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A new eagle has landed

BY COURTNEY ESCHER

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In a world where game time beckons, calling the most spirited to come forth and lead, few step up to the challenge, but only one is selected.

A new hero rises to the challenge of being Georgia Southern University's mascot, GUS.

"When I enrolled at GSU, I didn't expect to become the mascot, but it's really awesome that I am," New GUS said.

The tryout process for GUS began with applications that led to seven lanky hopefuls trickling into the William's Center on the sunny afternoon of Sunday Feb. 26.

The GUS candidates were asked to draw a storyboard illustrating a skit starring GUS, which was meant to show their creativity.

Some candidates went as far as to include trampolines and confetti cannons in their

skits.

The new GUS, however, chose a song as the inspiration of his storyboard.

"It's based on Meatloaf's song, 'I Would do Anything for Love,'" New GUS said.

New GUS's skit starred GUS falling in love with a lady, who demanded that he show his love for her in ways such as cooking an omelet, during which the song would be played in the background. The skit continued with GUS's love interest

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'Boro welcomes first annual music festival

BY JAZMIN DAVIS

The George-Anne staff

The Statesboro music scene will come to life at Kiwanis Fairgrounds this weekend as local musicians perform for the community during the first annual Statesboro Music Festival.

The two-day event, which kicks off at 5 p.m. this Friday afternoon is scheduled to end Saturday at 11 p.m. and will be hosted by Georgia Southern University alumnus Vincent Garrett and senior communication arts major, Thomas Lewis.

On the spacious land of the fairgrounds, two stages will overlook an array of booths where local merchants and businesses will be selling their own products.

The festival will feature 20 bands that are all involved with the town in some way, whether they were born in Statesboro or have residential relatives, making the experience hometown.

"I've lived in Statesboro since I was about 10 years old, started playing the guitar at 13. Me, the other guitar player, and the drummer went to the same church (Grace Community Church)," Sean Kent, lead vocalist and guitarist for the band Evensong, said.

Students can purchase tickets online for the music festival separately for each day or a two-day pass for both days. For Friday, the tickets will be sold for \$10, Saturday for \$15 and a two-day pass for \$25. Tickets will also be sold at the door the day of the show, but will increase by \$5.

Local places such as Bruster's, Wing Maxx, Deloach's Music, Latte Da's Café and Free Spirit

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ST. PATTY'S DAY IN SAVANNAH



Jose Gil/The George-Anne

Over one million partygoers traveled from all over the country to Savannah last Saturday for St. Patrick's Day. Festivities included the largest parade in the nation. Then the celebration moved to River Street where there were live bands, green street food and of course, green beer.



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Tuesday, March 6

- Officers assisted three motorists, issued two traffic warnings and seven traffic citations.

Wednesday, March 7

- Officers issued four traffic citations, four traffic warnings, assisted five motorists, responded to two injured person reports and one alarm.
- A case of harassment was reported at the Henderson Library.

Thursday, March 8

- Officers responded to a verbal altercation near the tennis courts.
- Someone complained of suspicious activity at the Henderson Library.

Friday, March 9

- A tire was cut on a vehicle at the Sports Complex.

- A transportation employee reported someone had taken a boot off of a vehicle.
- A laptop computer was taken from Kennedy Hall.

Saturday, March 10

- Andrew William Hall, 18, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and giving false information to an officer.
- Ontia Rena Jenkins, 44, was charged with DUI and too fast for conditions.

Sunday, March 11

- Officers issued one traffic citation, one traffic warning, responded to one injured report and one alarm.
- Jorge San Juan, 19, was charged with reckless driving and no driver license

Monday, March 12

- Officers issued one traffic warning.

Tuesday, March 13

- Officers responded to a suspicious person call near Eagle Village.

Wednesday, March 14

- Officers issued two traffic warnings and assisted two motorists.

Thursday, March 15

- Officers issued one traffic warning, assisted two motorists and responded to one alarm.
- Pawel Nikodem Grönowski, 28, was charged with failure to maintain lane, headlight requirement after sunset, DUI.

Friday, March 16

- Officers issued nine traffic citations and one traffic warning.

Saturday, March 17

- Officers issued seven traffic citations, five traffic warnings, assisted one motorist, responded to one sick person report and responded to one alarm.

Sunday, March 18

- A wallet and a cell phone was taken from Kennedy Hall.
- An Xbox and several games were taken from Kennedy hall.

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Our View

Bulloch should approve full liquor sales

During the Tuesday elections before spring break, Bulloch County voted on Sunday alcohol sales.

The unofficial results from the Bulloch County Election Summary Report state that out of 5,496 votes, 3,074 residents voted yes for county-wide Sunday sales and 2,422 residents voted no.

As we reported before spring break, local officials believe this to be another step toward full liquor sales in Bulloch County.

We believe that the legalization of liquor sales would be a positive development for the community. It will provide a boost to the economy, and it will be a relief to locals that do not wish to drive far to buy liquor.

The first step to the legalization of package sales is to show support.

In the Thursday edition of The George-Anne, we quoted John Riggs, Statesboro city councilman, who said, "If it seemed like something the people wanted, I'd be happy to put it on the ballot. It's not my job to do what I want, but what my constituents want, but I have to hear from them first."

He invited concerned citizens to email him at john.riggs@statesboroga.net.

We believe that the legalization of liquor sales in Bulloch County would be a positive move to make, and students that agree need to make their voice heard.

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

Kony 2012: Do your research

Unless you have spent the past two weeks living under a rock without internet, you are likely aware of the recent "Kony 2012" viral video about Ugandan warlord Joseph Kony.

In summary, Kony is the war criminal leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, a militant terrorist organization guilty of inhumane crimes, notably the use of forcefully inducted child soldiers in their ranks.

