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## Festival to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> year



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The Firecracker Festival attracts nearly 20,000 attendees local to Bulloch County and other surrounding counties. This year the festival will host a trick BMX show as well as a number of local musicians.

BY ALEXANDRA MCCRAY

The George-Anne staff

Mill Creek Park will light up the sky with fireworks as Statesboro celebrates Independence Day with local music, tasty food and a multitude of other activities.

The Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Department will host the Firecracker Festival, which will be free for all attendees, on July 4 from 4 – 11 p.m. at Mill Creek Park.

The festival draws upwards of 20,000 attendees annually, making it one of the largest events in Statesboro.

A variety of activities will be available on two fields, including a sub eating contest sponsored by Subway for the first nine people who sign up to compete the day of the event. The winner will receive \$500, a daily pass to Splash in the Boro and a prize pack.

The festival also will host bands from around Statesboro to provide more entertainment.

"We have three different bands – we usually use local bands. First, we'll have a talented, local middle school girl performing, then Wally Brown and this year the last band will be Groove Eclectic," Kimberly Sharpe, Community Events Supervisor, said.

The bands that are selected to play often come to the department either by word of mouth or through students who send in demo tapes to be selected. Groove Eclectic was selected this year because of its local popularity and many performances in and around Statesboro, Sharpe said.

The FreeStyle Connection, a BMX stunt team that performs around the country and promotes bicyclic safety, the dangers of drugs and tobacco

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## Teaching programs bashed

Criticized report ranks  
GSU among GA's worst

BY LAUREN GORLA

The George-Anne staff

GSU's undergraduate elementary program was rated one star out of a possible four stars, and the graduate secondary program was rated one and a half stars, according to the Teacher Prep Review report.

The National Council of Teacher Quality (NCTQ) released the report rating over 1,000 colleges for their teacher preparation programs, including Georgia Southern University's college of education, based on paperwork alone.

Thomas Koballa, dean of the college of education at GSU, uses a restaurant critic analogy, comparing the results of the evaluation by NCTQ in which GSU's teacher preparation programs received low scores to a critic looking at a menu without tasting the food.

"They never came and looked at our programs," Koballa said. "The information was gathered through an open records request."

Many of these colleges' programs were harshly

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## Police Beat

### Wednesday, June 19

12:42 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at Watson Pods. Alarm was an accidental activation by workers in the building.

5:50 a.m.: Officers responded to a report of a sick person at Southern Pines. The sick person received additional medical assistance.

### Thursday, June 20

12:42 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident in Lot-42. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.

10:05 p.m.: Officers responded to a panic alarm at Freedom's Landing. Maintenance responded. The apartment was unoccupied. The apartment was checked with no problems found.

12:45 a.m.: Officers discovered an intoxicated subject in C-Lot. The subject was judicially referred.

2:06 a.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on Lanier Drive at Veterans Memorial Parkway. The driver of the vehicle, Devin Darnell Washington, 22, was arrested and charged with Headlights Required & Driving with a Suspended License.

### Friday, June 21

4:48 p.m.: An incident report was

taken for found property at the Edison Alumni House.

### Saturday, June 22

1:24 a.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on Lanier Drive. The driver of the vehicle, Terry G. Reeves, 25, was arrested and charged with DUI, no license on person and improper stopping.

2:12 a.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on South Main Street at Tillman Road. The driver of the vehicle, Haley K. Harper, 19, was arrested and charged with no taillights, false ID, possession of marijuana, DUI, & possession of drug related object.

### Sunday, June 23

1:38 a.m.: Officers discovered an intoxicated person on Chandler Road at Georgia Ave. The intoxicated person, D. Luke Jonas Ragauskas, 19, was arrested and charged with false ID & possession of alcohol under 21 years of age.

2:02 a.m.: Officers discovered two intoxicated persons having an argument on Lanier Drive at Kennedy Hall. An intoxicated person, Julian Buchanan Cowart, 19, was arrested and charged with possession of alcohol under 21 years of age and littering. Jeri Lyn Morris, 19, was arrested and charged with possession of alcohol under 21 years of age.

2:27 a.m.: Officers discovered an intoxicated person at Southern Pines. The intoxicated person, Shawn Koenraad McBride, 18, was arrested and charged with possession of alcohol under 21 years of age, false ID, public indecency, disorderly conduct & obstruction of an officer – misdemeanor.

3:05 a.m.: Officers discovered an intoxicated person on Forest Drive at Plant Drive. The intoxicated person, Robert McLendon Eberhardt, 18, was arrested and charged with possession of alcohol under 21 years of age & false ID.

### Monday, June 24

2:47 p.m.: Officers responded to a panic alarm at Freedom's Landing. Maintenance responded. The alarm was possibly and accidentally activated by cleaning personnel.

### Tuesday, June 25

11:58 a.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident – hit and run in the parking area in front of Deal Hall. A motor vehicle accident report was completed.

2:18 p.m.: A welfare check was conducted on a subcontractor that failed to show for work at COBA. The subcontractor was located and no problems were found.

6:02 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property in G-Lot.

