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Award named after Eagle alum Adrian Peterson

BY KATIE TOLBERT
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College Sporting News has named the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Offensive Player of the Year Award after NCAA Division I leading rusher and Georgia Southern University Hall of Fame member, Adrian "A.P." Peterson.

"Wow… I am humbled by this honor and am truly blessed that my name will be attached to this award," Adrian Peterson said in a news release. "My teammates played a major part in my success at Georgia Southern University, and I am forever grateful for what we were able to accomplish as Eagles and for Eagle Nation."

Peterson hit the milestone of leading rusher with 6,599 career yards over a decade ago when he played for GSU. During his 57-game career at GSU, he scored 111 touchdowns, helped the Eagles to win two NCAA Division I FCS championships, carried 1,378 times for 9,145 yards, and added at least 100 yards to his career total in every single game but one.

Peterson either set a record or won an award every single year he played for the Eagles. Starting with all four years, he finished in the top three vote-getters for the Walter Payton Award, actually winning in 1999.

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GSU

Sun Belt drops the 'U'

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University has been referred to by its students as "the real GSU" since the dawn of time or 1906 when the school was established, whichever you prefer. Now that's changing. Well, at least for the media.

Due to the Sun Belt reference guide, the university will be referred to by the media and announcers as GS, and long-time Twitter rival Georgia State University will take the abbreviation GSU uncontested.

The decision was handed down Tuesday by the Sun Belt conference in response to the addition of new teams to their conference. The Commissioner of the Sun Belt Karl Benson announced the regulation that affected four other teams in the conference.

"We've sent out a document to our member universities encouraging them to adhere to the reference guide even though it may not be what they normally or historically or traditionally have referenced," Benson said.

The reasoning behind the name change was to assist announcers and other media outlets differentiate between the different schools in the Sun Belt. It is also important to note that the change does not affect current logos or uniforms.

To come to this decision the conference officials met with the member universities that say how they want to be referenced. The purpose behind the meeting is to establish how the member university defines its identity.

"Our member universities should be referenced as they want to be referenced, regardless of history or tradition or state guidelines," Benson said.

Some GSU students are embracing the new change, thinking it will start a new tradition for future students to follow.

"I think its fine, I'm tired of people confusing us with Georgia State. It will be a new identity for a new conference," C.J Brzail, freshman, said.

While some don't mind the new abbreviation, many are passionately against the change.

"I don't like it. We've been GSU for a long time and I think we should have had more input in the decision," Brittany Klassen, junior, said.

"Our football team has been around much longer and when I came here we were known as the real GSU and I don't want that to change," Paige James, freshman, said.

The Eagles long-time rivals Appalachian State University were not exempt from the change. Formally known as ASU, the reference guide now refers to as App.

The new abbreviation will change how the media refers to Georgia Southern, not how the students refer to it.

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Police Beat

Monday, Jan. 13

10:12 a.m.: Officers responded to a panic alarm at Freedom's Landing. Contact was made with the occupant and no problems were found.

11:00 a.m.: An incident report was taken in reference to an unusual telephone call received by Nursing/Chemistry.

1:48 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft at the Forest Drive Building. The investigation revealed that the item had not been stolen but mistakenly removed by a faculty member. The item was returned to the owner.

4:11 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at Centennial Place.

8:14 p.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on Knight Drive at Chandler Road. The driver of the vehicle, Adam Bowen Free, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device and DUI.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

1:49 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the Child Development Center.

5:25 p.m.: An incident report was taken for harassment and simple battery at Dining Commons. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

6:03 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property near Plant Drive at Forest Drive.

6:08 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property in C-Lot.

9:44 p.m.: An incident report was taken lost/mislaid property in Lot 32.

10:55 p.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on O'Neal Drive at Georgia Ave. One of the passengers, Tyrone Dematrico Fair, 21, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Obstruction – misdemeanor and Possession of Marijuana – misdemeanor.

12:29 a.m.: Officers made contact with four suspicious persons in J-Lot. The four subjects were judicially referred for alcohol violations.

1:13 a.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on Lanier Drive near Harvey Drive. The driver of the vehicle, Rebecca Anastasia Davis, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Headlights Required, No Drivers License on Person and DUI.

1:30 a.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the Arts Building.

2:35 a.m.: An incident report was taken for lost/mislaid property in J-Lot.

6:36 a.m.: Officers responded to a burglar alarm at the Center for Art & Theatre. The burglar alarm was accidentally activated by an employee.

Man arrested at Legacy

BY JENNIFER CURINGTON
The George-Anne staff

At least nine law enforcement vehicles drove into the Legacy apartments around 10:15 a.m. and proceeded to surround apartment 1011.

Officers were armed in bulletproof vests with "U.S. Marshal" on the back and shields generally used for crowd control. A Bulloch County Sheriff vehicle was present, but most vehicles were unmarked trucks.

After about 10 minutes of the police knocking on the apartment door and calling out to whomever was inside, an unknown male was escorted out in handcuffs. Police left shortly after that.

It is currently unclear what he was arrested for or who he is.

Stewart Cottingham with the U.S. Marshal's office in Savannah has not returned a phone call at press time.

Chief Deputy Jared Akins of Bulloch County Sheriff's office said that the department usually assists U.S. Marshals when they are looking for someone that has a warrant out for them, but he could not confirm that that is the case in this situation.

Officer Justin Samples with the Statesboro Police Department said that he is unaware if the department was involved in the arrest at this time.

Tim Huang, general manager of Legacy apartments, said, "We are still receiving all the information ourselves, but at this time we have no further comment."

Crystal Riley | The George-Anne

Statesboro Police Department, Bulloch County Sheriff department and U.S. Marshal arrested a man at Legacy apartments Wednesday morning. The arrest is currently under investigation.

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Our View

Spring Concert takes effort

Though the performer for this year's spring concert has yet to be confirmed, the hard work that the Office of Student Activities has put into finding an artist shouldn't go unnoticed.

The Office of Student Activities compiled a list of potential acts in the summer of 2013. When fall semester rolled around, students were asked to vote for one of the artists in the pool. The top four artists were chosen after the poll, and the Office of Student Activities has worked tirelessly since to book one of those four artists despite rejection and touring conflicts.

It can't be easy to balance student wishes along with the pressures of scheduling, pricing, and other conflicts. The Office of Student Activities probably had to jump through several hoops just to get in contact with the artist, let alone get them to consider adding Georgia Southern to their busy schedules.

Though the top choices on the list may not be who graces the stage later this semester, the Office of Student Activities is still working to secure a big name act that many students would not have the opportunity to see otherwise at an affordable price. With limited concert venues in South Georgia, the spring concert is not only a great opportunity for students, but the community as well.

The success of past spring concerts and the variety of artist on this year's shortlist are signs that students should have a spring concert that they can look forward to this year, which would not be possible without the time and effort that the departments have put into planning this event.

Open Letter

Practice emergency preparedness

In Memory …

January 17, 2013 was an ordinary day for some, but for our family it was a day that ripped our world into pieces. Our son, Cory Joseph Wilson, a sophomore at GSU, collapsed and died in class that morning. Those around him stated Cory was making grunt-like noises, and classmates thought he was playing.

Minutes later someone realized Cory was not playing and began cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). A series of misfortunes occurred that day, but the greatest was that there was no automated external defibrillator (AED) in the building when Cory collapsed. It is difficult to explain how hard this year has been, knowing Cory possibly could have lived had an AED been available. As we struggle to piece our lives together, we have been overwhelmed by the support shown from Cory's friends at GSU, and especially from the Kappa Alpha brotherhood. This year many strides have been made in Cory's memory to increase CPR and AED awareness and we are grateful for that as well. We ask, if you are reading this, that you make an effort to learn CPR and how to use an AED. The basics can be viewed in minutes and found in many online videos. An AED is most effective three minutes from the time of a cardiac incident. Ask questions if you are in an area and do not see an AED…find out where the nearest unit is located. Your own life could depend on it.