The Kony 2012 movement is the product of Invisible Children, an awareness and advocacy organization that has been working to raise awareness of Kony and his crimes.

One of the video's highlights is Invisible Children's co-founder, Jason Russell, explaining Joseph Kony to his son. As his son Gavin understands it, Kony is a very bad man who should be stopped.

Unfortunately, the video is counting on the rest of its audience to have a similar point of view: That of a small child.

And as children, we aren't expected to do our own research.

Kony 2012 talks about the thousands upon thousands of children

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ALEX LASALLE/
OPS EDITOR

that the LRA has forced into combat. It neglects to mention that, by early 2012, the LRA had been reduced to a force of between 200 and 250 fighters, according to Ugandan defense minister Crispus Kiyonga.

It talks about the violence that the LRA has been purveying for many years. It neglects to mention the corruption and violence being committed by the Ugandan government, which Invisible Children is supporting.

It talks about the importance of spreading the word about Kony and asks for your donations. It neglects to mention that the organization spent \$8,676,614 last year, but only 32 percent of that went to direct services, with much of the rest going to staff salaries, travel, transport and film

production.

The video talks about the importance of getting involved. It neglects to mention Invisible Children's ultimate goal of foreign military intervention in Uganda, and it neglects to mention that Kony's few fighters are now spread through central Africa, outside of Uganda.

I was 11 years old when the Iraq War began. I was a child. I saw news reports talking about how Saddam Hussein was a very bad man. He was a very bad man, but that's all I knew. I thought that the simple explanation was the only one. We now know better.

A shiny video and a plethora of Twitter hashtags won't help a country where people are fighting over clean drinking water.

I can't tell you what to do with your money. If you still think Kony 2012 is a cause worthy of your money (in case your Facebook 'like' doesn't fix a war-torn continent in poverty), then go ahead. All I ask is that you do your research. Learn before you act.

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

From the left

Georgia missing opportunity

There was legislation that passed through a key house committee yesterday that would keep illegal immigrants from attending Georgia's public colleges.

Some may see this as a good piece of legislation and a positive step forward, but I believe that it could develop into a problem.

While these individuals may be here illegally, they are paying to attend our colleges. They will be paying back their student loans. They are working to better themselves and become productive members of our society.

If they do, they'll be productive, taxpaying workers, and if they don't, we're still better off. I'd much rather have an educated out of work illegal than an uneducated out of work illegal.

This is their path to success and by blocking this path, we are inviting them to join the ranks of criminals. We know that individuals who fail to finish K-12 have more of a chance to become criminal deviants than those who complete school, but what about those whose only hope after that is to get a college degree?

They may also turn to crime just to put food on the table. This problem becomes more real when we remember how bleak the job market is.

I would like to believe that we are allowing illegal immigrants, who have come here to better themselves, to have the opportunity to go to school.

While it's true that it's illegal to hire someone without US citizenship, we could allow them to take a citizenship test following their graduation, or they could apply for a work visa.

America is the land of opportunity and it



ROB ROBERTS @Robert_ARoberts

should remain the land of opportunity.

We don't have to offer in-state tuition to these individuals, but to completely shut the door on them would cost us money in the long run. If they are successful, and able to complete college and move on to getting a job, they will be able to contribute to our society much more than they would have been able to otherwise.

Some schools in Georgia already don't allow illegal immigrants to be enrolled (state schools such as Georgia State and Georgia Tech), and there is already a bill in place barring illegal immigrants to receive in-state benefits.

This does not take away from our Georgia residents, and it pumps more money into the system. Some may argue that they're taking a seat from an American student, but if they're better qualified, why not allow them to take what they've done and build on it, turning that success into a job.

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

From the right

Obama's failed energy policy

Obama's new favorite thing to boast and lie about is his energy policy. Last week, he slammed Republicans for not following his green energy initiative by calling them "Flat Earthers" and that under his administration, we have more drilling than ever before.

While it's true that there is more drilling going on than ever before, it is in spite of what he is doing. All the drilling going on is from Bush-era and Clinton-era permits that the Obama administration slammed with restrictions in order to slow their production.

But now that his reelection hinders on gas prices, he tries to take the credit for this drilling. If he really wanted to help drilling he would repeal his restrictions and open up drilling in the Mid-Atlantic.

He has said repeatedly in speeches, including his State of the Union address, that the future is in battery operated cars. He said that, by 2015, a million of these cars will be on American roads. So he put your money where his mouth is and gave GM \$240 million to develop the flop that is the Chevy Volt.

He then gave a Korean company \$150 million for the dangerous and inefficient batteries that went in these cars. Batteries that would last for less than 40 miles before needing 8 hours to recharge.

If the car only ran on these batteries, which are recharged by electricity produced by fossil fuels, we would be back in the days of covered wagons in respect to the distance we could travel on a charge from our battery "oxen". In the end, this car cost around \$41,000 to the consumer, so Obama threw another \$1.5 billion in subsidies to bring the price down for each car.

A car that now isn't offered because nobody



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wanted them. Good job, Barack. That's almost \$2 billion of our money down the drain.

Don't get me wrong; I would be on board for green energy if it worked just as well or better than the current fuel in terms of efficiency. Clearly this 400 lb. battery isn't going to work in by itself in a car unless it can greatly increase its distance between charges. Plus according to MIT, it will take 20 years for the infrastructure to be put in place to allow cars to charge while parked away from the home, which is crucial for its success.

Another problem is, according to the Chicago Tribune, with the new restrictions on power plants in place by Obama, energy prices will be up 60 percent by 2017. That's going to make people pause before they plug in their cars. If we're going to go green one day, we must make the transition gradually to allow for the technology of the future to catch up with the demand of today. Until that day, however, we need gas and we need its price to go down.