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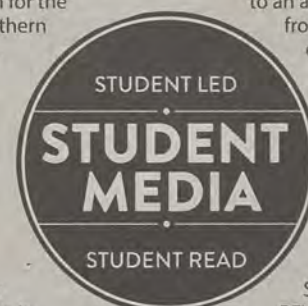
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# Keel to slice up summer

**BY ASHLEY CRAVEY**

The George-Anne staff

**AND GABY BENNETT**

The George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University's 66th annual Watermelon Cutting will be held today at 10 a.m., on the Pedestrium next to the Carruth Building.

University President Brooks Keel, Ph.D., and First Lady Tammie Schalue,

Ph.D., will serve slices of watermelon to students, faculty and staff on campus.

The tradition of the watermelon cuttings came about in 1948, when President Zach S. Henderson provided students, faculty and staff with a cool treat during the hot summer months.

Since then, the President is given the honor of slicing the first melon of the summer to serve the ice-cold melons to the students, faculty and staff of GSU.

Curtis Frink, who has sliced the locally grown watermelons for years, has stood next to every president since the tradition began and makes sure there is enough watermelon for everyone.

More than 200 watermelons are iced down a week before the cuttings.

The watermelon slices are served with forks, napkins and shakers of salt.

The tradition will continue on July 10, 17 and 24.



## Our View

### Summer is time to support local business

It might be summertime in Statesboro, but that does not mean that students do not have the chance to get involved and support local businesses. While there might be several businesses that are close to campus, there are also many enticing eateries and events in Statesboro. Downtown has seen the addition of several restaurants, and with the majority of the student body absent, now is the opportune time to check out the menu and taste the local restaurants.

Several restaurants and sports bars host local fundraisers, such as the Stirrup Some Fun that took place at GATA's Sports Bar and Grill on Saturday. It is important to give back to the organizations that support and donate to Georgia Southern University, and summer is the perfect time to enjoy a delicious meal and a cold drink to escape the heat and support the various causes supported by local businesses.

The Averitt Center for the Arts also has several programs and shows that take place over the summer, including "The Jungle Book" and "The King and I," which are performed over the summer. If you enjoy the arts, the Averitt Center is a great way to see the more creative side of Statesboro.

The Farmer's Market that takes place every Saturday provides locals and students alike with the opportunity to buy locally grown vegetables, fresh-baked bread and other homemade goodies. If saving money and eating healthy is important, then the Farmer's Market is a great way to get the most bang for your buck. Statesboro has more to offer than just GSU and The University Plaza, so take a trip into the heart of Statesboro and make the most of your summer.

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...but the feeling's about the same.

I can't believe I'm finally done with college!!



## The Fourth of July is day for reflection

The Fourth of July is a holiday that brings different emotions for different people, and in light of all the current events that have caused an increase of distrust in America and everything it stands for, it is important to remember your traditions and memories of the holiday that you hold near and dear.

Growing up in the southwest corner of Georgia in a little gem of a town called Bainbridge, the south was something that not only surrounded me, but also was a part of daily life. And when the Fourth of July came around, it was a time to live it up and celebrate with the best of the southern folks. The day began with the annual softball game, parents vs. youth, in which the youth always experienced a not so humble defeat.

After grilled hamburgers followed by a game of greased watermelon in the pool (yes, it exists), it was time to move the festivities elsewhere. The Flint River was the most popular venue

### LIVIN' IN THE SOUTH



ANNA WELLS

for Independence Day, which provided opportunities to hop on a boat, grab an inner tube and spend a day out on the local sand bar. It was a great experience that provided opportunities for all sorts of trouble to get into, but once the sun began to set, the state of mind began to change.

At the end of the night, the fireworks came, and with it, the reminder of what exactly the holiday was all about. While all of the Fourth of July traditions were important to me, it was who I spent the holiday with that made it all truly a special experience. When the music began to play behind the fireworks and I began to hear the town join in singing

"God Bless the U.S.A.," it was a moment that gave me chills, and it still does.

If it weren't for the sacrifices made in both the present and the past by the brave men and women who have shaped the history of this country, we would not even have the chance to have this wonderful holiday.

Independence Day is a day of tradition, a day to remember what our country stands for, to enjoy the company of those you love, and no matter how you celebrate it, take time to step back and remember just what this country gives you to be thankful for.

So kick back, watch The Patriot, crack open a beer, enjoy the fireworks, or do whatever you do for the Fourth of July. No matter your traditions, just remember that it is not what you do, but who you do it with, and that it is our wonderful country that is making the holiday possible.

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



# Human activities made Colorado wildfires unnatural

Last week I wrote about the Colorado wildfires. I was of the opinion that the homeowners of that area knew the risk they were taking by building there and that nature was just behaving as needed for the health of the ecosystem. Since then, new information has led me to new positions on the issue that I feel inclined to share. There are three things that take this issue beyond the scope of individual homeowner recklessness and nature at work.

First, state and local governments provide people with strong incentives to build in "red zones," areas highly likely to be impacted by a forest fire. People move in, a forest fire rages and federal funds pick up the firefighting tab. Once

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BRITTANY WALKER

again, our tax dollars are used to absolve a problem created through the absence of governmental common sense. The government should first stop encouraging trusting people to build in these dangerous areas. Then whoever chooses to do so anyway can fully accept the risk of their decision.

