BY KEVIN GREGAN
The George-Anne staff

The coaches of the Football Championship Subdivision have voted and the Georgia Southern University football team will head into this season ranked third.

Last year's national champion, the North Dakota State Bison's, were given the first place ranking after receiving 19 of 26 first-place votes. The national champion runner-up, Sam Houston State University, was ranked second. According to Head Coach Jeff Monken and his team, the rankings don't really mean much.

"It doesn't mean anything at this point. All that matters is the end of the season and where you rank then," Monken said. "Hopefully we'll do the things we need to, to have the chance to compete for the top spot."

Appalachian State University was ranked See THIRD, page 18

On-campus pirating ban enforced

BY JENNIFER CURINGTON
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University has implemented a program that will judicially refer students after four offenses of illegal downloading on campus.

The program, Audible Magic, costs $20,000 a year with funds coming from the Information Technology budget.

This is a network device that sits between GSU network and the Internet and will look at content coming through. It will be able to tell the difference between copyrighted content downloaded legally and illegally, Vice President of Information Technology and Chief Information Officer Steve Burrell said.

Audible Magic will only monitor activities done through GSU’s network and will not be able to monitor off-campus connections.

Audible Magic can only monitor downloads as they occur and cannot detect illegally downloaded content already existing on a device.

"This is a fed law that we have to comply with and if we don't then financial aid becomes jeopardized and all sorts of other things at the university," Burrell said. "It's not a position that we can be relaxed about because that's a serious See PIRACY, page 7

The line grows for free ice cream from Bruster's with the dean at the rotunda for Weeks of Welcome. These events are designed to prepare new students for success and shows them how to get involved.
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Police Beat

Saturday, Aug. 18
- Officers responded to the Col-
 lege of Business building refer-
  ence to an alarm. A check of the
  building showed no problems. False
  alarm.
- Officers made contact with a
  suspicious person on Harvey
  Drive. The suspicious person,
  Nathaniel Stewart Best, 20
  years old, was carrying a yard
  sign belonging to GSU. Mr.
  Best had a blood alcohol level
  of 0.085gms. The GSU yard
  sign was recovered and Mr.
  Best was judicially referred.
- Officers responded to a motor
  vehicle accident in Lot 21. A
  Motor Vehicle Accident Report
  was completed.
- Officers responded to a motor
  vehicle accident in C Lot. A Mo-
  tor Vehicle Accident Report was
  completed.
- Officers responded to Southern
  Courtyard room #4130 in ref-
  erence to a fire alarm. A check
  of the room and building
  showed no problems. False
  alarm.
- Officers responded to Centro-
  nial Place room #1114 in re-
  ference to a panic alarm. The
  resident advised she accidently
  activated the alarm. False
  alarm.
- Officers escorted a subject
  from East Georgia Regional
  Medical Center to Georgia Re-
  gional in Savannah, Ga.

Sunday, Aug. 19
- Officers responded to Eagle
  Village building 2, 3rd floor, in
  reference to a drug complaint.
- Officers investigated but did not
  discover any drug violation.
- Officers took a report of a
  damaged bike at Southern
  Courtyard. The case was turned
  over to GSU Criminal Investiga-
  tions.
- Officers responded to Health
  Services in reference to an
  injured person. A student fell
  off her bike receiving minor
  injuries to the left side of
  her face, her knee, and wrist.
  EMS initially treated the
  injuries. The student went to the
  emergency room via personal
  vehicle.
- Officers responded to the Al-
  pha Tau Omega House in re-
  ference to a criminal trespass. The
  complainant advised that he
  saw an unknown black male in
  the house earlier in the day. The
  case was turned over to GSU
  Criminal Investigations.
- Officers responded to Eagle
  Village room #4224 in reference
to a drug complaint. Officers
  discovered a small amount of
  marijuana in the room of GSU
  student, Garrett Reynolds Siz-
  more, 18 years old. Mr. Siz-
  more was judicially referred.
- Officers responded to the Zeta
  Tau Alpha House on Olympic
  Blvd in reference to an alarm. A
  resident exited an alarmed door
  without deactivating the alarm.
  False alarm.
- Officers made contact with
  an intoxicated person in the
  bushes at Kennedy Hall. The
  subject was judicially referred
  for Possession of Alcohol – Un-
  der 21 Years of Age.
- Officers responded to a motor
  vehicle accident in Lot 21. A
  motor vehicle accident report
  was completed.
- Officers responded to a motor
  vehicle accident at Southern
  Pines. As a result of an inves-
  tigation the following subject
  was arrested: Evans Alexander
  Armstrong, 18 years old, charged
  with Possession of a Controlled
  Substance – Class IV, Driving
  Under the Influence – Drugs 1st
  Offense, and Possession of Drug
  Related Objects.
- Officers responded to a motor
  vehicle accident at the Math/
  Physics Building. A motor ve-
  hicle report was completed.
- Officers responded to the En-
  gineering Technologies Build-
  ing reference to an alarm. The
  building was checked with no
  trouble discovered. False
  alarm.
- Officers took a report for a
  lost/misplaced iPhone at the Car-
  roll Building. The iPhone was
turned in and returned to the
  owner.
- Officers took a report for Dam-
  age to Property at Freedom’s
  Landing. A resident’s vehicle
  was damaged by a metal pipe
  protruding from a parking bar-
  rier.
- Officers responded to South-
  ern Courtyard room #3355 in ref-
  erence to a complaint of suspi-
  cious activity at Residential
  Facilities. The case was un-
  founded.
- Officers responded to Eagle
  Village in reference to a suspi-
  cious incident and a sick person.
  The suspicious incident was re-
  solved and the sick person pro-
  vided with an alternate place to
  sleep during the night.
- Officers responded to Kennedy
  Hall in reference to an alarm. A
  check of the buildings revealed
  no trouble. False alarm.

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Our View

Take advantage of fee voting

Granting students the right to vote on student fees is a tremendous step in the right direction for Georgia Southern University.

The Board of Regents is largely behind the student vote, whatever it might be. Without student support, President Brooks Keel said, the fees will not be supported by the BOR or by GSU.

The solidarity to vote has just begun to infiltrate campus, and the opportunity to vote has pushed influential people all over campus to speak out.

