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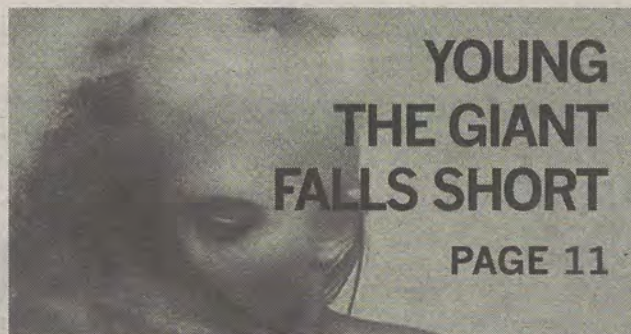
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‘Moving forward in unity’

Civil Rights leader to visit Georgia Southern for MLK Day

BY CASEY CARGLE
The George-Anne staff

Andrew Young, Ph.D., will speak to students tomorrow to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Young was a member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, worked closely with Martin Luther King Jr. and was with the Civil Rights leader the day he was assassinated.

The Multicultural Student Center is hosting the event, and sent out a survey to the students to find out whom they wanted to hear from and Young was selected.

“I was very surprised and excited that the students chose Doctor Young,” Dorcy Baldwin, director of MSC, said.

Young will talk to students about the Civil Rights Movement,

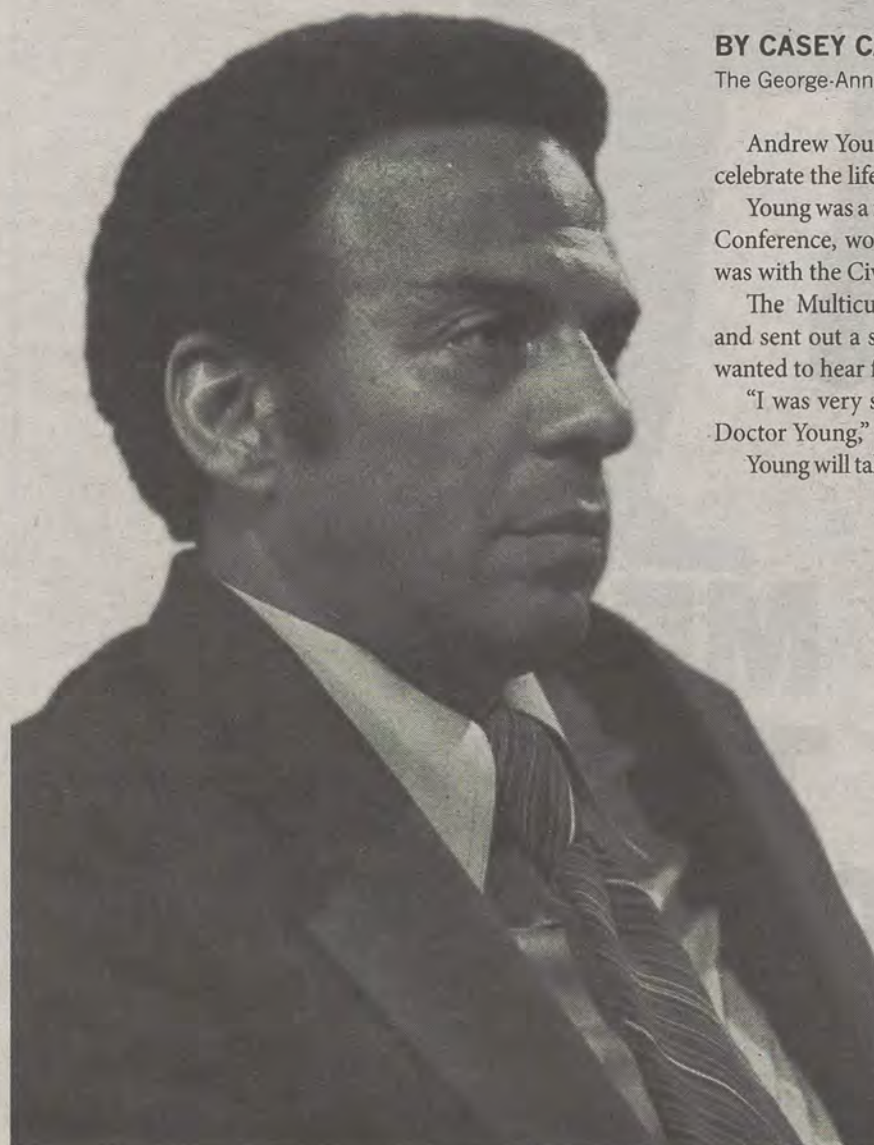
being there and creating history, and about how to take what Dr. King taught the world and move forward in unification.

“The theme for this is moving forward in unity, like how do we take the ideals and lessons from Dr. King and move forward,” Baldwin said.

This year the MSC decided to make MLK Jr. Day more than just a one-day event. MSC sent information out to students before break, telling them about the essay contest, the winners of which will have the opportunity to eat dinner with Young.

“It’s exciting because I remember learning about him in school and seeing him in the news, I think it will be a great experience young and old,” Baldwin said.

Students can tweet or send an email to MSC if they have a question for Young that they would like answered at the event.



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11:40 a.m.: Officers assisted the Statesboro Police with an incident on Fair Road.

11:30 a.m.: Criminal Investigations assisted the DeKalb County District Attorney's Office with the service of a subpoena.

2:00 p.m.: An incident report was taken for damage to a vehicle in the parking lot of the ROTC Building.

2:34 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident in Lot 42.

6:27 p.m.: An incident report was taken for theft of unattended property at the RAC. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

8:44 p.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on Maleki Drive at Akins Blvd. The driver of the vehicle, Jahmal Lawrence Calliste, 20, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Speeding, Possession of Marijuana – misde-

meanor and DUI 1st – Refusal.

Friday, Jan. 16

9:15 a.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident in Lot 21.

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12:35 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident in Lot 42.

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4:12 p.m.: Officers responded to Eagle Village in reference to a drug complaint. One occupant, Joseph Alexander Flowers, 18, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana – misdemeanor and was judicially referred. Three other

occupants were judicially referred.

7:48 p.m.: Officers responded to Freedom's Landing in reference to a drug complaint. One occupant was judicially referred.

11:13 p.m.: Officers responded to Freedom's Landing in reference to a drug complaint. One occupant was judicially referred.

11:21 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the IT Building.

11:56 p.m.: Officers responded to Centennial Place 4102 in reference to a drug complaint. One occupant, Chelsea M. Fulghum, 18, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Alcohol – Under 21 Years of Age and was judicially referred.

2:29 a.m.: Officers responded to Eagle Village Building #1 in reference to an intoxicated female. Emily Anne Asbell, 18, Johns Creek, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Alcohol – Under 21 Years of Age and False ID.

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Writing announced as QEP topic

BY TAYLER CRITCHLOW

The George-Anne staff

Effective writing is the focus for the Georgia Southern University Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) for the 2015 reaffirmation.

The QEP is a specific course of action designed to address a well-defined topic related to enhancing student learning, that is then developed and implemented over a five-year period, according to a news release.

"Effective writing" and "experiential learning" were the two focus choices that arose from Town Hall meetings, surveys, and input from the GSU community

and stakeholders, according to the release.

Faculty, students, alumni and staff took a survey during mid-fall 2013 to decide between the two choices.

Faculty and staff favored "effective writing" while students and alumni leaned towards "experiential learning."

The QEP Steering Committee researched the debate on student preparedness, the available data on employer needs and trends in higher education.

Based on the research, "effective writing" emerged as the strongest option, according to the release.

Each topic was also put against a series of questions that related

to which would make the largest impact on campus development, the university's reputation, culture and legacy, and which topic would best coincide with the university mission statement.

Georgia Southern is preparing for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges 10-year self-study, which requires a QEP.

According to the press release, the QEP development team that is comprised of students, staff, administrators and faculty representatives from all colleges is being formed and will assume responsibility for the development of the chosen topic.

