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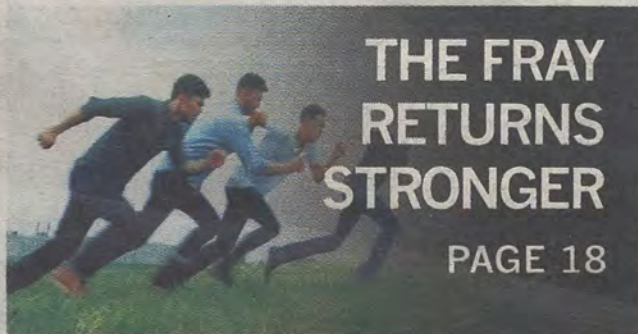


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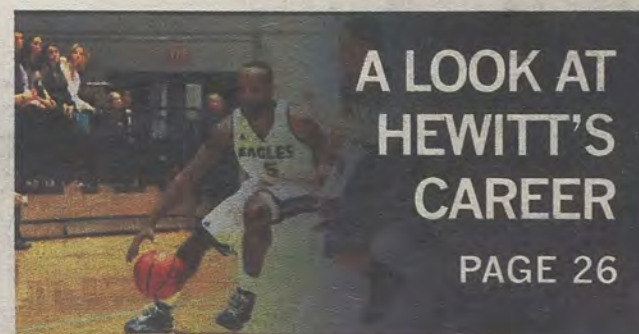
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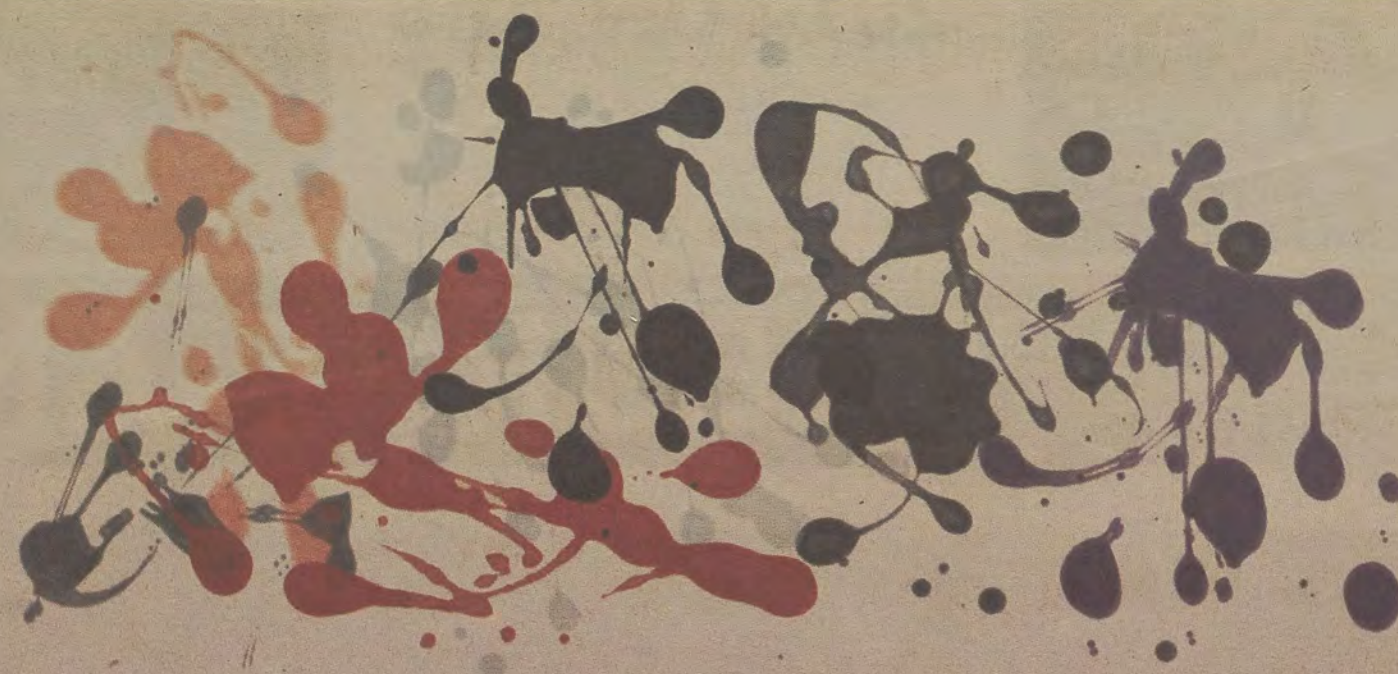
Are you 'Yakking?'

New app causes controversy on campus

A mobile application called Yik Yak has spread across Georgia Southern University's campus in recent weeks and has sparked conversations about the power of the anonymity of the app. The main controversy around the app is the ability for a user to anonymously identify and accuse individuals, and even entire organizations, with no consequence.

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Police Beat

Sunday, Feb. 23

12:11 a.m.: Officers observed a physical altercation between two subjects in J-Lot. Two subjects were arrested: Ralphie Murillo, 20, Rincon, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance. Matthew Alan Gunter, 19, Springfield, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Alcohol – Under 21 Years of Age.

1:32 a.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop in F-Lot. A passenger in the vehicle, Ross Clayton Whatley, 20, Hwy 67, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Alcohol – Under 21 Years of Age.

2:11 a.m.: Officers observed subjects involved in a dispute in J-Lot. One of the subjects involved, Devonte Nathaniel Wheaton, 20, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Alcohol – Under

21 Years of Age and Obstruction – misdemeanor.

Monday, Feb. 24

10:02 a.m.: An incident report was taken for a criminal trespass at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center/PAC. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

4:45 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident on Sweetheart Circle.

6:36 p.m.: An incident report was taken for the theft of unattended property at the RAC. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

8:02 p.m.: Officers responded to an injured person at the RAC. EMS responded and transported the injured person.

11:38 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the University Store.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

9:41 a.m.: Officers responded to a suspicious person report at the Russell Union. The subject was gone upon officers arrival.

10:39 a.m.: Officers responded to an injured person report at the Hollis Building. EMS responded but the victim refused transport.

10:42 a.m.: An incident report was taken for found property near Southern Courtyard.

1:46 p.m.: An incident report was taken for damaged property at the Building parking lot. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

2:51 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident in the Bishop Alumni parking lot. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.

11:47 p.m.: Officers assisted SPD with an incident on West Jones Avenue.

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Swope bond approved

BY JENNIFER CURINGTON

The George-Anne staff

Dominique Swope has not been released on bond and is still in the custody of the Bulloch County Sheriff's office.

WSAV is reporting that a Bulloch County judge granted Swope \$25,000 bond today, however Chief Deputy Jared Akins of Bulloch County Sheriff's Department said that Swope is still with them.

"He's showing as still in the facility," Akins said.

Akins said that the Bulloch County court may have set a bond amount for Swope today, but they have not received that information from the

court yet so he is still being held.

Bulloch County's Clerk of Court could not be reached for comment when the reporter went to her office before they closed for the day.

