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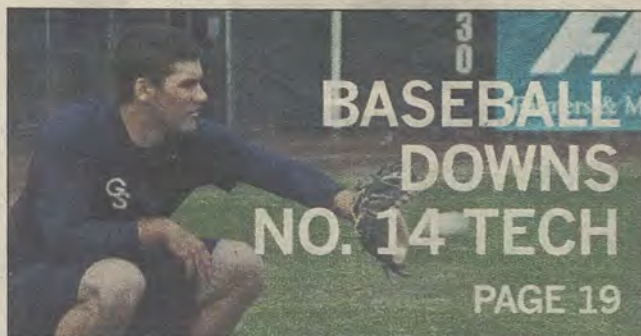
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ARREST AT SPEECH



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Fifth year music education major Elaina Bass is arrested on campus for giving GSU PD false information at "Brother" Micah Armstrong's speech near the Rotunda on Tuesday. See page 2 for the full story.

Giuliani visits GSU

BY COURTNEY ESCHER

The George-Anne staff
and **ASHLEY WOODWARD**
The George-Anne contributor

Last night, "America's Mayor" and former mayor of New York Rudy Giuliani gave a lecture on leadership in Hanner Fieldhouse at 7 p.m.

Giuliani's speech informed students that leadership can be taught, learned and improved.

"People always ask me, 'Are leaders born or are they made?' And I say, they are made. But they are born, first," Giuliani said.

Giuliani believes that there are six principles of leadership that can be applied in any workplace or

organization.

The first principle of leadership is having strong beliefs, Giuliani said.

"You have to know your beliefs and your goal in order to achieve and lead," Giuliani said.

"The quintessential leader is the captain of a ship. For the ship to work, the captain has to do one thing: They must set a destination," Giuliani said.

The second principle of leadership is to be an optimist, Giuliani said.



RUDY GIULIANI

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Dean of COBA to leave GSU

BY ASHLEY WOODWARD

The George-Anne contributor

Dean of the College of Business Administration Ron Shiffler will be leaving Georgia Southern University this summer to fill a position at Queens College in Charlotte, N.C.

"Queens College recruited him, he wasn't looking for a change, but the opportunity presented itself," Associate Dean of Academics Bill Wells said.

Shiffler's last day as dean will be July 31 of this year.



RON SHIFFLER

"He is approaching the end of his career but he is not ready to retire yet. He will be the head of a school of business with eighteen faculty versus one hundred and twenty faculty in COBA at GSU," Wells said.

Shiffler, who has a Ph.D. in statistics, is ready to move into an environment that will not be as time consuming, Wells said.

"North Carolina is his home. His parents are from there and he has a fondness for this area," Wells said.

During his time at GSU, Shiffler has contributed much time and effort to the university and its students, Wells said.

"At the moment, he is the senior dean at GSU and has served as a leader for other deans," Wells said.

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Student arrested at speech

BY LINDSAY GASKINS

The George-Anne staff

Police arrested a student during "Brother" Micah Armstrong's demonstration Tuesday following suspicion of the student spitting on Armstrong.

Elaina Bass, fifth year music education major, gave Georgia Southern University Police a false name after being accused of spitting at the demonstrator.

"Officers pulled her out of the crowd to talk to her about the incident and she gave them false information, so that's what she was arrested for — giving false information," Major Laura McCullough of GSU PD said.

Bass was not sure why GSU PD pulled her out of the crowd during Armstrong's speech, but learned later it was because of the alleged spitting.

"They pulled me over and asked me for my name, so I gave them a fake name," Bass said.

Bass gave police a fake name because of a run-in she had with another officer in the past.

"I had a run-in with an individual officer in a bar a while back. He was overly aggressive

and scared me. He found me on Facebook (and Myspace) and sent me multiple aggressive messages through the sites," Bass wrote through an email.

Bass was unsure what the initial reason for her arrest was.

"They told me that because they didn't see (the spitting), they were going to arrest me for giving false information," Bass said.

Bass did not like the way police were handling the situation.

"As I was getting into the cop car, it was kind of insulting because I felt like I was being used as a training exercise for the training cop because the officer said (to the trainee), 'Look, you will get a chance to book somebody now,'" Bass said.

Bass's initial reaction to Armstrong was to not become aggravated with his accusations, Bass said prior to her arrest.

"(Armstrong) is basically condemning everyone here in the name of God, which I think is really offensive," Bass said. "All I can do is pray for forgiveness for him."

Bass said she does not know who spit at Armstrong.

Armstrong: I expected strong student reaction

BY LINDSAY GASKINS

The George-Anne staff

"Brother" Micah Armstrong visited Georgia Southern University Tuesday afternoon and caused debate among several of the students.

The reactions from students were not unexpected for Armstrong.

"I think today the students were rowdy, but they were more civil and good-natured. They didn't get overly angry and out of control but (there are) always a few," Armstrong said.

"I pretty much expected the response that I got today," Armstrong said.

Armstrong has a strategy for whenever things start to get out of hand.

"When things escalate, you want calm it down. Say something funny and get their attention back," Armstrong said.

Armstrong believes that what he is doing now on college campuses is his true calling.

"After I read (a book), I believe that God was calling me to preach full-time on college campuses," Armstrong said. "(I) resigned my job and sold my house and went out on faith."

"If I am accurately presenting to them the holy God that (students) hate, that they don't want to hear about," Armstrong said. "They have been given account for their lifestyle. What type of repose would you expect to get?"

The Free Speech Act permits Armstrong to speak at GSU, but many students do not support his presence on campus.

"Even though people have the right to speak under our Constitution, (Armstrong) shouldn't be given a permit to be here," Phillip Brice, freshman recreation major, said.

"Me being a Christian, I wanted to hear what he was saying," Carlos Sims, junior art history major, said. "I got out my Bible and started reading that we are saved not by our actions, you know, but through God."

There were some students who were not as affected and did not think much into Armstrong's accusations.



"BROTHER" MICAH ARMSTRONG

"Everyone has a point of view, he just has a strong one," Morgan Brown, sophomore special education major, said.

"It didn't affect me as much because I am strong in my views," Brown said.

During the demonstration, a group of students began loudly playing Bob Marley's "One Love" through the Rotunda's speakers toward Micah's demonstration.

"I don't really understand how (Armstrong's speech) isn't considered hate speech. He was standing there telling (students) that they were going to hell because of the way they live their lives," Levi Shinn, sophomore journalism major and one of the students who played the music, said.

Luke Criddle, sophomore writing and linguistics major, said, "I just feel like there's no reason to spread hate around. Love your neighbor, which is apparently what the Bible says, and it would make (Earth) a better place."

Jessie Reese and Dhara Shah contributed to this report.

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"To be an optimist is to be a problem solver," Giuliani said, "to absorb the problem and think of a solution."

Giuliani described the difference between an optimist and a pessimist by re-starting his speech in a pessimistic light.

"Things are bad and they are just gonna get worse. There's no hope. Follow me," Giuliani said, "No one followed me, except some kooks in New York."

When Giuliani worked as the District Attorney of New York City, he often encouraged lawyers who came to him with problems to come back later with a solution rather than dwelling on the problem, Giuliani said.

Giuliani was diagnosed with prostate cancer and viewed the opportunity of being diagnosed as a gift, Giuliani said.

"People who deal with a disease with optimism have a greater chance of living than those who do not. A lot of people are given the chance to be aware of the fact that there is something inside them that could kill them, and I was. I considered

myself a lucky man," Giuliani said.

The third principle of leadership is courage, Giuliani said.

"Lots of people don't think they're brave because they aren't super human," Giuliani said.

The fear of failing will impede one from succeeding, Giuliani said.

