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Pending Response

Eric Church



No Response

Carrie Underwood



Imagine Dragons

Studio Conflicts



Macklemore & Ryan Lewis

Touring Conflicts

SPRING
CONCERT

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The top four choices from the 2014 Spring Concert student poll were Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, Eric Church, Imagine Dragons and Carrie Underwood. One remains as a possible option to come and perform. See page 7 for full story

Triple option to become extinct?

BY MACY HOLLOWAY

The George-Anne staff

After the departure of Georgia Southern University's former head football coach Jeff Monken, many have speculated whether the Eagles' famed triple option offensive plays will be leaving as well.

Following the departure of former head football coach, Paul Johnson (1997-2001), none of his successors implemented a triple option offense the way Johnson did so successfully. That was until Monken accepted the position in 2010, signaling its return.

While Monken has had much success running his triple option offense—as he leaves the Eagles with an overall record of 38-16 under his belt—some believe that in recent years it has grown a bit tired.

Now that GSU is done awaiting the appointment of their new head coach, the Eagle Nation is curious to know what they can expect from Head Coach Willie Fritz in the near future.

Although no one is expecting Fritz to completely change up the traditions of GSU football, he will undoubtedly put his own signature style on things. For example, running a spread option offense, which is something Fritz had success with while coaching at Sam Houston State University for the past four seasons.

"We're a triple-option type team. We do it a different way than what you have been doing here at Georgia Southern. We're more a pistol-and-gun set and we've rushed for a lot of yards," Fritz said. "We were the leading scoring offense in the FCS over the last three seasons, so we're going to put points on the board."



Willie Fritz

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Police Beat

Thursday, Jan. 2

12:27 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a criminal attempt – theft in Lot 21. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

11:52 p.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on Fair Road. The driver of the vehicle was issued a traffic citation, two traffic warnings and the vehicle was towed.

Friday, Jan. 3

4:30 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at University Villas. The apartment was checked with no problems found.

5:12 p.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on Fair Road. The driver of the vehicle, Johnny Lee Atkins, 49, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device and DUI.

8:38 p.m.: Officers assisted the Statesboro Police with an incident at Campus Crossings. Two subjects were judicially referred for drug violations.

11:40 p.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop at Fast & Easy Lanier Drive. The driver of the vehicle, Mendy Coleania Hines, 29, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Failure to Yield at a Crosswalk and DUI.

Sunday, Jan. 5

7:57 p.m.: An incident report was taken for damage to property at the Sports Complex/Softball Fields.

12:03 a.m.: Officers responded to the East Georgia Regional Medical Center ER in reference to an incident that occurred at an off-campus location. No action was taken.

Thursday, Jan. 9

12:51 a.m.: Officers discovered an intoxicated subject in J-Lot. The subject was judicially referred for an alcohol violation.

Friday, Jan. 10

11:05 a.m.: Criminal Investigation

initiated an investigation into a theft by deception at the University Book Store.

7:34 p.m.: Officers responded to the RAC in reference to a sick person. The officer was advised that the sick person did not require additional medical assistance.

8:15 p.m.: Officers responded to University Villas in reference to a sick person. EMS responded and transported the sick person.

10:48 p.m.: Officers discovered an intoxicated person in J-Lot. Jackson Andrew Graham, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Alcohol – Under 21 Years of Age.

11:58 p.m.: Officers discovered an intoxicated person in C-Lot. Conner Matthew Kirkland, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Alcohol – Under 21 Years of Age.

Saturday, Jan. 11

12:12 a.m.: Officers discovered an intoxicated subject in F-Lot. Jordan Sidney Howard, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Alcohol – Under 21 Years of Age.

12:23 a.m.: Officers discovered an intoxicated person in F-Lot. Trevor Jordan Howard, 20, St. Simons Island, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Alcohol – Under 21 Years of Age.

1:41 a.m.: An incident report was taken for found property in E-Lot.

8:14 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at Centennial Place.

10:35 a.m.: Officers responded to the Phi Mu House in reference to a burglar alarm. The alarm was accidentally activated by an occupant.

2:38 p.m.: A vehicle was discovered in C-Lot leaking fluid. The owner of the vehicle could not be located. Environmental Safety was notified.

4:15 p.m.: Officers made contact

with two subjects in C-Lot. Austin Cole Jacob, 19, Rincon, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana – misdemeanor. The second subject was judicially referred.

7:03 p.m.: Officers responded to a burglar alarm at the Housing Storage Unit on South Main Street. The building was checked with no problems found.

10:08 p.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on Chandler Road. The driver of the vehicle, Austin Alan Burke, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Too Fast for Conditions, Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device, False ID & DUI. A passenger in the vehicle was judicially referred.

Saturday, Jan. 12

1:09 a.m.: Officers discovered two intoxicated subjects on Georgia Ave. Both were judicially referred.

2:19 a.m.: Officers responded to a burglar alarm at the Zeta Tau House. The alarm was accidentally activated by a resident.

9:10 a.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the Hazmat Storage Building.

11:08 a.m.: Officers responded to a drug complaint at Freedoms Landing. Two subjects were judicially referred.

10:05 p.m.: Officers responded to Centennial Place in reference to a welfare check. One occupant, Lia Priscilla Zelaya, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Alcohol – Under 21 Years of Age.

10:11 p.m.: Officers responded to a drug complaint at Southern Pines. One occupant, Samantha Nicole Headrick, 17, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana – misdemeanor and Possession/Use of Drug Related Object.

11:40 a.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at Watson Pods. The room was checked with no problems found.

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Spring as a freshman

Finally, the spring semester is here. Formals, parties, sporting events, you name it the spring has it. For you freshman out there, here is some advice to help you make the most of your spring semester.

Go out. No seriously, make a point to do things with your friends. For some of you that might mean going to the Plaza, but if the bars aren't your scene then make sure to at least go to Savannah, or heck at least to the movies, with your friends. Some of y'all reading this might think I'm suggesting neglecting your studies, but I'm not. Now that you've got the hang of this college thing, find a balancing act between friends and school, because your college experience isn't only found in the classroom.

Go to sporting events. The basketball season is just heating up. You can sit at home and "play" a basketball game on your Xbox, or you can go to one, where you always have a chance at winning some free item or another. Baseball is coming too, and those games are great

LIFE IN THE SOUTH



ANNA WELLS

because not only is our team a good one, but the fans are entertaining as well.

It sure does rain a lot in Statesboro during the spring, but when it doesn't there's an awesome thing that happens called pool parties, and wow there have been some great ones. The pool is like a pregame for Spring Break. Despite all of this, do remember to go to class. The porch of Dingus is always inviting, but here's the semester to make up for your academic mistakes of the last one and still end up with HOPE. Have fun y'all!

Wells is a senior English major from Bainbridge. She is currently an assistant editor in the Magazines Division.

New year, new opportunities for Student Media

Welcome back to Statesboro, Eagle Nation. Judging from the crowd at Wal-Mart on Sunday evening, I trust mostly everyone made it back to town just in time to fight for school supplies.

I hope everyone enjoyed their breaks and had a good start to their new year, even though many of us are already breaking this year's round of resolutions.

Honestly, I'm quite tired of the "new year, new me" social media posts that have been popping up on an alarmingly regular basis, however, I do want to let the community know about some severe changes in Student Media this semester.

At the end of last January, Student Media's director left Georgia Southern for another opportunity. Associate Dean of Students Kerry Greenstein stepped right in to serve as

FROM THE EDITOR



SHELBY FARMER

an interim director, expecting to be around for five months or so.