As previously reported in The George-Anne, Swope, senior running back, turned himself in around 11 p.m. on Feb. 17 to the Bulloch County Sheriff's Office after a warrant was issued for his arrest in connection with aggravated battery charges.

Swope was involved in an argument at the Cambridge at Southern apartments.

The argument resulted in a severe head injury to Cameron Zaquan Lewis, a former running back, who was taken to East Georgia Medical Center on Fair Road by friends.

Lewis received serious head trauma and was taken by helicopter to Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah for further treatment because his brain was bleeding and swelling.

Irvin Huggins, sophomore fullback, has been indicated as an offender in the incident report.

Janada Jeter witnessed the attack and reported what was seen to the police, saying that Swope "sucker-punched" Lewis and that caused Lewis to fall to the ground and hit his head on the concrete.

Swope has been suspended from the football team and his arrest is still ongoing investigation.

Taylor Critchlow contributed to this report.

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Our View

Platforms for sharing student opinions should be encouraged

Recently, several departments and student organizations throughout the university planned and established programs and events for students to address the issue of racism within Statesboro's community.

Last week, a small group of students were able to express their thoughts and concerns about racism on campus to faculty members and administration at a meeting with Patrice Jackson, Dean of Students, and Dorsey Baldwin, director of the Multicultural Student Center.

Similarly, the Mock Mediation Club plans to host a debate about the issue on March 11 and 12. This event is open to the entire campus and will serve as a platform for all students to have their voices heard about the controversy surrounding the RumRunners Plantation Room sign.

The NAACP will also host an event called "Speak Out and be Heard" in March, which will be another avenue for students to share their opinions on the matter.

These organizations should be commended for their willingness to address the issue, which is the first step towards bringing awareness to the entire campus. Opening up a dialog with students on important issues, such as racism, is a vital step in creating a stronger and more open-minded community.

These organizations should also be encouraged to continue to keep the discussion going and to include as many student voices as possible.

Communication amongst various student organizations and departments on this and other matters of inequality is a substantial part of making social progress within our community.



Do women propel the double standard?

I sometimes listen to women ramble on about the characteristics their dream male has, and those requirements often tend to be absurd and ridiculous. It is okay to have standards and pride when it comes to looking for a partner, but a lot of women go over the top.

They want a man with the perfect body, the most money and basically all of the characteristics of Superman, and nine times out of 10, men like this simply don't exist.

So how do we men feel when we are bombarded with these requests every day? The answer is not too happy. These ideals lead to frustration and tensions among men and women.

If you expect a lot in a man, he will expect a lot in you. Men can often be childish and instead of explaining our

CHARLES IN CHARGE



CHARLES RUDISON

emotions, we take it out on women in a negative way.

Another thing that is done in a relationship is the speculation of what is and isn't a man's job in said relationship. Women can make men feel like if they don't have all the characteristics they are looking for, they are nothing but failures.

This leaves us in a severe state of confusion, and in turn makes us feel as though we have to behave in a strong-

willed and one-sided manner.

When women script out how a man should behave, we script out how a woman should behave. Men have huge egos, and we don't like to be one-upped. This factor leads us to becoming exponentially more harsh when it comes to the way we treat women.

Women constantly remind us all of our duties as men. Men then remind women what we want from them.

The fact of the matter is men aren't solely to blame for the double standard. Women play a part in it too. The day some women stop emphasizing all of males "duties" could be the day men try to understand and respect women a lot more.

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

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Three tips for dealing with those annoying classmates

It is five minutes until the end of class. The professor has finished her lecture and is about to let you out early when a student raises his hand to ask a meaningless question that has nothing to do with the course you are in.

Yes, we all have been through this before. The dreaded one person in your class is one that nobody can stand. It's inevitable that they will be there. No matter if you change your seat, your class or even your major, they will be there lurking around to not put their phone on silent and let it ring throughout a test, or arguing with the professor.

So what are the best ways to deal with your annoying classmate?

1) Don't acknowledge them.

Remember when you threw a tantrum as a little kid, and no one paid attention to you so that you would get the hint. Do the same with them. If Tina is talking over the professor don't engage her in conversation.

If you join in to laugh about their jokes or make loud comments about their actions they will think that what they are doing is acceptable.

Some people get a rise out of watching other people squirm. Don't let them do that to you.

2) Confront them

You have tried to give them subtle hints. Now is the time to let them know. Don't do this in a rude or forceful way or when you are angry.

Simply pull them aside and say, "Hey Sarah, when you blast 'Turn Down For What' throughout class I can't hear the professor and I would really like it if you could turn it down."

Maybe Henry doesn't know that is

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ERINN WILLIAMS

continuous clicking of his pen is driving you nuts.

There is a chance that this will not go well though, so that leads us into the next point.

3) Let the professor know.

Most of the times when you are dealing with someone who is disrupting the class your other classmates or the professor have noticed the problem.

Don't sit around and let someone affect your grade. If Jim isn't helping out in the group project and you have to take on all of the responsibility for it let the professor know.

Not only will it save you from unneeded stress, but also it will protect you from getting a bad grade due to the negligence of others.

Always remember that you have paid way too much money to sit through class and have to deal with anything coming between you and your grades.

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

Infidelity glorified on television

ABC's soapy political drama "Scandal" will return from its winter hiatus tonight with a new episode that is sure to heat up television screens across the country, but this is one avid television viewer that won't be watching.

"Scandal" is arguably one of the better dramas on network television right now, with sharp writing and strong acting, but its constant glorification of infidelity has kept me from fully embracing the buzz-worthy series.

Though "Scandal" is set in the world of politics, the most predominant storyline is an ongoing affair between its two main characters, Olivia Pope and President Fitzgerald Grant. The pair is depicted as star-crossed lovers who are constantly drawn to each other despite the fact that they have a marriage and the whole running-the-country thing standing in their way.

Week after week, the writers for "Scandal" ask viewers to root for the couple despite their actions, while Fitz's wife Millie is portrayed as villain rather than a victim of her husband's infidelity.

While the lives of fictional characters are not a real life concern, it is troubling to see a trend developing on television where affairs are portrayed as sexy and exciting rather than immoral.

Following the success of "Scandal," NBC developed the similarly themed but poorly received series "Betrayal" about a couple that is having an affair despite being on either sides of a high-powered legal battle.

There are certainly more deplorable things that television characters have done, especially in a television landscape where main characters are prison inmates and serial killers, but

BEHIND THE SCENES



PEYTON CALLANAN

infidelity is a more common real world problem that shouldn't be something that is willingly hyped by hoards of television viewers.

"Scandal" creator Shonda Rhimes is known for her strong female characters, but the recurring theme of infidelity on her shows detracts from the characters' more interesting facets. On her now-aging hospital drama "Grey's Anatomy," almost every character has either cheated or been cheated on as if it is an inevitable part of life.

Cable networks are picking up on the adultery trend as well, with Showtime developing a new show called "The Affair" and HBO picking up a Ryan Murray series about non-monogamous relationships called "Open."

It seems worrisome that our society is so willing to accept shows and ask viewers to revel in the actions of adulterous characters. What we see on our television screens is often a reflection on what is happening within our own culture, and the rampant glorification of infidelity on popular television shows says a lot about the world we are living in 2014.