This week, as we face the anniversary of Cory's death, our family will breathe deeply and hold tightly to each other as we try to embrace life as he did: simply, but with a gratitude for the blessings we have, and an excitement for all that will be.

-Lisa Wilson

The things that you don't see

GUEST COLUMN

KERRY GREENSTEIN

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning many of us arrive on campus, or leave our residence halls and pick up the latest copy of The George-Anne. Once a semester we find the latest editions of the Reflector and Miscellany magazines on the racks. We pick them all up, we read them, and we critique them. We see the mistakes, we see the typos, we see when the wrong information or the wrong quote is printed and we think "they can do better than this, can't they."

Yes, we see all of those things, but I want to share what you don't see. For the past year, I have had the opportunity to serve as the interim director of Student Media. I have learned a lot about journalism and the media. More importantly, I have learned about the students who work for Student Media. They are talented, motivated, and dedicated students who take great pride in the work they do to keep our campus community informed about life on campus. What you don't see are the hours they spend working on stories, laying out pages, and selling the advertisements we all take for granted. You don't see the big story that fell through just before deadline, the photos that are too dark to print no matter what they do to try and fix it, and the key source who just doesn't return an email or phone call. These unexpected things occur regularly and impact their ability to put out the high quality paper we all hope for.

The other thing you don't see are their weekly meetings where they decide what story ideas are worth covering, and which are important enough for the front page. You don't see the weekly critique where they go through each paper, page by page, and discuss details that most of us probably never even notice. Believe me, they are much harder on themselves than any of us could ever be.

So rather than sitting back, critiquing them, and judging them I encourage you to go see for yourself what Student Media is all about. Tryouts are next week, so take advantage of the opportunity to be on the inside. If you think you can do a better job, go join them. They want the paper to be better, and if you can help make that happen, they will gladly welcome you. Otherwise, give them a break. It's not an easy job, and it takes a lot of courage to put your work in front of the entire community twice a week.

The George-Anne welcomes letters to the editor and appropriate guest columns. All copy submitted should be 350 words or fewer, typed, and sent via e-mail in Microsoft Word format to letters@georgiasouthern.edu. All submissions must be signed and include phone number for verification. GSU students should include their academic major, year and hometown. The editors reserve the right to reject any submission and edit submissions for length.

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How his dream impacted my life

When I was younger, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was just a day off of school. It did not matter to me that he led the nation's largest civil rights' movement. It did not concern me that his monumental speech at the Lincoln Memorial brought the most diverse crowd together that the country had ever seen at that point. It was of no importance that the speech would still be ringing throughout this nation fifty years later. I did not care.

When I started high school, I was coincidentally filtered to the newest high school on the southwest side of DeKalb County— Martin Luther King, Jr. High School. It was there that the significance of Dr. King's words and his vision were made personal. I remember year after year our principals ensured that the Friday before the holiday was a day of reverence to the man behind the movement. We were instructed in all our classes to incorporate his dream into our day's work. So there I was in ninth grade, writing my own "I Have a Dream" speech in American Literature, in 10th grade making a mural of Dr. King's face and the civil rights' movement in art class, in 11th grade orating a speech in ode to his work and legacy in A.P. U.S. history and in 12th grade marching down the hallway of my high school. It was engrained in us to not let the naming of our high school be in vain.

Now, here I am 23 years old, a graduate student in the Multicultural Student Center at Georgia Southern, working for a better, more diverse tomorrow. Here I am, a Clinical Mental Health Counseling student striving to heal those who have felt oppression by one thing or another. Here I am, a woman of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, endeavoring to manifest his dreams in my global community through public service.

This holiday should be more than just a day off of school,. It should be a day that we focus on becoming a more equitable society. We as a student body that prides itself on diversity and acceptance must work for those who come after us at this institution. We must ensure that, as global citizens, Dr. King's dream remains a reality.

by A. Stella Oloyede. Oloyede is a grad student pursuing a master's degree in education from Lithonia.

Still looking for equality

ERINN IT OUT

ERINN WILLIAMS

Monday marks the national celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, and honors the great things that he did for this world. King's "I Have a Dream" speech is one of his most memorable feats during his years as a spokesman for the Civil Rights Movement and nonviolent activism.

It has been 50 years since "the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation" occurred. But have we truly realized King's dreams of equality and unity for all?

For me the answer is sadly no. Don't get me wrong. The world has definitely changed since the time when my father was one of the first to integrate his elementary school. There have been big changes in the way that racial, gender, religious, sexual and many other minorities have been treated.But as Martin Luther King said "We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of Now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism."

The same is true today, we are getting better but we cannot just stop here. Even with a black president, the United States continues to be a country riddled with injustice and inequality.

Where one in every 15 black men compared to one in every 36 Hispanic men and one in every 106 white men are incarcerated. Where you can still commit a hate crime and miraculously go free.

Where women can work as hard as men and even hold the same job yet still receive less pay. Where the poor pay more taxes than the rich, and you can barely live off minimum wage. Where people are ostracized and persecuted for not knowing English when we have no official language in the United States.

Yes we have come far, but not nearly far enough. We can and we should do more to make this country better. Our generation has more opportunities than those before us, and we have a more global reach.

We as Georgia Southern students are some of the fortunate few in this world that have been given the opportunity to receive an education. Let's use it for something good.

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

Marijuana's hazy future in Georgia

THE BOOK OF ELI

ELIJAH ANDERSON

It's Friday night in the 'Boro. You and your friends are looking to cut loose after a hectic first week of class. Before the debauchery commences you must procure the necessary supplies. Thus, you begin your journey to, where else, but the Fast and Easy. On this day, however, you're not simply venturing out for a six-pack. No, on this Friday eve you're on your way to purchase a gram or two of marijuana, and there's nothing the cops can do about it.

As unrealistic as the above scenario sounds in Georgia, this was the hazy reality that our fellow countrymen in Colorado arose to on Jan. 1. Last year, in defiance of the federal law prohibiting the possession of marijuana, Colorado and Washington voted to legalize the recreational use of that sticky icky for adults over the age of 21. As an eerie fog settled over the Rockies, many Americans were left asking, "Is recreational pot use the new norm?"

A recent Gallup poll reported that for the first time ever a majority of Americans support the legalization of the drug. Gallup also reported that 67 percent of Americans between the ages of 18 and 29 supported recreational use. If one was to treat these polls as a crystal ball of sorts, the future of our nation's drugs laws seem to be fading as fast as a Dorito-binging stoner.

But what about Georgia? I hear many college peers claiming that Georgia will never legalize pot like the "dope-smoking hippies out West." Such a view is understandable. The stalwart South has always lagged behind on issues that in hindsight were no-brainers. Blame it on our "traditional values." Not to equate the two issues, but I would like to remind the naysayers of former Alabama governor George Wallace's 1963 inaugural address, "Segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever." As Wallace and many others in the South learned, nothing is forever.

In fact, we Georgians may have a vote on the matter sooner rather than later. Two Georgia state senators have recently expressed interest in debating the legalization of medical marijuana during the 2014 session. Whether or not the roots of this issue will be planted this session, the unavoidable realization is that a fire has begun.

As more and more citizens become pro-legalization the inevitable clash between federal and state law becomes more urgent. The War on Drugs has only succeeded in bestowing us the honor of the world's most incarcerated nation. Eventually something's got to give, and it's our generation that will decide exactly what that will be.

Anderson is a senior political science major from Marietta. He is writing a thesis paper on U.S. interventions.

