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# Enemy of the state

Georgia Southern University has effectively owned the state of Georgia in college baseball early in this young season. The Eagles opened the season in Athens against the University of Georgia and took two of three games from the Bulldogs by a combined 20 runs. The following week, The Georgia Institute of Technology came to Statesboro for one game and left with one loss. The Eagles continued their streak as the University of Maryland Eastern Shore came to town for a four-game series; GSU dismantled the Hawks, outscoring them 50-4.

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## Police Beat

### Wednesday, Feb. 19

10:21 a.m.: An incident report was taken for a case of harassment at the Newton Building. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

11:32 a.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident at Parking Lot 21. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.

1:37 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property.

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8:28 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft at the RAC. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

9:39 p.m.: Officers were contacted during a fire drill at Eagle Village and advised of possibly some marijuana in a room. Officers found what was believed to be marijuana and alcoholic beverages in the room and arrested William Woodrow Ryals, 19, Eagle Village and charged him with misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

### Friday, Feb. 21

1:25 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a criminal trespass on Sweetheart Circle. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

9:26 p.m.: Officers responded to the Biological Sciences Building in reference to an injured person. EMS responded but did not transport.

### Saturday, Feb. 22

1:05 a.m.: Officers discovered two intoxicated subjects in J-Lot. One subject: Brooke Lauren Edwards, 18, Statesboro, Ga., was charged with Possession of Alcohol – Under 21 Years of Age. The second subject was judicially referred.

2:13 a.m.: Officers responded to University Villas in reference to a domestic dispute. Two subjects were arrested: Nathaniel Elijah Johnson, 18, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Alcohol – Under 21 Years of Age and Obstruction – misdemeanor. Jamboree Shalom Gibson, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Alcohol – Under 21 Years of Age and Disorderly Conduct.

2:22 a.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at the College of Education. The fire alarm was activated by dust accumulating on a heat strip causing smoke.

4:25 a.m.: Officers responded to Centennial Place in reference to a sick person. EMS responded and

transported the sick person.

8:03 a.m.: An incident report was taken for damage to property at the Tanner properties on South Main Street.

8:21 a.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on South Main Street at The Forum. The driver of the vehicle was issued a traffic citation for seat belt violation. The passenger in the vehicle, Robert Michael Jason Adams, 35, Newington, Ga., was found to be a wanted person out of Charlton County, Georgia. Adams was arrested and transported to the Bulloch County Jail and was also issued a traffic citation for seat belt violation.

8:54 a.m.: Officers responded to a burglar alarm at the College of Education. The burglar alarm was accidentally activated by an employee.

9:33 a.m.: A vehicle was towed from the roadway of Lot 21 and Dorman Drive.

12:10 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property on the sidewalk outside Centennial Place.

2:45 p.m.: An incident report was taken for harassing telephone calls at Eagle Village. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

3:42 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the Hanner Complex.

## Rape did not occur at Kappa Sigma

BY JENNIFER CURINGTON  
The George-Anne staff

A sexual assault that allegedly occurred at the Kappa Sigma house last semester was recently found to be false.

An 18-year-old female filed a report on the evening of Nov. 3 claiming to have been imprisoned, raped and sodomized at the Kappa Sigma house located on Olympic Boulevard, also known as Greek Row, for two hours beginning at 2 p.m. that day. She told officers that two men were the ones that assaulted her.

On Feb. 7 Matison Stevens was arrested by Georgia Southern University Public Safety and charged with filing a false report.

"It's false report of a crime. So if someone makes something up or falsifies a report of a crime, and we can prove that, then they're generally going to be charged with the false report of a crime," Chief Mike Russell, director of public safety, said.

Russell did confirm that his office had proof that Stevens' claim did not happen. The case against Stevens is still pending, so information is limited.

Last week an article ran in The George-Anne about reported rapes on GSU's campus within the last few years, and a graphic that went along with the article showed what locations the reported rapes had occurred at. The Kappa Sigma house was featured in the graphic due to Stevens' report.

The social app YikYak, which allows users to post anything they want anonymously for other users in the area, saw several posts about the character of Kappa Sigma and its members after the graphic was published.

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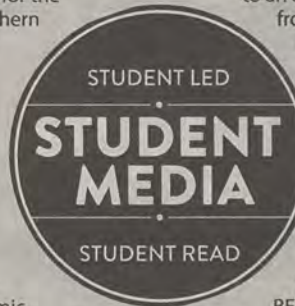
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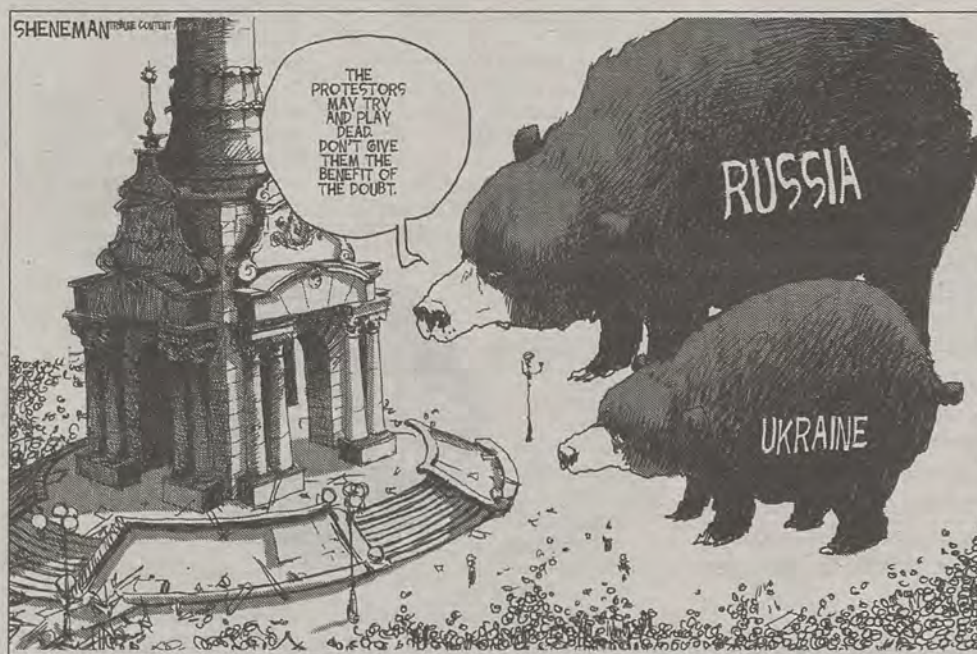
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## Letter to the Editor

### Spring concert problems

Last semester UPB attempted to woo their fellow eagles with a list of potential artist for this year's spring concert. However there were a few problems with this, one being a lack of diversity and I say this specifically in the "hip-hop" category. I have to be honest and say that I felt disrespected. As an avid music lover, who and what represents hip-hop is dear to me.

Therefore, Flo Rida and Macklemore do not represent hip-hop but Chance the Rapper, Childish Gambino, J.Cole, Kendrick Lamar, etc. do. They are HIP-HOP, not that pop and bubblegum music that tends to crossover. Secondly, there is too much of the same thing. No offense, but Carrie Underwood, and all those other artist with the exception of Imagine Dragons, aren't appealing.

Sometimes less is more, quality over quantity. So with that being said my advice is before making a "list" that you claim was made with ALL students in mind. Please at least give us the option of choosing the list for you, meaning send out an e-mail or poll asking students whom they would love see perform. If names come up multiple times in which they

will then automatically add that name to the list. Next, present the list to the student body and allow us to vote.

If you need suggestions on who to bring I'll give you a few; J.Cole and Chance the Rapper, Childish Gambino, Jhene Akiko, Miguel, or somebody who represents real hip-hop and R&B. In terms of other genres, have two artists represent each so we don't have an overflow of just country, pop, or rock.

Lastly, you know UPB stated a lot goes into choosing but what I will say is artist like Chance the Rapper, who are unsigned, do not ask for a lot to perform. If anything they are ecstatic, they bring attention to our university, custom t-shirts, and apparel. In fact, they are not as demanding and schedule conflicts are less likely to arise unless you plan the concert when there is dozens of music festivals going on.

All I am asking is for you guys to include us in the process; after all we would still have to pay just to attend so at least make it worth it.

Carmonte' Dixon  
Psychology/ Graduate/ San Juan,PR

## Don't be afraid to embrace the latest remake or reboot

The entertainment industry is out of original ideas, or at least that is what hoards of internet users say when they are met with the news that one of their favorite movies or television shows are being remade, rebooted or given yet another sequel.

Their criticisms are understandable; within just the last few weeks a very young cast was announced for the "Fantastic Four" reboot, the "Robocop" remake made its way into theaters and NBC just announced it is giving "Heroes" another go around. It seems that every movie studio and television network is going through their catalogs and pulling out any piece of work that could potentially excite viewers.