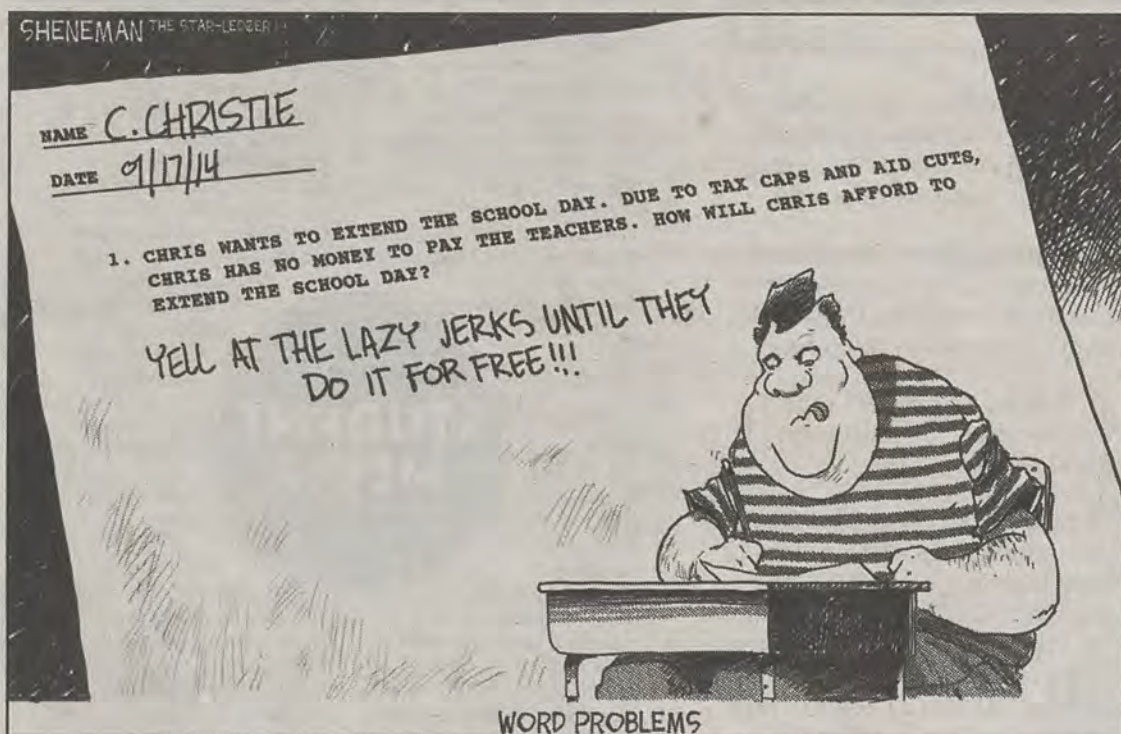
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My opinion on opinions columns

Note to self: if one of my columnists mentions a certain popular Georgia Southern University-themed social media account in a not so positive light, word will travel quickly and furiously. Needless to say, my first week as the Opinions Editor for The George-Anne was certainly eventful.

When I first found out that I would be taking over this position at the end of the fall semester I was instantly convinced that I was going make my designated two pages in each issue better than they had ever been. I was going to do away with the regurgitated Fox News and MSNBC political views, and the endless advice for freshmen. However when it came down to crunch time, I found myself reluctant to put my own thoughts out there in a way that was as bold as I wished it was, and I ended up writing a piece myself that was much more bland than I intended.

I was lucky that in the same issue I had two new columnists who were brave enough to produce pieces that were fun and unique compared to my drab column about student organizations. Over the course of the week I was also lucky enough to publish a wide variety of columns, some from staff members, some from regular students, and even guest columns from a grad student, an associate dean, and the parent of a fallen eagle.

That is the great thing about pages four and five of this little paper. The limits to what we put in here are potentially endless. They were designed to help express the thoughts and opinions of the GSU community and not those of The George-Anne

BEHIND THE SCENES



Peyton Callanan

staff, and as cliché as it may sound, college is the time and the place for future leaders to find their voice. Think of these two pages as a place for students to express that voice, whether it is in a weekly column or a letter to the editor.

Not everything I will run over the course of my time as Opinions Editor will be serious and thought-provoking. Some of it will simply be fun and satirical, and I do not expect you to agree with any of it, but that is why it is called the opinions section. Those who are brave enough to put their opinions out there for the entire campus to scrutinize should be encouraged and not judged. If you disagree with their opinion then I welcome you to share yours through a letter to the editor or even your own column.

Sharing your thoughts and concerns in a respectful but meaningful way is how progress gets made not only within our own little community here at GSU but also out in the real world. So lets all agree to disagree from time to time because it makes life a little more interesting.

Callanan is a senior communication arts major from Chuluota, FL. She is the current opinions editor.

The wonderful world of wordplay

I really like words. Words are the most basic form of communication. Words make up this column. Every bit of poetry and prose ever written are basically just words. Words are important, but words can't do it alone.

OK. The paragraph above was excruciatingly boring and felt almost treasonous to write. But I did it for a reason. Look at the sentences. They're dull. They're all around the same length, have boring structure, and when read aloud they are painful to listen to.

Why does this happen? What makes those completely factual and topical words so monotonous? It has a lot to do with rhythm.

I can write a 10-syllable sentence. I can do it again and change topics. When rhythm is repetitive, words suck. You are so tired of reading these now.

So I'll stop. I'll change the rhythm. I'll use a few short sentences. I'll take my thoughts about what I'm writing and heap them into a huge sentence that builds, and crescendos, and somehow manages to make the voice in your head read louder and faster. See that? When the structure of sentences is varied, the writer creates a more interesting, constantly moving emotive rhythm. It's like music.

It's good to keep words fresh too. Many great words are combed over into obscurity because of the word "really." In my constant battle to make my vocabulary interesting "really" gives me the most trouble.

I'm really tired. I'm really angry with my professor, but I really like you. Look at those lackluster expressions of emotion. Why not say: "I'm exhausted. I'm absolutely

PEEBES POINT OF VIEW



Will Peebles

furious with my professor, but totally enamored by you!"

It all comes down to how much you care about what you put down on paper. Learn to enjoy words. There is a zero percent chance that you won't have to write some sort of paper in college. So why not venture into the craft?

Peebles is a junior journalism major from Wrens. He is the current arts & entertainment chief.

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Spring concert vote or spring concert joke

In wake of still not being able to book an artist for our spring concert, the University Programming Board leaves me asking the question, "is this a joke?"

The ballot for the rock, country and pop sections were pretty good from Imagine Dragons to Carrie Underwood. I have no complaints. My problem is with the hip-hop section.

The spring concert vote consisted of eleven artists, two of which were in the hip-hop category. The hip-hop artists were Macklemore and Flo Rida.

This is an outrage. With rap music being one of the most popular types of music in the college age group, why are there only two hip-hop artists to choose from? Hardcore hip-hop fans like me want an answer.

Even more disgusting than the fact that there were only two choices from the hip-hop venue are the choices themselves.

Macklemore is not a bad artist. He just has a certain sound and style that not everyone can get into. Even though I personally don't like his music I recognize there are still an abundance of people that do, but putting Flo Rida on the ballot was just plain disrespectful.

I have met people who enjoy listening to the sound of a teacher scratching her fingernails against an old chalk board, but I have never met anyone who even remotely enjoys listening to Flo Rida's music. In fact, the last time I even heard about Flo Rida George Bush was still in

CHARLES IN CHARGE



Charles Rudison

office, and jean shorts were still in style.

Was this some cruel joke? Will Ashton Kutcher pop out sometime soon and tell us we are on Punk'd?

The fact of the matter is the UPB needs to get its act together. Not only were they disrespectful to hip-hop heads with their extremely weak hip-hop choices, but they were also disrespectful to the thousands of students who voted and possibly won't get to see the artist they want to see.

I don't expect UPB to book underground moguls like Ab-soul or Earl Sweatshirt. I don't expect it to be able to gather Icons like Kanye West or Lil Wayne, but it could at least try to be broader with the hip-hop choices and pick people who have been relevant within the past year or two.

Next concert there needs to be a change because I'm sure I don't speak for just myself when I say I'd rather eat crayons than have my student fees pay Flo Rida.

Rudison is a freshman pre-business major from Chicago. He is currently the music reporter.