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FRIDAY 1.17.2014

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Late Night Movie: "Gravity"

Russell Union Theater 6 PM and 8 PM

UPB invites all students out for a free showing of the classic, throwback movie, We're The Millers, on Friday, January 17th. The movie will be shown at 6 PM and 8 PM in the Russell Union Theater.

SATURDAY 1.18.2014

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Russell Union Commons, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

The University Programming Board invites you to our weekly UNplugged Series! Looking for something fun to do on campus? Want to watch some live performers? Maybe even want to try out that new song of yours? Georgia Southern UNplugged is a coffeehouse series/open mic night sponsored by the University Programming Board held every Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the Russell Union Commons. Come and see the talented students of the Georgia Southern community showcase their skills. BRING YOUR EAGLE ID! Performing? Sign up early.

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Registration Closes: Basketball & Wheelchair

This is the last day to get your team together and register to play Basketball and/ or Wheelchair Basketball and participate in the Flag Football State Qualifier. Make sure to register by 8 p.m.!

Spring Break Boot Camp begins

T & Th 6-7pm

Spring Break is approaching fast! If you are looking for a fun way to get into shape for your spring break destination come to the multipurpose room every Tuesday and Thursday!

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Soccer Officials' Clinic I

9-11pm, Seminar Room

Interested in becoming a soccer official but you don't have experience? No problem! Come and attend the firs officials' clinic to learn all of the necessary requirements.

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6pm

During the fair, students will have a chance to meet over 30 teams and get more information on how to get involved.

WEDNESDAY 1.22.2014

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Student Organization Fair

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Interested in getting involved in a student organization but not sure which one? Come to the Student Organization Fair. With nearly 300 registered student organizations to choose from, you're sure to find something that piques your interest!

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MLK Speaker Celebration

The Multicultural Student Center is having Andrew Young as the 2014 Martin Luther King, Jr. Speaker. Mr. Young is a Civil Rights activist, politician, former mayor of Atlanta, Georgia and former ambassador to the United Nations. He was a friend and ally of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and witnessed Dr. King's assassination in 1968. He was Georgia's first Black congressman since Reconstruction and during his four-plus years in Congress, he was a member of the Congressional Black Caucus. Since leaving political office in 1989, Young has founded or served in a large number of organizations founded on public policy, political lobbying and international relations, with a special focus on Africa. In 2003, Young founded the Andrew Young Foundation, an organization meant to support and promote education, health, leadership and human rights in the United States, Africa and the Caribbean. The event will take place onWednesday, January 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center (PAC). Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Ticket distribution for the event can be picked up in the Multicultural Student Center located at 2070 on the Russell Union.

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8pm

Join in on a great game of water polo! No registration necessary.

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3-day business startup program for students

BY LAUREN GORLA
The George-Anne staff

In only a 72-hour time period, 40 Georgia Southern University students across multiple disciplines will band together to create a new business and foster growth and creativity in that process.

3-Day Startup, or 3DS, is a new program for GSU brought to campus by Dominique Halaby, Ph.D., director of business research and economic development, but has been going on nationwide since 2008.

"It's just never happened at Georgia Southern, so we're excited to bring a caliber program to our students to be able to participate and get that taste of what it means to start up a business," Halaby said.

40 students will be selected for the event from applications reviewed by a selection committee. Students can be of any major and any level of education, undergraduate and graduate included.

"We want it to be a very eclectic group. Entrepreneurs and business owners come from all different backgrounds and degrees," Halaby said. "It's a great way to interact with people in other fields that may think of things a little differently than you might."

Students will be placed into teams and will then work together to create an idea for a new business, which will be presented at the end of the event to a group of panelists including GSU faculty as well as some in the industry.

The business lessons learned through 3DS are things that can take a full year or possibly two to learn, but this event will give students a three day crash course in what it takes to form an idea for a startup.

"The big things that they get is a hands-on, a real strong understanding of what it takes to come up with a business, how to vet out ideas, how to come up with concepts, how to be able to be comfortable to pitch these to potential investors," Halaby said.

Faculty and staff from the engineering and business departments will also be on-hand as mentors for students to bounce their ideas off of as they are being fleshed out and offer suggestions on how to refine their ideas

If the panel finds a really good idea, then there is the possibility of taking it further and creating a real business from the idea, Halaby said.

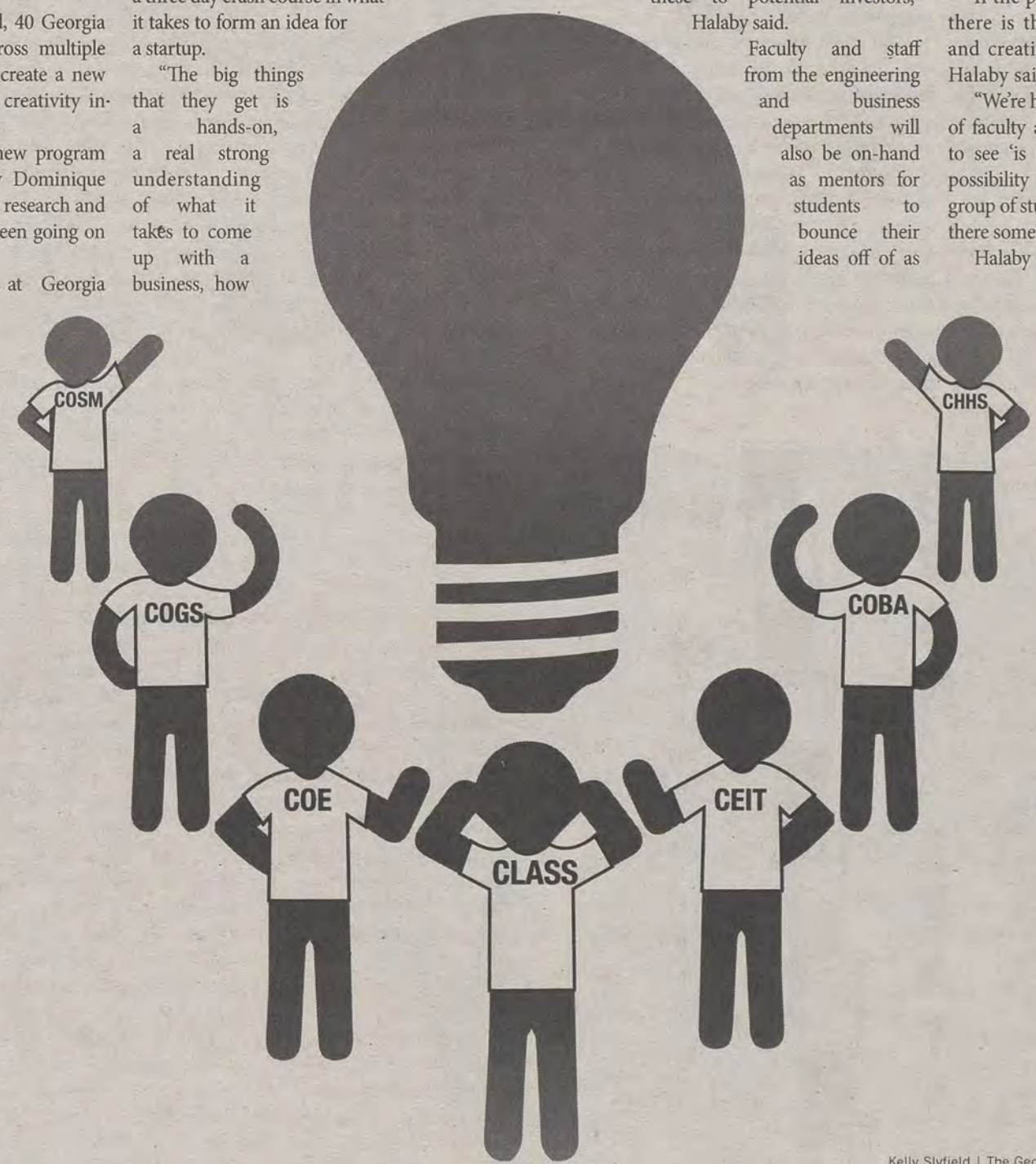
"We're hoping that having that higher degree of faculty and staff interaction, they'll be able to see 'is there something there?' Is there a possibility that that business idea that these group of students that didn't know each other, is there something marketable?" Halaby said.