He was with us for almost a full year as the Dean of Students office completed two searches for a new director of our department. The second search thankfully proved successful, and I am proud to say that we have a fantastic new director.

David Simpson has worked at various big-name news outlets like CNN and the

Associated Press. He also served as an advisor to the student media of Georgia Perimeter College for about three years.

He has some big ideas and has already encouraged my staff to think as big and bold as it possibly can in regards to what we plan to do this semester.

We are all extremely excited to work with David this semester and are expecting big things for the organization as a whole and would like you to join us.

We have several opportunities in Student Media for acquiring real job experience for anyone interested in reporting, ad sales and marketing, photography, video production, graphic design or web development. Anyone in any major is welcome to tryout and apply.

Tryouts for The George-Anne training program will begin next Tuesday and

continue through Thursday. There will be various times for those interested in reporting to try out.

If you don't want to join the organization, there are other ways you can take part. If you see something in The George-Anne you don't like or something you'd like to see more of, don't hesitate to let us know. We want to know what our audience likes and dislikes so we can better serve as a voice for the students.

Don't forget to check our website, thegeorgeanne.com, and our Facebook and Twitter accounts for more news and updates throughout the week.

Here's to a great semester, Eagles.

Farmer is a senior journalism major from Cordele. She is currently the Editor-in-Chief.

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

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Get involved this spring

As a senior it is hard to remember a time when I didn't know my way around the campus, or the best way to buy my textbooks. Renting is the way to go in case you were wondering. But if there is one thing I really wish I had known when I was a freshmen it would be to find a student organization I love and really get involved.

In my four years at Georgia Southern I have been a devoted member of two student organizations, the equestrian team and the organization that publishes this paper, Student Media, and the only thing I regret about the time that I have spent in these organizations is that I did not find one of them sooner.

I was lucky enough to know about the equestrian team before I came to Georgia Southern and joined as a freshman.

Horseback riding is normally not a team sport, so being able to share all of my triumphs and failures with my teammates was new to me, but having a built-in support system during my early years of school is something I will always be grateful for.

Through the team I was able to gain leadership experiences, a scholarship, and even an internship all while enjoying something that I love.

Unfortunately it took me till my junior year to find Student Media, but I am glad I finally took the leap and tried out to be a member of this organization. Not only did it give me hands-on experience but also gave me the opportunity to work with an amazing group of students each week to produce publications that we are proud of.

BEHIND THE SCENES



PEYTON CALLANAN

Next week students walking past the rotunda will be bombarded by tables upon tables of student organizations urging them to join at the Student Organization Fair, but I encourage you all to take your time and really look for an organization you would love to join.

If you are a freshmen or sophomore, look for a club that is dedicated to something you love to do. You could enjoy your favorite sport, hobby, or cause with people who love it as much as you do and probably make more than a few friends along the way.

If you are a junior or a senior, join an organization based around your career field of your choice if you haven't already. Organizations like the Public Relations Student Society of America or the Association of Information Technology Professionals allow you to learn more about your career and network with other people in your field.

Student organizations are not just there to help you make friends but also teach you valuable skills that you will use years after you have left this campus.

Callanan is a senior communication arts major from Chuluota, Fl. She is the current Opinions Editor.

A prob with GSUProbs

Since the dawn of alcohol man has had a tendency to overindulge from time to time. Drunken escapades and puking in alleyways is not a novelty in our world. In fact the first sloppy drunken years of college, in which falling asleep in public and dancing on tables happen, has been considered a rite of passage by many. Nights resulting in embarrassment and blackouts used to be followed by a morning of being made fun of by our friends, and rightly so. However, in recent months, it's become common for someone to wake up from a night of heavy drinking to find his or her picture on the Internet.

I don't know when laughing at someone who took a drunken fall turned into snapping a photo of it, but I view this as a problem. It's human nature to want to make fun of someone who is presumably acting foolish, but why is merely discussing it with your friends not enough anymore? Why is it necessary to make that event Internet-accessible to strangers?

What I find more concerning is that people don't just do this to strangers, but also to their friends. Someone can't pass out drunk on his friend's living room floor anymore without the risk of finding evidence of it on some website. GSUProblems is at the pinnacle of this problem at Georgia Southern.

What gives anyone the right to post an embarrassing photo of someone who is too drunk on an outlet where strangers, family

CLEARLY O'LEARY



MAUREEN O'LEARY

members, friends, ex's and future employers can see it? It may be funny to the person who is posting it, but no one knows the consequences that the subject of the post may suffer from it.

Why has owning a camera phone put people on a throne of judgment to condemn others as they please? After all, let he who has never been too drunk cast the first stone, or the first post.

The other week a friend sent me a Snapchat video of a girl he didn't know dancing on the stage at Retrievers. Here's a question. Do you like seeing girls dance on the stage at the bar? Then put your phone away! She's much more likely to keep doing it if she doesn't see 50 cameras leering at her. If you don't like seeing that girl on the stage, and for some reason her merrymaking incites some sort of spiteful need to make fun, do it the old-fashioned way and just talk about her with your friends behind her back

O'Leary is junior writing and linguistics major from Powder Springs. She is the current metro beat reporter.

How to be fabulous and fierce this semester

As many of us know, the end of last year was dominated by the supreme force that we have come to know as Beyoncé.

This year she has continued to shine and empower others. Sunday she released an article called "Gender Equality is a Myth!" that focused on how women still have not been "granted equal pay or equal respect."

It's been over a month since her sensational album dropped, and though many people have been very critical of aspects of it, I believe that there are more good things that we can take away from it than bad.

One notion is of a new age in female empowerment that she confronts her audience with. There are three big things that you can take from Beyoncé.

ERINN IT OUT



ERINN WILLIAMS

1. It's okay to reinvent yourself. As a woman you don't have to fit into the ill-formed box that society has made for you.

You can be confident or vulnerable, a wife or independent, a temptress or a mother, in love or jealous, "turned up" or reflecting, joyous or somber, a mixture of all these things.

Beyoncé does it herself, going from Beyoncé,

to Bey, to Yonce, to Queen B, to Mrs. Carter, and even Sasha Fierce. You can be multi-faceted and versatile too, and it's completely okay.

2. Forget the haters, the naysayers or anyone who stands in front of you and your greatness.

There will always be people trying to hold you back; don't let them. Don't do anything just because it will make someone else happy. That's a sure-fire way to have many regrets in life. Be confident in yourself. You are already a college student and a member of the True Blue family. Continue to dream big and be ambitious.

As Beyoncé said: "Women are more than 50 percent of the population and more than 50 percent of voters. We must demand that we all receive 100 percent of the opportunities."

Get that internship, scholarship, leadership

position, job or spot on the Dean's List and don't let anyone tell you that you can't. Remember you are a "grown woman, you can do whatever you want."

3. 2014 is the year for you to embrace yourself.

Whether you are cisgender or transgender, gay or straight or asexual, tall or short, curvaceous or a high fashion model, make-up fashionista or plain Jane, pale or have a little more melanin to your skin, you are fearfully and wonderfully made. You don't have to change yourself so other people accept you. It is more important at the end of the day that you are happy with yourself.

Williams is a sophomore writing and linguistics and French double major from Winston. She is a current Arts & Entertainment reporter.

