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2012-2013 changes GSU



Albright & Carter

GSU hosted three historical U.S. political figures, former President Jimmy Carter, former First Lady Rosalynn Carter and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who discussed national and international issues and inspired students to unite and strengthen their leadership skills.



Athletic changes

GSU athletics faced a year of changes, including the hiring of new Athletic Director Tom Kleinlein and new men's basketball head coach Mark Byington after the firing of former coach Charlton Young.



New fees passed

GSU students were able to vote for the first time on implementing new fees: the stadium expansion, the move to FBS and the sustainability fee. All fees were approved by the Board of Regents and will go into effect in the fall. GSU also accepted an invite to the Sunbelt Conference.



Southern's Pride

The Southern Pride Marching Band has shown the country its talents. Members from the band performed with alumni, country singer Elizabeth Cook, on "The Late Show with David Letterman." Less than a month later the band played at opening day for the Atlanta Braves.



GSU remembers

GSU mourned the lives of many fallen Eagles: Elizabeth Volker, Matthew Haney, Cory Wilson, Dr. Richard Mercier and Nick Ward. These losses have impacted the lives of many members of the Eagle Nation and will never be forgotten.



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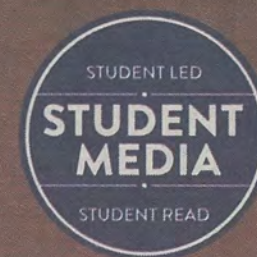


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reading and have
a great summer!

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will return to stands
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Police Beat

Monday, April 29

10:09 a.m.: Criminal Investigations executed an arrest warrant at the Newton Building reference to a theft that occurred at the RAC on an earlier date. The subject that was arrested was Shannon Nicole Gibson, 20. Ms. Gibson was charged with theft by taking – misdemeanor.

10:22 a.m.: An officer discovered a backpack containing electrical tools near the Parking and Transportation Building. The owner could not be located. An incident report was taken and the found property was placed in the police department property room.

11:37 a.m.: An incident report was taken for harassment at Southern Courtyard. This case

was assigned to criminal investigations.

1:02 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft at the Williams Center. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

2:30 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a suspicious incident that occurred at Cold Stone.

10:11 p.m.: Officers responded to Southern Pines in reference to a motor vehicle accident. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.

Tuesday, April 30

11:06 a.m.: An incident report was taken for damage to property at the Wildlife Center.

1:07 p.m.: An incident report was

taken for found property at the Russell Union. The owner of the property was located and the found property was returned.

1:38 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident in Lot 30. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.

1:50 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the College of Education. The found property was placed in the police department property room.

7:04 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident at Hendricks Hall. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.

7:04 p.m.: Officers responded to an accident that occurred at Cone Hall. A bike hit the construction fence.

Notable events of past year

The 2012-2013 academic year was one for the record books. The year was packed with events that could impact Georgia Southern University for years to come. These events deserve their own recognition for the effects they had on GSU.

NEWS

GSU witnessed various crimes, with 15 consecutive cases of entering autos, RAC thefts resulting in five arrests, armed robberies, the theft of a baby alligator from the Wildlife Center, threats to bus passengers by a graduate student and terroristic threats to GSU by a student who was then arrested.

Students and other members of the Statesboro community were able to take advantage of early voting in the 2012 Presidential

Election when university organizations arranged for an early voting station to be held in the Russell Union ballroom, making GSU the first higher-education institute in the state to have an on-campus voting precinct.

After much waiting and several issues, including a bus fire last year, GSU finally received a fleet of new buses spring semester. The new, fuel-efficient buses run on biodiesel and have working heating and air-conditioning.

A&E

Filmmakers for "Erk The Movie" shot footage at the Blue-White football game before the university began expansion of the stadium. Students dressed up in 80's clothes and cheered for the cameras, and of course, the GSU football team.

Students did not get to see a fall or spring semester concert this year. A spring concert comes every other year, but there has been a fall concert on the off years for the past five years.

SPORTS

With the 18th selection in round three of the National Football League draft, the Dallas Cowboys selected J.J. Wilcox, making Wilcox the highest ever NFL draftee in GSU's history.

For the first time in GSU women's soccer history, the eighth-seeded Eagles won their first Southern Conference title and earned a bid to the NCAA tournament.

Georgia Southern University announced the addition of women's rifle as a sport in April. This is the school's 16th varsity sport.

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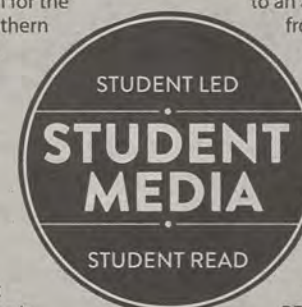
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Our View

2012-2013: an academic year in review

Georgia Southern University experienced many momentous occasions. Some have shaken Eagle Nation, while others are going to shape the future of our university.

This year was a huge stepping-stone for our athletics that began with the athletic fee that allowed our teams to move to the FBS and join the Sunbelt Conference. With the move to the Sunbelt, staff changes were made for us to be able to perform at our greatest potential. These changes will attract new students and will allow us to gain more national recognition.

There were several other things that happened outside of athletics that will increase our national branding as well. Southern Pride's performance on the "Late Show with David Letterman" broadcasted GSU's name into households all over the nation. In addition, former President Jimmy Carter and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright visited the school, presented a unique experience for us.

The green fee passed in the fall semester, and later approved by the Board of Regents, will help us to continue to maintain the standard in sustainability that earned us the honor of being listed as one of the Princeton Review's greenest schools in the nation.

All of this growth and achievement was tempered by the deaths of some of our fellow Eagles. The vigils, charity events and memorials that the Eagle Nation organized for these fallen Eagles have shown that we are truly a family.

It has been an eventful year, and these changes are going to affect the school as we continue to grow.

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 letters@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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Spring cleaning the green way

Springtime is in the air, meaning the end of the academic year and summer is almost here. It's the perfect time for a spring cleaning to get rid of all the unnecessary junk that's accumulated over the semester. Or over many semesters for some of us. Whether you're moving out or even staying here for the summer, now is a great time to go through your things and find sustainable ways to get rid of it.