Support local artist

What if I told you that the next Drake lives down the street from you? I'm sure that by now everyone has at least heard of Beyoncé's new album, but have you listened to This Wine Glass, a new song by Truu Hayze ft Kamikaze Hendrix & Symone?

I know it sounds crazy, but so often talented musician's right here at Georgia Southern University are not taken seriously due to their lack of notoriety. What's even worse is that musicians here at GSU of all genres have probably produced high quality, one-of-a-kind songs that are just as good as Rihanna or Avicii's songs but do not have a fan base to prove that.

Fan bases are extremely important to any artist who is looking for their big break or just trying to stay relevant, and people are ultimately the lifeblood of their success. Maintaining some form of a relationship with fans will foster loyalty and as a result, loyalty will increase not only profit, but confidence. You don't have to be a fan from up close though, as social media sites provide a way to stay updated on an artist's latest song. According to Kayak Online Marketing, 64 percent of Twitter users say they are more likely to buy from the brands they follow and 51 percent of Facebook users say they are more likely to buy from the brands they follow.

Recently, two college students who go by the studio names of Truu Hayze and Orfeo Fame released an album called "Bluegum Spades" in September 2013 and now have over 1,000 downloads. Imagine if they had a

THE SANCHEZ SNIPPET



Joyce Sanchez

larger fan base. The downloads would triple and they would surely increase their chances to be found by a major record label.

No, local artists aren't mainstream, but they're producing high-quality music that deserves a listen. They may not have all the high-end videos and the money for a tour bus, but these people have passion, commitment, and determination to get into the music industry someday. According to Kayak Online Marketing, it only takes 20 people to create a community that generates a meaningful level of activity about an individual, just through day-to-day activities. It is only right that we, as college students take a chance and look away from mainstream music to see what local talent is performing tonight because nothing feels better than your own community supporting you.

Sanchez is a sophomore political science major from Vineland, N.J. She is currently the president of 100 Collegiate Women of America and was involved with the McCollier for Mayor Campaign.

Why are we so quick to judge a woman by her size?

For years now, people and fashion enthusiasts have had a power struggle over what "beautiful" is and how it is represented in magazines. We've made so much progress as a nation, yet we still can't show a lady with a full figure on the cover of a magazine without someone saying something similar to what we'd hear in a middle school rap battle.

In recent headlines, audiences were pleased, yet shocked, to see "Girls" star Lena Dunham on the cover of the famous fashion magazine Vogue. Editor-in-Chief of the magazine Anna Wintour, the inspiration for "The Devil Wears Prada," has been openly candid in the past with the type of woman she wants on the cover of the magazine, and in simple terms, it's not somebody that weighs more than 100 pounds. Wintour

even went as far as asking Oprah Winfrey to lose 20 pounds before her debut Vogue cover for the October edition in 1998. But it seems as though Wintour may be ready to step away from the stereotypical Vogue cover girl.

Although we are making several steps forward in this "not-every-woman-has-the-same-body-type" campaign, sometimes we as a society can become the critics even though we think we are the ones trying to defend. Mindy Kaling, creator and star of "The Mindy Project," alongside Amy Poehler, Allison Williams and Zooey Deschanel were all chosen for ELLE's "Women of TV" issue, each being the cover girl for four separate issues. Out of the four, Kaling's cover was the only one from the special issue that was a

BROOKE IN THE 'BORO



Brooke Rabon

close up of her face, and in black and white. The other women's covers however, were of their full bodies and in color. How someone went about noticing this coincidence, and automatically suggested that ELLE didn't show Kaling's body because she was not as thin as the other women, is beyond me. But, someone did.

Although the other women may be smaller in structure than Kaling, Kaling expressed how much she loved the cover, and in her words, "Never looked better." If she didn't have a problem with it, why should other people? While people were trying to "defend" Kaling, she stated how they ended up just insulting her.

So what can we learn from all of this? How about, if we are still going to judge who makes a cover of a magazine, we do it because we don't think the cover girl is talented at their chosen occupation, or that they stick their tongue out entirely too much. Not because of the way their body looks.

Rabon is a senior journalism major from Woodbine.

Pickle Barrel moved to Market at CP

BY CAITLYN OLIVER

The George-Anne staff

The return from winter break brought the discovery of a now-barren room that was once the Pickle Barrel, which was closed after discussion over the fall 2013 semester.

"We didn't want to close it. Students enjoy the option but it was more efficient to relocate since the Marketplace at Centennial gives almost the same products," Michael Murphy, marketing coordinator for Dining Services, said.

In place of the Pickle Barrel, there are two vending machines and a sitting area.

The meal plans did detract from revenue income but did not cause the Pickle Barrel to close, Vernon Littles, director of Satellite Dining and Special Services, said.

The revenue drop was one of many factors that went into the decision-making process of closing the Pickle Barrel, Little said.

The decision was talked over during last semester. The long-term goal was to merge Pickle Barrel and The Market at Centennial, but there was no immediate plan to close the Pickle Barrel until the opportunity arose, Littles said.

In the 11 months from July 2012 to June 2013, the Pickle Barrel brought in total revenue of \$315,750.64. From July 2013 to December 2013 the produce vendor garnered \$29,227.58, according to an open records request.

That boils down to a decrease in average monthly revenue from \$28,704.60 to \$4,871.26.

"There have been changes with a lot of places, like the new hours for Coldstone and Einstein Bagels. The dining plan is good for the underclassmen but a lot of the upperclassmen liked having a place to get a quick, cheap snack,"

Khrysta Robinson, senior public relations major, said.

Scantrons will now be available in The Market at Centennial Place, as well as the new vending machines. The idea is a one-stop-

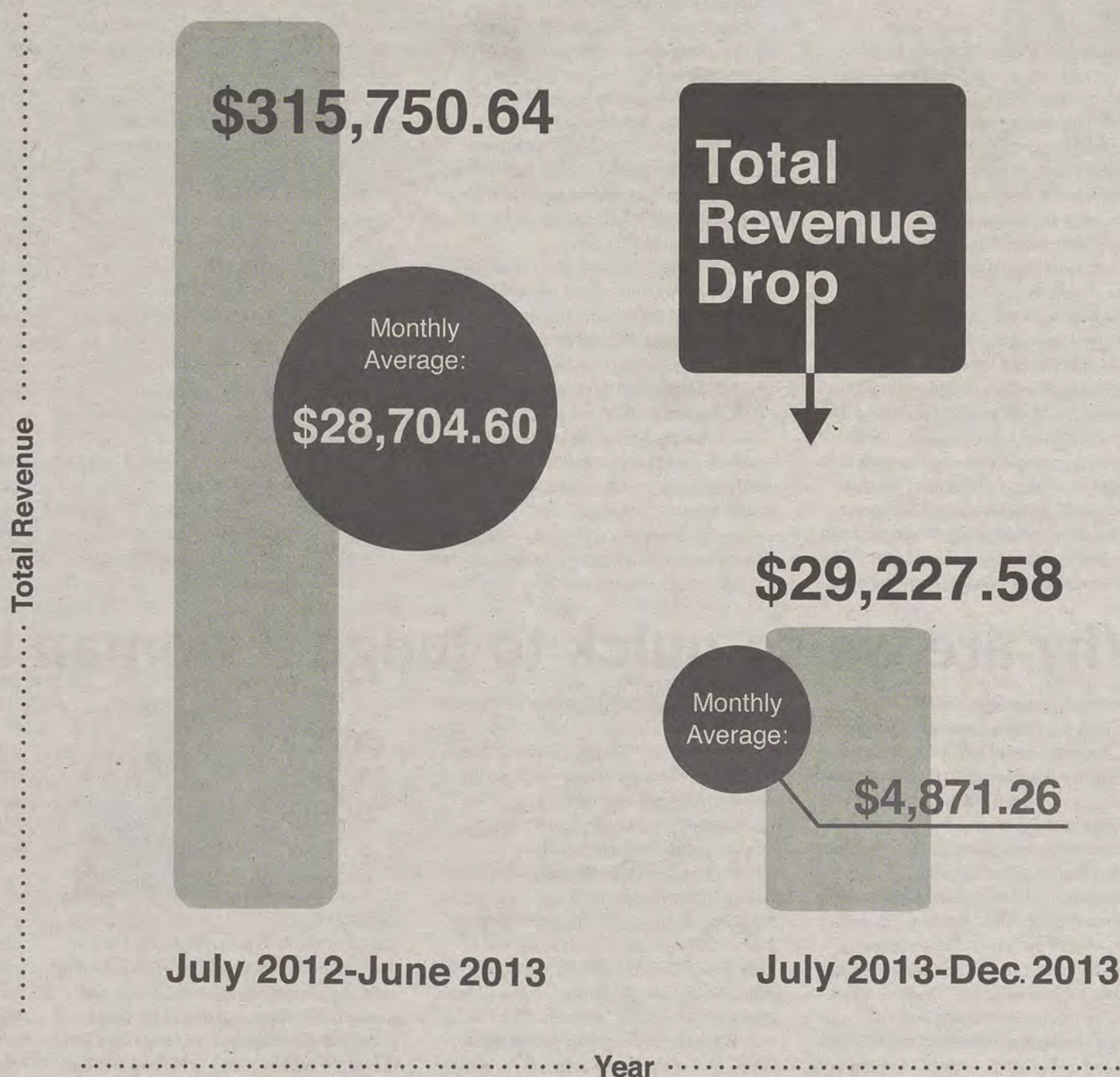
shop-style store, Murphy said.

