Morris, sophomore communications major, took home the win for "GSU's Got Talent."

"I'm pretty ecstatic, I'm really surprised and I'm glad. I didn't think I was going to win," Morris said.

The road to claiming the prize was not a very easy one for Morris. During his performance, Morris broke one of his guitar strings but kept strumming and singing along.

Jerome Wesley Davis, freshman public relations major and student leader of PMMC, served as the show's host.

"My favorite part of being the host was announcing everybody and controlling the show," Davis said.

The show started off with a skit by PMMC featuring a fake rapper being escorted off stage by PMMC crewmembers and then Davis came on stage. Judges Michelle Allen, Dontarie Stallings and Jodie Beckford were then introduced just before the show began.

A total of 13 acts performed for "GSU's Got Talent," and throughout the show more skits were performed by Davis and the PMMC crew members. In one particular skit, Davis needed a volunteer from the audience and chose sophomore



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The first ever "GSU's Got Talent" show was hosted in the Russell Union Ballroom Friday evening. **Left:** Jerome Wesley Davis, public relations major celebrates with the show's winner, Evan Morris, communications major. **Middle:** GSU Rapper performs song. **Right:** Singers perform a duet.

accounting major Kayla Womack.

"It was fun — something different. I have never been pulled on stage before," Womack said.

The skits performed by PMMC members were funny and enjoyable for the audience, making lots of people laugh.

"This was above and beyond everyone's expectations. It was just phenomenal," Jodie Beckford, senior biology pre-med major, said.

"This was completely different than I expected — higher caliber of talent than I

expected," Morris said.

Funds raised from the event are going to benefit a charitable cause.

"We sold four hundred tickets and about twenty tickets were prepaid. It was a packed house, we made close to seven hundred dollars and we are giving one hundred dollars to Jasmine Sherman and another one hundred dollars to the Boys and Girls Club of Bulloch County," Davis said.

Though most commentary was positive, some believe there is room for improvement for "GSU's Got Talent."

"I congratulate all the people who performed, but there should be more acts and talent to show at Georgia Southern," Womack said.

PMMC members were excited about the outcome of the show and expressed their thoughts on the evening.

"This is exactly what I wanted. My team did a great job and the crowd was great and very responsive," Davis said.

PMMC is going to be hosting another "GSU's Got Talent" show later this semester.

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and laid-back demeanor as they talked about how hard it was to cross some items off of their list.

"For us, we always reached these levels and we always tried to raise the bar and go after even bigger things on our list. It's always been a challenge, cause we were ultimately trying to prove to ourselves that these things were possible," Jonnie said.

"Seeing them so motivated to go for their dreams and complete their bucket list was really inspiring," sophomore recreational therapy major Drew Dillard said.

At the end of the lecture, the brothers allowed students to come on stage and tell them their biggest dreams or goals in life.

"My favorite part was when they let people come up on stage and tell them their biggest dreams in life. As someone that's about to graduate, it motivates me to go for my dreams in life," Jordan McDonald, senior public relations major, said.

Even though the season is over on MTV, it doesn't mean "The Buried Life" has ended forever, said the brothers.

"We can't talk too much about this MTV deal we're working on, because that's kind of a big deal we're working on. We also have a book coming out March twenty-seventh that we're really excited about," Jonnie said.

Out of all the lessons talked about during the event, the one that Jonnie and Duncan wanted students to know was that the sky was the limit when it comes to accomplishing dreams.

"We started the Buried Life in a garage five years ago, and for some reason, we thought that we had permission to do anything that we want in our lives. And, we hope that even in the smallest way, we can recreate that and let people know that they can do anything they want to do," Jonnie said.

Although "The Buried Life" crew has left Statesboro, they have left their adventurous spirit behind to inspire the students of GSU.



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"The Buried Life" brothers **Duncan (Left)** and **Jonnie (Right)** share words of wisdom with GSU students.