GSU gives Fritz competitive salary

BY JACKIE GUTKNECHT

The George-Anne staff

The new Georgia Southern University head football coach Willie Fritz will make \$42,000 more per year than former head coach Jeff Monken, according to their Head Coach Agreement (HCA).

"[Fritz's] base salary will be three-hundred thousand dollars," Tom Kleinlein, athletic director, said.

Kleinlein said that GSU wanted to pay the new coach at a middle rate for

the Sun Belt Conference.

"To sit down and say we're going to start paying people at the upper level of the Sun Belt, we didn't think that was right. We didn't want to pay people at the lowest level of the Sun Belt money, so we came up with a competitive salary, which is still being worked out," Kleinlein said.

In contrast, Monken was receiving a salary of \$258,000 per year, according to his 2013-2014 HCA. His contract also included a salary guarantee from the GSU

Athletic Foundation, which guaranteed his salary for three years, had he been terminated from his position.

There are provisions in Fritz's contract that Kleinlein hopes will help create stability in the program.

"We put some provisions in the contract this time that if the head coach comes in and wins seven games and he keeps his APR (Academic Progress Rate) above nine-hundred forty, it automatically rolls over," Kleinlein said. "So if he comes in and

produces both wins and losses and academically like he's supposed to, we keep him on as our coach."

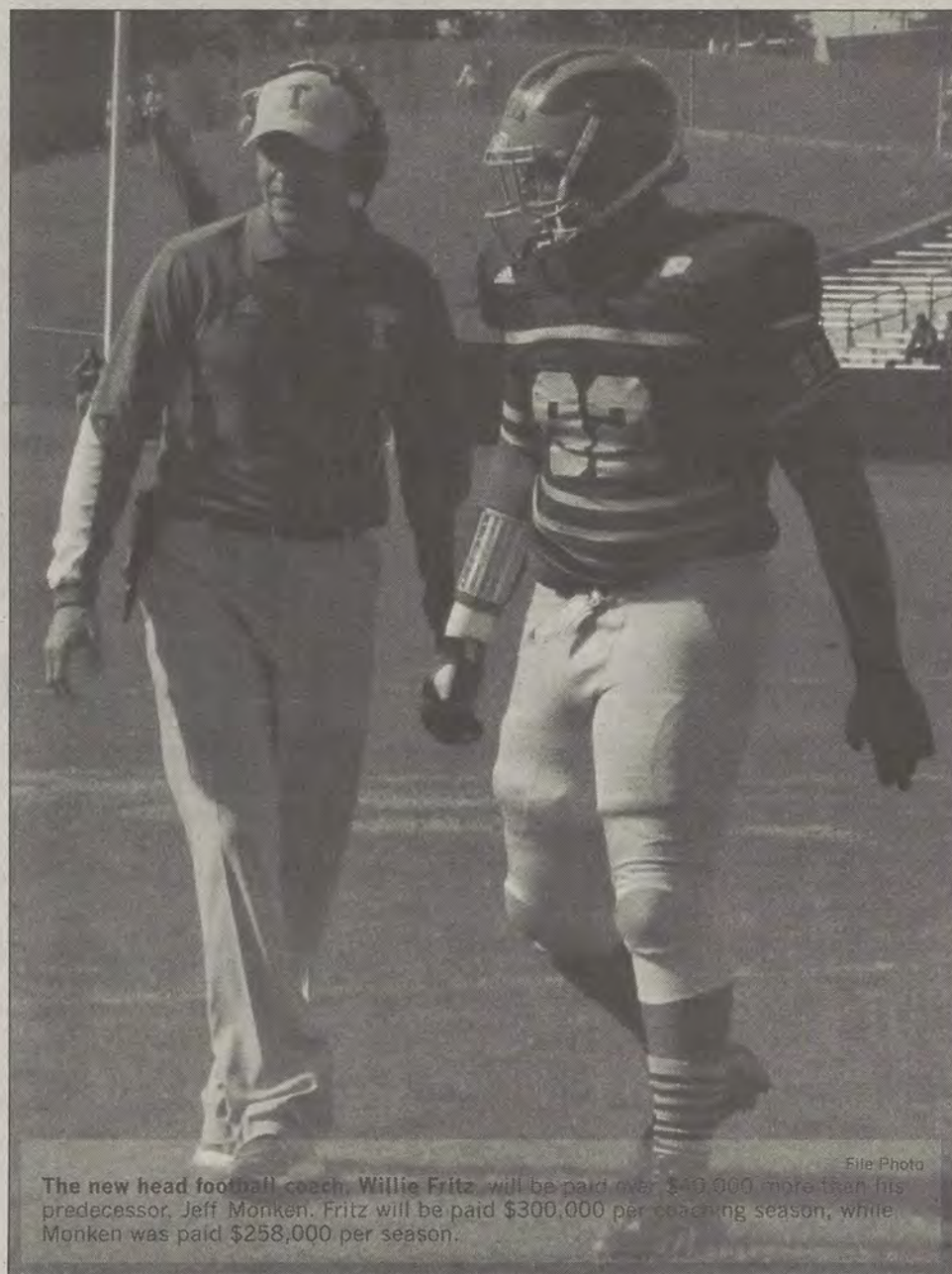
Many in the GSU community, including Brooks Keel, GSU president, were sad to see Monken leave but recognized the larger opportunities that Army held for him.

"We did everything we possibly could to keep him here. But from his position, when you look at what the opportunities were for him at Army, and it's not just a money issue; it wasn't about the money," Keel said.

"Obviously Army was able to provide him with many, many more resources than we can, and it was a life-changing opportunity for him and his family to make that move."

Keel said that Monken sees coaching at the Army academy as a chance for him to serve his country in a different way and the chance to do that was too important for Monken to pass up.

Will Cheney and Shelby Farmer contributed to this report.



The new head football coach, Willie Fritz, will be paid over \$40,000 more than his predecessor, Jeff Monken. Fritz will be paid \$300,000 per coaching season, while Monken was paid \$258,000 per season.

Head Coach Salary Comparison

Monken

Compensation: During the term of this Agreement, Coach shall be compensated by the University as follows:

Salary: \$258,000.00

Fritz

Compensation: During the term of this Agreement, Coach shall be compensated by the University as follows:

Salary (per annum): \$300,000.00

Heather Yeomans | The George-Anne



2014 Spring Concert updates revealed

BY LINDSAY GASKINS

The George-Anne contributor

Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, Eric Church, Imagine Dragons and Carrie Underwood were named the top four choices from the 2014 Spring Concert student poll, revealed by the Office of Student Activities.

At this point, an artist has not yet been confirmed for this year's concert.

"The top choice from the student poll was Macklemore. They had not decided on this year's touring schedule so it just didn't work out," Tina Powellson, Ph.D., executive director of student affairs in the office of Student Activities, said.

Eric Church was second on the list, and as of right now he has not responded to an existing offer made from Georgia Southern University to come and perform, Powellson said.

Imagine Dragons will be in the studio recording an album this spring, and Carrie Underwood never responded.

"There are so many factors that go into this. There's the price to bring someone here, the budget we have in place and the artist availability," Powellson said.

Just because an artist wins the majority of the votes from the poll, does not mean it is a done deal, Justin Jeffery, assistant director of Student Affairs, said.

"It's a balancing act," Jeffery said.

"It's also an educational series. These polls can be used for future decisions that we make."

The way the list is formed is initially through the University Programming Board, a group of students who serve as representatives for the student body.

"We act on behalf of the students," Chatise Smith, member of UPB, said. "The Office of Student Activities looks to us to give them insight into what the students want."

