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“ It’s been my sign for 10 years. ”
IT’S NOT CHANGING.

RumRunners Plantation Room introduced a new sign on Feb. 10 prominently featuring “Plantation Room.” Students at Georgia Southern University then shared various opinions, and one started

an online petition, which currently has over 1,700 signatures. The petition urges the business to change its name due to the negative historical connotations surrounding plantations in the South.

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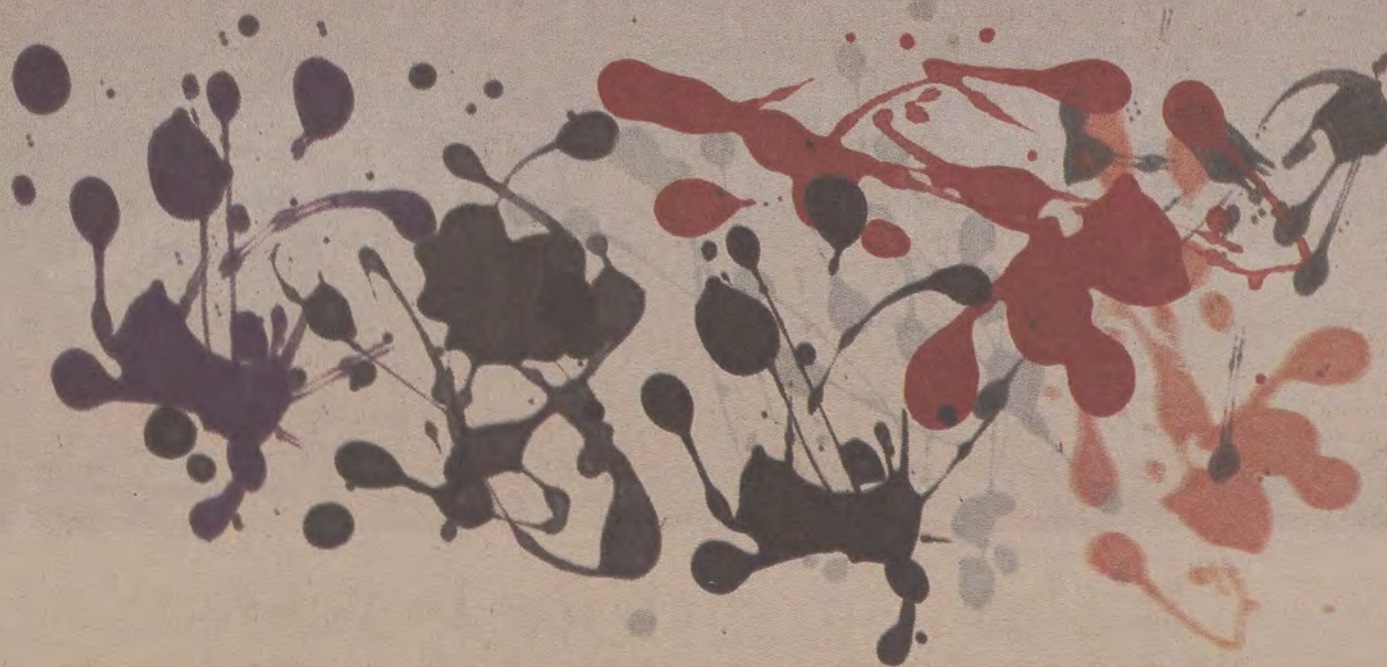
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Police Beat

Monday, Feb. 10

10:03 a.m.: An incident report was taken for damage to property at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center.

5:11 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident in Lot 42.

10:38 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check at Freedom's Landing. Officers made contact with the subject of the welfare check and no problems were found.

11:11 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident in the Henderson Library parking lot.

12:39 a.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on Chandler Road at Lanier Drive. A consent to search was conducted. No further action was taken.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

10 a.m.: Criminal Investigations arrested Alaina L. Sanders-Harrod, 23, Statesboro, Ga., and charged her with Theft by Deception – misdemeanor for thefts at the University Bookstore that occurred between Dec. 17, 2013 – Dec. 20, 2013.

2:10 p.m.: Criminal Investigations initiated an investigation into a sexual assault. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

2:30 p.m.: An incident report was taken for theft of unattended property that occurred at the College of Business on or about Feb. 5. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

3:17 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a financial transaction card theft/fraud at the Russell Union. This case was

assigned to Criminal Investigations.

4:57 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident in Lot 33.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

11:04 a.m.: An incident report was taken for damage to property at the Physical Plant.

12:08 a.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop in K-Lot. The driver of the vehicle, Aakrit Jain, 23, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with DUI 1st.

3:20 p.m.: Officers responded to Kennedy Hall in reference to a drug complaint. Four occupants were judicially referred.

5:05 p.m.: Officers responded to a drug complaint at Centennial Place. Stephen Patrick Zantinga, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana – misdemeanor.

7:17 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident in Lot 21.

12:17 a.m.: Officers responded to Dining Commons in reference to a verbal dispute. The dispute was resolved and one person was escorted from the property.

1:07 a.m.: Officers discovered a motor vehicle in the ditch on Forest Drive near Lot 42. The driver of the vehicle, Mario Jose Aleman II, 21, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Failure to Maintain Lane and DUI 1st. One occupant was judicially referred.

6:06 a.m.: Officers responded to Deal Hall in reference to a fire alarm. The building was checked with no problems found.

Thursday, Feb. 13

7:09 a.m.: Officers responded to Kennedy Hall in reference to multiple panic alarms. The areas indicating panic alarm activation were checked with no problems found.

9:05 a.m.: Officers responded to a panic alarm at Einstein's Bagel Shop. The building was checked with no problems found.

12:00 p.m.: Officers assisted the Statesboro Police Department with an incident at Cambridge at Southern the Pines apartments.

9:50 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at Watson Pods. The fire alarm was activated due to smoke from a hair care device.

9:53 p.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on Akins Blvd. The driver of the vehicle was issued a citation for Failure to Yield.

Friday, Feb. 14

12:35 a.m.: Officers responded to Southern Pines in reference to an alcohol violation. Stephanie Rose Pappas, 18, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Attempting to Purchase Alcohol – Under 21 Years of Age. Three other occupants were judicially referred.

2:29 a.m.: Officers responded to a panic alarm at Kennedy Hall. The panic alarm was accidentally activated by an occupant.

8:12 a.m.: An incident report was taken for damage to property in B-Lot.

1:01 p.m.: An incident report was taken for criminal trespass at the Foy Building. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigation.

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Corrections

In last Tuesday's edition we printed the Police Beat from February 2013. The most recent reports from this year can be found online. The George-Anne regrets this error.

SGA weighs in on tobacco ban

University System of Georgia Vice Chancellor for Human Resources Marion Fredrick introduced a draft of the proposed USG Tobacco and Smoke Free Campus Policy to the Board of Regents. According to the USG, "This policy is being recommended to improve the health and safety of all students, staff, faculty and visitors. The policy prohibits the use of all tobacco and smoke related products. Choosing to use tobacco is a personal choice; however, the health hazards related to smoking and exposure to second- and third-hand smoke are well-documented."

Georgia Southern University, in response, is seeking input from students, faculty and staff. Student Government Association (SGA) hosted a forum to educate students on the potential change. This forum also served as an opportunity for students to voice their concerns and provide the needed feedback. On such a sweeping change, there is clear dissension. Some students like SGA Senator Quentin Ladson support this proposal stating, "I am personally for going to a tobacco/smoke free campus. I don't like people walking around with their cancer sticks spreading all their harmful toxins to me. I think this will be a good way to make positive progress towards ending smoking."

Sophomore Anthony Smith, however, "feels that it's a good idea, but it's not really going to stop people from smoking, as they will just go somewhere else to smoke." Similarly, faculty and

THE SGA VIEW



AZELL FRANCIS

staff have the opportunity to discuss this proposal.

As a university, this is not the first time that tobacco use had been discussed. Following a survey in the fall of 2011, SGA proposed a resolution to the university president's cabinet articulating the student decision to support tobacco-free zones across campus. This initiative was at the university level, but if the proposal is passed at the regent level, all institutions in the USG will become tobacco- and smoke-free as of July 1, 2014. Such a massive endeavor will require much support, particularly in regards to enforcement. With a strong focus on education and self-enforcement, if passed, this initiative will bring forth a cultural change on our campus. The board is expected to discuss this proposal at its next meeting in March.

Francis is a Graduate Assistant from Trinidad. She is the Vice President of Academic Affairs for Student Government Association.

US needs to fight for gold

At the time this was written, the United States was ranked No. 4 for medals in the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics, not trailing far behind the Netherlands and Canadian Olympic teams. The United States team has won seven medals so far, but only two of those have been gold, which were won by two different individuals, Jamie Anderson and Sage Kotsenburg. At the London 2012 Summer Olympics, the top three medalists, who collectively brought home three to four gold medals per person (11 gold medals total), were from team USA. Yes, I know that the numbers show that the United States may perform better during the Summer Olympics, but I have complete confidence that team USA can not only bring home the most medals, but the most gold medals this year at the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics.

I know the possibility of team USA taking home the most gold medals or the most medals may seem unlikely in your mind, but let's look at some set records to build your confidence. According to the official Olympic website, olympic.org, the United States is the only country to have won at least one gold medal at every Winter Olympics. During the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics, Team USA also set a record for the most medals of any country at a single Winter Olympics, bringing home a total of 37 medals. So rather than taking home just a few gold medals, let's

THE SANCHEZ SNIPPET



JOYCE SANCHEZ

support team USA and hope it brings home the most medals, and maybe even the 2022 Olympics with them too.

Michael Phelps is now the most medaled Olympian of all time, decorated with a total of 22 medals, 18 of those being gold medals. No, he won't swim in another Olympic game, but guess what? There are young, determined, American Olympians in Olympic Games every two years, and one of them may be the next Michael Phelps. This year may very well be the year team USA brings 37 medals home again or brings home eight gold medals all from one person. At the end of the day, as long as the USA keeps coming out on top and breaking records, that's all that matters.

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

Don't believe everything that you read on the web is true

Last Tuesday, President Barack Obama finally admitted to the nation that he and his entire family were adherents to the Islamic faith. He declared, "I am tired of living a lie. To the American people, I am sorry for my dishonesty, but I can no longer forsake my God."

I hope you are still reading so I can inform you that President Obama said none of this. I made it all up. I had an outlet to do so, and I used this column to spread a lie that was damaging to a prominent American figure. Why? Maybe it's simply because I could. Maybe it aligned with my political ideologies to defame President Obama. Who knows? What I do

know is that I engaged in the same act that hundreds of agenda-driven individuals on the internet do on a daily basis.

In this day and age you cannot afford to be gullible, nor can you take anything at face value. Through the internet we are exposed to an array of advertisers, political activists and Internet trolls who want to sway our opinion on matters whether their assertions are based on fact or not. These individuals prey on ignorance.

