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GSU Chorale to travel to Austria

BY ALEXANDRA MCCRAY

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Tonight, the Georgia Southern Chorale will hold "The Journey Begins" sendoff concert in preparation to compete as the only American team at an international vocal competition in

Linz, Austria next week.

The free concert will be at 7 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, but the choir will be accepting donations to help cover the choir's traveling fees. The members will be traveling to Austria from May 29 to June 2 to compete in the International Anton Bruckner Choir

Competition. They will compete with 19 other institutions from around the globe.

"The main purpose of the concert on Thursday is to sing in front of an audience pieces we haven't performed before, so we can get some live recordings of our concerts to send to American Choral Directors Association. We

want to get invited to sing at their conference, it'd be a huge deal," Jacob Furse, Chorale member and senior music education major, said.

"Dr. Jefferys has done this at other schools before, but this is our first time and Georgia

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Cyclist to pedal around world for free education

BY CYDNEY LONG

The George Anne staff

Members of the Georgia Southern University community welcomed cyclist Max Peer to campus as he arrived at the RAC yesterday at 2 p.m. as a part of the "Share the Knowledge Tour."

Peer, along with support and materials from Interaction Design Foundation (IDF), will travel 35,000 miles across the world to major universities over a span of four years to hand out free educational materials.

"I was looking for different combinations of bike touring and ideas that supported underprivileged kids all around the world," Peer said. "With IDF, I found that opportunity."

"IDF is helping to spread education and knowledge throughout the world in a manner that is free, that is open and taught in classrooms through excellent professors," Kim Huffman of SAP said.

GSU was the first stop on the tour, chosen by Systems, Applications and Products in Data



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Cyclist Max Peer starts his four-year world tour to promote free educational materials. His bicycle with him on it weighs over 400 pounds.



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Marketing office looks to fill VP position following Flathman's recent departure

BY CYDNEY LONG
and MEGAN GEORGE

The George Anne staff

The Office of Marketing and Communications, along with University Advancement, is putting together a committee to fill the position of Associate Vice President of Marketing and Communications.

The position, recently held by Christian Flathman, was vacated on May 10.

Flathman left Georgia Southern University to work for a Fortune 100 company, Salinda Arthur, vice president for university advancement, said.

"[Flathman] helped coordinate the overall perception of the university. Part of that is that there are so many good things going on at our institution, and we're large," Teresa Thompson, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, said.

Whenever there was good news to celebrate with a press conference Flathman had to coordinate all those things, Thompson said.

Before Flathman left, a plan was created that detailed the work that needed to be accomplished, Arthur said.

"This allows us to start interviewing people this summer, so we can get them onboard by this fall. It is important that we get someone here as quickly as possible, but also choosing the right person is important," Thompson said.

"We are moving as quickly as we can to find a stellar person to fill this position," Arthur said.

The offices will do what they have to do to make sure GSU continues to be successful, Thompson said.

In the meantime, Angela Harn, assistant director of advancement and marketing, is

serving as the interim associate vice president.

"I'm grateful that we have someone like Angela, who has been with us for a while and understands the kinds of things that need to happen," Arthur said.

The search committee will look for candidates that meet the required qualifications and hopefully meet the preferred qualifications, which are higher education and corporate experience, Arthur said.

"I would hope that the person has experience in higher education, because marketing and telling the story of higher



CHRISTIAN FLATHMAN

education is different than marketing and telling the story of a business. Although we are a business to some extent, it is just a whole different process," Thompson said.

"We work closely with marketing and communications to help develop publications and get information out to our perspective student population," Thompson said.

While the search committee hopes to fill the position as soon as possible, the process will continue as long as necessary, Arthur said.

"It's important to get the right fit for Georgia Southern," Arthur said.

"I hope [the applicants] understand that Georgia Southern is a very student-centered organization and university and we look to promote is the success of our students," Thompson said. "I think if you could show good role modeling by our faculty then it really tells the true Georgia Southern student."

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Processing (SAP).

SAP is the market leader in enterprise application software, according to a news release.

"Georgia Southern has an excellent reputation, excellent faculty and excellent students that have all contributed to SAP," Huffman said.

"This sets a new level for GSU. We're exceeding other schools around us in the technology aspect," Aharon Najafi, senior information systems major, said.

Peer is carrying with him all of his camping gear, a foldable canoe, a GPS, a camera, a laptop and a solar panel that powers all of the electronics. Peer also carries water treatment and packaged food.

"Including me, [the bike] weighs about 420 pounds," Peer said.

While Peer will meet up with other cyclists along the way, he will mostly make this journey without anyone following behind him.

The biggest problem will probably be the wind because it is unpredictable, Peer said.

"It's a good accomplishment for him to be able to travel the world in four years," Diana Pratt, junior public relations major said. "That

takes a lot of dedication, and it's admirable that he wants to help students receive free education."

Peer first started providing free educational materials to underprivileged children in his native country of Austria where he worked as a sound engineer.

"I think this will be a good example of how being self-supported and representing sustainability shows what you can achieve out of your own abilities," Peer said.

"I hope that students will see the additional resources as an opportunity to take more ownership of their education," Thomas Case, department chair of information systems, said.

This could send out a positive signal to students, Peer said.

"It's very unique. Promoting free education is a good goal," Xavier Groiss, junior information systems major, said.

"I think this will make a great impact on helping the less fortunate receive free education," Katie Green, senior finance major, said.

The next stop on the tour is Penn State University.



Andy Morales/The George-Anne

Max Peer hopes to positively influence students to be self-motivated.

Police Beat

Monday, May 13

10:06 a.m.: Criminal Investigations received a court order from Superior Court for the disposal of found property.

10:13 a.m.: An incident report was taken for lost/mislaid property at the Health and Human Science Building.