There's always a big push for more conference areas in Russell Union so this location will be a vending style location. Seating is being added and there will

be digital panels and access to electrical outlets so that students can still use that area and enjoy the convenience, Jessica O'Neill, director of marketing for Auxiliary Services, said.

There has not been a decision as to what will replace the Pickle Barrel sign in the Russell Union.

Jackie Gutknecht contributed to this report.



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Welcome Center moving locations

BY MAUREEN O'LEARY

The George-Anne staff

The Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau Welcome Center is changing locations to usher in new improvements.

The current Welcome Center is located near the Sonic on South Main Street and will move to the closed-down Shoney's building on South Main.

Barry Turner, the last president of the Bureau, has had the goal of improving their facility for the past few years because the current location lacks space and parking.

The city's desire to renovate the Shoney's building and the Convention and Visitor's Bureau need to expand created an opportunity for the move to take place, Turner said.

The new location will have attractions to offer passersby incentive to stop, and improvements to help visitors enjoy their stay.

The new building will offer RV parking and a RV release station as well as smart-car chargers, a picnic area, access to the Willie McTell Trail and museum exhibits featuring Georgia Southern University and historical sights in Bulloch County.

Turner said that the new facility can be marketed to the niche communities that have RVs and smart-cars because they have to plan their trips around locations than accommodate their special needs.

"The goal is to get people to come here who might not otherwise have stopped," Turner said.

With the expansion of the Center, more internship positions, both paid and unpaid, will be available, Turner said.

Students with majors in business, marketing, management and hospitality would be ideal applicants.

History majors are also encouraged to apply for positions associated with the museum

displays and talking to tourists about historical sites in Bulloch County.

The goal of the new center is to increase tourism by making the center itself an attraction.

Turner said, "We're really excited about the chance to have a facility that we think will be

unique to this part of the state. Our goal is to have a better opportunity to promote Statesboro and Bulloch County and show people all the great things we have to offer and get them to stay here a little longer and actually spend little money locally."



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Health Services accredited for student health care

BY CAITLYN OLIVER

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University's Health Services has been accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) as one of the best in the state for walk-in health care.

GSU was also recognized as the first in Georgia to be a certified Patient-Centered Medical Home.

The only two other schools in Georgia that have achieved AAAHC accreditation are Emory University and the Georgia Institute of Technology.

"It took over five years to put everything in place to have a team come in to evaluate the facility and they were impressed we could do so much with limited

resources," Paul Ferguson, director of Health Services, said.

The current facility was built and established in the year 1977 to accommodate a student population of approximately 11,000 students.

A new facility on Plant Drive and Chandler Road will start construction over the summer and be open by mid-2015 to care for the 20,000 students attending GSU.

The new Health Services building will be almost twice the current size. Students will be able to have same-day appointments rather than make appointments for minor problems.

"Part of the problem was that we have limited exam rooms. The new facility will have forty rooms to see patients, whereas the current building has only thirteen rooms and we can only

handle about one-hundred fifty students per day," Ferguson said.

The current Health Services building will not be torn down but it is uncertain at this point what will be done with it.

"Many of our students are from over one-hundred miles away. We want to offer enough services that students won't have to go off-campus for anything," Ferguson said.

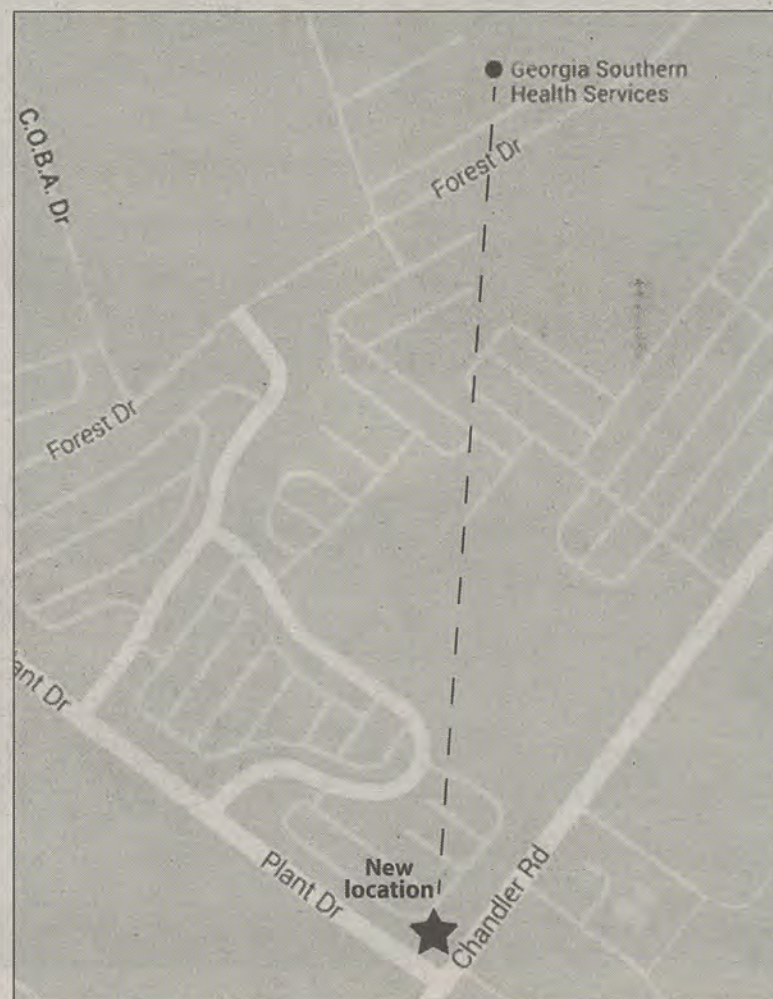
The new facility will offer a full retail pharmacy that will expand on the variety of medicines currently offered. The pharmacy now only offers generic medication.

Health fees count as a one-time co-pay. Health Services negotiated with insurance companies to allow the one-time co-pay instead of paying each visit.

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-Paul Ferguson

Director of Health Services



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Georgia Southern University Health Services has received an accreditation that only two other universities in the state have received. Top: The Health Services building is relocating to the corner of Plant Drive and Chandler Road and will open by mid-2015. Bottom: The current Health Services building has been in place since 1977.

Students reflect on MLK day



Brandon Warnock | The George-Anne

Jesse Powell freshman music major

"I think it is important to remember what he did, cause he is so important to us and American history and as a symbol in general. I think a lot of people take what he did pretty serious and they find it applicable to their lives, especially here in the South, because race has always been a touchy subject or a big part of our lives."

Katherine Delb sophomore childhood and family development major

"I'm glad, because my boyfriend is black, I couldn't imagine if nothing had happened, if Martin Luther King hadn't been born, would we still be separated?"