I'll start with paper. One of the easiest things you can do to clean out your life, in an environmentally friendly way, is go through your notebooks, binders and folders. Take out all the papers you don't need anymore, and put them into a recycling bin instead of a trash can. There are over 600 recycling bins on campus, you're bound to find one of them. This is one of my favorite parts of the semester ending. You see all the

THE GREEN VIEW



BRITTNAY WALKER

work you've done and notes you've taken, and you feel proud of yourself. But it feels just as good to know you're done with it and the semester is over. Feel free to slam it into the recycling bin in a celebratory manner.

Secondly, you can go through your clothes and shoes and find items to donate to Goodwill. Be honest, there are more than a few things in your closet that you pass over every single time you're deciding what to wear. These items would be better used and loved by someone else in need. There

is a local Goodwill near Lowe's with a 24-hour drop off center, Goodwill drop boxes at the recycling centers around Statesboro and donation boxes for clothing items in the dorms during move out week. It is an easy way to declutter your life and let your clothes be reused instead of thrown away.

Lastly, books you can't sell back. If you have textbooks or regular books you don't need anymore, the Russell Union has Better World Books donation boxes. You don't have old books piling up, you help with worldwide literacy, and your books aren't filling landfills. It's a win-win for everyone!

Walker is a senior sociology major with a specialization in sustainability from Brunswick. She is an officer in the Green Ambassadors.

Started in Aug. '09, now we're here

Never be afraid to say yes Good times, better friends

On Christmas Eve in 2011, I received a phone call from Editor-in-Chief Arielle Coombes. Fresh out of the candidate program, I was still intimidated by her and the journalism field itself. In a kind, yet firm tone, she asked me if I would like to be assistant arts editor, a position that I felt I had no qualification or desire to take at the time.

I was absolutely terrified, but I said yes.

I then entered the world of daily meetings, strict deadlines, hostile emails and constant criticism, which inevitably lead to thick skin and a greater appreciation for spare time. Somewhere between the excessive coffee intake and daily deadlines, I found my place and my voice for Georgia Southern University. That phone call with Arielle changed my life and most certainly taught me the value of that three-letter word.

When I think back on these four years, I will not think about the times I did not do something because I let fear takeover. I will remember the times I said yes. Whether it was during my study abroad trip to Italy where taking chances was pertinent to the experience, agreeing to go outside of my comfort zone in work and social situations



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or taking on the brunt of group work for a crucial project, each yes lead to growth.

College has a way of putting you in situations that requires taking chances. Any opportunity that comes your way, take it, for breakthroughs and happiness are not found in hesitation. Do not leave this sweet Southern town with an ounce of regret or what-ifs.

Most importantly, always help others and give them the opportunity to say yes, because you never know whose life you may change.

Some may say that these four years are the best days of our lives, but I disagree. If you learn to say yes now and live a life full of taking chances, then graduation is just the beginning, my friends.

After three years of hard work, this is my final edition of The George-Anne, as well as my first and last column. Next Saturday after walking across the stage, I'll happily be able to call myself a Georgia Southern alum.

What a whirlwind these past four years have been.

As terrible as it was for my parents who had to drag me down here for a campus tour kicking and screaming, thinking I would be moving to Hicksville, USA, I can't thank Georgia Southern enough for everything.

Freshman year, I started out just trying to make as many friends as possible and find out exactly where my place was within this crazy, initially overwhelming school.

Soon after that, a friend told me about an opening for a designer position at Student Media, so I immediately went in for an interview. Little did I know walking into the Williams Center that day would be so life changing. The experiences, friends and opportunities I have been given is incomparable.

As the rest of college passed I finally found my place in this little town while learning a lot about who I am. Everything I have experienced during my time here, from GSU game days to nights out with friends, internships and



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conferences across the Southeast, has shaped who I am and who I will become.

So underclassmen, I have one word of advice for you: take every opportunity that is given. You will not want to look back at your time at Georgia Southern with a bunch of what-ifs or could-have-beens.

I truly now believe those two little phrases everyone tells you: "these are the best four years of your life" and "you make your lifelong friends in college." College really is the best. Long nights in Henderson or working late at the office are mere blurs compared to the moments I find myself surrounded by good drinks and even better friends.

Statesboro, and even more specifically Student Media, has been my little home away from home and all I can say is thank you.

No apologies, no regrets, goodbye Georgia Southern

This is going to be my final column for The George-Anne under the "Alex the Pretty Good" moniker. After this summer I will end my time as a Georgia Southern University student.

When I first set foot on GSU's campus, I had one thought in my mind. That thought was "Holy crap it's hot here."

I was sober, clean-shaven and in a stable relationship. Four years later, I have a beard, a fridge full of beer and I'm as single as can be. This place changes you.

On the other hand, I've made plenty of friends and had more than enough laughs. I also got to criticize people in print, which was everything I had hoped it would be, and more.



LaSalle is graduating with in B.A. in writing and linguistics. He is the current Arts and Entertainment chief.

There are a lot of things I'm going to miss about GSU. I'm going to miss Sweetheart Circle on a sunny mid-April morning. I'm going to miss waking up on a friend's couch Sunday morning with a dry throat and a throbbing headache. I'm going to miss

GSUProblems' shaming of students that have yet to adapt to a world with instant smartphone cameras. I'm going to miss my friends and coworkers at The George-Anne. I'm going to miss President Brooks Keel's warm, fuzzy smile.

There are plenty of things I won't miss, too. I won't miss Statesboro's friendly wildlife buzzing in my face. I won't miss the steam bath that results from morning rains switching to afternoon sun. I won't miss the endless supply of fees and payments that I have paid to GSU.

Since I've been writing this column, I've also managed to irritate everyone from Greeks, that can't take a joke, to self-

important SGA members, to anyone over the age of 50.

Here's the thing: I don't regret any of it, and I apologize for nothing.

I don't regret calling people out when they're wrong. I don't regret standing up for what I believe is right. I don't regret calling out the administration for stepping on our professors. I don't regret ordering a milkshake at Chik-fil-a when there is a long line behind me - I know, I'm a devil.

For over a year, I have done everything in my power to both inform and entertain the students of GSU. I hope I did well.

Who am I kidding? I know I did well.

Stay classy, Eagles.

