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Delta Chi founder remembered

BY COURTNEY ESCHER

The George-Anne staff

In 2006, a juggler, a guitarist, a scuba diver, an Eagle Scout, a Dave Matthews Band fan, a mentor, a teacher, the founder of Georgia Southern University's Delta Chi chapter, a 23 year old Georgia Southern University graduate was diagnosed with

brain cancer.

John Purvis was given a 15-month prognosis and chose to stay optimistic. His infectious smile warmed the hearts of many as he tackled the pain of chemotherapy and radiation treatment and inspired students and friends.

"John was somebody that the university could be proud of," Peter Lane, best friend

of John Purvis said.

John Purvis, Georgia Southern University alumnus and founder of Delta Chi fraternity, passed away at his home on Thursday, March 29, concluding a 5-year battle with glioblastoma multiforme brain cancer, Bill Purvis, John Purvis's father, said.

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GSU student to appear on TLC's hit show

BY TANIQUA R. RUSS

The George-Anne staff

With wedding season on the horizon, one Georgia Southern University senior is preparing for her big day and had the opportunity to appear on TLC's "Say Yes to the Dress Atlanta."

Senior chemistry major Miah Johnson, who is scheduled to marry GSU alumnus Zane Powell on June 30, took part in an experience that most girls only dream about.

"I was just bored, so I filled out an application. I thought there must be a million girls wanting to be on the show," Johnson said.

Johnson filled out the application Sunday night; Tuesday, executives from the show contacted Johnson and wanted her to tape on Thursday. Johnson, her mother and her two grandmothers dropped everything and made their way to Atlanta from Sylvania, Georgia.

According to TLC's website and bridalsbylori.com, "Say Yes to the Dress Atlanta" only films two days a week at Bridals by Lori, in which case brides have the store all to themselves.

Johnson and her entourage were the only clients in the store, so she had the attention of all the bridal consultants and television favorites, store owner Lori Allen and fashion director Monte Durham.

Johnson had the pleasure of being personally consulted by Cindy Mobley with the assistance of Allen and Durham.

Before coming to Bridals by Lori, Johnson tried on more than 60 different dresses.

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EAGLES RALLY PAST WILDCATS



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Senior Eric Phillips (12) dives back to first base against the Bethune-Cookman University Wildcats on last night at J.I. Clements Stadium. The Eagles won the game by a final score of 8-6. See page 11 for the full story.



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Interim buses arriving at GSU in May

BY SHELBY FARMER

The George-Anne contributor

The Department of Parking and Transportation at Georgia Southern University and First Transit finalized a contract that will go into effect on May 1 for a new fleet of buses.

While the contracted busses are being built, there will be a fleet of interim busses to replace the current CNG busses.

"It's done. This is a done deal," Kristi Bryant, director of parking and transportation, said.

The new fleet will take at least a year to be constructed and will run on ultralow sulfur diesel which burns just as cleanly as the natural gas that some of the buses currently use. The diesel for the buses will be more readily available and safer to operate, Bryant said.

"[Running on natural gas] is a very safe operation, but you have to have a specialized pump, and should that

pump go down, there's no pump (close to GSU)," Bryant said. "The nearest pump is in Macon."

The new buses will also be more durable and equipped with an automatic passenger counter and GPS tracking capabilities that could lead to the development of an application for smart phones, Bryant said.

"Ideally, we would like to role that into an app that you can download on your phone so that you can pull it up using a Google map and see exactly where the buses are," Bryant said.

First Transit is providing an interim fleet of eight diesel buses to phase out the CNG buses the university currently utilizes. The process begins in May, and there will be no CNG buses on campus this summer, Bryant said.

First Transit is an international contract company that provides public transportation for many cities and universities, Bryant said.

"It's a turn-key operation," Bryant



Photo courtesy of Kristi Bryant

Busses are being constructed for the new permanent fleet which will be operational in about a year.

said. "What that means is that they own the buses, they pay the operators, they take care of all the maintenance, and we pay them a fee for their service. It's a contracted service. We tell them the routes; we tell them what times,


and they're there."

First Transit is responsible for hiring and training bus drivers as well as conducting drug tests and extensive background checks for criminal records for those who apply

to be drivers, Paul Meredith, regional director of safety for First Transit, said.

According to the First Transit employee handbook, a part of training includes knowing how to respond in case of an emergency.


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SGA, Staff Council disagree about campus tobacco zones

BY COURTNEY ESCHER

The George-Anne staff

At last night's Student Government Association meeting, the future plans for tobacco use on campus were debated.

SGA has voted in favor of the students' vote for tobacco zones and the Staff Council has voted in favor of a tobacco free campus.

SGA's resolution for recommendation to establish tobacco zones and the Staff Council's recommendation will now be passed to President Brooks Keel for approval.

During the meeting, SGA established that no ticketing process would be in play to enforce tobacco zones, America Minc, Staff Council

representative for a tobacco free campus, said.

"Most institutions with tobacco zones have failed and moved to tobacco free campuses," Minc said.

Another thing that the staff considers when proposing a tobacco solution is the cost of building and maintaining smoking zones, Minc said.

"The cost of the zones can't be determined until we know more information about what they are going to be like," Minc said. "Will they be covered or will they just be a sign in the ground and a trash can?"

SGA senator Darius Robinson of the College of Graduate Studies expressed concerned of students awareness of the possible cost of

zones.

"Are students aware of the cost effect that could come with creating zones?" Robinson said.

Robinson later voted opposed to the creation of zones, favoring the move to a tobacco free campus instead, Robinson said.

"We have seen all this data suggesting that creating zones does not work efficiently for college campuses, so I think it would be more efficient if we just skip the zoning step and move on to tobacco free. It will save the students time and money and there will be a better chance that the students will follow it," Robinson said.

Walter Jones, a senior psychology major, suggested that although creating zones may contain tobacco usage, it may not promote healthful living.

"I have been to campuses that do enforce smoking zones and it may not be the most successful way to promote healthful living. However, as a past smoker I can safely say smokers are very social people and when zones are built they will go in them and use them with other smokers. The smoking zones could become a social magnet," Jones said.

Vice President of Academic Affairs for SGA Christina Belge said, "Our vote and what we come up with could change."

“ Are students aware of the cost effect that could come with creating zones? ”

-Darius Robinson,
College of Graduate Studies senator

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Our View

Eagle Alerts should have your attention

Last week, we reported on an update to Georgia Southern University's Eagle Alert system. Going forward, the system will now send out automatic warnings when the National Weather Service announces a tornado warning for the area.

The system is used to report other issues concerning the safety of students and faculty. This includes violent robberies, which we reported on during the fall semester.

Many of these alerts, which come in the form of an automated call, a text message and an email, have been sent out late at night.

In November, we reported that GSU Campus Police determine which Eagle Alerts to send out based upon whether or not the student population as a whole is in immediate danger.