Brandon Warnock | The George-Anne

Garrett Green 2nd year grad student of higher education and administration major

"I think we need to remember what happened during that time and make sure we remember that we are all people and that we are all equal. No matter the color of your skin, no matter your race, no matter your sexuality, we all are people, we all are equal and with every interaction we treat each other with respect and dignity."



Brandon Warnock | The George-Anne

Evan Wang sophomore history major

"I think it's awesome that in America we can have multicultural campuses. I think it's awesome that we can, in America, live in unity and not have racial tension and boundaries. It's time for our generation to begin to look at the things that we are dealing with and really standing up for things that have yet to be addressed."



Brandon Warnock | The George-Anne

Interviews conducted by Casey Cargle



OUR MENU for Jan 20th - 24th

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New custom jewelry business hits Statesboro

Fashion

BY MEAGAN GREENE

The George-Anne staff

Brand spanking new to the 'Boro is a business that is unleashing accessories that cater to every girl's Southern side.

It's jewelry season, ladies, and Sugar B's Designs is here to offer accessories. This company sells bracelets, necklaces, and earrings in all shapes and sizes. Custom designs are welcome and encouraged so this jewelry will fit anyone's taste.

Sugar B's Designs began with a senior at Georgia Southern University, Brittany Cordell. After the passing of her grandmother Barbra, Cordell and her mother began Sugar B's jewelry business in her memory.

"I have always been into making jewelry ever since I was young. My mom and me decided to do this. It just came together," Brittany Cordell, senior marketing major, said.

The custom jewelry the new, local designer creates revolves around emulating a modern Southern jewelry style, with neutral colors and a bit of bling to make it sparkle. Bracelets with multicolored skulls, necklaces with crystals and stone cross earrings highlight the company's merchandise.

Sugar B's Designs is in the business of,

"Style with a Southern charm," Cordell said.

Although Sugar B's Designs have not hit the racks at any boutiques in the area just yet, these accessories are available online.

These accessories are by women for women. Sugar B's Designs are for anyone with a modern eye for fashion at any age.

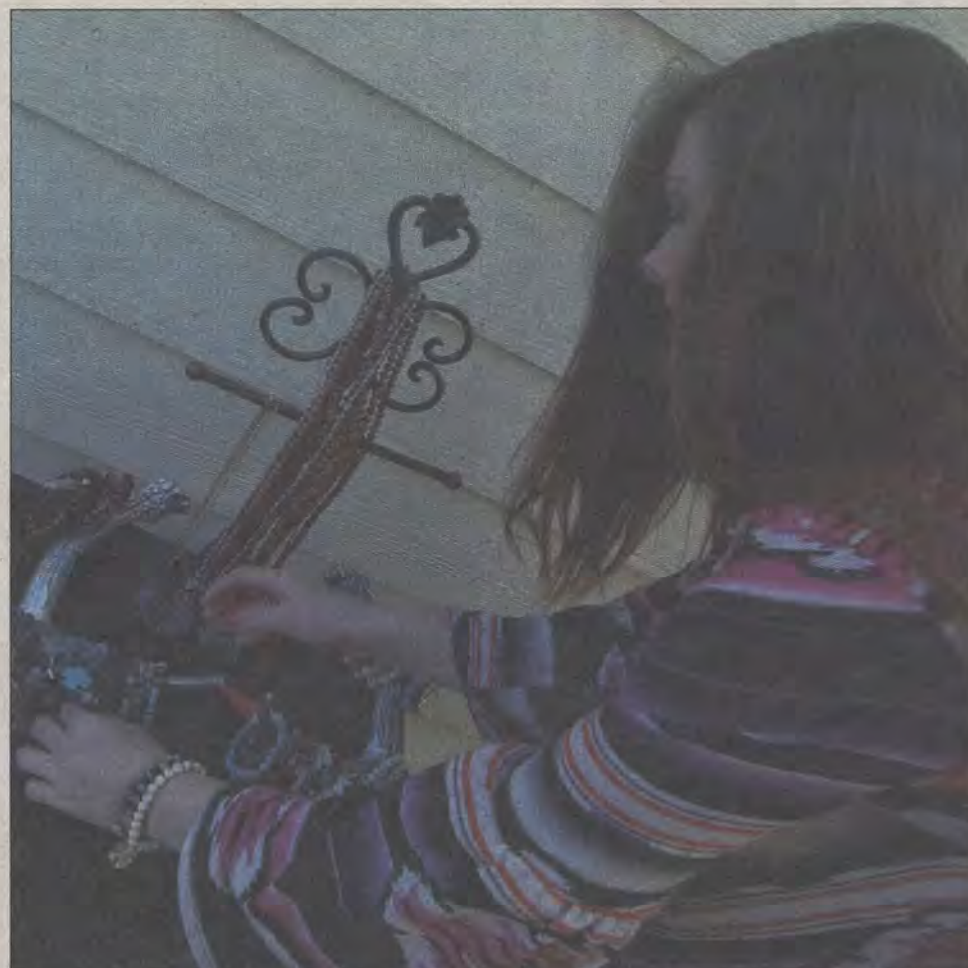
Sugar B's Designs company is intent on fitting each piece of jewelry to fit the customer's specific needs, so custom sizes and even personal creations are regular for this business.

"I tried to make everything reasonably priced, I know a lot of people, especially college students, including myself, are broke as a joke, so I try to make it work for everyone," Cordell said.

Sugar B's Designs market price for their bracelets ranges from \$10-\$18; necklaces from \$15-40 and earrings are all \$8 a pair. The new designer has received strong reviews in their short time open.

"I love it. All of her pieces are trendy and affordable. She made Christmas shopping a lot easier for me because I knew everyone would love how unique the jewelry is," Brittany Reed, senior education major, said.

Amanda Thomas, senior nursing major, said, "Everyone I've given a bracelet to has absolutely loved it. I love that they are easily worn to dress up an outfit but her jewelry can also be worn with casual clothes as well."



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Cordell began selling jewelry after the passing of her grandmother. Since that time, The Sugar BB Etsy shop's merchandise selection has grown to fit the rising demand

'Ride Along' starts year with a laugh

Film Review

BY LAURIANNA CULL

The George-Anne staff

Have you ever gone to see a movie in theaters because you thought the trailer was funny, but after you saw the movie, you realized that the only funny moments were in that very trailer?

Thankfully, this was not the case in "Ride Along." Kevin Hart and Ice Cube form a hilarious team in this comedy, diving into the dynamics of the classically awkward brother-boyfriend relationship. The pair's constant bickering carries the movie throughout, with the both of them spinning off one-liners and punch-liners

multiple times per scene.

"The movie was absolutely hilarious. I cried I was laughing so hard sometimes," sophomore biology major, Chrystal Messam said. In the movie, high school security guard, Ben (Hart) seeks approval from Atlanta Police Department detective, James (Ice Cube) to marry his sister after he gets accepted to the Police Academy.

To test his abilities as a future husband and policeman, James takes Ben on a ride along.

But what was intended to be a day of false alarms and annoying public disturbances leads them to the most notorious criminal in Atlanta.

"I loved the movie. Kevin Hart is so funny. He's great at stand-up and on 'Real Husbands of Hollywood.' I thought I'd like his movie, but I honestly didn't expect it to be as funny as it was," Shekirah Rolle, sophomore international studies major, said.

The movie was not all slapstick and giggles, though. There was a good bit of action as well as a decent, although slightly predictable, storyline.

This comedic action flick takes place on the streets of Atlanta, and did something very rare in the film industry. "Ride Along" was actually filmed in the same location in which the story takes place.

This was a nice treat for Georgia moviegoers. Whether they are from the Atlanta area, have visited, or just have a postcard of the state capital, there are very recognizable Atlanta trademarks throughout the film.

There was also a surprise for the audience when a YouTube comedic sensation made a cameo appearance that left the audience "askin' all them questions."

One of the first comedic releases of the year, "Ride Along" was a light "Hart-ed" film that left the audience with sore sides and wide smiles.



'Mind over Matter' falls flat

Music



CHARLES RUDISON

The George-Anne staff

The Indie rock band Young the Giant bores listeners with the streaming of their latest album, "Mind over Matter."