12:40 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a suspicious person at Paulson Stadium on May 11. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

3:01 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at the Herty Building. Maintenance and the Statesboro Fire Department responded. The alarm was activated by a smoke detector in the air ducts. The building was checked with no problems found.

1:08 a.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the Hanner Fieldhouse.

Tuesday, May 14

8:50 a.m.: Officers responded to a panic alarm at Watson Pods. Maintenance responded. A construction worker accidentally activated the alarm.

3:41 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft of a golf cart at Paulson Stadium Maintenance. The golf cart was recovered on Peachtree Street in the City of Statesboro. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

6:11 p.m.: Officers responded to a burglar alarm at Housing Storage. The key holder responded. The building was checked with no problems found.

7:01 p.m.: Officers responded to a burglar alarm at the College of Education. The building was checked with no problems found.

Wednesday, May 15

9:04 a.m.: Officers responded to a panic alarm at Watson Pods. Main-

tenance responded. The alarm was activated by on-going construction work. No problems were found.

3:01 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the Bishop Alumni Center.

10:13 p.m.: An officer discovered an audible alarm at Southern Pines. Maintenance responded. The alarm was coming from the fire alarm annunciator panel and displaying a "System Trouble Alert". The building was checked with no problems found.

Thursday, May 16

2:14 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident on Plant Drive at the ETS Warehouse. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.

4:57 p.m.: Officers responded to Residential Facilities in reference to a burglar alarm. The alarm was accidentally activated by an employee. Maintenance responded. The building was checked with no problems found.

6:14 p.m.: Officers responded to a sick person at Hanner Fieldhouse. EMS responded and transported the sick person.

6:47 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the Hollis Building.

7:31 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident in the Herty/Hollis parking lot. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.

7:37 p.m.: Officers responded to Freedom's Landing in reference to a panic alarm. Maintenance responded. Construction work may have activated the alarm. The apartment was checked with no problems found.

8:45 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the Herty Building.

2:06 a.m.: Officers responded to a burglar alarm at the Botanical Gardens. The key holder could not be

reached. The area and buildings were checked with no problems found.

Friday, May 17

7:23 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident at Public Safety. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.

Saturday, May 18

9:59 a.m.: An incident report was taken for criminal trespass at the Carroll Building. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

Sunday, May 19

3:27 p.m.: An incident report was taken for suspicious activity at Freedom's Landing. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

10:35 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the Henderson Library.

Monday, May 20

10:30 a.m.: An incident report was taken for damage to property at the Wildlife Center.

4:04 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at the Child Development Center. Maintenance and the Statesboro Fire Department responded. The building was checked with no problems found.

4:35 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a burglary – non-forced at Freedom's Landing. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

6:46 a.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at the Alpha Delta Epsilon House. The Statesboro Fire Department responded. The alarm was activated by a smoke detector in the living room. The building was checked with no problems found.

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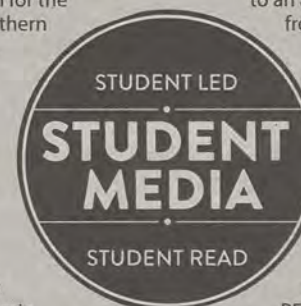
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Our View

Summer is for productivity

The summer semester is in full swing at Georgia Southern University, and with it comes sunshine, blazing heat and the temptation to spend all your spare time at the pool. However, it is important to remember that it is called the summer "semester" for a reason, and that what we used to know as summer was left back in high school.

With the summer comes longer classes, a more compact semester and frequent tests, and these things are often easy to forget about when the various pools are beckoning.

We encourage students to remember that it is important to put your best effort into the summer semester for several reasons. The summer is an ideal time to grab a few more credit hours, because it is almost impossible to graduate in four years without coming into college with credits or taking summer classes. The summer semester gives students the opportunity to catch up or get ahead.

Being fully engaged in summer classes is also important for those who can no longer receive financial aid for the summer semester. The Pell Grant stopped granting money in the state of Georgia for those who chose to take summer classes, forcing most students to pay for their summer semester out of pocket or seek alternative aid. Students should make the summer semester worth their hard-earned money and use their time wisely by focusing on their studies.

Keep your heads up, students, and hit the books. The summer semester might be a tough one, but it is a few beneficial weeks that will help you in the long run of your academic career.

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. Opinions expressed herein are those of the Board of Opinions or columnists themselves and DO NOT necessarily reflect those of the faculty, staff or administration of GSU, the Student Media Advisory Board, Student Media or the University System of Georgia.



D. Haughton

Davion Haughton/The George-Anne

A new era at The George-Anne to begin

Attention Georgia Southern University: the next generation has officially been born.

While everyone is getting into the swing of summer classes and internships, The George-Anne is making a few transitions.

I am very excited to introduce myself as the new editor-in-chief and my staff, which is comprised of several fresh faces in all levels.

We have multiple first-time editors, and even the veterans are in positions different from those they're used to, providing us with the capacity for new ideas and improvements.

While it is a bit intimidating succeeding an editor whose reign spanned over two years, I am looking forward to continuing many of The George-Anne's traditions and also mixing a few things up over the course of the next year.

The George-Anne and its staff

FROM THE EDITOR



SHELBY FARMER

will continue to cover the big news of GSU and the Statesboro area, even in the slow summer months. While the paper will only print once a week on Thursdays in the summer, daily updates and breaking news can be found at thegeorgeanne.com. Be sure to check and check often.

I'd also like to encourage anyone and everyone with comments or questions to submit a letter to the editor via our website. The George-Anne is also active on Twitter and Facebook and welcomes communication on all levels.

This publication's purpose is nothing more than to inform and serve the public, so we greatly appreciate input from the community.

Anyone interested in writing and reporting for The George-Anne should look out for tryout dates during the second week of fall semester when we select the members of our successful candidate program.

The candidate program serves as a training period for future staff members.

Student Media will also be looking for creative minds to take part in other areas including photography, design and video in the fall.