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Wind Ensemble makes music soar at PAC



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Jani Smith, junior, plays "Cartoon" by Paul Hart.

Music

BY JAZMIN DAVIS

The George-Anne staff

Flutes, trumpets and saxophones blended with one another when the Georgia Southern University Symphonic Wind Ensemble performed live classical music Friday evening.

Held at the Performing Arts Center, the event featured students playing songs with wind instruments like the oboe, the bassoon, the clarinet and so much more, accompanied by percussion instruments as well.

The ensemble was led by conductor and director of bands at GSU Dr. Robert Dunham, whose aim was for all to find enjoyment in this recital.

"I think different pieces appeal to different people. Hopefully some were a little moved or a little inspired," Dunham said.

As soon as the performers sat in their seats on stage, the audience revered with

respect for a large group of students dressed in black.

The conductor took the stage, welcomed by the applause of the audience and the stomping feet of the ensemble.

The symphony then began with a piece entitled "Toccata Marziale" by Ralph Vaughn Williams. As each song resembled a different mood, each sound from every wind instrument blended together to create resonance that the audience could enjoy.

"Live music is so different than music you hear on the radio. More feelings come out than with stuff you hear on the radio," sophomore information technology major Amanda Mullany said.

Dunham works hard to ensure that his students provide quality sound. Since there are three concerts each semester, performers must practice four hours a day for three days a week.

To provide listeners with a variety of sounds from the wind ensemble, Dunham

chooses new pieces for students to learn for every single concert.

After playing for nearly 13 years, senior biology major and trumpet player Jake Edwards thinks it takes effort from every student to have a successful recital.

"Everybody has to work together and listen to each other. The rest of it is practicing on your own," Edwards said.

As the performances continued, the ensemble captured the tender sounds of autumn with "October" by Eric Whitacre.

The audience also got to use whimsical imagination while listening to the final piece "Cartoon" by Paul Hart.

During the recital of the whimsical piece, snickering laughter could be heard throughout the hall as the audience got to use their imagination and envision a classic cartoon chase.

Whether audiences were there to receive extra credit or to see their daughter on stage, the GSU Wind Ensemble brought a new style of music to the ears of Statesboro.