Though there is a list a mile long of new installments of beloved works that seem to lack the heart of the original, I don't see the issue with revisiting and reimagining any piece of work as long as real time and effort is put into creating a quality product for viewers to enjoy. Creating new takes on old classics is a general practice in the world of theater, our own university will see its own rendition of "Hamlet" this fall, so why is the entertainment industry panned with they do the same?

Sure, for every "True Grit" there seems to be 10 lackluster remakes like "Carrie," but is possible to create fresh versions of adored classics. Think of all the versions of "Peter Pan" that have graced the silver screen and the small screen, from "Hook" to "Once Upon of Time," Pan has been reimagined several times over. No version is the "right" version, which is something to keep in mind as the endless string of comic book movies come down the pipe.

Many fans of the caped crusader are still reeling over the announcement that Ben Affleck will play Batman in an upcoming sequel to "Man of Steel," but they shouldn't be so quick to judge. Batman is a character that has had many incarnations through out comic books, television shows and live action movies since the character

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PEYTON CALLANAN

debuted in 1939. Batman has even always been Bruce Wayne. So much like Peter Pan, he isn't a character that should be synonymous with a single actor or director. Affleck shouldn't be expected to do his best impression of Christian Bale's Batman, but do his best to create his own.

The same goes for Fox's recently announced Batman prequel series "Gotham," which will center on Batman ally Jim Gordon. Though this series will be peppered with familiar characters, it's going to be unique spin on a beloved franchise. As long as the series is well written and well acted, why not spend an hour each week in the dangerous streets of Gotham?

Studios aren't going to stop making remakes anytime soon. Revisiting successful franchises is usually quite profitable. Though it would be more rewarding to see studios and networks give a second chance to underappreciated movies and series that didn't get a fair shake the first time, like the Kickstarter.com success story "Veronica Mars," they are more likely to bring back recognizable characters.

But remember several other actors donned the cowl before Bale, so don't be afraid to embrace the new versions of your favorite characters, they could be better than you think.

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## The impact of the Olympics

The 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics have come to a close, and like all Olympic games, this has been an event to remember. From athletes stuck in hotel rooms, Bob Costas battling a terrible bout of pink eye, one terrifying nightmare Sochi bear mascot, to inspiring performances from all countries, it's time to look at some of the greatest moments that Sochi brought us.

While most Americans, especially in our region, cannot tell the difference between pairs figure skating and ice dancing, first-time American gold-medal winners Charlie White and Meryl Davis changed the game in America. Not only did they make themselves a household name, they brought national publicity to the sport of ice dancing that was unprecedented. While alpine skier Bode Miller might not have fared as well as previous Olympics, he passed the torch (no pun intended) of beloved American skier to Ted Ligety, who brought home gold in the men's giant slalom event.

While some are upset that America did not come first in gold in the medal count, let's be honest: coming in second place with 28 medals is extremely impressive.

Not only did American athletes turn heads, but other international athletes were able to captivate Americans as well. Mexico's businessman, photographer, musician and alpine skier German prince Hubertus von Hohenlohe was tagged as the most interesting man of the Olympics, and with credentials like that, how could he not be? Hohenlohe might have crashed in his downhill event, but his mariachi suit still managed to

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ANNA WELLS

entertain the crowd on his ski down. The home country of Russia pulled its first ever gold-medal in ladies figure skating with figure skater Adeline Sotnikova achieving an upsetting win over Olympic favorite, South Korea's Yuna Kim.

I would be remiss to mention one of the most touching parts of the Olympics, the moment when late Canadian skier Sarah Burke's ashes were sprinkled over the Sochi half-pipe. Burke, who was one of the main promoters of the women's half-pipe becoming an Olympic sport, was unable to see her dream become a reality after her untimely death after a snowboarding accident in 2012. American Kaitlyn Farrington brought home the gold in this inaugural event.

No matter the mishaps, the Olympics continue to inspire and amaze the world, and although the games only last for two weeks, it is two weeks that bring a camaraderie that no other international event can.

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## Yes Miley, you can stop

It is a known thing that celebrities love to reinvent themselves, from Prince, to Mark Wahlberg, even to Katy Perry going from Christian singer to a candy-obsessed songstress.

It's a natural thing to want to grow and progress. We all are constantly changing so celebrities can too. But that leaves us with the question of when do we take it too far?

I believe that this question can simply be answered with two words: Miley Cyrus.

Last year, in order to break away from her Disney fame, the "We Can't Stop" singer turned heads as she completely changed her musical sound, hairstyle and clothing choices.

Yes, Miley can't stop. She can't stop culturally appropriating and exploiting women's bodies in order to boost her revenues and fan base.

The worst part is that she gets away with all of this under the name of "self-expression" and the fact that she is supposedly a sweet person in real life. Webster's Dictionary defines self-expression as "the expression of your thoughts or feelings especially through artistic activities," but is that really what she is doing? I think not.

She may think showing off her sexuality, promoting weed, peyote and molly is being free and showing that women have the right to do whatever they want, but it is not.

Sure she has the right to make individual choices for her life, but she is a celebrity, and at this point a brand that she wants to grow.

It is just her working within the system. Sex and drugs sell – especially in the music industry. That's not freedom that's just a business plan.

### ERINN IT OUT



ERINN WILLIAMS

Cyrus told Cosmopolitan U.K., "I'm a feminist in the way that I'm really empowering to women." As of right now I am not sure what exactly she has done to for women's rights, if anything, but I am sure you can find better feminist and womanist icons to look up to.

In her "Rolling Stone" interview she said, "I didn't really realize it, but people are still racist" and, "when my kids are around, there will be no one on this planet who was alive when there was segregation." This makes me believe that Miley is having delusions of grandeur.

In 2014, for someone to be so far removed from a culture, especially one that they are appropriating, that they have no understanding of the problems that they face makes no sense to me. She just doesn't have a good grasp on the fact that it is an exercise in privilege to take on another person's culture to express yourself.

All I know is that we can stop and we should stop Miley Cyrus.

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

## The problem with corporal punishment in public schools

Corporal punishment is somewhat of a very debatable topic, especially in schools. Recently, a Kansas legislator introduced a bill that would give a better definition of corporal punishment for the state of Kansas, and defined it as "up to 10 forceful applications in succession of a bare, open-hand palm against the clothed buttocks of a child and any such reasonable physical force on the child as may be necessary to hold, restrain or control the child in the course of maintaining authority over the child, acknowledging that redness or bruising may occur on the tender skin of a child as a result."

Proponents of this idea believe that it will

teach disobedient children to mind their manners and respect school personnel, and it will also help give a better definition of corporal punishment, thus preventing the unnecessary removal of children from homes in a child abuse investigation. Opponents argue the bill is worrisome, claiming that spanking kids can be detrimental to them psychologically. Some even go as far as to say that hitting kids while they're young teaches them that it is alright to enforce pain to reach an end.

Disciplining kids takes a whole lot of discipline. Phil Robertson, the architect behind the famous Duck Commander brand

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JORDAN HUERTA

and star of the hit TV show Duck Dynasty, claims in his book, "Happy, Happy, Happy," that whenever his boys misbehaved, no matter how minor or severe the issue was, he gave each of them three licks.

As for me, I would personally sign a

waiver that prevented school personnel from disciplining my kids physically. I am not very comfortable with the idea of another adult not related to me spanking my kids. Not only that, I don't believe educators really want to be forced to spank a kid that isn't one of their own. Besides, making me leave work to come pick him up from school is going to be a lot worse than what some teacher or principal can do to him.

*Huerta is a freshman political science major from Collins, Ga.*



## New nursing students prepare for program

BY KYLIE COFFEY

The George-Anne contributor

They wake up before the sun rises, throw on a pair of scrubs and prepare for a long day of hands-on learning at hospitals or sites in the Statesboro and Savannah area.

Nursing students at Georgia Southern University spend many hours during the semester learning how to make beds and interact with patients when they begin the rigorous nursing program.

With the upcoming class of nursing school students having just submitted their applications, they can expect to receive their admission letter within the next six to eight weeks.

About the application process, Dr. Sharon Radzynski, professor and chairperson of the nursing

department, said, "It's very semester-dependent. Like I said, some semesters we'll only get one hundred and some applications, well if I take fifty [students], fifty percent of the applicants are going to get in."

Radzynski said that a few of the skills and qualities she feels are necessary for those applying to the nursing program are: flexibility, determination and very good science skills.

"[Applicant-science GPA] is the most important criteria for admission into not only our school of nursing, but any school of nursing," Radzynski said.