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



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requesting more affirmations of love, ultimately asking GUS to betray GSU.

"At the end, she asks him to put on an App. State jersey, and if you know the song it goes, 'I'll do anything for love, but I won't do that!'" New GUS said.

After individually explaining their storyboards and a brief interview, the candidates were required to put on the GUS head and feet and exhibit their dance moves and pantomiming skills.

"The most fun part of the audition was the dancing," New GUS said. "I did the moonwalk and the worm. They played songs, from hit songs to Barney."

Following the first round of tryouts, the judges deliberated and quickly narrowed it down to a top-three for the final round of tryouts.

The final round required the candidates to put on the entire GUS suit, layer by layer, and interact with people while learning motions and taking part in their first performance as GUS.

During the final round of tryouts, New GUS felt his dreams were coming true.

"I picture myself as GUS sometimes," New GUS said. "I see GUS and I think, 'I want to do that.'"

GSU to help students network and find jobs

BY ASHLEY WOODWARD

The George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University hosts several career fairs each semester to potentially help students find jobs and network.

Some students say that they are not represented at these events, while others contend that GSU is providing a good variety of representation to students.

"We are aware that some students may not feel represented at these events, and to combat this we will be having networking nights in the spring. Networking nights will be a way for students with less popular degrees to have a chance of meeting possible future employers," Heather Scarboro, recruitment coordinator, said.

"I feel like about eighty percent of the majors here are represented and the rest aren't. That's one of the reasons I changed my major from graphic design to English. Now that I'm an English major, I definitely feel more important," Justin Willoughby, a freshman English major, said.

"I definitely believe GSU is exposing

us to a great variety of employers, and I think career fairs are helpful because they allow you to meet prospective employers in a less tense way than an interview and it helps you prepare somewhat for a future interview," Megan Brock, a senior psychology major, said.

"I don't go to career fairs because I know there won't be anything for me. I feel like us smaller majors are kind of left waysided. I know GSU is trying their best, but it still sucks," Claire Campbell, a sophomore international trade and Spanish double major, said.

Companies attend these fairs in the hopes of helping students, Scarboro said.

"The percentage of attendance at career fairs is relatively low," Scarboro said. "There were four hundred and fifty students at the Eagle Expo, but I would love to see more students in attendance."

Networking nights will be put into place to help smaller majors, Scarboro said.

"Networking nights are a great way to get businesses here for smaller majors, because they are free and open to anyone

that wants to come. Free is the magic word," Scarboro said.

"I want to stress to students that just because there are mainly large businesses at these fairs, doesn't mean they shouldn't attend if they aren't a business major," Scarboro said.

Some students realize the potential of career fairs and have used them to their advantage.

"I always go to career fairs, wearing professional attire, resume in hand, ready to take a lot of phone numbers for effective networking," Bernard Mejia, senior political science major, said.

Jeremy Hill, senior general studies major, said, "The first time I went to a career fair, I didn't really take it seriously. I was taking a professional development class at the time and I had to go, but I'm glad I did. I saw a company's booth that looked interesting and walked up and asked them about it and signed up for an on-campus interview, and I ended up getting a job at University Directories in North Carolina, starting the day after graduation."

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SGA proposes new scholarship for leaders

Scholarship dedicated to former Dean Lewis for incoming freshmen

BY TJ JACKSON

The George-Anne staff

Former Dean of Students Georj Lewis was presented with a scholarship certificate from SGA at his farewell reception last month to be in effect for the incoming freshman class of 2013.

"The Student Government Association decided that's what they wanted to do, honor Dr. Lewis since he has been their advisor," Teresa Thompson, vice president of student affairs and enrollment manager, said.

The idea for the scholarship is to honor Dean Lewis, Alton Standifer, SGA president, said.

"Upon receiving the news that Dean Lewis would be departing, one of the things we thought of was how do you honor someone who's been so much to so many people. We thought about different things and it was just an idea that I had ran by several other people," Standifer said.

The qualifications for the scholarship are

not set in stone, but Standifer and Thompson will meet later this week to discuss the details, Standifer said.

To qualify for the Lewis scholarship, incoming freshmen will have to exemplify high standards with leadership and show leadership through their high school careers, Thompson said.

SGA will fund the proposed scholarship with the money that comes from selling university directories, and they also hope to raise money, Thompson said.

"SGA has money that they benefit from selling the directory and other ways through SGA so they'll add to it each year through that," Thompson said.



Georj Lewis

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-Alton Standifer,
SGA president

All details are not finalized and are still being put together by SGA for the 2013 scholarship.

"I don't think it will go into effect until 2013 because that gives them time to raise some money and put all of the details in and have it up and running on the web site for the fall of 2012 and actually put it into place for someone to receive it in fall 2013," Thompson said.

There are currently 25-30 Georgia Southern University leadership scholarships that are created by donors, Thompson said.

SGA also currently gives the John F. Nolen Scholarship, which five recipients were just

announced recently, Standifer said.

"Dean Lewis talked about when he's worked at several different places, but he knows that no matter where he goes, he knows that no place is quite like Georgia Southern. To have his name attached to a piece of Georgia Southern really meant a lot to him," Standifer said.

Thompson said, "It was a pleasure to honor someone like Georj Lewis for all of his leadership work while he was at Georgia Southern and we hope that others will consider giving to leadership scholars because our students benefit from those."

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Spring theater production set to debut

Performing Arts

BY KIMEKO MCCOY

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University student organizations are collaborating to bring art through acting to the Averitt Center for the Arts for the production "Barefoot in the Park," which makes its debut on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Sticking to tradition, "Barefoot in the Park" will serve as the annual student production that is put together through the collaboration of GSU's Alpha Psi Omega fraternity and Theatre South.