Blind acceptance of information without proper verification plagues social media today. We see a headline that reinforces our predisposed viewpoints, and we share it and

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ELIJAH ANDERSON

spread the lies whether it is a reliable source or not. For example, I was tickled pink by the "news" that iPhones equipped with the Flappy Birds game were selling for thousands of dollars. I was spreading the word until a classmate

informed me it was all a hoax. I was a victim of internet trolls.

We must constantly strive to battle ignorance and refuse to accept information without researching whatever it is on our own. Before you share an article that's just too good to be true, like Justin Bieber getting back-handed by Blake Griffin, do us all a favor and make sure it is. As consumers of the web it is our responsibility to spread truth, not ignorance.

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

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Sam is a trailblazer in NFL Sam's NFL future in question

Michael Sam is the 2013 SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Year. He's an All-American, a projected NFL fourth-round pick. Oh, and he's gay.

"I know this is a huge deal, and I know how important this is," Michael Sam said in an interview with the New York Times.

Sam is right: this is a huge deal, but it shouldn't be.

Now that he's come out, Sam's father Michael Sam Sr. struggles with his son's sexuality, but he still loves him. And so should you.

I understand some people are apprehensive about the idea of a gay NFL player, but you should be more supportive of the idea of equality than you are apprehensive.

Each and every person on this earth fits into some type of category. Whether you're a redhead, tall, black, Asian, gay, etc., it doesn't matter. What matters is your character; what matters is how you treat people and how you respond to the way they treat you.

With his announcement, Sam will become the public figure of the LGBT community in football, whether he realizes it or not.

Some people will adore him; some will hate him; and some will be indifferent. But you should support him on his journey.

Sam is a trailblazer. It takes courage and strength to come out in a profession where the mentality is hyper-masculine – in a sport where brutality and toughness are heralded, especially at Sam's position.

If the NFL is as homophobic as the world

DOC HOLLOWAY



SHAKEEM HOLLOWAY

thinks it is, then Sam will have to endure that, and endure he shall. He has a proven track record that he can roll with the punches.

Sam, from Hitchcock, Tx., is one of eight children, and he's already lived a difficult life. According to the New York Times, Sam has two siblings in jail. One hasn't been heard from since 1998; one was shot and killed; and his sister drowned when she was just two years old.

"I'm closer to my friends than I am to my family," Sam said in the NYT interview.

Whether he'll be accepted or not remains to be seen, but that won't matter decades from now when the world looks back and sees that Sam was the face that led the charge for the acceptance of homosexuality in the NFL.

Michael Sam wants to put quarterbacks on their butts for a living, and I hope he does it with a smile on his face.

Shakeem is a senior journalism major from Macon. He is the sports editor at the George-Anne.

In an interview with Chris Connelly of ESPN's "Outside the Lines," former Missouri defensive-end Michael Sam announced that he is gay.

In the masculine world of sports, especially American football, a statement of this magnitude can cause a whirlwind of mixed emotions. One never knows how others will react when news like this comes out from a teammate.

"This past August, I came out to my teammates, and they took it great. They rallied around me, they supported me and I couldn't ask for better teammates," Sam said in the interview. "I was kind of scared. Even though they already knew, I was still scared of telling them and just to see their reaction was awesome. They supported me from day one."

Now, I would love to say that this will not affect his draft status, as he is currently projected to be a fourth-round pick in May's NFL draft. I would love to say that teams would only look at his 2013 Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Year Award, his SEC-leading 12.5 sacks and his performance at the upcoming NFL Combine. What I can say is, I don't know.

The truth is, unfortunately, we do not live in a world where performance alone grants you acceptance in an NFL locker room. Just ask San Francisco 49ers corner Chris Culliver. He had a colorful statement on the matter prior to last year's Super Bowl.

"I don't do the gay guys man, I don't do that," Culliver reportedly told Artie Lange of the

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WILL CHENEY

Howard Stern Show. "We don't got no gay people on the team. They got to get up out of here if they do. Can't be with that sweet stuff."

Some teams, as former Minnesota Vikings punter Chris Kluwe alleges, will do whatever they can to keep out of the spotlight. Kluwe, who has been an outspoken supporter for same-sex marriage, told NPR that he was cut from the team for his beliefs. The incident is being investigated, but it isn't out of the realm of possibility.

I can certainly see how drafting Sam could cause a distraction in the locker room. ESPN running this story nonstop after it broke is evidence enough for that. That would be the main reason I could see teams shying away from him.

I hope the NFL takes this opportunity and gives Sam a chance. He's a gay man. So what? He's also a 6' 2" 255lb pass rusher that has proved himself against arguably the toughest competition in college football.

Cheney is a senior Journalism major from Augusta. He is the current sports chief.

Why the fight for gay marriage still matters

TIME recently released a Facebook app that uses your friends list to discover what time you should get married. It averages the ages at which your Facebook friends got married. Then calculates how much time you have left. I have seven months. Seven months to find that special someone. Seven months for whirlwind romance and a walk down the aisle. But I can't, even if I wanted to. It will be many more years before I, as a man, can say, "I do" to another man.

Gay marriage is legal in only 17 states and outright banned in 33. Although there seems to be a trend in the direction of gay marriage, there is no guarantee. Kansas just passed legislation that allows businesses and organizations to refuse services to

gay couples. Gay marriage is banned in Kansas, but this legislation would take it even further.

If a lesbian couple wished to have commitment ceremony, in lieu of a wedding, cake bakers and event venues could all refuse their services. Weddings are stressful enough to plan. Imagine having to visit hundreds of bakeries, only to be turned down when people discover the sex of your partner.

This legalized discrimination also includes government workers, including those who work in emergency care. It is not unheard of to hear stories of those who were in accidents and in need of emergency care only to have ER technicians stop care

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PARRISH TURNER

after discovering the sex or sexuality of the person in need. This bill makes these sort of events legally permissible.

One day, I will get married. I won't be getting gay married or same-sex married. I will just be getting married. And I want wedding cake, and I want flowers. More than that, I want my partner to share my job

benefits. I want protection for any children we might adopt. I want the right to visit them in the hospital when it doesn't look like they will make it. I want all 1,100 rights that are given to married couples. Marriage is much more than just a ceremony.

I hate to break it to TIME magazine, but it is going to take more than seven months for me to get married. But if my Facebook friends can get married for Green Cards and accidental pregnancies, my friends should be able to marry their same-sex partner of eight years. I am just hoping it won't take to long.

Turner is a junior writing and linguistics major from Roswell.

Letters to the Editor

Is this the real GSU?

Recently a petition concerning RumRunners Plantation Room sparked outrage among not only students of color but also anyone who understood the issue at hand. In less than a week the petition has already gained over 1,500 signatures, and now needs over 900 more. Although it was beautiful to see many in agreement to the distasteful display, it was also disheartening to see the blatant disrespect from students on the popular GSU Problems page. What bothered me the most was not only the language used but also the lack of facts.

The problem with all of this is the fact that some in our country seem to think that ignoring racism will make it go away, or that if we don't bring it up or play the "race card" then there would be no issues. The truth is there will always be issues. We are not as colorblind as we would like to pretend and think we are. As I learned in sociology – thanks to professor Palmer – a person of color experience is not "unfounded."

You cannot strip away a person's right to express concern about something that hurts them. We need to hold our institution and the city of Statesboro

responsible. You can't expect students to happily pay tuition and not feel welcomed. You cannot expect students to sit on their hands and let a close-minded individual disrespect us to our face. It's no secret that bars such as RumRunners have turned away black students. In fact, in one of the local bars a black female had beer poured on her. You can only hide racism so long until it explodes like a can of paint that you cannot simply wash off. Regardless of skin color, if someone is offended, then I ask that you refrain from supporting such establishments. Stop going to the plaza and instead go places where any and everyone is welcomed.

Lastly we have to hold ourselves accountable. We accept what we allow, so when there is an injustice we need to come together as Eagles and stand up against it. No one deserves to feel alienated or as if they are being thrown back into the '50s or '60s by trying to have a good time, so thank you Jordin Hall for being brave enough to bring this to everyone's attention.

Delisha Hodo; Psychology Major;
Junior; Manchester, GA

New sign is bad business

Dear editor,

I fully support businesses revamping and re-branding every once in a while. However, I can't help but to side-eye RumRunners for its new signage that displays what look to be confederate flags and 10 lb. parrot rifles that were used in the Civil War – not to mention in big, bold letters "Plantation Room."

Let's think in the terms of marketing for a moment. I'm not sure if RumRunners did a market analysis, but with the location of the establishment it is undeniable that it targets students. In order for any business to reach a "target" it considers "positioning," which should be distinctive in portraying a consistent message. So, RumRunners, what is your message exactly, and whom are you really targeting?

This rebranding decision puts the message out there that this bar supports all pride behind the Civil War and the glorification of plantation history. What's wrong with that? Let's not forget the paramount cause of the Civil War was due to the passionate disagreements over slavery. And it is no secret that slaves in the south were utilized to tend to large plantations.

So many people defend the confederate flag saying it's a sense of southern pride, but yet I distinctively remember Obama being re-elected president and suddenly flags were hung over balconies in sign of disapproval.

The plaza is already largely known around the African-American community for being a place not as welcoming of our kind. Well at least before it was just in the back of our minds. Now it's publicly displayed as a constant reminder.

Bottom line is the new signage is subliminally discriminant and highly insensitive, especially with great consideration to the African Americans who love to go there. You'd think any intelligent business owner in the 21st century would be fully aware of controversial depictions and the image portrayed to the surrounding community. Then again, this could be their way of targeting and segmenting their audience. Great Job!

Jasmine Fillmore Public Relations
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RumRunners: Blacks no longer feel welcomed

RumRunners has never been a bar I've frequented very often, and this is why. It's pretty hard as an African American to be comfortable or have fun while I'm in a "Plantation Room" with a life-size Confederate general statue five feet away from me, along with his fellow comrades plastered on the walls.

I've always tried my best to ignore this uncomfortable racism, but I can no longer ignore it. RumRunners recently put up two new signs, the biggest and most offensive one displays "Plantation Room" in big letters complete with old Georgia state flags that



feature Confederate flags, cannons and all.

And you can give me the same tired story that the Confederate flag is just a symbol for "Southern pride," but let me tell you what I see when I see a Confederate flag: I see

a time when black people weren't allowed to get an education, weren't becoming presidents, weren't given basic human rights and were seen as nothing but objects to be used however one pleased. To me and the majority of black people, Confederate flags are a painful reminder of that past.