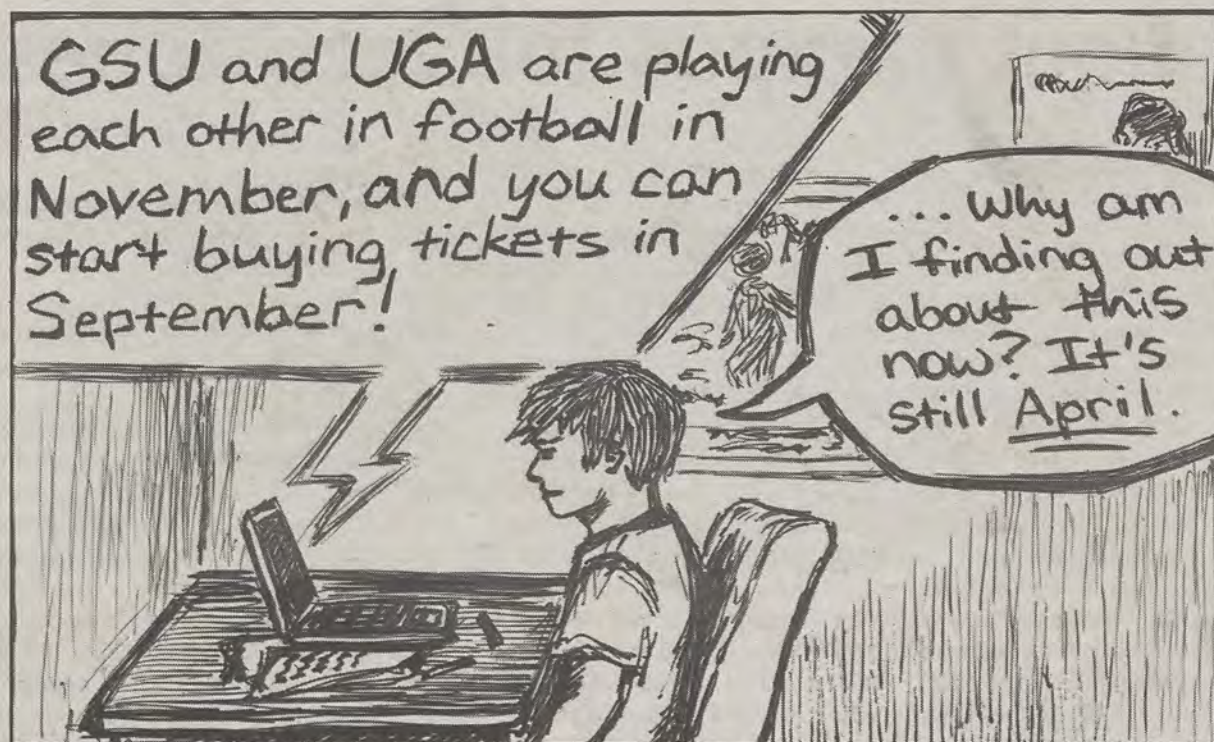
Many students have complained about the Eagle Alert system. Some have expressed displeasure with automated calls being sent out late at night. Others complain that the system sends out alerts to all students and faculty, even those who are not located near the crime.

We understand the complaints, but we still encourage students to pay attention to and make use of the Eagle Alert system. The system has been put in place with safety of all students and faculty in mind.

Even if an alert is most likely irrelevant to many students, all of us should still pay attention in case it is. Safety needs to be a priority.

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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America's corrupt election system

Our political system is broken.

Yes, we have problems with voter turnout. Yes, we have problems with a two-party limit. Yes, we have problems with lobbying and corruption. But these are symptoms, not the cause.

If someone tells you they want to run for President of the United States, what is your reaction? Mine is something along the lines of, "You are a crazy person." Even worse, what if someone tells you they want to run for Congress?

I avoid these people. Whatever alien brain-slug has warped their brain might make a move on my own sanity.

Let's take a look at what we require of our politicians.

The first symbol is the necktie. Personally, I hate neckties. I hate wearing them, and I don't trust people that do wear them outside of a funeral. Do dogs enjoy wearing leashes? What rational person would want to wear a necktie?

Look at the type of people who wear neckties. Politicians, lawyers, bankers, televangelists — they all

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wear neckties.

Al Capone always wore neckties. Would you elect Al Capone to political office?

We also demand that our candidates look like models right out of GQ, because looks totally correspond to an understanding of complex macroeconomic management.

God forbid we actually have a candidate with personality. And no, Newt Gingrich's smug, snarky attitude does not count.

The only difference between a beauty pageant and a presidential election? One contest is a vain affair based solely on looks and mass appeal with little regard for intellectual aptitude. The other is a beauty pageant.

In America, our only choices — calm down, Ron Paul fans — are people who, at one point in their life, woke up and said, "Hey, I think I'd like to be President."

And, why shouldn't they? Being President is awesome. You have a team of men with guns follow you around and protect you and they even give you an awesome Secret Service codename like "Renegade." You get to travel the world, live in a tricked-out house in D.C. and make millions doing post-Presidency speaking engagements.

However, the rational segment of our society has enough humility to achieve something more productive than politics for society, like organized crime.

I'm sure there are some politicians out there who genuinely care, but they seem few and far between.

I beg of you. Mothers, don't let your children grow up to wear neckties.

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

From the left

We need more moderates

There is a dirty word being thrown around in politics today, and it shouldn't necessarily be a dirty word in my opinion. This word is "moderate."

In the game today, if you aren't strong enough in your convictions and you don't play party politics, you don't have much of a chance. People view moderates as yes men who are more focused on the deal than their principles. With the state of government being what it is, wouldn't we want people who would be more willing to make a deal?

I'm not suggesting we have a completely non-partisan government that just agrees on everything, but if we had more moderates in places of power — people who would be willing to vote on the issue and not the party who presented it — we would get much more done. Right now we're too focused on fighting personal and party battles rather than doing what's best for our people and our country.

That's our problem right now. If the Republicans push an issue, the Democrats will fight it without a second thought.

On the flip side, if the Democrats propose something, no matter how reasonable, the last thing a Republican would do is agree with them. It's basically the kiss of death for a politician to cross party lines on a major issue and to do so repeatedly.

This is why we're deadlocked. Politicians have to protect their reelection possibilities and they can't do this unless they make their constituents happy. If I'm a Democrat in a primarily Democratic district, I wouldn't be happy if my representative were to vote alongside Republicans. This is



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probably more prevalent in areas strongly rooted in their beliefs and party politics, such as the conservative Deep South and some liberal-leaning Northern states. Some moderation would allow us to progress, especially in the case of the national deficit, but instead we are gridlocked in D.C.

Why are people so afraid of compromise? It's as if they believe that compromise betrays their party. I believe exactly the opposite; compromise helps the party grow.

If one side compromises on one issue, the other side will be more open to compromising on another issue and things will get done much easier. I'm not one to back down from my point of view or violate my personal principles, but I'm also not so hardheaded that I wouldn't compromise when needed. This world is about give and take and politics is all about people owing each other. I scratch your back, your scratch mine.

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

From the right

Supreme Court not activists

In the Rose Garden last Monday, President Obama urged the Supreme Court to not use "judicial activism" to overturn his Obamacare law for being unconstitutional. He even went on to say the court would be "taking an unprecedented, extraordinary step in overturning a law that passed by a strong majority of a democratically elected Congress."

Well, I would hope the former Constitutional Law professor from Harvard would know that this would not be unprecedented. Between 1789-2002, the Supreme Court has found 1,315 Federal, state and local laws to be unconstitutional including 158 acts of Congress. I believe that sets a pretty solid precedent for the Supreme doing what the Constitution instructs it to do.

Obama would like the people to believe that Supreme Court is just nine "unelected political leaders" that are using their position for political purposes. But according to the Framers of the Constitution, the reason Supreme Court justices are appointed and not elected is so they can be above the politics and focus on the law, unbiased.

He also went on to say, "I think the American people understand, and I think the justices should understand, that in the absence of an individual mandate, you cannot have a mechanism to ensure that people with pre-existing conditions can actually get health care." What he's upset about is that he is pretty sure that with his administrations terrible defense of this provision in court, it is going to be thrown out, which it should if found unconstitutional.

So, he is trying to put political pressure on the court. This is another reason it's good the Supreme Court is unelected. By not having to deal with an election and doing "what's



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popular," they can look at the law from a legal standpoint, not a political one, and judge fairly and without bias.

Obama also would like to point out that this case has "not only an economic element to this and a legal element to this, but there's a human element to this. And, I hope that's not forgotten in this political debate."

It is not the job of the Congress to figure out the economic and human elements of laws. The only job of the Supreme Court is to deem whether or not a law is Constitutional under the existing set of precedents. He is correct in urging the Justices not to legislate from the bench, but they are not doing that in this case.

In this case, they are deciding whether or not a law falls within the scope of what the government considers Constitutional. We won't know until the end of June, but from how the Obama administration is acting, I'm very confident that the law is going to be thrown out. I would also like to thank the Vanderbilt Law Department for their help with this article.