Secondly, modern logging and fire

suppression techniques have proved to stave off smaller blazes, but consequently make forests more vulnerable to enormous fires like the one Colorado is currently experiencing. This is neither the fault of the homeowner nor an occurrence coordinated by nature. It is up to policy officials and local governments to pursue better techniques to prevent fires like these.

Third, forest fires have been exacerbated by none other than climate change. Experts and officials are pointing to several factors for such a large fire that was worsened by climate change. The science is too long to explain here, but easy to look up. Stronger fires are linked to many factors, from too many pine beetles in warmer temperatures

to a hotter and drier season than normal. The result is a forest fire on steroids. Once again, this is neither the fault of homeowner irresponsibility nor is it a naturally behaving forest fire.

I thought these forest fires were an example of our unrealistic expectations of nature to always provide and never harm. It now seems the fire is an example for governmental shortsightedness, ill-conceived environmental practices and the increasing consequences of ignoring climate change. They are all things that we certainly don't need any more examples for.

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

## EIP, don't ruin your chances

Eagle Incentive Program (EIP) kids, congratulations, you have received a second chance opportunity to prove that you actually have what it takes to get into Georgia Southern University. It is your opportunity to prove everyone wrong, and you can handle college-level classes, so don't blow it.

Sure, you're in Statesboro, home of one of the biggest party schools in the state, but you only get one chance to stay here for the next four years. Going out to Rudy's every night and having that random upperclassman buy you drinks might seem like a good idea right now, but in the morning you are not going to be feeling so great when you have to go to your English 1101 class and write that paper.

Think about all of the people who didn't get into GSU at all. You wouldn't want to let them down. You obviously had something going for you. Someone somewhere has faith that you can make it in college, and now is your opportunity to prove them right. These classes need to be taken seriously.

Every other student at GSU already knows you're EIP so it will make your reputation even worse if you can't pass the simplest classes that GSU has to offer.

Like I said, everyone knows you're

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JACKIE GUTKNECHT

EIP so going out to the bars is going to be pretty unsuccessful. You look like you're an 18-year-old, so the bouncers are probably not going to let that fake 21-year-old ID slide.

And for the girls, the upperclassmen guys just see you as fresh meat; so going to the bars is just saying that you are okay with being taken advantage of, and that's not okay.

And for the guys, the upperclassmen girls are going to steer clear of you. I don't know a single girl who wants to go home with someone to find out that they live in a dorm, except for other freshmen, so you might as well give up on that dream.

To all the kids in EIP, don't blow it. You only have to deal with this for one month, so make it worth it and then come back in the fall and have a blast like every other freshman, trust me when I say it's worth it.

*Gutknecht is a senior journalism major from Conyers. She is the copy chief.*

## Don't sweat it EIP students, this semester is easier than it seems

EIP students – people think you're stupid because you couldn't get in with Georgia Southern University's admission standards, but I know that's not true. You just like to party.

I should probably be giving you advice on how to pass EIP, but I think you're smart enough to figure that out on your own. I was once an EIP student. I was young, crazy and skinny. People are going to tell you that this is your one chance to get into a university and make something out of yourself. Don't listen to them.

Like you, I wanted to meet new people and have a good time. So, that is exactly what I did. This is your one opportunity to go out as much as you want and still pass all of your classes because I promise it is not going to be that easy in the fall. And if you can't hang now what do you think you're going to do when you get accepted into real college?

You're going to have so much fun here, and for those prudes who want to stay in and study for ENGL 1101, you're living up to your stereotype. These classes are a breeze and you will never take another college course that is this easy.

Your professors are going to tell you that it's hard, but there is no reason for you to make a grade lower than a B as long as you just go to class. Yeah, it's that easy. After all, you were accepted to GSU, so they want you here just as much as you want to

## MARISSA EXPLAINS IT ALL



MARISSA MARTIN

be here. Just go to class. Go have fun. Go crazy, but yeah, make sure you also go to class.

Yeah, that line at Rude Rudy's y'all got going on, I'm not going to be apart of that. You should be though. You're going to be able to brag to all of your friends senior year about that time you went and you were like soooooo wasted, and just off of one drink. Just don't go home with that dirty senior you were bumping and grinding on for an hour, because trust me, in the long run it's just not worth it.

Yeah, I know what you professors are thinking. I'm a drunken college student giving terrible drunk-college-student advice, but live and let live, and in EIP you should be living it up while you still can. College only happens once, so you might as well live it up when you aren't taking classes that actually matter. So raise a glass and get crazy off of one drink. This is going to be your cheapest Plaza night in your entire life.

*Martin is a senior public relations major from Rock Spring. She is the former arts and entertainment editor and current marketing manager.*



## No ticket needed to paradise

### Grove, Copper Beech offer shuttle service exclusively to residents

BY MEGAN GEORGE

The George-Anne staff

Copper Beech Townhome Communities and The Grove at Statesboro now provide a

shuttle system to transport their residents to Georgia Southern University's campus and back.

The complexes have two 29-passenger shuttle buses that only Copper Beech and

Grove residents will be able to use for no extra fees or charges.