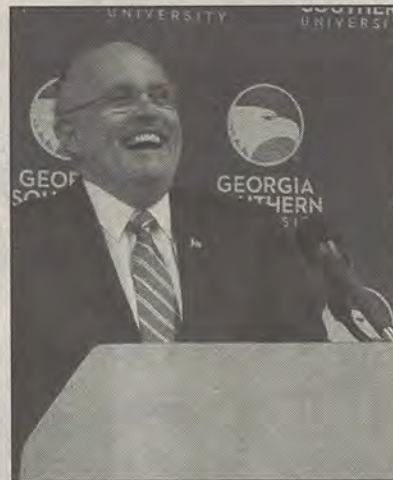
"If you are afraid to fail, you will never succeed," Giuliani said. "Everyone who has ever known success has failed greatly."

The fourth principle of leadership is preparation, Giuliani said.

"Relentless preparation is the key to success," Giuliani said.

Giuliani spoke of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on New York City during his time as mayor and how preparation for everything imaginable made him prepared for the unthinkable, Giuliani said.

"When I was first at the site, I said, we don't have a plan for this but we'll do the best we can. Afterwards, I realized that by over-preparing for other things like terrorist bomb threats and blackouts, we had indeed prepared," Giuliani said.



Mark Barnes II/The George-Anne

Former New York mayor visits GSU.

The fifth principle of leadership is teamwork, Giuliani said.

"We all have weaknesses. After you've identified your weaknesses, find someone who balances them," Giuliani said.

The sixth principle of leadership is communication, Giuliani said.

"It's not that hard to do, a lot of times it's just being yourself," Giuliani said.

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Shiffler joined GSU in 2002 and served as both dean of COBA and interim dean of College of Information and Technology for four years, Wells said.

"(Shiffler) helped grow enrollments and graduate program of WMBA. He has led efforts to establish the first PHD program at GSU," Wells said. "He led the charge to get the university and board of regents' approval for the online executive MBA program, beginning fall 2012."

"(Shiffler) served on the chamber of commerce as well, so this has been a busy past ten years for him," Wells said.

An interim dean will be chosen for the faculty of COBA to serve as a replacement until a permanent dean is found, Director of Marketing and Communications Christian Flathman said.

"The search for a permanent dean will be a nationwide search, but certainly the faculty of COBA and whoever the interim dean may be will

be considered as well," Flathman said.

"2013 is a realistic time goal for a permanent dean. The interim dean will most likely serve throughout the 2012-2013 school term," Flathman said.

Once all of the recommendations for faculty are received, Provost Ted Moore will consult with President Brooks Keel on who to appoint for interim, Flathman said.

Wells said, "I think he is going to miss us, but this is a good opportunity for him."

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Our View

Green Cups good for school and students

In the Tuesday edition of The George-Anne, we reported that Eagle Dining, along with the student organization Helping Hands, has implemented a Green Cup program on the Georgia Southern University campus.

The cups are being sold at the Eagle Card Center at \$11 for dining plan holders and \$15 for people that do not hold dining plans. They can be refilled for \$1 at the 11 different on-campus locations.

The green cups are 24-ounce Turvis brand tumblers that have three distinct goals — to help students to save money, promote the green movement and most importantly, to save lives through the Hearts and Hands Clinic, according to Travis Williams, CEO of Helping Hands.

The idea for the cups was brought to life from the student organization called SIFE, Students In Free Enterprise.

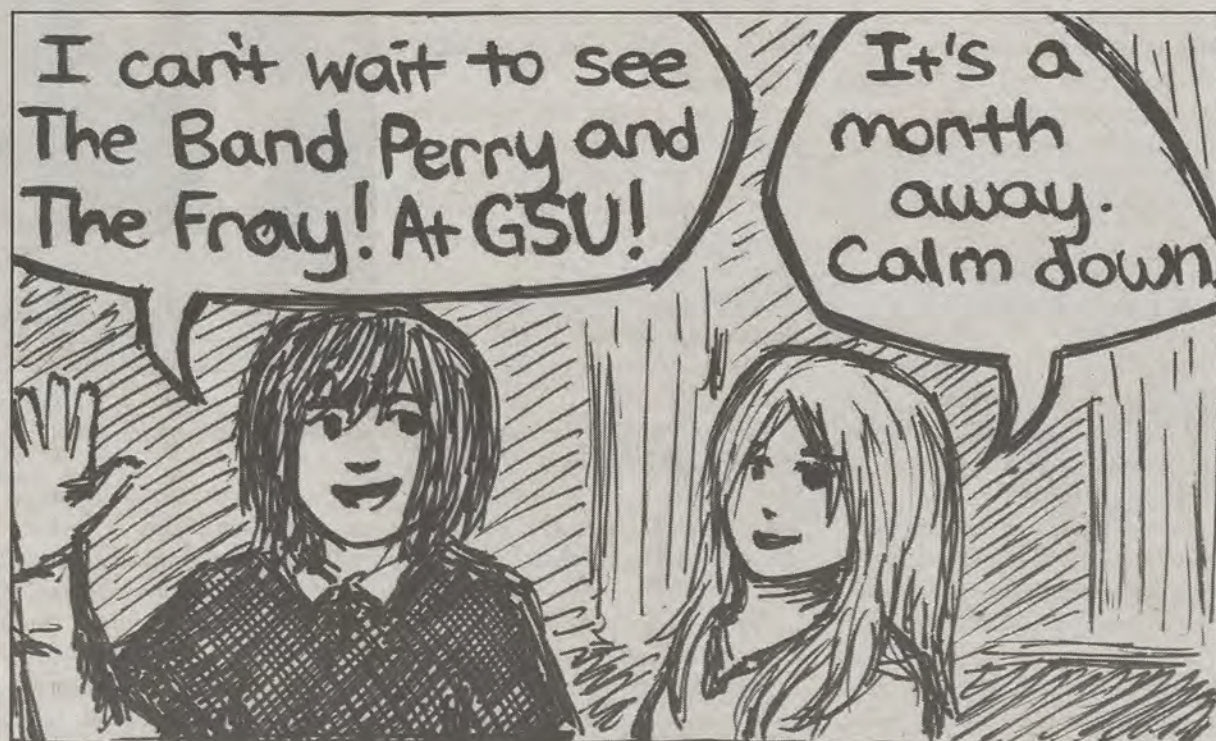
We believe in the purpose of the green cups, and we highly encourage people to take advantage of this opportunity. Saving money is always a concern for students, and these cups provide an opportunity to do just that and more.

We also stand behind the environmental purpose that these cups serve. Not only will the decrease in waste help the environment, but it will also help GSU's campus to remain free of excess garbage.

Students and others, dining plan or not, should not hesitate to take advantage of this opportunity.

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Jasmine Nielsen/The George-Anne

Remaining aware of awareness

There is a single word that has been making itself known to the world lately. You may be aware of that word. In fact, it's a word that I've already used today — "Awareness."

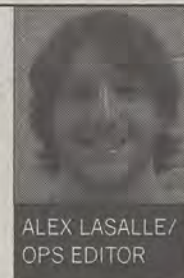
According to Wikipedia, "Awareness is the state or ability to perceive, to feel or to be conscious of events, objects or sensory patterns."

If you are hunting big game in the jungles of Africa, you must have "awareness," lest you be mauled and eaten by a leopard, trampled to death by an elephant or run down by a pack of hyenas. Really, anything is possible when you are unaware.

One recent use of the word "awareness" is in respect to the Kony 2012 campaign and accompanying video. The entire point of the movement is to raise awareness — there's that word again — of a specific warlord that has romped around Uganda and the surrounding areas, enslaving children and terrorizing the innocent.

In Tuesday's edition of The George-Anne, we reported on a series of events to be held by GSU's Lambda Kappa chapter of the Alpha Kappa

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OPS EDITOR

Alpha sorority.

These events are being held to "raise awareness" about women's health, students' loans and credit, student involvement and the sorority itself.

The events also use the letter "K" where a hard "C" would usually sit, such as in "Get a Klue."

