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Paulson Stadium gets ready for its close-up

BY RANDALL HAMPTON
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University's beloved Paulson Stadium is getting the extreme home makeover necessary for the Division-I stage beginning with yesterday's groundbreaking ceremony, and it has everyone buzzing about the possibilities.

"It's going to be a showcase. We are going to have teams from all over the country come here to this stadium to play us now that we're moving to the FBS. All of that is going to generate more economic development in this community, and that's what makes it great," President Brooks Keel said.

Head football coach Jeff Monken has been marching winning football teams onto the gridiron at the current Paulson Stadium for three years now, and he believes the stadium expansion will have a big impact.

"When you've got a stadium that we'll have in a year, and a facility like we will have, people will come on our campus. Not just sponsors, but fans, season ticket holders and former players. They'll know that we are a D-I program and that we are playing at the highest level," Monken said.

The new and improved Paulson Stadium is an investment that is going to generate money for GSU, but dollar signs are not the only bottom line.

"The thing we try to do with our football games is build memories - build memories for our current students so they will want to come back as post graduates and build memories with our community people so their kids will want to come to Georgia Southern," Athletic Director See STADIUM, Page 11

Jessica Stanfield/The George-Anne

Groundbreaking for the additions to Paulson Stadium began yesterday. Valued members of GSU gathered to participate in the groundbreaking, including President Brooks Keel, Athletic Director Tom Kleinlein and head football coach Jeff Monken.
Faculty and staff members of the biology department will be able to move into the new energy-efficient Biological Sciences building in July.

The new building, located on the corner of Forest Drive and Akins Boulevard, will be for biology majors in upper division courses, leaving the older biology building for CORE biology classes.

"Eventually there will be a change in the bus route for students to have access to this building, but the details are not clear," Dr. Stephen Vives, department chair and professor of biology, said. "The building will include, five classrooms, 10 teaching labs and 15 research labs."

All of the labs are state-of-the-art, meaning everything will work nicely, Donald Schneider, president of the Biology Organization of Graduate Students, said. Each lecture classroom will hold up to 72 people.

"The fact that there are different types of teaching rooms provides us with different teaching styles," Vives said. "The goal was to make the classrooms more hands-on for the students and less lecture."

All research will be done in the new building, Schneider said. "We will definitely have a large increase in research space," Vives said.

"I think it is good that students who are biology majors, get to go to just this building for classes," Kayla Strickland, sophomore education major, said. "I think they should have dining services in the new building."

The building will be constructed and furnished by the end of June.

Construction on the Biological Sciences building has been completed. Faculty and staff will be able to move in July 1. Left: Reptile and amphibian specimen will be stored and available for observation. Top right: Students enrolled in upper division biology courses will be able to conduct research in 15 different labs. Bottom right: The commons area of the building will house a TV that will stream live research from the upstairs labs, educational films and advertisements.
Police Beat

Thursday, May 30
1:44 pm: An incident was taken for found property at Public Safety.
4:51 pm: An incident report was taken for found property at the Henderson Library.
8:10 pm: An incident report was taken for a theft at the Henderson Library. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

Friday, May 30
10:34 am: An incident report was taken for found property at the benches next to the lake by Henderson Library.

Saturday, June 1
11:32 am: An incident report was taken for a theft at the Carroll Building bike rack. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.
5:30 pm: An incident report was taken for lost/misplaced property at the RAC.

Sunday, June 2
7:51 pm: Officers responded to a burglar alarm at the Housing Storage Building on South Main Street. The key holder responded. The building was checked with no problems found.
10:50 pm: Officers responded to a sick person at Freedom’s Landing. EMS was notified, responded and transported the sick person for additional medical treatment.