There will be 50 students chosen to be a part of the program this fall, and upon receiving their acceptance letters they will be required to go to a fundamental orientation the Saturday before they begin classes,

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210 clinical hours

receive their immunizations, and buy their scrubs and books for class, among other required tasks.

Melissa Garno, BSN program director, stated that the first semester is really difficult because students are required to make a lot of adjustments.

When students begin their classes, instead of spreading a three-hour class over the duration of two or three days, students attend the three-hour class in one given school day, unlike what many students are accustomed to.

"It took a lot of teaching myself

to read on time, because you actually have to read for the program," Katerina Nelson, junior nursing major, said.

Nelson stated that it wasn't uncommon to have up to three tests each week and advised that future students learn to study.

"I would definitely say to be well prepared for the first semester, it's kind of just a getting-through-it semester," Nelson said.

Garno said that once students get adjusted to the workload, the second and third semester of the program is

more of a period of steady growth.

"One of the keys to success in nursing school is good time management," Garno said.

While the nursing program does have its stressful moments, Nelson and Garno said that the program is very rewarding as well.

Garno said that watching the students bond and become a cohesive unit is one of the most rewarding things about the program.

Nelson said, "It's a type of family; you get close to working with people."

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# YOUR VIEW

"Do you think GSU did enough to recognize Black History Month? Does Black History Month help to change anyone's perspective?"



**Shira Davis**

sophomore public relations major

"I honestly don't think I am looking for the promotions of Black History Month because it doesn't really apply to me. I definitely think that people who aren't African American don't really understand why there is a Black History Month. Like even me, I'm kind of not informed about it. So I think that it would be cool if there was more information." Shira Davis, sophomore public relations major



**Kristin Royal**

sophomore pre-nursing major

"We don't do enough, at all. I don't think that, for me, there was anything here that really made me aware of the month, and it's sad, because I'm African-American, and I would be happy that we're doing something and that we're willing to do something, but I just skirted through the whole month because I forgot about it, and that's sad."



**Jose Ruiz**

sophomore pre-pharmacy major

"I really didn't know that there was that much being promoted around the school. I don't necessarily think that people weren't aware, just not active. I'm not gonna say that it's not important, because it's history, and it tells about our past, but I just think that it's something that's good to know, but shouldn't be required."



**Konnelius Martin**

sophomore management major

"I don't feel like we did enough. Doing more would have been great for the Statesboro community and not just Black History Month; we could have a cultural thing for all the different cultures. I know that I take a lot of pride in my black history but I know that it's not to the point where people push it to the side. My friends and I talk about topics amongst ourselves. We bring up topics more during this month than any other month."

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# Debate open to campus

BY CAITLYN OLIVER

The George-Anne staff

The Mock Mediation Club will host a debate open to the entire campus about the new RumRunners Plantation Room sign in the Russell Union on March 11 and 12.

"We've been looking at Facebook and things like that and looking at the debates on social media and we just want to provide an outlet for students to express their concerns and create a civil environment to have these discussions," Jonathon Quintine, club member and junior international studies major, said.

The debate is open for all students on campus to join and voice their opinions in a controlled environment.

"It's more to let [others] know what the students think. We're just mediation so we're neutral, we're not taking a public stance on this. We're not necessarily for the change, we just want to voice the student's opinions," Jessica Shanken, Mock Mediation Club public relations chair and sophomore international studies major, said.

The discussions will be held in three different rooms in Russell Union over two days and presided over by Mock Mediation Club members.

Club mediators will lead students to find possible solutions. These solutions will be presented to the Student

Government Association so that they will have a list of recommendations to see how the student population wants to address this problem, Quintine said.

Debate processes will simulate a real mediation session and provide students with the opportunity to see both sides of the argument, Shanken said.

There is no deadline for students to apply for a part in the deliberations. A limit will not be placed on the number of students who want to join. All students will be accommodated.

"We want as many students as possible involved," Shanken said.

Students interested in taking part must attend an information session on either Tuesday, March 4, or Wednesday, March 5. One of the two must be attended in order to participate in the debate.

"I think students can take out of this an opportunity to see from both points of view. Whatever side you come into it starting on hopefully at the end you can see it from the other side and appreciate the other side's mindset," Quintine said.

These sessions will explain the format of a mediation conference, what to expect and how students are required to act during discussion.

Any questions may be answered by club members who will have a table at the rotunda on tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Jonathon Quintine,  
club member and junior international studies major

## MOCK MEDIATION INFO

**When:** March 11 and 12

**Where:** Russell Union

**Why:** Debate the new RumRunners Plantation Room sign

**Mandatory Information Session:** March 4 or March 5

# Racism at GSU addressed by students and faculty

BY CIERRA BAXTER

The George-Anne contributor

This past Friday, a small group of passionate students met with faculty to discuss their concerns over the Plantation Room sign as well as the racism that takes place in University Plaza and the Statesboro area.

Patrice Jackson, Dean of Students, and Dorsey Baldwin, director of the Multicultural Student Center, met with a small group of about 20 students.

The purpose of the meeting was not to have the sign removed or changed, but instead for students who expressed uneasiness about the situation to feel supported by faculty.

The meeting also served as a way to begin a conversation about how they would like to move ahead, not only with this particular issue, but with similar issues of racism in Statesboro.

"Our goal in this is to support and help [students] use their voices effectively on campus to impact campus and the local community, and make the changes that are necessary," Baldwin said.

The goals of the students in attendance included bringing awareness to the inequality through communication and education on top of bringing people together to create a sense of joint responsibility, getting people to care, challenging old definitions of the South and training people on how to approach such a hot topic.

The Plantation Room sign is currently face-down and has been since Friday morning or late Thursday evening. However, attendees made the point that even though the controversy started over the sign, the overall issue is bigger than the sign itself.

"Before you ever had the sign, you had actions that was racist, the sign is representative of a belief system and that belief system led to that sign being up," John Nwosu, graduate research assistant, said.

At last week's Student Government Association meeting Brooks Keel, president of GSU made the statement, "protest with your purse," however most students who were at the meeting felt that if



Dorsey Baldwin



Patrice Jackson



Garrett Green

discriminatory practices keep certain types of people from patronizing an establishment in the first place, it wouldn't matter if those same people boycott or protest the business.

Many events stemming from the issue will take place on campus within the next weeks. The Mock Mediation club will be hosting a debate on March 11 and 12, and the NAACP will be hosting an event called "Speak Out and Be Heard" sometime in March as well.

Nwosu said, "We have to remember, it's a journey, not a destination."



# Medieval times returneth

## Students embrace swords, royal courts and cheese

BY NADIA DREID

The George-Anne contributor

Sword battles, dukes, duchesses and a royal court are all everyday things for Georgia Southern University Southern Creative Anachronists (SCA), or Scadians as members call themselves.

The SCA is a group devoted to educating students on accurate historical reenactment of the Medieval period while still having fun, Elizabeth Kicklighter, SCA president, said.

"It's an entirely different world whenever you go into the Scadian world," Kicklighter

said. "You're taken out of the current modern world and you're immersed into this historical – pretty accurate – location, where people are talking like 'Oh ye, oh ye!'"

GSU Scadians meet regularly to jump feet-first into history, dressing in period clothes, staging battles and holding court for the king and queen. However, since the purpose of the group is to educate and entertain, they also offer ample opportunities to learn new skills that were common in Medieval and ancient times, but have since been largely lost.

The SCA has held workshops to teach

members everything from embroidery to cheese-making to sword fighting. At the SCA's most recent meeting, Scadians learned about poi, a Maori form of performance art that consists of rhythmically swinging tethered weights, which are often on fire.

"I've learned a lot more than I was expecting," Dustin Tilligkeit, the organization's fighter captain, said. "Stuff that I didn't even think about wanting to learn originally."

The SCA was formed nearly 50 years ago in Berkeley, Ca., and the international organization now boasts over 30,000 members worldwide.

The SCA consists of 19 kingdoms, which span the globe. Georgia Southern SCA members are subjects of the Kingdom of Meridies, which rules almost all of Georgia, as well as Alabama and parts of Tennessee, Florida, and Kentucky. North of Meridies is the Kingdom of Atlantia, serving the Atlanta region and the East Coast through Maryland.

"SCA is about honor," Kicklighter said. "Honor, service and having fun – that's pretty much what it is, in a nutshell."

"There are many honors Scadians can receive for service to the kingdom. Soldiers may be elevated to the position of knight and craft-makers may become a laurel and be addressed as 'Master,'" Kicklighter said.

One of the highest honors Scadians may receive for their service is the Order of the Pelican. It is generally awarded to members who have devoted many years' worth of service to the kingdom.

For Tilligkeit, the best part of being an

SCA member is getting to step into another person's shoes.

"The sort of thing you would only be able to read in books, you get to live," Tilligkeit said.