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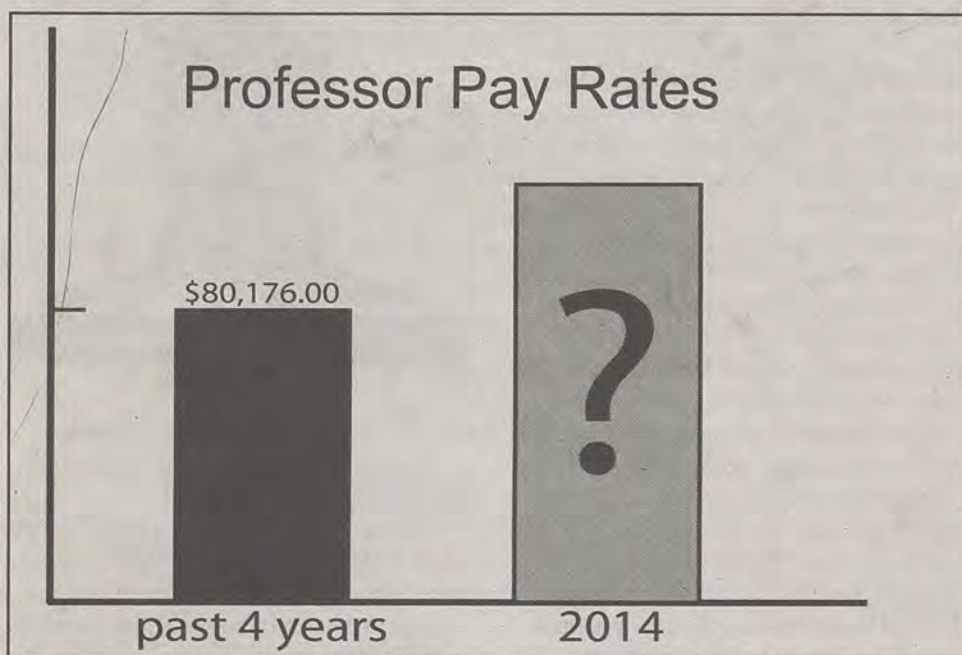
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GSU faculty continues without pay raise

DeBonis: Professors are not appreciated for the work they do



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BY KRYSTAL MCMATH

The George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University has not had a pay increase for professors in about four years, and in May the Provost will consider a proposed budget increase.

"We have seven hundred faculty (and) sixteen hundred staff and they haven't had a pay increase in about four to five years. On top of that, the health insurance and cost of living has gone up. So in a sense, we have all taken a pay cut," said President Brooks Keel.

"We do know that there will be no pay increases for the next fiscal year coming up in July, however there has been talk about an increase for the year after. So, a year and several months, and I'm optimistic about the pay increase," said Keel.

"When the legislator finishes up their session with the Board of Regents about campus allocations we will meet with provost about budget requests in about May," said Keel.

There have been questions from the faculty involving budget cuts and new hire salary, Keel said.

"I'm angry. I'm leaving (GSU) and I think (professor salary) needs to be talked about," William McIntosh, Ph.D in social psychology, said.

Professors are supposed to work harder as they progress at a university and get paid more for their work, but that is not what is happening, McIntosh said.

"The social contract is that when you work hard you get rewarded, and that hasn't happened," McIntosh said.

GSU professors haven't gotten a raise since 2001. Professors made more 11 years ago than they do now with the growth of cost of living, McIntosh said.

"Professors are paid based off of tenure, research, experience and degree. Unfortunately, it is not that much and as far as we have been told, there won't be any more increases this year and possibly next year; possibly until 2014," said Fern Illidge, manager of compensation and classification in the Department of Human Resources, said.

In the last four years, GSU has been facing budget constraints and budget cuts that have prevented administration from hiring the number of faculty that is needed. The goal is to hire new faculty in the next fiscal year, Keel said.

"We are an agency of the state of Georgia, and Georgia has not funded for raises in about four years — around the time when revenue declined," Tracey Cook, assistant VC of Fiscal Affairs/ Budget Director, said.

The Board of Regents is not in control of setting pay, it is the responsibility of each individual institution to propose a budget and the Board of Regents passes judgment on approval of all expenses, including staff salaries, Cook said.

The salary that professors get is not why they choose to be educators, Nick DeBonis, a lecturer in the Management, Marketing and Logistics Department, said.

"We talk about starving students; there are starving professors. If we were in it for the money, we wouldn't be doing it," DeBonis said.

People think that professors are the highest paid part time workers because of their salaries and the free time that it seems they have, but professors are not appreciated for the work they do with teaching, research, writing and planning, DeBonis said.

A majority of GSU professors who were approached refused to comment.

“ I’m angry. I’m leaving (GSU) and I think (professor salary) needs to be talked about. ”

-William McIntosh,

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John Purvis' involvement at GSU included being one of the founding members of Delta Chi.

"He was one of the founding members of the Delta Chi Fraternity chapter at Georgia Southern, and he absolutely loved it. He served as treasurer and the alumni relations secretary for Delta Chi," Bill Purvis said.

John Purvis graduated from GSU in 2005 with a BBA in Finance and continued to show his strong support for the football team up until fall 2011, Bill Purvis said.

"John was a huge football fan, and he loved his Alma Mater. He attended every home game and tailgated with his Delta Chi friends while he was in school, and even after he graduated he still made the trip down to almost every home game," Bill Purvis said.

John Purvis was involved in many activities throughout his life.

"He enjoyed a whole bunch of different activities, and he got pretty good at a few of them," Bill Purvis said "John became involved in so many things because of the cancer. He didn't want it to take over him in that way."

John Purvis loved music, especially Dave Matthews Band and Tim Reynolds, Bill Purvis

said.

"He was a big Dave Matthews Band fan. Throughout his life he attended 12 of their concerts, including one where he and his brother flew up to New York City to see Dave perform with Tim Reynolds, which doesn't happen often. When they got there they actually got to meet Tim and Dave backstage, which was one of his dreams," Bill Purvis said.

An advocate for disabled persons, John Purvis spent his spare time training his assist dog, Dreamy, Bill Purvis said.

"Dreamy is a godsend. She gave John a reason to get up in the morning and she was his constant companion for three years," Bill Purvis said.

Michael Garcia, junior finance and economics major, and president of Delta Chi remembers John Purvis as a positive role model and mentor.

"He was a very positive guy. Even in the fall when he was at his worst, health wise, he still managed to come to every home football game and tailgate with the Delta Chi alumni," Garcia said. "He became an alumni mentor for me over time. With my leadership role (in Delta Chi) John always had great advice."

Garcia met John Purvis in the fall of 2009.

"I met him when I was a freshman at the Alumni Tailgate and I could just tell that he was a

great guy," Garcia said.

John Purvis is an inspiration for his fraternity brothers and all students at GSU, Garcia said.

John Purvis did not use his disease to gain sympathy, Lane said.

"He didn't complain about his disease and he didn't let it be a crutch," Lane said. "He was always a constant reminder to stand up and have courage."

John Purvis and Lane grew close in their college years and have remained close since then, Lane said.

"We became best friends in college with three other guys, Rusty Williams, Chris Jacobs and Jonathan Rookes, and the five of us have stuck through it for the past 10 years. We're together for every New Years and birthday and we get together to go to the lake over the summer. Over time we have become more than friends. We are a family," Lane said.

"John was one of my closest friends. He was someone that you could really open up to and be yourself with. I miss him a lot," Lane said.

John Purvis's friends have been his backbone through his college years and his struggles with cancer, Bill Purvis said.

Bill Purvis said, "John's Delta Chi friends have provided a lot to him. They're all getting



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John Purvis holds his assist dog, Dreamy, who he trained for three years.

older and getting married and having kids now, but they were all here just a few months ago to celebrate John's birthday with him. Your friends in college can be your friends for life, and John's Delta Chi friends were those people. They were there for him and included him in everything they did."