There have been complaints among students about the most recent student poll, Smith said.

"We have seen complaints coming from students because they feel like this year's poll was too country-based, but they need to understand a lot of factors go into choosing these artists," Smith said.

"We met during the summer and compiled a list of potential artists, it must have been close to thirty total, and we sent that list over to Student Activities," Smith said. "They then gave us back who is out of our price range or who is not touring during the time we need and then we cut the list from there."

The student vote has a huge impact on the way the UPB recruits talent to come to campus, Becca Pollack, UPB president, said.

"[The student vote] is the biggest thing, we really take that to heart. A lot of the time, the students feel like their voice isn't heard or it doesn't matter, but we base our list of artists completely off of what the students want," Pollack said.

"Sometimes, though, we just can't physically afford for certain artists to come. Usually the most popular choice among a lot of our

students is going to be the one in the higher price range and we just don't have that money," Pollack said.

Part of the budget is paid for through ticket sale revenue. The majority of this covers the cost of production, which can reach as high as \$75,000 alone, Powellson said.

Vice President of Student Affairs Theresa Thompson, Ph.D.,

uses a portion of the student fees her office receives specifically for the spring concert as an investment for the student body.

Powellson said, "That is an investment that she makes. She sees the value in the investment and I appreciate her for that. She knows this experience is valuable for not only students, but for the community as well."

STUDENT SELECTED ARTISTS

Macklemore & Ryan Lewis	Touring conflicts
Eric Church	Offer pending
Imagine Dragons	Studio conflicts
Carrie Underwood	No response
OTHER CHOICES	
Darius Rucker	
Flo Rida	
Jason Mraz	
Miranda Lambert	
Rascal Flatts	
Kelly Clarkson	
OneRepublic	

Kelly Slyfield | The George-Anne

GSU performers ask for accommodations

BY JACKIE GUTKNECHT

The George-Anne staff

When performers come to Georgia Southern University for a concert, speech or presentation there are many requests that GSU must abide by.

In 2010 Ludacris performed for GSU's fall concert at J.I. Clements Stadium and the university was asked to provide several

items for the performer, including dinner.

Dinner for Ludacris could either be \$40 per person, or chicken, pasta, steamed rice, mixed vegetables, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, salad, fruit trays and assorted flavors of chicken wings, according to the Business/Technical Production Rider included in Ludacris's contract with GSU.

Some of Ludacris's requests went unanswered, however, and he did not get

everything he asked for in his dressing room.

One box of Trojan Magnum Condoms, two bottles of Grey Goose Vodka, two bottles of Conjure Cognac, two bottles of Patron Silver Tequila, one bottle of red and white wine were all marked out of the contract.

Other university visitors did not request as much. Former First Lady Laura Bush's

speaker contract from the Washington Speakers Bureau required that GSU be responsible for hotel accommodations for up to four people, not exceeding \$1,000.

Soledad O'Brien, who also came to speak at GSU, did not request any other accommodations outside of those needed for her presentation, according to her Appearance Agreement written by the Signature Media Group Speakers Bureau.

New marketing VP settles in to GSU

BY CAITLYN OLIVER

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University has hired Jan Bond as the new Associate Vice President position in the Marketing and Communications Department.

"My responsibility is to elevate the brand and reputation of the university and meet the strategic goals of the university through the marketing and the branding," Bond said.

The strategic goals are generally the plans created by the president to be achieved over a period of roughly five years.

A large public school like Georgia Southern University has so many different audiences. It's much more interesting, as a marketing person, to work for a larger school, Bond said.

Bond has spent nearly 11 years in the higher education field. She spent eight years at



JAN BOND

Florida Atlantic University, which is a public university similar in size to GSU, and two and a half years at Ashland University, a private university in Ohio.

These positions permitted her to head the website redesign and rebranding of the universities.

Bond wanted to stay in public education because it is more democratic than private schools.

"We make decisions and leadership is conscious of a decision that the majority will agree with, but at a private institution the president can just say

'We're doing this' and it won't necessarily make sense to people. You get more input from people and students in public institutions," Bond said.

Bond's position on campus means that she will be managing the brand and marketing for GSU in order to promote the university and potentially garner wider recognition.

The hiring process included a long interview stage where the candidates

came on campus and interviewed with many different people from offices across campus. One day's interview process lasted eight or nine hours.

Bond said, "I came on campus for a full day of interviews with probably six to ten different groups. There was a student in one interview and I met with deans and did a presentation to the university community. I met with the president and came back for a half day, another four or five interviews."

"My responsibility is to elevate the brand and reputation of the university and meet the strategic goals of the university through the marketing and the branding,

-Jan Bond,"

Associate Vice President of
Marketing and Communications Department.

Online programs receive national recognition

BY LAUREN GORLA

The George-Anne staff

Four of Georgia Southern University's online programs have landed on the 2014 Best Online Programs list published by U.S. News and World Report, according to a news release from GSU.

This is the third year in a row GSU has been recognized by U.S. News for having quality online classes, according to the release.

"Once again, Georgia Southern University is proud to be recognized for its top ranked programs," Jean Bartels, Ph.D., Provost, said. "Faculty in all programs are recognized for their dedicated efforts to create and administer the best of online education to students both in-state and beyond."

The survey looks at areas including student engagement, student services and technology, faculty credentials and training, admissions selectivity and peer reputation, according to the release.

The rankings cover online bachelor's degrees and online master's degrees in engineering, nursing, education, computer information technology and business.

Only degree-granting programs offering courses that are exclusively online were considered for the rankings, according to U.S. News.

Deans from the recognized colleges are highly pleased with the rankings and attribute much of the success to the faculty and staff members.

"Our college is relentlessly pushing to create greater quality and value for our graduates, alumni and business partners," Allen Amason, Ph.D., dean of the College of Business Administration, said. "This is the underlying value added that rankings are meant to reflect. So, we are gratified to see our hard work appreciated and having the impact that we desire."

Thomas Koballa, Jr., Ph.D., dean of the College of Education, noted that GSU's online courses allow students from around the state the chance to receive a great online education.

Koballa said, "We have a committed faculty trained to teach distance learners, and students from across the region and state know they will be engaged in a rigorous graduate program that furthers their career as an educator in many professional settings."

Online Program Rankings

- #23 Best online graduate computer information technology programs
- #50 Best online graduate education programs
- #64 Best online graduate business programs
- #160 Best online bachelor's programs

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Pa. system delays decision on campus gun-control rules

BY BILL SCHACKNER

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

PITTSBURGH- One side called it naive to think that keeping guns away will make Pennsylvania's state-owned universities safer. The other side could hardly have disagreed more, asking how effectively professors can teach if they suspect someone in class is armed.

Thursday the Pennsylvania System of Higher Education announced an indefinite delay in setting a new weapons policy, causing both sides to find common ground in their belief that the drafted policy is flawed.

As recommended by a system task force, the policy would bar offensive weapons including firearms from buildings, sporting events and outdoor gatherings, plus all other "sensitive areas" across the 14 universities.

The system's board of governors was to vote Jan. 23.

Chancellor Frank T. Brogan said leaders "have a responsibility to look at the unfolding legalities surrounding this issue." The vote "will not be in January," spokesman Kenn Marshall

later confirmed. "No date (is) scheduled at this point."

State system officials have said they want a policy ready for the 2014-15 academic year.