Head Football Coach Jeff Monken is pushing hard for students to side with the FBS move fee, which will only be applied if we receive a bid to join the conference. His recent tweets have all been in great support of the proposed fee.

The Student Government Association has been working to educate the student body on the upcoming vote, and they have made a video to raise student awareness that can be seen online.

This is a rare time for your voice to be heard on campus, and it is much more important than homecoming voting, which is the only other school-wide voting event this fall. We encourage you to use your right as a GSU student and help shape this school for years to come.

Let students choose what to improve

The future of the Georgia Southern University campus is being shaped right now. The new Biology building is under construction, a shooting range has been approved, stadium expansion and a new health center are all on the table as well. While these are all potentially great improvements and advancements, the students should have a voice in what gets improved and built.

The problem with this system is that the buildings that need the most improvement are being ignored. Forest Drive Classroom Building, for example, is in a trailer. It's a nice trailer, granted. If Bill Gates were to buy a trailer, it might look something like Forest Drive, but it is still a trailer. Even more depressing is the fact that the school seems to be entrenching itself to stay there long term.

Last semester, the school reconstructed the steps and ramps to the building, an investment that wouldn't be made for a temporary space. This building houses a large group of majors for GSU, including foreign languages, history and the Center for International Studies... and it's in a trailer. I don't think I can repeat that fact enough.

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Furthermore, the International Student Resource Center is located in the building. So we ask for the best and brightest from the rest of the world, and when they arrive... we direct them to a trailer. I'm not saying that's a little insulting, but if the school thinks they can attract great international minds — and wallets — to the campus with a permanent home in a trailer, it is in for a rough surprise.

Now, I'm all for improvements around campus, especially the proposed health care center. The current building has a history of horror stories of long waiting lines and the spread, not the prevention, of illness.

I would rather see the students have a bigger voice in the improvement of the school. Imagine a world where every year, all of the buildings go through a tournament, with the students voting on which building needs the most improvement. It's like The Hunger Games, but instead of getting to survive, the winner gets to be ripped down and replaced with a better building or just renovated. One of the slots of course would go to proposed buildings, which might very well win.

But wouldn't you like to seeroach-prooﬁng our dining halls versus a new stadium in the finals? I can't honestly give either side an automatic win in this case.

If this never comes to fruition, the fact that the Board of Regents is now considering the vote of the student body as a factor in their decisions means that now is the time to make our voice heard. So go out and let the head honchos around here know what you'd like to see improved. Start a Facebook group, create a petition, wear a crazy outfit around and hold signs, it really doesn't matter.

Even if we don't get to see our buildings slug it out for state funds, we might be able to get Forest Drive out of the realm of Jeff Foxworthy jokes and into a permanent home.
From the Left

Privitization too expensive

Since Mitt Romney's selection of Paul Ryan as his running mate, concerns over the future of Medicare have surfaced as a focal point of the campaign.

Various projections have estimated that Ryan's original proposal to transform Medicare into a voucher program, a plan Mitt claims is "probably close to identical" to his own plan, will eventually cost seniors about $6,400 out of pocket each year. That's $6,400 that fixed-income seniors do not have to get the medical treatment they need.

Ryan suggests that a reduction in Medicare costs — along with cuts to programs that help the economically disadvantaged and students — will help put America on track to reduce the deficit. However, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office and Tax Policy Center have calculated that Ryan's plan will actually raise the annual deficit due to his substantial tax cuts on corporations and the highest tax bracket.

Paul Krugman estimates that Ryan's proposed cuts to Medicare — $1.7 trillion cuts in all — will be offset by his $4.3 trillion loss of tax revenue from his tax cuts. So essentially, Ryan's plan cuts care for sick and elderly people to fund his tax breaks on the wealthiest, further polarizing America's socio-economic classes.

In response to attacks on Republican Medicare cuts, especially from the age-heavy swing states of Florida and Pennsylvania, the Romney-Ryan campaign has thrown the argument back to the presumed cuts to Medicare that will supposedly result from the implementation of Obama's Affordable Care Act. Romney has insisted repeatedly that $716 billion dollars will come out of Medicare to fund "Obamacare."

However, Obama's healthcare law does not literally cut funding to beneficiaries. It cuts funding for private insurance companies as a part of the Medicare Advantage program with the idea that private competition would reduce healthcare costs for seniors. Those private insurance companies have actually had higher costs than Medicare and have proved a wasteful effort.

Even though Medicare is a relatively socialistic program, Republicans have been politically forced to uphold it because of the high percentage of 65 and older voter turn-out. Seniors vote and organize coalitions and as a result receive generous benefits. What could college students gain if they were more politically involved? Free education?

Markley is a senior geography major from Marietta, Ga.

From the Right

Vouchers benefit patients

Last year, the Democrats spent a good part of the year attacking Congressman Paul Ryan for his plan to reform the failing Medicare system. They scared people with talks that Ryan was "ending the system as we know it." Ryan was branded a "Granny killer" and was forced to spend the rest of the year defending his plan.

What Paul Ryan simply wants to do is move Medicare to a voucher system for people who have not reached the age of 55 yet. However those who are 55 and over would keep their current plan. This allows the consumer to pick how to spend their Medicare money. They can choose which doctors they want to see, get specialized help and truly get the best care without punitive cost controls and unelected bureaucrats getting in the way.

The Ryan plan would open up competition among doctors that Obamacare and the traditional Medicare plan does not. Doctors are now going to be competing for the business they receive from Medicare patients instead of it being guaranteed due to lack of options. Doctors are going to have to perform better services at competitive costs. This causes the patient to win, instead of doctors and bureaucrats. This plan also replaces most of the $700 million that Obama cut out of Medicare.

But now with Obamacare released, that boomerang is coming back to hit the Obama camp at a time when they can't afford it. Mitt Romney shocked the nation when he picked the Wisconsin Congressman to be his running mate for president, bringing Ryan's Medicare plan front and center in the election. With that move Ryan has got the Dems on the run. A recent Rasmussen poll in all-important Florida shows that folks are a bit more terrified right now — and seniors even more so — of the president's healthcare law and its affect on Medicare than of Ryan's proposal.