To register with the international organization, members must decide on and record their persona. This is why he is spending more time on the research process, which Tilligkeit said is teaching him more than he thought.

"I even started thinking about studying astronomy," said Tilligkeit, whose character is from the late 16th century. "I was thinking, being a stargazer myself, wouldn't it be cool to study period methods for looking at the stars and recording that sort of thing?"

However, students don't have to be a part of the international organization to join the SCA at Georgia Southern, Kicklighter said, and they try to provide something for everyone.

"If you like doing crafts, you're more than welcome. If you like the history aspect, you're more than welcome. If you like to beat on people's heads and fight, we've got that for you too," Kicklighter said. "All you have to do is show up in an outfit you like and do the things you love."

Tilligkeit said students should not be afraid to join if they are interested.

"We're not as crazy as we look," Tilligkeit said. "We do this because we enjoy it, because it's fun. So if you think we look kind of crazy, but kind of fun at the same time, don't be afraid to hang out with the crazy people."

The SCA meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 2080 of the Russell Union.



Courtesy of Southern Creative Anachronists

**Southern Creative Anachronists** members practice their swordsmanship skills in a staged battle. The Southern Creative Anachronists meet and hold workshops to teach their members how to do activities that were common in the medieval era.





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## Seven shows to watch this spring season

BY LAURIANNA CULL AND RASHIDA OTUNBA

The George-Anne staff

**"Glee"-Tuesday February 25 (FOX)**

Humor and heartbreak flourish as this campy musical dramedy resumes its fifth season with the action-packed episode "Frenemies" as aspiring Broadway diva Rachel (Lea Michele) and songstress Santana (Naya Rivera) battle it out for the lead role in a popular musical. Recurring guest star Adam Lambert will also appear as a new rival for Kurt Hummel (Chris Colfer) as he jumpstarts his new band.



**"Scandal"-Thursday February 27 (ABC)**

Scandal delivers more gut-wrenching twists and turns in their midseason premier episode "Ride Sally Ride" as the lawyers from Pope and Associates rally to aid a homicidal Vice President and track down Pope's dubious, deceiving mother. Kerry Washington stars as enigmatic lead Olivia Pope in this compelling political drama about the undercover scandals of the D.C.'s elite alongside Tony Goldwyn as President Grant.

**"Academy Awards"- March 2 (ABC)**

This year will mark the 86th Annual Academy Awards and will be hosted by comedic talk show host Ellen DeGeneres. Nominated for best picture this year are "American Hustle," "Captain Phillips," "Dallas Buyers Club," "Gravity," "Her," "Nebraska," "Philomena," "12 Years a Slave" and "The Wolf of Wall Street." And almost as important as the show, is the red carpet fashion beginning an hour and a half before the Oscars.



**"Bates Motel"- March 3 (A&E)**

Norman Bates' famous quote, "A boy's best friend is his mother" never rang as true as it has in this unnerving "Psycho" prequel. Norma Bates (Vera Farmiga) and her psychotic son Norman (Freddie Highmore) must deal with the aftermath of the murder in the season one finale of this haunting show about a homicidal mother and son who move to a new town in an attempt to run from their shady past.

**"Revenge"- March 9 (ABC)**

Revenge returns with the new episode "Payback" in the midst of much confusion as Emily Thorne (Emily Van Camp) experiences a blip in her plot of vengeance against the powerful Grayson family as Victoria (Madeleine Stowe) begins to delve deeper into her past and Conrad Grayson's ex-wife returns to the Hamptons in this suspenseful drama about the ruthless acts of the Hamptons' elite.



**"Dancing With the Stars"- March 17 (ABC)**

Still going strong, Dancing with the Stars will be waltzing through their 18th season this year with the confirmed celebrity list still yet to be announced. The official stars list will be revealed on March 4 during "Good Morning America." A few potential celebrity names have been rumored for this season such as Australian pop singer Cody Simpson, Bruce Jenner (Keeping Up with the Kardashians), and several Winter Olympians. None of these have been confirmed. Also being announced on "Good Morning America's" March 4 episode is which professional partner each celeb will be paired up with for the new season.



**"Game of Thrones"-April 6 (HBO)**

This epic fantasy returns to its fourth season as the characters must face daunting new challenges as the Lannisters continue to rule with an iron fist, and Daenerys (Emilia Clarke) plots her next plan of action on the course to conquer Westeros. Peter Dinklage and Lena Headey also star as the dysfunctional Lannister siblings in this multi-character drama.





## Music Review

# Schoolboy Q: Oxymoron

Black Hippy member drops first album



**GENRE:** Hip hop/Rap

**RELEASE DATE:** Feb. 25

**GRADE:** 6/10

**BOTTOMLINE:**

As a whole, "Oxymoron" was a satisfactory meal but not quite filling enough.

**BY CHARLES RUDISON**

The George-Anne staff

Throbbing, explosive, eccentric, real, abrasive and gritty California based rapper Schoolboy Q shows that he has no respect for listener's eardrums in his banger of an album "Oxymoron".

Schoolboy released his album today at exactly 12 a.m. The album was to be released initially in the summer of 2013; however due to conflicts with timing it was released today. "Oxymoron" is his third overall album but first major label album. Schoolboy Q is a quarter of the powerhouse rap group Black Hippy.

With a confusing, creative, unorthodox and rough sound "Oxymoron" is definitely an album to remember.

"Molly gon' pop, I'm about that life," Schoolboy Q raps with the sound of a

bass nearly drowning him out in the background. The album focuses mostly on the party scene with songs like "Hell of a Night" and "Los Awesome." The songs feature heavy references to drugs, sex, and drunken nights.

Songs like "The Purge," "Gangsta," and "Fuck L.A." travel down more of the road of gangster rap. "Doing drive-bys I ain't steering" Q exclaims. The lyrics focus a lot on violence and the gang-infested streets of Los Angeles where he was raised.

With crazy beats and bass that was specially produced to blow your speakers and burst your eardrums. "Oxymoron" is definitely an album listeners can ride to.

The album's main flaw is its lack of substance. The only song of substance and soul on the album was "Blind Threats." Wu-tang rapper RaeKwon did Q justice by dropping a hot yet deep verse on this track.

Schoolboy didn't sell out but he does produce a more mainstream sound. The production quality went up while the lyrical quality went down.

His previous album "Habits and Contradictions" was better by a longshot. It is what brought Schoolboy to the light and lead single "Collard Greens" from "Oxymoron" doesn't even touch hits "Blessed," "Druggies with Hoes Again," or "Hands on the wheel" in any facet.

Fans expected much more from the rapper and Black Hippy member.

"He just didn't rap the kind of rhymes he usually does. His lyrics weren't bad but they definitely weren't great. His label mates Ab-soul and Kendrick Lamar definitely blow him out of the water lyrically, I expected much more," Darius Jackson, junior marketing major, said.

The best part of the album was its production quality, you can tell an abundance of time and effort was put into this project. The production of the album is what made it a good, not great, album.

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## Fashion Scout

## Students sport Japanese fashion in Statesboro

BY MEAGAN GREENE

The George-Anne staff

As the weather turns warmer and the season begins to change a new trend is making waves on Georgia Southern University's campus.

Boho chic is a prominent style that has made its way to GSU this spring. Heading off this revolution is an item of clothing customarily worn by women, but men can also embrace the wonder that is the kimono.

A kimono was at first the Japanese word meaning clothing; however in more recent years a kimono has become a name meaning traditional Japanese attire.

These kimonos that have made a statement here on campus are oversized cardigans that fall to each side and usually tend to be three-fourths of a sleeve but can also be long-sleeved as well.

Tiffany Hinkelman, freshman finance major, said, "I think kimonos are very stylish, unique and fun." Many students want to wear clothing that are flattering and kimonos fulfill that request.

"Kimonos are flattering for any figure," Hinkelman said. There are many different ways someone who wants to try a kimono can sport the trend. "I like to wear it during the day with shorts and a tank, but I also like to wear it at night time with a cute dress and heels," Hinkelman said.

Other kimono owners gave input about how they like to wear their kimonos around campus and out with friends.

"I like to wear kimonos because they're flowy, and you can wear them with anything like shorts or jeans or a dress," Brooks Palacio, sophomore exercise science major, said.

Dish Boutique, located off of South Main Street, has a white kimono with grey, red and blue tribal on the shoulders and fringe at the bottom.



Courtesy of Brooke Palacio



Courtesy of Tiffany Hinkelman

Tiffany Hinkelman and Brooke Palacio are sporting one of the latest fashion trends: the kimono. The versatility and affordability of kimonos have contributed to their rise in popularity as winter transitions to spring.



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# ASA to hold forum on color and prejudice

## Culture

BY MICHELLE NORSWORTHY

The George-Anne contributor

Tonight in the Russell Union, the African Student Association will host an open forum on topics that will range from colorism to the prejudice that faces the LGBTQ community.