Alpha Psi Omega is a national theatre honor society at GSU while Theatre South is a student-run organization, advised by assistant professor of theatre Lisa Abbott, that focuses on theatre and works with GSU's theatre program. The organization produces plays, costumes and many other aspects of theatre.

"The show is produced by Theatre South and we're working in conjunction to make this happen," Austin Bolay, a senior double majoring in theatre and Spanish, said.

Bolay, who also serves as president of the Zeta Lambda chapter of the Alpha Psi Omega national honor society, will also be serving as the director for the play.

"(My job is to) make sure the production goes in the right direction," Bolay said. "(Like) a mediator."

Created by Neil Simon, this play is meant to bring big laughs to the crowd with its ups and downs.

The play focuses on a young, uptight and very conservative lawyer, Paul Bratter, who takes a fun loving, live-for-the-moment woman named Corrie to be his lawfully wedded wife.

The story begins to unfold when these two newlywed lovebirds venture and take the first steps of the rest of their lives.

After the wedding ends and the honeymoon phase begins to come to a close, reality starts to settle in as the couple starts to realize just what they have gotten themselves into.

The two live in a small New York apartment on the fifth floor of a building that lacks an elevator and this is where the trouble begins.

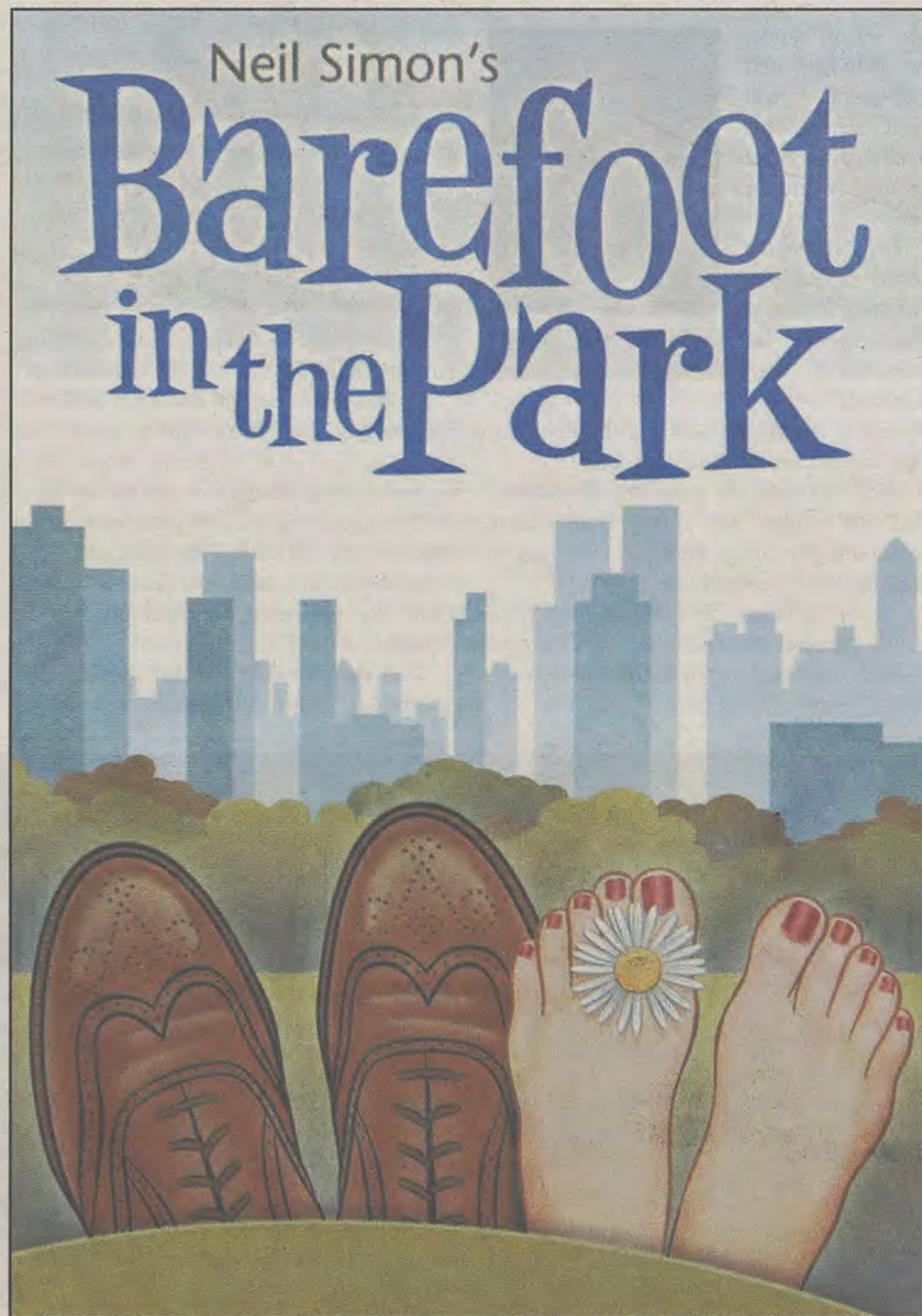


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"It's a funny, funny, funny play," Bolay said.

The couple must learn to live together to face the trials and triumphs of a new marriage and handle one another's quirky aspects.

Bolay expects the show to be enjoyable and said the show is "family appropriate with subtle adult jokes that you would have to be an adult to understand."

Everyone is invited to see this play and it is hoped that many will come out to the Averitt Center that night.

"We're hoping to see a lot of people," Bolay said.

"Barefoot in the Park" will be premiering at the Emma Kelly Theatre in the Averitt Center for the Arts March 22 through the 24 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased through the Averitt Center.