State police data show system schools have 70 percent fewer serious crimes than the state average, and that weapon use, including firearms, "are among the lowest of all incidents reported," according to the system.

John Lee, president of the Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association, said that studies do not support the notion that creating additional "gun-free" zones improves safety. "Common sense, if such a thing exists in today's 'political correct' society, would also speak to the fallacy of 'gun free zones.'"

Those seeking a total campus ban called the policy unenforceable and so vague it could invite the very court challenges the system hoped to avoid by allowing guns in open spaces.

A number of state system universities previously had outright campus bans, even in open spaces, but modified the rules in 2011 after attorneys for the state system advised that total bans were not legally enforceable.

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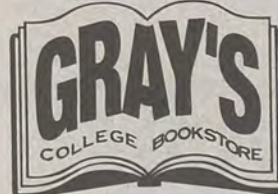
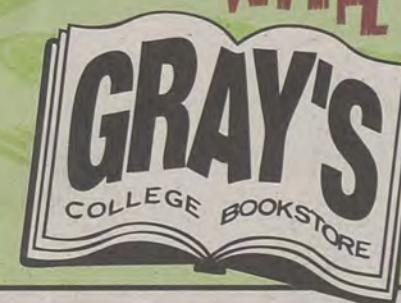
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Music, murder and mayhem

Statesboro's spring theatre season brings variety

BY MATT SOWELL

The George-Anne staff

Theatregoers are in for a big season this semester as local performing arts venues offer everything from Shakespearian classics to swearing puppets.

Statesboro offers three places for students to experience various types of theatre. Two of them are conveniently located on Georgia Southern University campus are the Performing Arts Center (PAC) and the Center for Art and Theatre (CAT). The other is located in historical downtown Statesboro, which is The Averitt Center for the Arts.

"Live theatre, as opposed to a movie theater or TV, forces you to pay attention. These performers are less than 100 feet away from you, pouring their heart and soul out onto the stage," Stacie McDaniel, the house manager at the PAC, said. "It's not passive, like watching a movie or TV. It's active, and it makes you think, which is what all great art should aim to do."



"Hamlet"

(April 2 - 9)

"Hamlet" is the classic tale written by William Shakespeare. This production, however, will take place in modern-day and use film and live theatre to tell this famous tragedy in a new way.



"An Evening with Groucho"

(Feb. 1)

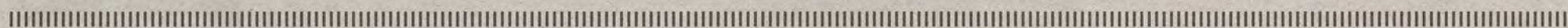
This show features a comedy-filled night in which playwright Frank Ferrante recreates his portrayal of comedian Groucho Marx. For those who do not know who Groucho is, he made the iconic glasses, big nose and mustache look famous.



"The Music Man"

(April 10-13)

This classic musical is about a sleazy man whose plan is to scam a town by pretending to train a boys' marching band. His plans are complicated when he finds himself falling in love with the town's librarian. The show features classic musical numbers like "Till There Was You."



"Flipside: the Patti Page Story"

(Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m.) @ PAC

"An Evening with Groucho"

(Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m.) @ PAC

"Heartbreaks and Hallelujahs"

(Feb. 13, 14, 15 at 7:30 p.m.) @ Averitt

"Fuddy Meers"

(February 26 - March 3) @ CAT

"Liza and Judy: Together Again"

(March 6 at 7:30 p.m.) @ PAC

"The Music Man"

(April 10-12 at 7:30 p.m. and April 13 at 2:00 p.m.) @ Averitt

"The Comedy of Errors"

(Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m.) @ Averitt

Moscow Festival Ballet presents "Cinderella"

(Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m.) @ PAC

"Hamlet"

(April 2 - 9.) @ CAT

"Hot on Broadway"

(Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m.) @ PAC

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Winter break movies of 2013 reviewed

Film Review

BY LAURIANNA CULL

The George-Anne staff

Wolf of Wall Street ★★★★★

If you have a problem with profanity, "The Wolf of Wall Street" is not the movie for you. It set a record for the most swear words used in a movie in Hollywood history with over 500 F-bombs.

Martin Scorsese's "The Wolf of Wall Street" is adapted from the memoir of stockbroker Jordan Belfort, played by Leonardo DiCaprio ("Inception"), who slimed his way into a fortune in the 1980s and '90s through various investment scams.

The film is three hours long and does indeed drag in a few places. This is partially due to the two hour parade of drugs, alcohol, parties, prostitutes and excessive spending. After a while, you just hit a mental overload.

Although the film did drag in a few places, DiCaprio, Jonah Hill ("Moneyball"), and Matthew McConaughey ("Mud") did a good job playing your stereotypical Wall Street businessmen. They are entirely shameless and find a way to keep the audience intrigued in their portrayal of these loathsome men.



The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug ★★★★★

Those who have not read the book, "The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien, would probably enjoy the film adaptation, "The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug." However for those who know the original story, the second film installment of the fantasy story might be disappointing.

To say that the screenplay writers took artistic freedom with the script would be an understatement. Not only were events and characters added to the movie that were not in the book, but the social roles and persona of characters who were in the book were changed.

This is referring to the character of Bard who in the book is a guardsmen and well respected in Laketown, whereas the movie portrays him as almost an outcast. And although many may enjoy seeing Orlando Bloom in all his blonde, elven glory, his character, Legolas, was nowhere in the original book. This is almost excusable because his character and Evangeline Lilly's character, Tauriel, add a romantic aspect to the series that was missing from the first movie.

And, although the film had great effects and action sequences, there was too much time wasted on trying to tie in the Lord of the Rings trilogy. All that time could have been better spent on staying true to Tolkien's original and monstrously successful story.



Saving Mr. Banks ★★★★★

"Saving Mr. Banks" is a beautiful movie for moviegoers of all ages. No matter your age, the magical world of Disney has moved us all in some way or another. And to be given a glimpse of what went into making a Disney classic with Tom Hanks playing the legendary Walt Disney is breathtaking.

The movie exceeded expectations by not only transporting its audience back to Disney parks in the 60's, but showed the audience the story behind the story. Instead of Disney Land, the film began at the real beginning of the story in the early 1900's in Australia.

The movie shows the life of P.L. Travers, author of "Mary Poppins," in bits and pieces inserted all throughout the movie. As Travers' childhood is revealed, the more the audience understands her and why she was such a thorn in the side of every Disney employee she encountered.

Because of how the story is told, your emotions will twist and turn with the characters from beginning to end. In the beginning of the movie, you want to physically assault the character of P.L. Travers for being so difficult. By the end of the movie, however, you root for her to succeed and cry for her when she hurts.

It is very difficult to play a fictional character. It is even more difficult to play a real person, and both Tom Hanks as Walt Disney and Emma Thompson as P.L. Travers give near-to-perfect performance.



American Hustle ★★★★★

Director David O. Russell assembled his very own all-star team of actors to form a nearly perfect cast for "American Hustle."

Drawing from his last two films "The Fighter" and "Silver Linings Playbook," he brought in Amy Adams, Christian Bale, Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence. Together the group draws you in with their 70's thrift shop attire.

"American Hustle" has a wonderful combination of quirky, slightly idiotic characters being tossed into intense and illegal scenarios. The film has comedy, heists, sex and Christian Bale with an increasingly ambitious comb over. It has definitely lived up to its multiple nominations at this year's Academy Awards.



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Fashion trends from 2013 prove they are staying

Fashion

BY ALEXANDRA MCCRAY

The George-Anne staff

While it may be a little early to start thinking about what the biggest fashion trend of 2014 will be, the runways and designers around the world already have.