Plan B is the new Plan A

Too young to drive, too young to drink, technically too young to consent to sexual activity,

IN MY HUMBLE OPINION



BLAIR MUTIMER

but as of Tuesday girls as young as 15 will be allowed to purchase Plan B contraceptives over the counter. For years, this drug has been only sold to girls under the age of 17 with a prescription from a doctor saying that it was okay that she uses the drug. Now I understand that people make mistakes and that there is definitely a use for this drug for those who are sexually active, but there comes a point where a certain line must be drawn.

There is a serious problem if people can picture a situation where a 15-year-old girl walks into a pharmacy with a need to buy this morning after pill. Now there are still restrictions, such as when girls do go to purchase this drug they have to provide identification and proof that they are 15 years of age.

At 15-years-old there are teenagers that don't have a form of ID other than their birth certificate. At 15-years-old a teenager is getting a driving learners permit. At 15-years-old kids are starting their freshman year... of high school. Think back to your freshman year of high school, it feels as if it was ages ago. At that young of an age, teenagers are not mature enough to be making decisions that would warrant the use of this type of drug. In conversation, 15 sounds like just a number, but when you really think on how young you were at 15 you realize there is a lot of naivety in the mind of that teenager. Being sexually active that young when they haven't matured fully can be detrimental. This is a much bigger deal than it is being made out to be, with Plan B being made that much easier to get, we're going to see it being used more as a primary precaution rather than an emergency use only drug.

This summer, President Obama's oldest daughter will be turning 15. I wonder how he would feel if one morning she walks up to him and asks him to drive her to the local pharmacy so she can pick up some medicine for a mistake she made the night before. That might be the eye opener it would take to realize how dangerous this could be. We should be promoting young teenagers to make smart decisions, but this does just the opposite. This teaches recklessness, not responsibility. Plan B has become the new Plan A.

Mutimer is a senior construction management major from Augusta. He is involved with the College Republicans and has worked on political campaigns in Augusta.

Buying loyalty in Afghanistan

Multiple reports have confirmed that the CIA has secretly given millions of dollars directly to Afghan President Hamid Karzai. This "ghost money" has funded an Afghan President who has not always been fond of the United States being in his country. Karzai has at times even gone so far to condemn the United States and the work we have done in the Middle East, particularly what we've done in Afghanistan.

"The biggest source of corruption in Afghanistan (was) the United States," an Afghan official stated. This ghost money was delivered directly to Karzai's official Presidential headquarters in duffle bags stuffed with U.S. hundred-dollar bills—this has been happening for the past 12 years, and is continuing to happen.

Some of that money reportedly went to Afghan warlords, who worked directly against the motives of the United States. We were essentially funding our own struggles in

A LIBERAL DOSE



CHRIS WARE

Afghanistan. But that's not all.

It has also been reported that the Iranian government, one of the sworn enemies of the United States, has been doing the exact same thing as the CIA. The Iranian government has sent duffle bags of money to Karzai in hopes of swaying him and his country to serve their wishes as well.

This is a problem to say the least. If we have to send millions of dollars to Hamid Karzai in return for his support to help free his own country, then we should not be putting our brave men and women who wear this country's uniform in harm's way. If Karzai needs money to make him feel better about

freeing his own people, we simply do not need to be there. And the fact that the Afghan government is accepting money from the Iranians as well serves as sufficient evidence that the Afghan leadership is not concerned with freedom from extremists, but they are rather concerned with the cash that foreign governments are sending to help sway the leadership of Afghanistan.

This breaking news serves as a powerful reason why we should not be in Afghanistan and the American people need to run with this story to make sure our troops aren't risking their lives for a country that is dictated by money and has no loyalty to the country that is wanting to help them through their struggle.

Ware is a freshman political science major from Griffin. He is involved in the Young Democrats and has worked on political campaigns in Griffin and Statesboro.

Letters to the Editor

Quit attacking jest, focus on the facts

Dear Editor,

So far this semester, Blair Mutimer has proven a poor replacement for the conservative opinion in The George-Anne. With his latest opinion he writes on the "left's war" on seersucker suits. The event in question, a Missouri senator submitting a handwritten amendment to a bill to ban seersucker suits. He quickly withdrew the amendment and admitted, "It was all in jest."

The question remains though, is this really worthy of an opinion piece that trumpets the event as a war on Southern style through overbearing regulation.

Surely the leading conservative columnist has something more important to write about. How about President Obama nominating a top lobbyist for cable and wireless industries as the new chairman of the FCC. That is surely more important considering that a professional lobbyist is doubtful to have the interests of consumers at heart. Perhaps an article on how recently a woman was charged for filming a slaughterhouse from a public street. The debate on gun control that is overwhelming political discussions could even get a few mentions!

An article on a minor event that didn't even hit the news is not worthy

of occupying the only conservative editorial in the paper. The fact that Mutimer took such a small event and used it as a chance to lambast the left over taking "regulations to an extreme." In fact it comes off as clutching at straws when other editorials focused on religious rights, liberty vs. security and environmentalism. Hopefully Mutimer's article was also "all in jest" and the next will focus on real issues from a conservative perspective.

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Green options available for used books

BY MEGAN GEORGE

The George-Anne contributor

At the end of every semester, students are faced with the obstacle of deciding where to sell their used textbooks, but in some cases, those used books are worth very little.

The University Store at Georgia Southern University provides an alternative One Planet Recycling option for students who want a greener option or cannot receive a good price.

One Planet Recycling is a program that covers the cost for shipping and sending the books off to a recycling company when The University Store will not buyback the book because it is no longer in circulation or the edition that the professor wanted, Jessica O'Neill, marketing manager at The University Store, said.

"We are trying to get more competitive with our prices, offering more programs and thinking in the mindset of the customer. It is about keeping the relationship," Brooke Salter, textbook manager at The University Store, said.

If a book is in circulation and is in the correct edition, then students can try and sell

their books back to The University Store.

There are quotas that have to be met. GSU always tries to keep the quotas at the highest national percentage, so there can be as many buybacks as possible. The more copies of a certain edition that the store receives, the more the buyback value decreases, O'Neill said.

Frequently The University Store does not buy books back because it has met the quota, Tricia Sutlive, sophomore pre-nursing major, said.

The buyback process starts with the initial transaction to purchase a book. The buyback helps accumulate money from that student, but then the money saved from the buyback saves money for the next student, Salter said.

By buying back books through The University Store, it keeps the money in circulation through the university and ultimately the money is returned to the student.