I look forward to serving the GSU community and hope to hear from its members soon.

Farmer is a senior journalism major from Cordele. She is the Editor-in-Chief of The George-Anne.

Big, powerful government makes for bigger problems

If anybody has been watching the news, they would have seen that the past few weeks have been an absolute roller coaster discussing what has been going on up in Washington. We've seen new information about Benghazi, which The White House still has not given us the truth about. The seizure of reporter's phone records in a Justice Department investigation. Now most recently the IRS has been targeting conservative groups and giving them different treatment.

For those who haven't been keeping up, it's been determined that from early 2010 to early 2012 the IRS has been searching key words in the applications such as "patriot" and "tea-party" for any groups applying for tax exempt status. These groups were then targeted and subjected to further investigation and were requested more documentation that delayed their application nearly two and a half to three years. We later learned that IRS officials were notified by the treasury department that the allegations were going to be investigated back in June of last year. This may suggest that the Obama administration knew about this the entire time but thought it would look bad for his re-election so they decided not to let us know about it. Yet this man continues to preach that his administration is the most transparent in our nation's history.

Honestly, Americans should not be surprised about this happening though. This administration and other democrats alike are pro large government. By giving these

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BLAIR MUTIMER

government entities more and more power, it makes it much easier for issues like this to happen. This is the point in time where we need to make sure we let our leaders know that we're not ok with this kind of absurdity. The IRS essentially has the power to destroy businesses large and small alike, the kind of corruption that we have recently seen should be more than enough reason to demand reform to this entity that is much larger than it needs to be. Now might be the best time to try a system like the flat tax, a system that would remove the need for tax exemption applications, a more fair system across the board. Regardless of what direction they decide to take in determining how the IRS is fixed, what's clear is that this "transparent" administration needs to start backing up its claims and fix this huge problem that they have created for themselves.

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

Funding and staffing is the IRS's real problem

In the past few weeks most of us have learned about the Internal Revenue Service, or the IRS, scandal. I should first say that the IRS acted unethically, probably unlawfully, and two of its highest-ranking officials have resigned.

During the summer of 2010, a department within the IRS that focuses on tax-exempt applicants called the IRS Determinations Unit started targeting political groups attempting to receive something called a 501(c)4 status. It is important to point out that during the summer of 2010, three unrelated incidents resulted in an unimaginable flood of applicants. One was a tweak by Congress of requirements to non-profit organizations that threatened to take away tax-free status of roughly 400,000 groups resulting in thousands of re-applications. Second, the Tea Party movement was picking up momentum, resulting in applications flooding into an already understaffed Determinations Unit. Third, the Supreme Court ruled on *Citizens United*, allowing corporations to donate directly to 501(c)4 tax-exempt groups and holding that they were not required to disclose their donors.

The staff of less than 200 who worked for the IRS Determinations Unit was once again flooded with thousands of new applicants seeking to receive the 501(c)4 status. By this time, they were drowning. The Determinations Unit needed a way to quickly screen political groups seeking a tax-exempt status so it started using words like "patriots," "educating on the Constitution" and "we the people" to flag or target potential unqualified groups.

Were these words more likely to be used by conservative groups? Yes, and conservative

MY VIEW



TRENT GAY

groups fell victim to this increased level of scrutiny more often than other groups but it should be noted that bipartisan and liberal organizations were flagged also. It is true that flagged groups had to wait unreasonable amounts of time to even be considered, only then to face unreasonable and unethical questions regarding their organizations.

What we have heard and continue to hear from conservatives is that this is an example of "big government" – that this is supposedly another great example of the "big hand" coming down on those who don't agree with the system. What we should also notice is that this is an example of what happens to an underfunded, under-trained, and understaffed government department. The Determinations Unit wasn't acting out with political malice. They were drowning in an overloaded system searching for air. If we want to fix the entire problem, we should be prepared to better staff, train, and fund the IRS to the point where its employees do not have to result to unethical shortcuts.

Gay is a junior geography major from Leesburg, Ga. He is the president of Young Democrats of Georgia Southern University.

Why you should see 'Fast and Furious 6'

The fifth entry into the "Fast and Furious" franchise comes out tomorrow, and it is a must-see – come on, nobody counts "Tokyo Drift."

"Fast Five," Fast six's predecessor grossed over \$600 million at the box office. While we all thought that action-packed film would be the ending to a franchise that has been ongoing for over a decade, when you make that much money at the box office, Hollywood will not let a franchise rest in peace (see upcoming Transformers 4 film).

Thankfully for us, Justin Lin returned to

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SHAKEEM HOLLOWAY

direct, and the entire all-star cast is back in action. This time they brought a girl who died

two films ago back to life and a tank. What more could you ask for?

I mean, would you really rather go see a film that actually makes you think? Seeing things blow up and unrealistic stunts is much more simplistic. Say what you want about the franchise, however unrealistic it was, the scene with the safe at the end of "Fast Five" was cool.

How many movies can offer you such a tough cast? You have The Rock, Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Michelle Rodriguez and Tyrese.

So, guys take your girls out to see the guy

code version of the "Notebook," and I promise neither of you will shed one tear. Heck, if it's completely terrible at least you'll get a chuckle out of it.

Allegedly, there is a scene at the end of the credits that teases the villain, rumored to be Jason Statham, for the next film which comes out next year in July, so stay for the whole movie!

Holloway is a senior journalism major from Macon, Ga. He is the sports editor for The George-Anne.

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Discover the organics compromise

The health risks posed by pesticide and herbicide residue on the foods we eat every day are becoming more and more

THE GREEN VIEW



BRITTANY WALKER

well known. Cancer is the big one, and researchers also link pesticide exposure to Parkinson's disease, infertility, and birth defects.