The Buzz List

▪ **Peyton Manning** is signing with the Denver Broncos. Denver fans



Gianna Carme

approve of the move, but God's opinion is still up in the air.

▪ **George Clooney** was arrested in Washington D.C. for raising awareness for the humanitarian crisis in South Sudan. He was arrested for doing good which makes us love him even more than we already did.

▪ **Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner** named their newborn son Samuel Garner Affleck. Original.

▪ **Oprah Winfrey** fired 30 people from OWN network, including two executive employees. But in other news, everyone in the company received BRAND NEW CARS!

▪ **Jason Russell**, the man behind the Kony 2012 video, was taken into custody after having a naked meltdown in the streets of San Diego. Apparently he never took Ron Burgundy's advice.

▪ **Rosie O'Donnell** has taken a low blow from Donald Trump when he responded to the cancelling of her show by saying "When will media executives learn that Rosie just hasn't got it?" Rosie, you're fired, AGAIN!

▪ **Lindsay Lohan** put herself on house arrest after an altercation over the weekend. We applaud you, Lindsay.

Information compiled by Arts Editor Quania Epps and Assistant Arts Editor Gianna Carme from TheHollywoodReporter.com.

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Pottery and Glass are selling tickets, and charitable partners of the show, such as The Boys and Girls Club, Adullam Christian House, Habitat for Humanity and Safe Haven are also selling tickets for the event.

The creator and coordinator of the music festival and, Statesboro native Lehman Franklin, wanted to include as much of the community as possible. He stresses that his main purpose for the festival is to "create a platform for continuous economic growth" in Statesboro.

"People will come in and eat here, shop here, stay here- bring money into the community," Franklin said.

Performers like Statesboro-born Gerald Smith and Livin' Proof, University of Georgia student Connor Pledger and other local performers like Tent City will bring small town music to a big stage. From rappers to country music to jam bands, organizers wanted to create a diverse music scene for all of their hometown members to appreciate.

"I enjoy the opportunity to get out there and perform in front of my hometown. I hope there will be a good turnout and we'll get to do this next year," Christian rapper Joseph Carnes, also known as Livin' Proof, said.

Music Festival

Bands Featured:

Catherine Kimbro
Gerald Smith
Harry Canary
Lefty Williams
Tent City
Epic Cycle
Evensong
Believers Church
The Men of Praise
The Other Brothers Band

Brian Wahl
Gary Fordham
Finnagin's Father
Connor Pledger
Cold Duck Time
Livin' Proof
School of Rock
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The host Garrett, who was also in charge of interviewing and booking the bands, found that the musicians were sensible people like the everyday individual.

"I love how versatile these bands are. All of our performers are actually down-to-earth people," Garrett said.

Having performed in and around town, the artists share a passion and commitment for music making. They write their own lyrics and create their own sounds in which audiences find their favorite music styles.

"(Our sound) is sort of a mix of funk, blues, and rock. We play a lot of original stuff. We're still figuring out style," Ben Keiser, guitarist for Epic Cycle, said.

While the event will provide most audience members with their favorite types of music, there are many other activities for adults and children to get involved in. These amusements include rock climbing, face painting, a car show, a fashion show and loads more.

"This is an event that doesn't only cater to music lovers, but to the family," Garrett said.

Franklin organized a committee that meets every week to discuss the plans for the upcoming event. He aims to make this event a new festivity for the town to look forward to every year. With the notion of accommodating all audiences and giving back to the community, Franklin also wants to make this festival larger than life.

"We wanted to make it different than a concert. We wanted the festival to be a tradition," Franklin said.

Garrett is a former DJ of the 91.9 "The Buzz" radio station at GSU and is currently the production assistant for Georgia Eagle Media, a company who owns six radio stations in the Statesboro area. As a part of the planning committee as well, Garrett "learned how hard it was to organize a festival on this level."

"It's a punch in the stomach at first, but you get valuable experience for stuff like this," Garrett said.

After leaving the United States for a while, Franklin lived in Argentina where he took part in the leadership and character development of young people. In Statesboro, he currently works at Franklin Chevrolet on Northside Drive. He put on music festivals in Argentina and Italy and, when he returned home, he www "It's just bringing people together to have fun. It's like a celebration," Franklin said.



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Roy F. Powell Award winners are chosen

BY BRITTANY MOORE

The George-Anne contributor

The Georgia Southern University Department of Writing and Linguistics has honored three students with the Roy F. Powell Awards for Creative Writing.

The Roy F. Powell Award was created to recognize students and their creative writing works, while also honoring the memory of Roy F. Powell who was the first creative writing professor at GSU.

There are three different categories that make up the creative writing awards — poetry, fiction and creative nonfiction.

Eric Nelson, a professor in the Department of Writing and Linguistics, said, "The pieces that won dealt with subject matter in a complex and mature way. The chosen works showed an awareness of language, and also beauty and power of language."

In poetry, Naima Ozier, a senior writing and linguistics major from Stone Mountain, GA won for her poems "Sunbathing," "Sacred" and "Venus, Horatius, and Aeneas." Her work was inspired by experiences that her and her

friends encountered during last year.

Ozier said, "I was in disbelief, proud and very happy when I found out that I won. Writing is a release for me, I can express myself and it keeps me on track."

Michael Chestnut, a freshman psychology major from Savannah, won for his short story "Last Call." His work was inspired by his life in

ROY F. POWELL AWARDS FOR CREATIVE WRITING

Poetry

NAIMA OZIER

Fiction

MICHAEL CHESTNUT

Creative Non-fiction

KAYLA WHALEY

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category for her work "More Than Green." Whaley's work was inspired by a jade bracelet she owns that has sentimental value to her.

