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Athletic year in review

Tom Kleinlein reflects on changes in past year

BY KATIE TOLBERT

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On Nov. 12, 2012, a year, two months, and 11 days ago, Georgia Southern University hired Tom Kleinlein as its athletic director.

One year isn't usually enough time for an athletic program to change as a unit, but the GSU athletic department has made so many changes inside and outside of the program in just a year's time under the leadership of Kleinlein.

"When I first took this job, clearly getting our university to the highest level of football was a goal, not only of mine,

but also the President's. And we felt like we had to move our university onto a bigger stage, to give us a bigger opportunity to tell our story," Kleinlein said. "I don't know if we planned on it happening as quickly as it happened, but the opportunity happened right away. And, we were able to seize the moment when it occurred."

Just within Kleinlein's first semester here at GSU he has hired three new head coaches. Along with the coach changes,



Tom Kleinlein

Kleinlein added both women's riflery and women's golf as two varsity GSU sports. Facilities have even been growing, expanding, and new ones have even been built.

The expansion of Paulson stadium directly effects the athletic department and Kleinlein's plans for the future of GSU athletics, but they are also focusing on what else is going on around the community and are using it as an advantage for the program as well as the university.

"How we use the university golf facility is we talk about it as a game-day experience for us in football. Where people can come here and not only go to a football game Saturday night, but they can also come and play golf on the university course. Its an atmosphere where they walk in and feel an excitement and feel a connection to the university," Kleinlein said.

On more recent terms, Kleinlein has been at the forefront of GSU football, with its SportsCenter-worthy victory against the University of Florida, followed by its heartbreak of former head coach Jeff Monken leaving.

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Artist and author collaborator to speak at CAT



Yale professor Sam Messer's collection "Hanging Correspondence" is currently being featured in the Center for Art and Theatre. Messer has been featured in the Metropolitan Museum of Art

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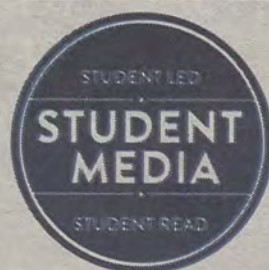


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Police Beat

Friday, Jan. 17

10:54 a.m.: Criminal Investigation initiated an investigation into a complaint of drug use at Freedom's Landing. An administrative search was conducted and substantial amounts of marijuana was located and seized. Two occupants were judicially referred and banned from the GSU campus.

6:23 p.m.: Officers responded to an injured person on the pedestrian outside the Foy Building. EMS responded but did not transport.

Following an extensive investigation into a Theft by Deception case, Georgia Southern University Criminal Investigations arrested the following subjects:

Chandra Lafaye Cheatham, 46, Statesboro, Ga., charged with Theft by Deception - felony 1 count.

Tonsheia Ameda Williams-Grandison, 33, Statesboro, Ga., charged with Theft by Deception - felony 1 count.

Victoria Nicole Glover, 29, Guyton, Ga., charged with Theft by Deception - misdemeanor 1 count.

Saturday, Jan. 18

12:16 a.m.: An incident report was taken for a battery and a lost/mislaid property. The victim of the battery did not wish any action to be taken by police reference to the battery and signed a Release of Prosecution form.

12:30 a.m.: An incident report was taken for a battery in J-Lot. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

1:19 a.m.: Officers assisted the Statesboro Police Department with a motor vehicle accident - hit and run, (vehicle vs. bike) that occurred at Chandler Road and Lanier Drive. Georgia Southern University Police located the driver of the vehicle involved in the hit and run and turned the driver over to the Statesboro Police.

9:54 a.m.: An incident report was taken for a criminal trespass and an alcohol violation at Centennial Place Building 1. The individual involved was judicially referred.

9:30 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft of unattended property at the RAC. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

9:50 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a sick person. The sick person received medical assistance.

10:00 p.m.: Officers discovered two intoxicated subjects in J-Lot. Both subjects were judicially referred.

Sunday, Jan. 19

1:28 a.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop in C-Lot. The passenger in the vehicle, Iain Patrick Struckmeyer, 20, Kathleen, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Alcohol - Under 21 Years of Age, Seat Belt Violation and Giving False Information to Officers.

4:01 a.m.: Officers responded to Eagle Village in reference to a panic alarm. The alarm was accidentally activated by an occupant.

9:05 p.m.: Officers responded to Kennedy Hall in reference to alcohol violations. Three occupants were judicially referred.

10:35 p.m.: Officers responded to Freedom's Landing in reference to a drug complaint. One occupant was judicially referred.

Monday, Jan. 20

4:25 p.m.: Officers responded to Southern Courtyard in reference to a drug complaint. One occupant was judicially referred.

7:21 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at Eagle Village. The alarm was activated due to an occupant cooking food.

12:28 a.m.: During a residence hall check officers discovered an unsecured door at Centennial Place.

Contact was made with several occupants. The occupants were in possession of alcohol and under the influence of alcohol. Three occupants were judicially referred for alcohol violations.

12:50 a.m.: During a residence hall check officers discovered an unsecured door at Centennial Place and an occupant that did not live there. Officers detected the smell of burnt marijuana in the apartment. One occupant was judicially referred for drug violations.

2:05 a.m.: Officers made contact with an intoxicated subject in the Freedom's Landing parking lot. Thomas Allan Shoot, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Alcohol - Under 21 Years of Age and False ID.

2:52 a.m.: Officers made contact with an intoxicated subject at Old Register Road and Forest Drive. Devan Hunter McBride, 20, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Alcohol - Under 21 Years of Age.

6:07 a.m.: Officers responded to Dining Commons in reference to a sick person. EMS responded and transported the sick person.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

9:37 a.m.: Officers responded to the Herty Building in reference to a sick person. The sick person sought medical assistance from the GSU Health Center.

12:24 p.m.: Officers responded to the Carroll Building in reference to a sick person. EMS responded but did not transport.

12:25 a.m.: During a residence hall check officers made contact with an intoxicated person in Eagle Village Building #1. Nathaniel Robert Brown, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with False ID, Giving False Information and Possession of Alcohol - Under 21 Years of Age.

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Our View

Support healthy eating options

Over the past few semesters Georgia Southern students have witnessed several changes within Eagle Dining Services. Not only have the two dining halls been renovated, but also Talons Grille has changed their menu and the Pickle Barrel has now closed its doors.

The closing of the Pickle Barrel means that students have one less healthy food option on campus. The Pickle Barrel not only provided students with healthier choices for a quick and affordable snack or lunch, but also sold items that could be used as ingredients for a home cooked meal, which set it apart from other stores and restaurants on campus. Although the Marketplace at Centennial also provides fresh produce, having as many healthy options as possible would benefit students who have a hard time maintaining a nutritious diet while in college.

The space that the Pickle Barrel used to occupy has been renovated into a sitting area with two vending machines. The vending machines may be convenient but the snack food they provide is far from healthy.

Though Dining Services claims that the change had nothing to do with the two new and improved dining halls or the change in meal plans, the steep drop in profit that the Pickle Barrel earned, a decrease from \$28,704.64 to \$4,871.26 in the monthly average revenue, suggested otherwise.

While Dining Services may have the final say in whether not to keep a business or remodel it, whether or not students are spending their money there is going to influence their decisions. If students want to see healthier eating options on campus it is then they need to support the locations on campus that provide them.