"It helps keep books here on campus, so we really do try to put in a lot of effort of beefing up our buyback to keep a lot of money with our students here on campus," Salter said.

The store usually offers up to 66 percent

of the new retail cost for a buyback, Salter said.

"It is based on a national scale, national criteria. We will get with the wholesaler of the book and evaluate what it is new versus what we can sell it as used. So obviously when you buy back a book it's now used, so now we look at the national criteria and set the price that way," O'Neill said.

"It is like going to GameStop. They are not going to give you the same price," Deonte Will, junior bio-chemistry major, said.

There is a yearlong buyback policy that The University Store maintains, so any day of the year that the store is open a student can come and sell back their book. Students are encouraged to bring in the book at anytime and not to wait until the end of the year because there will not be as much money offered then, O'Neill said.

In order for the book to be bought back, it has to meet a certain standard.

"Certain things affect that because that is not guaranteed for every book. That depends on the market value of that book. If we're buying it back we pay a little bit more for it. It's the condition of the book we look for, certain

factors affect it if it's an older edition versus a newer edition," Salter said.

Salter said, "We are family with our students. What you invest in your money is for yourself and others too at the university."

Bookstore Buyback Tips & Tricks

- ★ Make sure all components are present (CDs, etc.)
- ★ Come by early during finals week (May 6th-10th)
- ★ Take care of your textbooks' condition
- ★ Keep track of their worth throughout the semester
- ★ Recycle worthless or unwanted books through One Planet Recycling

Emily Skolrood/The George-Anne

University events to be held for finals week

BY LAUREN GORLA

The George-Anne staff

With finals only a few short days away, organizations on campus are holding events to help students during finals and to provide a period of stress relief.

Finals Feast, a popular finals event that was held in the fall, will be held again this semester and is the first time the University Programming Board has done so during a spring semester.

"Finals Feast in the fall has been so successful and this year we had it in our budget to do it for spring as well, so we knew that with the success we had in the fall, it would be a success in the spring as well," Brittany Bullock, president of the University Programming Board, said.

This is the only activity that UPB

is holding that is specifically related to finals, Bullock said.

The University Honors Program will have breakfast food for its students next Monday through Thursday mornings, Linda Rushing, administrative assistant for the University Honors Program, said.

The Recreational Activity Center has changed its group fitness activity schedule for finals week and will not feature all of the usual group fitness classes, according to the Campus Recreation and Intramurals website.

The classes offered will include yoga, Pilates, spin 45, cardio sculpt, Zumba, spin and yoga, awesome abs, southern sculpt, PiYo, kickboxing, spin 2 win, spin core, hip-hop jam and advanced yoga, according to the website.

Other colleges and universities across Georgia are hosing events

for students to participate in during finals week.

Georgia College & State University hosts various events including a midnight breakfast and massage therapy sessions.

"We have a tradition called midnight breakfast the night before finals start. Our faculty and staff get together and serve breakfast to the students," Brittney Barber, manager of media relations for GCSU, said.

The GCSU student activity center goes into study mode where the conference rooms and ballroom are open for students for study sessions, Barber said.

The Den at GCSU is an area within the student activity center with games, TVs and a lounge area with free drinks.

"In the past, we've done massages for our students. We have massage

chairs in the lounge area, and in the past massage therapist students have come in and performed massages as a way for students to relax," Barber said.

University of Georgia's Terry College of Business offers goodie bags to its students as they prepare for finals during the last Thursday and Friday of classes.

"We have about thirty-five Terry student ambassadors and they put together about one thousand goodie bags that has stuff in them like sweet and salty treats and they also put a note on the bag wishing good luck to students on finals," Lisa Bedgood, student affairs professional for undergraduate student services and corporate relations, said.

UGA's University Union Student Programming Board offers an event known as 'Wings and Things' where

chicken wings are given to people along with a few massage therapists offering massages for a few hours, according to the University Union website.

The University Union gives away blue books and provides a photo booth and other interactive activities for people to relax at, according to the website.

Georgia State University hosts themed events for finals week, with this year's theme being 'Salsa in the City.'

Joadane Clerzeau, special events director for the Spotlight Programs Board at Ga. State, said, "We had things like a make your own burrito and nachos bar, and we also had salsa dancers come in and do salsa lessons for students. Aqua-massage came in and did waterbed massages and there were also keepsakes for students."

\$20K grant awarded to support sustainability efforts

BY ALANNA NAVIN

The George-Anne staff

Keep Bulloch Beautiful and Georgia Southern University's Center for Sustainability received a \$20,000 grant to support sustainability education efforts in the community.

The Lowe's/Keep Bulloch Beautiful Community Improvement Project Narrative awarded the grant.

The grant will provide funding to further the development of five elementary school gardens in Bulloch County through a partnership between Keep Bulloch Beautiful, Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation After-School Program, GSU's Center for Sustainability, College of Science and Mathematics and College of Health & Human Sciences, according to a news release.

"We are truly grateful to Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation for its support and leadership that is

being demonstrated in community sustainability," Matt McKenna, Keep America Beautiful president, said in a news release.

"We have a ten-week program. The first six weeks are focused on agriculture, biology of plants and basically growing the seed to the point where it is producing something," Dr. Lissa Legee, biology professor and the director for the Center of Sustainability, said.

The last four weeks of the program are focused on the nutrition aspects, helping the children to make healthy eating choices and teaching them about good nutrition in a fun interactive setting, Legee said.

The program combines children in the school system and the after school program with the student volunteers from GSU, Legee said.

"We have a great group of students from biology-related and sustainability-related disciplines who have been involved. Another great group of students

from nutrition related fields have been involved," Legee said.

GSU students interested in participating in the program are welcome to join the efforts.

"Any (GSU) students who want to can participate in this program. In fact now that we will have five different sites where we are running the program, we will want more students to participate," Legee said.

This program is effective in influencing children and their families into making healthier and more sustainable choices, Legee said.

"Keep America Beautiful is proud of the positive impact that Keep Bulloch Beautiful's project will have in Bulloch County," McKenna said in a news release.

Legee said, "My children have been involved in the program this year. My six-year-old has been coming home talking about whole grains and the importance of fiber in his diet, all because he has been attending this garden program."