The event will start at 6 p.m. in room 2073 this evening and everyone is encouraged to attend.

"It's the prejudices against people of certain skin tones. Look at the entertainment industry. Why is it that we focus on light skin? And it isn't an issue that's unique to just the black community. It's [something] that's prevalent in many cultures," Jodi-Ann Simpson, ASA president and senior public relations major, said.

The forum's main focus will be to provide an understanding as to why society operates this way and where these prejudices come from.

Simpson said that another focal point of the forum will be the prejudices that face the LGBTQ community on behalf of those who face prejudice themselves. There will also be discussions on what solutions can be found for these problems.

"Some people might not understand that this is really happening or why," Ugo Anikpe, ASA vice president and sophomore psychology major, said.

"Treat people equal no matter skin tone or orientation," Anikpe said.

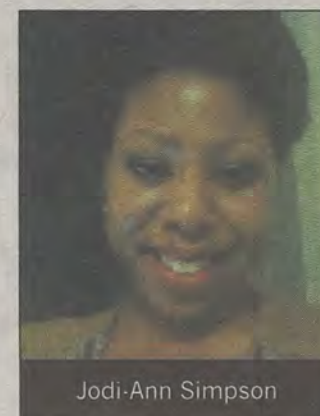
Tonight's forum will also be focus on other prejudices that stem from moments in our history and why these resentments still remain today, Simpson and Anikpe said.

"Be prepared to learn about things you might not have known before," Simpson said.

Both Simpson and Anikpe will be speaking in hope that attendees leave with a better understanding of the origins and the impact that colorism and other prejudices have on both individuals and society.



Ugo Anikpe



Jodi-Ann Simpson

Ugo Anikpe is a psychology major. He has been a part of ASA for two years. As vice president of ASA, he helps plan all events. Anikpe helps put up fliers and spreads the word about ASA events on campus. He is a very active member who is passionate about making GSU's ASA one of the best campus organizations. Anikpe is a research assistant for the psychology department. He is also involved in the psychology coalition and Green Ambassadors organizations.

Jodi-Ann Simpson is a public relations major. She has been a part of ASA for two years, serving on the executive board as treasurer last year and president this year. She designates responsibilities and executes them with the executive board. Simpson's biggest goal for the organization is to make it one of the most well known on campus and bring together all students of all ethnic backgrounds to celebrate not only African culture but also its diaspora.

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**Cast members** from "Fuddy Meers" plan their costumes and makeup for the upcoming production: "Fuddy Meers." The show will run in the Center for Art and Theatre from Feb. 26 to March 5.

## Memorable Mayhem to be performed this week

### Theatre

**BY MATT SOWELL**

The George-Anne staff

Foul-mouthed puppets, bacon and a masked man with a lisp will take audiences on an insane ride in the Center for Arts and Theatre (CAT).

"Fuddy Meers" will be performed in the CAT Feb. 26 through March 5, student tickets are \$5, community tickets are \$10 and all shows begin at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee on Sunday, March 2, at 2 p.m.

"Clair has amnesia," said Nicholas Newell, the director of the show. "She doesn't know who she is, every time she goes to sleep she completely loses sight of anything. She has to rely on other people to tell her what's going on in her world and those change periodically because everybody else in the play either has a communication dysfunction or they're an unreliable narrator."

The title "Fuddy Meers" is actually a mispronunciation of "Funny Mirrors." The title is a metaphor for how we laugh at

the distorted and dark nature of the show, Newell said.

"It's a twisted look at relatively serious issues that you sort of have to take a step back from in order to find it funny" said Newell.

"The thing that I really admire about this play is that yeah, it's serious stuff thrown at you in a comedic way, but it also gets your attention because you laugh and then you stop and think 'Wow, did I really laugh at that?' and then you go home and think about it again. It's just ridiculous, the whole thing that unfolds, and it's like a parallel to what people hide, it really happens, and it can be overlooked as not a big deal," said Victoria Yates, who plays Heidi in the show.

Marissa Carey, who is playing the lead role of Claire, said, "My favorite moment is when I drop the F-bomb. It's awkward to play someone with memory issues because in person I remember things so it's different getting to play someone who has no memory."

The show is a kaleidoscope of mayhem and chaos. "You're meant to be kept on your toes as the chaos ensues" Newell said.



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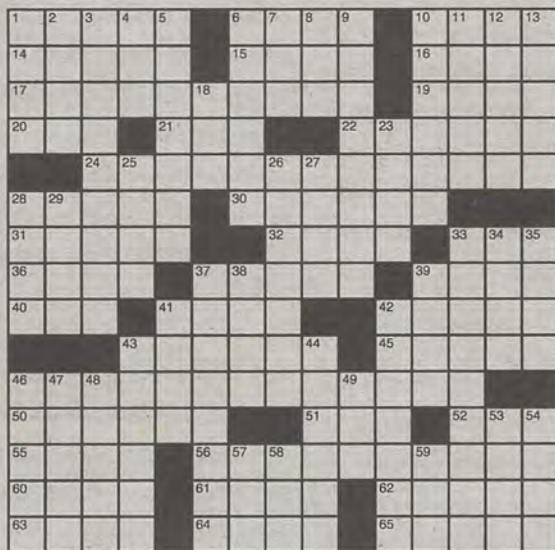
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### ACROSS

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- 6 To-do
- 10 Bottle in a crib?
- 14 Cry near the sty
- 15 Aruba, for one
- 16 Muslim prayer leader
- 17 Impish chutzpah?
- 19 Enemy of unratón
- 20 \_pitch
- 21 Capital of Spain?
- 22 Pennsylvania site of the Crayola Factory
- 24 Royal handyman?
- 28 '90s trade pact
- 30 Agreeable
- 31 Geometry staple
- 32 Sign on for another hitch
- 33 Airport near Forest Hills, N.Y.
- 36 \_ de gallo: Mexican salsa
- 37 Core
- 39 Trash can scavenger
- 40 Legal ending
- 41 Wedding ring, e.g.
- 42 Watson of the PGA
- 43 Fads
- 45 Electron circuit
- 46 Betty Crocker's empire?
- 50 Its components are often bought separately
- 51 Come \_ : teasers
- 52 "Gross!"
- 55 Zola title heroine
- 56 Watergate, notably?
- 60 Posting place
- 61 Dressage pace
- 62 Submission
- 63 Edible dessert container
- 64 Spanish medals or metals
- 65 Valentine's Day gift

### DOWN

- 1 Threats to Indiana Jones
- 2 Work hard
- 3 Where a smash is welcome



By Marti DuGuay-Carpenter

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- 5 Test for pupils?
- 6 Baby book entries
- 7 Sch. with a pelican on its official seal
- 8 Singer Green et al.
- 9 Fizzle
- 10 Idaho State's conference
- 11 Valuable violin
- 12 A racer may pass it
- 13 Encircled by
- 18 CBS series with regional spinoffs
- 23 50-and-up group
- 25 "Am \_ late?"
- 26 Electromagnetic induction discoverer
- 27 "Your turn to talk"
- 28 It's hidden by a ponytail
- 29 Turning point
- 33 Influential Washington group
- 34 Desert that borders the Altai Mountains
- 35 Future doc's subj.
- 37 Keep
- 38 Lover of Geraint
- 39 Short and not so sweet
- 41 Scourge
- 42 More domineering
- 43 Vegas hotel, with "the"
- 44 Snobs
- 46 "Hardball" network
- 47 1895-'96 \_ Ethiopian War
- 48 It might be in the spotlight
- 49 Curry of "Today"
- 53 "Kiss Me, Kiss Me, Kiss Me" band, with "The"
- 54 Ring jinglers
- 57 Damaged, as mdse.
- 58 Pencil game loser
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## Calamities of Nature by Tony Piro