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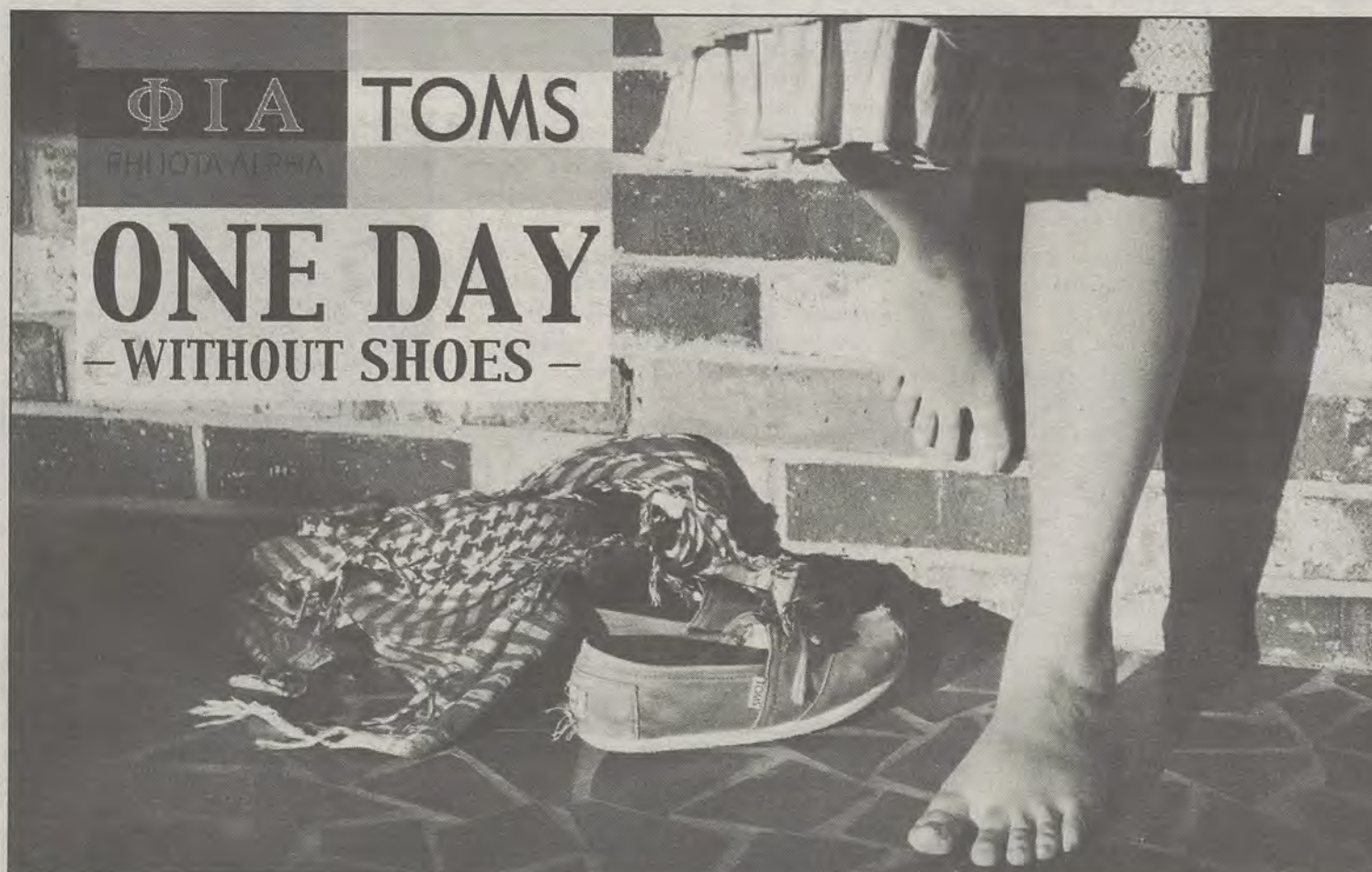
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Fraternity shedding shoes for the day

BY E. FEAGIN OLIVER

The George-Anne contributor

For the third year in a row, the Georgia Southern University chapter of the Phi Iota Alpha fraternity will be presenting its annual event "One Day without Shoes."

According to Mejia, the fraternity has made the addition of what he called the "Poverty Walk" this year. The new feature will allow students to go barefoot on different types of terrain and get a simulation of the consequences of devastating impoverishment, bringing the event and the consequences of poverty into a new light.

"It is a memorable experience that brings awareness to the issue," Bernard Mejia, Phi Iota Alpha fraternity president, said.

From 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on April 10, members of the fraternity will be barefoot at the rotunda outside the Russell Union, encouraging students to abandon their shoes to raise awareness of the effects of poverty.

We pride ourselves on service in general and upholding the culture of Latin America," Mejia said. "We are aware that poverty is a major

problem in Latin America."

The Phi Iota Alpha fraternity dedicates itself to the preservation, education and celebration of Latino heritage. The fraternity, the oldest Latino fraternity in existence, according to the National Chapter, hosts regular events to further the knowledge and appreciation of Latino cultures. Because of the prevalence of poverty in many Latin regions of the world, the fraternity hopes this event will make a significant difference and lead to steps to remedy the situation worldwide.

"Kids who can't afford even the most basic sandals end up going barefoot," Mejia said.

This event is a small portion of the worldwide movement, which will be taking place next Tuesday. The shoemaking company TOMS, which is widely known for its promise to give a pair of shoes to a needy child for every pair that is bought, is the founder and host of the event.

According to the company, shoes are essential for protection and prevention of diseases such as hookworm and podoconiosis, which are prevalent in the Latin American region of the world. The organization hopes that the peculiar behavior of going barefoot will generate curiosity

and attention for the cause, and that this will lead to action.

"It has been wildly popular. I expect it to be equally popular this year," Mejia said. "It generates a lot of support because a lot of people are familiar with TOMS."

In addition to the "Poverty Walk," students will have the opportunity to submerge themselves in the cause by painting t-shirts under the rotunda with their bare hands or feet, signifying their support of the cause and helping to spread the word throughout campus.

Like past years, participants will also have the chance to make their own contributions to banners which will be paraded around campus in the event's grand finale: a barefoot march of "Phiotas" and supporters at 1:30 p.m.

Mejia said, "Poverty is real. I think the event gives people a really good idea of what that is like."

The fraternity, as well as the TOMS Company, hopes to cause a stir throughout Statesboro and internationally by providing an answer to the question many people may find themselves asking next Tuesday: "Why aren't you wearing any shoes?"

The Buzz List

■ **Kris Humphries**

scored a basket for the wrong team last night in a game against the Lakers. He also scored the wrong Kardashian once.



Gianna Carme

■ **Levi Johnston**, Bristol Palin's "baby daddy," announced he is having another child with his girlfriend Sunny Oglesby. The couple said they were not planning to get pregnant but they are excited. I'm glad he supports the republican agenda by not using birth control. Ever.

■ **Justin Bieber** bought a house in Calabasas for a little over \$6 million. Is he even allowed to buy a house? Can we see his green card?

■ **Kristen Wiig, Andy Samberg and Jason Sudeikis** have announced they will be leaving Saturday Night Live after this season. We're too upset to make a joke about this.

■ **Jenelle Evans** from MTV's "Teen Mom" had a friend reveal that she loves "dropping acid" and only wants to get off probation so she can smoke weed again. If this isn't proof the show should be cancelled, I don't know what is.

■ **Kanye West** is involuntarily giving us his opinion, once again, and says Big Sean will be "the best rapper of all time." As long as it's not Kanye, we're fine with this.

■ **Titanic** was rereleased in 3D to theaters yesterday. I hope they see the iceberg this time.

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Mr. GSU contestants gear up for competition

BY KIMEKO MCCOY

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University's Mr. GSU pageant is back once again with all new contestants who will get the chance to take their talents to the main stage.

The Mr. GSU pageant, opposite of the Miss. GSU pageant, is a scholarship pageant where GSU male students get the opportunity to strut their stuff, sport their Sunday best and show off their individual talents.

This year, there are 10 participants in all competing in the pageant, including Terico Agnew, Rock Gardner, Demario Cullars, Adam Pulver, Anthony Hughes, David Echeverria, Zachary Rivera, Kolby Gray, Jeffery Silvery and Adrian Marshall.

All of these participants will be held to a certain standard of grading upon their performance of the introduction, talent, questions, spirit wear, swim wear and formal wear portions of the pageant. Those in the panel of judges include members of faculty as well as staff.

Contestants have a variety of reasons for wanting to participate in the pageant, but the common reason is to have the opportunity to represent GSU.

One of the contestants, who is a freshman majoring in psychology, Zachary Rivera, said, "I feel like I could represent GSU really well in terms of students who are involved."

Junior majoring in Spanish and biology Terico Agnew is a GSU football player who wants to represent GSU outside of being an athlete.

"I really thought it would be a good opportunity to represent GSU in a different aspect," Agnew said.

Contestant David Echeverria, junior majoring in studio art, said, "It was the appeal of representing GSU and being the face of GSU. I'm all about being the face."

Rock Gardner, who is a junior majoring in geology, feels a connection to the campus.

"I've always loved the campus and I wanted a chance to represent it," Gardner said.

Those participating offer a variety of backgrounds in terms of pageants. While some are comfortable with being on stage, others are new to the experience.

Rivera has been in competition before.