The effect of technology on millennials

The Baby Boomers call us apathetic. Emotionless vessels desperately glued to the screens in front of us. Our youth, they claim, is wasted on a generation of individuals who just don't give a damn. We have been defamed by TIME magazine as the worst generation of all time. Are we really that bad? If so, what made us this way?

We are the children of 9/11. The ones who watched two towers collapse, not understanding why, but who cried anyways. We watched casket after casket of fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters return home from places we never heard of, killed by enemies we didn't know existed.

We saw bodies floating in New Orleans, an economic collapse that financially ruined countless lives, and more mass shootings than we can count all extensively covered by 24-hours-a-day-seven-days-a-week news cycle. This is the America we have inherited.

Yet, history proves that we are living in the most peaceful time ever recorded. There is less war, violence and conflict than ever before. But does it not seem like every day is a tragedy, every headline a new atrocity?

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Elijah Anderson

Of course it does. A hundred years ago, despite exponentially greater levels of violence, people were unformed of worldwide tragedies. Our ancestors were not exposed to a constant stream of gushing levels of violence. Technology has changed the game. Instead of reading about a murder in the newspaper I can now watch it transpire in HD quality caught on video surveillance.

Consider that nowadays there are entire websites devoted to displaying what I call death porn, where blood-lusting humans flock to in order to satiate their morbid appetites. Want to see a guy disintegrate upon being hit by a train? Click here. How about a drone strike incinerating innocent civilians? Click

here. The shock and awe of death has lost its appalling effect. The constant stream of violence we see in movies, news and everyday life on the Internet has rendered us desensitized, apathetic and despicably self-absorbed.

Why should we be worried? What's wrong with tuning out the bad, seeing what we want to see? Well, ask the more than six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust or the innocent civilians blown to pieces by misplaced drone strikes. Atrocities like these are the result of a desensitized populace, a populace willing to turn the other way or one distracted by something else entirely. Technology has wonderful benefits. I will be the first to recognize that, but we must also recognize that it is systematically rewiring our brains to feel less, focus on instant gratification, and ignore our most basic instincts of compassion. Such is life in the 21st century.

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

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor of The George-Anne,
(for publication)

Georgia may not become the next state to re-legalize cannabis (marijuana) but your day is coming (Pot's Hazy Future In Georgia, Jan. 16, 2014) because a sane or moral argument to continue caging responsible adults for using the plant

simply doesn't exist.

Another reason to end cannabis prohibition that doesn't get mentioned is because it is Biblically correct, since God created all the seed bearing plants saying they're all good on, literally, the very 1st page of the Bible.

Truthfully,
Stan White

Be considerate

It's great having personable roommates. I don't have to try to talk to them; conversation comes pretty easily. They also share a lot of the same interests I do and major in something radically different from what I major in, making them interesting to learn about. The big problem I have is that their personable natures clash with my more reserved nature, something that the optional personality tests that my apartment complex administers couldn't have predicted. According to the personality test results, we should have matched up perfectly in all the areas that matter: alcohol consumption, cleanliness, smoking, main interests and stance on sharing dishes.

I don't resent my roommates by any means, they filled out the questionnaire as honestly as I did, but personality tests hardly cover the details of our personalities. No one has come up with one yet that can catalogue our differences completely. I can't resent the people that administered the test either. They were doing what they had been told.

The point I want to make is that everyone should be aware of their roommates. I make sure to wash every dish I use, take responsibility for every kitchen mess I make, and keep my part of the apartment clean. This means that I rarely leave a mark in any part of the

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Taylor Cooper

apartment I use, so my roommates will often let the fact that I exist slip into afterthought. I can hardly blame them for this, either, as I don't occupy the apartment for the lion's share of the daylight hours. When I am home I want to relax, preferably in a quiet environment. Very often I've come home to what could easily qualify as a party, and every time I end up in a friend's living room, doing my best to unwind on their couch. Even when nothing big is going on, I'll often be woken up by shouts from the living room at 3a.m.

I'm not saying that everyone needs to clear every activity they plan with their roommates or to plan your schedules around them, but be kind. If you want to have a party, see if all your roommates are ok with it. If not, find someone who has cool roommates. We all enjoy parties, but not all of us have the same tolerance for them.

Cooper is a senior journalism major from Rincon. He is the current Copy Chief and former Opinions Editor.

#PlazaProblems, y'all

Every weekend multitudes of students and probably some locals flock to the Plaza to partake in merriment and fun times. Not me.

I can't stand the bars at the Plaza. They're always super cramped and way too loud. The drinks are not worth the six bucks a pop they charge you, and quite honestly they all share a distinct smell that is a mix of sweat, vomit, well liquor and anus.

The Plaza totally blows, but it's not all the Plaza's fault. They are probably under the impression that since people keep coming back they must be doing something right. This is a completely skewed perspective, but can you blame the Plaza when you see the people that frequent its bars?

Youths full of life and schnapps often yelling loudly and acting out the chorus to Katy Perry's insufferable hit, "Last Friday Night (TGIF)." Girls squeal and twerk badly while guys grumble out the worst pick-up lines you've ever heard in your life and mimic the actions of a two-year-old with stunning accuracy.

These kids are the worst kinds of people and in the Plaza they are simply unavoidable. Your freshman year and your 21st birthday should be the only time when acting ratchet and sloppy is slightly socially acceptable, because any other time is embarrassing and not at all attractive.

What is attractive is going to a bar where people are able to have conversations. A bar

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FINDINGS

Courtney Esher

where there is space to mingle and they don't take your chair away because the party is getting real. A bar where men that act like adult men will politely offer ladies who act like adult ladies the poison of their choice, and then leave—not expecting her to drop to her knees with gratitude.

So let's put it all out there. If you are over the age of 20 you should act like it. Don't act like me. I'm perpetually sour, and my weekends usually consist of staying inside.

Don't think that just because you're old you can't get weird. Just leave that business at house parties where it belongs. Please be mature when you're at the Plaza. Who knows, if we all band together it may have a fighting chance at becoming relevant again.

Esher is a senior multimedia communications digital filmmaking major from Canton, Ga.

Let them play over it

Everyone I've talked to over the past week has been upset over one thing, and that's the fact the Sun Belt changed Georgia Southern to GS and Georgia State to GSU. What people need to realize that there is a simple solution to this, and that's to have both schools play over the U in a football game.

Think about it, the possibilities are endless. It could go back and forth between the Georgia Dome and Paulson Stadium, because thinking about filling up the Dome with even half of its capacity with dedicated Georgia Southern fans ready to scream, yell, and cheer during the fight of the U is enough to give me chills. Another possibility is having the ESPN College GameDay crew come out.

I understand that this may take a few years to have happen, which of course I'm okay with. I mean, Georgia State can borrow our U for a few years, tarnish it with a few losses, but I think you all know as well as I do, that there can only be one true

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TALKS

Jordan Toney

outcome to this. Besides, if Georgia State thinks it's the true GSU and Georgia Southern knows it's the true GSU, would either team really have an issue over playing over it? I think the famous University of Miami had it right from the beginning and I think it's time that we begin to echo their famous saying, "It's all about the U."

Toney is a sophomore journalism major from Marietta. He is an officer of the resident hall association.