Young the Giant made their new album "Mind over Matter" available to stream in full on iTunes, one week ahead of its planned Jan. 21 release. The album is their second. Their first album "Young the Giant," peaked at number two in the U.S. Billboard's top heat seekers.

The album was extremely boring. Listening to the album in full without dozing off proved to be a challenge.

"I have been a Young the Giant fan for three years now, but this album doesn't really sit too well with me," Seth Lawrence, freshman psychology major, said. "It is their sound and they haven't really changed anything, it's just not good music and it's extremely boring."

"Mind over Matter" also includes an abundance of introspective songs that give you a deeper look into yourself and society.

The album's lead single "It's about time" sums up the entire album. It's slow, happy, and boring. "Mind over Matter" wasn't a disappointing album, but don't try to go out of your way to listen to it.

The album's music has a vibrant sound that comes off as mellow. The music is really slow and listeners tend to space out while listening to it. If you are looking for an exciting sound this album is not for you. "I just can't

seem to focus on the album when I'm listening to it. Something else always seems more interesting and I've been a Young the Giant fan since they have gotten together," Lawrence said.

Although "Mind over Matter" might have a boring sound it did have a message. You can tell that Young the Giant was trying to find their true sound and hone in on their skill in this album.



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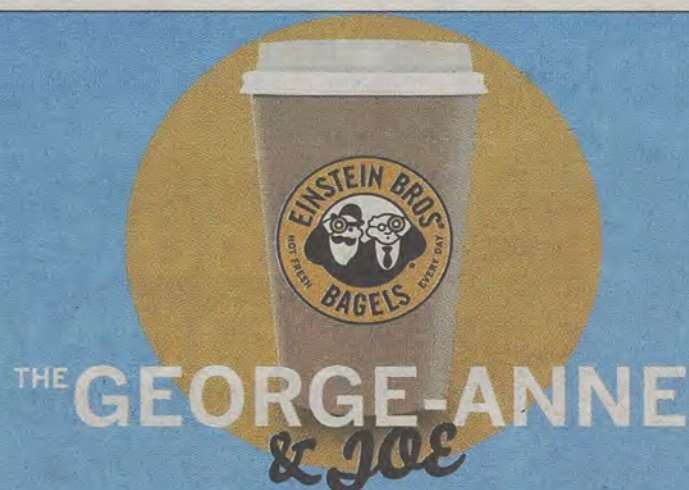
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ASA plans strong semester

Culture

BY ERIKA RICHARDS

The George-Anne staff

Learning about different backgrounds and cultures can be interesting, and Georgia Southern University's African Student Association is focused on being just that.

Their first interest meeting will take place tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Russell Union.

The ASA celebrates the beauty of that continent and their culture.

In the past ASA has not been as active as they wanted to be but Chinonya Obialo, social chair and sophomore biology major said, "This year we are coming back stronger than ever."

In rebuilding this organization, the ASA wants to reach out to many of the native African students and give them a "home away from home."

The organization's main objective is to educate and inform students about the influences of Africa.

Everyone has heard of mean and false stereotypes but the ASA plans on breaking many of the ones aimed at Africa.

Ugo Anikpe, vice president of the ASA and a sophomore psychology major, wants to inform people on knowing the truth about Africa.

"Africa is a developed continent and people need to know that," Anikpe said.

Many might think that this organization is only for students descended from Africans, but everyone is welcomed to join. Different ethnicities and backgrounds will provide diversity and begin an end to the cultural gaps.

President of ASA said, "A lot of people don't want to join because they think it's only for African students but it really is for all types of people."

Even though the basis of this organization is to educate students and bridge cultural gaps, bringing people together and having fun is also a part of ASA's goal.

Different forums like Africans be Like, Light skin vs. Dark skin, and Taste of Africa will take place, where students will get to meet different people and also learn facts about Africa.

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New Talons menu exceeds expectations

Food Review



BY ERINN WILLIAMS

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New food, shorter hours, and great service are all a part of the revamped experience that students can receive at Talons Grille this semester.

Talons Grille changed their hours of operation to 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, and also have a new menu which included desserts.

The new Talons features a family-style dining experience where one entree is served each day to all customers with a tossed house salad, bread service, and dessert for \$8.50.

The new menu isn't set in stone. Not only will it change seasonally but also daily and student suggestions will be taken into account. Because of this, Talon's will be a different experience every day.

At arrival, plates and cutlery were placed at each table and a basket of bread and family-sized bowl of salad were brought out for us to share.

A sweet butter spread was served with two different types of warm rolls that continued as lunch progressed.

The tossed house salad featured crisp and fresh mixed greens, tomatoes, and carrots with your choice of salad dressing.

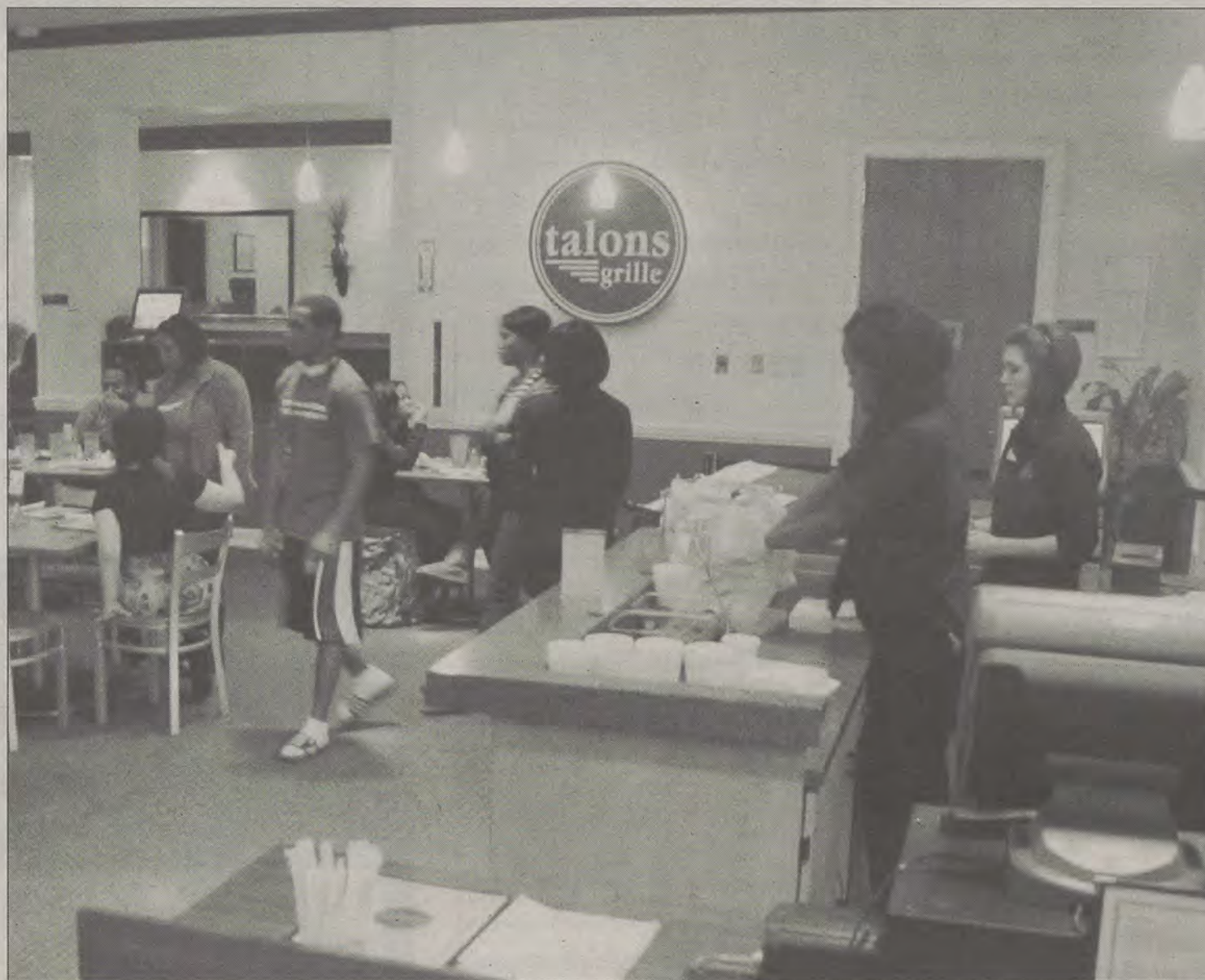
Thursday's lone entree was a large helping of chicken Alfredo with broccoli.