Callanan is a senior communication arts major from Chuluota, FL. She is the current Opinions Editor.

Why you should care about foreign languages

I have asked countless times in elementary school until college: "Why is it so important to study a foreign language?" I thought learning a foreign language was both a waste of time and tedious. It's not like I had any plans to move to another country — at least not one that spoke another language. As I'm entering maturity I admire my friends who are bilingual and I wish I had had that devotion. They have shown me the importance of foreign languages.

A lot of the departments here at Georgia Southern University have a foreign language "requirement." However, in our globally diverse, connected world, any establishment that can give you a chance at fluency in multiple

languages is yielding more of an opportunity and not a "requirement." People who train in a foreign language are prepared and enthused to think globally about their futures. It allows you to make connections around the world and opens a plethora of doors for opportunities and careers.

As a writing and linguistics major, I can see it build on the linguistic side of things. This is where fundamentals of grammar, semantics and phonetics get developed and help me to succeed in my everyday writing. As a result, learning the core to another language helps reinforce your awareness in your own language — your words, sentences and methods become a

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JAMES DEVLIN

conscious process and a precious skill set. Other cultures also offer beautiful literature we can only experience in that language. Setting that aside, the study of other languages isn't just for translators or writers — it's significant to other fields as well: computer science, public health,

exercise science, business and more.

Learning foreign languages sharpens your brain, helping develop focus and problem solving. It will extend your understanding of our diverse world and make you a global citizen. Even in America we have a vast variety of people blended together in this melting pot of cultures. I believe foreign languages need to be an important part of any curriculum and taught early on.

Devlin is a junior writing and linguistics major from Lawrenceville.

WEEKLY BUZZ

A weekly calendar listing sponsored by The Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

Feb. 27 - Mar. 6

THURSDAY 2.27.2014

UPB

A Night at the Clubhouse

The Clubhouse - 2704 Old Register Rd, Statesboro, GA 30458, 10 PM until 1 AM

Come out to The Clubhouse this night for free bowling, games, and laser tag! every Georgia Southern student with a valid Eagle ID will get 1 round of mini-golf, 1 game of bowling with shoes, and 1 game of laser tag, all for free! BRING YOUR EAGLE ID!

CRI

Bouldering Night Out (BNO)

7 p.m.

Come join Southern Adventures for a fun night of climbing at our bouldering cave! This event is a great experience for students with experience or first time climbers. This Thursday, the theme is "So You Think You're Outdoorsy" and we encourage you to dress up and participate to win cool prizes. No need to sign up, just show up at 7!

FRIDAY 2.28.2014

CRI

Open High Challenge Course

5pm

Register now for the Open High Challenge Course hosted by Southern Adventures to test your strength and endurance! Make sure to pre-register by calling 912-478-7227 or go to the Southern Adventures Center at the RAC.

UPB

Late Night Movie: "Thor: The Dark World"

Russell Union Theater, 6 PM and 8 PM

UPB invites all students out for a free showing of the hit movie Thor: The Dark World. The movie will be shown on Friday, February 28th at 6 PM and 8 PM in the Russell Union Theater.

SATURDAY 3.1.2014
SUNDAY 3.2.2014
MONDAY 3.3.2014

Monday, March 3

Basketball All-Star Night

8pm

If you want to see the best Intramural sports basketball players in action come to the All-Star game! Players will also compete in a dunk contest!

UPB

Unplugged

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

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

Fraternity & Sorority Life Events

Multicultural Greek Council is having their week starting March 3, 2014:

Monday, March 3, 2014

11:00 - 2:00: Multicultural Greek Council Week Kick Off at the Rotunda
 Join our Multicultural Greek Council organizations at the Rotunda

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

Russell Union 2080 @ 6:00pm

Multicultural Greek Council Informational

Join the MGC to learn more about the council and member organizations

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Russell Union Theatre @7:00pm

Educational Forum on events happening in Venezuela

Friday, March 7, 2014

6:00pm: Mixer with the Multicultural Greek Council at the Rotunda

Join the Multicultural Greek Council for food, music, dancing and fun at the Rotunda to wrap up the week
 Office of Student Activities Events

TUESDAY 3.4.2014
WEDNESDAY 3.5.2014
THURSDAY 3.6.2014

Sexual Assault Response Team Events

Take Back the Night March

7:00 pm

Begin in front of the Georgia Southern bookstore and go through campus, culminating in a rally at the Russell Union Rotunda. The march and rally are held to raise awareness of and speak out against sexual violence. A candlelight vigil takes place during the rally to demonstrate our remembrance of those affected by sexual violence and our commitment to creating respectful relationships and a safer campus community.

CRI

Belay Clinic

8 p.m.

Register now for the belay clinic. Southern Adventures offers a series of climbing clinics to help prepare you for leading safe, ethical, and enjoyable rock climbing trips. This clinic is a great opportunity and learning experience! To register stop by the Southern Adventure's office.

Sexual Assault Response Team Events

Sponsoring our 14th Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Week from March 3, 2014 through March 6, 2014, for more information, please call (912) 478-5541 or (912) 478-1566:

The Clothesline Project is a visual display that honors survivors and memorializes victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking. During the public display, a clothesline is hung with t-shirts in a range of colors representing the type of violence experienced. Each shirt is designed by the survivor or by someone who cares about the survivor or victim to represent the particular person's experience. The Clothesline Project will be displayed at the Russell Union Rotunda and in the lobby of the RAC during Sexual Assault Awareness Week. Anyone wishing to share her/his story by creating a t-shirt design is welcome to come to either location from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Russell Union Rotunda or 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the RAC lobby.

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Students upvote 'Yik Yak' app

BY STEFANY BORNMAN

The George-Anne contributor

The latest social media trend on the Georgia Southern University campus allows users to anonymously post comments to a live feed visible to others in the same geographic region.

Yik Yak, a free smartphone application, uses location services to create a feed of the top 500 posts within a five-mile radius. Users can post anything to a message board under an anonymous or false name.

"People who hide behind anonymous posts, I consider them cowardly people. The Internet has created a way that they are not responsible for what they say," Eric Landers, co-director of National Youth at Risk of GSU, said.

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-Eric Landers,

co-director of National Youth at Risk of GSU

The range of the Statesboro area's live feed includes posts from crude humor, to specifically naming students and organizations, suggestive sexual content, drug and alcohol abuse and violence.

There are no limitations to the content posted by users. The lack of restriction creates

the ability to post vulgar comments.

"The anonymity of the Internet has already caused so many kids to feel attacked and it has basically enabled many kids to do things that they would not do if their name was attached to it," Landers said.

According to Gary Gawel, director of

diversity services, a student can file a sexual harassment complaint based off what happens online and applies to all types of social media.

The only warning the application gives is age-restricted material. Before download the application prompts users to validate they are 17-years-old or older due to explicit content.

"Upvote what's good and downvote what's not," as stated in the description found on the App Store. The posts, or Yaks, become popular as users "upvote" and comment on them.