But how is the strapped for cash college student supposed to afford an organic diet? Organic is not much more expensive than non-organic, but you should expect to pay more for organically grown products. I don't want to imply that organically grown food is only for the benefit of human health. The growing techniques used in non-organic farming can also be very, very harmful to the environment. Buying all organic is something we can do later, when we have careers and more disposable income.

So to save your health and your wallet, I'll explain what foods you shouldn't compromise on and what foods aren't worth the extra expense. Due to several factors (skin thickness, if skin is edible, types of pesticides commonly used, how many different pesticides used, level of absorbency, etc), some fruits, vegetables, and food products are more laden with the toxins than others are. The polluted produce that you should buy organically if at all possible are as follows: Apples, strawberries, grapes, celery, peaches, spinach, bell peppers, nectarines, cucumbers, potatoes, cherry tomatoes, and hot peppers. However, if you buy the following foods organically you will only drain your wallet, not your health: asparagus, avocados, cabbage, cantaloupe, sweet corn, eggplant, grapefruit, kiwi, mangos, mushrooms, onions, pineapples, and sweet potatoes.

Alarmed to see some of your favorite foods on the naughty list? Shop at BI-LO or the local farmer's market, they have the most organic selections for the best prices that I've seen in Statesboro. Milk wasn't on the list, but buying organic milk can actually save you money. Organic milk doesn't expire nearly as quickly as non-organic milk; I have a week old one in my fridge that doesn't expire until June. You will usually end up saving money on the sour milk you won't be throwing away. So next time you make a grocery run, keep these lists in mind and spend your money where it counts.

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

ESPN is making unnecessary and hasty employee lay-offs

Hiring former professional athletes and former coaches as analysts and announcers for sports programs has become a normal practice for several networks, especially for sports giant ESPN.

Popular shows on the ESPN network have various athletes on its shows such as Jalen Rose, David Pollack, Steve Young, Lou Holtz and the list goes on and on. While I understand the appeal of having a former star athlete or coach on a sports program, I do not believe that these people bring new information to the table that makes for truly breaking or dynamic sports news.

For example, let's examine the popular show "Sunday NFL Countdown" that comes on before and after professional football games on Sundays. Former athletes Cris Carter, Keyshawn Johnson, and Mike Ditka are co-hosts, and now the somehow-popular Ray Lewis is slated to join the cast. While the details of his contract

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are not known, it can be assumed that ESPN had to pay a hefty price to make him a part of the "Sunday NFL Countdown" team, and this is just one example of a former athlete that is now taking a job at ESPN.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday ESPN made massive employee cuts that have left some hundred workers jobless, some after working for the company for more than a decade. While the layoffs were said to help ESPN meet their profit margin, many workers believe that ESPN might be using these cuts to help make the new 125 million dollar Sportscenter set.

Employee cuts are a natural part of business, and they often allow for

a business to perform at its highest potential, but ESPN does not seem to be making all of these cuts in the right places. The technology department has taken the highest hit of layoffs so far, and the entire Denver branch of ESPN has been completely shut down, but these former "star" athletes and former coaches turned analysts have been left untouched.

Ditka makes about eight million dollars a year with ESPN on "Sunday NFL Countdown", but I have never heard enough analysis from Mike Ditka that could ever equal 8 million dollars. Instead of laying-off hundreds of employees who have loyally worked at ESPN for decades, give the former-athlete analysts a pay cut, or stop hiring so many of them because they are not helping improve the company in any way other than through their acquired fame.

Wells is a senior English major from Bainbridge. She spent last semester as the Miscellany Deputy Editor.

Local farmers to learn trade benefits

BY CYDNEY LONG

The George Anne staff

Local farmers and other agricultural investors will have the chance to learn how to export goods and expand their overseas market this fall at the 2013 International Agribusiness Conference and Expo.

Georgia Southern University and the University of Georgia will host the 2013 International Agribusiness Conference and Expo on Sept. 25-26 in Savannah.

The conference will educate participants on exporting and its benefits, according to a news release.

The deadline for early registration is July 30 and will be \$170. Registration is available online through GSU's Continuing Education website.

Georgia Farm Bureau will be the grand sponsor of this inaugural event, according to a news release.

GSU's Division of Continuing Education and UGA's Cooperative Extension will work together to help agricultural businesses learn how to efficiently export goods.

"We are teaming up with UGA to help local farmers and anyone else looking for more information gain a foothold in the agriculture industry," Samantha Monteagudo, marketing assistant for GSU's Continuing Education department, said.

The goal of the conference is to help locals tap into international markets, Monteagudo said.

"As the global economy continues to grow, Georgia producers are posed to take advantage of increasing demand for food and fiber products," Kent Wolfe, director of the Center

for Agribusiness and Economic Development with UGA Cooperative Extension, said in a news release.

In 2012, Georgia exported \$37.9 billion worth of goods. The state is the top exporter of U.S. poultry, pecans and wood pulp, and peanut exports are on the rise. About 39 percent of the shipments exported through the Port of Savannah are agricultural products, according to a news release.

"The forest products industry is a major economic engine for Georgia. It contributes nearly \$25 billion in economic activity within the state and is responsible for over \$13 billion in exports," Alexander Koukoulas, president and CEO of the GSU Herty Advanced Materials Development Center in Savannah, said in a news release.

"Herty not only supports the pulp and

paper industry, but it is in the forefront of the biomass-to-energy industry and has a 75-year history in developing new uses for bio-based materials," Koukoulas said in a news release. "Our natural resources in biomass are second-to-none and present a huge opportunity for value creation."

Attendees at the 2013 International Agribusiness Conference and Expo will attend educational forums and workshops, learning from experts in agricultural importing and exporting. They will also have a chance to meet with international trade representatives.

Through the Center for Sustainability, Continuing Education has invited consulates from Germany, Nigeria and Israel, Monteagudo said.

Registration for the conference will continue until the day of the conference.

Statue graces Statesboro

BY JENNIFER CURINGTON

The George Anne staff

The seventh Eagle Nation-inspired statue will take flight this tomorrow at a local middle school.