I usually associate the letter "K" with either an exceptionally superficial family of celebrities or a violent group of bedsheet-clad racists. I don't consider Alpha Kappa Alpha to be either of these, just to avoid any misunderstanding.

On another side note, Kim Kardashian is a known supporter of Kony 2012. No word yet on her attitude toward sheet-wearing racists. Has her awareness been raised?

As a side note, I now have the desire to buy a boat, name it "The Awareness," sink it to the bottom of the Okefenokee Swamp and then pay someone to "Raise The Awareness."

The same Wikipedia article on "awareness" also states, "Knowledge is commonly mistaken as awareness."

For example, simply having knowledge along the lines of, "Hey, this jungle is full of ferocious carnivores," will not suffice when you are hunting big game in Africa. Nobody wants to be eaten by a lion or stomped on by a rampaging zebra. It's terribly inconvenient. You must be "aware."

Words like "knowledge" and "awareness" can play tricks on the mind. Words make the world go 'round these days, but when someone is talking about "spreading awareness," do you know if that awareness leads to action? Is it all about fruitless publicity?

So remember: Be aware, or be a Kardashian. Or possibly a racist.

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From the left

Justice system flawed

The tragedy surrounding Trayvon Martin has quickly become a hot political issue. A young black male, slain by a neighborhood patrolman who thought him to be suspicious. Why was he suspicious, because he was wearing a hoodie or because he was a young black male wearing a hoodie?

My question is: Why does that matter? None of the details do. It's funny, too, because that's the big debate.

There are so many misrepresentations of details and information out there, distorted perceptions of what happened and people talking and posting pictures without fact checking. The main issue with this case is that it is about race. But why?

If I were to be shot on the pedestrian tomorrow, it would be covered by The George-Anne, The Statesboro Herald and maybe a Savannah newspaper. My parents wouldn't get flown to D.C. and have President Obama tell them it could have been his son.

It's a tragedy because a young man was shot and killed, not because of his race or the race of his attacker. The tragedy is that Zimmerman felt the need to end another human being's life. My question is: If they had been the same race, would it still be national news?

The tragedy is that, after taking someone's life, Zimmerman walked free without sufficient questioning or even a sobriety test. Why was he treated more like a victim than a suspect? Again, that could lie in the fact that none of us have all the details to the story. Maybe he was



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being attacked as it is suggested in multiple reports, maybe he really believed that his only hope to survive was to pull the trigger.

The fact remains, though, that he was instructed by the police to not pursue Trayvon Martin when he dialed 911 to report the "suspicious individual." That alone should have triggered something in the investigative officers' minds.

Regardless of his story, Zimmerman needs to be sent to trial. The adage goes, innocent until proven guilty, so putting him on trial isn't condemning him entirely.

This is a poor reflection of our legal system, and allowing him to walk is making a mockery of justice. If he's not detained, questioned thoroughly and all sides of the story studied, we have failed ourselves and our country.

I really hope they rethink the situation and get this right, because this is quickly turning from being a national trend into a crisis situation for those involved.

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

From the right

Prejudice for moms present

Last Tuesday, there was an op-ed about sexism still existing in our country. She made many excellent points.

However, she failed to talk about one sector of women who are constantly and inaccurately portrayed by both feminists and the media — the stay at home mother. These women are constantly bashed by pro-feminists like Matthew Archabold when he told stay at home moms to "either ditch the apron for the business suit or you're betraying your sisters," or Linda Hirshman, who said that "over-educated stay at home moms made feminism fail."

But isn't one of the pillars of feminism choice? Many mothers simply make the choice that raising children is more important than making money, especially when the family is financially stable without them working.

My mother is one of these women. She went to college, got a dual major in business and psychology, and then got a job as a sales rep for National Cash Register. By 1987, she was the highest paid sales rep in the company and was poised to become the vice president of sales and a member of the board of directors.

But that fall, she became pregnant with my brother and shortly after he was born, me. She was told that her job would be waiting for her when she came back from maternity leave, but she left the corporate world to take care of my brother and me.

This phenomenon, which is not uncommon, is actually very healthy, according to Thomas W. Harrell, professor emeritus of applied psychology at Stanford University. He said, "A stay at home mom seems to insulate husbands from some of the stresses associated with the guilt of having to spend more time at a job than with the family." Stay at home moms also help productivity at the office. Since there is one parent at home, the other can focus on work.



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One glimpse of the productivity costs comes from a recent book, "Childcare and Corporate Productivity," by John P. Fernandez, a manager of personnel services at AT&T.

Fernandez found that 77 percent of employees surveyed take time away from work attending to their children — making phone calls, ducking out for a long lunch to go to a school play. Stay at home moms are also stigmatized in with shows like "Desperate Housewives" and "The Real Housewives" series. These stay at home moms are portrayed as being lazy, spoiled, infidelious and only contributing to the credit card bill.

Am I saying that women are the only ones capable of doing this? No. However, women usually fall into these roles because of the fact that they are the ones who carry the babies and this usually causes them to leave work.

I'm also not saying that stay at home moms are incapable of holding jobs while their children are at school when they get to that age. It's all about putting the children first and making sure they are taken care of.

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Letter to the Editor

Stop Micah's hate with love

On Tuesday, March 27, the man who refers to himself as "Brother Micah" visited Georgia Southern University's campus. In the mere couple of hours he was allowed to speak on campus, he managed to say enough vulgar things that he was able to offend basically any person who was unfortunate enough to hear what he had to say. He claimed to be a part of a small minority of people who have managed to transcend the weight of sin and death. The message he brought with him was one of hate and intolerance.

I arrived about an hour into his tirade and couldn't manage to pry myself away until his allotted free-speech time was over. What I took away from his speech was this: Christians are all angry, judgmental, intolerant people.

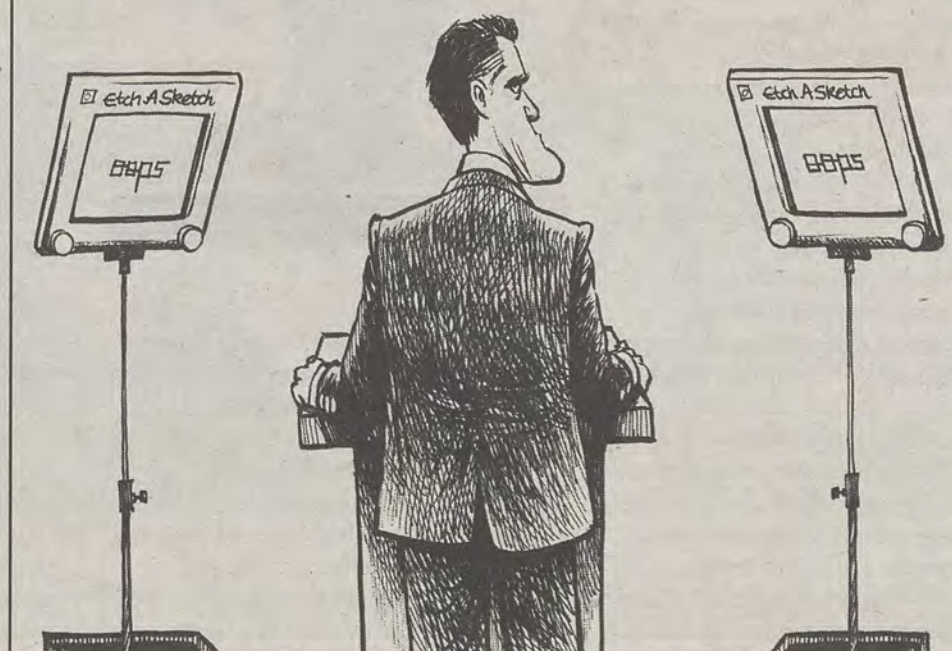
I must say that as a self-proclaimed Christian, I strongly disagree with the message Brother Micah so fervently preached. What I saw in the hours I was there was hate and ignorance espoused by both the speaker

and the crowd. He would, without a second thought, damn entire groups of people to Hell. In response, the listeners would return his condemnation. The created frenzy escalated to the point where there was not a level head left in the bunch.