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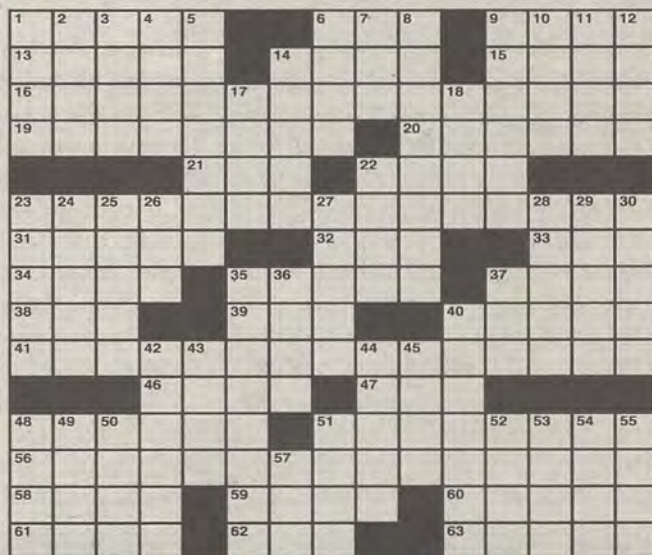
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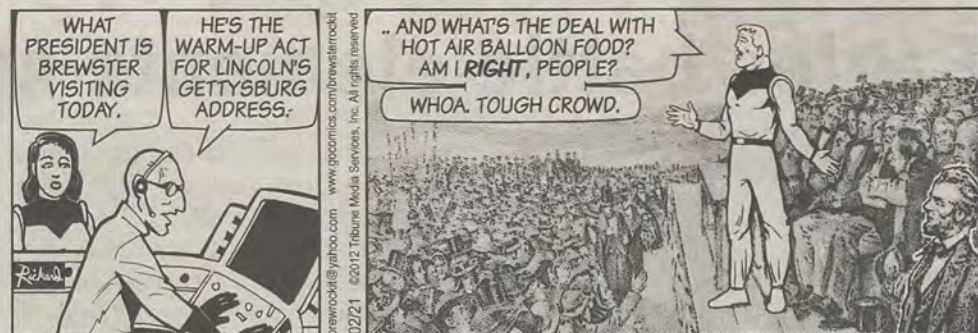
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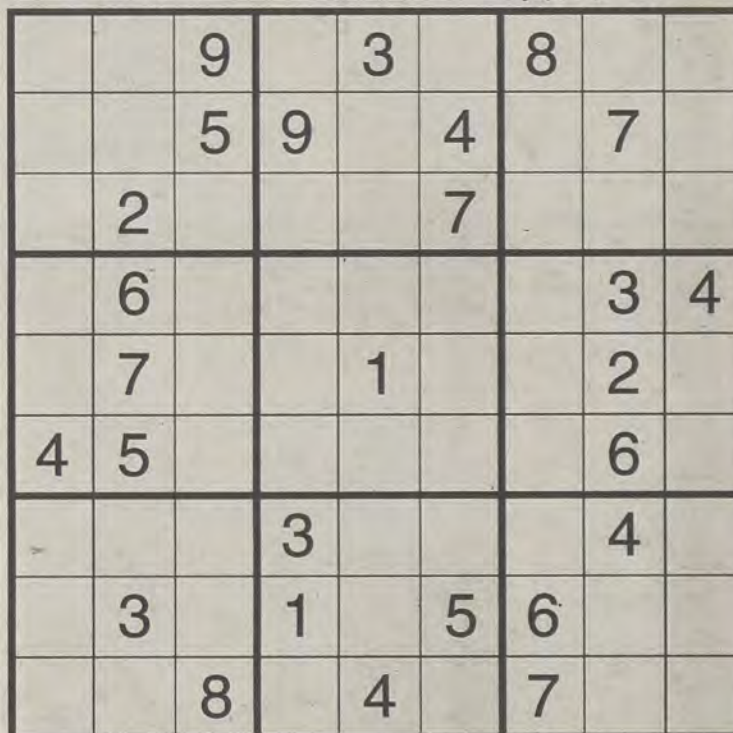
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Eagles battle elements and three teams in Tampa

Softball

BY ANNA WELLS

George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University softball team hit the road again to participate in the University of South Florida Invitational in Tampa this weekend.

After the game against University of Arizona on Friday afternoon was cancelled due to weather, the Eagles took on the University of Wisconsin and Drake University Saturday afternoon in a double-header. Eagles' starting pitcher Sarah Purvis held Wisconsin to just two hits in the first

six innings of the game, but the Badgers were able to reach base with a walk and single, giving Wisconsin 1-0 lead against GSU.

At the bottom of the seventh, Mackenzie Williams scored her first homerun of the season with a hit to the left center, tying the score 1-1 and forcing the game to go to an extra inning. The Eagles were able to score on a double by Alexa Lewis, giving them a 2-1 lead. Wisconsin, however, was able to score two runs in the eighth via a bunt and a sacrifice fly, and later in the inning an error allowed a second run and gave the Badgers the lead 3-2. The Eagles were unable to overcome the deficit and the game ended with a 3-2 Eagle loss.

The Eagles then faced the Drake Bulldogs in their second game of the day and experienced another outstanding pitching performance, this time by freshman Brooke Red. Red tossed a two-hitter, allowing only two of the Bulldogs to reach a base and also striking out three batters in the outing as well.