Monday, June 3
11:20 am: Officers responded to an injured person at the Nursing Chemistry Building. EMS responded but did not transport.
3:15 pm: Officers responded to an injured person at the RAC. EMS responded and transported the injured person.
6:09 pm: Officers responded to an alarm at the Foy Building (Pump Room). Maintenance responded. The building was checked with no problems found.
8:00 pm: An incident report was taken for a criminal trespass at University Park.
12:21 am: Officers responded to Freedom’s Landing Clubhouse/Pool area in reference to a criminal trespass by several unknown subjects. Abandoned property was located at the scene and seized. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

Tuesday, June 4
01:05 am: Officers responded to the RAC parking lot in reference to a vehicle in the retention pond. The owner was located and the vehicle towed.
6:56 am: Officers responded to Centennial Place in reference to a smoke detector activated and sounding an intermittent alarm. Maintenance responded. The apartment was checked with no problems found.

Military Affairs to celebrate Army

BY TANNIS KUFNER
The George Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University’s Military Affairs Department will celebrate the U.S. Army’s 238th birthday with a program at 12 p.m. on June 14, according to a news release.

Bill Cathcart, WTOC-TV vice president and general manager, will be the featured speaker, according to the news release.

Cathcart is an ambassador to the Army who interacts with commanders and the Secretary of the Army on issues affecting soldiers and their families in the Coastal Empire and Lowcountry.

GSU first started its Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Program in 1980. The Eagle Battalion ROTC Program has received the prestigious MacArthur Award, an award presented to the top ROTC program from each of the eight brigades, twice.

The program will be held in the Nesmith Lane Conference Center Ballroom and is open to the public.

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Our View

Coach search will be difficult

Georgia Southern University has seen the loss of several coaches throughout the year of 2013, and several of these coaches had impressive winning records.

Head coach Lindsey Vanderspiegel brought the women’s soccer team to its first Southern Conference title and its first NCAA appearance. Women’s volleyball head coach Chad Callihan left GSU with a 107-59 record and 19 SoCon postseason honors. In addition, men’s basketball head coach Charlton Young left GSU with a 43-84 overall record and a program that needs improvement in order to compete at the Division I level.

Replacing these coaches will be difficult; the coaches to replace Vanderspiegel and Callihan have large shoes to fill.

New head men’s basketball coach Mark Byington was hired to turn around a program that has suffered multiple losing seasons in the past four years, which is not an easy undertaking. However, Byington has added five transfers since his hiring to improve the roster, a necessary step to create a winning team.

GSU has a history of competitive athletic teams and, coinciding with the move to the Sun Belt Conference, the athletic program will need to progress in order to compete on the next level, and that begins with a coach’s leadership.

GSU needs to hire coaches that are committed and willing to put their time and effort into bringing home division titles. Even though these coaches left a great legacy at GSU, the new coaches will join the journey to establish new legacies and bring GSU the national recognition it deserves. GSU athletic director Tom Kleinlein has embarked on a national search to find the perfect fit for each open position.

The summer blockbuster is a tough nut to crack. Perhaps the summer blockbuster needs to encapsulate qualities that appeal to all audiences, but then the summer blockbuster would become a cliché, right? Perhaps it already has. Or maybe, the perfect summer blockbuster is something so elusive that only the rare director can capture.

The film “Jaws” is arguably the first summer blockbuster. Originally supposed to be a flop, however, when released in theaters in 1975, “Jaws” transformed into one of the most iconic American films. Audiences flocked to see it and the film made around 400 million in the box office. Thus, the summer blockbuster began.

This summer (and the last) could be called the Summer of Superheroes. “The Great Gatsby” and “Star Trek Into Darkness” don’t seem to be making the mark. It makes you wonder, how a film about a killer shark could make it to the great summer movies list. While there is not concrete answer to this, there are several factors that could be lessening the impact of summer blockbusters.

In comparison to other films, audiences did not see the shark in “Jaws” for about an hour into the movie, nowadays with the amount of commercials and endorsements given to movies half of the movie is given away to audiences before the movie is even released into theaters. I have seen so much of Superman that I am almost inclined to not see the movie because I almost know the whole film based on its commercials.