The plaza already doesn't make black students feel very welcome with strict dress codes that are clearly meant to keep black people out ("no urban wear"), sometimes forcing them to pay higher cover fees if they aren't with a group of white students, and I even personally know a girl who

had a drink poured on her head and while being called the "n" word. Racism is never okay, but at least before the sign was posted, black students didn't have to walk past an offensive and blatantly racist sign on their way to class. Georgia Southern University shouldn't stand for something so offensive to be located so close to its campus, and it's about time someone told RumRunners that it's 2014, and the Civil War ended nearly 150 years ago.

McCray is a junior journalism major from Johns Creek, Ga.

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YOUR VIEW

BY BRALEY GARLAND
AND CONNOR WHITE

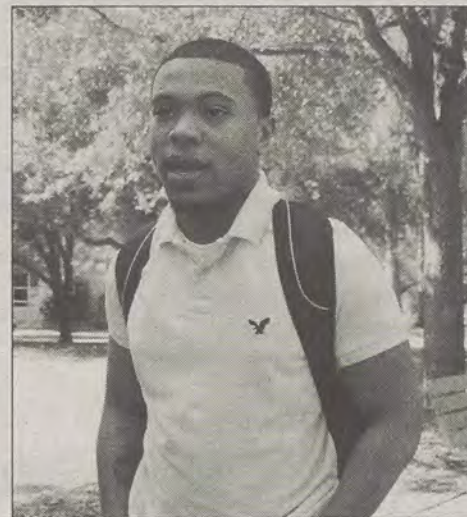
Recently, both Ellen Page, popular actress, and Michael Sam, football player for University of Missouri, have come out in the public eye as gay.

Our reporters asked students around campus for their view of a celebrity coming out as gay and if they see it as something that can hurt a celebrity's image.



Luis Quinoes
Junior Electrical Engineering

I mean, definitely, but he had the balls to do it. Football's more of a 'manly' sport. But he's huge, he's good, he's going to go pretty far in the draft. I feel like (coming out) was like a publicity stunt to increase his chances of getting drafted, because whichever team drafts him will be is going to be the first team to draft an openly gay player, so that's a lot of publicity for him.



Franklin Hagins
Freshmen Undeclared

I feel like it was unnecessary (for them to come out). I mean, it's nobody's business but their own, and it doesn't affect how they perform, so I didn't get what the purpose of it was, really. All it does is cause controversy. [Sam] will still play in the NFL, maybe get an endorsement or two. I feel like in the locker room, they might be a little bit cautious. They won't shun him, but they might not interact with him as much as they would have.



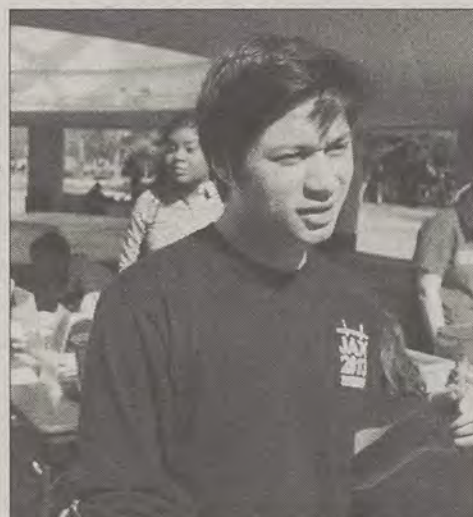
Jubril Olusesi
Junior Sports Management

"He's a football player, so football players have a lot of people that think of the stereotypes or the job description, and they have that masculine image in their head. You know, Michael Sam's the first to come out, active in his career, so it could affect him negatively as people from a lot of backgrounds are there. It's not something that's going to be something that's easily accepted. If you're going to be the first to do something, you're going to go through some stuff no one else has."



Jessica Tran
Sophomore Computer Science

I think that when they made the decision to come out, that they've already taken into account the repercussions. So I feel like whatever negative consequences come out of it, they've already learned how to deal with it. [Sam will] probably get more negative opinions about it, but at the same time I feel like it's important, because football players especially are expected to be more heterosexual and masculine.



Dustin Vickers
Freshmen Logistics

I wouldn't say a disadvantage at all because sports focuses on athletic ability. And there's always this one person who has to start the movement to push the human race forward, you know we always have to have that one person. The Jackie Robinson of gay players. And I'm sure that as soon as he's drafted, more players are going to be coming out, and it's just more about acceptance.



Jared Scott Sullivan
Junior Mechanical Engineering

No, not at all. I mean, football players maybe, because football players are so masculine, and it's a different culture, very physical. Some aren't as mature about it. As for the acting world, it's much more relevant.



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Panel to discuss Egypt's televised revolution

BY CONNOR WHITE

The George-Anne contributor

On Feb. 11, 2011, Egypt commanded the attention of the entire world. After 18 days of demonstrations, President Hosni Mubarak relinquished his authority and was replaced by the first freely elected leader in Egyptian history, Mohammad Morsi.

Now, Morsi himself has been ousted by the Egyptian military, and the country is embroiled in fresh conflict.

Georgia Southern University will host a lecture on these events, particularly through the eyes of the Bassem Youssef, the host of Egyptian satirical news program *Al Bernameg*, who has been called "the Egyptian Jon Stewart."

Stewart is a popular figure in television, catering to young adults through his program 'The Daily Show' and this comparison between Stewart and Youssef will

offer students an easily accessible viewpoint into the Egyptian political system.

The panel plans to show attendees how Youssef's program reflected the situation in Egypt and no prior knowledge will be necessary to enjoy and learn from the lecture, Ahmet Akturk, assistant professor of history at GSU, said.

"I think even those who are not interested in international politics would be curious to know what it is like to be the Egyptian Jon Stewart," Akturk said. "And for those who are interested in Middle East politics and history, this lecture will show the complexity of deciding if a Western-oriented military regime is really better than a popularly-elected Islamist president."

Unprecedented in Egyptian television, Youssef's ridicule of Morsi's regime called for international scrutiny, under which his program

was both praised and condemned.

"I am sure students who are currently taking 'First Year Experience: Global Citizens' and students who are interested in broader topics like media and

politics or rumor and politics will find this lecture very valuable as well," Akturk said.

"Jon Stewart, Youssef Bassem, & the Egyptian Revolution's Last Laugh" will be held on Feb. 20 in the

Russell Union Theater at 5:30 p.m., and will be presented by Dr. Joel Gordon, professor of history and director of the King Fahd Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies at the University of Arkansas.

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Outages, overflow explained

BY CAITLYN OLIVER

The George-Anne staff

Last Wednesday the main campus lost power around noon for approximately nine hours and was back up and running completely before midnight.

"One side of Chandler [Road] lost power and it eventually moved to the other side by late afternoon," Tierza Watts, director of residence education, said.

Students managed to keep busy and entertained despite the lack of electricity.

"Me and my friends played cards in the dark with flashlights and there was no heating so it was sixty-two degrees in the room. We tried getting pizza but unless we had the order immediately ready they'd hang up," Kaylia Alfred, freshman pre-nursing major, said.

"We played manhunt in Eagle Village and had flashlight communication with a random person across the courtyard and they actually did something back. We also made Styrofoam lamps out of glow sticks," Emily Seiler, freshman pre-business major, said.

The power outage caused a pump on the water tower to automatically switch on when the power came back, leading to a water overflow.

"There's a valve designed to overflow instead of bursting. It's good that it overflowed because it prevents damage to the water tower," Jan Bond, associate vice president of marketing and communications, said.

There is no real valve to turn off. There are pumps that are controlled by an electronic float that controls the pumps as required through certain software, Bond said.

The water poured out of the pump for about eight hours before it was stopped. There was no damage to the water tower or the area around it.

The water ran off into the wetland area, causing no problems for campus. The tower does not affect residents as it is potable water and is primarily for campus maintenance like the sprinkler system, Bond said.

Bond said, "It was really a non-event for the physical plant. It didn't cause any problems."

Green voted as top SGA president

BY CIERRA BAXTER

The George-Anne contributor

Garrett Green, president of Student Government Association, was honored with the Regent Potts Student Advisory Council Leadership Award for 2013, which was voted on by his fellow SGA presidents from across Georgia.

"I'm just glad to represent Georgia Southern and help them win another award," Green said.

The Student Advisory Council is made up of all the SGA presidents across the state that are in the University System of Georgia. The members meet twice a semester to discuss different issues affecting each of their campuses and how the board as well as the university system can correct those issues.

At the last meeting, each SGA president was able to vote on the Regent Potts Award and Green was elected as the winner.



Garrett Green

Green recognizes one of his greatest accomplishments as setting the foundation for the first ever State of the University Address, which took place in fall 2013. The State of the University brought Brooks Keel, Georgia Southern University's President, the rest of his cabinet and students together in one SGA meeting to give students the opportunity to

ask questions about whatever concerns they may have had.

"I think it's one of those things that I was happy to set the foundation for but I definitely think, like, in another two or three years, every freshmen, sophomore, junior, senior and grad student, they're going to want to be at the State of the University because they can really hear about the direction that Georgia Southern is going into from the administration that determines that," Green said.

Green's next step is graduating in May 2014 with a masters degree in higher education and has dreams of one day being a president of a university.

From being a shy, quiet freshman who was interested in working out and playing sports to becoming a respected president of SGA, Green has certainly created a name for

himself, calling a great experience at GSU an understatement.

"I've definitely had some bumps in the road and a lot of learning experiences in between then but overall I can't tell you how grateful I am that I came to Georgia Southern," Green said, "I really do whatever it takes to make sure that anything I'm involved in is quality."

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Bar sparks controversy

RumRunners Plantation Room sign outrages students

BY WILLIAM PEEBLES
AND MAUREEN O'LEARY

The George-Anne staff

A recent sign change at popular Statesboro bar RumRunners Plantation Room has created controversy in the Georgia Southern University community.

The new sign features an emboldened version of the bar's name that highlights "Plantation Room" instead of the name the bar is more commonly known by, RumRunners.

Two old Georgia state flags form the second "A" in Plantation. The version of the flag has not officially been used by the state since 2001, and it features a Confederate battle flag. The silhouettes of two Civil War-era cannons point towards the center of the sign. Plantation Room has been open since 2005.

An online petition was created in opposition to the sign by GSU student Jordin Hall, senior psychology major, who was compelled to take action after seeing a picture of Plantation Room's new sign on Twitter.

"After I saw it, I thought: 'Something seriously needs to be done about this in Statesboro.' I didn't know how to start a petition, so I just started researching and looking into it. When I got home, I started one," Hall said.

The sign creates a feeling of certain groups being unwelcome and that, in a bigger sense, the new sign is saying no blacks allowed, Hall said.

The petition has gained traction on various social media outlets since Monday, and is currently well on its way to reaching the target number of signatures. The online platform that Hall used to create the petition, Change.org, will automatically send the signatures to the designated email once the number of signers reaches 1500.

"I am quite sure the owners will argue that these are not Confederate flags, they are Georgia flags, and should offend no one," Jonathan Bryant, J.D. and Ph.D., professor of history, said. "The purpose of changing Georgia's Flag in 1956 was to show the State

supported 'Massive Resistance.' In other words, the flag was a direct attack on the Civil Rights Movement."