Though it may seem like the fashion world is always tossing out the old to make way for the new, plenty of the hottest trends from 2013 will continue into 2014.

"I feel like patterns will carry over and also leather. A lot of people really got into leather this year and I think that will carry over to next year," Raven Taylor, D.I.M.E.S. vice president and junior business administration major said.

Leather, beanies and 90's punk were revived and updated this year and became much more main stream. A look that was once reserved for struggling musicians in New York, the modern rocker chic look, became a popular look for students right here at Georgia Southern University.

"On 'E!' they've been talking a lot about leather and the 90's grunge punk look and I see it on 'Glamour' magazine so celebrities

are wearing these styles too, it's not just our wonderful campus," Taylor said.

Another one of the biggest trends from 2013 is incorporating daring colors in all seasons. As spring and summer approach bold colors like red and orange, along with Pantone's newly announced color, Radiant Orchid, may be found everywhere.

"Last year's color was emerald and a lot of designers had foreseen that color on the runway. So I'm pretty sure the color Orchid will be put into the upcoming fall 2014 designs," Mohria Harris, Fashion Menagerie vice president and senior fashion merchandising major said.

For those who preferred a more clear-cut style, simple and sophisticated monochromatic looks ruled supreme in 2013.

"Black and white was a big one. It's my personal favorite. My favorite color is pink but I definitely have been wearing a lot of black and white, those are my favorite colors to wear because it's so simple and classic and it can go with anything," Taylor said.

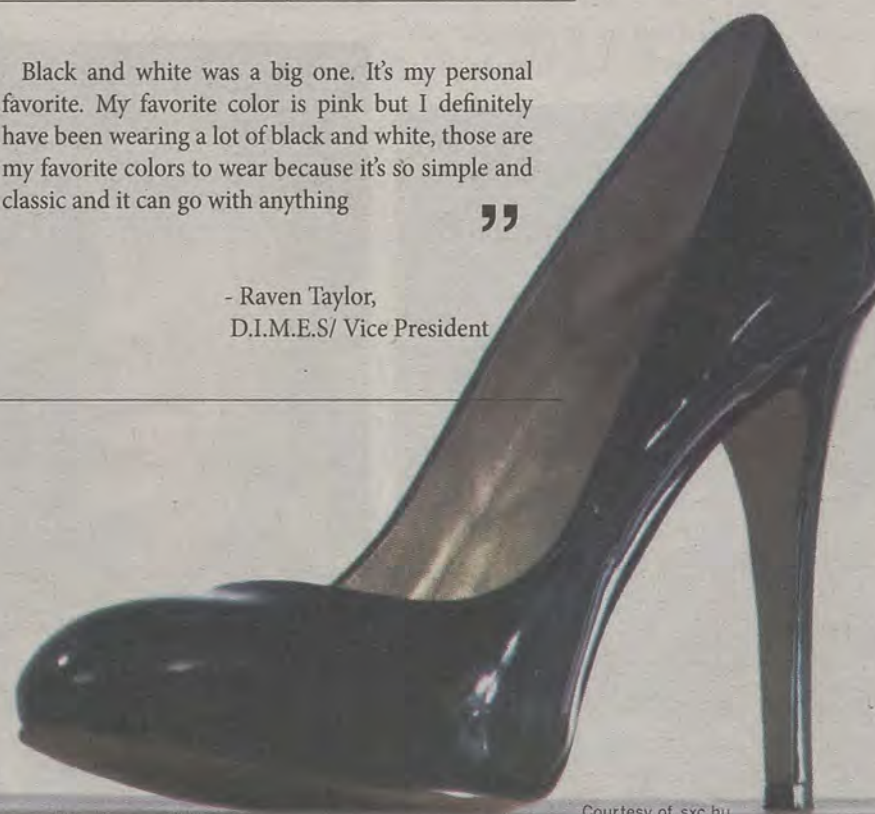
Modern punk, bright colors and patterns along with sleek and refined monochrome looks are just a few of the trends that have managed to stick around for the New Year.

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A new year for food in Statesboro

Food

BY MEAGAN GREENE

The George-Anne staff

While some students stick to health and fitness for their New Year's resolutions, Statesboro offers the resolution of trying new food.

Buffalo Wild Wings

Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar, less formally known as BWB Bar and Grill, is a franchise with locations all over the United States and Canada, popular for their Buffalo wings.

"Our main focus is beer, wings and sports," Ryan Allen, the front house manager at the Buffalo Wild Wings located off of North Side Drive, said. "Over the break a lot of locals came in, even when the college was out. I believe the president of Southern has visited as well," Allen said.

Things that really set this business apart from other sports bars in the area include amenities such as a juke box that is run by an app added to your phone making any song you'd like to hear readily available along with Buzztime Player

Portal that allows guests to play trivia against other customers live.

Along with the new technology and beer you can drink, the food is a big part of what makes BWB the place to be this year.

"My favorite food would have to be wings with Parmesan garlic sauce and buffalo chips with buffalo seasoning and jack cheddar cheese. They are on point," Allen said.

"I like their lemon pepper wings and their ranch is really good, better than most places I've been," Anna Denison, sophomore public relations major, said.

South City Tavern

South City Tavern is a bar that has a quaint, concession style food area, where you can walk right up to the window and order. Local entrepreneur Chris Springfield, who also owns the Capital Room in Athens, GA, owns this joint.

The South City menu doesn't differ much from the norm with classic appetizers such as spinach and artichoke dip and other traditional starters.



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Statesboro's newest sports bar, Buffalo Wild Wings, offers 30 beers on tap and a variety of food options.

As far as entrees at South City go, the new spot serves up burgers including options like "The Quickie," which is a simple burger served with cheese, ketchup and mustard, and the "Heart Attack Burger," which is topped with an onion ring and PBR sauce.

Along with burgers there is a selection of wings and wieners such as "The Dexter," which is a hot dog with sautéed onions and

sweet BBQ sauce.

Ryan Hughes, bartender at South City Tavern, said, "The food is awesome at South City, my favorite thing to order is the mac and cheese bites."

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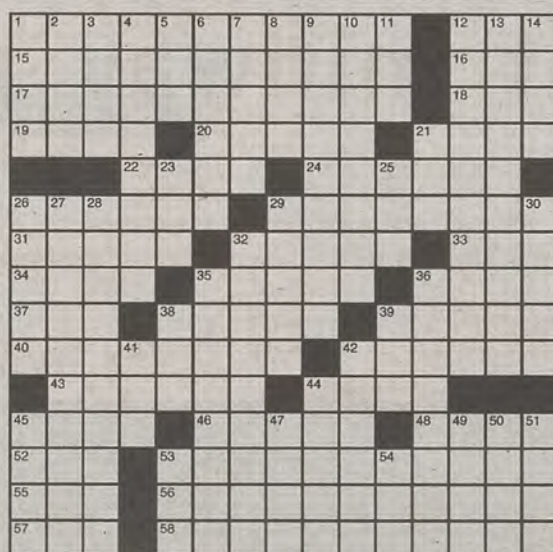
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- 12 ___ shot
- 15 1989 Best Original Song Oscar winner
- 16 Seed used in cat grass
- 17 Holiday staple
- 18 GRF succeeded him
- 19 "The Memory of Trees" album maker
- 20 Join the cast of
- 21 1940s Time film critic James
- 22 Head tuner
- 24 Winter warmer
- 26 Consented
- 29 Soften
- 31 Firing spots
- 32 Bus stop
- 33 Exhibits
- 34 Home of the Kon-Tiki Museum
- 35 It may be marked
- 36 Signs of neglect
- 37 Mass garb
- 38 Worker, informally
- 39 Kerosene source
- 40 Product with the slogan "Get What Fits."
- 42 Fair one
- 43 Political position
- 44 ___ tape
- 45 Paint company with an ursine image in its logo
- 46 Skiers' aids
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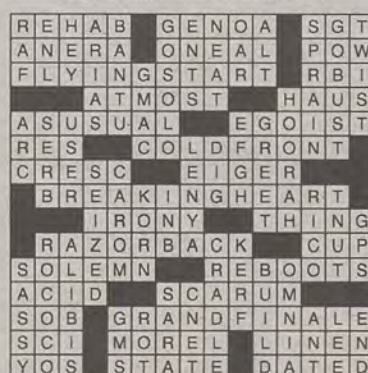
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By Barry C. Silk