Courtesy of Dr. Lissa Legee

A GSU volunteer assists elementary school student at Sallie Zetterower Elementary School garden.

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GSU professor accepted into leadership program

BY ALANNA NAVIN

The George-Anne staff

Dr. Lissa Leege, biology professor and director for the Center for Sustainability, was accepted into the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership.

The IGEL program is a combination of in-the-field experiences that are enhanced by seminars, which include the use of case-based, realistic simulations and presentations, according to the IGEL website.

"I am very excited to be able to participate in that and bring that back to Georgia Southern and apply it to our Center of Sustainability," Leege said.

"It's a year-long program that focuses on environmental leadership in Georgia. I am going to be working with big deal environmental leaders from all around the state, and it's an incredible honor to have been accepted into this program," Leege said.

"IGEL doesn't teach people to look

for singular solutions but to look at environmental issues through multiple lenses to seek solutions that have the most benefits," Steve Hein, director of the Center for Wildlife Education and 2003 graduate of the IGEL program, said.

"I think that this experience will expand an already brilliant mind and perhaps tax her creative problem-solving skills," Hein said.

Leege said, "As a student you get so many opportunities to learn things. As a faculty member, we love the opportunity to get to be in the classroom to learn from somebody else instead being the one who is doing the teaching. For me this an incredible professional development opportunity."

Cydney Long contributed to this report.

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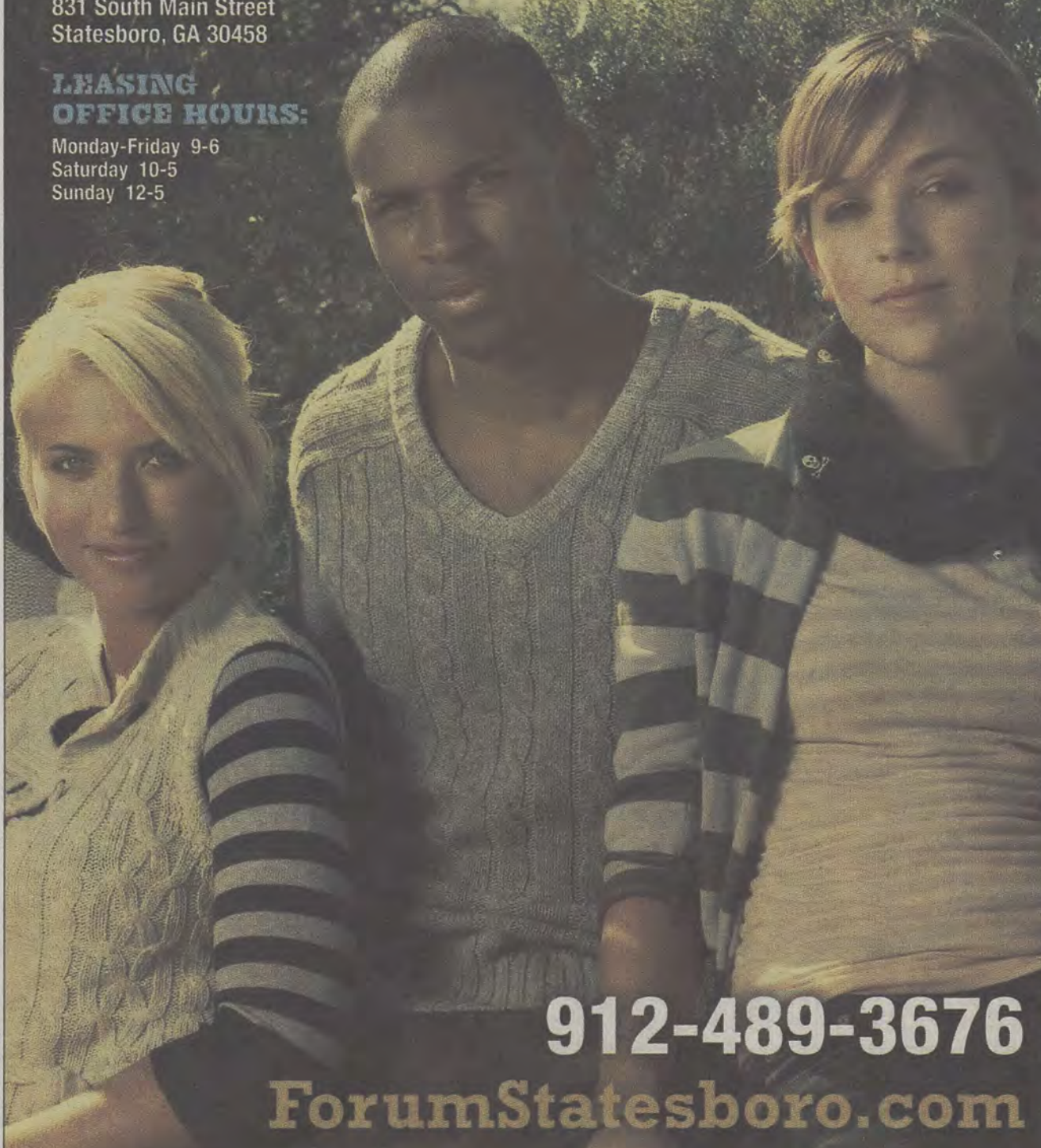
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Hot movies to impress summer crowds

BY PEYTON CALLANAN

The George-Anne staff



Courtesy of Warner Brothers

The Great Gatsby
May 10th

The most buzzed-about adaptation of a book you only read in Sparknotes during high school comes out in theaters in May. Between Leo DiCaprio's trademark dramatic screaming, the Jay-Z-led soundtrack and 3D, this movie is just as over-the-top as Mr. Gatsby himself. You will either love it or hate it, but either way you have to see it.