My challenge to the students of GSU is this: Do not show this man hate. Hate and anger from his listeners is what he desires. Ultimately, love will always triumph over hate. The next time you see this man preaching his message of hate and intolerance, do not hate or abhor him. Instead, show him pity and forgiveness. It is so easy to give into the message of hate that he blindly proclaims. Instead, when faced with the opportunity, do what this man has failed at in every way, truly love him and forgive him.

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Undocumented students help more than hurt

The latest anti-immigration bill introduced in the Georgia legislature is SB458.

This bill would ban all undocumented students from attending University System of Georgia colleges and universities. However, this bill will work against the best interests of the universities.

Already, the Board of Regents has opposed the bill, which is a sign that something is wrong with it.

The university presidents and chancellors realize that undocumented students are actually a positive when it comes to income for universities because they are forced to pay out-of-state tuition, regardless of where they live.

This extra money, sometimes up to three times in-state tuition, actually subsidizes in-state tuition rates for students so that the universities can keep the in-state rates lower.

Also, this bill is targeting too small of a group to actually have any effect. According to the Atlanta Journal Constitution, there are only 300 undocumented students in the 60 schools in the USG. And not all of these students are here without papers, some students, for whatever reason, choose not to disclose their



JAMES FARMER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

information.

So, is sweeping reform actually necessary to keep 300 students out of hundreds of thousands from attending college? Are these illegal immigrants from Sparta?

Also, the state of Georgia is already forbidden from banning paperless students from attending high school due to a Supreme Court ruling.

So, taxpayers will pay for these kids to get an education through high school, but when the immigrants can actually pay for other students

“ This bill would directly impede the ability of deserving immigrants to gain citizenship, should the DREAM Act pass. ”

-James Farmer,
assistant sports editor

to pay in-state rates for college, they forbid it.

Some politicians have made the argument that college education is unnecessary for these students because it is illegal for them to work in the USA anyways.

However, the DREAM Act (which would grant citizenship to any undocumented person meeting moral requirements and graduating from a US college or university or serving in the military) is still being considered in the US Congress.

This bill would directly impede the ability of deserving immigrants to gain citizenship, should the DREAM Act pass.

So, why pass this law anyways? Could it be that this group of students is being made into

scapegoats by the politicians to drive attention from the horrible education system in the state of Georgia?

Or perhaps, is this a way for the right-wing politicians in the state congress to prove how red they truly are, and a chance for left-wing elected officials to prove to their right-wing voters that they can represent their interests as well?

Or, could it be the fear of the politicians that a student who had to learn a second language just to attend school could actually be a more deserving candidate to attend a university than their own American-born children?

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Plans for new buses continue

Eight GSU buses to soon enter current fleet

BY TAYLOR COOPER

The George-Anne staff

Eight new buses are being purchased from Emory University to serve as an interim fleet until Georgia Southern University can acquire the new busses.

The buses from Emory will be used to take some of the burden off of GSU's old buses and allow more opportunities to maintain them.

"We're going to get eight from Emory, and three or four that are already on campus will keep running," Garrett Green, senior multimedia communications and vice president of auxiliary affairs for SGA, said.

The buses that are being purchased from Emory aren't brand new.

"The buses are about two or three years old, so they aren't new buses. There shouldn't be any problems with them though," Green said. "We'll be using them as an interim fleet for a year until we get the new buses of our own."

As of now there are no plans to run more buses than usual at any one time.

"(The bus system) is pretty much going to the same as it is now, but the main fleet we'll be using are the ones from Emory," Green said.

Demarco Mims, senior hotel and restaurant management major and senator for the college of business administration, was part of a committee to find the best deal on new buses.

"From the start, the committee was looking to make sure that getting new

“ The buses are going to have GPS trackers in them so that when you look at the MyGeorgiaSouthern app, you can see exactly where the buses are and how long it will take them to get there. ”

- Garrett Green

SGA's vice president for auxiliary affairs



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buses wouldn't create any new fees," Mims said. "We found a good deal from Emory, and it won't cost the students any new fees."

Green and Mims could not confirm exactly when the buses will begin service or how much the purchase price is.

The new buses that will act as the permanent fleet will be more high-tech than the current buses, having features like GPS trackers.

Green said, "The buses are going to

have GPS trackers in them so that when you look at the MyGeorgiaSouthern app, you can see exactly where the buses are and how long it will take them to get there."

Students agree that GSU could use new buses.

"I'm glad. The buses won't be as crowded and I can get to class on time. I hope they get better drivers too," Keith Walters, sophomore biology major, said.

"I think it's great. Especially in the evening, the buses take forever to come," Samuel Pirtle, sophomore mechanical engineering major, said.

Students said, along with new buses, there needs to be more stops added on to the bus route.

Kamela Williams, freshman psychology major, said, "It's a good idea, but they should add more stops too. In addition to more buses, there needs to be more stops on the route."

Eagle Alerts to include tornado alerts

BY TJ JACKSON

The George-Anne staff

A new feature of the university's Eagle Alert system will inform students about tornado warnings in the area, according to an email from the Dean of Students yesterday.

The Eagle Alert will automatically alert users in the case of tornado warnings, according to yesterday's email.

The university, in consultation with the Public Safety team, decided to add the feature on Monday, April 2, according to the email.

The Eagle Alert will arrive more quickly in the case of a tornado warning from the National Weather Service, as the message will be automatically generated by the Eagle Alert system, according to the email.

Tornado warnings are currently issued when one has been spotted or conditions indicate that a tornado is about to come, according to the email.

The new system will be good for students, Tiara Harris, freshman marketing major, said.

"I think it's good because people can prepare themselves for anything that's going to happen or not happen," Harris said.

With this new system, students will be better prepared, Alayna Baer, multimedia communications, junior said.

Baer said, "I think it will be good because a lot of students around here might not be listening to the radio or TV and there are tornado warnings pretty frequently in Statesboro."

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Sigma Alpha Iota crowns Miss Ugly 2012

BY KIMEKO MCCOY

The George-Anne staff

Miss Ugly pageant contestants of all different shapes and sizes strutted their stuff at the second annual Sigma Alpha Iota Miss Ugly Pageant last night in the Williams Center.

Crowned by the 2011 Miss Ugly Pageant winner, freshman biology major Brittain Gantt, otherwise known as Birtha Baby, won this year's pageant and was crowned Miss Ugly of 2012.

Upon winning, Gantt said, "I'm speechless."

Gantt joined the competition with a go-big-or-go-home approach and said, "I got started at like 2 this afternoon and I said, 'If I'm gonna do this, I'm just gonna go completely in to it.'"

The pageant winner did just that with complete outfits that were ready for the competition, matching make-up and even a shiny headband to give his look the finishing touches.

Aside from the crowning of the 2012 Miss Ugly winner, there were several other awards given during the competition, including Miss Best Dressed, Miss Congeniality, Fan Favorite and even Most Likely to be Mistaken for a Boy.

The pageant consisted of three categories, which included talent, formal wear and a question and answer portion.

The Miss Ugly contestants brought an assortment of talents to the stage for the competition. Talents such as cheerleading and singing brought laughs from the crowd. There were also more unusual talents that included sandwich making, and one contestant named John Makekau, who made music only by tipping a rain stick.

When asked about the best part of the competition, Makekau said, "...The talent part (but) just mine."

To wow the crowd, Makekau's used a different approach. "Show some skin,"

Makekau said.

"I like the one (contestant) that sang. I didn't expect that to come out," audience member and senior majoring in recreational therapy TeErika Leaks said.