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- 5 Bouncer-turned-actor
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- 7 Berry of St. Louis
- 8 Game show host
- 9 Klondike bar relative
- 10 Cause of screaming and fainting, perhaps
- 11 Stable diet?
- 12 Progress at a faster rate
- 13 Unfortunate
- 14 ___ Reader: alternative media anthology
- 21 Hawks' home: Abbr.
- 23 Volkswagen model
- 25 Subject of a 1922 discovery
- 26 "Cheers!"
- 27 Windows alternatives
- 28 "You can count on me!"
- 29 Board
- 30 City north of Cologne
- 32 They develop from unfertilized eggs
- 35 Cultivation wheels
- 36 Benign fiction
- 38 Declaration of Independence writer?
- 39 RBI fly
- 41 Tip holder
- 42 Taboo word
- 44 Paint additive
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- 47 About
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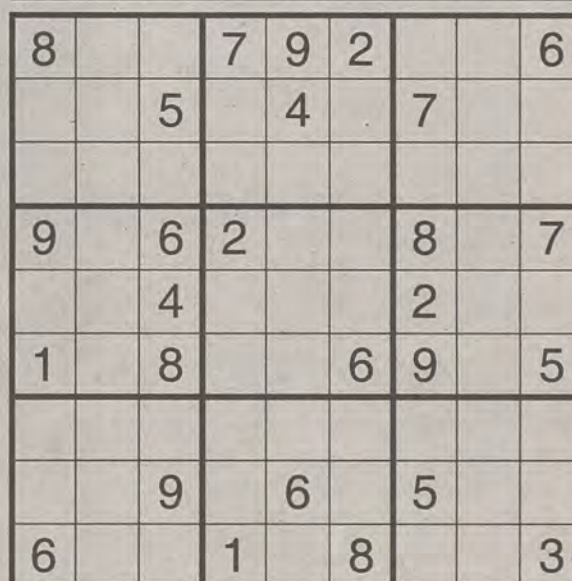
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1/23
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 (8-9, 1-1) (10-8, 3-0)



1/25
GSU @ Davidson
 (8-9, 1-1) (7-10, 3-0)



1/30
GSU vs. The Citadel
 (8-9, 1-1) (4-14, 0-3)



Alexandra Tobia | The George-Anne

GSU searches for offensive consistency at midway point

Men's Basketball (8-9)

BY ROBERT HUITT

The George-Anne staff

The absence of a steady third scorer has contributed to an uneven start to the season for the Georgia Southern University men's basketball team.

After a 67-68 defeat to the Western Carolina University Catamounts Saturday, the Eagles have dropped to 8-9 on the season. WCU made the Eagles work for every basket in the half court, and it highlighted the need for a third scoring option to draw the attention of opposing defenses.

With as many scoring threats on the floor as possible, defenses cannot focus on any one player and it creates easier opportunities for everyone on the court.

Redshirt junior guard Jelani Hewitt and senior guard Tre Bussey have done most of the heavy lifting offensively for the Eagles. Hewitt leads the Southern Conference with 20.8 points per game (ppg), and Bussey rounds out the top five with 18.2 ppg.

The Eagles have been without senior forward Eric Ferguson, who is sitting out this season as a medical redshirt. Last season Ferguson led the team with 13.5 ppg, and would have most likely been the consistent third scorer that the team needs.

GSU head coach Mark Byington has repeatedly emphasized the importance of sharing the basketball since being hired last spring. He also believes that there are players on the roster who are more than capable of playing better and being more effective on offense.

Senior guard Brian Holmes currently ranks third on the team with 9.5 points per game and has shown the ability to put the ball in the basket. Holmes had a career-high 19 points against Georgia State University and also had a 17-point performance against the University of Miami.

Junior forward Angel Matias has also flashed his scoring ability on a few occasions this year. Matias led the Eagles with 22 points on 8-of-12 shooting in a matchup against South Carolina State University earlier this season.

Steady offensive production could be

essential in establishing a winning streak and breaking away from hovering around the .500 mark. It would also complement GSU's defense, which has been solid so far.

In the conference, the Eagles rank second in scoring defense and first in opponent field goal percentage. However, they have

been susceptible to giving up rebounds and extra possessions to bigger teams.

Fortunately for GSU, there is still a lot of time to correct things before the SoCon tournament.

The Eagles will continue conference play against the Furman University Paladins Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Hanner Fieldhouse.



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 Senior guard Tre Bussey (11) is the team's second leading scorer, averaging 18.2 points per game this season. Bussey has been held under his average in four of the last six games.

Women's basketball look to finish conference play strong

Women's Basketball (5-11)

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX

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It was a rough winter break for the Georgia Southern University women's basketball team (5-11, Southern Conference 2-2), as they lost four consecutive games and captured only one victory.

Following their first victory of the season, the Lady Eagles fell into a four-game losing streak, including losses against Detroit College and Florida Atlantic University in the FAU Thanksgiving Tournament.

Things started to turn around after the losing streak was snapped against Mercer University. The win vaulted the Lady Eagles into conference play against Furman University, where they dropped the first game of Southern Conference play 62-67.

A win against SoCon opponent Wofford College evened out the conference record heading into the winter break.

GSU started its conference stretch against the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Despite 16 points from senior guard Mimi Dubose, the Mocs took the victory 60-69.

The fourth SoCon game of the season put the Lady Eagles against Samford University. Determined to come away with a win, senior guard Lacie Dowling and junior guard Anna Claire Knight both put 16-point performances. Their play ended up being enough to garner a late comeback, which resulted in their second conference win of the season, 64-61.

In Dubose's eight-point showing she became only the 20th player in team history to score over 1,000 points in their career with plenty of time to add to her numbers.

Over the weekend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro arrived at Hanner Fieldhouse to displace the Eagles. After a 24-point performance by junior guard Anna Claire Knight the Spartans fell 74-71.

"I think (this win) is a big deal, it's always crucial to get home wins because it is so difficult to get wins on the road in this conference," Dubose said.

Currently, the Lady Eagles are ranked

fourth in the conference with a 3-2 record. Statistically they have started to improve but there is still plenty of room to expand. The team is currently being outscored by an average of nine points per game as well as averaging four more turnovers than their opponents in those games.

"I'm proud of the way we've been

growing as a team and that's something we are going to have to continue to do as conference games continue," Chris Vozab, head coach of the women's basketball team, said.

GSU will look to better establish its conference standing tonight against Elon University in Hanner Fieldhouse 7 p.m.