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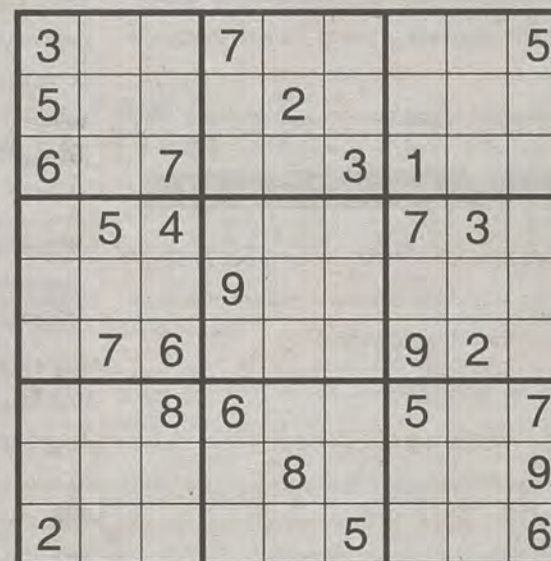
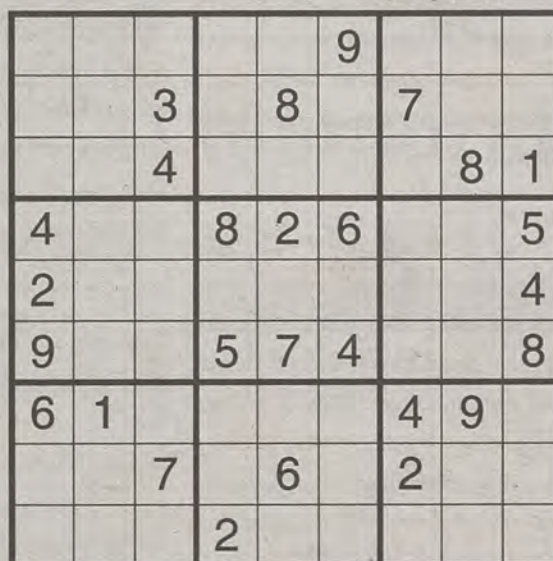
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BY KATIE TOLBERT

The George-Anne staff

Sunday's game against the No. 1 ranked softball team, the University of Florida, was cancelled due to heavy rain, but Georgia Southern University's softball team made the trip down to Gainesville, Fla. worthwhile, finishing out the weekend 3-1.

This weekend the Eagles played two games back-to-back each day, so the Lipton Invitational was a great opportunity for them to get as many players out on the field as possible. This team is continuing to excel and defeat non-conference teams with the help of their well-rounded bench of players, and they showed that this weekend.

### Coastal Take One

To start off the weekend, GSU faced off against Coastal Carolina University and had a 3-0 victory. The game had a slow start and things didn't pick up until the fifth inning. The Eagles got all three of their runs in this inning, and the first two came in with the help of a triple by junior outfielder Breanna McLendon.

On the other side of the ball, senior pitcher Sarah Purvis did her thing in the circle, pitching her second shutout of the season. But, this wasn't the last time the Eagles would face off against the Chanticleers.

### Future Sun Belt Opponent

The Eagles had a rough time carrying over the momentum from the CCU game right to the next one, but, nonetheless, resulted in a 4-3 victory over Troy University. Troy started the game with two single runs to take the early lead and benefitted from the three defensive errors the Eagles committed.

Senior infielder Kourtney Thomas turned the game around in the fifth inning when she hit her career first grand slam, ultimately sealing the deal for another Eagle victory.

### Little Competition from Big Ten

GSU began their Saturday taking on Big Ten Conference team, Indiana University, and almost immediately showed the Hoosiers they were ready to play. In the second inning, the Eagles took the early lead of three runs with help from batters sophomore catcher A.J. Hamilton and senior outfielder/infielder Nicole Benton.

Indiana managed to get one run on the scoreboard before Thomas excelled once again up at bat. Hitting a double to the right, she plated three more runs, doubling their lead. Throughout the game, junior pitcher Brooke Red did her job by limiting the Hoosiers to only two runs and five hits, earning a 6-2 victory.

### Back for Revenge

After the Eagles performance against Indiana and their previous victory against CCU, another win against the Chanticleers would seem almost like common sense, but this was not the case. The game started off even with both teams getting a run, setting the stage for the tough game they played.

In the third inning, CCU took advantage of two errors committed by GSU and took the lead, 2-1. There was no more scoring for either team after this inning, and CCU did an impressive job allowing the Eagles to only get one hit for the remainder of the game.

GSU will be returning home this upcoming weekend for the Eagle Classic facing off against Troy, Tennessee State University and Middle Tennessee State University.



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The GSU softball team went 3-1 over the weekend in Gainesville, Fla., defeating Indiana University, Troy University and splitting two games with Coastal Carolina University. Junior Savannah Coon (20) finished last season with 21 pinch-hit at-bats, posting a .190 average with four RBIs.





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**Sophomore McKinsey Fiveash** last competed in a doubles match win 6-0, Feb. 7 with senior Paola Garrido. Fiveash was a four-time letter winner at Roswell High School.

## GSU ready to take on SoCon

### Women's Tennis (4-3)

**BY MACY HOLLOWAY**

The George-Anne staff

As the women's tennis team steps away from a disappointing 3-4 defeat at Kennesaw State University this past Saturday, they prepare for their first 2014 Southern Conference match this upcoming weekend.

"We lost a heart-breaker of a match to Kennesaw this weekend and it was really unfortunate it didn't go our way, but we did have some highlights. Jordana Klein had a really big win when she scored the No. 1 singles spot. As well as Guila Riepe and Mary Phillips Smith achieving the No. 5 and No. 6 singles spots of the day," Head Coach Amy Bonner said.

"Obviously it's always tough not to win a match but I think we could've done better in doubles, although I was proud of my performance and my team's performance. I think it just gives us motivation for our upcoming conference matches," Jordana Klein, junior, said.

Going into this new chapter of the season Georgia Southern University's women's tennis team will face schools such as Elon University, Appalachian State University and Western

Carolina University.

"I think some really good things have happened for us but of course there is still a lot we must work on," Bonner said. "We're playing Elon next weekend who, if I'm not mistaken, was runner up in the SoCon last year...We definitely have some tough competition right off the bat, but I feel these past seven matches have really prepared us. The girls are really excited and feel ready."

Their first match will be against the 3-4 Phoenix. Elon started off their 2014 season with a sweeping loss against Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University but has since had some luck. Their last match was an encompassing 7-0 victory over Radford University.

The Eagles' first home SoCon match will take place against an 0-4-1 WCU on March 15, directly preceded with a match against a currently 1-4 App. State.

"I think we're all really excited and we've been preparing pretty much all year, and we know that since this is our last year in SoCon we want to go out with a bang so we're hoping to get these first two wins and go from there," Klein said.

After its third loss in four games, GSU will go head-to-head against Elon and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on March 1-2.



# JuCo transfers play big role in 7-1 start

BY COLIN RITSICK

The George-Anne staff

Following the only sub-30 win season in head coach Rodney Hennon's 14-year career, he had some big roster decisions to make going into the off-season.

Hennon could either keep his squad the way it was and hope that the nationally recognized freshman recruiting class would be the spark the team needed or he could clean house and make way for some talented junior college transfers.

He basically told some of the guys that were on the team last year that they were welcome to try out in the fall but they wouldn't be making the team, a source inside of Georgia Southern Athletics said.

He chose to make way for some fresh faces – and so far it has paid off.

Out of six junior college transfers, juniors Aaron Mizell

and Dalton Busby have become consistent offensive threats for the red-hot Eagles (7-1). Junior outfielder Kody Adams, junior RHP Josh Wirsu and junior RHP Eric Alonzo are transfers that have all contributed to GSU's success as well thus far, but Mizell and Busby have emerged as two of GSU's top offensive producers.

Mizell is an outfielder that came to Statesboro from Gordon State College. He is a 5-foot-10, 162 pound lefty that has more pop than you would imagine for a guy his size.

"Aaron's got a good, sound approach at the plate. He's got some maturity about him, he's athletic and right now he's got a lot of confidence," Hennon said.

With the start to the season he is having, he ought to have confidence. In six starts, he is batting .417 (10-24) with nine RBI, two homeruns, six runs and only three strikeouts.

He banged up his shoulder running into the right-field fence on a deep fly ball in the first game of Saturday's double-header and has not started either game since then. He is expected to be all right and back on the field soon.

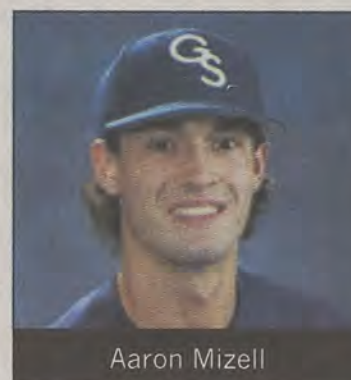
"He is day-to-day right now. We don't think it's anything serious. He'll see the doctor tomorrow," Hennon said.

Busby is the only out-of-state transfer in the bunch, coming from State College of Florida. Busby has taken over the starting role at shortstop. He is as sure-handed of a defensive player as exists on GSU's squad.

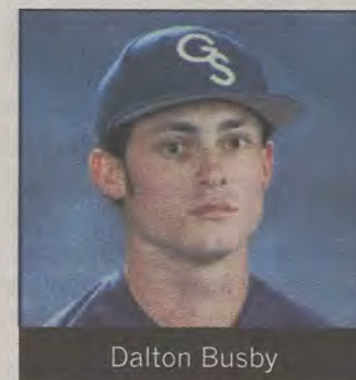
"He's a good player. Obviously his strength is his defense, we knew that when we signed him," Hennon said.