Posts can also be deleted when two users check the content as inappropriate, or "downvote" the post. The developers of Yik Yak also allow users to screenshot inappropriate content and email it their headquarters to be removed.

Yaks such as "If this gets 100 likes, I'll swim in lake Hendy tomorrow at 2:20 in between classes. If not, my roommate owes me \$1/like under 100. Game on" posted 2 weeks ago and received 129 upvotes.

"It's fun to read but at the same time it's not fun if you end up on there," Aleana Dall'Acqua, senior interior design major, said.

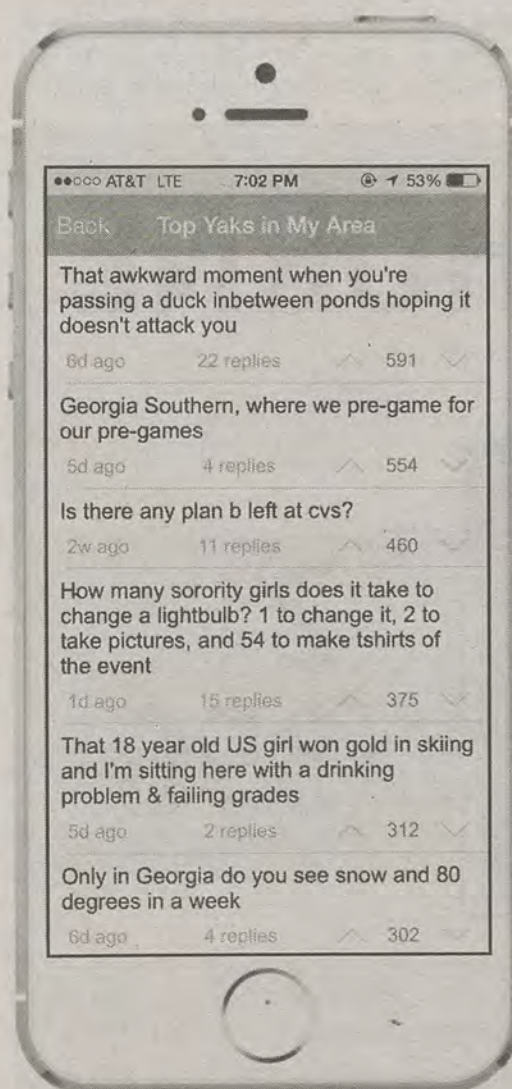
Developed by two Furman University students, Tyler Droll and Brooks Buffington, and released three months ago, Yik Yak has gained over 100,000 active users and over 15,000 new posts go live each day.

Kristen Fisher, senior marketing major said, "The app is entertaining but can be brutal at times."

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1. You do not bully or specifically target other yakkers.
- 2. You DO NOT bully or specifically target other yakkers.
- 3. Zero tolerance policy on using people's full names and phone numbers.
- 4. Don't clutter people's feeds with useless or offensive yaks. If you see a useless or offensive yak to make sure to do your part and downvote or report it.
- 5. If your yaks continue to be downvoted or reported, you will be warned and then suspended.
- 6. Ride the Yak.

Yik Yak is a community where you can post anonymous messages for other users in your area to see. Post your thoughts, observations, questions, etc., just make sure that you're posting quality content. Herds of yaks are strongest when they work together and should watch each other's backs. Yaks should not join a herd until they are mature enough, so no one under college age should be on Yik Yak. Here a few guidelines to creating an awesome herd of yaks around you:



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Recruitment for Southern Ambassadors continues

BY MAUREEN O'LEARY

The George-Anne staff

The Southern Ambassadors are recruiting new members this week with applications due on March 5.

Southern Ambassadors recruit prospective students to come to Georgia Southern University by giving tours, hosting events and reaching out beyond the campus.

Kay Beth Lockwood, the faculty advisor from the Office of Admissions, said that the training for those who are accepted is a crash course at the beginning of the fall 2014 semester, and then updates on new information throughout the year.

In addition to giving tours of campus, the Southern Ambassadors host three open houses a year, scholarship events and trips to Jacksonville and Atlanta to recruit prospective students.

"We basically bring GSU to Atlanta or Jacksonville, so they can get a feel for what the school is like," Lockwood said.

Elijah Anderson, Southern Ambassadors Executive Board member and senior political science major, attended last year's Jacksonville trip.

"We get to show how we're not just a state institution, but people from other states have interest in us as well," Anderson said. "It's a really great way to recruit the next class of Eagles, so it's very rewarding in that sense."

Applicants must have completed at least 12 hours and have a minimum GPA of 2.5.

"We're looking for leaders on campus, people who are involved in different things that will bring some different groups and diversity to our groups so that we can show the entire student body,

not just one type," Lockwood said.

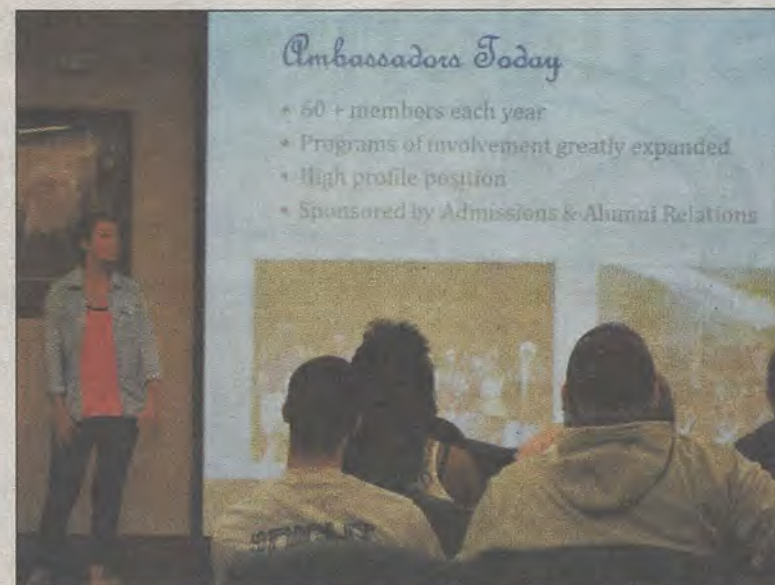
"You get to show off your university and things that you love and things you've been able to do here, as well as learn public speaking and communication which you can transfer to the workplace down the road," Lockwood said.

Applicants must be available to give 2 tours per month and be available either 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m. twice a week.

There will be bi-weekly meetings, the dates of which are yet to be determined.

Allie Yancey, a junior fashion design major and member of the Southern Ambassadors Executive Board, said spring is the busiest time for the organization, giving tours to prospective high school students who are close to graduation.

Yancey said, "I love being able to meet freshman and hear what



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The Southern Ambassadors program hosted interest sessions before the application deadline on March 5. Southern Ambassadors helps recruit prospective students to GSU by guiding tours and hosting events.

they want to do on campus and how they want to get involved. I also think it's a great way to learn

public speaking and meet a lot of people. It's a lot of hard work and a lot of fun. It's definitely worth it."

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BY ASHLEY ROYAL

The George-Anne contributor

For the past 12 years, the Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) sorority chapter at Georgia Southern University has been selling strawberries in the spring to raise money for breast cancer awareness and education.