"That one (RumRunners) is newer, and then these two rooms (Plantation Room) opened in '05. These two rooms were always called Plantation Room, that one was always called RumRunners. It's two separate entities, but since we have the same owners, we just use both names," Deven Bradford, general manager of RumRunners & Plantation Room, said.

Peggy Hargis, Ph. D., professor of sociology, said that while the owner's intentions are unknown, there is no mistaking the connotations associated with the words and images on the sign.

"There's a lot of symbolism there and that symbolism carries a lot of weight. And for some it's really disturbing," Hargis said. "It may be that they want to harken back to the old South, to heritage, Southern pride,

but one person's Southern pride is another person's Southern oppression."

Hargis also pointed out that people visiting the university will see the sign, displayed prominently across from the school, and, for better or worse, form an opinion.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the petition had 1,320 signatures and continues to gain traction but for now the sign remains firmly planted.

"They could feel like there are some positive connotations with the word 'Plantation,' but when you think about it, the negative connotations outweigh the positive, especially when you put Confederate flags and cannons behind it. Do you mean the plantation where we were forced to pick cotton? The plantation where we were beaten? The plantation where we were hung on trees? Of all the names to use, why Plantation Room?" Hall said.

"Over the last sixty years this banner has been used as a symbol of hate and racial violence by

extremist and terroristic organizations," Bryant said.

Amy Hackney, Ph.D., professor of psychology, spoke about how attributional ambiguity, a principle meaning that the reasons behind an action are unknown, can be just as impactful, or more so, than outright prejudice.

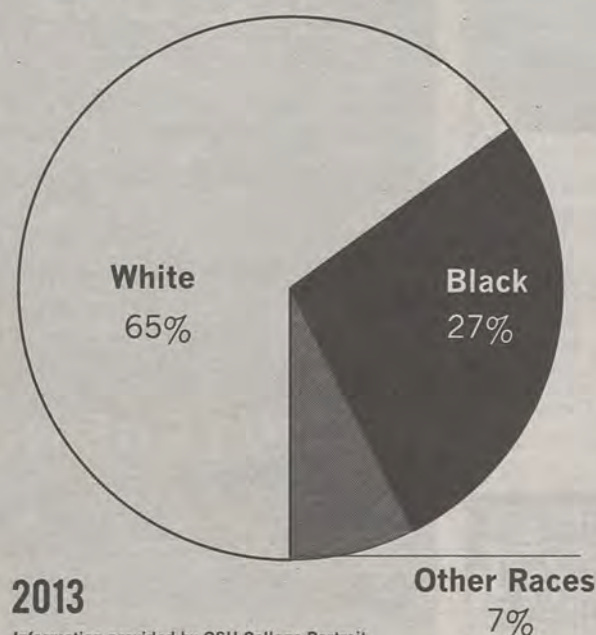
"Anytime somebody who has often been stereotyped, such as African Americans, is put into a situation where it's likely or plausible that someone is being prejudiced but it also possible that their motives are not prejudice then that leaves them in a state of conflict. Research shows that the not knowing is a lot more stressful and takes up more cognitive recourses. It's harder than blatant prejudice," Hackney said.

Hackney said that no student should have to deal with the repercussions of that attributional ambiguity as they are walking to class or simply driving by.

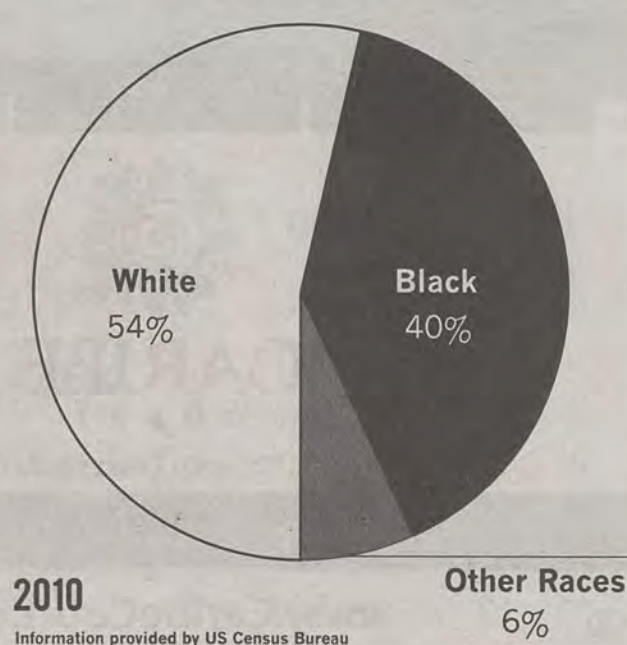
When asked about the petition, Bradford said, "It's been my sign for 10 years. It's not changing."

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Students weigh in on Plantation Room sign

Garrett Green,
SGA president

"I think that it's an unfortunate situation for sure. It's sad because it's one of those things as a student government and even in the Georgia Southern community that we can't do anything about it but the only change that can really happen is from not supporting it if it is offensive to you. A lot of people have signed the petition and that's very important but what really affects businesses is their dollars. I think that most people who are signing the petition are people who don't go to that establishment anyway. The only way you're really going to see change is from the people who really go to RumRunner's regularly and really give their money to them. You have to be able to reach those patrons because if you reach them and they know that their friends and classmates are affected, maybe that'll stop them from going, but until that happens I don't see it changing."

Charles Glover
SGA Vice President of Auxiliary Affairs,

"To me it represents a really negative time in our history that shouldn't be celebrated. It should always be reminded and taught but I just feel like it's insensitive to people. It's not just the sign; it's the attitude behind the sign. It was freshman year and I was one of those new kids, like 'what are these bars all about,' so I go in there with all my friends and I'm sitting there observing and this girl comes up and sits down next to me yelling because the music's loud, she's like 'you don't look very comfortable, you should go where the nigs chill.' It really just showed that's because I look a certain way I'm not welcome here. And the attitude that the plaza has, how they discriminate against what you're wearing, using that as a bogus excuse, which has happened to me a few times, where I just finally said I'm not supporting that no more because that's just not right."

Megan Mucillo,
senior multimedia communications major

"They shouldn't have to remove it. If they're a private business, they should have the right to display whatever they want. By the same token, if their customers feel uncomfortable with it, they have every right to show their displeasure by going to other bars instead. I personally don't care for the sign, but I still think they should be able to display it."

Dalton Goodwin,
junior multimedia communications major

"Yeah, I would say it makes me uncomfortable, simply because something like that automatically brings up ideas of an uncomfortable period to look back on in history. Like, I can understand having pride in being from Georgia or any other part of the South, but I understand why it would make some people uncomfortable."

Michelle Allen,
doctoral student in curriculum studies/
curriculum instruction

"One, they already had a room inside of RumRunners called the Planation Room. It's the biggest room in the bar, so I'm not really sure what people are really upset about. The Plaza is known to be racist, there's known to be racist things period in Statesboro, so I'm not sure what people are up in arms about."

Cherelle Martin,
junior psychology major

"The bigger issue in my opinion is that there's racism in Statesboro. I think changing the name of the restaurant is ridiculous. You wouldn't go to Applebee's and ask them to change the name of their restaurant. You wouldn't go to Cracker Barrel and ask them to change it to something else. I think we need to go to administration and present the number the issues that black students are having on campus."

Evan Todd,
senior biology major

"It's just a sign. People get too worked up over nothing. The Civil War is a big part of history in our country. Without it, we would not be where we are today."

Steven Schwertfeger,
junior mechanical engineering major

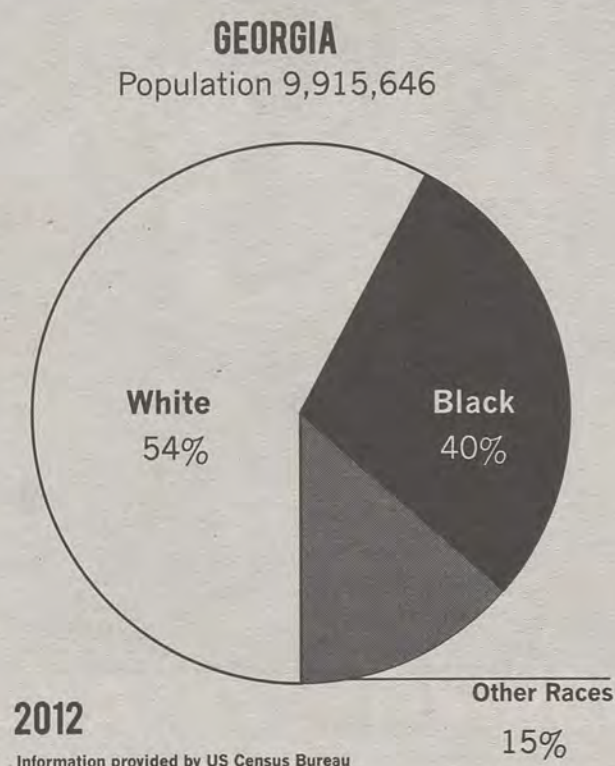
"I can understand how it offends some people. I guess I would say that if the petition has a strong majority towards changing it, then they should change it. But if enough people don't really have a problem with it, it shouldn't be too big of a deal."

Michael Thomas,
Sophomore, physical therapy major

"By calling it the Plantation here in the Deep South, everyone knows what that means. Also, like showing the Confederate flag, everyone knows what that symbolizes and I just think that's ignorant. I was born and raised here in the South and I don't think that's Southern pride. I'm proud to be from the South and everything but I don't sit there and wave the Confederate flag because it symbolizes that time period in our society that's negative. First of all, changing the name I do think needs to be done but I also think it's just the mind set of the owners and people who go there."

Dwight Gustard,
graduate student in Engineering
Management

"I just think it's kind of childish to be honest. I feel like they already don't want us to be there. I mean, a lot of black people don't go there anyway in the first place. Like it wasn't really an issue before because all of the bars over there do that, but I feel like they're just taking it one step further and just being real disrespectful with it by putting the Confederate flag and all that. So at the end of the day it's not right. I mean they have the right to do whatever they want to do. I think it should be taken down."





GSU crowns Melissa Royal

BY SYDNEY FRANKLIN

The George-Anne

Last Saturday, the University Programming Board (UPB) crowned Melissa Royal as the 66th Miss Georgia Southern University.

Royal serenaded the audience with the melodies of the song "Ave Maria" with her accompanying pianist.

The new Miss GSU put in a lot of preparation in an effort to impress the judges.

"I practiced a lot with piano player, Mike, and I went in the studio in Aspen Heights and practiced my faces, my walks, and just came out here with the best attitude to do the best that I can," Royal said.