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Young addresses modern issues at PAC

BY CASEY CARGLE
AND TAYLER CRITCHLOW

The George-Anne staff

Andrew Young, friend of Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke to students at the Performing Arts Center for the Multicultural Student Center's MLK Celebration.

Young spoke of his time in politics, working alongside Martin Luther King, Jr., and the dream they both shared and how it has not yet been fulfilled.

"The world now expects to share the dream... we still have a challenge to make those dreams a reality for all of God's children," Young said.

Young kept his speech lighthearted, while talking on the significant progress being made and that to end poverty, jobs must be created.

"I thought it was very insightful, touched on a lot of good points about letting go of doubt and fear and just believing in your self," Hamid Sanoko, junior sociology major, said.

The speech was kept simple, which was surprising with the resume and experiences Young has, Patrice Jackson, Dean of Students, said.

"For him to come and say 'you know what, I live one day at a time, I figure out what I need to do today and tomorrow will take care of itself, I can appreciate that for myself, so I hope that our students appreciate that as well,'" Jackson said.

Though there was an age difference between Young and the students, he was able to make his message relatable, making it easier for the students to receive, Dorsey Baldwin, director of the Multicultural Student Center, said.

The message that Stanford Thomas, sophomore international studies major, gained was that people of his generation need to realize how smart they are and that people need to understand what they are capable in their lives.

"I thought it was very insightful, touched on a lot of good points about letting go of doubt and fear and just believing in yourself," Hamid Sanoko, junior sociology major, said.

Young emphasized that students should stick to their beliefs and take it one day at a time, while being true to themselves.

Young said, "Just enjoy life, enjoy even your problems, it's a wonderful life and I probably had as many problems as anybody else, but I learned to live through them and learn from them"



Brandon Warnock | The George-Anne

Andrew Young spoke yesterday at this year's MLK Celebration. **Top:** Young motivated students to dream big and prepare for great changes in the future during his speech. **Bottom:** Students filled the PAC to hear Young speak.

Students comment on organization fair

BY CASEY CARGLE

The George-Anne staff

Wednesday afternoon, the office of student activities hosted the student organizations fair showcasing multiple clubs and organizations on campus.

From ultimate Frisbee to religious groups, many student clubs came out in full force to show what they had to offer to students.

"I really do think it's beneficial for students that don't know what is actually

going on on campus. Even I found something new today that I didn't know that we had," Blake Michal, sophomore mechanical engineering major, said.

Students present at today's fair became interested in their organization because of previous fairs.

"I think it's really interesting that we have organizations where literally all they do is community service. I actually found the red, gold and royal blue, that was the colors of Columbia and I immediately became interested. I've been a sister ever

since," Michelle Lagoueyte, junior public relations major said.

The fair can also help new students get adjusted to campus by introducing them to groups that they were looking for, but didn't know existed.

An event like the student organizations fair can make new students or transfer students feel like there is a place for them on campus, and that there are many ways of being involved, Aaleeah Bell-McCray, sophomore economics major, said.

The students running each table found

that having a fair is extremely useful to reaching a larger and more diverse group of students that they would not otherwise see.

Marquis Hoskins, senior political science major and member of Alpha Phi Omega, said, "I think it gives us a chance to reach out to people on their way to class and in between and maybe people you might miss who don't catch the flyers in the union."

Lauren Gorla contributed to this report.



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Physical Plant employees arrested for theft

BY JENNIFER CURINGTON

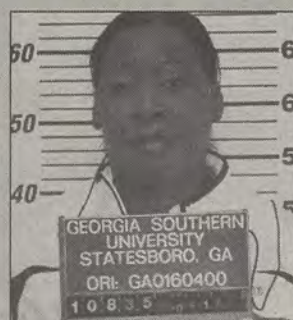
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Three employees of the Physical Plant were arrested and charged with theft by deception.

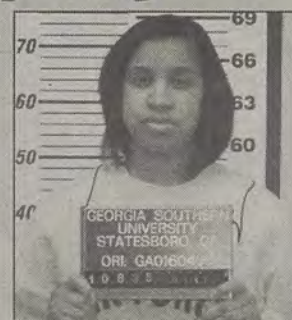
Fraudulent claims were made by the employees regarding travel reimbursement, Chief Mike Russell, director of public safety, said.

Chandra Cheatham, Tonsheia Williams-Grandison and Victoria Glover were arrested on Jan. 17. None of the employees could be found in the Georgia Southern University directory on Jan. 22.

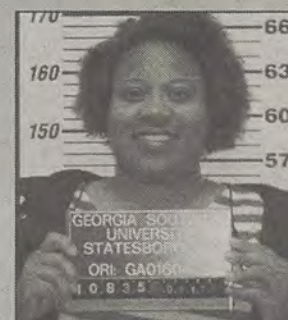
Theft by deception is when lying by deceit obtains an object or objects of value.



Chandra Cheatham



Victoria Glover



Tonsheia Williams-Grandison

"In Georgia you've got theft by taking is when I just take something from you. If I deceive you, that's theft by deception," Russell said.

Some travel is paid for in advance, but the employee travelling pays for most travel up front and then they apply to be reimbursed by the university.

The case is still under investigation, so information regarding the circumstances is limited. At this point, the amount of travel reimbursement could not be released at this time.

Physical Plant Superintendent, Jason Aultman, could not confirm if the three employees were at work today.

When asked if he was aware that three of his employees had been arrested, Aultman said that his office has over 100 employees just on the day shift, and that they report to their own supervisors.

Aultman referred questions to Grace Shannon who did not return phone or email contact attempts by press time.

Obamas push to make college more accessible

BY RENEE SCHOOF

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON - America needs to do more to help low-income young people succeed in college, President Barack Obama told a gathering at the White House on Thursday of educational, business and philanthropic leaders, who pledged to take on extra efforts to help more students reap the benefits of a college degree.

"There is this huge cohort of talent we're not tapping," Obama said, citing research that shows that only 30 percent of low-income students enroll in college after high school and, by their mid-20s, only 9 percent earn a bachelor's degree.

With officials from 80 colleges and 40 businesses and philanthropies in attendance, the president said he talks about education from personal experience.

"I grew up with a single mom," he said. "She had me when she was 18 years old. There are a lot of circumstances where that might have waylaid her education for good. But there were structures in place that allowed her then to go on and get a Ph.D."

To bolster his point, he said of first lady Michelle Obama, who also attended the conference: "Michelle's dad was a shift worker at the city water plant. (Her) mom worked as a secretary. They didn't go to college. But there were structures in place that allowed Michelle to take advantage of those opportunities."

The commitments the White House received from schools and foundations fill an 89-page document. They include efforts to help high-achieving, low-income students get into schools that are a good match and extend their support until they graduate.

They also hope to increase the pool of students getting ready for college and to help low-income students prepare for the SAT and ACT tests. Initiatives include a plan by the College Board to offer four college admissions fee waivers to low-income students who take its SAT test.

There's a \$65 million grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and \$30 million from the Helmsley Charitable Trust to help more students complete degrees in science, technology, engineering or math.

Another effort calls on schools to hold summer enrichment programs, expand

financial aid and take other steps to recruit low-income students.

"Despite education's ability to level the playing field, there is, simply put, great inequality in our nation's schools today," said College Board president David Coleman.