"We raised a lot last year and succeeded our goal. We try to raise the goal higher every year and we have been successfully reaching these goals," Bailey Poage, strawberry sales coordinator, said.

According to Poage this year's sale goal is \$16,000.

The strawberries are sold in flats for \$18 and can be preordered through a ZTA member.

The pick up date is Saturday, March 8 in the Hanner Fieldhouse parking lot.

"Majority of the sales comes from pre-orders. Last year we bought around two thousand one hundred flats and two thousand of them were pre-ordered," Poage said.

The sale has been put on every year since 2002 and ZTA's selection of selling strawberries instead of something else is not random.

"We sell strawberries because they are one of our symbols. They were a gift given to one of our nine original members by an admirer," Poage.

All of the members of the sorority are actively involved in all aspects of the sale.

"We all participate by selling twelve flats of strawberries each. It is a great way to get to know local people and to get the ZTA's name out and I think it is successful because every year more people look forward to it and we continue growing in fundraising," Jesse Barry, freshman ZTA member, said.

Every year the advertising for the sale increases. It has been advertised by all of the members and through flyers, Northland Cable and signs around Statesboro.

"It is cool everyone knows us for this event. I was wearing a Zeta shirt at the baseball game and sold a flat to random lady who asked me about it in the bathroom," Poage said. "The same thing happened to another member in Walmart."

The strawberries come from Wish Farms located in Plant City, Fl. A former GSU ZTA's family owns the farm.

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Bailey Poage,
Strawberry Sales Coordinator

EVENT INFO

Who: Zeta Tau Alpha

What: Strawberry Selling

When: Pick-up is Saturday March 8

Where: Pick-up is Hanner Fieldhouse parking lot

Why: Raise money for breast cancer awareness and education

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Delegates from Ghana visit Statesboro

BY TAYLER CRITCHLOW

The George-Anne staff

Three honorary members of Ghana's Parliament arrived on Georgia Southern University's campus Monday.

The members were part of an organized training tour studying democratic governance in the Georgia Assembly and other state institutions, according to the news release.

The Ghana delegates included Honorable Emmanuel K. Bedzrah, chairman of the Government Assurance Committee, the Honorable John O.K. Bless and Dr. Emmanuel Akrofi-Tibo, assistant clerk to the committee, according to the release.

The delegates visit places that offer opportunities to learn about oversight, ethics and accountability in government operations, according to the release.

"We are here to learn about your institution and what makes your government and democracy work. Everyone is looking up to America and we want to learn and also improve upon our working parliament," Bedzrah said in the release.

"I'm impressed by the number of programs offered and the volume of students at Georgia Southern University. International students, including African students, come here from all over the world. When I get back to Ghana, I will encourage more and more people to come and learn here," Bless said in the release.

The committee that coordinated the delegates' visit consisted of William Amponsah, Ph.D., College of Business Administration faculty member, and Russell Keen, vice president for Governmental Relations and Community Engagement.

The delegates received a campus tour and then met with Jean Bartels,

provost, Allen Amason, Ph.D., COBA dean, Jan Moore, Mayor of Statesboro, and representatives from Georgia Southern's Office of International Programs.

The nation of Ghana demonstrates an interest in advancing democratic principles in its development strategies and is often referred to as the torchbearer of African democracy, according to the news release.

Ghana also received an award from President Barack Obama in July 2009 when he first visited the sub-Saharan African nation as president, according to the release.

According to the release, after visiting Georgia Southern and Statesboro, the Ghanaian delegation will head to the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government, Atlanta for the Georgia Assembly and other related institutions for further training.



Photo courtesy of GSU Marketing Communication Department

Three Ghanaian delegates met with the provost, COBA dean, vice president for Governmental Relations and Community Engagement, Mayor of Statesboro and a COBA faculty member. The delegates came to Georgia Southern University's campus on Monday to tour and learn about government operations.

GSU students practice recycling

BY TAYLER CRITCHLOW

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University's Center for Sustainability is participating in the RecycleMania Tournament for the second year in a row and is currently ranked third in the state of Georgia.

The Center for Sustainability had volunteers go around and take pictures of unsuspecting students that were "caught green-handed" by recycling or behaving in a sustainable way, according to the news release.

"RecycleMania is a great way to increase campus awareness about the importance of recycling. By simply taking a few more steps to a recycling bin to deposit paper, plastic or cans, we can earn the campus money and keep these valuable materials out of the landfill," Lissa Leege, director of

the Center for Sustainability, said in the release.

As of now the cumulative greenhouse gas reduction for Georgia Southern's efforts is the energy consumption of three households or seven cars off the road, according to the RecycleMania Tournament website.

RecycleMania began in 2001 as a challenge between Ohio University and Miami University, when the two recycling coordinators at the schools were looking for a way to motivate students to recycle more, according to the website.

In 2004, RecycleMania partnered with US EPA WasteWise program and continued to grow from there and as of 2011 included 630 schools representing 49 states and four Canadian provinces, according to the website.

It is now an independent program of the RecycleMania

Steering Committee and is sponsored by SCA Tissue, Coca-Cola Company, Alcoa Foundation, Keep America Beautiful and the American Forest & Paper Association, according to the release.

The Tournament is a competition and benchmark for college and university recycling programs across the United States and Canada that spans eight weeks each spring to promote waste reduction activities, according to the website.

Each week schools report on the amount of trash and recycling collected each week and are ranked on a per capita basis, according to the website.

Georgia Southern is currently ranked 233 out of 362 in the "Per Capita Classic" and out of the state of Georgia, Morehouse College is ranked first and University of Georgia is second, according to the website.



Photo courtesy of Ashton Hammond

LeeAnn Hover recycles a paper to help the campus in its sustainable efforts. The Center for Sustainability is participating in RecycleMania Tournament to motivate students to recycle more.

Students speak on Oscar nominees

Fashion

BY LAURIANNA CULL

The George-Anne staff

The most anticipated time of the award season is finally here. Hollywood's elite will join together in red carpet fashion on Sunday for the 86th annual Academy Awards.

Popular categories amongst viewers are generally Best Actor and Actress in a Supporting Role, Best Actor and Actress in a Leading Role, and the finale of the night; Best Picture.

Nominated in the category of Best Actress in a Supporting Role are Sally Hawkins ("Blue

Jasmine"), Jennifer Lawrence ("American Hustle"), Lupita Nyong'o ("12 Years a Slave"), Julia Roberts ("August: Osage County"), and June Squibb ("Nebraska").

The nominees for Best Actor in a Supporting Role are Barkhad Abdi ("Captain Phillips"), Bradley Cooper ("American Hustle"), Michael Fassbender ("12 Years a Slave"), Jonah Hill ("The Wolf of Wall Street"), and Jared Leto ("Dallas Buyers Club").

In the category of Best Actress in a Leading Role, the nominees are Amy Adams ("American Hustle"), Cate Blanchett ("Blue Jasmine"), Sandra Bullock ("Gravity"), Judi Dench ("Philomena"), and Meryl Streep ("August: Osage County").