At the end of the day, Medicare is going to have to change. It is a hospital trust fund that is predicted to become insolvent in 12 years, according to the Congressional Budget Office. The same study found that Obama's plan, which takes $700 million from Medicare to pay for Obamacare, would drain Medicare in half of that estimate. So the choice is either to allow competition to drive down costs and let the patients make their own health choices or allow another choice to be made by faceless, unelected bureaucrats in DC.

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

From Data to Discussions

American culture and rising costs put a strain on Medicare

Paul Ryan's Medicare proposal that would change the system from one in which the government pays doctors directly to hospitals and doctors to one in which citizens are granted a certain amount of money from the government to pay for private insurance premiums is, for lack of a better term, flawed. Unfortunately, there is no simple solution.

It is very difficult and expensive for health insurance companies to profit from keeping people well, especially in a country where more than a third of all adults are overweight or obese. This forces insurance companies to screen and deny people who have pre-existing conditions and increase premiums or drop people completely from plans if they are costing too much. Insurance companies have an entire sector dedicated to figuring out who should be insured and who would be too expensive. Also, if elderly people all switch to private insurance companies, you now have more sick people being paid out at a rate higher than they are paying in, and no additional healthy people entering the system to balance out the costs. I am all for free markets, but unfortunately the free market produces many losers in healthcare.

Here is how we compare to other countries as far as healthcare spending. The United States is the only modernized country in which private insurance is the main payer of healthcare. As a percent of GDP, we spend 17.6 percent toward healthcare, while the number two country, France, spends less than 12 percent. Switzerland has a market-based system, similar to Obamacare, but most countries have single-payer, government-run insurance programs. Not all of them are perfect, but none are as broken as ours.

It isn't that we just need healthcare payer reform; we need nationwide reforms. We need a culture that values being healthy, a sensible and affordable insurance program that covers everyone and competition. To find a feasible solution, we need the smartest people in the country working on this—no offense, politicians. My diagnosis of the bigger problem is the fact that a Twinkie costs less than an apple. But that is a conversation for another day.

Bryan is a senior economics science major from Fayetteville, Ga.
Be a positive impact at GSU

I am honored to serve as Dean of Students here at Georgia Southern University. At this great institution, we enjoy internationally recognized faculty experts, passionate and experienced staff members and students who offer proud accomplishments to our reputation. When I joined this staff in 2007, I was drawn to the community that is Georgia Southern: large-scale amenities with a hometown feel. We genuinely care and wear our pride on our sleeves.

However, I find myself in a conflict of emotions as we begin this new academic year. I thrive on the energy created as students embark on a new year. The excitement in the air is contagious! In contrast, I am embarrassed and disappointed by some of the recent behavior I have observed from students. I will share just a few examples.

Before classes even began, I received a complaint of male students taunting female students by calling them such names as “whores” as they walked by. What impression does this behavior give our newest Eagles? What does this behavior say about who we are in the Eagle Nation?

I was further disappointed at the closing of the ceremony as students chose to leave the stadium while our alma mater was being sung. We had endured the rain for the entire event. A few more minutes of respect for the chorale and the band was not too much to ask. Where are our Georgia Southern V.A.L.U.E.S.?

Georgia Southern University is a great institution. We have a proud heritage and a strong desire to have a positive impact on this world. However, in order for these aspirations to become reality we have to be conscious of how our decisions affect our community. At Georgia Southern University, where we believe “Every Voice Has the Right to Be Heard, and Every Word Will Be Spoken with Respect,” we must be aware of the consequences of our words. Further, we must take pride in the lasting traditions of this great institution. Wear the Georgia Southern logo with pride. Sing our alma mater and fight song with excitement. Respect our community members and the great legacy we are so fortunate to have inherited. Wake up every day and intentionally decide “Who You Will Be!”

On Tuesday morning, the Newton Building fire alarm went off. As usual, there was no fire and class resumed after students spent a few minutes standing around outside.

The cause for the false alarm? Paint fumes set off the smoke detectors.

Paint fumes. I’m not even surprised. Most students know the Newton Building as the place they had to take English their freshman year.

Like the Fig Newton snack the building was named after – or should be named after – the Newton Building is plain and simple. The rooms are small and sparsely decorated. There are no desks, either; Newton is a table-and-chair place. The chairs are loud when dragged across the floor, and the tables are usually arranged in the most inconvenient way possible. If you’re lucky, you get a room with the new trapezoid-shaped – yes, trapezoid – tables that are too narrow, tip over with little more than the weight of your backpack and stab anyone sitting at the end in the gut.

It’s all part of the down-home charm. The same goes for the bathrooms, where Newton does its part for the environment by never containing any paper towels to dry your hands with. The exterior of Newton has seen some upgrades in the past year with fresh landscaping and sidewalks that are almost even. It is also strategically located in low dip in the terrain, so when it rains, the water makes Newton home as much as writing students. English students and gnats do.

But that isn’t all that makes Newton special. After I graduate, I will still have fond memories of the bulletin boards that have posters advertising events from three years ago, the bench-type structure on the second floor that is too high to comfortably sit on but too low to lean against.

I suppose Writing and English majors should be glad to even have a building to call home. It wasn’t long ago that Communication Arts students were banished from the six-inch-wide hallways of Veazey Hall and its bi-polar air conditioner.

I would call for a complete renovation – otherwise a new paint job, obviously – but by the time GSU could afford that, there would be about three professors left employed here.

Still, when smoke detectors are being set off by paint fumes… something has to be fixed. Don’t paint when students are in class. Open the doors when painting is being done so it’s ventilated. That should at least be common sense, right?

Guns are an American necessity for freedom and safety

To Scott and Will,

Let’s remember how the United States got started; it was neither by decree nor grant, but by force. I was not around when our founders wrote the Constitution, thus I cannot speak for what they had in mind. Although it is my belief that our founders believed so whole-heartedly in the ideals of freedom that they wanted to insure those rights remained protected down to each and every last citizen. Regarding militias, I would like to point out that over half of the states have provisions for or operate active militias. Yes, the U.S. has police and by far the best military in the world. But who guards the guards?

The US does have the highest per capita gun rate, but when we look at other stable and developed countries on the top 10 list we see that more guns equals less crime. Take Switzerland, which is number two. In the words of the BBC, “(the Swiss) gun crime rate is so low that statistics are not even kept.”