"We are paying for it and splitting the cost between the two properties," Emily Leverone, director of marketing for The Grove, said. "It is an extra benefit for living at The Grove or Copper Beech."

"We are going to get photo IDs to distinguish our residents from other people so only our residents can use the shuttles," Michelle Barrett, property manager at Copper Beech Townhome Communities, said. "Right now we are going to use our access cards until we get those IDs made for our residents."

The route starts at The Grove, continues to Copper Beech, stops at the BP station on Highway 301 across from Lot 43, then finishes at the Hot Spot across from Greek Row. There is a possibility of adding a stop at GATAs Sports Bar and Grill and Van Gogh's Brewery and Gourmet Pizza.

Only one shuttle is running right now for summer, but the shuttle system has plans to stay in effect.

"We have two shuttles, but we're not going to run two shuttles just because we do not have that many people," Barrett said.

"We plan to continue it on to the next school year and beyond," Leverone said. "It is definitely something we are going to implement and put in place and have running."

Copper Beech residents say the new shuttle system will give residents more options to how they travel to campus.

"I think it's nice," Kyle Davis, Copper Beech resident and senior history major, said. "It prevents people from having to buy parking passes to go to campus, it decreases the flow of traffic to campus and I think it's beneficial to the student body as a whole."

Parking and Transportation Services is not concerned with the shuttle system being a threat to business.

Commuter parking passes have sold faster this year than in previous years, Kristi Bryant, director of parking and transportation services, said. Lots 31, 32 and 41 are all sold out, and other lots are filling quickly.

"I'm really not worried about [the shuttles] hurting our business," Bryant said. "They only have two shuttles, and what they're going to have is people waiting 30, 40 minutes."

*Shelby Farmer contributed to this report.*



Andy Morales/The George-Anne

Copper Beech Townhomes and The Grove at Statesboro will continue to offer a shuttle service throughout the 2013-2014 school year.

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critiqued by the NCTQ, with 91 percent of the schools earning two or less stars out of the possible four stars.

"This is only one data point among many that a college of education needs to look at when assessing their programs," Koballa said.

The American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE), a national alliance of educator preparation programs, recently released a statement regarding the NCTQ findings saying that the report "raises many questions and fails to provide useful information to drive meaningful improvement."

"This review is misleading, unreliable and an effort to promote an ideological agenda rather than a genuine effort to inform the public and improve teacher preparation," according to the AACTE statement.

NCTQ also refuses to make the rubric available publicly or individually to schools, preventing schools from using the information to improve their programs, according to the AACTE statement.

The information used to compile the report is from the 2010-2011 academic year, a fact that is very important to consider when reviewing the results, Koballa said.

Since the 2010-2011 academic year, the COE has introduced an English to Speakers of Other Languages course required in all teacher prep programs, Koballa said. The college has also strengthened the reading programs in order to address working with English language learners.

This is the first year the NCTQ has released a nation-wide report rating Teacher Prep Programs. The evaluation looked at 2,420

teacher preparation programs offered in 1,130 institutions, according to the NCTQ report.

The NCTQ often faced hurdles when requesting documents necessary for the review.

"As it turned out, we faced a nationwide boycott of our effort. Ultimately, only 114 institutions chose to freely cooperate with the Teacher Prep Review," according to the NCTQ report. "Other institutions either sent terse declines or did not respond at all to our repeated entreaties."

COE students also have strong ties to the schools in the Bulloch County school system, often working with teachers and students hands-on during practicums.

"It behooves us to have Georgia Southern in our community and makes our school system stronger," Hayley Greene, public relations marketing specialist for Bulloch County

Schools, said.

The findings of the NCTQ report contrast greatly with other recent reports, like those completed by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and U.S. News.

The NCATE made a continuous improvement visit this past April in which it evaluated the Initial Teacher Preparation and Advanced Preparation programs.

Out of the six standards being reviewed, the Initial and Advanced programs both met all standards and also received commendations in three areas, according to the board of examiners report.

In a report completed by U.S. News for the best online education programs, GSU ranked 21<sup>st</sup> out of the 143 schools that received a ranking.



## Statesboro's first microbrewery opens

### Beer Review ★★★★★

BY JAMES FARMER

The George-Anne staff

Newly opened Van Gogh's Pizza and Brewery offers all kinds of beers but brews three of its own in its in-house brewery. These three beers are unique to Statesboro and all have a Georgia Southern University themed name. I traveled to Van Gogh's and bought a paddle, the sampler of the three microbrews. Ok, fine, my roommate bought the beer. He owed me gas money.

The "Statesboro Blue" beer is advertised as a Shock Top clone, but it might as well be that beer. There isn't too much distinguishing it from Shock Top, but that isn't such a bad thing. The main difference between the two beers is the aftertaste. The Blue has a spicier aftertaste, not spicy like Tabasco sauce, but like the spices in a pumpkin pie. It's a great beer for summer, especially on the porch by the lake at Van Gogh's. Taking a little more

of a risk with the wheat beer could be a future development, but the beer is a solid drink.