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Sophomore forward **Sierra Kirkland (20)** has started in three of the last four games and scored at least seven points in all four games played.

Weekend in Review

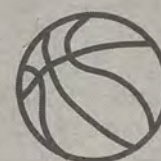
Saturday



Men's Basketball

GSU vs. WCU

67-68 **Loss**



Women's Basketball

GSU vs. UNCG

74-71 **Win**



Men's Tennis

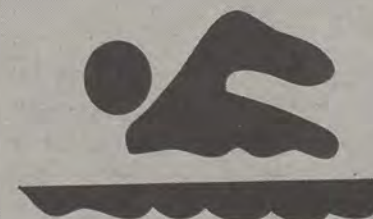
GSU @ Ga. Tech

1-6 **Loss**

Swimming and Diving

GSU @ UNC-Asheville

157-90 **Win**



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Lee Walker, a GSU alumnus, said, "I really like the triple option, but as long as the team is winning then I don't really care what offense they run... So whatever the coach thinks is necessary and whatever he thinks they should do, should be done."

The spread option offense is known as a much more standard approach for football teams from high school all the way up to the National Football League. While the spread option relies more heavily on a consistently good pass-game, a triple option offense relies heaviest on the team's run-game.

However, the spread option is not limited to dropping back five yards and passing, even if that is most notably how it is executed. For the spread option to run smoothly, the team will rely greatly on its quarterback-to-wide-receiver completion ratio.

Seon Jones, a junior sports management major, said, "I like spread because you can utilize more players...everybody can get a chance to get their hands on the ball. So to me spread will out-do triple option any day."

One of the most notable college football teams to successfully run a spread has to be the University of Oregon. With 3,789 passing yards this season they have the ability to make any of their opponents uncomfortable on any given play.

Not many teams in college constantly run a triple option. While a spread is more dependent on the ability to get the ball to the receivers, a triple option requires a variety of running backs or full backs ready for a hand-off or a pitch. GSU will have to start recruiting the type of players that have the ability to execute an acceptable spread in the upcoming seasons.

"I do believe we've got to have a great running attack and I have a very good background running the triple option," Fritz said.

In the history of GSU's football program, the Eagles have never boasted a 2,000-yard passer in a single season. Something that will most likely be worked on during their transition from a primarily triple option offensive setup to an offense that will certainly focus a bit more on its passing game for future seasons.

So the question is, triple option or not? The newly-crowned Fritz may need to incorporate a little bit of both as he tackles Georgia Southern University's first season as a Sun Belt Conference team in the fall.

Fans weigh in

"One hundred percent spread, no more triple option. Triple option doesn't win you games. And it's not that fun to watch either," Justin Jones, junior criminal justice major said.

"I believe in a healthy mix of both, but you have to go towards his style of offense, because our triple option just doesn't seem to work to me. It just doesn't make sense to hardly pass in an entire game," Brandon Street, Georgia Southern alumnus getting his second degree said.

"People aren't as prepared for the triple option which helps us out in most situations, but I definitely think we should practice on our pass-game for the up-coming season," Camden Batchelor, junior logistics major said.

"We'll still have more passing built in by our formations, and scheme-wise it'll be more geared towards the ability to pass, but we'll still have more run-based play. I'm not for keeping the triple option," Nick Parsicua, Turf Manager for Football and Soccer said.

TRIPLE OPTION OFFENSE**VS.**

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Former major-leaguers offer advice

Baseball**BY COLIN RITSICK**

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Local businesses and organizations had the chance on Saturday to listen to stories and advice from retired Major League Baseball All-Star Ryan Klesko at the annual Evening with the All-Stars.

The banquet is put on by the Georgia Southern Athletic Foundation in order to raise

funds for the baseball team by selling tickets while hosting both a silent and live auction.

Klesko, a World Series champion with the 1995 Atlanta Braves, was joined by long-time MLB middle-infielder Scott Fletcher. Fletcher was an All-American shortstop at GSU in 1979 and played for legendary coach Jack Stallings. The pair spoke about their path to the pros and favorite moments along the way.

Klesko mentioned that he was unlike most kids growing up because his mother, not his father, taught him the game of baseball.

"She paid for fourteen years of hitting

and pitching lessons," Klesko said.

He went on to joke about how he would get voicemails from his mom and she would be critiquing his swing.

Fletcher, now an assistant hitting coach with the Braves, spoke a bit about how much more being a coach weighs on the mind than being a player. As a hitting coach, he said he has noticed that in every game there will be one guy with a bad night at the plate, so there's always something negative that needs attention.

Klesko played off those comments when

he offered advice to the Georgia Southern baseball team in the room.

"When you're going through slumps, you've got to have something to do to take your mind off of it," Klesko said.

For Fletcher, it was relaxing in the hotel room all day. For Klesko, it was bow hunting. But he told the players that if they dwelled on their mistakes they will never be able to overcome them.

The first game of the year is in Athens as the Eagles take on the University of Georgia on Feb. 14.

Women's swimming dominates over UNC

Swimming and Diving (4-1)

BY EMILY ARNOLD

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The Georgia Southern University women's swim team traveled to Asheville, NC, competed in 14 events and came out victorious over the University of North Carolina with a final score of 157-90 this past Saturday.

This was the team's first match since the Wingate Fall Frenzy that took place Nov. 21-23.

"We had some people in different events than what they normally swim," Nathan Kellogg said. "It was just nice to see everybody kind of step up and race after about a month and a half off of racing."

After starting the meet with a second place finish in the 400 yard medley relay, the Eagles swam their way to 10 first place finishes and rarely saw themselves outside of a top two position.

"We've been training pretty much non-stop [during the break]," Kellogg said. "We weren't really concerned with the actual times. It was more about diving off the blocks

and racing the people from UNC Asheville."

Two Eagles scored themselves two first-place finishes. Sophomore Kylee Parsons took home first-place finishes in the 1,000-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle and junior Elaina Lanson also came out with first-place finishes in the 50-yard backstroke and the 50-yard freestyle.

"I felt like we raced really well, especially toward the end in some of those close races and that was good to see," Kellogg said.

Next up for the Eagles is their first home meet of the season against Radford.

"We're competing against Radford and they're a conference opponent and obviously it's always more comfortable to be at home," Kellogg said. "We usually swim and compete very well at home so we're definitely excited about that."

Starting at noon on Jan. 18, the meet is to be held on campus at the Aquatics Center in the RAC. This will be GSU's first home meet of the season, which will begin a four-meet stretch of play at home for the Eagles before the CCSA Championships take place beginning Feb. 1.

SWIM TEAM TIMES

1000 yard freestyle

1st Kylee Parsons 10:46.52

200 yard butterfly

1st Katlyn Jones 2:14.45
2nd Megan Heller 2:15.82

200 yard breaststroke

2nd Lauren Cambell 2:35.83

200 yard freestyle

1st Christina Moran 1:58.22

50 yard freestyle

1st Elaina Lanson 24.45

500 yard freestyle

1st Kylee Parsons 5:16.66
2nd Hannah Rogers 5:24.99

50 yard backstroke

1st Elaina Lanson

100 yard freestyle

1st Kristen Bates 54.43

50 yard butterfly

1st Megan Heller 27.39
2nd Anna Battistello 28.06

50 yard breaststroke

1st Megan Ostrom 31.54

200 yard backstroke

1st Megan Liebl 2:14.69
2nd Allyn Case 2:16.48

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