Janet Suarez, a Georgia Southern University master of fine arts candidate, and Kelsey Fallin, an eighth grade student at William James Middle School in Statesboro collaborated to design and paint "Statesboro Nation." The statue will be installed at Fallin's school tomorrow at 9 a.m.

"[Completing the statue has] been challenging, because I'm taking a 2D design onto a sculpture that's 3D," Fallin said in a news release. "Of course every artist has to make changes to his or her work of art. If it makes it look wrong or does not tie the piece together, then you simply change it to look its best."

"Statesboro Nation" is part of GSU's Eagle Nation on Parade campaign, which is the parent campaign of Eagle Nation in Education. The Eagle Nation in Education sponsorship program is for Bulloch county K-12 schools and costs \$5,000 to participate in. When schools become sponsors, a blank eagle statue is brought to their campus so



Courtesy of office of marketing and communications

The seventh Eagle will be William James Middle School.

students can learn about texture, proportion and perspective.

Fallin's design was chosen as the winner out of 464 submissions for last year's sponsorship program.

An eighth eagle has already been commissioned by the Bulloch County Historical Society.

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Student shows that being green can be fashionable

Fashion

BY LINDSEY MCCORMICK

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Within two weeks, Gabriela Garcia sat down and diligently worked to create a series of accessories just in time for the Fashion Menagerie Showcase.

Saving the environment one design at a time, Garcia, a junior fashion merchandising major, recycled used inner tubes and tires to refurbish them into elements of fashion.

"My mom had once seen a bracelet made of inner tubes and told me about it and wanted me to try to make something out of inner tubes. I went to the GSU bike shop

and asked them for some used inner tubes, which they had been saving," Garcia said.

She had first intended to solely create jewelry, but after her first pair of earrings, an undeniable resemblance of leather came to her attention. She proceeded to sew the tires to make leather-like handbags and more jewelry.

Coming from a green family, Garcia crafted her business around environmental sustainability. The environment has always been something that she has been passionate about due to her father's job at the Environmental Protection Agency.

Her creations from recycled tires are fairly new, and she says that they are her favorite project thus far.

"I suggested that she set up an Etsy site

to sell her products, and I think she has done this recently. I also referred her to the boutique Civvies in Savannah, and I know that they were interested in selling her pieces," Hope Wallace, fashion professor at GSU, said.

"I really could see her pieces being sold in a trendier section of a high-end boutique like Saks or Henri Bendel," Wallace said.

Garcia took Wallace's advice and started to sell her creations online at Etsy.com and has named her business "ReeTired." She plans on adding more creations to her page this summer.

In middle school Garcia discovered creating and designing was her calling.

"I asked Santa for a sewing machine and was so excited to find it under my tree. I

got to work making things right away. I would love to look through magazines and European tabloids to get inspiration for my style. I remember staying up late and mixing and matching pieces I owned and seeing the variety of looks I could create," Garcia said.

Through her project, she has created a fringe clutch, a small crossover bag, a headband, bracelets, a necklace and earrings. Garcia says that making jewelry is her favorite because sewing the durable rubber to make handbags can be very tedious.

Garcia said, "I don't know what I want to do yet. As long as it involves traveling internationally or making a positive impact in the world, I'll be happy."

CHORALE, from page 1

Southern's first time being in a competition," Furse said.

Southern Chorale will be joined by Fermata the Blue, a vocal jazz ensemble also conducted by Dr. Shannon Jefferys, Director of Choral Activities at GSU.

"The choir has been amazing. They've come together and grown so quickly and been very disciplined

and worked diligently. Now I feel we're going to be very competitive. I wouldn't be surprised if we placed, and of course I'm hoping that we win," Jefferys said.

After the competition, the Chorale will tour Italy and have the opportunity to perform during High Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City on June 8.

"For non-music people, I compare this to the BCS in college football. We're going to this competition to get on to the world ranking list, which is an international list that rates the best choirs in the world," Jefferys said.

The event is inspired by the work of famed romantic composer Anton Bruckner who worked extensively in Linz, Austria for the Catholic Church.

The competition has several different levels and categories for the international crowd to fill in, from amateur choirs to professional and state choirs.

"Dr. Carolyn Bryan, Director of Music International Studies has put together an amazing learning opportunity for the students," Jefferys said. "All week she's set up professors

to come and teach the students about everything from art to what to eat and what not to eat in Italy."

Jefferys said, "It's amazing how much our administration has supported this endeavor and sees the value for the students and for the university to have our music program recognized at an international level."

'Star Trek' sequel doesn't live up to predecessor

Movie Review



BY ALEX LASALLE

The George-Anne staff

In 2009 J.J. Abrams surprised everyone by crafting a "Star Trek" reboot that didn't suck. In fact, it was really good, though the sequel falls just short.

"Star Trek Into Darkness" continues the tale of Kirk, Spock and the gang on the USS Enterprise, this time chasing down former Starfleet agent John Harrison. Of course, Harrison is not who he seems. Shenanigans at zero gravity ensue. The plot mostly serves to bring us around to the action, which is fine since the action is remarkably entertaining.

There are fights in space ranging from giant ship-to-ship battles to classic punching and kicking. The action and special effects are top-notch and Abrams once again proves himself to be a talented director.

The acting is also solid, with Chris Pine's Kirk showing more depth and a worthy effort from the rest of the crew. As the case tends to be, Benedict Cumberbatch's villain

has charisma that the good guys lack. It's all very entertaining right up until the end.

Unfortunately, "Star Trek Into Darkness" is simply a good movie. There are smart ideas floating around, sure, but every time an interesting idea is brought up, it is eventually forgotten for the sake of blockbuster action.