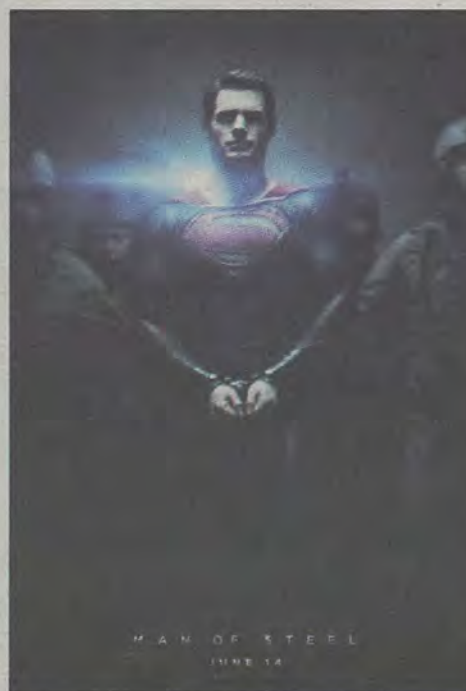
Courtesy of Sony Pictures

This is the End
June 12th

James Franco, Seth Rogen, Johan Hill, Danny McBride and many other comedy scene-stealers play themselves at a Hollywood party as the apocalypse strikes. This movie is sure to be full not only of Rogen's trademark man-child stoner humor, but many self-deprecating gags as well. Sounds like comedy gold to me.

BY WILLIAM PRICE

The George-Anne staff



Courtesy of Warner Brothers

Man of Steel
June 14th

Superman's newest look in "Man of Steel" appears ready to finally give the widely loved hero his time in the sun. With a cast led by Henry Cavill, Amy Adams, Russel Crowe, Michael Shannon and Kevin Costner I don't think there is any conceivable way this movie could fail. Besides, when was the last time Christopher Nolan was involved with a bad movie?



Courtesy of Warner Brothers

Pacific Rim
July 12th

If my childhood got a hold of a heavy dose of steroids, a shot of whiskey and Guillermo Del Toro, this movie would likely be the result. What the trailers show us is essentially giant alien fish fist-fighting giant humanoid robots with Charlie Day as comic relief. This is a perfect, over-the-top summer blockbuster. Need I say more?

Notable Summer Movies

Iron Man 3
May 3

The Great Gatsby
May 10

**Star Trek
Into Darkness**
May 17

Fast & Furious 6
May 24

Now You See Me
May 31

After Earth
June 7

Marvel flops this summer

BY WILLIAM PRICE

The George-Anne staff



Courtesy of Paramount Pictures

Iron Man 3
May 3rd

A ton of people are looking forward to this movie being great, but I can't get "Iron Man 2" out of my head. If you managed to not be mesmerized by Robert Downey Jr.'s trademark wit you would've noticed the clear drop off from the first to the second film. It's tough to find a reason to expect anything more out of the third installment of this already belabored series.

BY PEYTON CALLANAN

The George-Anne staff



Courtesy of 20th Century Fox

The Wolverine
June 12th

Much like Robert Downey Jr.'s "Iron Man," Hugh Jackman's version of the claw-bearing mutant has graced the big screen one too many times. The first solo Wolverine movie was a huge disappointment. Did we really need another installment? It is beginning to lose its punch, and an adventure in candy-colored Japan won't be its saving grace. I will wait for Bryan Singer's timeline jumping "X-Men: Days of Future Past."

Jay-Z's modern soundtrack enhances 'Gatsby's' themes

BY WILL PEEBLES

The George-Anne staff

One of this year's most anticipated summer films, "The Great Gatsby," garners a lot of attention for its well-known story, but the movie's soundtrack is what has been raising critics' eyebrows.

In the 1920s, the once-rebellious jazz style was beginning to take center stage in American music. A period film set in the 1920s almost begs for a jazz score. Herein lies Gatsby's charm.

By enlisting Jay-Z to create the soundtrack for "Gatsby," director Baz Luhrmann ("Moulin Rouge," "Romeo + Juliet") followed a path that many directors have recently traveled. For the first time ever, contemporary music scores are almost as common as classical orchestral movie scores.

At first glance it seems like rap music and "The Great Gatsby" are an odd match, but hip-hop and Gatsby share many parallels. Gatsby lives a large, extravagant and lonely life in a time of economic change. Many popular rap singles today, especially those of Jay-Z, discuss the same things.

The decision to bring Jay-Z in to arrange

the soundtrack not only makes the film more relatable to today's culture, but it also makes the film more attractive to young people.

Jay-Z is not the only popular musician to gain a spot in Hollywood. Anthony Gonzales of electronic group M83 had a hand in scoring Tom Cruise's recent summer thriller, "Oblivion." Dubstep artist Skrillex compiled the soundtrack for indie flick "Spring Breakers." 2010's "Tron: Legacy" boasted an almost entirely electronic score molded by the collaboration of electronic artists Daft Punk and renowned composer Hans Zimmer ("The Dark Knight," "Inception," "Pirates of the Caribbean").

The recent swing towards contemporary scoring is not surprising for the film industry. The target audience of these films is the same group of people who love the music they are partnered with.



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This is the End
June 12

Man of Steel
June 14

Monsters University
June 21

World War Z
June 21

Pacific Rim
July 12

The Wolverine
July 26

Neighborhood pools fight Statesboro heat



Andy Morales/The George-Anne

Three Forum residents hang out and play a game of beer pong at The Forum's pool yesterday afternoon. The Forum is known for having the best party pool in Statesboro.

Culture

BY ERINN WILLIAMS

The George-Anne contributor

Rap music blasting through the speakers, people dancing and food on the grill is the combination for the perfect pool party atmosphere.

Whether you want to party, get a tan or study for your finals you can find a pool that will fit any mood right here in the 'Boro.

Partygoers and those who like to turn up poolside should try out the Forum of Statesboro. Besides the fact that it's pretty much brand new, modern and looks clean, its pool has a beer pong table built right in the middle.

Needless to say, the residents here did not choose to live here for the dog park. They came

here for the lively party scene. There is plenty of room to hang out and drink. Plus, it has some killer speakers that are perfect for blasting Kendrick Lamar's "Swimming Pools." It also has a nice grill so you can stuff your face with burgers and hotdogs when you start getting the drunken munchies.

The students who live there are the perfect people to party with as well. There's always a big turn out, and people are ready to have a good time.

If you partied a little too hard the night before and need a place to bathe in the sun or sweat yourself sober, try the pool at The Avenue. There are plenty of chairs for you to lie in and soak up some rays.

There aren't any trees hanging over the pool to block the sun's

rays. Just remember, there is a thin line between being tan and looking like a cast member of "Jersey Shore," and sunscreen can go a long way.

Studying by the pool can be a productive way to hang out with friends and prepare for finals. If you're looking for a quieter place to study, then a good choice would be Cambridge at Southern.