Film companies should lay off some of the endorsements and commercials, I don’t need or want a film’s entire plot to be laid out for me in a series of different commercials.

It seems to be quantity over quality, thousands of films are brought to theaters each year, and it seems hard to believe that these films are all carefully crafted and thought out before they are brought to theaters. This is another way for film companies to continue making money, but it also lessens the amount of quality films that are brought to theaters. Because of the vast amount of movies that are released one could ask whether the summer blockbuster will truly even exist again, and in order to bring it back film companies should be more choosy and less monetarily driven with what it allows to be brought to theaters.

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IRS wastes tax dollars

We already know that the Internal Revenue Service that we pay our hard earned money to every year has been targeting conservative groups for the past three years.

During the start of an investigation, more details surfaced on what these people have been doing with our money. It seems that from 2010 to 2012 the IRS has been holding conferences for employees to the tune of 49 million dollars. There were a number of these conferences that cost the U.S. taxpayers over three million dollars, one in particular that cost 4.1 million dollars alone.

One official stayed five nights in a presidential suite that would cost $3,500 per night. His subordinate stayed those five nights in a room that would cost $1,500 per night. One speaker was paid over $27,000 for two, one-hour speeches. Let's not forget the some of the more fun things that these people got to see on the retreat, a "Star Trek" parody video starring Mr. Pink himself, head of IRS division that hosted this conference, along with two other videos cost the IRS over $50,000 to produce.

Seems like a legitimate way to spend the taxpayers' money doesn't it? The IRS has said that they are under staffed, and that their budget is too small to carry out the tasks that they were put in place to do. One columnist even wrote that we should be prepared to further staff the organization and give them more of our money. Perhaps we should find out where all the money goes before we start throwing more of our own hard earned dollars to them.

There is no legitimate reason as to why the IRS was spending that kind of money for such frivolous things at that conference. The expenses just listed above for one five-day conference was enough money for eight employees to be put on a 40 thousand annual salary.

When the IRS can show that they are making responsible decisions with the money that they take from us then they might have a case as to why they should have a larger budget, or that they can be taken seriously for that matter. Until then all we can conclude is that we have government officials who are way out of touch with the citizens they are supposed to be working for.

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

Tiger Woods hasn’t been the same golfer since 2009

With one of his worst performances of his career, Tiger Woods finished the PGA Memorial Tournament with an eight-over par – tied for 65th place and 20 strokes behind the eventual winner, Matt Kuchar. Sure, this may just be a fluke, but whatever happened to the old Tiger Woods that won Masters after Masters and major after major with no signs of stopping?

To start, we have to go back to Thanksgiving in 2009, when news broke that Woods had been in a car accident in front of his house. This later turned out to be a fight between his ex-wife Elin Nordegren and him that led to reports that Woods had cheated on his wife multiple times and that Nordegren wanted a divorce. Since the divorce, people have started questioning the Woods’ character, which has taken a psychological toll on Tiger.

Other factors have led to Woods not being the same golfer that he was previously as well. His knee required multiple surgeries that required him to sit out all of 2009 due to injury. His ex-caddy, Steve Williams, wrote a tell-all book about Tiger, and painted Woods as an arrogant gym-rat who spent more time working on his glutes than his golf game. Williams went on to caddy for Adam Scott, who became the first Australian golfer to ever win the Masters’, while Woods finished four strokes behind and never seemed like a serious threat to win the tournament.

Tiger has shown flashes of being the great golfer he was before, but hasn’t dominated the same way he did pre-2009. After winning 14 major tournaments in his first 11 years as a pro, he hasn’t won a single major tournament in the last four years. This begs the question: Is Tiger ever going to be the same golfer that he was before?

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High summer enrollment does good all around

Southern Billiards and Burgers maintains steady business through the summer with a variety of summer exclusive deals and specials. Over the summer more locals attend the Statesboro bar.