Guns make us safer. Take Kennesaw, which in 1982 required every household to keep a firearm in the house. Residential burglaries dropped 89 percent, compared to the modest 10.4 percent drop in

SAM JACOBS

Letter to the Editor

To contact the opinions editor, email gadaily@georgiasouthern.edu.
Two University Store employees will face court soon after being charged with felonies this summer.

The report states that University Store Operations Manager John Dotson Jr. was accused of stealing $72,020.56 from the bookstore by taking products that were supposed to be sold to students, such as laptops, software and textbooks and selling them on eBay.com, according to a report released by the Department of Public Safety.

A second related report states that Assistant Director of Administrative of the University Store Mehmet Samiratedu was accused of theft by conversion. He stole a $1,670.00 Samsung Smart TV.

Mehmet was charged with theft by conversion and Dotson was charged with theft by taking.

Mehmet is scheduled for court Aug. 30 and Dotson's court date has not been scheduled.

Richie Akins, administrative director of the University Store, alerted University Police to the fact that some stock had gone missing on June 22, and that one of the employees may have stolen it, according to the report.

The second report states that Akins called University Police again on June 27 to report the missing TV. The crimes that Dotson was accused of may have been committed as early as March 10, 2009.

Of the $72,020.56 stolen, $18,524.57 was recovered. University Police cannot comment on the incidents because they are still under investigation, according to the report.

The total amount of merchandise has not yet been recovered.

Note: Police records indicate a total of $72,020 in missing inventory. $2,913 of inventory was not specified.
Pickle Barrel settles into new home in Union

BY SHELBY FARMER
The George-Anne staff

The Pickle Barrel, an Eagle Dining option, moved into its new location after replacing Snackers in Russell Union earlier this month.

"It was the best location outside of Landrum to put it," Michael Murphy, eagle dining marketing coordinator, said.

A new location for the Pickle Barrel was decided upon when plans for Landrum Center’s remodeling were finalized, Murphy said.

"When it was located in Landrum, not a whole lot of students knew that it was there and that it had been reopened as a health food store," Brittany Parham, eagle dining nutritional coordinator, said.

"So now that it’s essentially center-stage, we hope that students enjoy the healthier option of fresh produce that we offer them," Murphy said.

Eagle Dining hopes that with its new location, the Pickle Barrel will be more visible in the Union compared to the area of Landrum, and previous home of the Pickle Barrel, that students did not frequent, Murphy said.

"There’s a lot more traffic and a lot of people who didn’t know where we were before," Glynn Edwards, food services supervisor, said.

Students are not losing any snack options Murphy said.

"When it was located in Landrum, not a whole lot of students knew that it was there," Parham said.

"Snackers never took the dining plan because it was part of the bookstore, not part of Eagle Dining," Parham said.

"I understand that some of the students are slightly disappointed that Snackers is no longer there," Parham said.

There are students who have accepted the transition well, Murphy said.

"I think the reception has been pretty good," Murphy said. "We’ve got a lot of positive feedback from students during the two weeks before school started, and students now seem to really enjoy it and really frequent that place."

"I like it because it has healthier food," Keyaira Hunt, freshmen food and nutrition major, said. "I think (students) will like it better than Snackers because it is healthier for groceries."

Murphy said, "I don’t believe it’s currently moving into the new dining center. For now, the Union is the home of the Pickle Barrel, and if we do decide to move it again, we’ll inform people and let them know."

1906 Scholarship provides freshmen with opportunities

BY ASHLEY WOODWARD
The George-Anne staff

For 45 students, 1906 is more than Georgia Southern University’s founding year.

For the recipients of the 1906 Scholarship Award, the number represents a prestigious honor given to the best entering freshman each year.

"We look for great students who are curious and interested in developing a broad perspective on their education. We look for applicants with a strong GPA, no lower than a 3.5 cumulative from high school, however most interviewed have a much higher GPA," Steven Engel, director of the GSU Honors Program, said.

"This is the top scholarship for freshman honor students. The purpose of this scholarship is to attract and keep quality students," Engel said.

To earn the scholarship, applicants are put through a series of interviews. The award lasts for eight semesters and it equals the amount of tuition, Engel said.

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220 students applied for the honors program in 2012 and 50 were chosen for interviews by the Southern Scholars. Six students were chosen for the scholarship, Engel said.

"All applicants must have at least a 1300 on their SAT math and critical reading. We also look for strong essays and writing skills and we also look at creativity in the structure and argument of the essay," Engel said.

"The applicants are also put through a group interview. During the group interview Dr. Desiderio and I give about seven or eight of the students a task and we sit back and watch how they interact with each other to solve a particular problem. It also shows how they would act in a classroom setting," Engel said.

"To keep the scholarship the recipients must maintain a 3.3 grade point average. That may seem low to some people for our school’s most prestigious scholarship but we don’t want them to just focus on grades. We want them to focus on rich educational experiences as well, and that involves taking risk," Engel said.

"After completing the lengthy application process, I was startled to learn that I was selected to attend the Southern Honor Showcase. Although the interviews were intense and nerve-wracking, I thoroughly enjoyed the event and getting to meet professors, students and potential members of the Honors Program," Dylan Mulligan, sophomore history major and 1906 scholar recipient, said.

Mulligan was surprised and humbled when he found out he was chosen out of the countless students for this award.

"The benefits of being a 1906 Scholar are immeasurable, and I am realizing it more with each semester. I am honored and humbled to be a recipient of the 1906 Scholarship, and I will be eternally grateful to the University Honors Program, its staff and my family and teachers who encouraged me along the way," Mulligan said.

Senior civil engineering major Efadum Huq originally thought he had only received the research fund, but when he found out he was also a recipient of the 1906 scholarship he was thrilled.

"I was very happy to receive this award. I am just excited and grateful," Huq said.

This award has benefited Huq in many ways including helping him with his research and experimental projects.

Ty Von Plinsky, senior IT major and 1906 scholarship recipient, said he would not have the opportunity to attend GSU without this award.

"The 1906 scholarship itself, I would not be in college without it. I would not have anywhere near enough money to fund my experience here," Plinsky said.

Engel said the scholarship was created in the 1980s as the Bell Honor Scholarship Program, but by the 2000s there were no longer funds for the Bell scholarship, so the name was changed to the 1906 scholars in 2004, in honor of GSU’s founding year.
Jahala Akins graduated from Georgia Southern University in 2004 with a degree in finance and worked at University Pines as a property manager until her life's path went in another direction.