Halaby decided to reach out to 3DS about bringing the program to campus for students to participate in and gain real-world experience regarding business startups.

Highly regarded institutions like Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University and University of Texas are just a few of the universities have participated in the program before.

"One of our big charges is to make sure we help change the culture not just at Georgia Southern, but the entire southeast of Georgia. We want to make this really about innovation, about entrepreneurship, about creativity and we want to bring the right partners to our area to spur that cultural change," Halaby said.

Applications can be found online and are due by Jan. 24. The event will be at the Information Technology building from Feb. 14 to 16.



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Students from any college and year are eligible to participate in 3-Day Startup. The program applications are due by Jan. 24 and the event will be from Feb. 14 to 16.

SGA is looking to students for ideas

BY LAUREN GORLA
The George-Anne staff

With the start of the new semester, Student Government Association is looking to fill seats in the senate with students that will help work towards the goal of increasing SGA awareness on campus.

"We really want students who are outgoing and personable to come here and be great senators," Garrett Green, SGA president, said. "You're going to have to be outgoing, you're going to have to want to ask questions, you're going to have to see how your roommates, how your friends, how your coworkers feel about certain issues going on on campus."

There are a total of eight seats open in the senate across six of the colleges.

There is also an opening for a publicity coordinator position, which will cover marketing and event planning for SGA. This is a paid position.

A large goal for SGA this year was to increase their visibility among students to understand what students see as the biggest issues on campus.

To combat this, three "SGA days" have been planned throughout the semester, during which they will offer food for comments and suggestions from students.

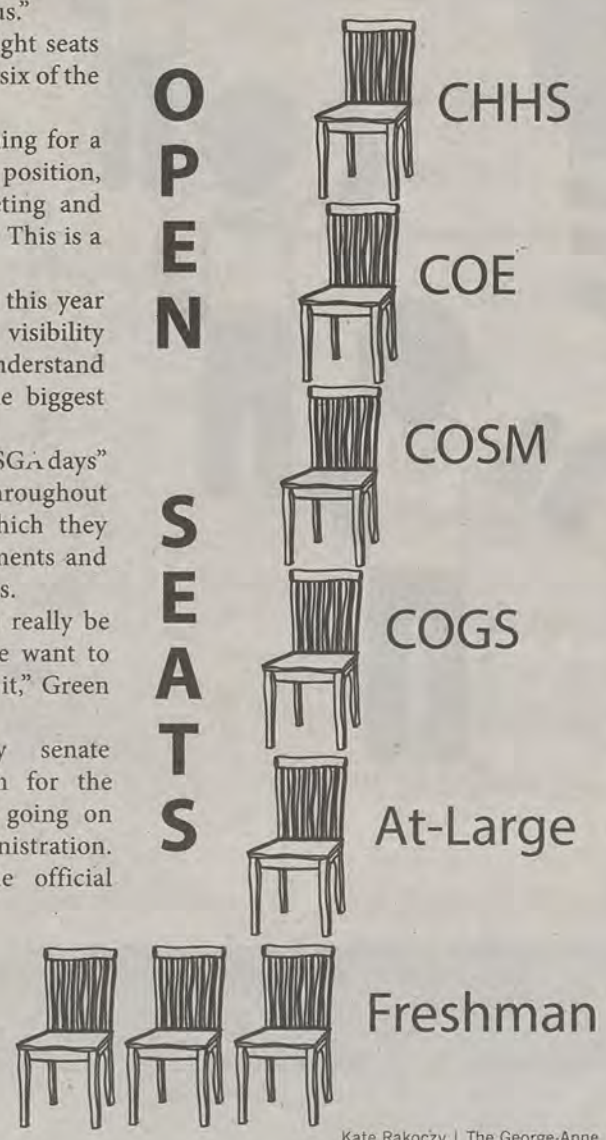
"We want students to really be involved in SGA and we want to show the importance of it," Green said.

SGA holds weekly senate meetings that are open for the public to hear what is going on around campus and administration.

"Because we are the official representatives (for students), we have members in SGA who talk to directors, and dining services, and parking and transportation, and the provost and a lot of different areas that really affect your college experience here," Green said.

The most effective and productive way for SGA to do its job is to have students at these weekly meetings, which is why they are being stressed among the student body, Green said.

Student organizations are encouraged to participate in SGA activities by signing up for the Shuttle Gus program held on Friday and Saturday nights as a safe ride home for those students who may need it. Each organization will earn $300 for their organization by participating in this program for a weekend.



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Florida colleges consider allowing guns in dorms

BY DENISE-MARIE ORDWAY
Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. – Florida public universities have started allowing students to keep guns in parked vehicles after a Florida court ruled last month that it is unlawful to prohibit it.

And now the gun-rights group that won that case is trying to force the University of Florida to allow firearms in dorm rooms and student apartments.

On Dec. 10, an appeals court struck down a policy at University of North Florida that barred the storage of weapons in cars.

Florida Carry Inc. had filed a lawsuit on behalf of student Alexandria Lainez, a single mother who wanted to keep a weapon in her car for self-defense while commuting for school.

In response to the court ruling, UNF and several other public universities, including Florida State University and University of South Florida, are now allowing students, employees and campus visitors to keep guns in parked vehicles.

Guns are still prohibited from classroom buildings, cafeterias and other areas. The University of Central Florida is in the process of updating its policy to allow the same thing, a university spokesman said.

Trustees at Florida Gulf Coast University will discuss the issue on Jan. 21. While UF changed its policy last week, Sean Caranna, executive director of Florida Carry, said the school did not go far enough to comply with state law.

On Friday, the group filed a lawsuit against UF to force compliance, with an important addition, the possession of firearms in university-controlled housing.

Caranna said university housing rules deprive students, employees and the family members who live with them the right to keep guns for personal protection. He argued that the constitutional right to bear arms is most acute in a person's home.

UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes released a statement saying that "we believe we are in full compliance with that law requiring universities to allow individuals 18 years or older to store their guns securely in their cars on campus."

She also said university officials were surprised to learn of Florida Carry's new lawsuit.

"They didn't object to the steps we have taken to comply with the court's decision, and they never raised the issue of guns in the home, which was not the subject of the court's decision," Sikes said.

Some people oppose universities allowing guns on campus. Among them is Sylvia Fox, whose daughter lived in the apartment building at UCF where a former student shot himself last year.

Police say they disrupted what they think was a planned campus massacre. Fox was shocked to learn that UCF is allowing guns in parked cars.

She said she called her daughter, Erika, now a sophomore at UCF living off campus, to share the news. "She hates the thought," said Fox, of Winter Haven, Fla. "She wants no guns anywhere near her. She still has some very strong feelings about that."

Carlo Fassi, a UNF student from Weston, Fla. and chairman of the Florida Student Association, worries that allowing guns in cars will make it easier for someone to do harm on campus and thinks guns should stay out of student housing facilities.

"Personally, I don't think there is any place for guns on campus unless it's in the hands of law enforcement," Fassi said. "Just the thought of someone getting upset and having a gun in their parked car is scary."

Florida Carry has been in contact with all of the state's 12 public universities and is checking with its 28 community colleges as well.

Officials at Valencia College and Seminole State College said they are reviewing their policies now to make sure they are following the law.