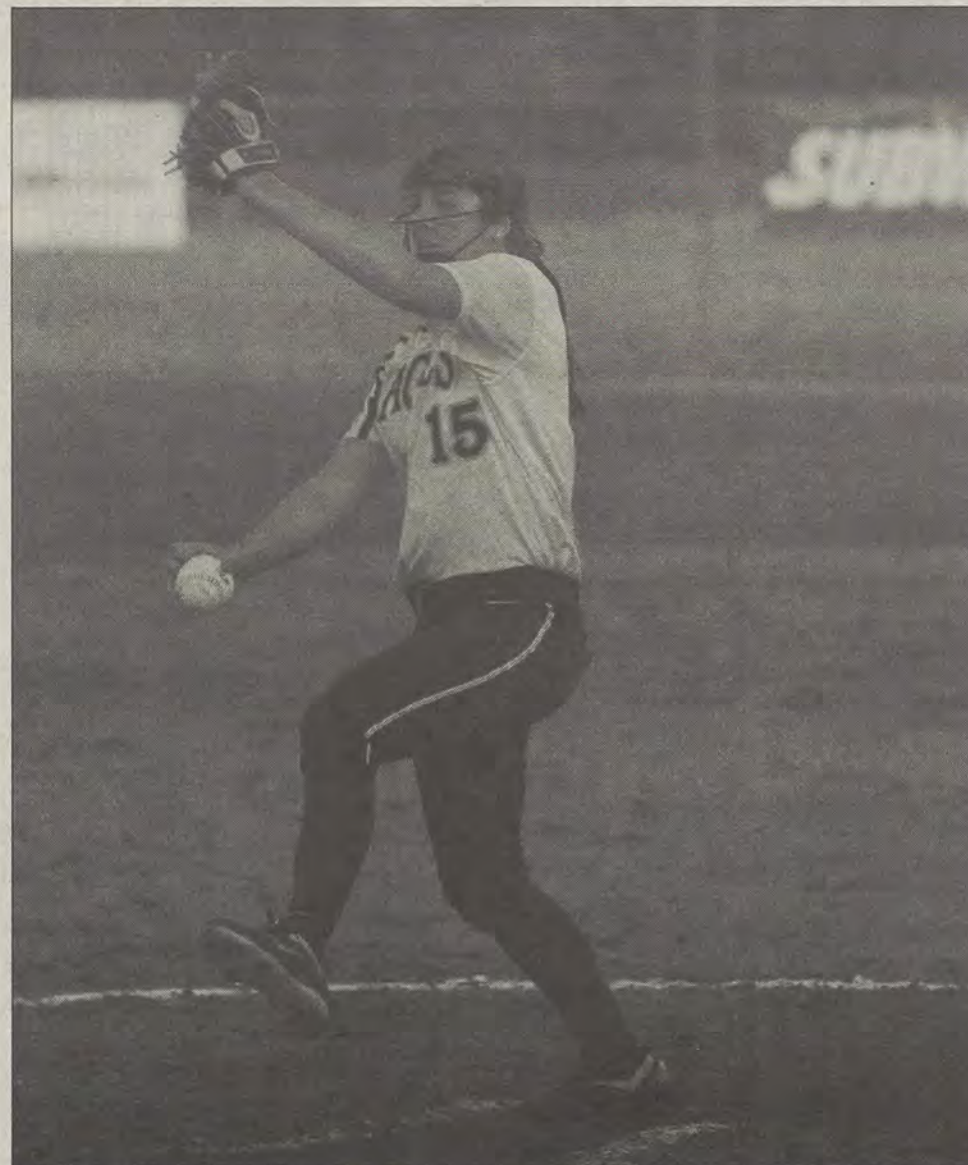
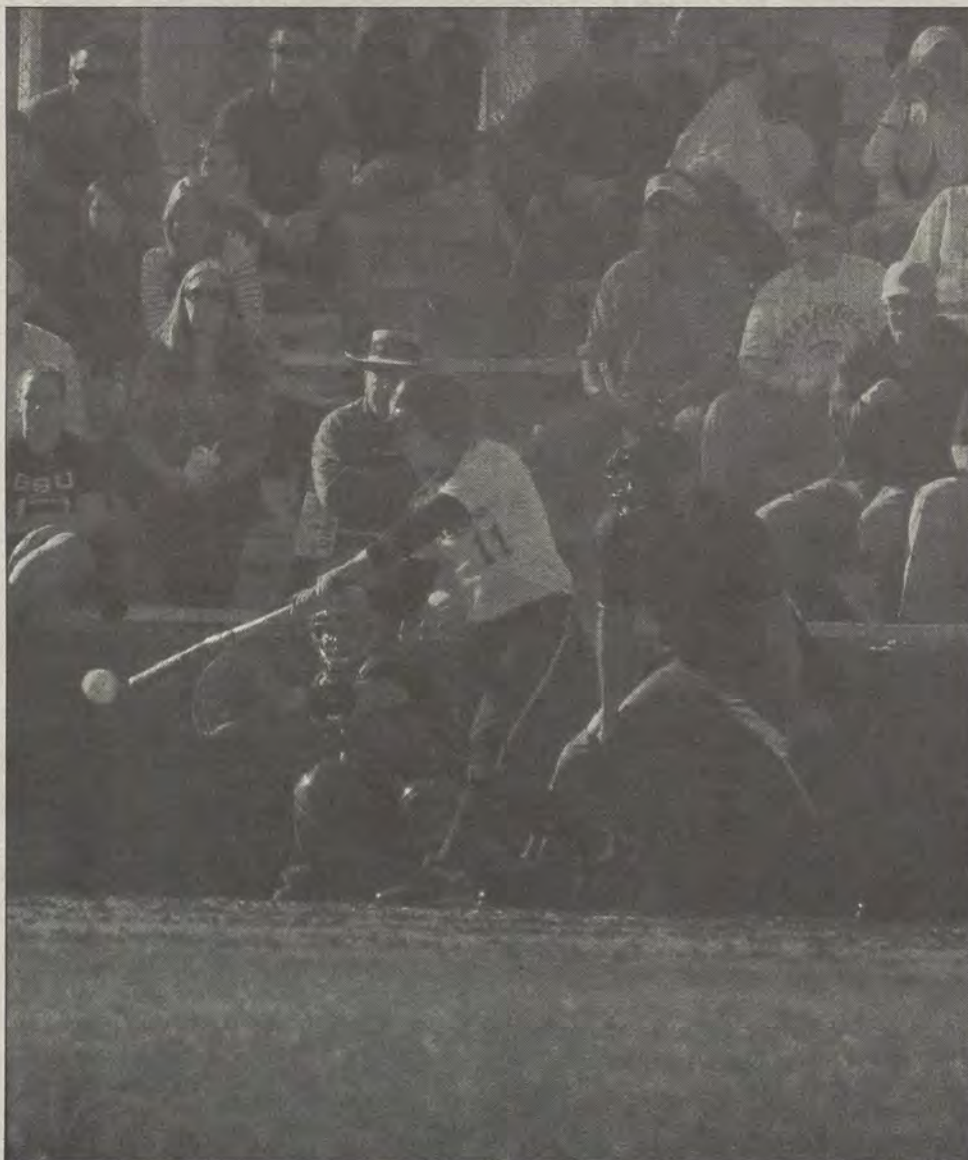
GSU came up with all the offense it needed in the fourth inning when Andrea Tarashuk hit a double and allowed for Hanna Ennis to reach home plate. A ground ball by Tabby Douberley then sent Tarashuk home and allowed the Eagles to achieve a 2-0 victory over the Bulldogs.