Gantt, or Birtha Baby, color guarded for the talent portion of the competition and said, "I have never touched a flag in my life and I thought it was fun to learn." This gave the contestant a new view on the sport.

"I give them a lot more credit now because it's a lot harder than it looks," Gantt said.

After the talent portion, there was the formal wear portion of the competition in which contestants pulled out their best dresses and some even wore high heels.

"It felt normal," Makekau said about walking in the heels after some practice before the pageant. "I like to get some practice in every once in a while."

Others were not as fortunate to find

their size in the high heels and took to the stage bare foot like Gantt.

"I could not find any (high heels) in my size because my feet are way too large."

Leaks found the contestants style of dress amusing and said, "I thought it was good to see men dressing up in a funny way"

At the end of the night, Gantt walked away with the title of 2012 Miss Ugly, a bouquet of flowers, a sash and, of course, a crown.

The Miss Ugly Pageant itself was meant for more than just laughs. The pageant was put on as a fundraiser by the Sigma Alpha Iota international

music fraternity for Relay for Life. Funds were collected during the intermission of the show and audience members donated a sum of \$180.50 by the end of the evening.

Contestants also put forth efforts to raise awareness and funds for Relay for Life.

"I wanted to raise money for cancer because, recently, one of my really good friend's mother died of cancer," winner of the evening, Gantt, said.

Leaks thought the pageant was a creative way to raise funds and awareness for the cause and said, "I think it was a funny way to help support the cause."



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Left: Drew Puruls, aka "Pink Lemonade," poses in the question and answer segment of the pageant. **Middle:** Brittain Gantt, aka "Birtha Baby," takes the crown after winning the Miss Ugly pageant. **Right:** Bobby Oelrich, aka "Olive Herclathesoff," works the Williams Center stage alongside Brittain Shaw.

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- Happy Hour 3-6 p.m. 9 p.m. to close
- DJ Jammin J Productions 10 p.m.

Manny's

- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- Buy 12 wings, get 12 free

Dingus Magee's

- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m. and 9-11 p.m.
- 2 for 1 wells
- 2 for 1 apps from 5-7 p.m.
- The Looters 10 p.m.

Ruby Tuesday's

- Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. and 9-11 p.m.
- \$5 Absolut vodka
- \$5 select wines

Millhouse

- \$2 draft beers, cocktails, martinis, margaritas
- \$2.50 house wines
- Jason White 9:30 p.m.

Gnat's Landing

- \$10 buckets of beer

El Sombrero (Downtown)

- Happy hour 5-7 p.m.
- \$2.50 domestic beer

Loco's

- \$2 pints domestic or import all day

GATA's

- Michael Tolcher 9:30 p.m.
- 2 for 1 beer and shots

FRIDAY

Applebee's

- Happy Hour 3-6 p.m. 9 p.m. to close
- Trivia Night 10 p.m.

Manny's

- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- 50% off wine, \$2 beer, \$3 sangria
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m. and 9-11 p.m.
- 2 for 1 wells
- 2 for 1 apps from 5-7 p.m.
- Plan B 10 p.m.

Ruby Tuesday's

- Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. and 9-11 p.m.

Millhouse

- \$2 draft beers, cocktails, martinis, margaritas
- \$2.50 house wines
- The G-string band 9:30 p.m.

Gnat's Landing

- \$10 buckets of beer

El Sombrero (Downtown)

- Happy hour 5-7 p.m.
- \$2 well drinks

Loco's

- Happy hour 5-7 p.m.
- \$3 Maker's Mark all day

Southern Billiards and Burgers

- Happy hour 5-7 p.m.
- 30 mins free pool w/ lunch purchase

GATA's

- Cope 9:30 p.m.
- \$2 Natty Light, PBG, Tecate
- \$5 Natty Light pitchers

SATURDAY

Applebee's

- Happy Hour 3-6 p.m. 9 p.m. to close
- Black Light Party 10 p.m. (wear glow in the dark)

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- \$10 domestic buckets
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- 2 for 1 wells
- Those Cats 10 p.m. (Statesboro locals)

Ruby Tuesday's

- Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. and 9-11 p.m.
- The Final Four specials:

- \$2 Miller lights
- \$4 margaritas

Millhouse

- \$2 draft beers, cocktails, martinis, margaritas
- \$2.50 house wines
- Brent Browning 9:30 p.m.

El Sombrero (Downtown)

- Happy hour 5-7 p.m.
- \$2 lime margarita

Loco's

- Happy hour 5-7 p.m.
- \$5 Miler Light pitchers all day

Southern Billiards and Burgers

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- 2 for 1 wells
- 2 for 1 apps

Ruby Tuesday's

- Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. and 9-11 p.m.
- \$5 Absolut vodka
- \$5 select wines

Millhouse

- \$2 drafts, cocktails, martinis, margaritas
- \$250 house wines

El Sombrero Downtown

- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.

MONDAY

Applebee's

- Happy hour 3-6 p.m. 9 p.m. to close
- 50% off apps
- \$2 natty light
- \$3 domestic
- \$3 long islands
- \$3 main street margaritas
- \$3 wells

Manny's

- Happy hour 5-7 p.m.

Dingus Magee's

- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m. 9-11 p.m.
- 2 for 1 wells
- 2 for 1 apps

Ruby Tuesday's

- Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. and 9-11 p.m.
- \$5 Absolut vodka
- \$5 select wines

Millhouse

- \$2 drafts, cocktails, martinis, margaritas
- \$250 house wines

Gnat's Landing

- Happy hour all day

El Sombrero Downtown

- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- \$2 margaritas

Loco's

- Happy hour 5-7 p.m.

Southern Billiards and Burgers

- Happy hour 5-7 p.m.
- 30 mins free pool w/ lunch purchase

GATA's

- Happy hour 5-7 p.m.

TUESDAY

Applebee's

- Happy hour 3-6 p.m. 9 p.m. to close
- 50% off apps
- \$2 natty light
- \$3 domestic
- \$3 long islands
- \$3 main street margaritas
- \$3 wells

Manny's

- Happy hour 5-7 p.m.

Dingus Magee's

- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m. 9-11 p.m.
- 2 for 1 wells
- 2 for 1 apps

Ruby Tuesday's

- Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. and 9-11 p.m.
- \$5 Absolut vodka
- \$5 select wines

Millhouse

- \$2 drafts, cocktails, martinis, margaritas
- \$250 house wines

Gnat's Landing

- \$10 bucket of beer
- \$8 shrimp and grits
- Trivia 7 p.m.

El Sombrero Downtown

- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- \$2 strawberry daquiris

Loco's

- Happy hour 5-7 p.m.

Southern Billiards and Burgers

- Happy hour 5-7 p.m.
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GATA's

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GSU music department to bring Opera Breve III to Averitt

Performing arts

BY MARISSA MARTIN

The George-Anne contributor

Opera Breve III will sing the night away as the story of a "Derranged Marriage" hits the stage this Friday and Saturday evening at the Averitt Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m.

The opera, which will be hosted by the Georgia Southern University Department of Music is the fourth annual Opera Breve.

"This is the fourth year in a row we have brought modern opera to the Averitt Center," Arikka Gregory, opera director and assistant professor of voice, said.

Like performances in years past, there will be two short one-act operas.

"Trouble in Tahiti" by Leonard Bernstein and "Signor Deluso" by Thomas Pasatieri will be the two acts for this year's opera.

"Each act will last no longer than 40 minutes," Gregory said.

"The music department chose opera over a musical because the music department teaches mostly classical music, and most universities are that way, the main difference between an opera and a musical is there is not as much dancing," Gregory said.

Although opera is a classical genre, this show will focus on two modern composers of opera.

Pasetieri is a modern-day composer, and many of his film orchestrations can be found in popular movies like "American Beauty," "The Little Mermaid" and "Fried Green Tomatoes."