"I went to Central Gwinnett High School back in Lawrenceville, Georgia. I was one of the ones who was runner up," said Rivera.

Other contestants may have not been on stage for a pageant but the spotlight is nothing new for them.

"I've performed in front of large crowds before, like talent shows and stuff," Rivera said. "It's just something that I do just because I like doing it."

On the other hand, Agnew has performed in on-campus recitals throughout the semester due to minor in music.

"This should be interesting. I like people and I like performing," Agnew said.

"I've done spoken word for the University Programming Board and Random Acts of Poetry," Gardner said about his experience with performing.

The pageant is next week, so contestants have been getting ready for that night by preparing their talents, arranging outfits and even practicing in the mirror.

"I have all my outfits picked out and I've been practicing in the mirror," Agnew said, "but I don't want to be over rehearsed."

"I'm most ready for, I would say, the spirit wear. As a football player, if I don't have spirit, who does," Agnew said.

"I've been going out to get stuff ready for next week's competition. I've been practicing my talent and I can't wait until it happens," Rivera said.

Instead of focusing on looks, Echeverria has focused on a different aspect of the competition.

"I've been thinking how to respond to the question and looking at suits," Echeverria said.

Gardner said being an individual is the best approach.

"I was just going to be a little different," Gardner said.

Although there are different levels of experience for those competing, some contestants are very aware of their competition while others take a more relaxed approach.

Rivera has met some of those competing and does not foresee a fierce competition and said, "I've met most of (the competition). I know a couple of them already, so it's friendly competition."

He is also confident in his abilities.

"Anybody can come out with a talent or a great representation of their formal wear or spirit



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“I’ve always loved the campus and I wanted a chance to represent it

—Rock Gardener”

junior geology major

wear, but the best man will win,” said Rivera.

Gardner had similar feelings towards competition.

“Some are friends — they’re cool,” said Gardner.

“[It’s] a little intimidating because there are some veterans competing,” Echeverria said, “but I’m going to do my best to pull through.”

“You’re competing against yourself,” both Echeverria and Gardner said speaking more on their competition.

Unlike the Miss GSU pageant, Mr. GSU competitors will not go on to compete at a

state or regional level upon winning. Instead, the winning contestant will go on with Miss GSU and accompany her to continue on her road to winning at higher-level pageants.

Rivera said the University Programming Board has done well with the pageant and doesn’t feel that it is unfair that they do not go on to a higher level of competing.

“I feel Mr. GSU is just as important as Miss GSU, because you’re on her arm when you go to GSU events where you both make appearances,” Rivera said. “You have to be able to represent her as well. We are helping represent GSU so we are important.”

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YOUR GUIDE TO OFF-CAMPUS ENTERTAINMENT

THURSDAY

Applebee's

- Jammin' Thursday with DJ Jammin J, 10 p.m.
- \$3 Jose Cuervo shots, \$2 Coronas, \$Appletini's
- DJ Jammin J Productions (entertainment) (10 p.m. - cl), \$3 Jose shots, \$3 appletinins, \$2 Corona bottles, \$1 jello shots, \$3 Muscato wine glasses (9 p.m. - cl).

Dingus Magee's

- Happy Hour (5-7 p.m.) (9-11 p.m.)
- \$2 wells, two for one bombs, two for one apps (5-7 p.m.)
- Evan Barber and the Dead Gamblers (8 p.m. - cl)

El Sombrero Downtown

- \$2.50 domestic beer
- Happy Hour (5-7)

GATA's

- Happy Hour Everyday (5-7)
- 1/2 price bottle & draft beer, \$1.50 single wells, \$3 double wells
- Stereo Monster \$5 cover (10 p.m. - cl)
- Power Hour (10-11 p.m.): \$1 shots, \$2 Sweet Water beer, \$3 doubles

Gnat's Landing

- \$10 buckets of beer, \$3 doubles, \$3 bombs, \$3 New Castles

Loco's

- Happy Hour (5-7 p.m.)
- 1/2 price draft beer, 1/2 price chips and salsa, 1/2 price chips and queso, 1/2 price wings

FRIDAY

Applebee's

- Happy Hour & Late Night Fun: Monday - Friday (3-6 p.m.) (9 p.m.-cl) 1/2 price appetizers, \$2 Natty Light brews, \$3 domestic brews (micros \$1 more), \$3 Long Islands, \$3 main street margaritas (regular and flavor), \$3 well
- Trivia (entertainment) (10 p.m. - cl): \$3 Long Island, \$3 domestic brewtus, \$4 premium brewtus, \$1 jello shots.

Crabby Joe's

- Glenn Kearney (9 p.m.)

Dingus Magee's

- Happy Hour (5-7 p.m.) (9-11 p.m.)
- \$2 wells, two for one bombs, two for one apps (5-7 p.m.)
- Familiar Face, 9 p.m.

El Sombrero Downtown

- Happy Hour, (5-7 p.m.)
- \$2 well drinks

GATA's

- Happy Hour Everyday (5-7)
- 1/2 price bottle & draft beer, \$1.50 single wells, \$3 double wells
- \$2 Natty Light, PBR, Tecate, \$5 Natty Light pitchers

Gnat's Landing

- \$10 buckets of beer

The Grill

- Ladies Night, 9 p.m.

Loco's

- Happy Hour (5-7 p.m.)
- 1/2 price draft beer, 1/2 price chips and salsa, 1/2 price chips and queso, 1/2 price wings

Manny's

- Happy Hour (5-7 p.m.)
- \$2 draft beers, 1/2 price wine, \$2 wells, \$3 double wells
- 1/2 price wine, \$2 beer, \$2 sangria

Millhouse

- \$1.99 draft beers, cocktails, martinis, margaritas
- \$2.49 house wines
- Harry Canary (10 p.m. - cl)

Ruby Tuesday's

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

Rude Rudy's

- Dance night with DJ (9 p.m.)

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SATURDAY

Applebee's

- Black light party (10 p.m. - cl)
- \$3 appletinis, \$3 wells, \$3 Long Island

Crabby Joe's

- Karaoke with Papa Smurf (9 p.m.)

El Sombrero Downtown

- Happy Hour (5- 7 p.m.)
- \$2 lime margarita

Foy Fine Arts

- Larisa Elisha and Richard Mercier (7:30 p.m.)

GATA's

- \$2 Natty Light, PBR, and Tecate
- \$5 Natty Light pitchers.

Loco's

- \$5 Miller Light pitchers all day

Manny's

- \$10 domestic buckets, \$26.99 for 50 wings and a pitcher of beer

Millhouse

- Ogeechee River Mud (10 p.m.)

Mr. Omelette

- Mark Kuhlmann (11 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Ruby Tuesday's

- Happy Hour (4-6 p.m.) (9-11 p.m.)
- \$5 Absolut vodka
- \$5 select wines
- \$2 Miller Lights
- \$4 margaritas (6 p.m.- cl)

MONDAY

Applebee's

- Happy Hour & Late Night Fun
- (3-6 p.m.) and (9 p.m.-cl)
- 1/2 price appetizers
- \$2 Natty Light brews
- \$3 domestic brews (micros \$1 more)
- \$3 Long Islands
- \$3 main street margaritas (regular and flavor)
- \$3 wells

Dingus Magee's

- Happy Hour All week (5-7 p.m.) (9-11 p.m.)
- \$2 wells

- two for one bombs (5-7 p.m.)

- two for one apps (5-7 p.m.)

Dos Primos

- Poker (8 p.m.)

Gnat's Landing

- Happy hour all day

Loco's

- Happy Hour (5-7 p.m.)
- 1/2 price draft beer, 1/2 price chips and salsa, 1/2 price chips and queso, 1/2 price wings

Millhouse

- \$1.99 draft beers, cocktails, martinis, margaritas
- \$2.49 house wines

TUESDAY

Applebee's

- Happy Hour & Late Night Fun (3-6 p.m.) (9 p.m.-cl)
- 1/2 price appetizers
- \$2 Natty Light brews
- \$3 domestic brews (micros \$1 more)
- \$3 Long Islands
- \$3 main street margaritas (regular and flavor)
- \$3 wells

El Sombrero downtown

- Happy Hour (5- 7)
- \$2 strawberry daqs

Gnat's Landing

- \$10 bucket of beer
- \$7.99 shrimp and grits
- Trivia (7 p.m.)