Nominated for Best Actor in a Leading Role is Christian Bale ("American Hustle"), Bruce Dern ("Nebraska"), Leonardo DiCaprio ("The Wolf of Wall Street"), Chiwetel Ejiofor ("12 Years a Slave"), and Matthew McConaughey ("Dallas Buyers Club").

And, the nominees for Best Picture are "American Hustle," "Captain Phillips," "Dallas Buyers Club," "Gravity," "Her," "Nebraska," "Philomena," "12 Years a Slave," and "The Wolf of Wall Street."

Although the Academy chooses the winners of each and every Oscar, students give their opinion on who they think should win.



Zach Garrett, Junior
Spanish and Public Relations

Best Picture

"The 'Wolf of Wall Street' movie is very entertaining and keeps me on the edge of my seat every time I watch it."

Best Actor

"Leo DiCaprio because he is a really good actor and he, I see him on the rise as a good comedian because he's not looked at as a comedian right now but I do think he is on the rise"

Best Actress

"Meryl Streep because she really gets into her character and she really captivates the audience."



Alyson Gilbert, Senior
Fashion Merchandising

Best Picture

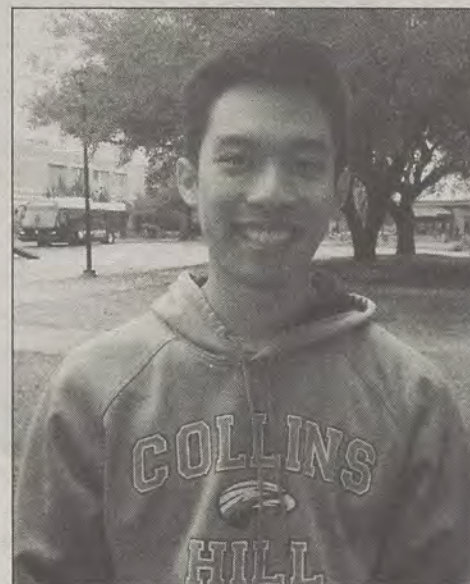
"I think '12 Years a Slave' is going to win best picture because I keep hearing about it, it's the buzz"

Best Actor

"Leonardo DiCaprio should win best male actor because he deserves a damn Oscar."

Best Actress

"Meryl Streep for best female lead actress, because she's Meryl Streep, the end."



Tu Vo, Sophomore
Biology/Pre-Med

Photos Courtesy of Armond Snowden

Best Picture

"(Gravity) was a really good movie, very good special effects, pretty good dialogue, and a lot of metaphorical thingies, images, it's great."

Best Actor

"It has to be hands down Leonardo DiCaprio, because that's my boy right there. Me and him go way back, since the 'Titanic' times. I think he did a fantastic job playing in 'Wolf of Wall Street.'"

Best Actress

"I would have to say, Amy Adams in 'American Hustle.' I mean she's smoking. I'd probably take her out to dinner or something."

THE BUZZ LIST



BY KIMEKO MCCOY

- Pharrell's hat is said to make an appearance at the Oscars since it parted ways with the artist. Pharrell sold the hat and is now looking for another Smokey the Bear set of headgear. Maybe a set of Mickey Mouse ears?
- Ellen Degeneres will be hosting The Oscars this year and hopefully she'll start the show in the same fashion she starts her own- with awkward dancing.
- Jonah Hill appeared on Jimmy Kimmel to talk about his films for The Oscars. He looked sharp in his suit and tie, which is a big change from his "Superbad" days.
- Pharrell is rumored to be performing his big hit 'Happy' for The Oscars. Hopefully Taylor Swift will be in attendance. Hopefully she won't be dancing.
- Shia LaBeouf wasn't nominated for any Academy Awards, and according to the paper bag he put over his head in a recent interview, he is "NOT FAMOUS ANYMORE."

Information compiled by Arts & Entertainment Editor Kimeko McCoy from perezhiton.com and TMZ.com.

Survival guide to midterms

Professors offer advice on how to study and pass

BY KAITLYN GLENN

The George-Anne staff

It's that time again; midterms are right around the corner, so turn your coffee pots on, get your highlighters ready and reserve your spot in "Club Hendy."

The semester is at the point where tests are piling up, and when it comes to studying everyone has their own process.

Some constantly study hours upon hours trying to prepare, while others wait until the last minute.

Recently, an exam preparation session was held on campus courtesy of education program specialist Brian Hyer, and here are some general tips to help get you through this tough test-taking time.

Use your Resources.

Tip 1

GSU is always trying to find new ways to help the students succeed. There are a number of resources around campus to do so.

"The Academic Success Center is a great resource, we offer tutoring in a lot of the core courses, like math and social sciences. So getting students not only over here is important, but getting them over here early," Hyer said.

Know the exam.

Tip 2

The professors should be your number one resource; they are the individuals that are making the test so be sure to ask them detailed questions about it. Most professors won't mind.

"Mind? Heck no. We want to help. But if by 'help' the student means covering something, perhaps for the umpteenth time, that was dealt with in class or a study guide, and the only reason the student needs help now is because he/she missed class or zoned out during a review or etc., well, that can be, let's see; what's polite? Hmmm... frustrating? Exasperating? Irritating?" Marc Cyr, literature and philosophy department professor, said.

Review weekly.

Tip 3

It's tough, but don't wait until the last minute. Think of school as your main job and put the time and effort it takes to succeed at it.

"When it comes to certain subjects, there are specific ways to study. With math the only thing I can do is just practice the problems until I have it down," Sanice Bell, sophomore graphic design major, said.

Create a study schedule plan.

Tip 4

I know, I know, we're all busy with our classes, jobs, and parties, but plan your time well so you can get everything done academically and socially.

"I began keeping a journal, so I can keep my time and all the events and everything; like when tests are, when I need to prepare for the next exam really helped," Karen Taylor, sophomore pre-business major, said.

"Start reviewing your notes early. That not only gives the info time to stick, but also allows students to identify gaps in the knowledge and seek to fill them in," Cyr said.