Holy hops Batman. "Whose Ale" is an IPA on steroids. Imagine your standard IPA, and now make it three times as hoppy. This is the Whose Ale, and it is divisive. My roommate claims it is the best beer in the 'Boro, while my friend couldn't finish the beer because of the bitterness. Personally, I like the beer, but the negative reaction to it by my friends caused me to bump it down a bit.

Their "Creekwater" brew is comparable to Guinness and actually outdoes the world famous drink from Ireland. The texture and coloring is similar to Guinness, but the impressive part comes at the end when the drink leaves you with a coffee aftertaste. Adding that aftertaste to a chocolatey dark beer is a match made in heaven. However, the real treat with the Creekwater is the option to "Float the Creek." Floating the Creek entails creating a beer float that has the taste of a Starbucks mocha Frappuccino



Courtesy of Van Gogh's Brewery

with the added kick of alcohol.

All in all, you can't go wrong with any of these beers in my book. However,

drink according to your preferences: if you aren't a fan of Shock Top, you'll dislike the Blue; if you dislike IPAs,

stay away from the Whose Ale; and if you don't like Guinness, order the Creekwater anyway.

## Van Gogh's, the gourmet pizza underdog



Courtesy of Van Gogh's Brewery

### Food Review ★★★★★

BY ALEXANDRA MCCRAY

The George-Anne staff

If you're ready to put down your Little Caesars and Hungry Howie's pizza for an upgrade, Van Gogh's is definitely the place for you.

Van Gogh's offers a fresh and well-seasoned selection of over eight gourmet pizzas, each unique to the restaurant. With thin crusts, freshly sliced ingredients and a more than decent amount of oil Van Gogh's pizzas are refreshingly flavorful, making even a traditional margarita style pizza something exciting for anyone's taste buds.

A margarita pizza can be simple that it turns out bland and

unoriginal, but Van Gogh's attention to detail make its margarita pizza an instant classic that hits the nail on the head in tastiness. The margarita pizza comes prepared with the perfect amount of cheese, a light and thin layer of sauce that steps back while it lets thickly sliced tomatoes, fresh basil leaves and a heavy dose of olive oil take center stage.

If pizza and beer don't sound like a good combination, the restaurant offers four pasta dishes and an array of Italian style appetizers, such as calamari, bruschetta and caprese.

Van Gogh's has one signature dish in nearly every category of food it serves. The restaurant finds a way to spice up bland salads, offering one salad filled with Van Gogh's signature artesian spring field green mix and

another topped with strawberries and pecans for a southern twist.

Van Gogh's signature greens are sprinkled all over the menu in just about everything, including specialty vegetarian calzones and Panini's. The greens can also be added to every pizza, along with other traditional topping options such as mushrooms, olives, pepperoni and pineapple.

If you've still got room, Van Gogh's brings its unique style to the dessert menu as well, serving an alcoholic root beer float, giving an innocent, classic treat a grown-up twist.

The restaurant's slogan of "where brew and food become art" might be a bit of an exaggeration, but Van Gogh's food definitely does live up to its gourmet expectations.



# 'World War Z' needs more brains

Film review ★★★★★

BY ALEX LASALLE

The George-Anne staff

Oh boy, another zombie movie. "World War Z" is, for better or worse, an attempt at a zombie movie on the scale of "Lord of the Rings." The usual visceral terror is replaced by a zombie horde – standard "infected" variety – where the only distinguishing characteristic is the sheer size of the horde.

In spite of a bland premise, it's an entertaining action flick that does nothing amazing and nothing terrible.

The plot is more of a race against the clock than a gritty survival story. Brad Pitt plays Gerry Lane, who once worked for the United Nations or something, on his search for the source of

infection in hopes of creating a cure. He is accompanied by a variety of soldiers and scientists while he frets over the safety of his white suburban family, all of whom are played by people that are not Brad Pitt.

There's nothing special about Pitt's performance, but he's the sort of actor that brings enough innate charisma to the screen to keep people watching. He's smart, confident and thoughtful. He worries about his wife and kids. He has excellent hair.

The zombies themselves are numerous and boring. They run after people, bite them and make more zombies. They're not very smart. Headshots only, please.

Through Pitt's entire nation-

hopping search for the source of the infection, there are plenty of shots of the epic zombie horde. They work more like a

flood of bodies than anything else, and the visual effects are effective at times.

"World War Z" is a serious, mostly humorless movie. The tone is closer to that of a natural disaster film than

a horror-thriller.

The strongest part of the film is the final third, which includes a tense and mostly satisfying climax. Until then, the film feels more like a journey that shuffles along with no real inertia.



Sarah Horne

## FESTIVAL, from page 1



and anti-bullying at their shows, will be performing two sets of 30 minute shows and will include tricks such as 360's, tail whips, back flips, superman's, flat lands and more, Jon Dowker FreeStyle Connection owner, said.

"We'll have some of the best riders in the south east, including Kyle Kelsey and Rob Christianson who was a student at GSU, and was into BMX in elementary school then fell out of it and met up with guys at Statesboro and got back into it and ended up going pro," said Dowker.

The Parks and Recreation Department wants college students to feel welcome and has worked this year to provide activities they hope will draw young adults, Sharpe said.