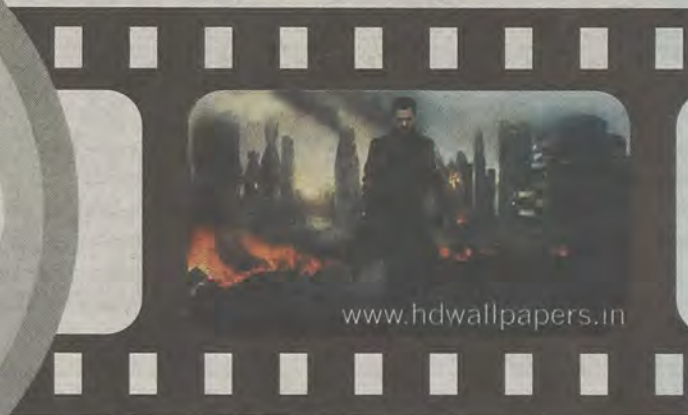
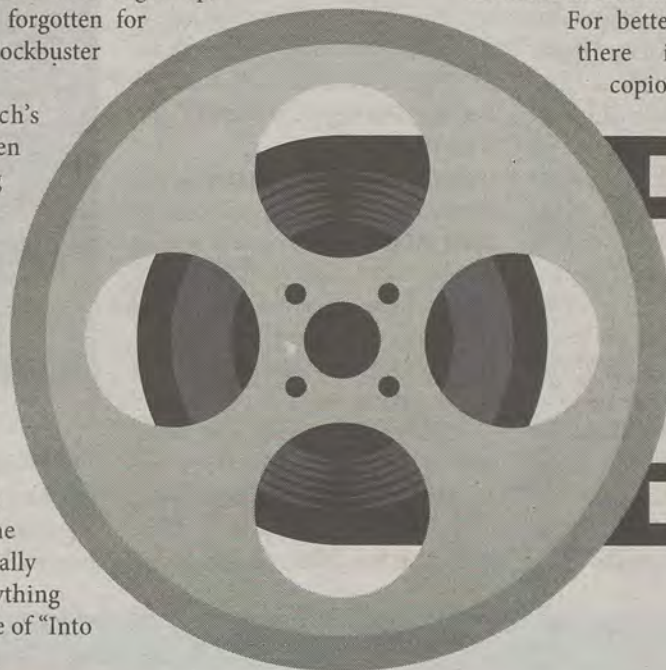
Cumberbatch's character is given an interesting backstory, but it is never really addressed. Spock's balance between his Vulcan and human sides is a constant theme, but the movie never really tries to do anything with it. The core of "Into

Darkness" – if you think it has one other than "oh look space explosions" – is the story of Kirk becoming a better captain who knows how to take responsibility for his crew. He eventually learns how, but it doesn't feel like he made all that large a jump.

For better or worse, there is also a copious amount

of fan-service thrown in as well, especially considering how much of the plot is pulled from Star Trek's past. Phasers are set to stun. Karl Urban's Bones McCoy reminds you that he is a doctor, dammit, not a missile technician. There are even tribbles.

Ultimately, "Star Trek Into Darkness" is a competent, entertaining movie. It might prosper, but I doubt it will live very long.



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Avoid summer weekends in Statesboro

Culture

BY ALEXANDRA MCCRAY

The George-Anne staff

Summer weekends in Statesboro get boring quickly, but luckily places for a weekend getaway are close by.

Being only an hour and a half away, Tybee Island is the closest beach to Statesboro. This makes it a popular getaway choice for Georgia Southern University students and Statesboro residents. And if lounging around the beach all day still doesn't sound exciting enough, Southern Adventures offers all-day kayaking trips to Tybee throughout the summer.

"We offer trips so students can have an outdoor experience over the summer, and it's a good stress relief from summer classes," Southern Adventures Program Director Jenn Velie said.

"All of our trips in the fall and spring have filled up quickly, and our summer ones fill up as well, and are pretty popular. We still have a few spots left," Velie said.

If Tybee feels too been there, done that, Hilton Head Island is also only an hour and a half away. There's plenty to do, from multiple beaches, zip-line tours, hiking trips and more than enough shops at Tanger Outlets to break the bank. Hilton Head has something for everyone. The island also hosts three different Fourth of July firework shows every year on three different beaches.

"Taking a day trip to the beach would be really cool on a day I don't have class. For Memorial Day weekend, I'm taking an extra-long drive and spend it in Myrtle Beach," sophomore education major Mary Parton said.

At two hours and 45 minutes away from Statesboro, Jacksonville, FL is

a further drive. But also has a wide variety of things to do.

For students that want to learn how beer is brewed, the Anheuser-Busch Brewery in Jacksonville offers tours where visitors get to see everything from the raw ingredients to those big steel vats all the way to the bottling line. As an added bonus, two free samples are given with every tour, if you're 21 of course.

Jacksonville also has a fishing pier great for fishermen and surfers alike, along with theatres, museums and the Amelia River Cruise – which starts at the Fernandina waterfront and cruises all the way up to Cumberland Island, Ga. – the largest wilderness barrier island in the county.

And last but not least, what better way to escape a college town than to head to another college town. Charleston, S.C. may be three hours away but has loads of live music,



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small boutiques and a vast amount of mom and pop restaurants. And there's always King Street where you can bar-hop and window-shop a mixture of

well-known shops and local boutiques.

And if none of these places sound the least bit appealing there's always the classic weekend trip to Savannah.