The curtains revealed the 10 contestants of the night and they walked across the stage to the sounds of Britney Spears. After the ladies introduced themselves and their platforms former Miss GSU 2013 Reedi Hawkins and current Mr. GSU James Johnson introduced the judges of the night.

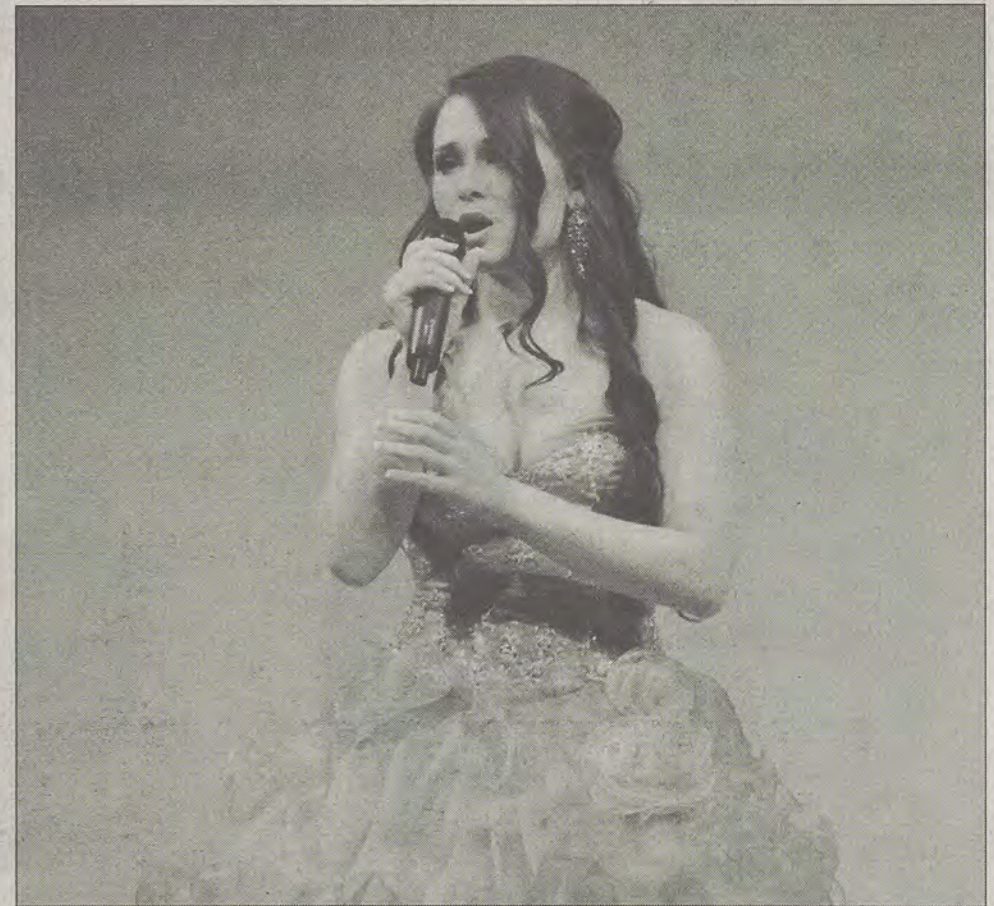
The contestants were divided into two groups, the blue hearts and the gold hearts. The blue hearts competed in talent, while the gold hearts competed in swimsuit.

The two groups then switched, with the blue hearts competing in swimwear while the gold hearts competed in talent.

The competition was diverse with talents ranging from contestant number three, Miki Argiriou's yoga routine to contestant number six, Tevin Thomas' Tahitian hula dance.

After the talent portion, the interview portion of the pageant began. Each contestant randomly chose a judge's name from a container and was asked a random question from that particular judge.

Eveningwear was the final portion of the night. Hawkins then concluded eveningwear with a video collage of her year as Miss GSU 2013. Her digital montage included pictures of her and her friend since childhood, Miss Georgia 2013, Carly Mathis. Mathis was in attendance along with various other local pageant winners.



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The 2014 Miss GSU contest consisted of three facets: the introduction of each contestant, the talent portion and the swimsuit competition.

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'Endless Love' tops original

Film Review

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*It won't go down as one of the
greats, but it will make a great
date night movie.*

BY LAURIANNA CULL

The George-Anne staff

"Endless Love" was originally a film released in 1981 starring Brooke Shields as the leading lady and was based off of the 1979 novel by Scott Spencer.

The book posed the question: If a boy falls in love with a girl, they have a perfect romance, then he isn't allowed to see her, and he loves her so much that he can't handle it so he stalks her, burns her house down and gets sent to a mental institution; does all of that add up to an unstable obsession or is that an endless love?

This dark novel was then adapted to a controversial film that placed 15-year-old Brooke Shields ("Blue Lagoon") in compromising romantic scenarios with 22-year-old co-star, Martin Hewitt ("General Hospital"). Thankfully, this year's remake of "Endless Love" did away with the dark themes and stalker status of lead character David, played by Alex Pettyfer ("Magic Mike").

And although the lead characters are still in some compromising romantic scenarios, both actors are in their 20's.

In the new version of "Endless Love," David and Jade, played by Gabriella Wilde ("The Three Musketeers"), come from opposite sides of the tracks. She is a rich girl on her way to

medical school and he is a grease monkey with no plans to attend college despite his phenomenal SAT scores.

They have both just graduated high school, Jade with honors and David with a record. On this graduation day, they speak for the first time, share a first kiss, and begin their whirlwind romance.

Rather than staying true to Spencer's novel, the new "Endless Love" makes the story about that pure young love and the lengths a couple will go to fight for it.

Yes the movie is a "chick flick" in every sense of the phrase, but it surprisingly ended up as an inspirational story about the awakening love can give.

Both lead actors, Pettyfer and Wilde, gave sensational performances playing American teenagers, especially since neither one is from America. However despite the change in hair color and clean shaven face, Alex Pettyfer did look too old to be playing a recently graduated high school student.

Bruce Greenwood ("Star Trek") also played a very convincing antagonist as Jade's entitled and overbearing father. He made it so easy for the audience to hate him the entire movie and in a flash, sympathize with him in the last five minutes of the film.

"Endless Love" probably won't receive any nominations at the Oscars and it won't go down as one of the greats, but it will make a good date night movie.

It is rare that a remake film is better than the original and even more rare that a film is better than the book, and the fact that critics have argued that 2014's "Endless Love" has done both speaks volumes.

Scott Foxx is a Southern gentleman artist

Artist's Corner

BY RASHIDA OTUNBA

The George-Anne staff

This semester, Georgia Southern University will host two MFA exhibits which will showcase artwork created by graduate students from the Department of Art. In Artist's Corner, we would like to spotlight these students by allowing them to explain their passion for their craft and the meaning behind their artwork.

This week's Artist's Corner will showcase the work of Scott Foxx, a self-titled "Southern gentleman artist" who will debut his two-dimensional, tentatively titled abstract painting series "Infrastructure" in GSU's first exhibit which will last from March 3-13.

Can you tell us about the pieces in "Infrastructure"?

"They reflect my interest in the interaction between people and spaces and the layers of experience that we live with in contemporary society. We live in a world where the simulation is more real than reality. When

we interact with the Internet and sites like Facebook, YouTube and Twitter, we accept it as reality and we live with it so commonly now that it's not even revolutionary."

What do you want people to take away from your art when they see the exhibit?

"When people look at my art I want them to think of what they've seen and walk away and say 'How many ways am I interacting with the world around me?' Art, painting especially, is in an odd place right now. It demands that you stop and think about what you are seeing. I would hope that my work would cause someone to stop and remove their filters for a second. You have to participate a little bit. I want people to see the physical as well as the illusion. Have a moment where you're disconnected and see what happens. I want them to take their ear buds out and turn their phones off and look at the painting and how they're interacting with it. I want them to have an aesthetic experience."

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Hinky Binky teases readers for 'Fuddy Meers'



Hinky Binky is a character in the upcoming student adaptation of David Lindsay-Abaire's play "Fuddy Meers." Binky is also a sock.

Theatre

BY MATT SOWELL

The George-Anne staff

This Sunday, The George-Anne had the honor of getting to interview one of the stars of the upcoming play "Fuddy Meers." Hinky Binky, a very special puppet, gave us insight into the daily life of a puppet and being a star of the show.

Tell us a little about yourself for students who have never heard of you.

"Well I'm Hinky Binky. I'm Catholic unlike my best friend Millet. Also unlike Millet I'm pretty awesome and smarter than the rest of the morons in prison. Oh, and I have a two-foot dinky."

What's it like to be a puppet?

"It has its ins and outs. I never really get to change my hair much, but I don't get hungry very often. I get the feeling a lot though that something is stuck up my ass."

How's the relationship with Millet?

"Well he's an idiot but I love him, he's my best

friend. If it weren't for me he never would have made it in prison."

Some sources have said you can be a bit on the brash side. Care to elaborate?

"F- those guys. Tell them to bring it on, I don't play around and no one gets in my way."

What can you tell us about "Fuddy Meers"?

"Well it's a pretty cool thing, it's actually what that old crone Gertie calls the funny mirrors at the fair though. I don't know why but I think she explains it at some point."

Why do you think people should come see you perform?

"Why wouldn't they? I mean I'm the s-! But it's a great time and full of laughs. Between the stoner kid, Millet's dumb-ass, lady forgets-a-lot, gimpy, strokey mcstroke, the red head cop, and of course your's truly there's not much of a dull moment."

"Fuddy Meers" will be performed at the Black Box Theatre. The show opens Feb. 26 and runs through March 6, more details to come.

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Students choose between North Face vs. Patagonia

Fashion Scout

BY MEAGAN GREENE

The George-Anne staff

Fashion is timeless; it is always changing and reinventing itself. This is true even if the trends are fresh or retro.

This week's trend of choice is a debate between the two well-known brands The North Face and Patagonia.

"I have been wearing North Face since high school. They're so comfy. It'll be hot outside but perfect to wear in a cold classroom," Maggie Seckman, sophomore chemistry major, said.

As many may already know North Face and Patagonia are very similar in category when it comes to fashion.

On the brands' web pages a prevalent shopping choice is fleece vests. For men a regular fleece zip-up on the Patagonia site is \$99 and on the North Face site a vest is also \$99. The two only differ in color and the Patagonia vest having a zip-up pocket, where the North Face vest does not. However there are other differences between the two labels.

Women's fleece vests differ in price showing that a North Face brand vest is \$55, which beats a Patagonia fleece at the price of \$99.

The item that has been very popular on the GSU campus as of late is Patagonia's Lightweight

Synchilla Snap-T Fleece Pullover. This fleece comes in an array of different colors and patterns, which range from vibrant purples to neutral, blue-toned Aztec designs.

Along with pullovers Patagonia brand hats are making their mark as well with college-age men. It's very common to see multiple guys wearing this hat with the Patagonia logo on the front on the pedestrian.