She started mapping out a plan to open up a bakery after she realized her talent lies in baking. "I started doing it on the side and posting things on Facebook. People started paying attention to what was being done. So I decided to open up a shop," Akins said.

Akins opened Sweet Cheeks Bakery in downtown Statesboro on Nov. 4, 2011. She has been whipping up unique cupcakes since opening day.

Akins struck a passion for baking growing up by watching her mother's catering business. "My mom has always baked. She has a catering business and I've always seen her do it," Akins said. "I wanted to focus on childhood flavors I grew up with and turn them into a cupcake."

Flavors like cinnamon roll and apple pie, Jahala's childhood favorites, are made fresh at the bakery every day, Akins said. "I like to make people smile and it's fun to see people's faces at the variety of stuff that we do," Akins said.

Akins is proof that students don't have to look very far to find success after college. "People have nominated us for Cupcake Wars about a month ago. We plan on sending emails and pictures to them," Jodi Akins, sister-in-law to Jahala and Sweet Cheeks employee, said.

"We did a margarita cupcake for Cinco de Mayo," Tia Betsill, employee and sophomore studio art major, said. "One that was a really good seller was the Irish car bomb. We did that around St. Patty's day. It had three different liquors including Irish whiskey, we'll be doing that one again," Jahala Akins said.

"We've done so many unique kinds of cupcakes," Jahala Akins said. "Our most popular cupcakes are chocolate strawberry cheesecake, salted caramel and key lime," Jodi Akins said.

Sweet Cheeks Bakery bakes a fresh batch of cupcakes every day, Betsill said. "We get to keep the cupcakes if they don't sell that day. My neighbors love me," Betsill said.

Students can come by and eat some sweets while they study or do homework on the Internet. "Students can get on Wi-Fi because we pick it up from campus," Betsill said.

Jahala Akins decided on the name "Sweet Cheeks Bakery" after juggling with six others, Akins said. "I've been in the marketing world and I came up with 6 different names for this bakery. This one kept coming back to me. I wanted something people would remember and get a kick out of," Jahala Akins said.

The five girls that run Sweet Cheeks put their own unique spin on the bakery. Betsill designs wine glasses that are sold inside as wedding gifts, bridal gifts or can be specially made for any occasion, Jodi Akins said.

Sweet Cheeks made a special deal with the wine glasses by placing a cupcake inside and selling them as a set. "There are five girls that work here. It has been the most fun I've ever had at a job," Jodi Akins said.

The girls promise that they won't tell if someone wants to indulge in a cupcake every once in a while. "We keep secrets here. People swear they don't eat all of the cupcakes they buy," Jodi Akins said.

Betsill said, "We need to start a CA: a cupcakes anonymous."
Fabric, frames and a canvas to spice up living space

BY BRITTANY MOORE
The George-Anne staff

Dorms and apartments are a Georgia Southern University student’s final stop after a day of meetings, long classes and library visits, so making your place into a home is must.

A unique dorm room or apartment does not mean a tremendous amount of money has to be spent.

There are inexpensive items and projects that can be purchased to make a room both different and fun.

“The number one thing a student should do is personalize their space. A dorm room needs to be you,” Diane Phillips, interior design assistant professor, said.

In an age of photos, possibilities are endless when it comes to dorm decor.

“I use my camera and take pictures of things that I like. One time, I went around town and took pictures of different scenes in nature; you can go get them printed at Wal-Mart and hang them up in your room,” Phillips said.

“Printing pictures off the Internet and websites like Pinterest give students a lot of options. They also can print off monograms to make their space unique,” Meghan McGahee, senior interior design major, said.

In small living spaces can be brightened with accent colors, lights, and simple DIY crafts. Students should also add something that reminds them of their hometown to their rooms. However, beware of going overboard.

A student’s room needs to reflect a here-in-the-moment theme because you want to become a part of the community you live in. Phillips tells students to never make their room a shrine to their hometown, but one or two pieces are great.

Students can also make their own art work. You can buy a canvas and glue and find some newspaper articles. Buy some paint and spray glue and make your own art. It is a chance to get creative,” Melissa Smith, senior interior design major, said.

“Fabric is another option. You can make a bed skirt or bulletin board out of it. You can even frame it,” Courtney Dahlin, senior interior design major, said.

Pops of color are also a great way to spice up a room. Accent walls can be used in an apartment, while accent pillows and lamps are suitable for dorm rooms.

In terms of most colors, grays have been proven to be a good color to study and learn in. Blues are great for a calm atmosphere and green promotes healing and nurturing. You can just Google colors and find out their meaning and effects, Phillips said.

Apps on smart phones are even helpful when it comes to understanding what colors are best for the room.

“The Color Snap App by Sherwin Williams allows people to take pictures and upload them to help them decide what color would look best in their rooms. In the end you have to decide what is right for you,” Phillips said.

There are many things a student can do to spice up their dorm, however the main thing that matters is being satisfied with the space.

Phillips said, “In the end when you walk into your dorm room or apartment you want to be happy, so find something that is pleasing to you and focus on that.”

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GSU gets rights to musical

BY KIMEKO MCCOY
The George-Anne Staff

Statesboro is ahead of the curve by being the first to purchase the rights and put on the production of 9 to 5 the Musical.

The rights to the production were released last fall. Out of the entire state of Georgia, Averitt Stars, a Statesboro community theatre group, were the first to purchase the rights with the intent to put on the production at the Averitt Center for the Arts this Thursday through Saturday starting at 7:30 p.m.

"The music is very fun and we wanted to be the first to do it in Georgia," Sharon Altany, director and president of the Averitt Stars, said.

9 to 5 the Musical is based on a 1980s film titled Nine to Five starring Dolly Parton, Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin.

"It's a fun show, great music and the lyrics were written by Dolly Parton," Altany said.

The production focuses on three women who must cope with a sexist boss. The girls get mad and then get even.

This production boasts several awards including a Tony Award and Drama Desk awards.

After the show spent time on film, it was adapted and sent to Broadway in 2009 and traveled on a U.S. National Tour in 2010.

Those involved in the production remember the movie from the 80s and decided to purchase the rights for the show, Altany said.

Now, the show is being brought to Statesboro to be directed by Eddie Frasier and Sharon Altany. Frasier is the Statesboro High School drama director.