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Housing

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Housing

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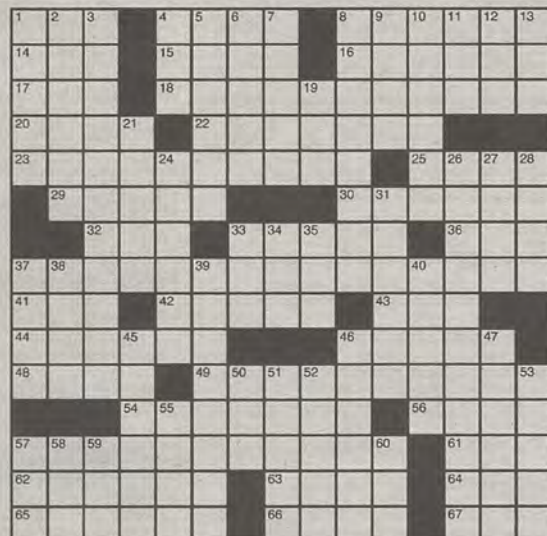
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

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- 4 [frog lands in pond]
- 8 Remote control battery
- 14 Baba of folklore
- 15 Bindle carrier
- 16 "Zip your lip!"
- 17 Dianist Anais
- 18 "Gotta hit the hay"
- 20 Future snakes, perhaps
- 22 Regards highly
- 23 Elementary school fundamentals
- 25 Cut from the same cloth
- 29 Lemon and lime
- 30 Swift means of attack?
- 32 Put into words
- 33 Poe's "ungainly fowl"
- 36 D.C. athlete
- 37 Mom's behavior warning
- 41 ___ of Good Feelings
- 42 Gives the heave-ho
- 43 Rap's ___ Wayne
- 44 With-the-grain woodworking technique
- 46 Theater sections
- 48 Canadian pump sign
- 49 Marks to brag about
- 54 "Why bother?"
- 56 Color property
- 57 Canned pasta brand
- 61 "Characters welcome" network
- 62 Receive, as a radio signal
- 63 South American country at 0 degrees lat.
- 64 Looney Tunes collectible
- 65 Structural threat for many a house
- 66 Gels
- 67 Towel lettering



By Jeffrey Wechsler

DOWN

- 1 "The Balcony" painter
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- 4 Chi preceider
- 5 Solitary sorts
- 6 Beyond zaftig
- 7 Baudelaire, par exemple
- 8 Evaluates
- 9 Quark's locale
- 10 Global networking pioneer
- 11 Girl in a pasture
- 12 Gossipy Smith
- 13 OCS grads, usually
- 19 "Rosenkavalier"
- 21 Bed or home ending
- 24 "Over here!"
- 26 Reader with a sensitive screen
- 27 Modern site of Mesopotamia
- 28 Keeps after taxes
- 31 Like Big Ben
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- 34 Framed work

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- 50 Little one
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Purvis perfects Eagles' pitching

BY RANDALL HAMPTON

The George-Anne staff

One woman has dominated the Southern Conference the past two seasons with a rise ball that baffles opponents and a swagger that comes from her ability to produce perfection.

Junior pitcher Sarah Purvis notched her second SoCon Pitcher of the Year award while powering Georgia Southern University to its second consecutive SoCon championship.

Along the way she accomplished something that no other softball player to ever set foot in the pitcher's circle for the Eagles has ever done: she pitched a perfect game, two to be exact.

To be perfect requires loads of physical talent, but it also requires mental toughness and the confidence to pitch the game even when things get tough.

"I'm definitely the confident one, I feel like when my pitches are on I can strike anyone out," Purvis said.

Striking anyone out is an understatement considering she fanned a school record 253 batters last season on her way to what she described as her most special SoCon Pitcher of the Year award.

"Definitely the first one, because I didn't have a great freshman year, and I wanted to come out and make sure that didn't happen again," Purvis said.

Purvis won 23 games last year, and with that kind of success it is very easy to exhale and become complacent. Knowing this she refused to rest on her laurels in the offseason.

"I wanted to be more consistent. My biggest pitch is my rise ball and when it works it's lights out, so I wanted to be more consistent with it," Purvis said.

Purvis did not win as many games this year with a record of 18-16, and that is why being recognized as the best pitcher in the conference for the second year in a row caught her off guard.

"It feels great. I was actually surprised because I didn't do as well as I did last year," Purvis said.

Her numbers dipped a little, but the new season brought new circumstances that made her repeat performance as well as the team's repeat more challenging.

Freshman catcher A.J. Hamilton came into a championship team with the daunting task of handling a veteran pitching staff, and she had the characteristic ups and downs that come with the step up in competition.

"It was an adjustment because my catcher last year was a senior," Purvis said. "I knew it was going to be an adjustment and be a little difficult since she's a freshman. It was a little shaky at first but she has worked really hard to improve."

With a big swagger, a bigger right arm and one more year left at GSU, it looks like Sarah Purvis is going to need one more thing: a bigger trophy case.



File Photo

Junior pitcher Sarah Purvis (00) led the Eagles with a record of 18-16 as a starter. Purvis recorded two perfect games this season and won the SoCon Pitcher of the Year award for the second-straight year.

GSU seeded No. 7 in SoCon Tournament



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Junior outfielder Arthur Owens (4) goes to bat for Georgia Southern University. Owens has 24 hits in 97 at-bats this season.

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Baseball (25-30)

BY WILL CHENEY

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University baseball team has another regular season in the books and is looking for a push in the Southern Conference Tournament.

GSU started the season off strong taking two of three from the University of Georgia and beating the University of Florida in extra-inning fashion. The Eagles then had seven consecutive home games against Indiana University, Georgia Institute of Technology and Xavier University. GSU went 3-4 during the home stand, bringing its record to 6-5.

After a loss to Kennesaw State University in the next game, GSU opened up conference play for the 2013 regular season. GSU won nine of its first 10 SoCon games with the only conference loss in that stretch coming from Samford University.

After losing two of three to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Appalachian State University, the Eagles would hit a bump in their promising 2013 season. GSU dropped its next eight games including series sweeps by The Citadel and Western Carolina University.

GSU then took two of three from Elon

University in Statesboro, but lost two of three to Furman University shortly after. The Eagles ended the regular season losing seven straight games while dropping 19 of their final 23 games, including series sweeps by Clemson University and the College of Charleston.

GSU finished the season with an overall record of 25-30 while going 13-17 in the SoCon.