Bernstein has made his claim to fame in composing music for the popular musical, "The West Side Story."

"I want people to rethink their definition of opera. Operas being written today are what people would

be interested in. Pasatieri is alive, so he knows our audience today," Gregory said.

The opera is composed in English, and there will be a dialogue the audience can read during the performances to guide them along during every moment.

"I would hope someone would see an American opera and go, 'Huh? That isn't much different from musicals,'" Gregory said. "I feel like it is important to support modern American opera."

"Trouble in Tahiti" is about a troubled marriage during the 1950s. Besides the married couple, the only other character in this performance is a trio who sing advertisement-like melodies from the radio era. Gregory compares this performance to the TV show "Mad Men."

Signor Deluso, a 30-minute comic opera, takes place during the mid-19th century in France, where layer upon layer of misunderstandings occur. The



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misunderstandings begin when Clara, Deluso's wife, suspects he is being unfaithful.

"Gregory chose both acts because they are about marital issues, and they are relatable to the theme," junior vocal performance and choral education major, and lead role in "Signor Deluso," said.

Graduate students to freshmen undergraduate students will be the

entertainers during Opera Breve III. There will be two sets of cast members; one will perform on Friday evening, and the other will perform on Saturday evening, Gregory said.

"This allows more opportunities for musical students to gain experience. I'm excited because I have a freshman singing Friday night. His first year here and he is in a lead role," Gregory said.

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Botanical gardens to celebrate spring

BY E. FEAGIN OLIVER

The George-Anne contributor

The Georgia Southern University Botanical Garden plans to welcome the sounds and spirit of spring by hosting a festival and plant sale, which it has entitled, "Get Out in the Garden!"

The event will take place from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Friday, March 30, for those who have a garden membership, and on Saturday, March 31, for the general public. The garden staff promises music, dancing, a plant sale, heritage crafts and fun activities for all ages.

"This event is meant for us to get the community out and support The Botanical Gardens, and see what all the garden has to offer," garden director, Carolyn Altman, said.

All flowers, shrubs and trees included in the sale have been handpicked by the university's gardeners for their ability to flourish in the Statesboro region's climate as well as for their individuality.

The plants being sold at the event have been "specially chosen to be able to survive the unique conditions of the area," Altman said.

The plants on sale are always on display as a part of the many gardens themselves, and the gardeners will be available for assistance to those selecting, buying and caring for new greenery.

The 11-acre garden is blossoming and, along with its brand new hiking trail, will provide the backdrop for the celebration.

The Botanical Garden regularly boasts multiple plant collections and facilities, including Bland Cottage, Heritage Garden, Rose Arbor, Children's Learning Garden, Camellia Garden, Native Plant Landscape Garden, Native Azalea Collection and Bog Garden.

SPRING PLANT SALE AND FESTIVAL

GSU Botanical Gardens



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"That's why we named it 'Get Out in the Garden.' We want people to move past the thirty-five steps from the parking lot to the fountain to the other facets of the garden," Altman said.

In the past, the event has been wildly popular in the Statesboro community.

"The community turns out in hoards. We often have thousands out here," Altman said.

The garden staff encourages those attending the event to participate in contra and square dances, types of patterned line dances of folk tradition, which will be set to the tunes of the Glow in the Dark String Band, who plays for the Savannah Folk Music Society. GSU Brass quintets will also be performing throughout the day.

"We are hoping that students will come out in large numbers because GSU students will be heavily involved in the festival. We have performances from the GSU Symphony and the GSU Wind Ensemble," Altman said.

According to the Botanical Garden's website, the climax of the event will consist of a performance at the Botanical Garden's new concert lawn at 2:15 p.m. by the GSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble, a 50-person selection of the top student musicians.

Spectators are encouraged to bring their own lawn blankets, chairs and refreshments.

Children's activities, the garden's website claims, have been planned for the event and include a scavenger hunt, a tug of war competition and multiple science and art projects for young ones to take part in. The Garden Express Train will transport kids throughout the gardens from one child-oriented activity to the next.

Morgan and Suze Boesche, known for their historical reenactments, will be present at the event demonstrating their heritage craftsmanship. At the festival, they will be entertaining participants with examples of traditional weaving, woodworking and spinning.

"We're really looking forward to what they can teach us and what they can show us," Altman said. "I'm excited to see what they do."

Students and community members alike are welcome to join garden staff members and performers as they celebrate the sunshine, bloom, and outdoor adventures promised by this year's spring.

"There's something to see in every part of those eleven acres," Altman said.

The Buzz List

- **January Jones** admitted to People Magazine that she ate her placenta after giving birth because it replenished the nutrients lost in pregnancy. Girl, eat some fruits and veggies if you want nutrients.
- **Zac Efron** tattooed "Y.O.L.O." on his hand. If you have to get a tattoo to remind yourself that "you only live once," there are bigger issues at hand.
- **Kim Kardashian** is pressing charges against the PETA activist that flour bombed her on the red carpet. The flour is also suing for defamation.
- **Alicia Silverstone** is being scrutinized for posting a video to YouTube of her chewing up her food and feeding it to her son. Yes, animals do this for their babies, Alicia, but animals sometimes kill their babies as well.
- **The Hunger Games** is the third best selling movie ever. Finally a film that isn't based off of vampires and submissive girls.



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Are You Prepared for Your Interview?

By Brianna Wagenbrenner
Event Planning Intern

Interviewees often spend a large amount of time preparing for interviews. They prepare their resumes, practice the obvious "tell me about yourself questions," and some even prepare a well-represented portfolio. But, the interviewee often misses one key step - researching the company.

A common question in an interview is "Why do you want to work for X Organization?" A brief look on the company's website may provide a sufficient answer, but further research can help an interviewee stand out.

Just like preparing for a final or a presentation, interviewees need to prepare for the interview by completing research on the company in 10 different areas.

1. Understand the mission.
2. Know the values and how they reflect in your life.
3. Learn about the culture.
4. Know who is interviewing you and the senior employers.
5. Research the current economic status.
6. Understand current projects and how your skill could contribute to these projects.
7. Know about company's key clients.
8. Learn about key business partners such as suppliers.
9. Understand the competition.
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

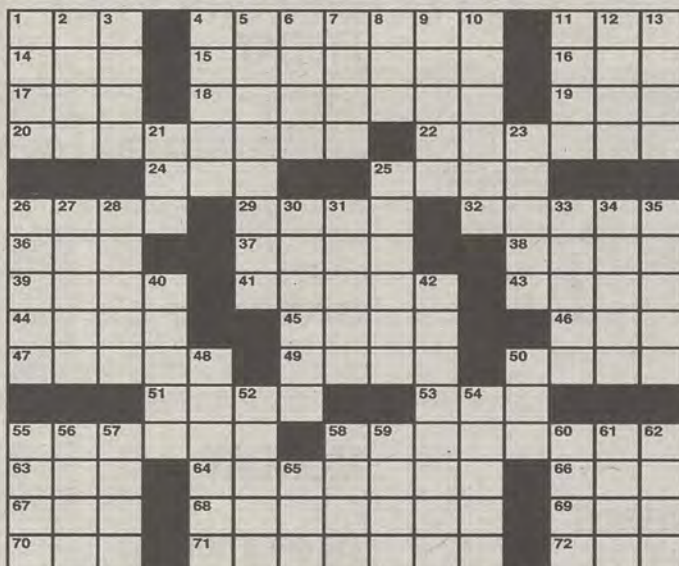
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Fool
- 4 *Get down
- 11 Test site
- 14 Nasty mongrel
- 15 "SNL" castmate of Jane and 28-Down
- 16 Unfavorable
- 17 It may be about nothing
- 18 Supervise
- 19 Stogie with bangs
- 20 Beef with a bone
- 22 Needed at the dentist's office?
- 24 Minor league rink org.
- 25 Häagen-Dazs shop choice
- 26 Like custard
- 29 Outer: Pref.
- 32 Group of workers
- 36 Baba with an ax
- 37 Decorative beer mug
- 38 "That's ___ can say"
- 39 *Dupe
- 41 Descendant
- 43 *Simpleton
- 44 Yeats's "___ and the Swan"
- 45 "... ___ put it bluntly ..."
- 46 '70s TV lawman Ramsey
- 47 Red-coated cheeses
- 49 Mideast's Gulf of ___
- 50 Dis
- 51 Earth Friendly Products detergent
- 53 Coll. admissions criterion
- 55 Thingy
- 58 Nuts
- 63 Place with no vacancies, in Luke
- 64 Takeback agent, familiarly
- 66 Island neckwear
- 67 Messy place
- 68 Brewery containers
- 69 Kind
- 70 Shell helmsman
- 71 *Rogers Centre baseballer
- 72 Famous last word?