He said a recent study showed that at the 193 most selective colleges and universities, 66 percent of students were from the top 25 percent in income and only 6 percent were from the bottom 25 percent. "That is not because there is not great talent" in every income group, he said.

One large grant announced Thursday was \$10 million to the Chapel Hill, N.C.-based College Advising Corps from the John M. Belk Endowment, a private family foundation in Charlotte, N.C. The funds will be used to increase the numbers of young college advisers in rural high schools in the state.

Graduates of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill have participated in the advising program, but now North Carolina State University and Davidson College are joining the effort to expand the advising to 60 rural high schools in the state.

Nicole Hurd, founder and CEO of the National College Advising Corps, said that the average student to counselor ratio was 471-to-1. The new grant will help expand the advising by recent college graduates who are assigned to high schools to encourage and advise.

Michelle Obama told the conference that she'd make education her focus for the three remaining years of her husband's term and beyond.

Both she and her husband attended elite private universities. The first lady, who graduated from Princeton University, said the school had programs that helped her succeed and that then, as now, advising, mentoring and other efforts all are "simple steps that can determine whether these kids give up and drop out, or step up and thrive."

"The truth is that if Princeton hadn't found my brother as a basketball recruit, and if I hadn't seen that he could succeed on a campus like that, it never would have occurred to me to apply to that school, never," she said. "And I know that there are so many kids out there just like me-kids who have a world of potential, but maybe their parents never went to college, or maybe they've never been encouraged to believe they could succeed there."

For your information...

- Semi-trucks will be moving materials into Paulson Stadium over the next six weeks for the expansion. Public Safety and Parking & Transportation offices are asking motorists to be aware of traffic delays in the area of Malecki Drive and on Akins Boulevard. For any further questions, contact William Cone in Facilities.

- On Tuesday, the Banner system was down for around two hours with Oracle, the database that is underlying Banner, being the overall issue, Steve Burrell, vice president for Information Technology, said. Oracle was unable to handle the large number of concurrent connections being made. The issue is now resolved.

- Free coffee for faculty and staff supplied by The University Club on the first floor of the library. Coffee is available from 8 to 10 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 21, to Friday, Jan. 24.

- Polar Bear Plunge comes to the RAC outdoor pool on Jan. 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for students to swim during the cold Georgia winter. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served, and prizes are awarded to participants.

- Career Services is offering a communications networking opportunity open to all students to meet and greet with various employers from the communications industry on Wednesday, Jan. 29, from 2 to 4 p.m.

- Registration is still open for the TALON Leadership Experience held this Saturday for student leaders on campus. Only 100 spots are available.

- Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Division's Office of Alcohol & Other Drugs Programs sponsors the AAA Auto Club Drunk Driving Simulator and Mothers Against Drunk Driving Victim Impact Panel on Wednesday, Jan. 29, in Russell Union 2041 from 6 to 8 p.m. All students are welcome to share stories and hear first hand experiences from the panel.

- The library is conducting a utilization survey to determine how students are using space and when these spaces are most used. The current study began Jan. 21 and ends Feb. 7., two weeks prior to spring break and the last two weeks of the semester. Picture taking and video recording occurs 10:15 a.m., 3:15 p.m., 9:15 p.m., and 3:15 a.m.



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Polar Bear Plunge

6:30pm

Join us for the annual Polar Bear Plunge! Ice will be added to the water to make sure it is cold enough and music will be playing to keep your blood flowing. Prizes will be given out to participants.

TUESDAY 1.28.2014

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7-8pm

CRI offers a FREE preview day to experience the instruction you will receive and to determine which class level you should enroll. Can't swim? Take advantage of this opportunity!

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This is the last day to get your team together and register to play Soccer & Bowling. Make sure to register by 8 p.m.!

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6:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the Russell Union Commons

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? Be sure to sign up early. upb@georgiasouthern.edu

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The University Wellness program will be hosting Just Dance Off. Come to the Russell Union stage and get active with Wii Just Dance!

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will share personal stories about how their lives have been permanently affected by an impaired driver.

Student Leadership and Civic Engagement

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to provide students with the opportunity to make a difference in the community in a local, national, or global effort. Students participate in intensive week-long service experiences that provide them an opportunity to make a true difference in the lives of others. Applications for Spring Break Trips are available now through January 24th. Please visit <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/Lead-Serve/alternativebreaks/spring/> to get more information about EIGHT different trips and also to apply. The dates for Spring Break Trips will be March 16-21, 2014. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Katy Kaesebier at kkaesebier@georgiasouthern.edu or Tiara Johnson at tiara-johnson@georgiasouthern.edu.

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D.I.M.E.S. sparks fashion interest

Fashion

BY MEAGAN GREENE

The George-Anne staff

The D.I.M.E.S. Fashion Organization is bringing fashion to campus again as they started planning their semester last night.

D.I.M.E.S. is an organization for students to show unique talents for fashion where they may not have other opportunities to do so.

"D.I.M.E.S. is a way to expose our knowledge of the fashion world to Georgia Southern and promote opportunities for leadership," Raven Taylor, vice president of D.I.M.E.S. and senior business administration major, said.

Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. in Russell Union room 2080 D.I.M.E.S. will host its first interest meeting of the season.

"The interest meetings are just a way for students to get that information and info on the organization directly from us and a chance for us to answer any questions they may have face-to-face," Taylor said.

"Info about tryouts and interviews and the history of the organization, we're not discussing upcoming events other than our

annual spring fashion show but not giving out specifics," Taylor said.

Interviews are going to take place from Jan. 27 to 29. Such interviews include productions, public relations, model troupe, fashion design, fashion styling, hair styling and makeup.

Each contact for every interview will be announced at the meeting along with what to wear and bring.

D.I.M.E.S. organization has interest meetings twice a semester, so even though this is the last meeting coming up in the near future there will be another at some point in the semester.

"We do an annual fashion, every October we hold an event to raise awareness of domestic violence called project purple ribbon, last semester we had our very first art gala where we showcased photos from the photo shoots we had and we allowed other artists to showcase their work and sell it," Taylor said.

Within the D.I.M.E.S. Fashion Organization, all the elements of the fashion world are cohesive.

Taylor said, "It's so important to me because I've been in this organization since I was a freshman and I've worked my way to the top so I've seen every in and out of how

we get things done and when we complete a project it makes me feel amazing to know that I was a part of something that amazing."



File Photo
Members of the D.I.M.E.S. organization put on makeup before one of their annual fashion shows.

The Buzz List

- **Kanye West** and his baby mama have been denied their request for their dream French wedding to be in The Palace of Versailles. They will eat cake but it will have to be somewhere else. Sorry not sorry.



Kimeko

- Speaking of Kanye, **Joan Rivers** made an unusually rude joke (even for her) and called baby North West ugly and in need of a wax. But how much weight could a comment like that hold coming from someone like Joan Rivers.

- **Justin Bieber** made an appearance at yet another strip club where he spent a total of \$75,000. We'll keep this buzz positive and say a lot of girls tuitions got paid that night.

- **JWoww** has finally announced the gender of her baby. It's a girl! Regardless of the gender, how is she going to feed the baby? Naturally? Hopefully not, that child will suffocate.