Getting the most out of online rewards

Prizes from giftcards to cars offered at the Rotunda

BY CAITLYN OLIVER
The George-Anne staff

Amazon hosted an evening advertising its program Amazon Student to Georgia Southern University students in Russell Union on Monday and Tuesday.

"Throughout the year, Amazon Student sponsors giveaways and sweepstakes with prizes from Amazon.com gift cards to a brand-new Audi TT. The program also offers its members exclusive deals on products like Kindle Fire tablets, new-release video games and software," Ripley MacDonald, category leader for textbooks for Amazon Student, said.

The on-campus event provided students with the opportunity to win raffled-off items, such as a Kindle Fire and a television. Free snacks and drinks were also offered.

The program was released in July 2010 and was created for college students to offer another, more direct way to save money.

Amazon Student offers a six-month trial that allows students to ship textbooks and other items in two days for free. Students also get email alerts for discounts and promotions.

"One of the best things about Amazon Student is the free two-day shipping. It isn't very practical to take a week or more to ship textbooks and they give you a tracking number for the orders to keep up with it," Mitchell Broadrick, senior marketing and management major, said.

After the trial period, the account will upgrade to membership status and costs half the price for Amazon Prime. Prime is $79 per year while Student is $39 per year and renewal is automatic.

"I've had Amazon Student for a year and a half and I love it. The people will work with you on a more personal basis and are really helpful," Adam Clay, sophomore marketing and logistics major, said.

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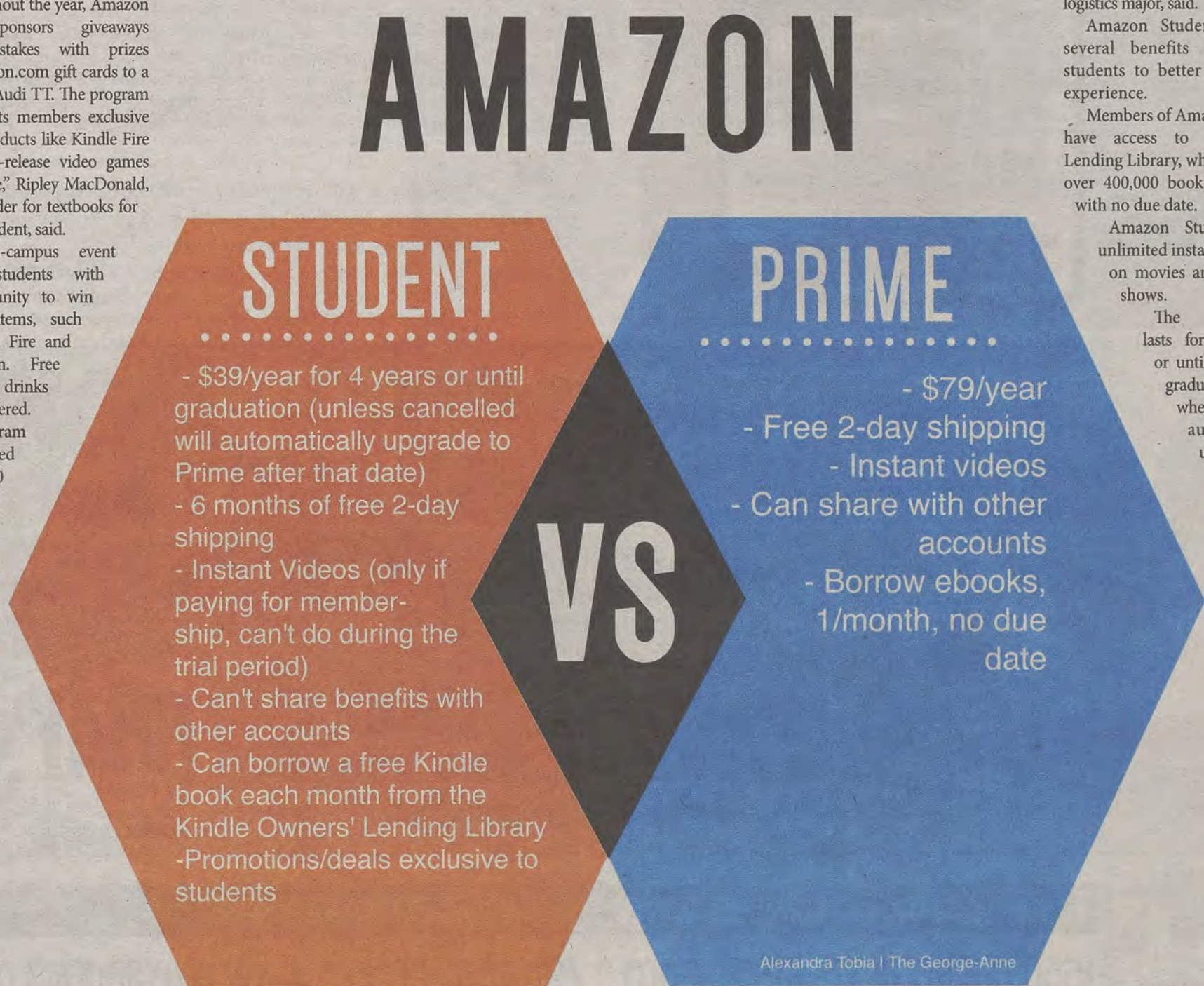

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Burglary-free over break

BY JENNIFER CURINGTON
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This holiday break is now the second in three years that no on-campus burglaries have been reported.

Chief Mike Russell, director of public safety, said the lack of burglaries is because students are gone and public safety has more time to take active preventative measures.

"We're able to put one-hundred percent of our effort into checking doors and physically go door to door on residents' halls and buildings on campus and make sure that everything is secure," Russell said.

While they are on these walks, they find many dorm rooms unlocked and will lock the rooms up to prevent theft, Russell said.

"We find a good many open doors and we lock them and secure them, but we were able to target and look at things like if screens are messed with or been removed or anything like that. So we're able to really be out and about," Russell said.

During the break, burglaries are more likely to happen through windows because students are not coming and going through the dorm entrances with their Eagle IDs and allowing others to follow them in.

In 2012, two burglaries were reported over the break. Both were incidents of composite photos being taken from fraternity houses, one being Alpha Tau Omega and the other was Sigma Nu. No on-campus burglaries were reported during the 2011 holiday break.

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'Flipside: The Patti Page Story' just makes the cut

Theatre Review ★★★☆☆

BY MATT SOWELL
The George-Anne staff

Statesboro locals and students gathered together Tuesday to experience "Flipside: the Patti Page Story." The musical followed the story of Clara Anne Fowler, a small town girl from Oklahoma.

Truth be told I had no clue who Patti Page was, I was going into this musical as blind as some of the members of the audience. Really, the mean age at this show was about 65, so I wasn't very excited for the show to start.

The musical started out slow. The melody consisted of a piano and the occasional acoustic guitar. I was worried it was about to be a long 95 minutes.

The first thing to catch my attention were the costumes, beautiful gowns and classic fifties attire flooded the stage. I very quickly found myself actually caught up in the story.

Haley Jane Pierce, who took on the lead role of Clara Ann Fowler, deserves major props. She was a charming and easy to love character. She reminisced on her past life as Patti Page from humble beginnings to stardom. Pierce has serious Broadway potential.

If anything, this show stands out for its symbolism. Flipside referred to the side B of a vinyl record, the side not many people notice, the way Fowler felt about herself. She was living a double life, dumping her true identity for what the media wanted her to be. The same thing happens today, Lady Gaga was once Stefani Germanotta and Miley Cyrus was once Hannah Montana.

The way the record label took young and naïve Clara Ann Fowler and transformed her into Patti Page, a totally different person, and how Fowler seemed to regret this in her old age made the show interesting.

The quote that summed up the show was when Fowler said, "a celebrity is not a human, a celebrity is the combination of a human and what the audience wants them to be."