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- 1 Injury memento



By Elizabeth A. Long

3/29/12

March 27th Puzzle Solved

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- 40 Disabled, as a horse
- 42 Unwelcome
- 48 Egyptian charm
- 50 Forbid
- 52 1961 Newbery Medal winner
- 54 Cultivated violet
- 55 Record
- 56 Not duped by
- 57 Cameo stone
- 58 *Peacenik
- 59 Key of the last movement of Mendelssohn's Op. 64 violin concerto
- 60 Slick, as a speaker
- 61 Slippery
- 62 Legendary Harlem leaker
- 65 Little, in Lille



Welcome to Falling Rock National Park by Josh Shalek



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Vozab introduced as new coach

Women's basketball

BY COLIN RITSICK

The George-Anne staff

Announced as head coach, Chris Vozab is the newest face of the Georgia Southern University women's basketball team.



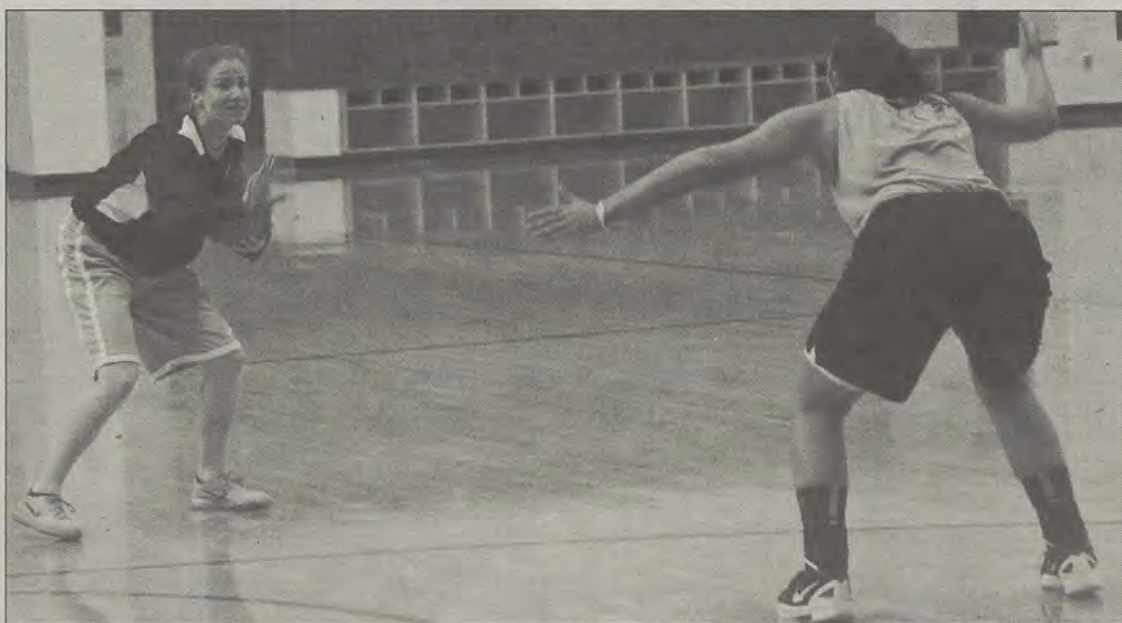
CHRIS VOZAB

Vozab, previously an assistant coach of the University of Dayton, replaced long-time head coach Rusty Cram. In Vozab's coaching career, she has been a part of two conference championships and two NCAA tournaments along with one WNIT tournament. This is her fourth team in eight years, and second-in the last two.

She inherits a GSU team with holes and much area for improvement. The Eagles finished last year with only eight wins in 30 games. But with only two seniors graduating and the core of starting players returning, the opportunity for a better season is there. Vozab met with her players Tuesday night and held a sort of practice in the RAC on Wednesday afternoon.

"Yes, I met with them last night — all the returning players of the group. And, I got a chance to speak with the incoming players on the phone. We did weights and conditioning this morning and are going to be doing individual meetings throughout today and tomorrow. And, we are going to get on the courts later this afternoon. I am just trying to jump right in and get a good first week to make sure we are headed in the right direction," Vozab said when asked if she had met with her players yet.

Vozab is an intelligent woman, having graduated summa cum laude in 2002 with a degree in English while playing basketball at Providence University. She



Rebecca Farris/The George-Anne

Newly assigned head coach Chris Vozab takes some time to go over drills with her new team. **Top:** Vozab and sophomore **Brittney Benzio** practice defense drills. **Bottom Left:** Vozab explains her drill to sophomore **Danielle Spencer**. **Bottom Right:** Vozab speaks with **Spencer and Benzio** after concluding a short practice.



then went back for her master's in literature from New Hampshire University in 2004. Vozab will need to transfer these smarts to recruiting. She accepts this position right in the middle of the recruiting season, which in the Southern Conference, can be cutthroat.

If there was one aspect of the team last season that was consistent, it was the defense. Vozab looks to

continue the emphasis on defense. In fact, she named it as one of her main areas of focus.

"Defense. We want to be aggressive and more disruptive on the defensive side of the ball. We aren't just going to let other teams run their stuff. Defense is a mentality. That is something that we are going to stress from the start," Vozab said.

But defense is only one side of the ball. Vozab also stressed taking good shots. She talked about knowing each player's role in the system and when each athlete should take, or not take, a shot.

The season is a long way off, but in order to improve upon last season's marks the new head coach will need to be constantly working in the off-season.

Press Box

- **Junior runner Jasmine Billings** named SoCon Athlete of the Week.
- **The Eagles softball team** will face off against UT at Chattanooga on Friday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Eagle Field.
- **The women's tennis team** will compete against Davidson University on Saturday at 11 a.m. at home.
- **The track and field team** will travel to North Florida this weekend for the North Florida Invitational.
- **Chris Vozab** has been named the new women's basketball head coach.
- **The Eagles baseball team** will face off against the College of Charleston on Friday at 6 p.m. and on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Both games will be at J.I. Clements Stadium.
- **GSU's lacrosse club team** will play Charleston at 3 p.m. on Saturday and Florida Gulf at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Both matches will be held at GSU.

- **Campus Recreation and Intramurals** will host a Bouldering Night Out tonight at 7 p.m. at the RAC rock climbing wall.

Information compiled by Sports Editor Johanna Bolds and Assistant Sports Editor James Farmer.

Eagles baseball prepare to take on SoCon-best Cougars

Baseball

BY CLINTON HINELY

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University baseball team will be in action this weekend against the College of Charleston.

Game one of the series is Friday night, beginning at 6 p.m. Game two will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon and the series will conclude on Sunday at 1 p.m.

The three-game series is a Southern Conference match-up, with the two teams on different ends of the standings. GSU and CofC were predicted to be one and two in the standings by the coaches and media poll to begin the year — only CofC is in its predicted place.

GSU (3-6 SoCon) has lost two of three SoCon series this year, while CofC (10-2 SoCon) has started the year strong and is on top of the conference.