- **Ke\$ha** has been in rehab for a little while now getting help with an eating disorder, which is commendable. However, she's been having fans send her teeth for her artwork. Their teeth. The rehab center banned the teeth from getting to her, which is also commendable because human teeth shouldn't be art.

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

Artist and author collab in CAT

Fine Arts

BY RASHIDA OTUNBA

The George-Anne staff

Worlds will collide tonight as the literary and visual art communities join forces to launch "Hanging Correspondence", an exhibition by collaborators Sam Messer and critically acclaimed author Jonathan Safran Foer.

Sam Messer will be in Room 2071 of the Center for Art and Theatre (CAT) to showcase the new exhibition tonight at 5 p.m.

"Hanging Correspondence" is Messer's collaboration with Jonathan Safran Foer, an author whose books, "Everything is Illuminated" and "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close," were both New York Times bestsellers.

The theme of "Hanging Correspondence" is collaboration. There are two individuals who are willing to

engage in a conversation and exchange ideas and ways of looking and thinking about things by sharing their vantage point and their respective specialties, Marc Mitchell, gallery director for the Department of Art said.

Both of Safran Foer's New York Times bestselling books are now major motion pictures, starring actors like Sandra Bullock, Elijah Wood and Tom Hanks.

The exhibition is a result of 10 to 12 years of work between the artist and the author. Each illustration in the exhibition began as a portrait of Foer drawn by Sam Messer, to which the author adds different elements by drawing, painting or adding pieces of his book to make a collage.

"We live in a contemporary time. The idea of collaboration is more acceptable and universal than any other time," Mitchell said. "People are always looking to reach out and connect with other people, especially now in a digital age where information and data

are sent instantaneously so this idea of de-compartmentalizing is especially important."

At first glance, the images in "Hanging Correspondence" showcase mundane aspects of Foer's everyday life, but when viewers take time to read the words written on each drawing, they reveal the deeper, more intimate view of life and the anxieties and fears that arise as a part of the human condition.

Messer is a graduate of Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art and in 1981 he received an MFA from Yale University. He is currently the associate dean of the Yale University School of Art.

"Hanging Correspondence" will be featured at the CAT until Feb. 21.

Note: due to inclement weather event details may be subject to change. Please check the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art website in case there are changes to the schedule.

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Music department to host fourth Concerto Competition

Music

BY CHARLES RUDISON

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University Concerto Competition plans to provide listeners with a wide range of sounds as they begin their competition.

The competition will be held Monday at 6 p.m. in the Carter Recital Hall in the Foy building. Admission is free.

The event is open to any instrumentalist who wants to perform a composition for their solo instrument with the GSU Symphony.

The competition features several young talents playing several different instruments.

"The performances will feature instruments from the Violin and Cello to the Trombone and Oboe," Maestro Gnam, GSU Symphony director, said.

12 different talents will present pieces of varying difficulty levels Monday.

"The pieces that will be played were composed by people from Mozart and Beethoven to Telemann and Haydn," Gnam said.

This is the fourth year under Gnam's leadership that the music department will be hosting a Concerto Competition.

"The music department has held the competition for several years now and I try to go to them as much as I can," Kaitlyn Noter, GSU alumna said. "I enjoy listening to the soothing sounds—they always seem to calm my nerves."

"I became compelled by the sounds of beautiful music. Now I'm addicted to it," Noter said.

The music department will be happy to have students and faculty in attendance.

Gnam said, "I know that the audience for this free performance will enjoy hearing the variety of instruments as well as music from the Baroque to the Contemporary periods performed by some of our most advanced instrumental students."

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Take a break for social justice this spring



ALEXANDRA MCCRAY

While some students have made plans to be beach bums at Panama City Beach this spring break, the Georgia Southern University Alternative Break program

offers the opportunity to improve someone else's life.

The AB program here at GSU, which is getting more and more popular, aims to take students outside their comfort zone of everyday life to truly understand, give back to, and make a lasting impact on a community or injustice they are passionate about.

Tenisha Martin, a senior English major who went on the Restoring Hearts Damaged by Domestic Violence Alternative Break trip in May 2013, said, "I really liked it, it was my first trip. It was an interesting first trip. But it wasn't the first trip I would have picked. It was really touching though because they had been through so much more than we as college students have been through, like

being abused."

AB trips give students the chance to meaningfully volunteer for a week during a break before they graduate. Because it's easy to go to a soup kitchen during the holidays or the Boys and Girls club twice a year, but it takes real commitment to begin to look at the world differently and question why things are the way they are and decide to be the one that changes them, which is exactly what the AB program hopes to ignite in students.

"I went on the trip because I went to meet other people that like to volunteer, like if you go on the weekly trips you meet people but they aren't consistent. But when you're on an AB trip you meet people who really are dedicated to volunteering, and you get to come back and talk about what you accomplished," said Martin.

While the AB program itself, along with number of students that go on and lead AB trips, is growing, there will always be a need for more students to sign up. Because the more students that sign up, the more trips the program can offer, and the more the world can be changed.

I think Martin Luther King, Jr., summed it up when he once said "Our lives end the day we become quiet about things that matter."



Courtesy of Tenisha Martin

Students participating in Georgia Southern's Alternative Break program pose together after contributing to the Restoring Hearts Damaged by Domestic Violence effort by providing comfort to victims of abuse.

Chris Pine puts a new spin on an old story as Jack Ryan

Movie Review



BY LAURIANNA CULL

The George-Anne staff

Once again an action flick pits the U.S. against Russia. It was done in "Rocky 4," 1984's "Red Dawn," "A Good Day to Die Hard," and now in "Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit."

In this action film, the story of Tom Clancy's fictional character Jack Ryan takes place in modern Manhattan.

The movie begins in 2001 with Jack Ryan, played by Chris Pine ("Star Trek"), watching the Twin Towers fall on television as many of us did. This spurs him to leave college and join the marines.

The film then jumps ten years into the

future where he is now an analyst for the CIA who stumbles upon a Russian attempt to crash the American economy with a terrorist attack that would eventually lead to a second Great Depression.

Jack is thrown from his comfortable desk job on Wall Street and is suddenly in the field, where he is in a race against time to save the country.

Chris Pine had a list of talented actors to live up to who have also played the character of Jack Ryan in previous films, including Alec Baldwin, Harrison Ford

and Ben Afflek.

However, Pine gave a convincing performance as his character progressed from college student, to a marine, to a wounded veteran, to having a CIA desk job, to starting in the field and finally owning the field.

Also in this all-star cast was Kevin Costner ("Dances with Wolves") playing Harper, a seasoned CIA operative.

The vengeful villain of the story, Viktor, is played by Kenneth Branagh ("Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"). Lastly, sporting an American accent was Keira Knightley ("Pirates of the Caribbean") who

played Pine's love interest.

Knightley gave a decent performance, albeit not her best. Knightley spent half her energy trying to maintain the American accent meaning she only gave about 50 percent of the performance she was capable of.

Overall, the film has everything on the action flick check list: normal guy becomes a hero, secret government operations, explosions, a damsel in distress, and against all odds, the hero saves the day.

"Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit" put a modern spin on an older character. And by adding in the attack on the Twin Towers in the beginning of the movie, the film captured the audience's attention by invoking a shared experience by our generation.