"The only hat that fits my head, I have a big head. The hat matches with all of my stuff," Daniel Raymond Plante, junior marketing major, said.

When it comes to the North Face brand it is common during the inclement weather we have had to see students sporting rain jackets with the North Face logo on the pocket and zip-up fleece. These jackets come in many different colors. However North Face has yet to hit the popular Aztec pattern yet.

Book bags are a high point for students when looking forward to the new school year and Patagonia backpacks are all around campus, but so are North Face backpacks.

Kashif Khanjee, senior information technology major said, "I just really like the Patagonia book bag colors a lot, the colors are more vivid. It will last me a long time, definitely."

With slim price differences and patterns being the deciding factor between the two, we arrive at a crossroad. Ultimately the choice, as always, comes down to consumer preference.



Christal Riley | The George-Anne

Both Patagonia and The North Face are international apparel companies based in California. Patagonia was founded in 1973 and The North Face came onto the scene in 1968.

College break ups:

GSU Students speak on relationship experiences

BY ERINN WILLIAMS

The George-Anne staff

In the midst of post-Valentine's Day life, some people have remained happy with their significant other, but many were left crying tears of sadness.

Campus Explorer states "College students prefer short-term, casual relationships over long-term relationships because it allows them to focus on their academic and career goals."

Or are there other factors that lead to the end of whirlwind romances and love affairs between students?

"I feel like most college relationships fail because couples lack decent communication skills. Plus they probably get caught up in the freedom and romantic options that come along with college. That, coupled with emotional and mental immaturity, are all things that work against a solid relationship," Naundie Eason, senior sociology major, said.

"In my opinion the best way to break up with someone is by doing it face to face."

"My worst break up was because we were not on the same page. One person was definitely putting more into it than the other. I had been putting off how I had been feeling. When things finally ended, it was kind of like a fuse to dynamite. It ended in an explosion of emotion," Angel Salcedo, junior middle grades education major, said.

So how can communication problems be fixed?

In her book "Blending Families," Elaine Fantle Shimberg says, "You can't communicate while you're checking your BlackBerry, watching TV or flipping through the sports section."

"Communication is very important because it provides you with the groundwork

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that you need as a couple. Being able to communicate with my girlfriend now is what keeps our relationship strong" Salcedo said.

Those in relationships have to set aside time to really get to know who they are with no distractions in order to express feelings in a way that they will understand.

"Well, in college I think people are just finding themselves so when they are tired of the person they are with they break up with them to find someone new. The best way to break up is to blame yourself. The whole 'it's not you, it's me' routine really comes into play" Bradley McDonald Jr., junior mechanical engineering major, said.

With over 20,000 students enrolled at Georgia Southern University it can be hard to choose just one person to spend all of your time with.

Just like any other aspect of college, experiencing new things drives the world of

student dating.

So how can you keep your eyes set on just one person?

Rachel Simmons, author of "Odd Girl Out", stated in a Teen Vogue article that "before you talk to your significant other, figure out what you really want."

"I think it's important to not go into a relationship blind. You shouldn't waste time building a relationship with someone you know that you can never be serious with. Know what you want from that person and what they want from you" Allegra Johnson, international studies major, said.

It is easier to stay with that one person when you know what you are truly looking for.

Just like choosing a degree, dating is not something that should be entered into lightly.

"I think temptation causes most break ups.

There are so many possible suitors that remaining faithful can be difficult. I think the best way to break up is by being transparent. You should tell them how you honestly feel. Although telling the truth may be difficult, there would not be any misinterpretations" Danielle Hutchings, sophomore logistics major, said.

Cheating is statistically the number one cause of breakups amongst college students.

Though there is no surefire way to prevent cheating, studies show that it is less likely to occur in relationships where both partners feel satisfied.

It is also important to discuss what is considered cheating by both partners.

Though there are many reasons that lead to breakups and many different ways to let someone know that your feelings are not the same, they are a much-needed part of growing up.

Sherrill McFarlane looks to break even more records

Track and Field

BY EMILY ARNOLD

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The only thing on time-tested and accomplished track star Sherrill McFarlane's mind this season is breaking records.

McFarlane had the unique opportunity to continue competing as a graduate student and a transfer student because transcript issues caused her to sit out her freshman year. She competed her sophomore, junior and senior years, but still had one more year of eligibility left.

After graduating, McFarlane desired a graduate degree that was not offered by her undergraduate school, South Carolina State University, and having one more year of eligibility, she chose Georgia Southern University to finish her track career.

"I was looking for a grad school and my friend went to a grad college convention and she brought me back a card with Georgia Southern on there and I was like, this is something that I really want to do," McFarlane said.

For McFarlane, and other track athletes, there are three seasons in a year; cross-country in the fall, indoor track in the winter and outdoor track in the spring time. Because of this McFarlane's training starts in the summer time so she can be in shape for cross-country.

"It's a lot of discipline. You have to be very disciplined with what you eat and what you do because it can affect you," McFarlane said. "There's a lot of mental training, too. I was always told that the mental training is bigger than the physical training. You have to have a lot of mental strength to run, basically."

Since being at GSU, McFarlane scored the best time of the season in cross-country at the conference championship race, bested her time in the 500m dash, got the second-best time in program history in the 400m, determined the second-best time in program history in the mile event twice and also set the school record for the 800m event twice. And she's not done yet.

"I feel really good about [breaking these records]. I feel like it's a big accomplishment for me. It's kind of overwhelming sometimes and I'm really looking forward to breaking more records. My ultimate goal is to go to NCAA regionals this indoor season," McFarlane said.

Thinking about breaking the record for a race before running it can add extra pressure, so McFarlane tries not to think about that too much.



Courtesy of GSeagles.com

Sherrill McFarlane broke yet another record this past weekend. McFarlane ran the Mile Run with a time of 5:06.51, three seconds better than her time last month.

"[Before a race] I just go in there like, 'just run Sherrill, just run.' [During a race] I think about hitting my times," McFarlane said.

The most recent record-setting race for McFarlane was the 800m event a week and a half ago where she set the school record and bested her own time for the second time this season.

"The time was posted on the board and I was

like, 'Oh, my gosh. 2:10!' That's something I never did before. It felt like a big accomplishment. I was so happy and it was just exciting," McFarlane said.

McFarlane's ultimate goal, however, is to return to her home country of Jamaica and open facilities there that will help people. Assistant Coach Adam Colorito says that McFarlane is a great student and has the same determination for

academics as she does for athletics.

"When you find high-end academic students who are also athletes, that same attention to detail and determination goes from one to the other," Colorito said. "She's very determined, she's very on top of her classroom work, which turns into track as well. They compliment each other and she does them both at a very high level."



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The men's rugby club team defeated the University of Memphis 37-7 this past Saturday at home.

Rugby: more than just a club sport

Rugby

BY KATIE TOLBERT

The George-Anne staff

Walking around campus a number of students see guys that wear Georgia Southern University rugby gear, but most people don't know that the club rugby team is just as dedicated to their volunteering as they are to their sport.

"We have never had a very good reputation here at Georgia Southern and we feel like people don't really know us. And the people that do know us don't think too highly of us," Byron Batchelor, junior team captain, said.

"We feel like we should go above and beyond with our community service work for the campus and the community to get more recognition, but also it helps people see that we do try to give back to the community."

The club rugby team is required under a mandate made by the club sports council to complete a certain number of community service hours every year, but this club sport does not let that required number limit the hours they put into the community and other organizations.

"We are the club sport of the year. We try to be the best. We will volunteer for a lot of stuff at the RAC, but we also do a lot of work with the archery team," junior forwards captain Sean Gilfillan

said. "We just want to help the community in some way. It gives guys a sense of community on and off the pitch. It's good to do something for the greater good together."

"There is always that expectation to meet those hours, but we want to do that extra work that we feel we need to do. Doing the community stuff and giving back really helps us get a chance to work together outside of the sport and really get to know each other as a team, instead of just working together on the field," Batchelor said.

On top of all this community service, Kyle Lesser, junior vice president, mentioned that this team is also held to a high standard when it

comes to actually performing at their games. Due to their dedication, the rugby team is currently 2-0, with their fresh 28-17 win against Georgia Institute of Technology's rugby team.

"On the field, we have training sessions from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Individually, what I do and what most of the guys do, is weight room sessions, stretching and whatever it takes to recover from the previous game to prepare for the next one," Gilfillan said.

The rugby team played the University of Memphis Saturday, Feb. 15, at noon and won 37-7 starting off their three consecutive home games at the RAC field behind the alumni center.



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Eagles have a steady weekend in Florida

Women's Tennis (4-2)

BY MACY HOLLOWAY

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The women's tennis team traveled to Florida this past weekend and were able to truly appreciate the saying "you win some, you lose some."

The Eagles lost to the University of Central Florida on Friday but defeated Bethune-Cookman University on Saturday, improving their record to 4-2.

While Georgia Southern University put up a good fight on Friday, in the singles competition, only GSU junior Jordana Klein was able to find success over her UCF opponent, senior Courtney Griffith. The other five matches were all lost and the points given to UCF; however, GSU sophomore Mary Phillips Smith did have an outstanding match against UCF freshman Annika Hepp, winning the first set 5-7, losing the second 7-6 (7-4), and then ultimately losing the last 1-0 (10-7).

The Eagles pulled out two solid wins in the doubles competition with freshman Giulia Riepe and senior Paola Garrido defeating their UCF opponents, sophomore Sofia Baptista and senior Cortney Cesarini. To win the doubles point for GSU, sophomore Stephanie Woods and Klein also teamed up to overcome UCF sophomore Clare Mendell and Hepp.

On Saturday the Eagles were able to round out their overall record to 4-2 after defeating the Wildcats. It was an incredibly tight match as GSU and B-CU each won three of the six singles matches forcing the deciding point to depend on the outcome of the doubles competition. Luckily for GSU, Woods and Riepe paired up to defeat B-CU sophomore Ancia Ifill along with sophomore Elizabeth Nyenwe 8-3. Smith and Klein also overcame their B-CU opponents junior Chinatsu Kajiwaru and junior Gaby Chinchilla 8-4 allowing GSU to notch their win against B-CU.

"Well, I thought we did really well considering we couldn't practice all week because of the weather. Of course we were a little disappointed with our performances on Friday but I'm glad we were able to fight back on Saturday. We only have one more non-conference match before we begin our

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SINGLES

Paola Garrido
LOST 6-2, 6-4
Jordana Klein
WON 6-2, 7-6 (9-7)
Daria Vasekina
LOST 1-6, 6-1, 6-0
Stephanie Woods
LOST 6-1, 6-1
Giulia Riepe
LOST 7-6 (7-4), 6-2
Mary Phillips Smith
LOST 5-7, 7-6 (7-4),
1-0 (10-7)

DOUBLES

Vasekina & Smith
LOST 8-0
Riepe & Garrido
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Woods & Klien
WON 8-4

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

SINGLES

Paola Garrido
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Daria Vasekina
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Smith & Klein
WON 8-4

season in SoCon (Southern Conference) so every win we can notch definitely helps boost our confidence," Klein said.