Culture

BY ALEXANDRA MCCRAY
The George-Anne staff

It's hard enough for local businesses to stay afloat during a nationwide recession and with a major demographic of Georgia Southern University students leaving every summer you have a recipe for financial disaster.

Luckily for Statesboro proprietors, the steady increases in summer enrollment have been good for more than just GSU's numbers. According to some local business owners, the increase in enrollment has greatly impacted the Statesboro economy by keeping business rolling more consistently through the summer season.

"Summer's slow, but not as slow as you'd expect, and it seems to pick up more and more as more students begin to take summer classes" Southern Billiards and Burgers manager, Marcus Goines, said.

Southern Billiards runs daily specials along with happy hour throughout the summer and holds pool and poker tournaments, which have been successful in the past years, Goines said.

"We planned to base it on students, but we wanted to have something for everyone. Even though students make up 75 to 80 percent of our customers, we also pick up a lot of the older local crowd, which helps a lot," Goines said.

The university has campaigned heavily to get more students to sign up for classes in the summer. In 2010, GSU set its record for summer enrollment with 9,950 students, almost half of traditional fall enrollment.

"We made it through the first year, which a lot of businesses don't. It's been a little slow this year. January through April in retail are slow no matter what, but June to December is really busy for us," Brittany Brannen, owner of Silk and Purple Boutique in Statesboro, said.

Brannen was skeptical about opening her boutique in June of last year, since students make up 50 percent of her customer base. But because of the recent high summer enrollment, business has not taken the nosedive she expected and remained fairly constant.

"I was skeptical about starting in summer, but because of summer school and the fact that I'm the only retailer within 50 miles that carries TOMS, that's been the kickers to get people in recently," Brannen said.

"If you're here in Statesboro after you graduate like I was, there are only a few places you can shop that are age-appropriate for when you still want to look cute. That's why when I started, I wanted to have something for everyone," Brannen said.

With summer classes only becoming more popular for GSU students looking to get ahead or play credit-catch-up, local businesses can expect business to remain stable or even begin to thrive through the south Georgia heat.
'Now You See Me' lacks movie magic

Movie Review
BY ALEX LASALLE
The George-Anne staff

"Now You See Me" is like a mediocre magic trick. It just barely keeps your interest until a final reveal that might be surprising in the moment, but grows less satisfying the more you think about it.

"Now You See Me" pits an elite FBI squad against "The Four Horsemen," a team of the world's greatest illusionists. They also rob banks.

On paper, this looks like it should be an excellent movie. It boasts an impressive, star-studded cast. It has a combination of two genres, heist films and magician films, which can be brilliant when done correctly.

Then it reaches an end that falls backward onto the preceding two hours. I won't spoil it, but it leaves the audience with more questions than answers, and it makes much of the action so far seem meaningless and shallow.

A good twist ending, which is rather important for a magician/ heist film, is supposed to add to the film. It could leave us with a sense of "Oh, how did I miss that?" or at least a satisfying "So that's how they did it!" This film does neither.

Aside from the ending, "Now You See Me" isn't that terrible. The cast members all play their parts as cool as they can, with Mark Ruffalo's FBI agent getting the most attention. Morgan Freeman acts like Morgan Freeman. The same can be said for Michael Caine. However cool they may be, there's never any real chemistry.

The "Four Horsemen" team of magicians consists of Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson, Isla Fisher and Dave Franco. The magic acts look cool on the surface, but never inspire that "How did they do that?" sense of wonder.

In "Ocean's Eleven"—which had a decent ending—George Clooney and Brad Pitt are cooler, smarter, quicker and easy to root for. "Now You See Me" has a cast that feels like they're playing separate characters that have been thrown together from different movies. There's nobody to root for, either. It's hard to care if the thieves win or lose.

A critical element of a magic trick is misdirection, much like how "Now You See Me" uses a star-studded cast and unique premise to misdirect the audience away from a weak film.