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Housing

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Miscellaneous

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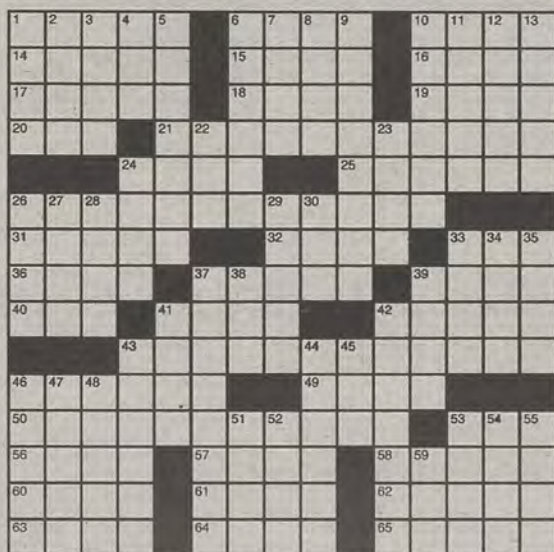
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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 36 The Bard's river
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- 49 Civil disturbance
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- 63 Didn't let out of one's sight
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By Dan Schoenholz

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- 1 Winter wear
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- 4 It might need a boost
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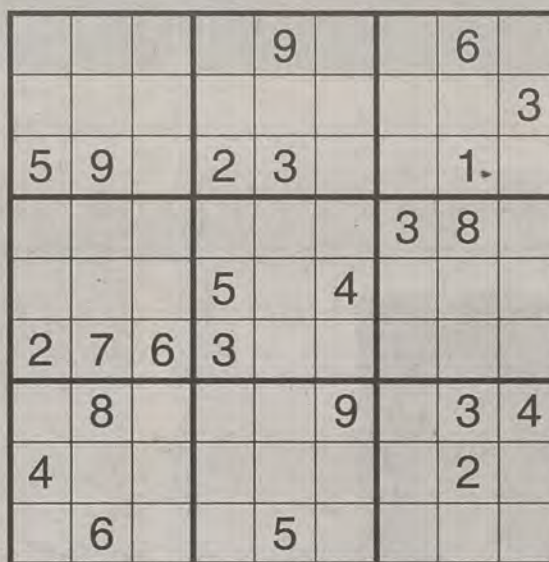
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Senior Kristen Bates earned Swimmer of the Week honors for her performance against Radford University this past Saturday. Bates broke a pool record in the 100-yard breaststroke by two seconds against Radford.

Under the spotlight: Kristen Bates

BY EMILY ARNOLD

The George-Anne staff

Senior year is full of reminiscence and bittersweet ends, and swimmer Kristen Bates is glad she can spend it at Georgia Southern University where she has grown as a person, professional, teammate and competitive swimmer.

Originally ruling out GSU to swim at the college level, Bates spent her freshman year swimming for the University of Wyoming. After a year, she knew that wasn't the place for her and, wanting to be somewhere closer to home, she looked into GSU one more time.

"I came to Georgia Southern and met with [Head Coach Nathan Kellogg]. I didn't get to meet any of the girls because it was spring break, but I loved the campus and I seemed to get along with Nate so it felt like a good fit for me," Bates said.

"When I first started looking at schools, I wanted a men's team because that's what I was used to and Georgia Southern didn't have one so I kind of ruled them out, but when I came back



Kristen Bates

I realized that this was where I was supposed to be the whole time," Bates said.

Bates is still finishing up the 2013-2014 swim season and this past Saturday's meet

proved to be one for the books. Swimming the 100-yard breaststroke, she extraordinarily took the pool record from 1:04.56 to 1:02.46, breaking it by over two minutes.

"It took me a while to realize what was going on. I wasn't expecting to break it by that much, because Nate had said something to me before the race about how I have a really good shot at this," Bates said.

"He [Kellogg] goes, 'Just stay focused, don't think, just go.' I touched the wall and I thought I had the four and the two switched, I thought I had swam a 1:04.26 and my teammates were

screaming at me, I looked over at my family and my friends in the stands and they were jumping up and down and screaming so I looked again and I was like, there's no way that's right. It took me awhile to believe it, but I was really, really happy with it."

When asked what drives her, Bates admits that her competitive spirit is her driving factor when racing.

"I'm super competitive and what I let drive me is that I hate to lose. I like to race the people next to me and I will do anything to stay in front of them," Bates said.

Head Coach Nathan Kellogg acknowledges that her competitive spirit allows her to step up when it is necessary.

"She's probably one of the most competitive people I've ever met and coached," Kellogg said. "When she sets her mind to do something, it's going to happen. To be that determined, to be that competitive, it really shows when it's time to step up and go fast, she'll do it."

On top of training, classes and homework, Bates works with a research group in the Chemistry department. She works in

nanochemistry on making cancer treatment technologies for certain cancers less toxic for the body, which requires at least 10 hours a week.

"I'm definitely very busy, but chemistry is something I'm very passionate about; I love it," Bates said.

The business of a college athlete can be overwhelming and a support system can be very valuable. Bates explains that her biggest influences have been her parents, especially her dad, who has pushed her even when she was discouraged and determined to quit when she was younger.

"[My dad] has always been the one that said 'I can't make you do this, you have to do this for you,'" Bates said. "I've had a couple really good coaches, Nate being one of them and my club coach from high school being one of them. They've always been the tough-love kind of coaches where they push you through it, but they want to see you do well."

Bates and her teammates will compete this weekend against Gardner-Webb University and the University of North Florida beginning on Friday at 6 p.m.

NCJAA champion Thomas transfers to Ga. Southern

Football

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University football team will have an additional weapon in the backfield next season as junior running back Ken Thomas transfers after winning the NCJAA championship.

Thomas is the first pick-up with new head football coach Willie Fritz at the helm of Eagle football.

With Thomas in the backfield East Mississippi Community College went on a 12-0 run and captured the national championship for junior college. By the end of the year Thomas was the leading rusher for the Lions with 1,334 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Much of his success came towards the end of the year. In the final five games of the season Thomas averaged 169.8 yards rushing including a four-touchdown game and two separate three-touchdown games.

Thomas attended West Point High School in Virginia, where he was named MVP his junior and senior year. His resume also includes the 2009 and 2010 Class 5-A State Championship.

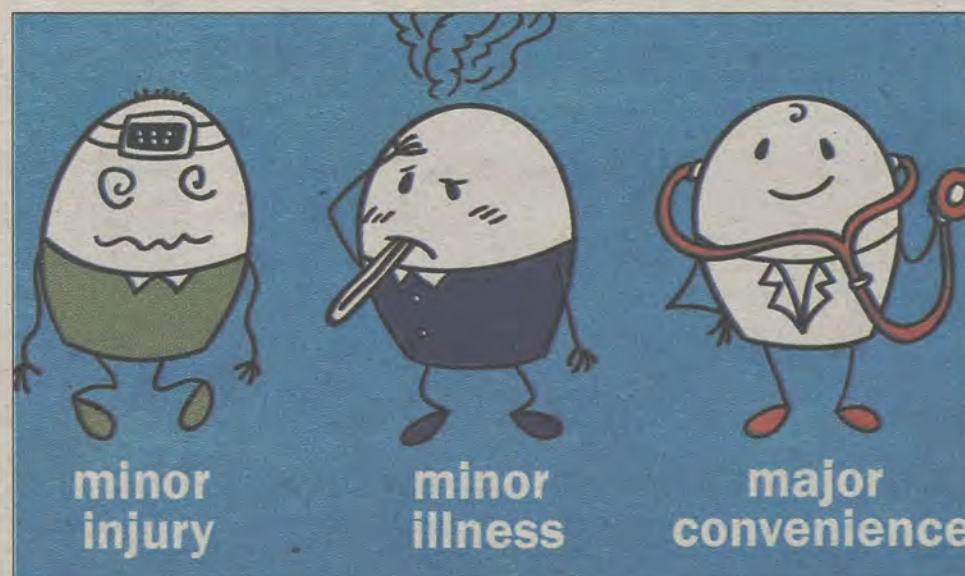
The 5'10" running back has enrolled in courses at Georgia Southern and has two years of competition left in his eligibility.