Another charming thing in the musical was how Tennessee Waltz (the only Page song I knew) echoed through the show.

During the final bows, Haley Jane Pierce and Melissa Griffith (who played young Patti Page) received a standing ovation.

All in all, I think Flipside is a charming little musical that appeals to people over the age of fifty, but not really college-aged students. With shows out there like Avenue Q and Rent, theatre is more than welcoming to people in their late teens and early twenties, and I think more students would be interested if they felt they were the target audience.

The colorful costumes (Top), music, and even the instruments used in "Flipside" were era-appropriate.**Patti Page (Bottom)**, originally known as Clara Ann Fowler, was an American singer and the highest selling female artist of the 1950's selling over 100 million records.

The Buzz List

Kimeko McCoy

- Rihanna was spotted topless for a photo-shoot on the beach, but is that even really surprising at this point? It would be surprising if she were on the beach with a top on.
- Justin Bieber's friend Lil' Za was arrested twice in one day for drug possession, and then again for vandalism. Bieber might need some new friends, because egging houses and peeing in buckets is a no-go.
- Beyoncé posted pictures of baby Carter's birthday party, where she went all-out. I noticed that the baby's hair wasn't done. So she can have a birthday party but not a comb. Cool.
- Liam Payne of One Direction has asked his fans to back off and stop waiting outside of his house. Be grateful Liam. You're not Harry. You probably won't ever be.
- Kylie Jenner sent out an angry tweet Sunday wondering why anyone would think she dates for the publicity. It might be because of the trend her sister started. Just saying.
- Drake got in touch with his Degrassi roots for the upcoming SNL skits. We found Wheelchair Jimmy.
- Jenny McCarthy tried out for a spot on ABC's "The Bachelorette" and got rejected. Who wouldn't want to date Jenny McCarthy? ABC. That's who.

Information compiled by Arts & Entertainment Editor Kimeko McCoy and Arts & Entertainment Chief Will Peebles from perezhilton.com and TMZ.com.

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-$3 absolute & $1 pbr
-Jam Night @ 9 open to any act

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Bob Snead presents 'Means of Production'

Fine Arts

BY RASHIDA OTUNBA
The George-Anne staff

Those who have strolled through the Center for Art and Theatre recently may have noticed the convenient addition of a dollar store in the Georgia Southern University art gallery.

New Orleans-based artist Bob Snead will be at GSU to discuss this piece as part of his new installation tonight at 5 p.m. in the Center for Art and Theatre Visual Arts Building.

The installation features a makeshift dollar store, a factory-style conveyor belt, two interactive ATM machines and a collage of Little Debbie boxes. All are handcrafted and fashioned from industrial remains and shipping material, some of which are from his local dollar store.

'Means of Production' is meant to draw attention to the diminishing manufacturing industry in the United States and highlight how it impacts producers and consumers.

It also focuses on the loss of handmade material and seeks to focus attention on the process behind forming the items that we buy and consume each day from raw materials that may have been shipped abroad and processed before making their way back to American consumers.

The commercial-industrial market has shifted greatly in the last 10-20 years and we are starting to feel these shifts on both national and local levels. There is an awareness of corporate and consumer spending as companies build factories abroad to mass produce items and ship them back to the United States to be sold at a cheaper rate, Marc Mitchell, gallery director for the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art, said.

One of the most interesting aspects of the installation is the presence of two interactive ATM machines that provide social commentary about the effect the recession has had not only on the industrial market, but also middle class workers.

The event is free and followed by a reception. Snead's installation will be available for viewing in the CAT until Feb. 21.

Courtesy of Marc Mitchell

Artist Bob Snead creates art through recycled materials as well as through colored paintings.

El Jalapeño is spicing up Statesboro

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El Jalapeño serves burritos, quesadillas, fajitas as well as vegetarian options.

Food Review ★★★★☆

BY MEAGAN GREENE
The George-Anne staff

El Jalapeño, a new Mexican restaurant that is scorching through Statesboro, leaving a trail of practical prices and interesting meal options.

The new kid on the block in the Statesboro Mexican food scene, El Jalapeño is looking to give established joints El Rinconcito and El Sombrero a run for their money. The restaurant is located in the same building where Jaman Caribbean Café once was.

Each item on the menu contains ingredients that do not shy away from what you would get at any run-of-the-mill cultural food joint such as this one. However, the way the food is prepared and presented makes the entire experience superior to its competition.

The meal started like most Mexican cuisine establishments, with plenty of chips and salsa. While the chips were no different from your average grocery store brand, the salsa was far beyond that. This salsa is quite possibly the best salsa in Statesboro. The key was El Jalapeño's on-point use of cilantro, not overbearing but definitely noticeable. To go along with this the balanced texture and thickness of the salsa rounded out an impressive start to a meal.

Although there was a menu of what seemed like endless possibilities, the Tacos de Carne Asada meal stood out the most. The order consisted of seasoned carne asada beef served on top of flavorful flour tortillas with a mixture of sides including rice, beans, guacamole and perfect pico de gallo. Though all parts good in their own right, the most notable piece in the dish was the beef. El Jalapeño managed to make a generally subpar, chewy and cheap cut of beef taste magnificent and become tender.

Another route to be taken on the menu would be the Chile Colorado, which is made up of fajita steak with red sauce. Along with the main course the meal is served with an assortment of sides including beans, rice, three tortillas, hot chili and a choice of either a tossed salad or guacamole salad.

Dessert options include items such as flan, a classic Mexican custard, or cinnamon churros, another staple of the Latin-American dessert diet.

The cherry on top of any new restaurant is the service. El Jalapeño meets the mark with friendly and, more importantly, timely employees. Starting with greeting each customer gallantly when they walk through the front door to serving them with grace, then finishing off the job with a cheerful adios amigos, this restaurant does its job well.

Queen Beyoncé impresses with visual album

Music Review ★★★☆☆

BY CHARLES RUDISON
The George-Anne staff

Although a month has passed since Beyoncé rocked the fans of her "Beyhive," her self-titled album deserves review because she continues to show why she is the queen five weeks later.

Beyoncé introduced the 14-track album "Beyoncé" on Dec. 13 without any advertisement or promoting. The record is the eighth release of Beyoncé's career, and her fifth consecutive to reach the number-one position on the Billboard 200 Chart. "Beyoncé" has become her best-selling album to date and has stayed at number one for nearly 5 weeks.

"Beyoncé" was also a visual album. A visual album is an album accompanied with a video for every song. Beyoncé seemed to have followed in the footsteps of pop icon Madonna. Releasing a visual album was an ingenious idea that only adds to her star stature.

The visual prowess of the album was as provocative as provocative can get. It was beyond well done.

The album offers a vibrant, lust-filled, seductive sound that enchants listeners and puts them in somewhat of a trance.

However, in comparison to previous records such as "I am Sasha Fierce" or "4," "Beyoncé" comes up short in the soul department. In older albums, listeners can feel and understand her love and happiness in every chord she sang. However, in this album, I can't feel much of anything.

Her sound has also become a little too generic. While Beyoncé does have a distinct voice, her tracks have begun to sound like everything else on the radio.

The main flaw in the album is that it is missing its purpose. I cannot hear her love for music in this album. Her previous albums dealt with the emotions she felt from being married and becoming a mother. Listeners can't sense the purpose in this album. All that is heard is Beyoncé saying, "I am bored, I feel like making an album."

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The start of a new semester is like having a clean slate and it's always the same old routine. This is finally the semester to get a 4.0, never to miss a class, start a study group, do all that assigned reading, and, oh yeah, maybe cut back on making appearances at the plaza, but that one's always a little iffy.