Junior outfielder Robbie Dodds led the Eagles in 2013 with a .323 batting average. Senior first baseman T.D. Davis led GSU in homers with 12, and sophomore catcher Chase Griffin topped the mark in RBIs with 46.

Junior infielder Ben Morgan led GSU with 24 stolen bases. Davis, Griffin, and Morgan were the only Eagle position players to start all 55 games in 2013.

Senior starting pitcher Justin Hess would lead GSU with a 4.18 ERA, 84 innings pitched and 107 strikeouts, while also amassing four saves during the season. Sophomore starter Sam Howard led GSU with six wins.

GSU has entered the SoCon Tournament as the No. 7 seed. After facing CofC last night, likely opponents for GSU in the tournament include Elon and Furman.

GSU went 2-1 against Elon during the regular season, outscoring the Phoenix 28-17 in the three-game series. Against Furman, however, the Eagles went 1-2, while being outscored by the Paladins 27-21.



File Photo

The Georgia Southern University baseball team shakes hands after battling the University of North Florida. The Eagles won just four of their last 23 games.



File Photo

Members of the Georgia Southern University swimming and diving team coached by Nathan Kellogg line up on the spring boards.

GSU swim and dive rewriting records

Swimming & Diving

BY WILL CHENEY

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University swimming and diving head coach Nate Kellogg is entering his 10th year with the program during which he has rewritten the record books.

Since Kellogg was hired as the interim head coach in the fall of 2004, GSU has broken 54 records under his tutelage. And the team did not waste any time getting started when Kellogg took the helm, breaking seven records between 2004 and 2006.

"There was no focus to break records at all that year. I was just hanging on for dear life at that point," Kellogg said in a news release. "Some of the women on that team were very, very talented. They kind of adapted to me and ran with it."

The year 2007 was a big leap forward for the GSU swimming and diving program. That year Kellogg bolstered his team with a recruiting class that included Caroline Bevillard, Ali Campbell, Lindsey Goodman and Kristen Haudenchild. That same year brought a conference change, with GSU moving from the North East Conference to the Coastal Collegiate

Swimming Association.

"The 2007 class consisted of six swimmers of which four broke records. That was a really good class," Kellogg said in a news release. "They brought a different standard of competitiveness to the program, and I think we also really understood that it was a much faster and deeper conference than what we had been in."

Between 2007 and 2011, Kellogg's squad set 19 individual records and 10 relay records, six of which are still on the board at the RAC. GSU also went on to set at least nine school-best records in each of

the past two seasons.

In his nine-year tenure at GSU, Kellogg has unearthed other keys to success beyond a decorated recruiting class: creating a team dynamic and patience.

"We feel like putting them in more of a team dynamic really helps. Breaking the record is just kind of the result of focusing on the team, racing for the team and competing for the team," Kellogg said in a news release. "We're patient in their development but demanding in their work ethic. We don't expect people to come in their freshman year and completely set every single record."

STAT SHEET

.279:

opponents' batting averages vs. senior pitcher Justin Hess (baseball)

.340:

Shelby Morrill's batting average this season

1:

loss that the softball team suffered on its way to winning the SoCon Championship

7:

straight losses the baseball team suffered to end the regular season

12:

home runs Kourtney Thomas hit this season

72.14:

Scott Wolfes' average on the golf course

80:

corner kicks the women's soccer team had this season

Softball goes 3-1 taking SoCon Championship

Softball (33-30)

BY RANDALL HAMPTON

The George-Anne staff

One game is all the Georgia Southern University softball team dropped on its way to winning the Southern Conference Tournament for a second straight year.

GSU made history by going 3-1 in the tournament in Greensboro N.C. held the second weekend in May, which head coach Annie Smith had been preparing her team for all season.

The No. 3 seeded Eagles rode a complete game from junior pitcher Sarah Purvis to a 6-2 victory over the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga on day one. Purvis gave up one earned run with three strikeouts and a walk.

Junior designated player Shelby Morrill and freshman catcher AJ Hamilton hit home runs and finished with two RBIs. Sophomore second baseman Lexi Allen also helped out her pitcher with two RBIs in the game.

Day two against Western Carolina University saw Purvis toss her second complete game in as many days, but this time she blanked the opposition as GSU won 6-0.

Hamilton's bat was still steaming from the day before and that became clear when she hit her second homer of the tournament and recorded two RBIs for the second game in a row. Her teammate Morrill would not be outdone going 3-4 with an RBI.

The road to the SoCon title was not all peaches and cream because when No. 2 seeded College of Charleston met GSU, the Eagles fell 3-2.

Morrill did all she could with a two-run shot in the first inning, but that was all the offense the Eagles could muster.

CofC was able to get three runs off Purvis, none bigger than one CofC senior second baseman Ashton Jarrett drove in with a walk off single in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Eagles got some sweet revenge against CofC later that day with a 3-2 walk off victory of their own. Unfortunately for CofC, senior third baseman Andrea Tarashuk's walk off single in the bottom of the 11th inning came in the game that mattered.

Tarashuk's final season as an Eagle saw her step up in crunch time with the game on the line and deliver the kind of clutch hit her team had come to expect from the senior.

GSU had secured its place in the championship game but, the dramatics were far from over. Fourth seeded University of North Carolina at Greensboro was the only thing standing in the way of a second straight SoCon championship.

Junior shortstop Kourtney Thomas would dispatch UNCG in a scene reminiscent of a classic sports movie. She stepped to the plate with two outs in the bottom of the 11th inning and with one swing of the bat, Thomas shattered the dreams of UNCG.

Her home run to left field combined with 11 scoreless innings from Purvis left the Eagles victorious on their championship perch once again, defeating UNCG 1-0.



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Freshman catcher AJ Hamilton (11) takes the plate. Hamilton has 417 put outs and 32 assists with a .978 fielding percentage.