It has a small pool with plenty of places to sit and get work done. This pool also has great shade with table umbrellas and a nice awning, so that you can keep cool and study.

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FRIDAY 5.3.2013

SPRING GROUP FITNESS SCHEDULE ENDS

The spring group fitness schedule will end on this date. Look out for the finals week group fitness schedule at <http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/fitness/fitness-services/fitness-assessments/>.

SATURDAY 5.4.2013

NO GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

There will not be any group fitness classes this weekend, but don't worry! The RAC will still be open to get your weekend workout in, and classes will resume on Monday with a different schedule for final week.

SUNDAY 5.5.2013

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

MONDAY 5.6.2013

6-9 P.M.

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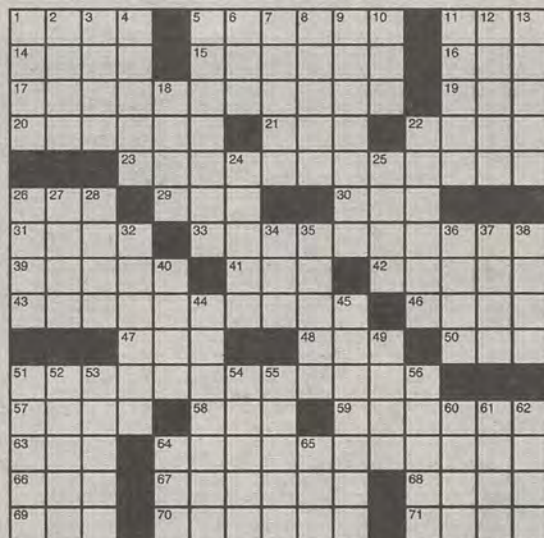
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- 19 Detroit labor org.
- 20 "Volunteers?"
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- 47 "Golly!"
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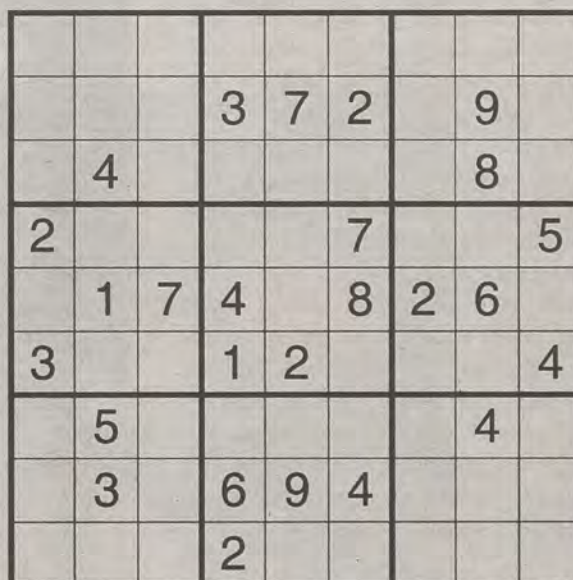
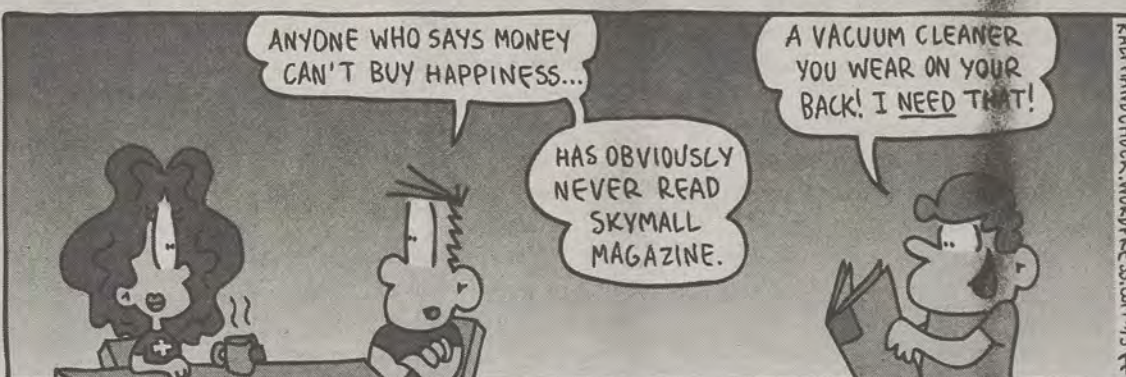
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- 18 "Movin' ___": "The Jeffersons" theme
- 22 Spotted wildcat
- 24 Police car warning
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Tying run thrown out at plate, Eagles win

Baseball (24-21)

BY COLIN RITSICK

The George-Anne staff

Seven runs in the first two innings of the game were enough to give the Georgia Southern University baseball team its second win of the year over Charleston Southern University 7-6 at J.I. Clements Stadium last night.

With two outs and a one-run lead in the top of the ninth inning, junior outfielder Robbie Dodds gunned out the tying run at the plate to end the game and earn the Eagles (24-21, 12-12 Southern Conference) the win. The call was close enough to send the CSU head coach flying out of the dugout in protest.

Junior outfielder Zack Hagaman came charging around third base on a slap single to right field from senior catcher Drew Woodall and looked as if he was might have been safe as Dodds' throw was a just a little high. But as Hagaman slid into home plate, it looked as if he slid too early and never quite made it to the plate. He failed to fully extend his legs through the plate and that was enough time for sophomore catcher Chase Griffin to put the tag on him before he could stretch out farther.

The Buccaneers (17-25, 7-8 Big South Conference) were down 7-1 in the top of the third inning but struck for three runs and then two more in the top of the ninth to draw within a run before the game-ending play. CSU actually out-hit the Eagles in the game 16-7 but was not able to take a lead.

Griffin led the charge offensively with three

RBIs on one for two, hitting with a walk. But it was junior designated hitter Garren Palmer who provided Griffin the opportunity to knock in some runs by doing his job as the leadoff man, getting on base. Palmer was three for four with an RBI as well.

The Eagles used four pitchers last night to piece together the victory. Freshman Evan Challenger started the game before sophomores Heath Durand and Sam Howard as well as senior Kyle Rowe came on to seal the deal. Durand earned his first win on the year.

After splitting the two games this week, GSU is three games above .500 with only 10 games remaining.