Georgia Southern gets high mark in fashion

Fashion
BY LINDSEY MCCORMICK
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University is known for being a research and doctoral university, but creative minds are making headway as GSU was recognized as a top fashion merchandising school in the nation.

In a review by fashion-schools.org, GSU was selected as one of the top-15 fashion merchandising schools in the nation, finishing at number nine on the website's list.

"I'm glad that we are being recognized for all the hard work that we do. I'm especially happy that this is letting the rest of the school know that we aren't just button sewers," Alexa Cooper, senior fashion merchandising and apparel design major, said.

GSU has numerous fashion organizations and programs on campus that students are involved in. These organizations include Fashion Merchandiser, D.I.M.E.S., FM Magazine, Fashion Eagles at Work and others. Many eagle fashion students push themselves to get hands on experience and become immersed in the fashion industry.

"We are more than just designers and buyers, and I'm very glad we are getting publicity, but there are limitless creative fields in the fashion industry," Kenny Owoloye, fashion merchandising and art design major, said. "We have a lot of talent and we use it in a creative way to give us an edge in this 'not-so-glamarous-all-the-time' industry."

At this year's Charleston Fashion Week, GSU's very own professor, Hope Wallace, took home People's Choice Award for her designs. In 2006, GSU alum, Michael Knight was featured on Project Runway. Knight finished fourth in the competition and now has his own line of clothing.

"I am so glad that we are finally being recognized as a top fashion school. We are one of the few universities, non-private institutions, that still offer a degree in fashion, and even fewer that offer a degree in fashion design. Our students are very talented and we have quite a few alumni success stories," Hope Wallace, fashion professor at GSU, said.

"I think the ranking says a lot about what we are doing, and more people are learning about our academic reputation," Dr. Barry Joyner, dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences, said.

The fashion merchandising and apparel design program is aimed towards helping fashion majors create and produce products that will get them recognized in the material world. These students design and assemble their own pieces, as well as learn about the history of fashion, fabric research, and fabric development.

Joyner said, "It is good to see the program getting this recognition, and a lot of the credit goes to our faculty. Our students appreciate how their professors are dedicated to help them by staying late, answering questions and coming in on weekends to open the design lab."
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Eagles set to fly south in November

**Men's Basketball**

**BY WILL CHENEY**
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University men's basketball team was selected to participate in the 2013 Men's Cancun Challenge in November.

The team will travel to play at the Aventura Palace Resort near Playa Del Carmen, Mexico.

Some of the most renowned teams compete in the Cancun Challenge, which is regarded as one of the most unique preseason men's basketball tournaments. Previous challenge winners include Vanderbilt University in 2008, Kentucky University in 2009 and Wichita State University in 2012.

The tournament field of eight teams will be separated into two divisions of four teams. GSU will be placed in the Mayan Division, which also includes Bowling Green State University, Oral Roberts University and Presbyterian College. The Riviera Division includes Old Dominion University, St. Louis University, West Virginia University and University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"We are very excited to participate in the Cancun Challenge," head coach Mark Byington said in a news release. "We are fortunate to be in a basketball tournament with such great teams, and it will help to prepare us for the SoCon (Southern Conference) schedule. One thing I wanted to do with our program is take it to other parts of the world, and we have done just that with our trip to Cancun."

The tournament's first eight games will be played in the U.S. from Nov. 21 - 23. In these eight games, the four teams in the Riviera Division will host the four teams in the Mayan Division. GSU is will visit ODU and WVU to open up the tournament.

From Nov. 26 - 27, all eight teams will travel to Cancun, Mexico, for two games in their respective divisions.

All four games of the Riviera Division will be nationally televised on the CBS Sports Network. The Mayan Division games will be webcast on CBSsports.com.