For the final game of the series, the Eagles faced University of South Florida on Sunday

afternoon. Purvis allowed for the Bulls to make only one hit during the first four innings, but USF was able to load the bases with one out in the sixth inning, and the Eagles allowed a single that would give the Bulls a 2-0 lead over GSU.

To open the seventh, Williams hit a single to right center. She was then replaced by pinch runner Breanna McLendon. An error by the Bulls allowed Shelby Morrill on base, but a pair of strikeouts stranded the runners on base and ended the game with 2-0 GSU loss.

The Eagles return home this weekend for the Eagle Classic, which begins with double-headers on Friday and Saturday starting at 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., and a final game on Sunday at 3:30p.m.



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Left: Senior center fielder Marie Fogle (11) hits a ball during the last Eagles home series. Right: Freshman pitcher Brooke Red (15) pitches during the GSU series versus Georgia State. She was named SoCon pitcher of the week for her conference.

Snooky's patrons gather 'one more time'

BY TREVOR MCNABOE

George-Anne contributor

Tradition is something that is a huge part of Georgia Southern University Athletics, and on Feb. 18, 2012, GSU lost a tradition that is special to many students here, but especially athletes.

On the corner of Tillman Road and Kennedy Street stands a historic restaurant by the name of Snooky's, and this restaurant has seen its fair share of local stars and national figureheads come through its doors.

One of these people is none other than former player of this university and current head coach of the men's basketball team Charlton Young. Snooky's has also been a hotbed for both coaches and athletes here alike. Erk Russell would go to Snooky's on Fridays and have coffee there.

Young recalls that Snooky's was a special place, and that when campus closed down for winter break he ate breakfast, lunch and dinner there.

Over the years, Young said, "The cooks and workers there at Snooky's were like family to the athletic department. They sure cheered us up when we lost, and celebrated with us when we won."

"As a coach, I would go there to read the paper and talk with Bruce," Young said. "I would go in there more after losses than wins because the waitresses and Bruce would be good to me."

His favorite meal to get there, as a player, was the grits, eggs and bacon.

"The bacon was so good at Snooky's that I'd have to put a couple pieces in his pocket for later, I'd eat it like candy," Young said.

This historic restaurant is not only known for its food, but also walking inside of it you get the sense of a lively atmosphere that makes you



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Patrons gathered at Snooky's restaurant "one more time" before it closed on Feb. 18. Snooky's will soon be replaced by a CVS drugstore.

feel at home. Young himself has a picture hung on the walls of the restaurant.

"When Bruce put a picture of me with the breakfast crew, that was one of my most memorable moments."

The smell of freshly prepared food and friendly service also make a trip there memorable.

Freshman business major Arin Dhanani was there for the first time.

"When I found out they were going to close, I had to go experience it at least once. I'd heard a lot about it but never got the chance to go until now," Dhanani said.

Owner Bruce Yawn announced about a month ago that Snooky's would close after Saturday, Feb. 18.

On Yawn's announcement, Young said, "He's been working sunup to sundown for forty-one years. He deserves a break."

Eric Bruns, freshman chemistry major, said, "It's a shame that they're closing, but I'm glad I got to try it."

On Friday and Saturday locals and students alike visited to pay one last visit to a place that is more than just a restaurant — it's a piece of this town and part of coming to GSU. While it will be sad that Snooky's will be closed, people can reflect on the memories that were made and the good times that were had.

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Baseball

BY COLIN RITSICK

The George-Anne staff

Opening weekend proved successful for the Georgia Southern University Eagles men's baseball team, winning all three games against the University of Tennessee at Martin Skyhawks, sweeping the series.

The weekend started with pristine baseball weather but ended with less than ideal weather. Friday was great baseball weather with clear skies and a decent temperature and Saturday was average. Sunday's game required a lot of extra fieldwork due to rain, pushing the start time up to 2 p.m.

Cloudy skies and rain threatened the playability of the field at J.I. Clements Stadium. But, as the first pitch was thrown, the sun peeked out and a lazy breeze took over for dark skies.