It has been his production at the plate that has raised eyebrows so far.

Busby has started all eight games and is hitting .382 (13-34) with 11



Aaron Mizell



Dalton Busby

Average - .417

At-Bats - 24

Hits - 10

RBI - 10

Slug pct. - .833

Average - .382

At-Bats - 34

Hits - 13

RBI - 11

Slug pct. - .647

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With seven wins in eight games, three of which came against in-

state powerhouses, Hennon is looking like a smart man having cleared space for these athletes.

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# GSU sweeps Hawks in four-game series

## Baseball (7-1)

BY COLIN RITSICK

The George-Anne staff

Broom tips were waving around like a victory flag on Sunday afternoon as Georgia Southern University's baseball team swept the four-game series against the University of Maryland Eastern Shore at J.I. Clements Stadium.

After their first sweep of the season, the Eagles (7-1) are now on a six-game winning streak. The only loss of the season came in part two of a double-header at the University of Georgia.

GSU's resume now features beating UGA twice – one of which was an 18-4 embarrassment that sealed the series win over the Bulldogs – and a win over the Georgia Institute of Technology. The 4-3 victory over the Yellow Jackets is the only close game the Eagles have played so far.

Beating a team four games in a row isn't easy, no matter the caliber of the other team.

"Four games in three days. Just staying focused is a big thing," head coach Rodney Hennon said.

The Hawks (0-5) stunk up the place this weekend. Hits weren't exactly commonplace, and when they did score, poor defense played just as big a part in it as UMES' offense did. If the Hawks pitching staff was looking for a career in batting practice pitching, they are on the right track.

GSU tallied 50 runs on 54 hits this weekend including eight homeruns and 12 doubles.

### Game 1 - GSU 23, UMES 0

The final score was 23-0. Need we say more?

Junior catcher Chase Griffin, junior outfielder Kody Adams and senior outfielders Stryker Brown & Garren Palmer all homered.

But even if the bats weren't hotter than this week's Sports Illustrated Swimsuit edition, there wasn't much the Hawks could do.

Junior LHP Sam Howard had all his stuff working for him. He allowed only two hits over 7.0 innings of work while

striking out 12 batters. Howard was hovering around 91 mph, occasionally touching 92 – and the Hawks weren't sniffing it. Howard is now 2.0 with a 0.00 ERA this year.

There were a handful of scouts in the audience that came to watch him pitch; among them were guys from the Brewers and the Pirates.

### Game 2 - GSU 9, UMES 3

Three errors in the first three innings put the Eagles in a hole early. But once the defense settled, it was smooth sailing for GSU and starting RHP Josh Wirsu.

Wirsu (1-1) pitched five innings and only allowed one hit. Three runs were scored on him, but none of them were earned.

Griffin had four RBI in the game on 3-5 hitting. Freshman first baseman Ryan Cleveland was 2-3 with two RBI and hit his first homerun in an Eagle uniform.

### Game 3 - GSU 10, UMES 1

After two runs were already scored in the bottom of the first inning, Brown stroked a high-flying pop up that carried its way all the way down the right field line and caromed off the bottom of the foul pole for a grand slam.

This pushed the Eagles lead to 6-0 after one inning – after this, the rest of the game was a formality. Brown is hitting .414 and leads the team in RBI with 16.

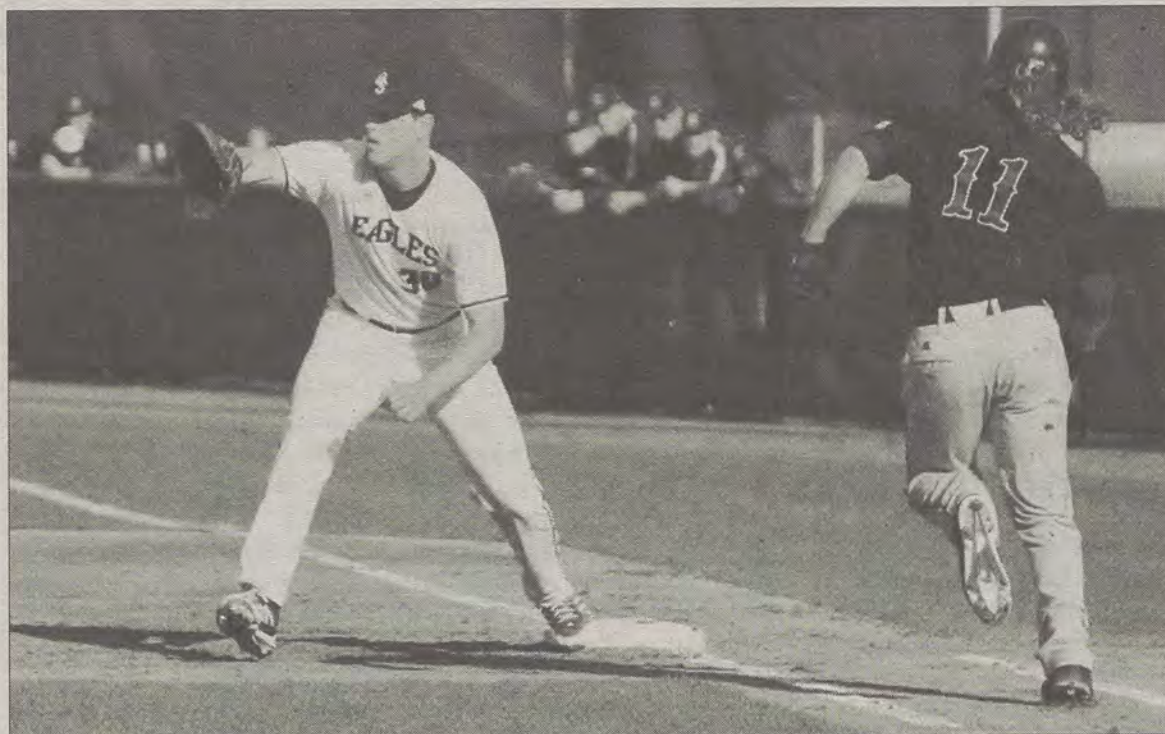
GSU would tack on four more runs and allowed the Hawks to put one of their own on the board.

Junior shortstop Dalton Busby was 3-4 with three RBI on the day.

### Game 4 - GSU 8, UMES 3

Sophomore RHP Ryan Frederick, a transfer from Savannah College of Art & Design, pitched a solid 5.1 innings en route to picking up his first win as an Eagle. Frederick gave up five hits and one earned run.

Busby smacked a solo shot to straightaway center field to put the



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The GSU baseball team swept UMES in a four-game series over the weekend, outscoring the Hawks 50-4 in the series. Freshman first baseman Ryan Cleveland (30) hit one homer and drove in five runs in the series, while showing a solid glove around the bag.

Eagles up in the second inning 2-1. It was his first home run of the year.

Junior outfielder Hunter Thomas

would add two more runs on a double to left-center in the third inning. He finished the game with two RBI.

The Eagles would allow the Hawks to add two runs late in the game, but they did not matter.



# Swimming and diving season ends strong

## Swimming and Diving (9-3)

BY EMILY ARNOLD

The George-Anne staff

Starting last Wednesday and ending on Saturday, the Georgia Southern University swimming and diving team competed in the CCSA Championship Meet in Knoxville, Tn., bringing home a third place finish.

"I thought we did well," Head Coach Nathan Kellogg said. "We thought we had a chance at third going into the meet and we're pretty happy with that finish. There were definitely some events that we thought we'd do a little bit better, but we had some nice surprises in some other events and I was very pleased overall with our effort and our performance."

Leading for the entire meet was Liberty University who finished first with 732.5 points for the first time in their program history. Shortly behind them, Florida Gulf Coast University had 718.5 points and took second place after finishing first in 2013. The Eagles ended the meet with 423 points and took third place for the second year in a row and Davidson College was right behind with 406 points.

"The difference [between last year and this year] was maybe the expectation," Kellogg said. "We knew going in this year that Davidson would be really strong. Obviously Liberty and Florida Gulf Coast have always been the top one or two so we knew Davidson and us would be close, and it was, but I thought we had a little more depth than we did last year. The meet itself was a lot deeper and I think that kind of helped us and played to our strengths a little bit."

## Eagles hold steady in 2nd place

On day one the Eagles finished in second place after competing in the 200m medley relay and 800m Freestyle Relay events. Sophomore Christina Moran, senior Kristen Bates, junior Megan Heller and junior Elaina Lanson made up the Eagles' team "A" for the 200m medley relay and finished in third gaining 32 points to start the meet. Sophomore Kylee Parsons, senior Devan White, junior Amber Juncker and sophomore Becca Alves created the Eagles' team "A" for the 800m freestyle relay and rallied up 30 points with a fourth place finish to end day one. The Eagles overall score for day one was a 62 which held them in the second place spot.