Loco's

- 1/2 price draft beer, 1/2 price chips and salsa, 1/2 price chips and queso, 1/2 price wings

Kbob Kelly's

- Karaoke (9 p.m.)

Manny's

- Happy Hour (5-7 p.m.)
- \$2 draft beers
- 1/2 price wine
- \$2 wells
- \$3 double wells
- \$3 Jack Daniels shots

Southern Billiards and Burgers

- Happy Hour (5 - 7 p.m.)
- \$1 shots
- \$2 well drinks
- \$1.50 domestic drafts

GSU music students to perform at First Friday

Music

BY JAZMIN DAVIS

The George-Anne staff

Community entertainment will meet Georgia Southern University's music department as this month's First Friday event invites three student bands to add to the festivities this Friday evening.

Hosted by the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority, who sponsors most community events downtown, First Friday's theme is to center around the fine arts this April.

"It's perfect because it's our fine arts First Friday. In April and May, we try to bring in all things musical," office manager and events coordinator of the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority Elena McLendon.

The event will kick off on the Courthouse lawn at 5:30 p.m. with the first performers, Cold Duck Time, followed by Southern Quartet at 6:30 p.m. and Southern Saxophones at 7 p.m.

Aside from the music that will be featured, this First Friday will have a jumping jack for children to play in as well as a grill and cotton



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candy to keep visitors energized.

Vendors that generally come to the event will be selling jewelry, homemade soaps and more.

The organizers of First Friday also find that this is a good way to involve GSU and for students

who don't know the town that well to experience the small-town hospitality. McLendon said that the organization has been communicating with the music department for a while about performing for this event.

"We wanted to see more of a presence from Georgia Southern," McLendon said.

Suggested by associate professor of saxophone and director of music international studies at GSU Dr. Carolyn J. Bryan, the Southern Quartet and the Southern Saxophones will show off the talents of some of the school's music students. Southern Saxophones actually have been performing for 12 years under the director of Dr. Bryan and have previously performed at First Friday and the Arts Fest.

"There was an opportunity for a performance, so we took it," Bryan said.

The main purpose of the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority is "to promote the economic and historical well-being of downtown" and to create better economic development in that area, said director of the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority, Allen Muldrew.

Since the theme for the next two months involves the fine arts, the organizers thought it would be a good idea to feature GSU students as the musical entertainment.

"First Friday is our opportunity to have a community activity in the downtown area," Muldrew said. "It depends on the weather, but we always have a good turnout."

Even though the rainy weather can interrupt the flow of the monthly event sometimes, locals still find a way to get out and enjoy the entertainment of the town's youth. McLendon values the promotion of students.

Local businesses like Lily's Café and Sugar Magnolia's Bakery and Café are generally open during First Friday to provide the community with dinner either before, after or during the event.

"Just by being downtown, people are more likely to stop by one of those eateries," Muldrew said.

"So far, we've had a great season. We had a music band made up of young students from Pladd Dot. It was wonderful and we wanted to make it more GSU-driven," McLendon said.

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"I competed in pageants, so trying on dresses was nothing new to me," Johnson said.

Influenced by her pageant background, Johnson favored extravagant dresses, but Allen and Durham used their fashion and bridal experiences to help steer the future bride away from her comfort zone.

"They were great," Johnson said. "He (Durham) made me wear a simplistic white Italian silk dress with nothing on it, and I started boo-hooing because it's the first time I saw myself as a bride."

Having a great experience choosing her dress did not cancel out Johnson's nerves about the film crew and what would be aired on the show. She made sure to mind her manners, being conscious of everything she said.

"I don't feel like I was negative in anyway, I was more nervous about my mom. I tried to monitor what I said, I didn't want to say anything ugly," Johnson said.

According to Johnson, her mother had a lot to say during the visit.

"There was a lot of pressure and they were constantly asking questions. My mom was the one who wouldn't let the pressure get to me. I may have regretted the dress I picked if she wouldn't have been there," Johnson said.

"You know it's TV, it's entertainment, so you know they are going to make it dramatic," Johnson said about her mother's comments during filming.

Johnson did not find out she made the cut until about a week ago. Four months after her visit, the day is almost here and Johnson, her family and friends are all ready to see what footage made it on television.

"I'm just ready to watch, honestly," Johnson said. "And, we'll just have to see. It can't be that bad."

The episode featuring Johnson, according to TLC's website, is titled "Meant to Be" and is scheduled to air tomorrow at 9 p.m. and 11 p.m.



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Above: Miah Johnson, senior chemistry major, poses with her family at the Bridals by Lori.

Right: Johnson poses with fiancé and GSU alumnus Zane Powell in Sweetheart Circle.



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Whether or Not to Accept Your Back-Up Plan

By Brianna Wagenbrenner,
Event Planning Intern

During the job and internship hunt, advisers and mentors often suggest for students to apply for multiple locations in order to have a better chance of getting the cherished job offer.

Heather Scarboro, Recruitment Coordinator, said "Apply for every single one that is interesting to you. Do not draw a line."

Most students prioritize their application process and pick out their favorite companies early on during the process. But if a student gets multiple offers, prioritizing companies can create difficult decisions.

So what if a student gets an offer from the back-up plan before the top priority?

You can extend your offer. Let the company know that you are very excited and thankful for the opportunity but that you need some time to look

at all your options. Ask if they have a deadline to hear back from you, and then stick to that deadline.

During the time you have to look over the offer, reassess your situation. What are the benefits of your current job opportunity? Why is your favorite job opportunity your favorite? Do you feel confident that your top priority job opportunity will give you an offer?

It is important to compare the two opportunities with an objective and realistic motive. Picking a job or internship based completely on an emotional appeal or without taking the time to research your options, can lead to a disappointing choice.

The most important thing is to look over your own goals and to make sure your goals align with the job opportunity you are going to choose.

Remember that multiple offers are better than no offers. So take the time to make the right decision for yourself and your future.

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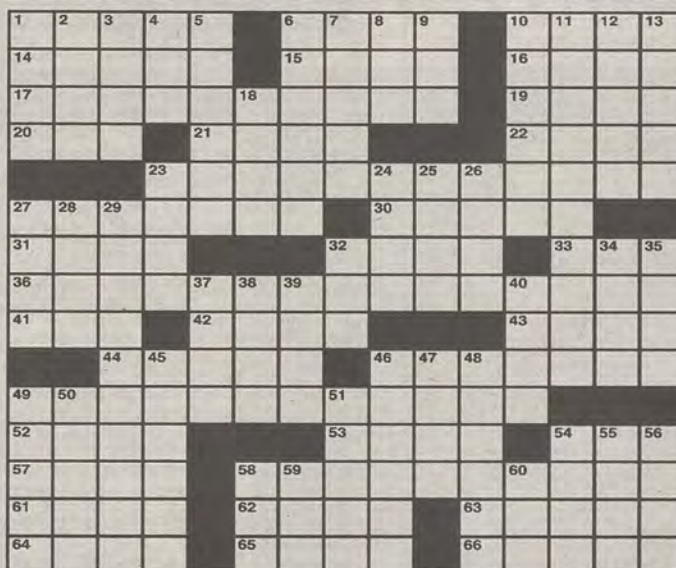
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- 27 Diamond
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- 31 Dieter's catchword
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- 33 Little devil
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- 43 Vintner's prefix
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- 46 Answers the call
- 49 Tonality indicator
- 52 Condé ____: Vogue publisher
- 53 Carvey of "SNL"
- 54 URL-ending letters
- 57 Rock ending
- 58 Tournament that begins today (and collectively, words that begin 17-, 23-, 36- and 49-Across?)
- 61 Part of ABA: Abbr.
- 62 Mouse pad?
- 63 Hair-raising
- 64 GOP rivals
- 65 Receiving customers
- 66 Quits



By Don Gagliardo and C.C. Burnikel

4/5/12

DOWN

- 1 Like some lingerie
- 2 Sunscreen additive
- 3 They may be pooled
- 4 Wall climber
- 5 Poke fun at
- 6 One you might 5-Down
- 7 "Midnight Cowboy" role
- 8 Star quality
- 9 It is there
- 10 What's left
- 11 Doubles
- 12 Potter's practice
- 13 Hit on the rear
- 18 Twofold
- 23 Big name in golf clubs
- 24 Summer coolers
- 25 "East of Eden" twin
- 26 Former Yugoslav leader
- 27 To whom Rick said, "The Germans wore gray. You wore blue"
- 28 Call for
- 29 Minor leagues
- 32 Gold meas.