Friday, February 17th, 7-5 GSU. Win-Beck, Loss-Mills, Save-Stevenson

Opening night for GSU was a big one. The Eagles won their first opening day game in three years. A near sell-out crowd was on hand with 2,753 fans were in attendance. This is the fourth highest attendance total of all-time at J.I. Clements Stadium.

Friday's contest saw all seven runs of the game being scored in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings by the Eagles, unanswered by the Skyhawks. Senior third baseman Eric Phillips was 2-4 from the plate with three RBIs. Preseason All-American junior starter Chris Beck picked up his first win on the season. Beck (1-0) finished the game with eight strikeouts, three hits and just one walk in six innings on 79 pitches.

"Beck is going to give us a great performance every time," Phillips said.

GSU looked like it was going to run away with the game with a 7-1 lead in the seventh inning. But, a late surge by the Skyhawks gave the Eagles a scare. UT Martin already scored a run in the top of the ninth inning and had two runners on base. Junior closer Josh Stevenson (Social Circle, Ga.) composed himself and closed out the game on a fly out to junior centerfielder Scooter Williams (Detroit, Mich.), ending the game 7-5 in favor of the Eagles.

Saturday, February 18th, 10-1 GSU. Win-Hart, Loss-Lozupone

The NCAA homerun leader of the 2011 season and preseason All-American junior right fielder Victor Roache (Ypsilanti, Mich.) began his 2012 homerun campaign on Saturday.



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GSU infielder Ben Morgan (18) lunges across second base tagging his opponent Jordan Owen (5) out from running back to second base.

In the first inning of the game, Roache hit a two-run long ball over the left field fence, giving the Eagles an early lead. After two innings the Eagles led the Skyhawks by a score of 4-0 and put up two more by the sixth, leading 6-0 before the Eagles gave up a run.

"I thought we did real well with pitching. It was something we were not sure about but they came through," Phillips said of his pitching staff.

Freshman right handed pitcher Lucas Hart (1-0) (Atlanta, Ga.) got the win in the lopsided victory. Hart gave up one run on two hits in two innings out of the bullpen.

The Eagles had 12 hits in this game, and three players with multiple hits. Five-straight batters reached base to start off the eighth inning. This all but sealed the game for GSU as they went on to score four more by the time the inning was over.

Phillips had another great day at the dish, going 3-5 with two RBIs. Roache was 1-3 with two RBIs and junior college transfer T.D. Davis (Evans, Ga.) was 2-4, and he also had two RBIs. GSU's offense completely outshone anything the Skyhawks had to offer, winning the game 10-1.

Sunday February 19, 11-2 GSU. Win-Rowe, Loss-Kelley

The final game of the three-game series between the Eagles and the Skyhawks kicked off with the first pitch from GSU junior starter Kyle Rowe. The 6 feet 1 inch, 185-pound right-hander from Valdosta, Ga., is a new face to the Eagle roster. A transfer from Sante Fe College in Gainesville, Fl., Rowe made his first start in the blue and white of GSU on Sunday.

Rowe (1-0) got his first win as an Eagle, allowed two earned runs on one hit and two walks in five innings on 72 pitches.

"It feels nice to get one under my belt and get the butterflies out," Rowe said of his first win as an Eagle.

UT Martin got on the board first due to a triple by freshman shortstop Nico Zych (Monee, Ill.). Zych hit a long fly ball to dead center and Williams looked like he had it under his glove when he slipped on the wet grass. The play was ruled as a hit, scoring two and giving the Skyhawks a 2-0 lead in the second inning.

Back-to-back homeruns over the right field fence by Phillips and Roache got the Eagles out of the 2-2-tie game and gave GSU the

lead, 6-2, in the fourth inning. GSU continued to do damage with Phillips' double down the left field line. Burruss kept up with the hot bat, hitting his second home run in the game. The second was also a three-run towering shot down the right field line. Burruss finished the game going 3-4 with two HR and six RBIs. Yet again, the Eagle pitching was too dominating and the offense too powerful. GSU won the final game of the series, 11-2.