Agustina Biggio, a junior Fashion Design Major said, "Even though it'll take time for the festival to build a reputation for being an activity for college students, I think if they keep promoting the music and band side of it they'll build a really good base for years to come and more and more students will go."



## The Buzz List

■ Now former New England Patriots tight-end **Aaron Hernandez** was charged with first degree murder on Wednesday after he allegedly shot his friend and left his body in an industrial park a few miles from his home, you know, normal friend stuff. Also, I'm not sure if Aaron was anticipating a trade to the Bengals in the near future but he'll be wearing their colors soon enough.



William Price

■ In an interview with the "Today Show's" Matt Lauer, **Paula Deen** eloquently stated, "I is what I is" in response to whether or not she is a racist. Here's to hoping something so extraordinarily nonsensical puts an end to an equally foolish controversy over whether a cook that's fond of butter likes black people or not.

■ The shroud looming over **Kanye West and Kim Kardashian's** new baby has finally been lifted. The POWER couple revealed they've named their newly born girl North. Before North's name was made public it was rumored her name was Nori, I suppose being named after a cardinal direction is an improvement from a name that translates to "edible seaweed".

■ It was recently made public that rapper **Waka Flocka Flame** is producing former Nickelodeon star **Amanda Bynes'** upcoming rap album. According to Waka the album is going to be "crazy hot" and that Bynes is "gonna kill the game." Yes, you read that correctly. The girl famous for bringing in the dancing lobsters now slings rhymes with WFF.

Information compiled by arts & entertainment editor William Price from perezhilton.com and TMZ.com.

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1 bedroom open in 2-bedroom apt for sublease for month of July 2013. \$435/month + utilities. 50-inch flatscreen included. The Woodlands of Statesboro. Contact Randall at 404-643-8097 or at [rh01900@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:rh01900@georgiasouthern.edu).

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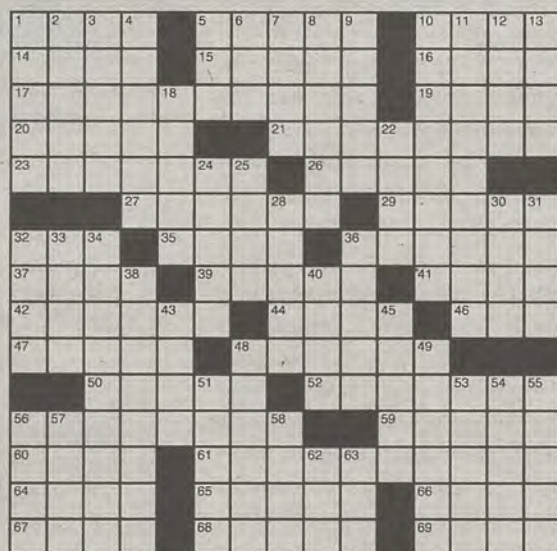
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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

### ACROSS

- 1 Funnylady Rudner
- 5 Pack the groceries again
- 10 Eyes, to Juanita
- 14 Oodles
- 15 Condescend
- 16 Ivory soap ad word
- 17 Wagon boss's directive
- 19 Suffix with opal
- 20 Annaz of "Here's Lucy"
- 21 "Bewitched" witch
- 23 PennySaver listing, usually
- 26 Pitches well?
- 27 Lacking direction
- 29 Home of Dolphins and Marlins
- 32 Bunch of bills
- 35 Potted herb spot
- 36 Deep valley
- 37 Winged deity
- 39 Replay type, briefly
- 41 Cabinet dept. concerned with power
- 42 Symbolize
- 44 Cup of joe
- 46 Singleton
- 47 Failed to act
- 48 One of the M's in MoMA
- 50 "The Hunger Games" actor Kravitz
- 52 Places in a pyramid
- 56 Scrambled alternative
- 59 Give a hoot
- 60 River isles
- 61 "See?" follower
- 64 Prego rival
- 65 Nixon staffer G. Gordon
- 66 Get ready, as for surgery
- 67 Food for hogs
- 68 Close call
- 69 Discontinues
- DOWN**
- 1 "Unmistakably Lou" Grammy winner
- 2 Intestinal section
- 3 Puccini classic



By Don Gagliardo and C.C. Burnikel

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- 6 Always, to Pope
- 7 Many eBay clicks
- 8 Filled with horror
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- 10 Talk show caller's opportunity
- 11 "War on Drugs" slogan
- 12 Theater sect.
- 13 "penny, pick it up ..."
- 18 Uses a blowtorch on
- 22 Soprano Gluck
- 24 Give up one's seat, say
- 25 Herb used in borscht
- 28 Nickname in Olympics sprinting
- 30 Big name in faucets
- 31 Memo starter
- 32 Marries
- 33 Field of study
- 34 "Hold on!"
- 36 Witches' assembly
- 38 Recovers from a night on the town
- 40 Whipped up
- 43 Actress Daly
- 45 Pretentiously highbrow
- 48 "River": 2003 drama directed by Clint Eastwood
- 49 Pessimist's phrase
- 51 Catches red-handed
- 53 Weep for
- 54 Cleared tables
- 55 Calls it quits
- 56 Rowboat pair
- 57 Perfume container
- 58 "Star Wars" philosophizer
- 62 Pres., for one
- 63 Hide the gray, maybe

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## Winning time to begin for men's basketball

### Men's Basketball

BY RANDALL HAMPTON

The George-Anne staff

New men's basketball head coach Mark Byington is bringing his personality and National Basketball Association style offense to put his stamp on Georgia Southern University and improve the Eagles in the win column.