Whaley said "Winning this award has greatly affected my confidence as a writer. I just started writing two years ago, I haven't done this my whole life. So it is validation that writing is something I am good at."

The winners were selected by a panel of judges who are also GSU professors in the writing and linguistics department, each judge was in charge of assessing a category in which they have experience writing in.

All of the winners' works will be published in Miscellany, GSU's literary magazine. They will also receive a framed award certificate, recognition at GSU's Honors Day ceremony and a cash award of \$100.

Savannah and his favorite writer Neal Gaiman.

Chestnut said, "It is nice to get validation for your writing. To know that something you did is that good and that people appreciate my work."

Kayla Whaley, a first year graduate student studying public administration from Marietta, Georgia won in the creative nonfiction

Nelson said, "The award is recognition, encouragement, and acknowledgement that what they are doing is excellent writing. Writing is a solitary business, so whenever a writer can get some public recognition there is a great boost and it helps them realize that people are reading and appreciating their works."

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Bianna Wagenbrenner,
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For some, college is a mean to an ends whether it be an education, a stepping stone or a career. For others, college is a party that can turn into a super senior dull drum. However, with the right major, your college experience can be an educational stepping stone with fun along the way.

All over campus there are reminders for students to decide on their major, but why? Deciding on a major early can keep students on whatever track they choose for their college career.

Brittany Pullin, a first year graduate student in the MBA program at Georgia Southern, knew the importance of choosing a major early on.

"I decided on accounting my senior year of high school; I have a passion for business, so I am glad I had a major that is the language of business," Pullin said. "I have always had a plan, and having the same major through my four years was less stressful and helped guide me to my master degree ambitions."

However not every student is so lucky. Some students do have trouble deciding on a major. Ashley Salim, senior public relations major, is proof that if students do their research early, they can find their major and

stay on track.

After switching from journalism to english to communication studies and then deciding on public relations, Salim said, "After taking introduction to public relations, I finally understood that public relations would implement all the aspects of the other majors that I was interested in. Choosing my major early on allowed me to graduate in four years."

Other students may know what they want to do originally but then change their minds. There is a huge difference in attitude drive and success when changing to a major that students are interested in.

"I broke down my junior year; not only was accounting hard, but I had no passion for what I was doing," Keisha Francis, a senior marketing major and Spanish and management minor, said. "Now I love my marketing classes, and I have been very successful."

If you need help deciding on your major, don't hesitate. Ask Career Services, faculty, alumni and senior students in your department. The most important thing is to talk to people who can give you insight and advice to jump start your future.

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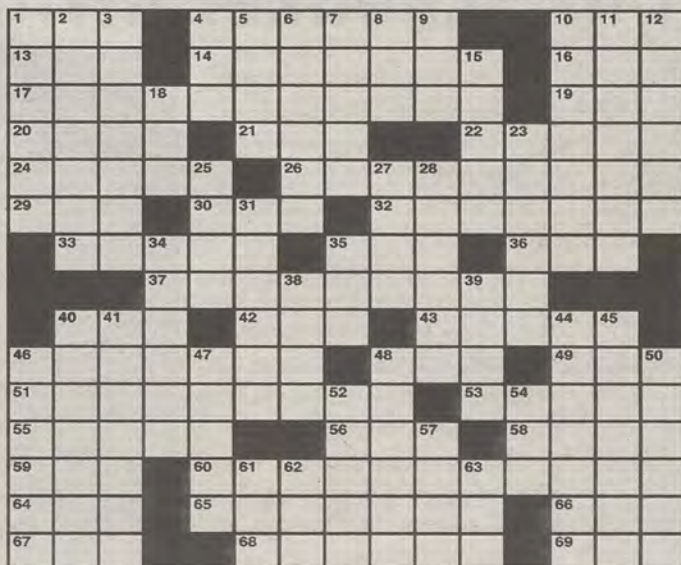
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ACROSS

- 1 Stove fuel
- 4 Consent (to)
- 10 Sauna sounds
- 13 Tiny troublemaker
- 14 Drink ordered dry or dirty
- 16 Cheer word
- 17 "Where some carry keys"
- 19 Pie ___ mode
- 20 New Mexico art colony
- 21 Volcano output
- 22 Flavor
- 24 Author Ferber and actress Best
- 26 "Behind-the-scenes area"
- 29 Reno roller
- 30 "Now I ___ me down ..."
- 32 One more
- 33 Two-time N.L. batting champ Lefty
- 35 The Beatles' "___ Love You"
- 36 Physics particle
- 37 "Peugeot or Renault, e.g."
- 40 Coppertone letters
- 42 Remote batteries
- 43 Krispy doughnuts
- 46 Nonbeliever
- 48 "This ___ ripoff!"
- 49 Farm worker?
- 51 "Campaign in rural areas"
- 53 Slow, to Schumann
- 55 Brazilian writer Jorge
- 56 Velvet finish?
- 58 "Gypsys, Tramps & Thieves" singer
- 59 Grafton's "___ for Corpse"
- 60 School entrances, or, in a way, what each answer to a starred clue has
- 64 One for Monet
- 65 Evaporated
- 66 MGM mascot
- 67 Airline to Stockholm
- 68 Trattoria desserts
- 69 Time workers: Abbr.