The Eagles will play their last home series of the year this weekend against Furman University (24-19, 10-14 SoCon). Sunday's game will serve as Senior Day as well as an early Mother's Day celebration. The seven seniors graduating are pitchers Justin Hess, Drew Johnson, Chris Meyers, Rowe, Josh Stevenson, outfielder Scooter Williams and infielder T.D. Davis.

Sitting in fifth place on a 12-12 conference record and only six SoCon games left, GSU will need to win the series if it wants to have a shot at sliding up a spot or two in the rankings by the end of the year.

Furman is a team that doesn't really specialize in one skill, but also doesn't do any specific skill poorly. The team ranks sixth out of 11 in both team batting average and ERA and fifth out of 11 in fielding percentage.

Tomorrow's game time is set to start at 6 p.m., Saturday is an early start at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday's is at 2:30 p.m.



Demario Cullars/George-Anne

Junior third basemen Ben Morgan (18) prepares to step up to the plate. Morgan prepares to take the plate with this signature process every time he bats. Morgan is hitting .291 on the season.



OUTSIDE THE LINES WITH...

Robbie Dodds

YEAR: Junior

SPORT: Outfielder

MAJOR: 44

FROM: Mount Pleasant, S.C

Q. What uniform combination is your favorite?

A. "Blue tops with white pants and the blue camo hat."

Q. Earlier this year Ben Morgan said that you were the class clown of the team, is that true?

A. "(laughs) I don't know, if

he said so. I like to enjoy myself when I'm out there."

Q. Did you play any other sport in high school?

A. "No, I didn't. I got to high school and realized I wanted to play college baseball so I focused on that."

Q. What is your dream job?

A. "Music star, play in front of huge crowds."

Q. What is your favorite part about going to Georgia Southern?

A. "The college atmosphere, I love it man. I went to a junior college before here, only like 700 kids. But here, everyone loves Georgia Southern. It's awesome."

Softball to finish season against enemy



Demario Cullars/The George-Anne
Junior pitcher Sarah Purvis (0) winds up to throw a pitch. Purvis leads the Eagles in wins with a solid 13-12 record and a 2.27 ERA under her belt.

Softball (26-26)

BY KATIE TOLBERT

The George-Anne staff

This weekend the Georgia Southern University softball team (26-26) will play its final weekend series of the season against rival Appalachian State University (29-18).

Currently in the Southern Conference, neither of these teams holds the highest ranking, but they do hold very close rankings. GSU is 12-12 in conference play putting the team in the fifth-place ranking, and App. State is 11-11 in conference play putting the Mountaineers in the sixth-place ranking. This series is important to both teams because it is their final weekend series, but it will also determine whether App.

State or GSU comes out on top in the SoCon.

Throughout this season, both of these teams have performed similarly against multiple teams in the conference. The Eagles and the Mountaineers swept both Samford University and Elon University and went 1-2 against the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. But in non-conference play, GSU beat Florida Gulf Coast University and Wichita State University, while App. State lost to both.

Last weekend, the Eagles played the University of North Carolina at Greensboro at home and went 2-1 against UNCG. The Mountaineers were not so fortunate. They played a non-conference doubleheader against Auburn University going 0-2 and scored zero runs against Auburn's 19 runs for the day.

The Eagles have home field advantage this weekend, which is a positive for them considering the Mountaineers are 16-0 (MIGHT 18-0) at home this season and 11-18 on the road. On the other hand, this weekend is before both schools have their final exams, so these players will be facing stress from another outlet as well.

All of the statistics for both teams are very close in numbers for the season besides the pitching numbers. When compared to the Mountaineers, the Eagles have posted over 100 more strikeouts and have committed fewer errors in the circle.

The Eagles will finish their season at home against the Mountaineers on Saturday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and on Sunday at 1 p.m.



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Football

BY SHAKEEM HOLLOWAY

The George-Anne staff

Former Georgia Southern University football player Darius Eubanks was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Minnesota Vikings after the National Football League's draft this past weekend. This past fall, Eubanks posted a 3.57 GPA and was selected to the Dean's list while finishing third on the team in tackles with 77.

This is five good minutes with Minnesota Vikings' newly acquired defensive back Darius Eubanks.

Are your friends and family treating you any differently now?

Nah, I'm still the same ole guy (I've been) for the past 21 years. Just 'cause I play for another team, that doesn't change anything. That's how I'd like it to be.

Describe what you were feeling when you



Darius Eubanks

got the call.

I felt kind of relieved just for it to be over with.

I know the team that I'm going to play for now and all the hard work I've

been putting in the past three or four months, I know that has paid off.

Who is the most influential person in your football career that you feel helped make this happen?

That's a tough one. I guess I'd have to go back to my high school defensive back coach Curtis Williams. He pushed me to not only be an athlete but to be a good student-athlete. He taught me how to be a man, a gentleman, a respectful man. I graduate from Georgia Southern next week, that's a big honor. I

appreciate them (the GSU football coaching staff) as well.

What is like you for you to be graduating and also getting a chance to make an NFL team?

Coming out of high school, going into college, graduating was my main goal. As time went on throughout my (freshman and sophomore) years I kind of made it a goal to also want to play at the next level, and for me to be able to see both of them pass, that's a great honor. I report to Minnesota this Thursday for the rookie mini-camp, then I return back Sunday and then next weekend I'll be back in Statesboro graduating. Not only am I proud of that, I know I make my family proud and my hometown is proud as well.

Did you always want to be a football player growing up?

My first choice when I was younger, I don't know why, but I used to want to be a chef. But till this day I can't even cook so I don't even know why I used to. Once my playing days are over with I want to be a coach.

What does it mean to you to be able to step on the field with players like Adrian Peterson?

That means a lot. I can't go out there as a fan anymore, now I got to go out there as a professional and I have to do my job just like he does his.

As a fan of the game, what player do you idolize the most?

Growing up I was a big Brian Dawkins fan. He's a class act.

What do you need to do to make that 53-man roster?

I got to stay praying always, always. I put all my faith in God. Every man there is going to be as fast as I am every man there is going to be as strong as I am. I feel like if I can learn that playbook as quickly as possible, I feel like that would help me a big amount. One of my main goals is to go up there and stay healthy and just go from there. If I can do those things and be successful at them, then I would have a good chance at making that 53-man roster.

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