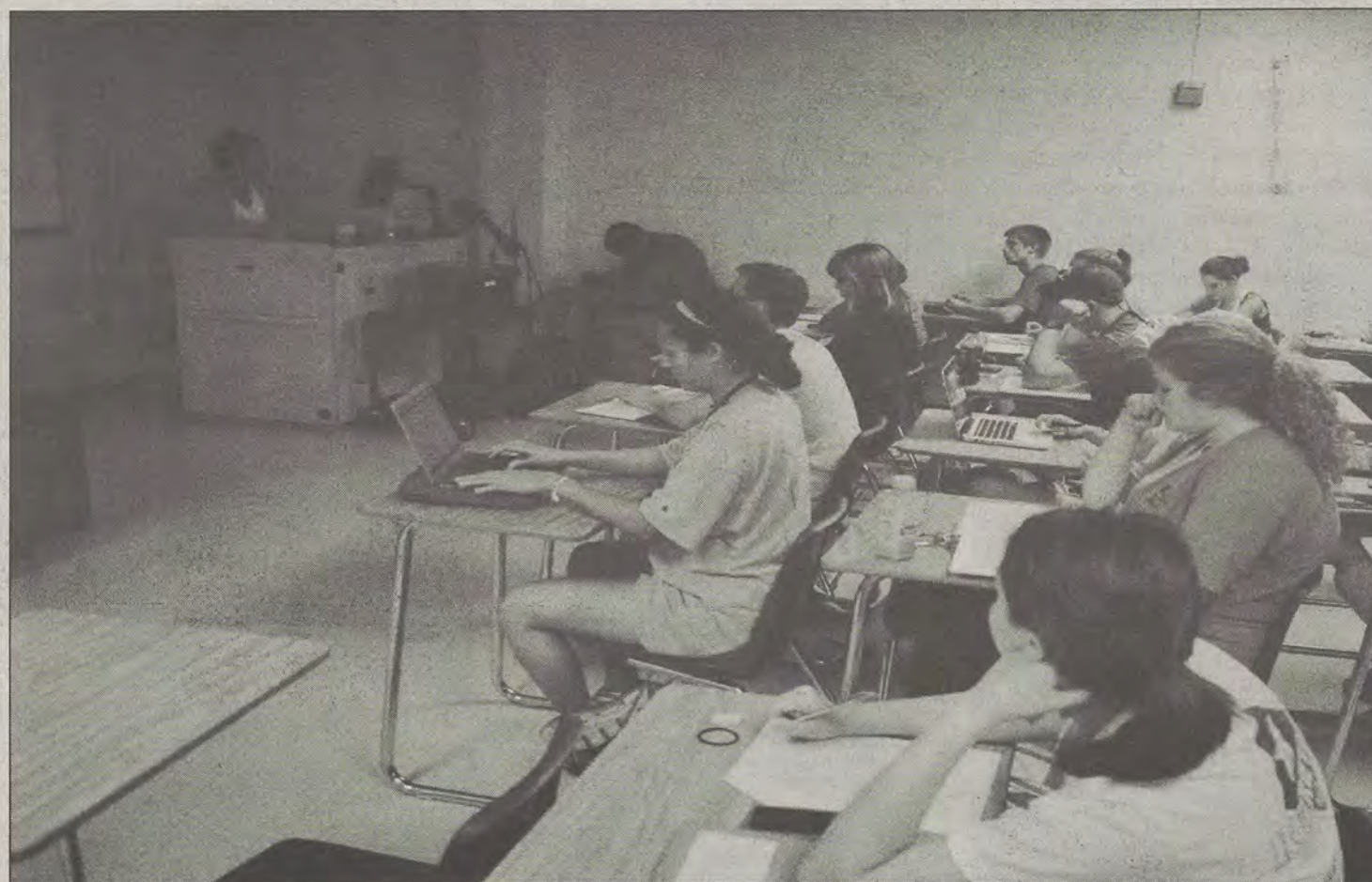
Utilize your learning style to prepare.

Tip 5

There are three learning styles: auditory, kinesthetic and visual. Take the time to figure out your style and it'll help.

"I'm trying to study more in the library instead of my apartment, so I can concentrate more, but it's an ongoing process," Ariel Wood, freshman undeclared major, said.

Although cramming is looked down upon, at times it's unavoidable. Make a timeline plan and make strategic choices on what to study. Once you know what to study, condense information to notecards and recite, recite, recite.



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Georgia Southern students must overcome many obstacles on top of the content of the test itself as they prepare for an upcoming midterm or final.

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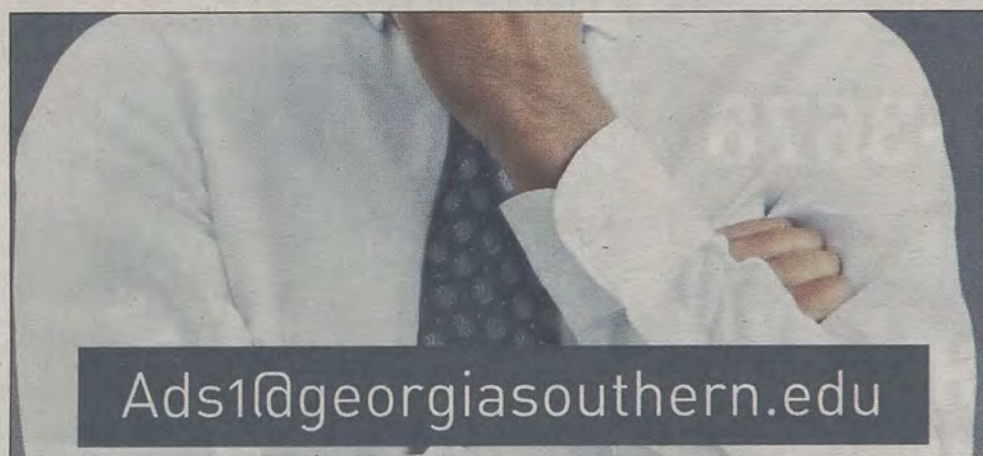
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Non-profit group Beneath the Waves will be hosting the third leg of their film festival at GSU. The group of graduate students will be showing seven films highlighting various ocean-related issues.

GSU to host film festival

BY ARMOND SNOWDEN

The George-Anne contributor

Next Tuesday, Georgia Southern University students can expect to go under the sea at the Beneath The Waves Film Festival.

In the Russell Union Theater, GSU will host the third leg of the 2014 iteration of the film festival. Past schools that have hosted include The University of South Dakota and The Florida Institute of Technology.

Beneath The Waves, Inc. is a non-profit group, lead by graduate students that tours the country, educating on a wide range of ocean-related topics.

Lissa Leege Ph. D., director of the Center of Sustainability and a co-organizer of the event, wants to expose students to an entity that affects our daily lives.

"There are films from all around the world to show both local problems and global problems, but to introduce students to what issues are beneath the waves and to end with what students can actually do," Leege said.

There will be seven films that will be shown during the festival and many topics related to ocean preservation will be covered. These topics range from international fishing, fish farming and a documentary on indigenous people surviving on

the coasts.

Students are encouraged to come out to learn, not only about the ocean, but to also find ways to help out around the area. Daniel Gleason, Ph. D., director of the Institute for Coastal Plain Science and a festival co-organizer, believes students can have a profound impact.

"We'll end up with a video that'll show ocean problems, but then say, you know, what can you do? And give some suggestions about what you can do even though, you know, you're 50 miles from the coast, living in Statesboro. What could you do to actually help in terms of ocean issues?" Gleason said.

After the screenings, there will be a panel featuring ocean experts. These experts are from around the Southeast and include the superintendent of the Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary, which is located down the road in Savannah. Students will have the opportunity to interact with the panelist and gain more information on the subject of ocean preservation.

The event is the first joint venture between the Center for Sustainability and the Institute for Coastal Plain Sciences.

The Beneath the Waves Film Festival will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Theatre. Food and drinks will be available, provided attendees bring their own cup and bowl.



Photos courtesy of Andrea Bennett

Patrons of the fine arts visit Georgia Southern's Center for Art and Theatre for last year's Evening of the Arts. This year's event will feature two student music ensembles and multiple pieces of art by undergraduate and graduate students.