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- 1 Like geniuses



By Pam Amick Klawitter

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March 8th Puzzle Solved

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- 2 Medium with a lot of talk
- 3 Ate, as soup
- 4 Price to pay: Abbr.
- 5 Bullfighter's cloak
- 6 "Road" film co-star
- 7 Sketch: drawing toy
- 8 Hägar creator Browne
- 9 Suffix with benz-
- 10 Wind River Reservation tribe
- 11 Kind of lamp with a tungsten filament
- 12 One who doesn't hog
- 15 "___ Easy": Ronstadt hit
- 18 Decoding org.
- 23 Something to wear
- 25 Sot's speech problem
- 27 Money
- 28 Atlantic Division NBA team
- 31 Balt. Orioles' div.
- 34 Step on someone's toes, so to speak
- 35 Mac alternatives
- 38 Brussels-based defense gp.
- 39 Shrinking sea
- 40 Marathoner's need
- 41 They may be coined
- 44 Street opening
- 45 Became a contestant
- 46 Gadget you can count on?
- 47 "This ___": "How strange"
- 48 Well-heeled Marcos
- 50 Sculptors' subjects
- 52 Resist authority
- 54 Earth-friendly prefix
- 57 Neither an ally nor an enemy: Abbr.
- 61 Common URL ender
- 62 Slangy about-face
- 63 Printer resolution meas.



Welcome to Falling Rock National Park by Josh Shalek



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Golf

BY KEVIN GREGAN

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University golf team teed off in Statesboro over St. Patrick's Day weekend where they competed in the 33rd annual Schenkel Invitational golf tournament. It seems, however, that the University of Alabama Crimson Tide were the ones who kept shamrocks in their socks.

Alabama played well during the three day, 54-hole tournament and scored a -47. That team's performance helped them break a course record that had been held since the 1986 Wake Forest

University team scored a -39.

"They're a great team. They're poised to make a run at the national championship," GSU head coach Larry Mays said.

One thing that Mays stressed as a key to Alabama's success was their mental stability.

Competition was stiff in Statesboro due to perfect golf weather, and seven of the fourteen teams who competed finished under par. After Alabama's dominating first place finish, the University of Virginia put up a score of 25-under par.

The three-year defending Schenkel champion Auburn University tied for third place with the University of Florida at 17-under

and the University of Alabama at Birmingham rounded out the top-5 at 9 under par.

"The scores were low all around due to the lack of wind, the great shape the course was in due to the short winter, and the sun being out all weekend," Mays said.

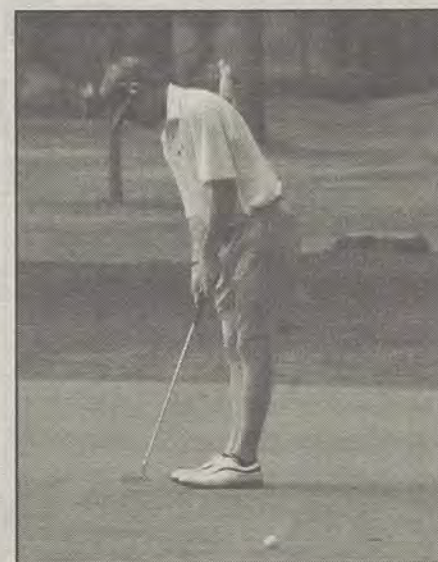
Team scores are determined by the combination of the rounds that each of the five players on each team records. After a 296 first round score, the scores got progressively better with a 292 and 290.

"We still didn't play like we would've liked to. We just didn't make many putts. We were hitting the ball well and there were some great shots, but we just didn't put like we normally do," Mays said.

As a very prestigious collegiate golf tournament, Mays mentioned that the home town pressure with the big stage and the fresh greens could have led to some of those missed putts.

After the last round on Sunday, GSU finished with a score of 882 which was good for 11th place ahead of Notre Dame University, the University of Minnesota and North Carolina State University.

"There were a lot of very complementary things from the visiting coaches. The strength of competition that comes back every year is a testament to how well the tournament has been running and the support the community has given us," Mays said.



Courtesy of Georgia Southern Athletics

Sophomore Hayden Anderson attempts a putt to remain under par.

Eagles sweep home SoCon series vs. Western Carolina

Softball

BY ANNA WELLS

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University softball team swept Southern Conference opponent Western Carolina University in a three-game series that took place starting on Saturday March 17.

GAME 1

The Eagles took an early lead with two runs in the first inning but the Catamounts were able to answer with a run in the third that made the score 2-1 with four innings left of play. In the fifth inning the Eagles were able to score two more runs thanks to a double by Savannah Coon that allowed a run by Marie Fogle and a hit by Kourtney Thomas that plated Coon. GSU scored its fifth and final run of the game in the sixth inning when a triple by Fogle gave freshman Lexi Allen her first career run.

Pitcher Sarah Purvis had another impressive game, allowing just one run and throwing a total of ten strikeouts for the game.

GAME 2

The Eagles started off the second game with a run by Coon late in the second inning that gave GSU a 1-0 lead over the Catamounts. Marie Fogle then hit her second triple of the day and sent junior Alexa Lewis to home plate and gave the Eagles 2-0 advantage in the fifth inning of the game.

Western Carolina was able to answer in the sixth inning with two runs, tying the Eagles. However, GSU was able to answer in the bottom of the sixth when pinch runner Breanna McLendon was able to score on a double by Shelby Morill. The Eagles were then able to finish the game out holding onto their 3-2 lead, sweeping the Catamounts for the first day of the three-game series.

"Shelby had a great double...she's done a great job all year. I'm trying to get a lot of people in to hit it's just hard to fit more than nine people in our line-up, so I was really happy for her," said head coach Annie Smith.

GAME 3

The Catamounts came back to Eagle Field ready to play and took an early lead over the Eagles with a two-RBI single from Kelly Bramen.

The Eagles struck back in the bottom of the first with runs from Fogle and Mackenzie Williams that allowed the Eagles to tie the game 2-2.