The pasta was appetizing. The chicken was tender and well seasoned and the Alfredo sauce was savory. It was all topped with a sprinkling of shredded cheese that created a satisfying dish.

Their classic apple pie was warm and sweet with a strong cinnamon taste; it left me wanting another slice or two and was the perfect way to wrap up a meal.

Talons has also really picked up their service. The staff was very attentive. Food and drinks were brought out in a timely manner and everyone was courteous.

Talon's is a different place now. The new menu is a drastic change from what the GSU's on-campus sit-down restaurant used to be. Though the old menu may be missed, there is no denying that the new Talons Grille experience will have you coming back time and time again.



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The Talon's Grille menu was altered after a hit in income to offer only one entrée per day. Talon's plans to take student suggestions and feature seasonal menu items.

Whats new at Talons?

- ◆ New entree every day
- ◆ New hours, closed on weekends
- ◆ Food served family style
- ◆ Smaller, more attentive staff

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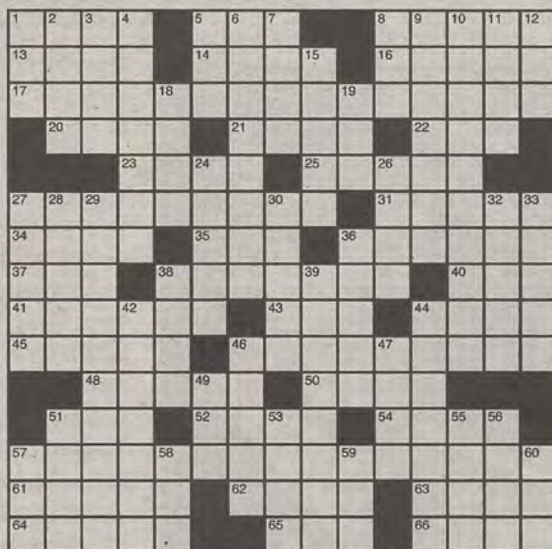
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- 27 "As if!"
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- 1 Cry of enlightenment
- 2 Film heroine with memorable buns



By Jeff Chen

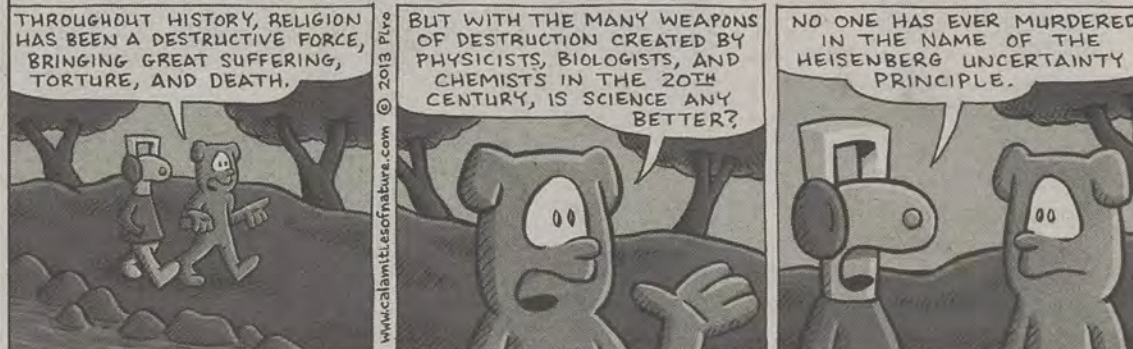
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What it's like to play for Willie Fritz

BY COLIN RITSICK

The George-Anne staff

When Willie Fritz accepted the head coaching position at Georgia Southern University, Eagle Nation knew the pedigree of coach they were getting.

A 40-16 record over the past four years at Sam Houston State University while leading the Bearkats to two FCS Championship games and being named 2012 NCAA FCS Coach of the Year speaks volumes to a fan base that expects to win, and win now.

What they may not have known is the quality of character behind the man that will lead Eagle football into its first year at the FBS level.

"The good thing about Coach Fritz is that he'll push you and he wants you to succeed," Andrew Weaver, senior All-American SHSU defensive end, said.

Weaver said that since he has been at SHSU, everyone on the team liked and respected Fritz, and wanted to win for him.

Dick Foster, who knew Fritz from his time at Blinn College, echoed that statement by saying "his student-athletes enjoy playing for him."

Much of what allows Fritz to connect with his players so effectively is his playing past and the fact that he's been a winner his whole career.

"He was an athlete himself so he knows what we're going through and what our bodies go through," Weaver said.

Fritz was a defensive back and four-year starter at Pittsburgh State University where he won two conference championships. He would go on to coach Blinn College to back-to-back NJCAA National Championships in 1995-1996 and he comes to GSU after winning two Southland Conference titles at SHSU.

Current Eagle football players, who had a team meeting with their new coach last week, likened Fritz



Willie Fritz won 40 games in four seasons at Sam Houston State University before the Fritz era began at GSU. Heather Yeomans | The George-Anne

to former head coach Jeff Monken in some aspects. They said that Fritz commanded the room like Monken and that he spoke with a

confidence like Monken. But their first impression was that Fritz was unlike his predecessor in that he didn't

seem to carry the 'my way or the highway' coaching style with him.

And Weaver can back that up. "He was there for us. He's a

man of his word and he'll work with you. He's like a father figure to us," Weaver said. "He'll tell you, 'If you don't have any energy when you come to practice, come then stand next to me.' He's a big encourager."

This is how Fritz gets all that he can out of his players – by being their coach first, but a friend and mentor second.

"His office is always open. Whatever it is, you can always come and talk to him," Weaver said.

But like all successful coaches, his players know that he is there to coach the team and win games above anything else.

"To be honest, Coach Fritz doesn't take a lot of bull. Either you're in or you're out. He'll tell you straightforward – if you're not producing or not being the player he wants you to be then he'll tell you," Weaver said.

"If you need some encouragement, he'll boost you up. But he's not going to beat around the bush with you," Weaver said.

Losing Monken, who brought a winning mentality back to Statesboro after so many mediocre seasons, was a big blow for GSU. The knee-jerk instinct from alumni and fans was to hire from the inside – to make sure that the next coach was familiar with how things were done here and the traditions that are so valued.

However, that wasn't the case.

Fritz has no ties to GSU. He has never ridden in a yellow bus down Fair Road on Gameday. He hasn't seen Freedom the Eagle circle the Prettiest Little Stadium in America. He hasn't stood on the sidelines while "Georgia...Southern!" roars in the stands. Heck, he may not have known Erk Russell's name until recently.

But that shouldn't matter because the fans of GSU have an established winner, and an even better person, at the helm. Welcome to the Fritz Era.

Swimming and diving dominates Radford

Swimming and Diving (5-1)

BY EMILY ARNOLD

The George-Anne staff

Dominating the water for a second meet in a row, the Georgia Southern University swimming and diving team posted a final score of 143-88 against the Radford University Highlanders last Saturday.

"This is our first week back to our normal practice schedule which is obviously a little bit less than what we do over Christmas training, so we kind of feel a little bit rested without really being rested," Nathan Kellogg, head coach, said. "I think their times are probably a little bit better than what we actually expected and what they felt like, but we were really happy about them."

Sophomore Christina Moran, senior Kristen Bates, junior Megan Heller and junior Elaina Lanson kicked off the meet with a win in the 200-yard medley relay, and that winning fever was carried throughout as the Eagles won all but one event. Moran put in a strong swim on the 100-yard butterfly, but fell short against sophomore Sarah Fredericksen of the Highlanders. Many of the swimmers stood out in this meet, according to Head Coach Kellogg.

"Megan Heller had a good meet and we were swimming her in some things that she doesn't normally swim, but she did really well and we're really proud of her," Kellogg said. "Elaina Lanson had a couple good swims and I think the fastest time she's ever been in season in the 200 free, which is not one of her normal events. Kylee Parsons is being very consistent as well."