April 3rd Puzzle Solved

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- 34 Word after file or edit
- 35 Alka-Seltzer sound
- 37 K-12
- 38 "It's not ____ deal"
- 39 Middy
- 40 Dogie catcher
- 45 Some blenders
- 46 Pollen bearer
- 47 Fast-swimming fish
- 48 Wipes clean
- 49 Work with dough
- 50 Words on a Wonderland cake
- 51 Fred's first partner
- 54 First name in architecture
- 55 Problem for a plumber
- 56 Versatility list
- 58 Even if, briefly
- 59 Short trip
- 60 Hanoi New Year

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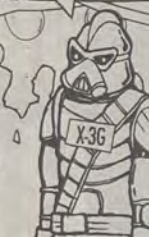
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Sudoku

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All BFSDoArt students pursuing a major in studio arts are required to take foundation courses that include drawing, two-dimensional design, and three-dimensional design. The coursework that comprises the foundations program is extremely rigorous and helps to create the solid infrastructure needed for a career in the fine arts. The mission of the exhibition is to honor the efforts of the outstanding beginning art students, as well as to demonstrate to the expectations placed on future students at BFSDoArt.

The juror for this exhibition is Julie Bowland, Associate Professor and Gallery Director, Valdosta State University. Ms. Bowland has over 20 years of experience in both the classroom and gallery. She has held teaching positions at institutions such as Tallahassee Community College, Florida State University (FSU), and Valdosta State University (VSU). Prior to running the gallery at VSU, she was the Director for Art in Public Places for Tallahassee/Leon County and Gallery 621 in Tallahassee. Her artwork has been exhibited widely throughout the United States.

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The artworks in the exhibition represent the various disciplines taught within the BFSDoArt including: sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, and mixed media.

The juror for this exhibition is James Hull, Director of the Suffolk University Art Gallery at NESAD; and the Director/Curator for Laconia Gallery, Boston, MA. He has held teaching positions at institutions such as Georgia State University; Boston University; Art Institute of Boston/Lesley University; and the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD). In addition to teaching, he has held various positions for institutions such as DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park; The List Visual Art Center at MIT; The Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston; High Museum of Art, and Fidelity Investments' Corporate Collection. Hull has written a number of critical articles and reviews for publications such as Art Papers Magazine; ArtsMedia; Art New England; and Big Red & Shiny. His artwork has been exhibited widely throughout the United States, as well as abroad.

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Griffin's home run lifts Eagles

Baseball

BY CLINTON HINELY

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University baseball team defeated Bethune-Cookman University Wednesday night at J.I. Clements Stadium by a final score of 8-6.

Freshman Chase Griffin pinch hit in the eighth inning and blasted a home run deep over the centerfield wall to give GSU the lead and the eventual victory. It was Griffin's team-leading seventh homerun on the season.

"I was up in the count, so I am hoping for a fastball," Griffin said. "He threw it and I just connected with it."

Former GSU pitching coach Jason Beverlin is in his first year as head coach at B-CU and returned to Statesboro to face the Eagles.

The Eagles started early, putting up a run in the first inning when junior Michael Burruss drove the ball to deep centerfield for an RBI triple.

GSU mounted a threat in the second inning, junior T.D. Davis started off the inning with an infield single. Freshman Hunter Thomas then drove the ball to center for another GSU hit in the inning. However, the next two GSU hitters were unable to deliver and the Eagles stranded two runners in scoring position.

In the top of the third inning, B-CU's Josh Johnson hit a sacrifice fly to centerfield to score the first run of the game for the Wildcats and tie the game at one. After a few hits and a walk, the bases were loaded for the Wildcats before GSU's



Demario Cullars/The George-Anne

Senior Josh Adams (22) pitches against the Bethune-Cookman University Wildcats.

Eric Phillips committed an error at third base allowing another run to score for B-CU.

GSU hit into its Southern Conference-leading 31st double play in the bottom of the fourth inning, stranding a runner at third and ending another chance to put runs on the board.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Thomas delivered a double to the right field gap to bring in Davis and tie the game at two for GSU. Morgan delivered a single, then freshman Clint Clark attempted a squeeze bunt. The bunt went straight to the pitcher and Thomas was thrown out at home plate.

The Wildcats had the bases loaded with zero outs in the top of the fifth inning. GSU's starting pitcher Josh Adams then walked the next batter to make the game 3-2 for B-CU.

GSU then changed pitchers, but the first Wildcat hitter singled to right field, bringing in two more runs for the Wildcats. The Wildcats were able to score another run to increase their lead to 6-2 before GSU was finally able to get out of the inning.

GSU was able to work the bases loaded in the bottom of the fifth inning. Sophomore Stryker Brown grounded out but was able to drive in a run for the Eagles. Davis then drilled the pitch into right field for an RBI single and Thomas delivered a sacrifice fly for his second RBI of the night to make the game 6-5.

Burruss led off the bottom of the seventh inning with a double. He then attempted to steal third, the throw from the catcher was wild and allowed Burruss to score the tying run.

Griffin's home run in the eighth inning gave GSU a 7-6 advantage. Burruss then added an RBI single.

"You just have to be ready to go in at any moment. Before the inning, coach Hennon told me to start getting loose, so I was in the dugout swinging and getting ready," Griffin said. "You have to stay in the game mentally and be ready for whenever you're called on to help the team."

The Eagles will go on the road to face Davidson College in a three-game SoCon series. The first game will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday night. Game two will be at 6 p.m. on Friday before the series concludes at 2 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

Eagles rely on Phillips

BY COLIN RITSICK

The George-Anne staff

Senior third baseman Eric Phillips has been making a name for himself across the country thanks to his performance at the plate this season for Georgia Southern University.

Starting the season off with an 18-game hit streak and currently on a seven-game hit streak, in addition to a 30-game on-base streak (every game this year), Phillips clearly has the hot hand in 2012.

His batting average entering Wednesday's game against the Bethune-Cookman University Wildcats was .414 with 46 hits and 34 RBI's. His batting average ranks first in the Southern Conference and his RBI total puts him in the 11th slot for NCAA leaders. Phillips is also 17th in the nation in hits and 13th in doubles.

But one statistic that is almost more important than any other is his knowledge and grittiness in the box. Striking out the senior captain is not easy and is a rare sight. Phillips ranks 17th in the nation in the toughest to strike out category.

Phillips has only struck out five times all season. In 111 at bats, striking out only five times is remarkable. This patience gives way to his accompanying success in the other offensive categories.

However, it is not just national leader boards for this season that Phillips is climbing. He is on his way to the top of many GSU career marks. Phillips is currently tied for sixth in career batting average with a .365 average, fifth in career hits with 292, tied for eighth in stolen bases with 64 and sixth in career doubles with 55. The GSU career hits leader is Scott Henley with 326.

For Phillips to become the all-time GSU hits leader, he needs only 34 more hits. There are 26 games left, not including post-season, so the senior will need 1.3 hits per game in order to reach that mark.

Phillips is in the middle of a career-best season and shows no signs of slowing.

Beck receives national recognition

BY COLIN RITSICK

The George-Anne staff

An overpowering week on the mound for junior Chris Beck earned him both conference and national honors.

Collegiate Baseball, who also named Beck a preseason All-American, awarded him the Louisville Slugger National Pitcher of the Week for his effort.

Beck got his first save on the season against the No. 21-ranked Yellow Jackets of the Georgia Institute of Technology. In the one inning Beck pitched, he struck out two to give Georgia Southern University the win.

Some might not agree with having the Friday night starter pitch twice in the same week. But it paid off for the Eagles, and it obviously did not affect Beck's performance.

Beck said he did not make many changes with his schedule despite pitching twice.

"Just a little tinkering, not as much explosive running but enough to get the arm flushed out," Beck said.



Chris Beck

On Friday, he struck out 16 of 18 possible outs in six innings against the Southern Conference leader, College of Charleston. For the week, Beck had 18 total strikeouts.

"You've got to start strong on Friday nights. You've got to set the tone for the night and the guys in the bullpen feed off of that like they did on Friday," Beck said.

Up to this point in the season, Beck has 61 strikeouts in 186 at-bats from opponents. He is 3-2 on the year with one save and a 3.59 ERA.