Georgia Southern University even lent a helping hand in the production of the musical.

The show has a cast of 24 and several of those are members of GSU's own Adrenaline Show Choir.

Brooks Adams, GSU's internal auditor, is taking the part of one of the main characters, Franklin Hart. Hart is the sexist boss that the ladies are up against.

The show will include comedy, suspense and music.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance from the Averitt Center for the Arts.

Show dates are from Aug. 23 beginning at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 26 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

The Buzz List

- Ryan Lochte invited a random Twitter follower to lunch in celebration of his one-millionth tweet. Let's hope he keeps his shirt off the whole time to compensate for the conversation he won't be carrying.

- Prince Harry is under criticism after naked pictures were leaked of him while vacationing in Vegas. Some guys just can't handle Vegas.

- LL Cool J took down an intruder in his Los Angeles home. Looks like his use of steroids has finally paid off.

Information compiled by the Arts & Entertainment Editor Gianna Carme, Arts & Entertainment Chief Kimeko McCoy and Opinions Editor James Farmer from perezhilton.com and TMZ.com.
**THURSDAY**

**Gnat's Landing**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- Reverse Happy Hour 9-11 p.m.

**GATA's Sports Bar and Grill**
- Happy Hour 6-8 p.m.
- Boobs, Balls, and Bru Ha Ha Comedy Show
- $5; 5-10 percent of proceeds benefit Breast and Testicular Cancer

**Applebee's**
- $3 margaritas
- $3 long island

**Dingus Magee's**
- $10 Champagne

**Holiday's Greek and Italian Restaurant**
- $10.99 for 2-topping pizza
- $12.99 for 3-topping pizza
- $14.99 for 4-topping pizza
- $18.99 for Supreme pizza
- Happy Hour 6-8 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

**Gnat's Landing**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- Traveling Riverside Band

**GATA's Sports Bar and Grill**
- Happy Hour 6-8 p.m.
- Matt McKinney

**Applebee's**
- $3 margaritas
- $3 long island

**Dingus Magee's**
- ½ drafts
- Jason White

**Holiday's Greek and Italian Restaurant**
- $10.99 for 2-topping pizza
- $12.99 for 3-topping pizza
- $14.99 for 4-topping pizza
- $18.99 for Supreme pizza

**Loco's Grill and Pub**
- ½ drafts

**SATURDAY**

**Gnat's Landing**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- Daniel Johnson

**GATA's Sports Bar and Grill**
- Happy Hour 6-8 p.m.

**Applebee's**
- $3 margaritas
- $3 long island

**Dingus Magees**
- 2 for 1 appetizer

**Holiday's Greek and Italian Restaurant**
- $10.99 for 2-topping pizza
- $12.99 for 3-topping pizza
- $14.99 for 4-topping pizza
- $18.99 for Supreme pizza
Sleepless night at the Black Box Theatre

BY MARISSA MARTIN
The George-Anne Staff

The Black Box theatre will house another sleepless night at the second annual Wham! Bam! Play! Slam! 24-hour playwriting event on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Alpha Psi Omega, national theatre honor society, and Theatre South, student organization for theatre, are hosting Wham! Bam! Play! Slam!, and the event begins Friday, Aug. 24. Directors, actors and playwrights are split into groups to devise a theatrical performance within 24 hours. On Saturday night, a series of 10-minute plays will be acted out to audience members.

“These tend to be for mature audiences, something about lack of sleep,” Lisa Abbott, faculty advisor for Theatre South and assistant professor of theatre, said.

First, the playwrights, directors and actors are assigned groups randomly, Abbott said.

“We have a list of playwrights and directors. The volunteer directors pull the name of a playwright out of a hat and partner with them. Then the directors pull the actors names out of a hat,” Abbott said.

The groups will get to know each other while the director and playwright determine what type of play would fit best with the type of actors they have, Abbott said.

“The plays are made specifically for the actors. They want to get to know the actors and see what they can do,” Abbott said.

Alpha Psi Omega is throwing a slumber party with complimentary pizza and snacks while everyone waits for the playwrights to finish the script, Austin Bolay, president of Alpha Psi Omega, said.

The script from the playwriting is turned in by 3 p.m. on Saturday, Abbott said.

“This amount of time pushes you to make a choice. You just go with it,” Bolay said.

The event allows those who are interested in theatre a chance to be seen, Abbott said.

“This is a great ice-breaker for those who want to be involved in acting or writing,” Abbott said. “You get a sense for who is who at this event, and it is an opportunity to open some doors.”

“The main purpose is to meet people and have a good time. We want to highlight what we’re capable of,” Bolay said.

The concept of a 24-hour play festival is not a new idea in the theatre world, Abbott said.

“Twenty-four-hour play festivals are all over the country. People have used this technique in theatre to promote creativity and find new writers,” Abbott said.

The idea to bring a 24-hour play festival to Georgia Southern was brought up over a year ago in the spring of 2011 to begin the semester’s performances in a creative way, Abbott said.

“This is what theatre is about. Twenty-four-hour play festivals showcase the core of what it is, art. People create it,” Bolay said.

Bolay thinks there is a comparison between popular television actors and theatrical performances.

“People love the actors they see on the big screen, but they shun theatre students,” Bolay said. “It doesn’t make sense.”

The performances can be seen on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. inside the Black Box theatre. Those who are interested in performing can show up outside the theatre on Friday at 7 p.m.

Bolay said, “It is going to be a great night of theatre with a lot of real language which makes for a much better drama.”

Boobs, Balls and Bru Ha Ha comedy show coming to GATA’s

BY KRYSHA MCGARITY
The George-Anne Staff

GATA’s Sports Bar and Grill will be turned into a comedy club tonight as Colleges Against Cancer host Boobs, Balls and Bru Ha Ha.

“This is a fun way to welcome back the students and spread cancer awareness,” Robin Peeples, community manager at the American Cancer Society, said.

Anyone aged 18 or older can attend. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and will end at 9:30 p.m. There will be a $5 cover charge.

The event is being held to raise awareness for breast and testicular cancer and GATA’s will donate five to 10 percent of their earnings to Relay For Life.

“This is their way of giving back to our organization,” Peeples said.

This fundraising event is unlike any other that has been held at GATA’s.