The Eagles' last match before they enter into the SoCon will be on Feb. 22 against Kennesaw State University.

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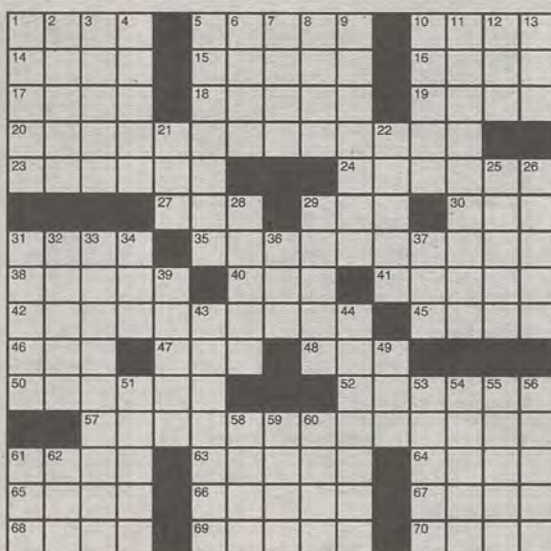
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- 5 Gets ready to travel
- 10 Game where 3-Down are used
- 14 Org. concerned with privacy laws
- 15 Pasta product suffix
- 16 Aroma
- 17 Ticket remnant
- 18 Speed
- 19 H-hour relative
- 20 Cartoon quitting-time shout
- 23 Lay into
- 24 Group of four
- 27 "Odds ..."
- 29 "Odds ..."
- 30 J. Geils Band record label
- 31 Swaddling clothes wearer
- 35 Fins wearer
- 38 Three-time A.L. batting champ Tony
- 40 Letters before a pen name
- 41 Cardiologist's insertion
- 42 Bookmarked link, say
- 45 Soup can painter Warhol
- 46 Schubert's "The King"
- 47 Gaming cube
- 48 Four-song discs, briefly
- 50 Sound system
- 52 Venetian marketplace
- 57 Phone line difficulty ... and what literally appears four times in 20-, 35- and 42-Across
- 61 Word from the flock
- 63 "Today" anchor Hill
- 64 Good listeners
- 65 Barber's nape sprinkle
- 66 Starter course
- 67 Stake in a pot
- 68 It's not a true story
- 69 "Dream": "Lohengrin" aria
- 70 Harbor skyline feature



By Gary Cee

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- 1 Class that requires little effort
- 2 Play the role of
- 3 Certain pro's selections
- 4 When repeated, an enthusiastic shout
- 5 Table tennis tools
- 6 Field
- 7 Brush partner
- 8 Gearshift topper
- 9 "My Way" singer
- 10 Dramatic no-show
- 11 Roulette bet choice
- 12 Mauna
- 13 Cook in oil
- 21 Be unwell
- 22 Good ones don't go unpunished, so they say
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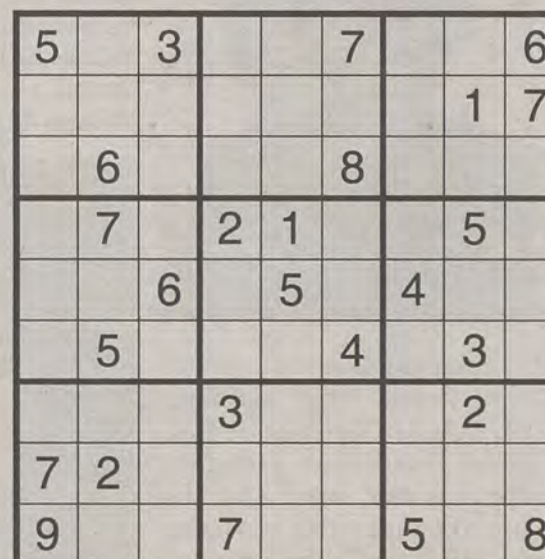
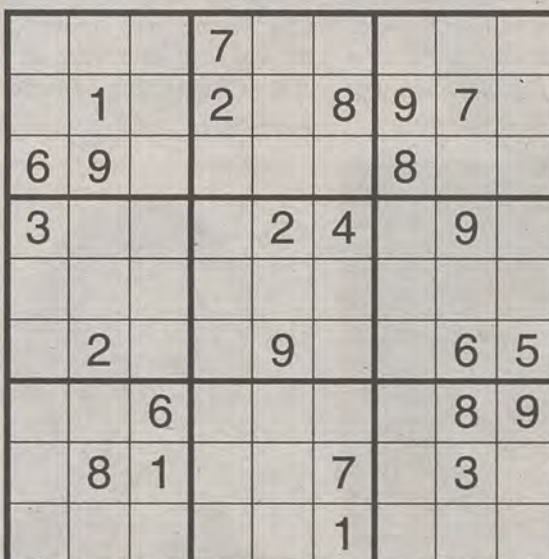
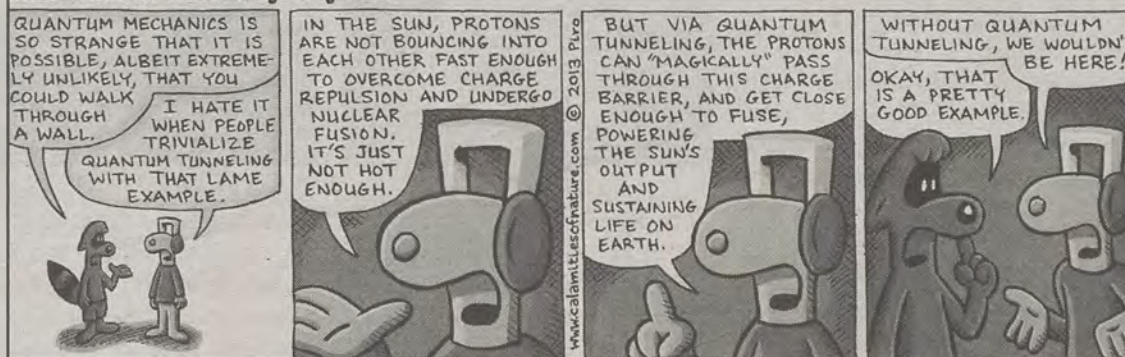
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Nine newcomers signed for 2014 season

Men's Soccer

BY MACY HOLLOWAY

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The men's soccer team has successfully recruited nine fresh faces to add to their lineup for Georgia Southern University's fall 2014 season.

All of the young men joining the GSU soccer program showed outstanding skill at their high schools and most have gone even further to participate in various showcases and championships.



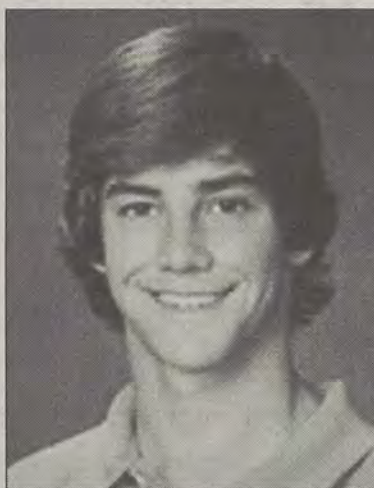
Adam Abdellaoui

A forward from Alpharetta, Ga. attended Chattahoochee High School. He was also a part of the Concorde Fire Soccer Club. He assisted Chattahoochee in winning the 2011 State Championship and was also apart of a separate team, the Concord Fire Soccer Club with whom he helped win the 2009 and 2012 State Cup Championships. Abdellaoui was such a standout athlete that he was chosen by the Atlanta Journal Constitution as an All-Metro selection, serving as a Chattahoochee place kicker, they won the 2010 GHSA 4-A State Championship.



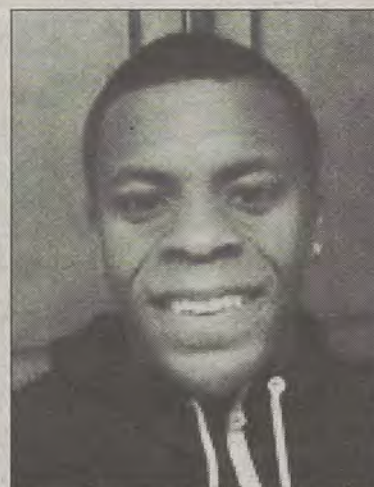
Pierre Andreoli

A native of Paris, France, is a defender and midfielder from Darlington School in Rome, Ga. In the 2013 season, Andreoli lead the Darlington Soccer Academy in scoring and has assisted them in various championships. Kennedy believes Andreoli may be the most versatile player they have added to the team for the 2014 season



Landon Barrow

A midfielder from Saint Simons Islands, attended Frederica Academy as well as being involved in the Concorde Fire Soccer Club. Barrow had a multi-sport career throughout high school, he assisted the football and basketball teams in winning GISA State Championships.



Jon Conner

A midfielder from Loganville, Ga. attended Archer High School. Conner was also a part of the Concorde Fire Soccer Club. He has been apart of championships at Disney Showcase and the Nike Cup. Conner also finished top of the league in 2013 when he played at the Georgia United Development Academy.



Patrick Hagerman

A goalkeeper coming to GSU from Richmond, Va. where he has been a loyal net-minder at Miles E. Goodwin High School in addition to playing four seasons at Richmond Strikers in the US Soccer Development Academy system. There he serves as team captain. Over the course of three seasons he has allowed just 17 goals, winning two district championships in the process.



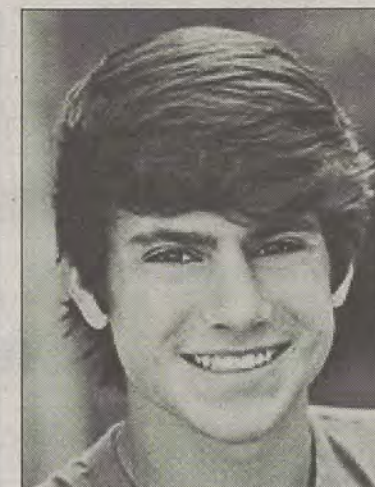
Paul Ille

Joining GSU from Lawrenceville, Ga. where he attended Collins High School and participated in the Concorde Fire Soccer Club. Ille is a forward and helped his team to reach the State Finals in 2013. As an All-State and All-Region honoree, Ille scored 29 goals in the 2013 season.