"Coach Hennon always says that we are one weekend away from turning our season around," Beck said in conclusion, a testament to his team-first attitude.

Monken: I'm honored and excited to coach GSU Eagles



File Photos

Left: Eagles head coach Jeff Monken coaches his team during a game last season. **Right:** Monken talks to his offense during a timeout.

Football

BY DERREK ASBERRY

The George-Anne staff
and **DAVID BUTLER**
The George-Anne contributor

With Jeff Monken already embracing the sidelines in his third year as head coach, the Georgia Southern University Eagles have secured their chances of a semifinal three-peat by signing him to another one-year contract of \$273,229.90 on November 30, 2011.

"This is one of the best college football programs in the country," Monken said. "To be the head coach here is truly an honor and a privilege for me."

"While the university would probably like to extend the contract, Georgia state law only allows one-year contracts for GSU coaches," assistant

athletic director Jeff Blythe said.

GSU has to follow the State of Georgia's guidelines on how long the contracts can be for their particular coaches. However, schools such as the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech do not have to follow these guidelines.

"Coaches understand that when they come to coach at GSU that they can only be offered a one year contract and they are fine with that, in most cases," Blythe said.

"The reason that those schools do not have to follow those guidelines," Blythe said, "is because a very long time ago these schools created another association that they are members of



Jeff Monken

and are practically able to do whatever they would like to do pertaining to their coaches."

With his contract finalized, Monken is excited to be a part of the program for another 12 months.

For fans, that feeling is mutual. In the 2009 football season, the Eagles had a losing record of 5-6. In the two years Monken has been the head coach of the team, the Eagles have a record of 21-8, which includes several consecutive weeks as the No. 1 team in the FCS.

"I'm excited that we're back at it again in spring practice," he said. "We're getting ready for the 2012 season, and hopefully this will be our best year so far."

Monken said, "I'm glad to be a part of this program and I'm excited to see what we can do in the upcoming season."



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Softball takes on University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Softball

BY ANNA WELLS

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University softball team is set to take on the University of North Carolina at Greensboro this weekend in a Southern Conference series.

The series is crucial for the Eagles as their season progresses closer to the conference tournament.

The Eagles have dominated the conference, winning every single conference series so far this season. The Eagles have an 8-1 record in the conference and a 22-12 record overall, making them first in the SoCon. UNCG's record pales in comparison to the Eagles with a 6-6 conference record, making UNCG fifth overall in the SoCon.

The Eagles are looking to keep the No. 1 spot and are ready to beat the

Spartans for the fifth regular season series in a row.

PITCHING

The Eagles have seen a phenomenal pitching performance by sophomore pitcher Sarah Purvis. Purvis has 12 wins for the 2012 season and has an ERA of just 1.70. Purvis also had her first no-hitter of the season against La Salle University and has earned SoCon Pitcher of the Week twice this season already. If Purvis is on the top of her game the Eagles will have no problem taking control of the Spartan's offense.

ADVANTAGE: GSU

BATTING AVERAGE

The Eagles feature many hitters with high batting averages, including seniors Marie Fogle, who has a batting average of .464, and Mackenzie Williams, who trails Fogle with an average of .344. The Spartans' highest averaging player is Alex Emeterio, who has an average of .343 and Spartan Katelyn Bedwell who follows Emeterio with an average of



Mark Barnes II/The George-Anne

Sophomore Kourtney Thomas (14) throws toward first base during last week's home game against University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

.336. With heavy hitters such as Fogle and Williams, the Eagles should be able to take an easy lead over the Spartans.

ADVANTAGE: GSU

BASE RUNNING

GSU has 27 stolen bases so far this season, with Marie Fogle leading the team with nine and Alexa Lewis not far behind with six. However, UNCG has 44 stolen bases so far this season and are

being led by Aisha Figueroa, who has 10, followed by Dominique Madruga, who has seven. The Eagles will need to be prepared if these two players begin to get greedy on the base paths.

ADVANTAGE: UNCG

PLAYERS TO WATCH

The Eagles feature many outstanding players. However, the key players to watch for GSU are pitcher Purvis and star center fielder Fogle. Both players have led the Eagles on the mound and on the plate, respectively, and have helped lead GSU to its outstanding SoCon record.

UNCG features Emeterio, who has the highest batting average for the Spartans and a .505 slugging percentage. The Spartans also have Bedwell, who is second for the team in batting average and has a whopping .637 slugging percentage.

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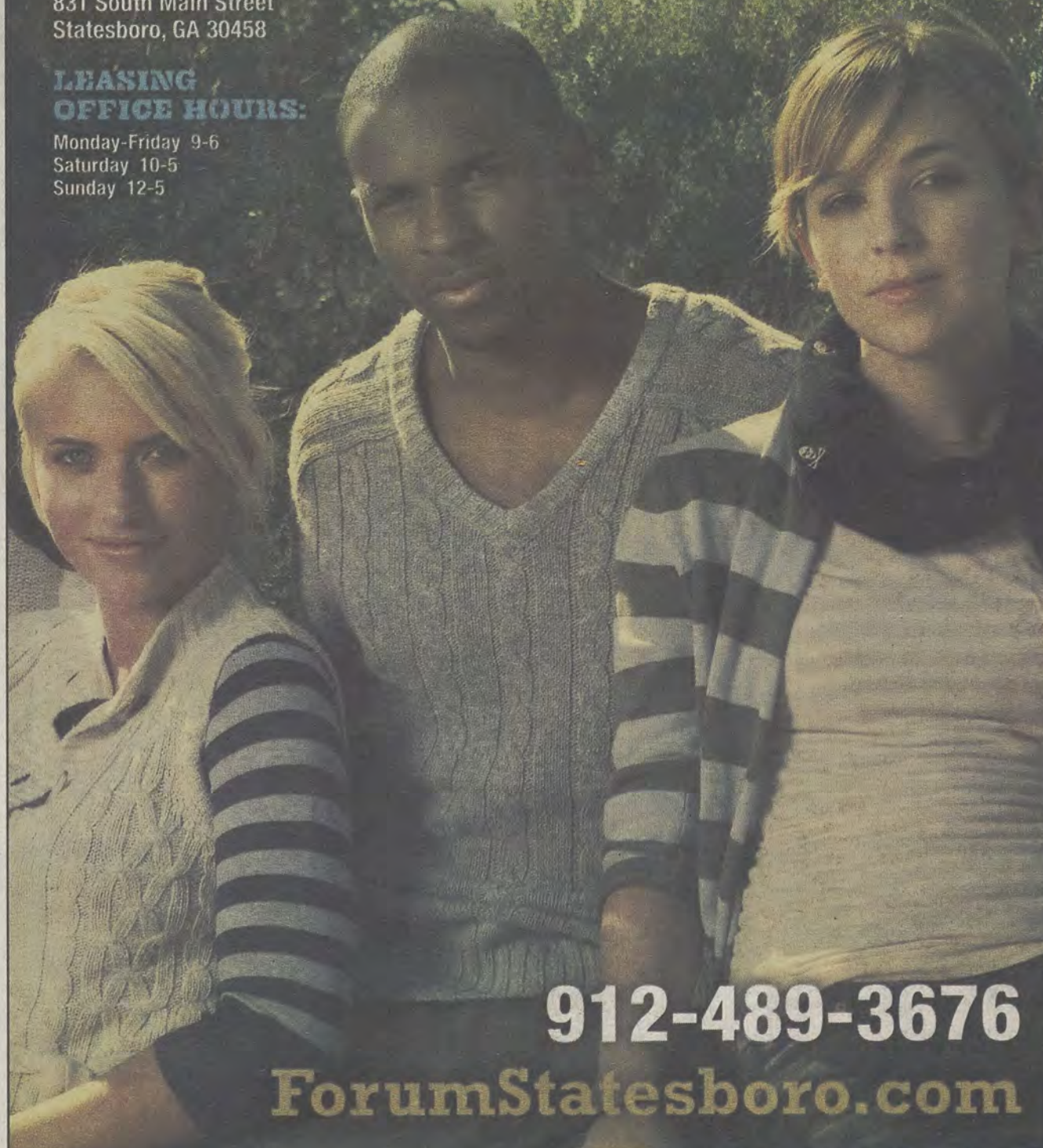
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