“This is a new event. We are hoping to make it a yearly thing but it just depends on how many people come out and support it,” Peeples said.

Colleges Against Cancer came up with the title and comedic theme.

“I’m just the staff person from the American Cancer Society who worked with the Colleges Against Cancer on campus. I was in charge of the finding the venue, the comedians. Things like that,” Peeples said.

Featured comedians include Richie Wallace as the emcee, Lace Larabee as the headliner, DJ Delgado, Chris is Lame, Chris Davison, Stephen Lacienski, Will Scott, Phillip Keeling, Drew Anthony and Blair Renfrow.

“A couple of the comedians come from the Atlanta area and others are from the Savannah and Hilton head area,” Peeples said.

Richie Wallace has officially been in stand up for three years.

“I’m from New Orleans but I started my career in Atlanta. Robin has been to my shows multiple times, and she asked me to do the show, and I said yes. I wanted to do it because it’s for a good cause,” Wallace said.

As the emcee, Richie Wallace will start off the show by introducing all of the comedians and doing a seven-minute set.

“My job is to take care of the house, keeping rules like what’s appropriate behavior from the audience and what isn’t. I’m also the filler between acts. I keep the show flowing,” Wallace said.

Wallace will be followed by the other comedians who will also do seven-minute sets of their own. Rounding up the show will be Larabee, who is very excited about being the headliner of the show.

“It’s very flattering to be asked to be the headliner of any show. Comedy is usually a man’s game so this is truly an honor,” Larabee said.

Information about breast and testicular cancer will be discussed and handed out during the show.

Whitney Norman, senior general studies major, said, “I think it’s a unique way to fundraise and raise money for Relay For Life. I think it’s going to be a great show.”
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SATURDAY 8.25.2012

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THE RAC

The 3rd annual Fall Back into Running 8K road race hosted by the GSU RUN supports the running club at Georgia Southern. The proceeds of this race will help benefit the Georgia Southern running club and provide them the money to travel to various cross country competitions this upcoming fall semester.

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13. Honolulu hangout
14. Toiletry product endorsed by pitcher Mariano Rivera
16. Great __
17. Calm and kind
20. Bygone AT&T rival
21. Heady quaffs
22. Utah landscape features
24. Earn a living
26. Algebra subject
29. Posting often seen in a window
30. Goldfinger: 007 enemy
31. Suva is its capital
34. Code letters
37. Completely different situation
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42. Movie mogul Marcus
43. Insight provider?
44. Schoolyard comeback
47. Like some Latin nouns
48. Suddenly stopping
53. "I'm all ears!"
54. Sister of Terpsichore
55. NASDAQ or NYSE
58. Thumb in folklore
59. Ones responsible for what's missing from certain puzzle answers?
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9. Family nickname
10. Non-dorm resident
11. Queen of Talk
12. State bordering Thuringia
15. "Kato" star Jean-Claude Van
18. Rabbit's food?
23. Bard's time of day
24. Broly camper
25. Forget to mention
26. Barnyard beats
27. Family gathering visitor
28. Super Bowl XXVII MVP
31. Do that's picked, briefly
32. Much-hated prez?
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35. Botanical knot
36. Way in the distance
39. 2012 animated movie promoted by IHOP
40. Camoros
41. "Rhodia" production co.
46. Forbes, for one
47. "...chance!"
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49. East Coast rte.
50. Part of UNCF
51. "Madame Curie" star Garson
52. Like some gossip
53. "Those are my principles. If you don't like them I have others" speaker
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57. Baker's units
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GSU running club hosts third annual 8k

BY KEVIN GREGAN
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University running club will be hosting its third annual Fall Back into Running 8k this Saturday to begin the semester with a running start.

The 8k is slated to start at 8 a.m. at the RAC, and the course will take students through and around the heart of the GSU campus. There is a $10 registration fee for students who sign up before race day and a running club t-shirt with Gus on it is included.

People interested can sign up at the RAC member services. Students can also sign up on race day at 7 a.m., but it will cost $15 for students and t-shirts are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

In its fourth year as a club on campus, membership has steadily risen, but junior mechanical engineering major and president of the club Joey White hopes that this year’s 8k will help the club grow even more.

“With the 8k, the running club is active throughout the year. Just this semester alone, the club will be participating in three cross-country events against other schools. The club also meets on Tuesdays with the Pacers, a group of faculty and community members, on the track at Eagle Field to work on techniques. Also, practice is held every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at the RAC at 7 p.m.”

The term “practice” is a loose term for the club because the members really just consider it a chance to get together for run sessions, Molly McBrearty, senior nutrition major and former president of the club, said.

“We’re there if you just need a group of people to run with and if you’ve ran earlier in the day or have finals, it’s okay if you can’t make it. But we’re there,” McBrearty said.

“We want to make sure that people understand that we’re not some hardcore group of runners. We understand that people have lives and we just try to have fun. We’re a diverse group of people too,” White said.

Membership in the club is $30 per year and it’s a cheap price for a club and the experience you get is worth it, White said.

Amanda Bastien, sophomore exercise science major and club member, said, “You meet a lot of really cool people. We’ve got people who are really into it, and we’ve got some that are more laid back. It’s nice to have someone like you in the group.”

Eagles begin new season against ranked UAB

Men’s Soccer

BY TREVOR McNABOE
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University men’s soccer team will have to shake off any rust or lack of focus that they had in the exhibition matches as they take on the No. 23 ranked team in the nation, University of Alabama at Birmingham, on Sunday.

“We have to stress to the guys that now that the exhibition are over, they mean nothing towards regional rankings, and this Sunday the real season starts,” Head Coach Kevin Kennedy said.

GSU returns four of its five top goal scorers from last year but lost their top goal scorer and 2011 Southern Conference Co-Player of the Year Luigi Glendening due to graduation.

What the team does not have in offensive firepower it makes up in experience as GSU returns nine players that started more than ten games last year.

The preseason presents a good opportunity for incoming freshmen to get acclimated to the different tactics and speed of the college game, and it allows upperclassmen the chance to hone their skills and develop chemistry with their teammates.

Competition drives players to obtain their potential and the incoming class of freshmen has already made its mark by pushing the upperclassmen and having two freshmen break into the starting eleven. Freshmen defender Reed Norton started both preseason games while forward Emmanuel Raji started the last preseason game.