"We're excited about this year's field, which will be one of the most competitive since the tournament's inception in 2008," Cancun Challenge Director Brent Amick said in a news release. "This is a special event for teams and fans and is played in an incredible ocean-front setting in Mexico. Fans making the trip down to cheer on their school will be able to watch great competition while enjoy the warm climate and beautiful beaches of the Riviera Maya."

Lunsford takes on-field position at GSU

**Football**

**BY WILL CHENEY**
The George-Anne staff

Auburn University football operations director of scouting Chad Lunsford has accepted a coaching position at Georgia Southern University.

Lunsford, who has been at Auburn since the 2009 season, will come to GSU to become the wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator.

With GSU beginning to add a little diversity to the offense, incorporating more receivers by adding in some plays in the spread offense to combine with the Eagles' famous triple option, Lunsford will be able to contribute immediately.

Lunsford will be inheriting a receiving corps that could only produce nine touchdown grabs in 2012.

Returning to the Eagles is rising junior receiver Zach Walker, whose 343 receiving yards and three touchdown catches led the mark for GSU in the 2012 season. Rising junior Kentrellis Showers is also returning after leading GSU with just 10 receptions for the 2012 season.

This will be Lunsford's second stint at GSU, as he was the running backs and slot back coach from 2003-2005. GSU was 26-19 during his first stint with the Eagles, boasting a 1,000-yard rusher in 2003 and two in 2005.

Lunsford also served two stints at Georgia Military College. From 1996 to 2001 he started as a student assistant tight ends coach before becoming running backs coach in 1997 and linebackers coach in 2000.

Lunsford returned to GMC from 2007-2008 as special teams coordinator and linebackers coach before moving on to Auburn's support staff in 2009. Lunsford was a factor in Auburn winning the 2010 BCS National Championship.

A native of Elberton, Ga., Lunsford is a Georgia College & State University Alumnus.
Not a hard-knock life for Annie

Georgia Southern University softball head coach Annie Smith has led GSU to consecutive Southern Conference titles, a feat no other softball coach has accomplished for the Eagles.

In her first two seasons at the helm, Smith has instilled a championship culture that her players have embodied on and off the field.

“My team goes out to win. They like to win. They always want to win and they always push themselves. You just have to take it one game at a time. Winning is hard,” Smith said.

Smith returned a program that had not won a SoCon championship since 2006 to prominence, but the challenge she and her team faced was a daunting one.

“None of these players had won, so it’s easier to be the underdog, but it is also hard to mentally be able to challenge Chattanooga, which was the team that had won the last five,” Smith said.

The pitching staff, which turned in clutch performance after clutch performance, was led by rising senior Sarah Purvis. She got a lot of the glory, but rising junior Brooke Red, rising senior Allie Miles and rising junior Marla Thompson all played an important role this season.

“I’ve got four pitchers, and really at different times throughout the year I had to have them all step up. Allie won a big game for us at Chat, Brooke won that second 11-inning game for us at the tournament, and Purv obviously started throwing great at the end of the year,” Smith said.

The pitching staff along with the rest of the team combined to create some memorable moments. This year was full of extra inning thrillers in the regular and post season.

Smith’s team finished the season with a record of 32-30 after losing 2-1 in nine competitive innings of play to the University of South Florida in the NCAA tournament.

Tom Kleinlein said.

The stadium expansion was not the only reason for yesterday’s groundbreaking ceremony. A 50,000 square foot, privately funded $10 million, Football Operations Center is being built to house everything from new locker rooms to a Hall of Fame containing the Eagles’ rich history.

“We have a history of success. Nobody else in the nation at this level can say they have six national championships – can’t come close. Now with the advent of the state-of-the-art facility, it is going to make this program more attractive to the highest caliber athlete we can get,” Keel said.

Poulson Stadium is getting a face lift, and the man leading the charge has high expectations for what the finished product will look like.

Keel said, “Every time I look at this stadium, in my own mind, I see what it is going to look like, and I think it’s going to be beyond our wildest expectations. This stadium is going to completely change the atmosphere and the environment.”
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