PITCHING: GSU ranks dead last in the SoCon in pitching, posting a team earned run average of 5.76, while the Cougars are, once again, on the opposite end of the spectrum.

They lead the SoCon with a 2.22 ERA, the lowest in the conference by a wide margin. Appalachian State University comes in second place with a 3.40 ERA.

Advantage: College of Charleston

DOUBLE PLAYS: The Eagles have hit into a league-high 27 double plays, which destroys the opportunity for a big inning and hurts momentum.

GSU has only turned a league-low of eight double plays on defense, probably another contributing factor for its pitching woes.

If this trend continues in the weekend series, expect CofC to keep its team ERA the lowest in the conference.

STOLEN BASES: GSU is third in the SoCon with 40 stolen bases as a team. The Charleston pitching staff has been so dominate, thus far this season.

The ability to manufacture runs will be vital for the Eagles. CofC is toward the bottom of the league, with only 25 stolen bases.

The Cougars have not had to worry so far this season about manufacturing a lot of runs with a small-ball mentality because of the effectiveness of their pitching.

KEY PLAYER: senior Eric Phillips (GSU)

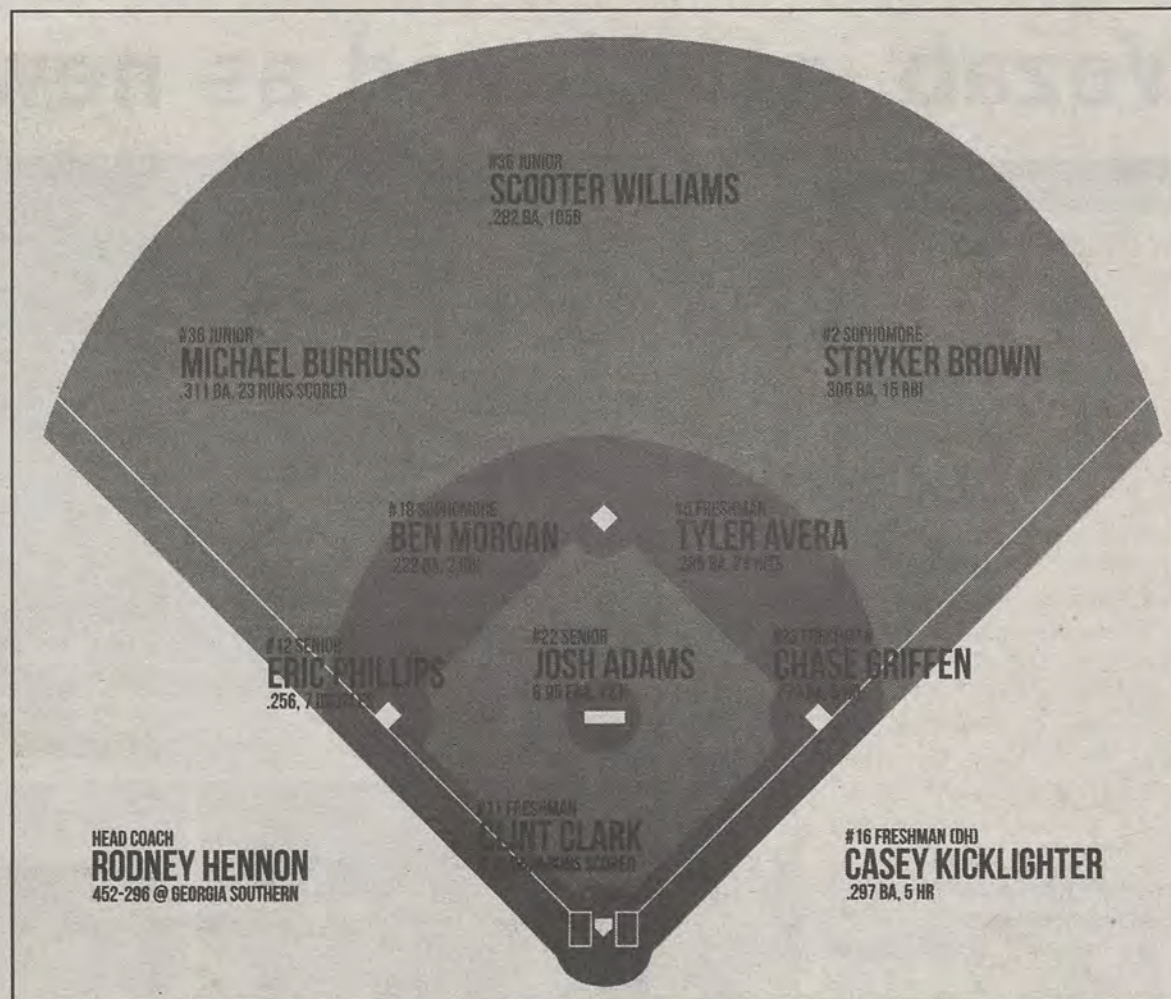
Eric Phillips ranks second in the conference with a .404 batting average and is also in the top-10 in on-base percentage, at .466.

Phillips leads the conference with 18 stolen bases — the main reason GSU has so many stolen bases as a team.

Phillips has exceptional ability to put the ball in play and find a way to get on base, as well as advance with his speed and base running ability.

He gives the Eagles a chance to surprise the conference leaders, however, only if he has one of the best series of his career.

FINAL PREDICTION: The CofC pitching proves to be too much for the



Tyler Fleider/The George-Anne

The Eagles starting line up for Wednesday will take on SoCon leaders the College of Charleston Cougars.

Eagles to handle and Phillips cannot carry the team on his back for the win.

Although, last season the Eagles won two of the three games in the series including two high scoring games and one low scoring.

The Eagles also play the Cougars

only once this season which can be a disadvantage to both teams.

The Eagles hit into double plays and ruin their strategy of playing small-ball, allowing the conference leaders to stay in that position. CofC sweeps the series.

The second baseball game did not conclude by press time. For game coverage, please see thegeorgeanne.com.



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Eagles sting No.14 Yellow Jackets in Atlanta

Baseball

BY COLIN RITSICK

The George-Anne staff

In the first of a two game series, the Georgia Southern University baseball team defeated in-state rival the Georgia Institute of Technology Yellow Jackets.

It took the Eagles a total of six pitchers to take down the Jackets tonight by a final score of 5-3. No one pitcher threw for more than 2.2 innings. Senior Jarret Leverett was that pitcher, and he picked up his second win on the year. Leverett came into this game with the third lowest ERA on the team. He finished this game throwing 2.2 innings with three hits, no earned runs and four strikeouts, while facing eleven batters.

Senior Eric Phillips, who is among the NCAA leaders in batting average, .404, and total hits, 40, was responsible for over half of the Eagles' runs. He was 1-3, with a double, a stolen base, a walk and three RBI's. Sophomore Stryker Brown also had a pretty big night.

Brown was 2-4 from the plate with an RBI. Fellow sophomore Ben Morgan had the other RBI for GSU on a double, his only hit in four at-bats.

Usually a starter, junior Chris Beck got the save for GSU on Tuesday. Beck pitched a single inning and struck out two of the three batters he faced. This was Beck's first save of the season.

The Eagles had the same number of hits as the Yellow Jackets, seven, and one more error. The difference of the game was pitching. Pitching has typically been a negative for GSU this season, but it was the deciding factor tonight. GT's starting pitcher threw 6.2 innings and gave up five earned runs on six hits and three walks. Credit to the Eagles' head coach Rodney Hennon for controlling his pitching staff before the damage reached that high for junior starter Justin Hess.

GSU will play the second game of this series on Wednesday in Atlanta, Ga. The Eagles will then come home for their most important series of the year, thus far, with a three-game series against the College of Charleston Cougars.



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Ben Morgan (18) fields a ground ball during a recent Eagles baseball game.



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