## Day two challenges GSU

Day two posed more of a challenge as the overall score for the Eagles was a 147, which landed them in fourth place. There were three top-eight finishes that day starting with Lanson's seventh place finish in the 50m freestyle. Moran, Bates, Parsons and Lanson formed the Eagles' Team "A" in the 200m freestyle relay to gain sixth place. The highest-scoring Eagle of day two was senior diver Sara Meisenhelder who scored a 263.30 and landed in fourth place in the one-meter diving event.

## T.G.I.F

Friday, day three, seemed to be more successful for the Eagles as they produced six top-eight finishes. Sophomore Lauren Campbell led the day in the 400m IM and finished fifth followed by Heller's sixth place finish in the 100m butterfly. In the 100m breaststroke event, two Eagles had top-eight finishes including

senior Megan Ostrom's eighth place and Bates' second place. Moran produced the sixth place finish in the 100m backstroke and the Eagles' 400m medley relay team 'A', Moran, Bates, Heller and Lanson, swam into second place to contribute to the 305 overall score of day three.

## Felina

The final day of the meet had five top-eight finishes. Moran placed fifth in the 200m backstroke, Bates had a stellar third place finish in the 200m breaststroke and Campbell scored eighth place in the 200m butterfly. Sophomore diver Emma Weisel took fourth in the three-meter dive and the Eagles' team "A" also took fourth in the 400m freestyle relay, which secured the Eagles' overall third place finish with a score of 423. For five of the swimmers, this was the last meet they will ever swim as an Eagle.

"It's always kind of bittersweet and there are always mixed emotions. They're always excited to finish on a strong note and at the same time they're kind of looking forward to the next step in their life," Kellogg said.

This meet was the big finale of the swimming and diving team for the 2013-2014 season. However, two divers, Meisenhelder and Weisel, will compete in the NCAA Zones on March 10-12 and, even though the season just finished, there are big expectations for next year.

"We perform better than we ever have. We have one of the best incoming recruiting classes that we've ever had and we're still not finished recruiting," Kellogg said. "Our goal is to crack into that top two and it's not going to be easy. It's going to be tough and it's going to be a challenge, but nothing that was ever easy was worth it."

## WEDNESDAY FINALS

Women's 200 Medley Relay  
**3rd Eagles Team A - 1:42.77**  
 Women's 800 Free Relay  
**4th Eagles Team A - 7:31.77**

## THURSDAY FINALS

Women's 500 Freestyle  
**9th Kylee Parsons - 4:54.75**  
 Women's 200 IM  
**12th Kristen Bates - 2:05.74**  
 Women's 50 Freestyle  
**7th Elaina Lanson - 23.26**  
 Women's 1-Meter Diving  
**4th Sara Meisenhelder - 263.30**  
 Women's 200 Freestyle Relay  
**6th Eagles Team A - 1:35.20**

## FRIDAY FINALS

Women's 400 IM  
**5th Lauren Campbell - 4:26.07**  
 Women's 100 Butterfly  
**6th Megan Heller - 56.45**  
 Women's 200 Freestyle  
**9th Kylee Parsons - 1:50.67**  
 Women's 100 Breaststroke  
**2nd Kristen Bates - 1:01.52**  
**8th Megan Ostrom - 1:05.53**  
 Women's 100 Backstroke  
**6th Christina Moran - 56.48**  
 Women's 400 Medley Relay  
**2nd Eagles Team A - 3:45.29**

## SATURDAY FINALS

Women's 1650 Freestyle  
**9th Kylee Parsons - 17:11.76**  
 Women's 200 Backstroke  
**5th Christina Moran - 2:00.12**  
 Women's 100 Freestyle  
**9th Elaina Lanson - 51.22**  
 Women's 200 Breaststroke  
**3rd Kristen Bates - 2:17.18**  
 Women's 200 Butterfly  
**8th Lauren Campbell - 2:06.46**  
 Women's 3-Meter Dive  
**4th Emma Weisel - 290.70**  
 Women's 400 Freestyle Relay  
**4th Eagles Team A - 3:26.88**



# Tourney Champions?

Why it is still important for Lady Eagles to turn things around before SoCon tournament

## In My Opinion

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX

The George-Anne staff

With two games left in the regular season, the Georgia Southern University women's basketball team (9-17, SoCon 7-8) is looking to find the light at the end of a very dark tunnel.

After a season littered with three four-game losing streaks, a 65-point loss to the University of Kentucky and averaging nine points less than their opponents, the Lady Eagles have reasons to be discouraged at this point. However, every team in the Southern Conference participates in the SoCon Tournament.

Winning the SoCon tournament would allow the Lady Eagles to move on into the NCAA Tournament. Which may seem far-fetched to most but it is definitely accomplishable.

In 2008 the University of Georgia basketball team entered the SEC Tournament with a losing record and was forced to play and win three games within a 30-hour time span. They ended up winning the SEC Tournament Championship and moved on to the NCAA Tournament.

Advancing into the NCAA Tournament is not the only reason the Lady Eagles must keep winning. With three senior starters, an example of winning and perseverance must be set going into next year. Seniors

Mimi Dubose, Lacie Dowling and Danielle Spencer must leave a tradition of winning behind for others to follow.

Head coach Chris Vozab has plenty of reason to keep winning. In her second season as head coach her win total has moved from eight last year to nine currently. Vozab is held in high esteem by her players for her coaching abilities. She needs to keep winning for a similar reason as the seniors, to establish a tradition of winning in GSU women's basketball.

With an average attendance of 424 fans per game, the Lady Eagles would love to put more fans in the seats. Students as well as the residents of Statesboro get excited when GSU has winning teams, they will give far more support to winning programs. Higher attendance means louder crowds for opponents and extra money to pump into the program to help stabilize a winning tradition.

If the Lady Eagles can battle themselves into sixth in the SoCon, then they will have a bye for the first round of play and only need to win three games to be crowned SoCon champions and punch their ticket to the NCAA Tournament.

It's time for the women's basketball program at GSU to earn their respect. With solid play, high intensity and maximum effort there is no reason why they can't win the SoCon. However, they need to win out through the regular season to make things easier on themselves. In other words, work smart not hard.



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Junior guard Anna Claire-Knight (24) has eclipsed the 400-point mark this season, with 416 total. Knight is the third Eagle to amass 400 points since 1998.

# Eagle shines at NFL Combine

BY WILL CHENEY

The George-Anne staff

Former Georgia Southern University football player Jerick McKinnon let his presence be known at this weekend's NFL Scouting Combine in several categories.

McKinnon came into the combine as a relative unknown but he began his showing on Saturday when he completed 32 reps of 225 lbs. in the bench press. His mark led all running backs and tied him for eighth overall. Eighth may not sound that amazing, but 13 of the top 15 scorers were offensive linemen and the other was a tight end.

McKinnon wasn't done at the bench. He turned more heads after he posted a 4.41 in the forty-yard dash, which was the sixth fastest time at the combine. He also showcased a 40.5" vertical jump, which was good enough for third overall. Combined with his 11" broad jump, which was tied for second overall, McKinnon showed serious feats of athleticism this weekend.

The showing McKinnon put up in Indianapolis, Ind., this weekend could vault him in the draft, similarly to what former Eagle safety J.J. Wilcox did prior to last year's draft. A strong showing at the combine contributed to Wilcox being announced as the Dallas Cowboys' third-round pick in 2013.

The NFL Combine is a pure athletic abilities competition. The test the athletes undertake are less football-skill related and more physical ability related. McKinnon and former Eagle corner Lavelle Westbrook will get the opportunity to show their football skills to scouts at the GSU pro day sometime next month.



# Eagles shoot for their second best score

BY BRYAN MARSEILLE

The George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University's women's rifle team posted a score of 2,237, its second best of the season, at the Southeastern Air Rifle Conference (SEARC) #7 NCAA Regionals on Saturday.

Freshman Kathryn Youngblood and redshirt freshman Tori Lewis led the Eagles with scores of 565 out of a possible 600 apiece.

Saturday's competition marked the team's fifth competition at the Inouye Marksmanship Center, and their first return to the course since posting a season best score of 2,240 at the Citadel Invitational on Jan. 26.

Two weeks removed from their last competitive match, the Eagles shot managed to top their season average of 2,203.75.

Three shooters posted marks of 560 or better, including redshirt freshman Emmy Johnson who shot for a score of 562.

The Eagles will compete again on March 8 at the SEARC Championships in Charleston, S.C.



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The women's rifle team had three shooters post marks of 560 or better, including redshirt freshman Emmy Johnson who shot for a score of 562.

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