During orientation, SOAR leaders make a point to take all the incoming students on an extensive tour of the campus to showcase the variety of resources Georgia Southern University has to offer to help students succeed academically. Unfortunately it becomes easy to forget about these resources that are available on campus. If study rooms in the library sound cool, try heading to the relaxation room at the counseling center when you start to feel midterms' weight hanging around your neck.

And though the Academic Success Center may not sound very appealing at first, it certainly will when that 80 you had in ECON 2105 nose dives to a 60 midway through the semester.

"Students just don't come as often as they should to workshops near the beginning of the semester, and that would really help them get off to a good start," Janet O'Brien, director of the Academic Success Center, said.

Instead of relying on that friend that took biochemistry three semesters ago for help, take advantage of the free campus-wide tutoring that goes on nearly every day all semester in Cone Hall.

The people that make 4.0s get there by studying consistently and asking for help when it's needed. At first it might be hard to skip that episode of the Bachelor or happy hour with friends to head to an academic success workshop, but it'll be worth it when you get HOPE back or finally make the Dean's list. The best way to achieve your goals this semester is to take small steps every day to get there. Remember that, Eagles.

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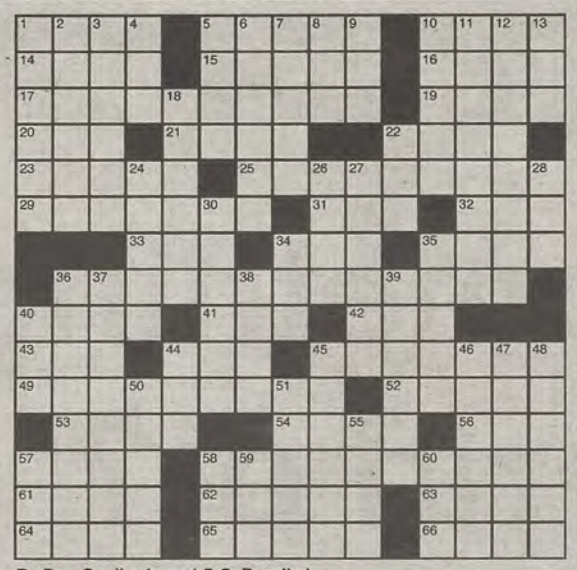

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24 Put (down), as a bet
26 Common street name
27 What a solo homer produces
28 Airline to Copenhagen
30 Venezuelan president Hugo
34 "Batman" sound effect
35 Song of mourning
36 Alias for a secret agent
37 Words of confession
38 "Shake a leg!"
39 Native of Japan's third most populous city
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45 Like numbers in the periodic table
46 Ornate 18th-century style
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48 Workweek start, or an apt title for this puzzle based on an abbreviation found in its five longest answers
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Calamities of Nature by Tony Piro

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Women's basketball spotlight Anna Claire Knight

Women's Basketball

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Junior guard Anna Claire Knight (24) is the leading scorer for the Lady Eagles, averaging 15.5 points per game on 35.9 percent shooting. Knight has been perfect at the free throw line the past four games going a perfect 15-15 at the charity stripe.

This season junior guard Anna Claire Knight has been the leading scorer, ranked second in assists, and has played a vital role for the Georgia Southern University women's basketball team (5-12, SoCon 3-3).

Anna Claire, who goes by "AC" on the court, has been a big name player her entire career. She attended Trinity Christian School in Dublin, Ga. Knight averaged over 20 points per game her freshman year as Trinity went on to win the state championship.

Throughout the rest of her high school experience Knight was awarded All-State honors four years in a row and scored a school record 3,101 points. Her play in high school also won her the Heart of Georgia Player of the Year four years in a row.

As she was deciding where to take her talents in college she looked to her parents for guidance, both having graduated from GSU. Knight took an official visit where her decision was solidified.

"Both my parents came to school here so I grew up a fan, I loved the team atmosphere and the coaching staff was a big influence, I just loved Georgia Southern," Knight said.

As a freshman, Knight played immediately, taking the court in all 30 games and started in 12. Through the season she averaged 5.8 points and three rebounds per game with a 37.4 shooting percentage.

Her freshman year was capped off by being named to the SoCon All-Freshman team by the media. However, she was not only stellar on the court but she kept her grades in check as well, being named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

Knight gives much of the credit of her success to her father. She believes that he is one of the main reasons she has come so far.

"My dad taught me how to shoot, how to dribble, he taught me everything I know. He's not only been a great influence in basketball but in life too, he's a great role model to follow," Knight said.

After her productive freshman season, the Lady Eagles had high expectations for Knight's sophomore season. Continuing to be a threat offensively, she averaged 11.7 points per game and was tied for 16th in the conference in rebounds with 5.7 in the 29 games she started.

By the end of her second season Knight was named SoCon Player of the Week two times, one being awarded after a three-point buzzer beater against Wofford College. Proving yet again that academics were important as well, she was named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll and the SoCon All-Academic team.

Prior to the start of this season, Knight was only one of two Lady Eagles named to the Preseason All-SoCon team. Expectations were higher than ever and to this point in the season the junior has surpassed all of them.

Currently, Knight ranks third in the SoCon in scoring with 15.7 points per game. In addition to her scoring she ranks 12th in the conference in assists per game and 16th in rebounds.

With certain personal goals heading into the season, Knight made it her priority to have a successful season.

"One of my main focuses this season was to be more aggressive offensively and defensively, and my confidence has grown so much this year, which I think has been a huge help," Knight said.

The Lady Eagles still have a long stretch of SoCon games ahead of them and will heavily rely on the junior standout to put them in position to win the conference. Knight understands that she will need to be at her best and still has her list of things she wants to improve.

"I want to keep being aggressive, work on finding the ball quicker, and working with my teammates so we can dig down and get more wins in the long run," Knight said.

After a 17-point showing in the loss to Elon University, Knight and the Lady Eagles will return to the court this Saturday to swing momentum back in their favor against SoCon opponent Davidson College. The last of the Lady Eagles three-game home stretch will take place at 5 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse.

Eagle close three-game homestand

Women's Basketball (5-12)

BY TREVOR MCNABOE
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The rubber match of a three-game homestand for the Georgia Southern University women's basketball team against Davidson College can put the Eagles over .500 in conference.

GSU currently sits at 3-3 in the Southern Conference after a loss to Elon University by 19 points on Monday.

Numbers never lie, and in the last five losses the Eagles have endured they have been outscored and outplayed in the first half.

Playing from behind the eight-ball is a tough task and if the Eagles fall behind early against the Wildcats it could spell trouble.

The Wildcats are coming in on a two-game win streak and currently sit in the upper tier of the SoCon standings with a conference record of 5-1.

Davidson has a trio of players that, if not held in check, could cause major problems for the Eagles.

Senior guard Laura Murray, junior forward Hannah Early and sophomore forward Dakota Dukes combined for 45 of the teams 68.7 points-per-game average.

The matchup between these three players and junior guard Anna Claire Knight, sophomore forward Briana Jones and senior forward Danielle Spencer will be the key to the game.

In the pair of games last season it was the Wildcats that bested the Eagles, winning both games by scores of 61-49 and 73-61.

Senior guard Mimi Dubose came up big, scoring a team-high 21 points in the first matchup between teams last season. Dubose currently averages 10.4 points per game.

GSU has the pieces to get a win here with good guard play from Knight and Dubose, the team's two leading scorers, and denying Davidson any second chance opportunities by securing rebounds from Jones and Spencer, the team's leading rebounders.

When it comes down to it this game will be all about how the Eagles handle their individual matchups, and how they do in the early minutes of the game will go a long way in determining the outcome.

The Eagles will take on the Wildcats Saturday at 7 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse.