Byington said he wants the team to represent his personality on and off the court. The new coach acknowledged that former head coach Charlton Young did some things well, but there are other things that Byington wants to change.

"I look forward to putting my personality on the program and getting things moving on and upward," Byington said.

Personality can help Byington make a lot of friends, but he knows a good system is the tool that will bring his team wins.

"I'm really big into spacing. A similar style that is kind of popular right now is how the San Antonio Spurs are playing," Byington said. "I'm very into spacing with ball screens. I'm into players making good decisions and being in the right spots."

Exactly a week ago, the Spurs lost a



File Photo

**Former Georgia Southern University men's basketball player, C.J. Reed (24) puts up a shot against WIU.**

competitive NBA Finals series 4-3 to the Miami Heat. If Byington can improve GSU to a NCAA Championship contender, it would be something for Eagles' fans to stand behind.



Mark Byington

Getting players, open shots will be a feat for Byington, but making the offense more fluid could definitely improve the team's field goal percentage of 41.9, including 34.1 from beyond the arc. Young's motion offense often resulted in forced field goal attempts late in the shot clock.

The coach implements the system, but the talent on the court has to execute, and Byington is looking for a specific type of basketball player to fit his style of play.

"I like guys who can read and react, smart basketball players who have a good feel for the game. I like my shooting guard, small forward, even my four man to all be able to pass the ball, shoot the ball and dribble the ball," Byington said.

Finding multidimensional basketball players that can read and react can be a challenge, but Byington has shown that he will search high and low to bring in the players he

feels will help win games for the Eagles.

"In my short time here we brought a player in from Mississippi and a player in from Puerto Rico, Byington said.

Despite the loss of rising sophomore guard Cleon Roberts, who is transferring to La Salle University, Byington has added five solid recruits for the upcoming 2013-2014 season.

New additions to the Eagles' roster include forwards Angel Matias and Kyle Doyle, guards Torlorf Thomas and Curtis Diamond and forward Trent Wiedeman. Due to NCAA rules, Wiedeman will be forced to sit out the 2013-2014 season but will play in his final year of eligibility, which is the 2014-2015 season.

Casting a broad net during the recruiting process can pay off, but Byington understands he has an abundance of talent right here in Georgia.

"We are fortunate that we live in one of the best high school basketball states in the country. We've got to have great connections with the AAU coaches in Georgia, the high school coaches in Georgia and let them be familiar with us and be accessible to them," Byington said.

The new coach has a game plan, and time will tell if his first full time head-coaching job at this level will be a success.

## Zieziula named to St. Francis Hall of Fame

### Tennis

BY WILL CHENEY

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University's men's tennis head coach Nick Zieziula was elected to the St. Francis High School Hall of Fame earlier this month.

Zieziula is a 2001 graduate of St. Francis, which is located in Athol Springs, N.Y., right outside of Buffalo.

While there Zieziula lettered in tennis, football and soccer. He helped lead the

tennis team to four straight All-Catholic championships and kicked the game-winning field goal to give St. Francis its first league football championship in three seasons. He also helped lead the soccer team to the Monsignor Martin championship in 1998.

In 2001, Zieziula was awarded the St. Francis Man of the Year award. Upon graduation, he went on to attend the University of Buffalo, where he is ranked second in career singles victories with 69, first in career doubles victories with 65 and first in combined victories with 134.

Zieziula has been the GSU men's tennis head coach since 2010 and led the program

to a major turnaround.

A 2012 season that saw a 3-20 overall record with a 1-9 record in the Southern Conference was put to

rest with his squad's performance in 2013.

GSU went 11-9 overall and 6-4 in the



Nick Zieziula

Southern Conference, marking the first winning season for the program since 2009. Key victories included a win over Furman University, the second in 10 seasons, and a win over Elon University, the first since 2005. GSU also topped The Citadel in the first round of the SoCon Tournament.

The season also saw sophomore Andrew Dromsky named first-team All-SoCon and freshman Rayane Djouad named SoCon Freshman of the Year after posting a 14-3 (9-1 SoCon) record. Djouad is the first rookie to receive the honor since 2003 and he is ready to begin his sophomore year.



# NCAA approves basketball rule changes

## Basketball

BY WILL CHENEY

The George-Anne staff

After facing plenty of criticism over the difference between a blocking foul versus a charge, the NCAA has finally amended the rules to distinguish the two, according to a report by NCAA.com

The NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel met on Monday via conference call to approve multiple rule changes for men's and women's basketball that will take effect beginning with the upcoming 2013-2014 season.

In men's basketball, there is a revision to the block/charge call. A defensive player is not permitted to move into the path of an offensive player once he has started his upward motion with the ball to attempt a pass or field goal. If the defender is not in legal guarding position by this time, it is a blocking foul.