“Both Reed and Emmanuel will give us a lot of minutes, and there are some other guys in that freshman class that we think with time will too. Our philosophy has been if you’re good enough you are old enough,” Kennedy said.

The Eagles finished last season with an 8-8-1 record overall, and were 4-3 in conference, which was enough to finish third in the SoCon. However, they had an early exit in the SoCon tournament after being knocked out in the first round at home against Elon University.

This year GSU looks to erase last year’s misfortune and achieve something that no other team has during the Kennedy era here at GSU: win a SoCon championship.

Junior midfielder and team captain Hunter Norton said, “Our expectation is to win a Southern Conference championship, and this year I think we can do it.”

After the UAB game, the Eagles will stay on the road to play Winthrop University on Aug. 31 and Gardner-Webb University Sep. 2 in Spartanburg, S.C.
Crowd gets coached

BY JACKIE GUTKNECHT
The George-Anne Staff

The second annual Day One event served as a way to celebrate the end of the first day of class and gave a forum for coaches to stress how important student support is to the athletic programs.

Georgia Southern University Head Football Coach Jeff Monken spoke on the importance of fans at every football game and how students can affect Eagle Nation for years to come.

"Last year, what a great job this student body did, 8-0 at Paulson Stadium last year and we don't intend to ever lose again in this place," Monken said.

Monken enforced how hard the football team has been working to bring home another title for the Eagles.

"This team has been here practicing everyday, sometimes twice a day, and they have one thing on their mind, and that is the seventh championship flag to represent Georgia Southern," Monken said.

Charlton Young, GSU men's basketball head coach, focused on all of the athletics on campus and the important role they play.

"We all know we have a phenomenal football program, we all know that, but what you don't know, we have an unbelievable group of coaches in the other sports at this university right now," Young said.

"We have to raise our pride level. Before we can obtain greatness we have to improve our pride level," Young said. "Our pride level as a university right now is about a 78, and that is a high C. We need to raise that, and we need a sea of blue at every event."

Students were instructed on GSU traditions, chants, cheers, what it means to be a member of the Eagle nation and also how they too can play a part in the future of GSU athletic programs.

President of the Student Government Association Dominique Quarles stressed the importance for student involvement in the upcoming vote for a stadium expansion and the move to the Football Bowl Series.

"It is our house, and I would like to see each and every one of you take responsibility and vote on September 25 through the 27," Quarles said.

Monken backs the opportunity the students have to advance the university athletically.

"All of you freshmen, you are going to experience something really special here at Paulson Stadium," Monken said. "We have the opportunity at this university as a student body to change the face of Georgia Southern football forever. You have the opportunity to change this stadium, change the face of our football program and do something that is going to remain here forever and stay here forever."

Students will get their first chance Sept. 1 against Jacksonville University to pack the prettiest little stadium in America.

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fifth in the poll but that really makes no difference to Monken, he said.

"It wouldn't matter if they were 105th, they're well coached, it's a great rivalry and they're always a great game," Monken said.

All-American senior defensive tackle Brent Russell wasn't worried about the rankings either, he said.

"You got to come out here and work. Rankings don't mean anything on Saturdays because the other team's going to come out there hungry and we're going to come out hungry," Russell said.

"If you know Coach Monken you know it doesn't matter what our rank is. He's going to expect the best effort out of all of us," Russell said.

Monken seems to have his team on the same page going into the first game of the season next Saturday against Jacksonville University.

"Anytime you're ranked in the top five it's a great position, definitely honored that people think that highly of us," junior quarterback Jerick McKinnon said.

"I think that's one of the best coached football teams I've ever seen," Monken said. "Not only are they talented and well-coached, but they're tough and physical. They run the ball well, and they stop the run." Russell and McKinnon would like to see the Bison again.

"They had a great team going into last year's game. We'd love to play them again, but if we have the opportunity we'll see," McKinnon said.

Russell said, "Whoever we get, we'll take it one game at a time. If we can make it that far to see them, I'll be happy with it."
Volleyball journeys to Athens to begin season

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The Georgia Southern University volleyball team is set to start their season off at the Benson Hospitality Bulldog Invitational in Athens this weekend.

The first game for the Eagles will be against the University of Georgia on Friday beginning at 7 p.m.

"We've been practicing a lot to prepare, and we have also been watching film of ourselves just to see where we can improve," senior outside hitter Moriah Bellissimo said.

The Eagles will face a lot of stiff competition in the opening tournament.

"On paper Georgia will be the top team. They return quite a few players and had some good newcomers come into their program," Head Coach Chad Callihan said.

"But the first weekend or two every team is a threat, teams are trying to figure out their identity, what they do well, teams play up and down and you generally see quite a few upsets at the beginning of the season. I think it is going to be important for us to try to play as consistent as possible and try to maintain some composure," Callihan said.

The team will then face off against Georgia State University at 10 a.m. and The Slovenia National Team at 4 p.m. Both games are on Saturday.

"Our team went to play in Costa Rica in May, so we have played against international teams before, so it's interesting to see the different styles, but we are always excited to play whoever, and it will be interesting to see another international style. I don't think it will throw us off," Bellissimo said.

"Other countries are really different it seems than coming to America, so it's always good to see diversity, especially in the first weekend," senior outside hitter Meredith Paskert said.

The weekend tournament will end with the team playing Troy University beginning at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

"We haven't spent very much time on any of our opponents. We are just concentrating on ourselves here and trying to work on our individual skills and get our fitness back up and make sure that we are in the best shape that we can be as we begin to enter the season," Callihan said. "Also, we try not to over-train because we want to be healthy going into the season."

Senior setter Kate Van Dyke, who was named preseason All-Southern Conference for the second straight season, will lead the Eagles through the tournament.

"It's an honor, but it's just the preseason. We have to work hard all season to get to that point, and hopefully we will as a team all be on top in the end," Van Dyke said.

Callihan said, "Kate has been incredibly consistent for us for three years now and we don't expect anything different as she enters her senior year. I think the big thing that she provides is on court leadership, she is a very steady player, leads by example, can be somewhat of a calming influence and there is not anything that is going to happen that she hasn't experienced already in her career."

The Eagles will then head to Auburn University on Aug. 31 to begin the Auburn Invitational.
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