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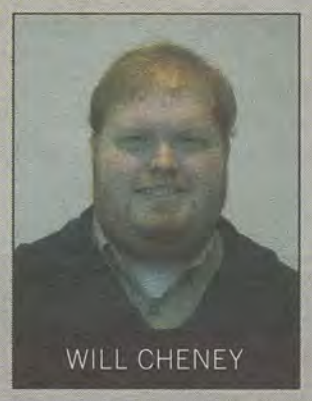
Senior guard Lacie Dowling (1) is the Lady Eagles' third leading scorer averaging 8.8 points per game and she is hitting threes at a 46.4 percent clip.

GSU is just a name, not an identity


WILL CHENEY

There has been a lot of buzz about the abbreviation guide the Sun Belt Conference released on Tuesday.

The abbreviations are for the media's use to keep a consistent way of identifying different institutions without confusing one for another due to similar acronyms.

The most glaring point in the release, with respect to Georgia Southern University, was the fact that we were to be labeled as 'GS' while Georgia State University was able to keep the coveted 'GSU' moniker.

Since the beginning of days, the student bodies of GSU and, well, GSU (Ga.St) have been going back and forth over which school should claim ownership of those three letters. The hashtags of #therealGSU and #SouthernNotState are still floating around twitter and really everywhere else.

After all that, I have some good news. It does not matter in the long run. Before y'all get the pitchforks, hear me out. The GSU debacle is a pride thing, which is understandable. If you have something and it gets taken from you, you get angry. It's human nature, but to get angry over an ultimately meaningless nickname makes no sense. The biggest change that may come out of this is GSUproblems becoming GSproblems.

Whether we go by GS, GSU or Georgia Southern, the Sun Belt did not take away the traditions from us. Those blue and white uniforms will still run by the bust of Erk Russell on Saturday afternoons. The yellow school busses will still bring the Eagles to the 'prettiest little stadium in America' on game days, albeit a renovated one, and the Southern Pride Marching Band will still play "Georgia on my Mind" before kickoff.

Of all the traditions that we still have in our grasp, the most important one is winning. Ga.St, which held its first football season just four short years ago, is 10-35 and 0-12 after one season in the Sun Belt. The perfect medicine for this, as with most ailments, is winning. Personally, beating Ga.St every season for the next ten seasons is enough to make me not worry about what the media calls us.

Football tickets for 2014 are available

BY SHAKEEM HOLLOWAY
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Georgia Southern University football will kick-off its inaugural season in the Football Bowl Subdivision by way of the Sun Belt Conference in August, but tickets are available now.

Current season ticket holders who renew by Feb. 15 include incentives of a six-month payment plan, three-year price freeze on seats, an invitation to a special meet-and-greet session with new Head Football Coach Willie Fritz, a poster of GSU's win over the University of Florida, and the chance to win four tickets to away games against North Carolina State University, the Georgia Institute of Technology and the United States Naval Academy.

Seat locations will be confirmed later this spring after the renewals have been processed.

The six-month payment plan, three-year price lock for seats and the poster commemorating the Eagles' victory at "The Swamp" are also offered to individuals making new purchases by Feb. 15th.

Season ticket prices remain the same for 2014 with chair-back seats in sections C and E at $140 each with a minimum donation of $300 to the Georgia Southern Athletic Foundation. Chair-back seating in sections B and F requires the same donation of $300 with each ticket at $130. Also available in the south stands, bleacher seats are $135 in sections C and E and $125 in sections B and F, all requiring a donation of $120, or $10 a month, to purchase season tickets in those locations.

Bishop Club chair-back seats are $425 each and include members-only access to an air-conditioned entertainment space, food and beverages. Seats in the Bishop Club, Eagle Club and section 107 of the club level require minimum donations of $1,200 with $210 season ticket prices for the Eagle club level and club level section 107 at the 50-yard line.

Mid-field tickets in section D, located on the north side of Paulson Stadium, and the new upper deck's section LL are $145 with a donation of $600 necessary for purchasing season tickets in these areas.

Courtesy of gseagles.com

A limited number of Eagle Family Plan tickets for the grass hill section are available with a minimum of two for $145 for five games. The Eagle Family Plan in sections JJ and KK offer two reserved seats for all home games for $145. Additional Family Plan tickets are $75 each. Fans can save $50 compared to single-game tickets with the purchase of four or more seats.

Eagles at home vs. Paladins tonight

Men's Basketball (8-9)

BY COLIN RITSICK
The George-Anne staff

After losing a nail-biter on Saturday, Georgia Southern University will try to bounce back and reclaim a winning record in the Southern Conference today as Furman University rolls into town.

The Paladins (6-11, 0-4 SoCon) are losers of four straight and sit at the bottom of the SoCon totem pole.

Even though the Eagles (8-9, 1-1 SoCon) have fared better this season and are just one win away from a .500 record whereas the Paladins are five away, there are some noticeable similarities between the two teams.

Both teams seem almost too reliant on their top scorers. GSU with senior guard Tre Bussey and junior guard Jelani Hewitt, and Furman with sophomore guard Stephen Croone. Croone takes almost 25 percent of the Paladins shots meanwhile Bussey and Hewitt combine for over 50 percent of the Eagles shots.

Hewitt ranks 20th nationally in scoring with an average of 20.8 points per game. Bussey and Croone both average just less than 20 points per game as well.

During weekly radio show Inside Georgia Southern Basketball with Chris Blair on Tuesday night, Head Coach Mark Byington did not shy away from letting listeners know that Croone was the top priority for his team.

"He puts a lot of pressure on your defense. Not only can he score the ball, but one of the things I think he's done great with is get to the free-throw line," Byington said. "He's talented. Keeping him off the free-throw line is probably going to be our number one game plan against him."

If any of these players have a bad night offensively, the rest of the game will be an uphill battle for his team.

Both teams lack an identity in the paint.

GSU rarely works the ball down low to begin a possession. Senior forward Marvin Baynham is a talented rebounder and defender, but he does most of his offensive damage off of put-backs and second chance shots – not post-up opportunities.

Furman's forward, six-foot, nine-inch sophomore Kendrec Ferrera, shoots at a high rate around the basket but ventures outside of the paint too often. He has put up 19 three-pointers so far this season and connected on just four.

Another key factor will be turnovers.

The Eagles have done a fine job forcing turnovers this season. They force almost 14 per game. If they can keep the ball under control on offense, the team will most likely win the turnover battle. And as they are going against a team that struggles to put up points, which bodes very well for GSU.

Furman doesn't have a lot of viable scoring threats. They aren't a team that is going to wow the crowd with a high-octane offense. Beyond Croone, the scoring is very balanced and spread out – but not in abundance. They average just 66.8 points per game, whereas GSU puts up 74.8.

The Eagles can improve its record to 2-1 in the conference and 9-9 overall with a win today. If the Eagles play consistent offense and take smart shots, they should not have a problem with Furman.

Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse.

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Senior forward Marvin Baynham (10) is averaging 6.3 points per game in 17 games played this season. Furman has been outscored by its opponents this season 1,255-1,135.

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Earlier on, he set the record for most rushing yards as a freshman, and was the first sophomore to earn the award for most outstanding player in NCAA Division I-AA.

After his time with the Eagles, Peterson continued his football career in the National Football League, playing eight years for the Chicago Bears. Peterson no longer plays football, but he has dedicated his life to motivational speaking, working with multiple charities.

Peterson was very successful in his athletic career, but his academic career took a hit at a very young age, when, in kindergarten, he found out he had a speech impediment. He was in speech therapy classes all the way through his high school years and later learned that those classes helped him through his time in collegiate and professional football.

Peterson did not forget where his roots are though. In 2012, he came out with his autobiography called *"Don't Dis My Abilities"* and a portion of all his book sales comes back to GSU to fund a scholarship.

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Adrian Peterson is the all-time leading rusher in FCS history. Ralph Wallace, publisher of College Sporting News, referred to Peterson as the best player ever in the FCS.

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