Before the revision, a defender had to be in a legal guarding position when the offensive player left the floor.

According to the report, the men's basketball rules committee believes this will give officials more time to determine block/charge calls, allow for more offensive freedom, provide clarity for officials and enhance the balance between offense and defense.

The average amount of points scored in Division I games last season was 67.5, the lowest it has been since the 1981-82 season. Georgia Southern University men's basketball team averaged 62.2 points per game on 41.9 percent shooting.

In women's basketball, the 10-second rule in the backcourt will be implemented for the first time since the NCAA began administering women's championships in the 1981-82 season.

This rule was set in place to increase the tempo of the game and to create more scoring opportunities.

A change in tempo might do GSU some good. As a team, the Lady Eagles ranked No. 10 in the Southern Conference in scoring average with 53.3 points per contest.

A new monitor review rule has also been set in place for both men's and women's basketball.

The panel has approved monitor reviews for the last two minutes of regulation and overtime so officials can determine if a shot clock violation was committed and who caused the ball to go out of bounds on a deflection.



A Webber International University player attacks the basket with a Georgia Southern University player attempting to take a charge. The new rule was implemented to give referees a clear distinction of whether this is a blocking foul or a charge.

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# Cancun Challenge matchups announced

## Men's basketball

BY WILL CHENEY

The George-Anne staff

After previously announcing Georgia Southern University men's basketball acceptance of the invitation to compete in the Cancun Challenge, GSU now knows the teams it will match up with in the challenge.

The first block of games, held in the U.S., will feature GSU pitted against West Virginia University on Nov. 21 and Old Dominion University on Nov. 23.

WVU faced some challenges in the Big 12 Conference last season, compiling a 6-12 record while going 13-19 overall. WVU also went winless against top-25 teams.

ODU struggled in the Colonial Athletic Association, finishing at the bottom of the conference standings with a 3-15 record while going 5-25 overall.

Once the teams arrive in Cancun, GSU

will face Oral Roberts University on Nov. 26.

ORU came in 3rd in the Southland Conference standings at 13-5, but went sub .500 in out-of-conference matchups with a record of 7-10 to finish 20-15 overall.

GSU finished towards the bottom in the Southern Conference standings last season with a 7-11 record while going 14-19 overall.

Senior Eric Ferguson, GSU's leading scorer from last season, returns for the 2013-14 season after posting 13.9 points per game in the 2012-13 season.

The Cancun Challenge will be somewhat of a coming-out party for new head coach Mark Byington, and his promising recruiting class, which has added five players since Byington's hiring on April 1.

The games in Cancun will be webcast live on CBSsports.com for the Mayan Division that GSU is a part of, whereas games for the Riviera Division will be televised nationwide live in high-definition on the CBS Sports Network.

**Cancun Matchups**

U.S. Games	Mexico Games
<b>Nov. 21</b> Bowling Green at Wisconsin Oral Roberts at Saint Louis Presbyterian at Old Dominion Georgia Southern at West Virginia	<b>Nov. 26</b> Mayan Division Presbyterian vs. Bowling Green Oral Roberts vs. Georgia Southern
<b>Nov. 23</b> Oral Roberts at Wisconsin Bowling Green at Saint Louis Georgia Southern at Old Dominion Presbyterian at West Virginia	<b>Nov. 27</b> Games TBD

Brittni Favorite

## Tri-Eagle challenges students

BY WILLIAM TYSON

The George-Anne contributor

The first half of the Tri-Eagle Challenge concluded with the end of summer term A and students have already begun to try and complete the challenge for term B.

The challenge consists of three sections: cycle 100 miles, walk or run 26.2 miles and swim 5,000 yards. The Challenge may be completed at any time during a single summer term but must be performed in front of RAC staff members for the participant to receive credit. An average of 150 participants attempt the Challenge every summer.

At the end of the first summer term, 100 people had participated and 30 had completed all requirements. Those who completed the entire Challenge received a cinch bag with the CRI logo. The top 10 participants were awarded a reusable 12-ounce bottle.

With the conclusion of the first half of the Challenge, the second half is already seeing high participation. 15 participants had taken part before the end of the first day of term B.

Because of the rigorous tasks the Challenge can be tough to complete, the RAC staff is ready to help.

"The best thing to do is make a schedule and plan your workout," a RAC program assistant for fitness, Drew Powell said.

The staff does not want for the 30 percent completion percentage to scare anyone away from trying. According to the staff, the low completion percentage is part of the Challenge's appeal.

"It really does mean something to complete it," Powell said. "Completing the program gives people perspective on what they have completed."

Powell said, "85 percent of the people who sign up do some portion of the Challenge and that's much better than nothing."

"A lot of people barely miss completion. They will just be a few yards short or simply forget when the Challenge ends," Daniel Price, RAC staff member and junior computer science major, said.

Participants can gain a lot even if they do not complete the entire challenge.

"We hope that people discover something new to enjoy in their workout regimen," Powell said. "After you try it, you will see where your strengths are and be able to set new goals."

Those interested in participating may pick up sign-up sheets on the second floor of the RAC.

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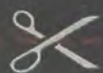


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