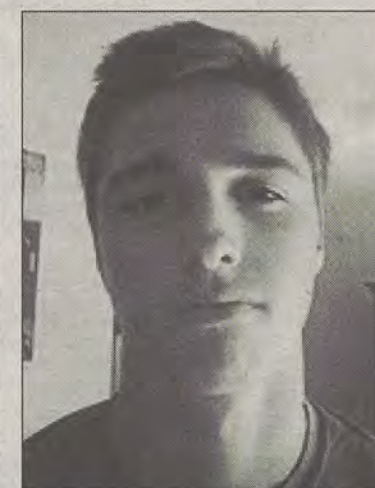
Austin Johnson

A defensive midfielder from Duluth, Ga. attended Norcross High School and was also involved in the Concorde Fire Soccer Club. Johnson was selected for the Georgia State ODP team in 2011 and represented the state in the ODP National Championships.



Nick Wells

A midfielder from Stockbridge, Ga. attended Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School in addition to playing for the Southeast Soccer Association. He has served as team captain for the last two seasons and is a four-time All-Region selection. Wells has lead the team in assists for three seasons and is a two-time offensive MVP.



Blake Wilson

Wilson comes to GSU from Tampa, Fla. where he played as forward at Steinbrenner High School as well as for the Tampa Bay United Soccer Club. He comes from a very athletic family with both of his parents having been involved in college athletics. Wilson's high school was ranked number nine nationally last year. He is team captain and achieved an honorable mention in the All-County selection. Wilson was nominated for the Florida Mr. Soccer Award.

Eagles continue to prove themselves at FIU Invitational against Wisconsin

Softball (7-3)

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX

The George-Anne staff

Following the narrow defeat against No. 1 University of Tennessee last weekend, the Georgia Southern University softball team (7-3) was able to hand the University of Wisconsin (3-1) their first loss.

Coming into the Florida International University Invitational the University of Wisconsin was ranked 30th in the NCAA and was receiving votes from USA Today to be ranked in the top 25. Senior pitcher Sarah Purvis and the Eagles were the first game on the schedule for the Badgers on Friday.

First Inning

GSU freshman infielder Taylor Rogers was first to bat and got on base with a bunt. Rogers decided one base wasn't enough and stole second. Freshman Emily Snider sacrificed a bunt to third base and Rogers made her way to third. After the Badgers walked senior Shelby Morrill, senior Kourtney Thomas singled and picked up an RBI as Rogers crossed home plate. A double play ended the half inning, 1-0.

The Badgers were up to bat and managed a single off their first batter. The second batter smacked a single to right field putting runners on first and second. Following a fielder's choice, the Badgers singled and loaded up the bases. With only one out Purvis stayed cool and composed, striking out the next two batters to end the inning and keep the Eagles in the lead.

Innings 2-4

Each team began struggling at the plate for the second and third inning. Entering the fourth inning the Eagles needed to strengthen their lead. After a single, an error put junior Kaitlyn Johnson on second. Sophomore A.J. Hamilton singled to the pitcher and senior Nicole Benton stepped in to run for her.

Benton took off and stole second, putting two Eagles in scoring position. A passed ball from Wisconsin advanced Benton to third and allowed Johnson to score.

Sophomore Dominique Grossman, playing in front of her hometown crowd of



Senior pitcher Sarah Purvis (00) was named SoCon Pitcher of the Week for the second consecutive week. GSU will travel to Gainesville, Fla., this weekend to participate in the Lipton Invitational.

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Miami, was walked. Grossman took off to steal second, but was able to advance to third on an error from the catcher, with Benton scoring. Rogers stepped up, hit a single RBI, and reached base on an error from third base. GSU ended their half inning up 4-0.

Ballgame

The Badgers were unable to overcome the pitching and fielding of the Eagles. As Purvis struck out the final batter, GSU captured its first win of the tournament and again proved why they will go far this season.

Rogers finished the game with two hits and an RBI on her four at-bats. Purvis struck out eight batters and picked up her second

win on the year.

Head coach Annie Smith was excited with how the Eagles handled the Badgers.

"I thought we played well today and had some very good trips to the plate. I'm happy that we did a good job manufacturing runs today," Smith said.

FIU Tournament Recap

Following the Wisconsin victory the Eagles suffered a loss against Florida International University 0-8 in a run-rule victory. Junior pitcher Brooke Red was given the loss, splitting time evenly on the mound with junior Marla Thompson.

On Saturday, Florida Gulf Coast University

was unable to wake up early and perform, falling to GSU 2-6. They got another chance later in the afternoon in the first elimination game but were trounced 9-1.

The championship game of the tournament put the Eagles against FIU. Despite a three-hit performance from Johnson the Panthers edged passed GSU to win their tournament 2-0.

GSU will have to be ready to turn it on again next weekend in the Florida Tournament. The Eagles will have a chance to stun the University of Florida who moved up to the number-one rank in the country after the Eagles rattled Tennessee. The first match of the tournament will be against Coastal Carolina University on Friday at 9 a.m in Gainesville, Fla.



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Junior Scott Wolfes shot a 67 (-3) during the final round of the SunTrust Gator Invitational to secure a spot in sixth place, while the team finished seventh. GSU will be back on the links March 3 for the Samford Intercollegiate.

Wolfes finishes sixth in Gator Invitational

Men's Golf

BY EMILY ARNOLD

The George-Anne staff

After finishing day one in fifth place, the Georgia Southern University men's golf team fell into a tied seventh place finish alongside Liberty University in the SunTrust Gator Invitational this weekend.

"The Gator had a good field this year, a lot of top 25 and top 50 teams in the field, so we were playing real good competition," Head Coach Larry Mays said. "A lot of things can happen round to round; good breaks, bad breaks, that type of thing, so we're looking at the overall picture. We're striving to get as many guys in the top 15 or 20 in a tournament week in and week out."

Day one concluded with three Eagles in the top 30. Junior Scott Wolfes was tied for 15th and posted a 71-74=145, junior Charlie Martin tied for 21st after carding a 74-72=146 and senior Will Evans tied for 27th with a 75-72=147. Junior Matthew Mierzejewski played as an individual and tied for 34th along with junior Kim Koivu.

"We're just always trying to put ourselves in the best position as a team to get the highest percentage we can get and to do that in golf you have to get the individual players playing well," Mays said.

Day two got off to a rougher start for the Eagles

as a team, but Wolfes contributed well to the team when he shot a three-under-par in the last round, moving him up from his previous 15th place into sixth. Wolfes rallied back from a tough start after posting a bogey on the first hole.

"[Wolfes] made a mistake on the first hole, did a bad two shots and that led to a bogey and then he played real good golf there on out," Mays said. "He just kept pluggin' and knew that if he kept making good shots, good things would happen."

The rest of the Eagles struggled in the third round. Evans shot a 73 and tied for 30th after playing three over on the front nine and even par on the back nine. Martin also tied for 30th, but finished with a 74 as a result of golfing two-over on the front nine and back nine. Koivu carded a 77 and senior Hayden Anderson finished with a 79.

Mierzejewski golfed his best score as an Eagle, 68, and landed in a tie for 14th. Mierzejewski racked up 4 birdies starting with hole 10, but bogeyed holes six and nine to end the round.

"That's something we want our guys to focus on, just getting off to a solid start instead of digging a hole for ourselves, which we did definitely two of the three rounds in the Gator so we've got to get out of the blocks a little better if we want to compete against some of the top teams in the country," Mays said.

The team will be traveling to Hoover, Al., for the Samford Intercollegiate on March 3-4.

Lady Eagle ends tough road swing with a win

Women's Basketball (8-17)

BY KATIE TOLBERT

The George-Anne staff

After losing two games at home and two games on the road, the Georgia Southern University's women's basketball team ended their losing streak with a 90-82 win against Davidson College.

This team has been struggling all season to pull off wins, and their 8-17 record shows that. With lead senior guard Mimi DuBose injured, any GSU fan would assume that this team would continue on the path they were already on, which, before Saturday, was a four-game losing streak.

DuBose's injury proved that this team's bench has a lot of new talent that is just waiting to hit the court. Although junior guard Anna Claire Knight was the lead scorer in the Davidson game, posting a new career-high of 31 points, freshman guard Angel McGowan was the ultimate game changer.

McGowan scored a career-high 26 points against Davidson. In the two games that McGowan has started in place of DuBose, this team has gained momentum and could possibly end their season on a positive note with four conference games left to play.

The Eagles have progressively started to increase the amount of points they are posting and are starting to play better as a unit on the court.

This team has a second-year head coach, Chris Vozab, five seniors, one junior, five sophomores and three freshmen. Vozab is on her second year recruiting the players she thinks this program needs, and her new recruits are showing progress.

Every coach wants to send their upperclassmen off with a winning season, but there comes a time when a team needs to broaden out their starters to the talented new players freshly recruited on the bench.

The Eagles win against Davidson did end their four-game losing streak, but a lot can be seen from those losses. GSU was able to post more points on the board, reduce the deficit they lose by and marginalize the errors they are committing. There are four games left to play, so the hopes of a winning season are lost. But, this team will see a bright future in

LAST 5 GAMES

SAMFORD

58-43 LOSS

DuBose: 14 points
Knight: 10 points

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA

72-60 LOSS

Knight: 19 points
DuBose: 13 points
Jones: 13 points

ELON UNIVERSITY

85-60 LOSS

DuBose: 11 points
Knight: 8 points

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO

65-76 LOSS

Knight: 22 points
McGowan: 18 points

DAVIDSON COLLEGE

90-82 WIN

Knight: 31 points
McGowan: 26 points
Dowling: 10 points

their next couple of seasons.

The Eagles will be back home once again to face off against Appalachian State University on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 4:30 p.m.

Men's tennis gets first win of the season

Men's Tennis (1-7)

BY DERIK WUCHTE

The George-Anne contributor

The men's tennis team met the University of North Florida and Bethune-Cookman University in Florida this weekend, and earned their first victory of the season.

While there was something missing after the meet with UNF, Bethune-Cookman left less to the imagination. The team received its first win of the season against Bethune-Cookman 5-2.

It was a tough meet on Saturday against UNF. Head Coach Nick Zieziula said the meet felt typical, and the opportunities were present, but not being able to capitalize on them proved costly.

Zieziula made mention of senior Oliver Webb and freshman Christian Kerrigan as they received their first doubles win of the season. The pair of Eagles cleared their doubles matches

this weekend, which was big for the team. Junior Kyle Hoffman also played notably. In his match, the ending drops were 1-4 against his favor, but he battled back to get on the serve. Although he didn't get to finish the match, he did a great job of keeping pressure on Bethune-Cookman.

Zieziula said that the same purpose that was present in January is still around today and the team needs to continue to improve through the semester.

With Southern Conference play nearing, the time to practice and work has never been more important, as the team faces off against the College of Charleston this weekend. In terms of looking at conference play, Zieziula notes this as a fresh start.

"I'm proud of the guys," Zieziula said.

"We play a tough schedule so far and we've given teams sprints," Zieziula said. "It's not like we've been getting blown out with 6-1, 6-2 every match. We just keep that mindset and keep working."

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