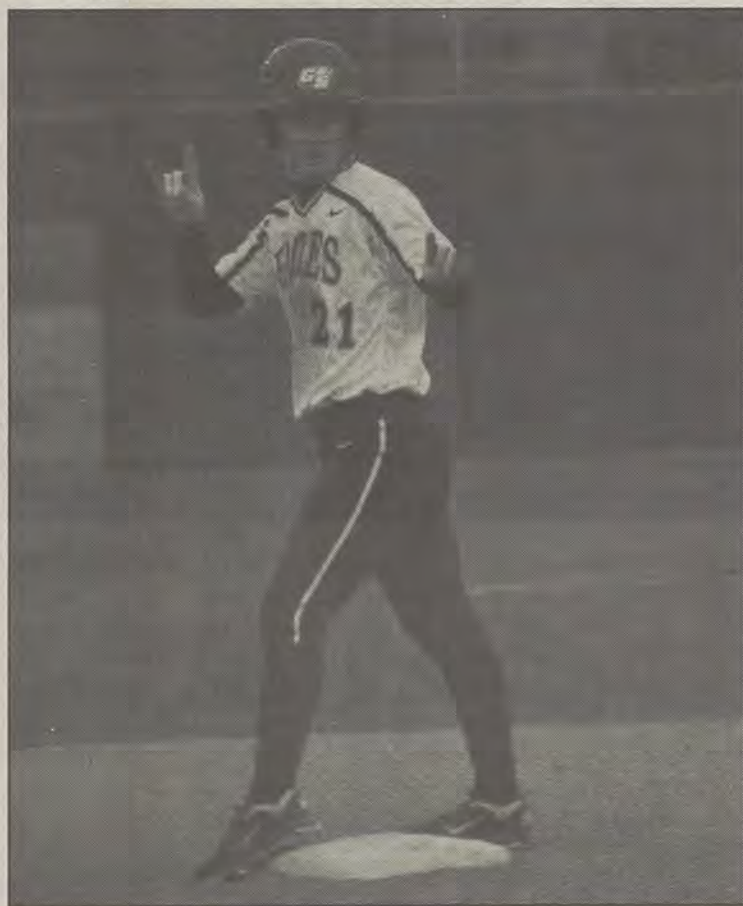
The game remained scoreless until the end of the second inning when a drive to centerfield by Williams sent Alexa Lewis to home plate and also provided the winning run for GSU's 3-2 victory over the Catamounts.

Georgia Southern's defense set a season high for double plays in a game during the final game of this series, turning three in the first four innings that allowed the Eagles to end the respective innings.

"This weekend we got some clutch hits when we needed them and it is great to get a series win against a very good Western Carolina team," said Smith.

"[Conference victories] always help because they work for seeding the tournament, the better the seed the easier it is at the tournament and it also builds our confidence," said Smith.

The Eagles hit the road this weekend to take on Kennesaw State with a double-header starting this Saturday, March 24 at 2 p.m.



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Senior infielder Jori Walker (21) communicates with her coach while on the basepath during the Eagles' game versus Kentucky.

Eagles win first SoCon series of the year 2-1

Baseball

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Opening up Southern Conference play at home, the Eagles of Georgia Southern University won two games of three against the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Spartans this past weekend.

The Eagles have been in a slump, not being able to hit its stride on a consistent basis. GSU was swept by Elon University in the first series of SoCon play last weekend. It then continued its roadtrip to the 24th ranked Wake Forest University Demon Deacons and were routed there, losing by a score of 14-4. One high note for the team has been the performance at the plate of senior infielder, Eric Phillips. Coming into this weekends series, Phillips has a hit in every single game of the year, an 18-game hit streak. However, this streak was snapped in the first game of the Eagles-Spartans series.

Game 1, Friday, GSU 8 - UNCG 3

Bouncing back from a conference sweep, the

Eagles needed this win, its first over the break. As always, junior Chris Beck gave Georgia Southern a solid effort on the mound. Beck threw for 7.2 innings and struck out his season high of nine batters. Although he gave up nine hits, he did allow them to be right on top of each other. He scattered his three runs he gave up across separate innings.

Although Phillips' streak ended, junior outfielder Scooter Williams extended his to 10 games. Williams, in addition to freshman Casey Kicklighter, had a multi-hit game. Kicklighter started off his season on fire but had recently cooled off, only reaching base on a hit once in 16 at bats. This hitting, as well as a great effort on the mound from Beck allowed the Eagles to earn its first SoCon victory of the season.

Game 2, Saturday, UNCG 12 - GSU 9

The Eagles dug themselves in a hole early, and could not pull itself out, not even by scoring nine runs. By the second inning, GSU was behind by a score of 6-1. Junior starter Josh Stevenson, typically a closer, only pitched two innings before being pulled by head coach Rodney Hennon. The Eagle bullpen had to

come in and throw seven innings to try to put back the pieces.

GSU had another great offensive game, especially for freshman catcher Chase Griffin. Griffin had three of the Eagles nine hits, one of which was a three-run home run.

Game 3, Sunday, GSU 6 - UNCG 5

Williams, whose hit streak was snapped on Saturday and Phillips, who's hit streak was snapped on Friday, both got back to business in GSU's second SoCon win of the season. Williams was 3-3 with three runs from the plate and Phillips was 2-2 with four RBI. Sophomore Stryker Brown and Freshman Clint Clark both had two-hit ball games as well.

Freshman Will Middour made his first start on the season. Middour has been nursing an elbow injury and threw four good innings for GSU. He only gave up one earned run on two hits and struck out three. Junior Kyle Rowe came in to relive him, and threw 4.1 innings. Rowe struggled in the top of the ninth so senior Jaret Leverett came in to finish the game and grab the save. But not before he allowed the Spartans to inch back to a 6-5 game from being down 6-3.



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Junior pitcher Chris Beck (25) throws a ball toward home plate.



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