One of the highlights of the meet was when senior Kristen Bates bested the pool record, as well as her own school record, in the 100-yard breaststroke event.

"Kristen Bates had an outstanding 100-yard breaststroke, which was a phenomenal swim, and 200-yard IM (individual medley)," Kellogg said. "She broke the pool record in that 100-yard breaststroke and was also about a tenth of a second off of her school record so we were really happy about that."

The divers also had a fantastic meet as they continue to attempt harder dives.

"Our divers are doing more harder dives as the season goes on," David Giambra, assistant swim coach and diving coach, said. "That can result in higher points for each dive, so when they put them in it'll be able to get them good scores so they can hopefully score high [at the conference championship]."

Senior Sarah Meisenhelder kept a consistent winning record throughout the meet as she placed first in both the three-meter and one-meter dives. Sophomore Emma Weisel finished in third for both events.

"It's tough to be perfect every time and, in diving, if you're in the wrong spot by a little bit it's hard to do all of those complicated twists and maneuvers," Giambra said. "Some of the dives didn't work out so well, but we can just practice those more and the more repetition we get, the more comfortable we get with the dive, and the easier it becomes."

Something that has always stood out about this team of swimmers and divers is the way they continue to show teamwork in what may seem to be an individual sport. This became clear when the team picked up the motto, "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work."

"That was all their idea," Kellogg said. "A lot of people think swimming [and diving] is an individual sport, and it kind of is, but honestly, if you have a team of supportive, encouraging, positive people around you, it's only going to help your performance, so that is kind of the mantra we have."

The Eagles swim team will be at home one more time for the season next week on Jan. 24 and 25 to compete against one of their biggest rivals, Gardner-Webb University and the University of North Florida.

"We are honoring our seniors on Saturday so they'll be fired up, I hope, and will do some damage," Kellogg said.

The diving team will be competing at home for the last time as well on Jan. 25 against UNF.

"Gardner-Webb doesn't have any



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Senior Kristen Bates celebrated a new pool record after finishing with a time of 1:02.46 in the 100-yard breaststroke, besting the previous time of 1:04.56.

divers, but North Florida has four or five good divers, so that's going to be a nice barometer for the conference

meet to see how we stack up against them," Kellogg said

The meet on Friday will start at 6

p.m. and on Saturday at noon. Both will be held at the Aquatics Center in the RAC.

Dowling earns playing time in senior season

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX

The George-Anne staff

Senior guard Lacie Dowling has been a cornerstone for the Georgia Southern University women's basketball team this season, especially from three-point range.

Dowling has always challenged herself to be the best athlete possible. At Brantley County High School she earned six varsity letters in basketball, softball, track, golf and soccer along with volleyball. On the volleyball court she was first team all-region her junior and senior year on her team's way to winning the region championship.

Whenever she needed advice she turned to her high school athletic director and soccer coach Sean Pender. He acted as her motivator and helped her make decisions during her career. One decision she did not need help with was deciding which sport she would play at the next level.

"Basketball was my passion, it was what I worked on the most, and most importantly it was what I loved," Dowling said.

Dowling attended many camps at GSU before she was even recruited. After being introduced to the coaching staff, and with her love for

the Eagle Nation, she was nothing less than certain she wanted to take her talents to GSU.

"Ever since ninth grade I was dead set on being an Eagle and once I got the opportunity I took it," Dowling said.

Her freshman season she saw limited action, playing in 12 games. She ended her debut season with 10 points and averaged 2.8 minutes per game.

As Dowling moved to her sophomore year her action on the court increased. She played in 28 games and hit seven three-pointers throughout the season.

At the beginning of her junior year Dowling knew she would get even more opportunities to perform for her team. She was named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll but saw limited action throughout the season playing in only 14 games.

She did not let the limited time get to her pride. Dowling was behind a couple of seniors her freshman and sophomore seasons, which helped her progress and improve her game.

"I stayed strong and worked on my game so when my name was called then I would be ready," Dowling said.

This season Dowling has stepped up big when her Lady Eagles needed her. She has played in every game,

averaging 8.5 points per game and 2.4 rebounds, and is the third-leading scorer on the team.

Dowling's most noteworthy statistic has been her three-point shooting this season. Currently, she leads the conference in three-point percentage and three-pointers made with 46.7 and 33 respectively.

She is not only a fan favorite, but she is a first pick for most people on the team.

"I think Lacie Dowling and I have a great connection, we are good friends off the court, she's a lot of fun to play with and we know how to get each other pumped up," Anna Claire Knight, junior guard and leading scorer for the Lady Eagles, said.

When asked about her teammates, Dowling also acknowledged how she enjoyed playing with Knight.

"I think Anna Claire and I really read each other well, we feed off of each other, and we're great friends off the court which makes it even better," Dowling said.

As the Lady Eagles head into the final stretch of conference play, they will rely heavily on Dowling and Knight's in-game telepathy to win the conference championship. The team has the rest of the week off and will go on the road Saturday to challenge Western Carolina University.



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Senior guard Lacie Dowling (1) has gone cold as of late, as she's shot 4-21 in her past three games.

Eagles prepare for spring season

Women's Tennis

BY MACY HOLLOWAY

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After concluding their fall season on a high note at the Wofford College Invitational, the Georgia Southern University women's tennis team plans on kicking off their spring season with a bang.

In the fall, the Eagles were able to soar above their competition in many of their scheduled matches throughout the semester.

"Personally, I think the fall was really good for me. I trained hard during the summer

when I went home and I think I came back even more aggressive on the court," Jordana Klein, junior, said.

This past September when the Eagles competed in the Kennesaw State University Fall Classic, GSU defeated their competition by winning the B doubles draw and getting to the finals of the A doubles draw. Klein was also a finalist in her singles flight.

"As a team we were really strong in the fall and really came together. We've been working a lot on getting closer as a team and we brought in two new freshmen so we're working really hard to make them feel welcomed and part of the team," Klein said.

When the University of Georgia hosted the

ITA Southeast Regional Championships in October the Eagles had to be up for a tough fight against many outstanding players. GSU went up against some very advanced technique and skill from their competitors, however, the Eagles were still able to pick up a few wins in their various singles draws.

GSU hosted their Fall Invitational towards the end of October, accommodating over eight different schools. The Eagles were able to record some very good wins on their home courts. Freshman Lani Tummers was able to defeat her competition and win her singles flight along with going undefeated in both singles and doubles.

The Eagles concluded their fall season

in South Carolina at the Wofford Terrier Invitational in November. Senior Paola Garrido, sophomore Stephanie Woods and Klein each dominated the competition and won their flights. The Eagles also took out two of their three doubles flights.

"This was a great tournament for us to end on. The girls are playing well and, most importantly, coming together as a team," Head Coach Amy Bonner said in a news release.

"The spring is when we really feel excited about showcasing our teamwork and how hard we've been practicing," Klein said.

GSU will take on Stetson University and Presbyterian College this upcoming weekend at the Hanner Tennis Complex.

Women's basketball continues to progress

It's the little things that make the biggest impact when it comes to wins and losses, although the Georgia Southern University women's basketball team doesn't have a favorable record currently coming in at 5-13.

The one thing they do have under second-year head coach Chris Vozab is a trend that shows improvement from last season.

A year removed from a disappointing season that saw the Eagles adjust to the new coaching staff resulted in an 8-23 record and near the bottom of the conference.

Currently the Eagles sit sixth in the 10-member Southern Conference with a 3-4 record.

So, by the numbers, GSU has shown improvement in the major categories such as turnovers, scoring per game, and wins, up to this point in the season.

While fans can see that yes, the team is eight games under .500 you have to take into account the quote, "Rome wasn't built in a day."

What I mean by this is that no team is going to drastically turn around and change in a short

period of time. Chemistry, personnel and knowledge of a coach's system all play a part in winning games.

Will there be growing pains along the way? Of course, however the state of this program is settling into a stable one that will have a strong foundation.

GSU will make the move to the Sun Belt next season, and with new opposition there will also be new opportunity.

Take heed Eagle Nation, you have to take baby steps before you run.

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