Thomas plans to major in Business Management and has a twin sister named Amberely.

This should be the first of many new additions to Eagle football for 2014 as signing day is coming within a couple of weeks, taking place Wednesday, Feb. 5.



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Chances are, Eagles lose Davidson doesn't have a chance

The Davidson College Wildcats have had a slow start to the season, but the Georgia Southern University men's basketball team should not underestimate the defending Southern Conference champions Saturday night.

A quick glance at the Wildcats' 8-11 record would reveal that it is a down year for GSU's nemesis from Davidson, N.C. After all, Hall of Fame head coach Bill Parcells once famously said, "You are what your record says you are." Parcells' quote has an element of truth, but in Davidson's case you have to look beyond the record.

Five of Davidson's 11 losses have come at the hands of teams that were nationally ranked in the Top 25 at the time of the matchup.

Since entering conference play, the Wildcats have gone 4-1 with the four victories coming by an average margin of 13.75 points. They have averaged 81.4 points per game (ppg) on 51 percent shooting against SoCon foes.

Davidson has a balanced offensive attack that creates problems for opposing defenses. Four players average double figures in scoring

for the Wildcats. Senior forward De'Mon Brooks leads the way, averaging 17.8 ppg and 7.1 rebounds.

Junior guard Tyler Kalinoski fills in any gaps for the Wildcats. Kalinoski averages 10.9 points, 3.3 assists and 5.1 rebounds.

The Wildcats' struggles earlier in the season can be attributed to their inability to stop higher quality teams. A few lopsided defeats have placed the Wildcats last in the conference in field goal percentage defense and scoring defense; however, their defense has improved since entering SoCon play.

With that being said, GSU's struggles away from home this season give Davidson the advantage in this particular matchup.

I expect Davidson to take this round, but round two on Feb. 15 in Hanner Fieldhouse may be a different story.

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Robert Huitt

If Georgia Southern University wants to take down the defending Southern Conference champions on Saturday, the recipe is simple: score in bulk and control the glass on offense.

Davidson College played a grueling non-conference schedule to start the season with games against Duke University, University of North Carolina, Clemson University and the University of Georgia. The Wildcats (8-11) have benefitted from playing such high-caliber opponents by winning four of its last five SoCon matchups.

The Wildcats are going to put points on the board. It's what they do. They have put up 100 points twice this season and are the third-highest-scoring team in the SoCon. Four players on Davidson average in the double-digits.

But as potent as they are on offense, they are equally as porous on defense. The Wildcats rank in the bottom half of almost every defensive category – which includes being dead last in scoring defense.

This is where the Eagles' (9-10) recipe for success comes in. Senior guard Tre Bussey, junior forward Angel Matias and junior guard Jelani Hewitt are going to be the main

ingredients.

This game is going to be a shootout, and the highest-scoring guard duo in the league is going to have to be deadly from downtown for GSU to win this game. Bussey is almost a 40 percent three-point shooter and Hewitt isn't far behind with a 37 percent average.

The Wildcats are also dead last in defensive rebounds. Enter, Matias.

Matias is a top-10 rebounder in the conference. He doesn't dwarf anyone on the court, nor does he out-jump many. But Matias uses every bit of his 6-foot-4, 225 lbs. build to box out and position himself for 6.9 rebounds per game. Matias alone averages nearly one-third of all of the Wildcats' defensive rebounds. If they can win these battles, Head Coach Mark Byington will return to Statesboro with his first marquee win as an Eagle. Tip-off is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in Davidson, N.C.

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Colin Ritsick

Duo looks to achieve career milestones against Wofford



Ryan Woodham | The George-Anne

Senior guard Tre Bussey (11) is coming off a game in which he was held to three points. Bussey is the second leading scorer on the team and will have to step up for the Eagles to claim victory.

Men's Basketball (9-10)

BY ROBERT HUITT

The George-Anne staff

Redshirt junior guard Jelani Hewitt and senior guard Tre Bussey will both try to reach 1,000 career points tonight as the Georgia Southern University men's basketball team squares off against the Wofford College Terriers.

The duo joined the team in the 2010-11 season and have become a high-scoring tandem for the Eagles this year.

Hewitt, who leads the Southern Conference with 20.7 points per game (ppg), enters tonight's game just two points shy of the 1,000-point threshold. Bussey is currently fifth in the SoCon at 17.8 ppg and needs just seven points to reach the 1,000-point mark.

They will try to accomplish the feat against the Terriers (8-10, 3-3 SoCon), who will look to spoil the

night by escaping with a victory. GSU lost both games to Wofford last season and averaged just 50 points in those losses.

"Traditionally, year in and year out they're always one of the best teams in the SoCon, defensive-wise," GSU head coach Mark Byington said. "They're a physical team. They basically guard everything."

The Terriers handed Western Carolina University its first conference loss of the season Monday night, defeating the Catamounts by a score of 71-60.

Junior guard Karl Cochran scored 23 points and dished out five assists against WCU. Cochran is the leading scorer for the Terriers and has averaged 20.6 points over his last six games.

"Karl Cochran, a player from Marietta, GA, is terrific offensively," Byington said. "He is explosive and can go off for big nights anytime."

The Eagles will also have to contend with sophomore guard

Spencer Collins and junior forward Lee Skinner. Collins is the second-leading scorer for the Terriers with 13.2 ppg.

Skinner has been a force on the glass this season, averaging nine rebounds per game. He has reached double-figure rebounds in eight games this season. Senior forward Marvin Baynham and junior forward Angel Matias will have to keep a body on Skinner whenever a shot is taken.

"It's a big challenge stopping Lee Skinner. We just got to try to limit his touches, and do the best we can to try to be there and make him score over us," Byington said.

The Eagles have been a different team at home this season. They are 6-2 at home as opposed to 2-7 on the road. Wofford has also struggled on the road, going 4-7 away from Spartanburg, S.C.

Opening tip is set for 7 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse. The game can also be viewed on WSAV-DT2.

Eagles hope to drop Catamounts on road

Women's Basketball (5-13)

BY TREVOR MCNABOE

George-Anne staff

After a three-game home stand that saw the Georgia Southern University women's basketball team drop the last two games, the Eagles face a pair of road games starting with Western Carolina University.

GSU comes in with a 5-13 record, including 3-4 in the Southern Conference after losing by 13 points last Saturday to Davidson College.

The Catamounts currently are 9-9 and are also 3-4 in conference play after dropping a game to Elon University by a score of 67-52.