Phillips finished the series going 6-13 with 6 RBIs, Roache finished 4-10 with 3 RBIs and Burruss finished 7-14 with 8 RBIs.

The Eagles will face the Georgia Institute of Technology Yellow Jackets on Wednesday at 6 p.m. at home.

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GSU to face College of Charleston

Men's basketball

BY CLINTON HINELY

The George-Anne staff

The Eagles (14-12, 12-4 Southern Conference) defeated the Cougars (17-11, 8-8 SoCon) on Jan. 21 inside Hanner Fieldhouse, 64-58. If the Eagles pick up the victory they will clinch second place in the SoCon's South Division, a massive improvement over last year's single conference victory and last place finish. With a victory, the Eagles can earn a first-round bye in the conference tournament. The bye could prove vital to an Eagle team that looks to shock the conference and go from worst to first in just one season.

WIN STREAK: The Eagles will enter this game with a league-best six-game win streak. At the beginning of the year, much was said about the team's struggles on the road away from Hanner, but the Eagles have won their last three road games, proving GSU is hitting its stride at the right time to end the season and head into the conference tournament.

SHOOTING PERCENTAGE: The Eagles currently rank 33rd in the nation in shooting percentage at 47.4 percent per game. There isn't one key player CofC can focus on to stop. The Eagles have offensive weapons all over the floor. The Cougars shoot a respectable 42.5 percent, but that's only good enough for 221st in the country. The Eagles shot 49.1 percent against the Cougars in the first matchup and held their opponents to just 35.7 percent. Look for more of the same this game.

ADVANTAGE: GSU

KEY PLAYER- Eric Ferguson

Ferguson had 19 points and eight rebounds in the previous matchup against CofC, hitting a big three-pointer in the final minutes to seal the victory. Ferguson currently leads the team in points per game, rebounds and blocks. He ranks within the top five in five different categories of the SoCon and in the top 10 in two other categories. He is putting forth a strong case for SoCon player of the year. Look for Ferguson to have another monster game and possibly pick up another double-double on the season.

KEY NUMBER- 11

GSU is on course for one of the greatest turnarounds in SoCon history. The Eagles currently have 12 conference wins, which is 11 more than last season. That ties them with Richmond University (1952-53) and Auburn University (1926-27) for the second greatest turnaround from one season to the next.

FINAL SCORE PREDICTION: GSU 68-62



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Sophomore guard Eric Ferguson (3) attempts to block his opponent's lay-up while teammate Kameron Dunnican (34) boxes out.

Eagles improve at historic rate

BY JACKIE GUTKNECHT

The George-Anne contributor

With the 83-69 win against University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the Georgia Southern University men's basketball team overcame its four-game losing streak against the Spartans.

The game was a part of one of the best turnaround seasons in Southern Conference history for the Eagles.

Last season UNCG took both games over the Eagles, but with a close margin in each game. With the Eagles motivated to end the streak, they dominated the Spartans in Saturday's game.

GSU's 10-game turnaround from last season to this season ranks as the fourth best comeback year in league history. With 11 wins more than last season's total of one and two games left to play, the Eagles could finish this season as high as second in all-time turnarounds in the league.

To keep their winning streak going, the Eagles have two more games left to win before the SoCon tournament. GSU is currently ranked second in the standings, which will give the Eagles a chance to grab a first round bye in the SoCon tournament.

To lead the Eagles to victory in the final two games of the season, sophomore guard Eric Ferguson will have to be a powerhouse player for GSU. Ferguson is currently ranked in the top-five in the SoCon in five different categories.

To finish out the season, the Eagles will face off against Davidson College who has been a powerhouse in the SoCon and will give GSU a fair fight.

With the winning streak the Eagles currently hold, it is likely that they could win their final conference game of the season and propel themselves into the SoCon tournament as the team to beat.

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