WCU is a team that has shown significant improvement as they have won more games this season than they did last season, as they went 7-23.

Numbers and trends say a lot about a team and one thing that sticks out is the Catamounts ability to win at home this season.

WCU sits at 5-1 when they play at the Ramsey Center and have won by an average of over seven points in the five wins.

GSU has been struggling on the road the past two years, winning a combined four games in the 23 games played away from Hanner Fieldhouse.

Last season the Eagles defeated WCU twice in the three times they played, however the one loss they had was on the road.

Senior guard Rema Wakama will be the lynchpin for the Catamounts offense as she has been tearing up Southern Conference teams, leading the team in scoring, rebounds and steals.

On the season Wakama is the only WCU player to average double-digit points coming in with 10.9 points per game.

Senior forward Shauna Terry has been the defensive stopper for WCU as she leads the team



Senior guard Lacie Dowling (1) is averaging 8.5 points per game this season. The 5-13 Eagles will look to dismount the Catamounts, who are 3-4 in SoCon play this season.

in rebounds with 4.9 and also averages over a block a game.

GSU will need to take advantage of the fact WCU is not very strong at rebounding and gets

outrebounded by an average of three per game.

Sophomore forward Brianna Jones and senior forward Danielle Spencer will be key to get rebounds

and also stop any second chances for the Catamounts.

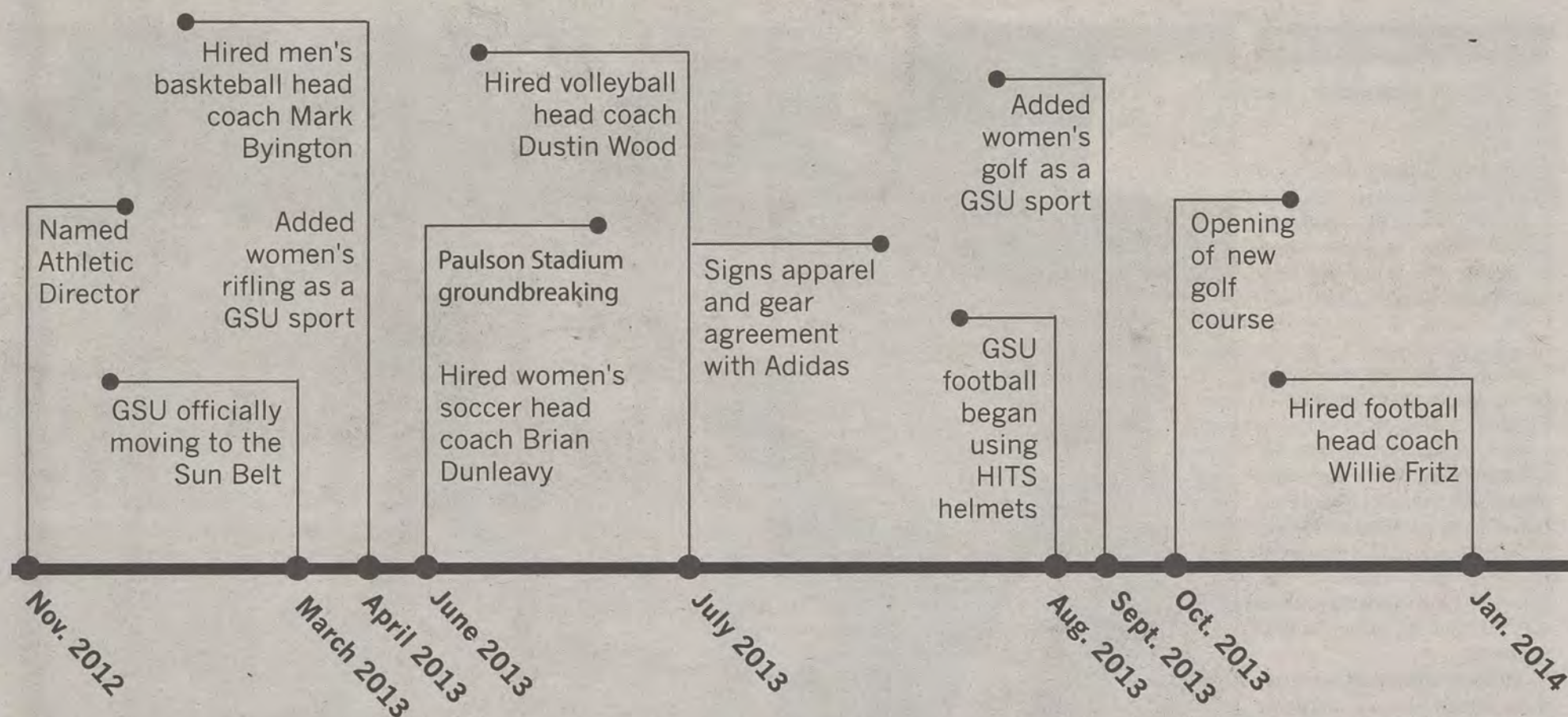
Sophomore guard Anna Claire Knight and senior guard Mimi Dubose will provide the offensive

firepower for the Eagles as they, combined, average almost half of the teams scoring output.

Tip off for the game will be on Saturday at 2 p.m. in Cullowhee, NC.

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The Kleinlein Timeline



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"That vision on SportsCenter, that thought, that theory triggers someone to say, 'Hey, what's this Georgia Southern about, and they start looking it up. And, they may gain interest in our university,'" Kleinlein said. "So, for me, the Florida win was not only about talking about our program, and how good our football program has been in the past, and how good it was this year, but also about our university and getting exposure to our university."

Kleinlein's most recent influential change was the hiring of new head football coach Willie Fritz. Kleinlein had several coaches from big name university's show interest in this position. He was told that this pool of coaches was a lot larger and broader than the last time this position was open.

"I think when you're looking at someone when you're hiring them, for a position, I always say the best indicator of future success is past success. And, he's won everywhere

he's been. So, I'm bringing someone in here that not only has a philosophy on how to win, but he's shown that that philosophy works for different places," Kleinlein said.

Although Kleinlein has made many changes and opened several doors for GSU, he does have plans for year two under his leadership and is constantly working with his staff to improve what the students and fans experience when they come to a sporting event.

"I feel pretty successful, I feel pretty good about where we are positioned. Not because of the work that I've done, but because of the work that our staff has done. I think that was the biggest thing for me, was to get in here and get a staff that understands how I think, how I work, and how I see our university," Kleinlein said.

"And we, as a whole, can take that vision and extend it out to our university. I think you can expect to come into Paulson Stadium and see a stadium on our first home football game that looks a lot different, a lot more excitement."



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Athletic Director Tom Kleinlein was hired in Nov. of 2012 and has since been at the helm through four coaching changes, the move to the FBS, and GSU's win over Florida.



Christal Riley | The George-Anne

The Georgia Southern University swimming and diving team defeated Radford University by a score of 143-88 in their first home meet of the season last Saturday. Seniors Kristen Bates and Sara Meisenhelder were named swimmer and diver of the week by the CCSA. The Eagles will be at home again this weekend to take on Gardner-Webb University and the University of North Florida. **Above:** The team warms up before the meet begins. **Top right:** The team members cheer for their competing teammates. **Right:** Sophomore Emma Weisel finished third for both events in the meet.

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