GSU to celebrate an 'Evening of the Arts'

BY JENNIFER ARTHURS

The George Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University will be holding 'Evening of the Arts' celebration Friday at 7:30 p.m. which will celebrate all art forms for everyone attending the event.

Attendees will experience theatrical performances including the new play "Fuddy Meers," showcases for artists and musical performances by two student jazz ensembles.

"In the galleries, it will be the master of fine arts exhibition. There will be three students from the Betty Foy Sanders department of art showcasing their works in the galleries," Andrea Bennett, department coordinator for

the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, said. "Attendees will be able to walk around and talk to the actual student artist. Then we will have two student music performances. A jazz ensemble and 'Fermata the Blue' jazz vocal ensemble."

People coming to this event will help spread the appreciation for more art forms. If someone is a music lover and witnesses the other art forms of that evening, then they may want to attend other productions, Bennett said.

The event also helps get information out about the scholarships that students receive in the programs. The proceeds from this night will be divided evenly to art, music, and theatre to help increase the already available scholarships

in each of those programs, Bennett said.

Students will be able to talk to attendees about how the scholarships have helped them beyond just financing school, Bennett said.

There will be several students helping with the night including the three students whose work will be showcased.

One student is Eric Clark, a graduate student with a focus in 3-dimensional art, who hopes his work is showcased for the evening of the arts.

Clark hopes his artwork will be showcased for attendees to experience his pieces and learn more about his talent.

"It's always nice to have a dialogue with people looking at your work, and I especially

enjoy it when people don't know it's my work," Clark said. "I'll start to have a conversation with someone to see what they really think. Maybe an outsider who doesn't have a real opinion about art at all. It's really interesting to hear their perspective."

Clark said he believes interaction with the attendees is a great asset for this event. The attendees will be able to learn more about the art world then what they may have previously known, Clark said.

"You're opening the door for people to learn more about art," Clark said. "Which, I think, as in academia, that's what we're here to do, literally teach people about art. That is what I think is important."

Blues in the 'Boro

Guy Davis to bring soul to Averitt

BY ALIA LEWIS

The George-Anne contributor

Surrounded by the musical buzz of Manhattan, performer Guy Davis fell in love with the blues and will be in concert this weekend at the Averitt Center for the Arts.

Born in Manhattan, Davis was not accustomed to hearing the Southern-oriented sounds blues

music derived from but felt familiar with it from the beginning.

"It felt like the music was already inside of me. It felt familiar," Davis said. "[My] body is from New York, but my soul is from places with grass, mountains, and cotton fields."

As he grew older, Davis listened and modeled his talents after blues legends such as Bobby Blue Bland,

Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Taj Mahal and Blind Willie McTell and eventually became a professional blues musician.

Davis has received much success for his music and has traveled around the world. Currently Davis is heading a nation-wide tour with Fabrizio Poggi, guest musician and producer of Davis's album, "Juba Dance."

Davis wants students to attend his concert because he wants them to have a good time and experience his music.

Davis is very passionate about blues music, and urges students to get to know how enjoyable a live presentation of the blues is. He invites them to feel as though they are on the back porch with cookies and lemonade.

"It's an endangered species," Davis said. "There needs to be more listening."

Students can do just that at the Averitt Center this Saturday night where Davis will be performing a variety of his songs as well as other notable blues songs.

Davis said, "Blues gives me a sense of who I am. It's a large part of my identity."

The Averitt Center is currently hosting their African American Heritage Series, said Kate Finch, an Averitt Center employee. The Averitt Center discovered Davis through another employee who worked with famed actors and parents of Guy, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee.

Guy Davis will be in concert this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Averitt Center. Georgia Southern University students can purchase tickets at the door for \$10 with their student ID, although tickets can also be purchased in advance. Tickets are limited and will be on sale until the day of the performance.



Music Review



The Fray: Helios

GENRE: Alternative

RELEASE DATE: Feb. 25

GRADE: 7/10

BOTTOMLINE:

The Fray proves that they can produce more than an overly earnest sound in their newest album.

BY CHARLES RUDISON

The George-Anne staff

The Fray took a different route and fused all kinds of sounds on this album, by pulling from their old sound and flipping it into something with more life.

The band added to their usual soft rock and fused it with more of a funky and vibrant sound. At times the album emits a Coldplay vibe.

The opener 'Hold My Hand' is easily the best song on the album. It is one of those songs that couldn't leave your mind even if you wanted it too. It is the kind of song that you find yourself humming unconsciously in the shower. The song introduces the album well and describes it just as effectively.

Track four, 'Hurricane' features a kind of an electro-pop sound that even Lady Gaga can admire. This song is where you first realize that The

Fray has made significant updates and changes to their sound.

While The Fray did advance their sound, there are still songs on the album that produce the classic Fray sound and vibes. 'Keep on Wanting,' 'Shadow of A Dancer' and 'Same as You' all displayed the band's original inspirational sound.

A downside of the album is the lyrical side of the music was extremely bland and generic. Lyrics like "Love is free/c'mon and give it away," aren't really anything other artists haven't said.

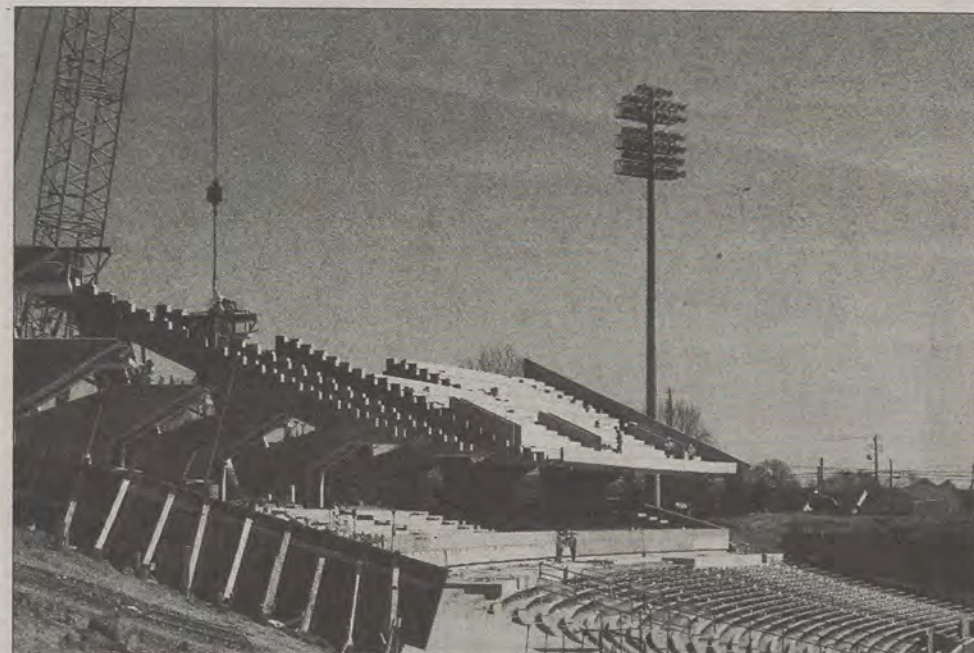
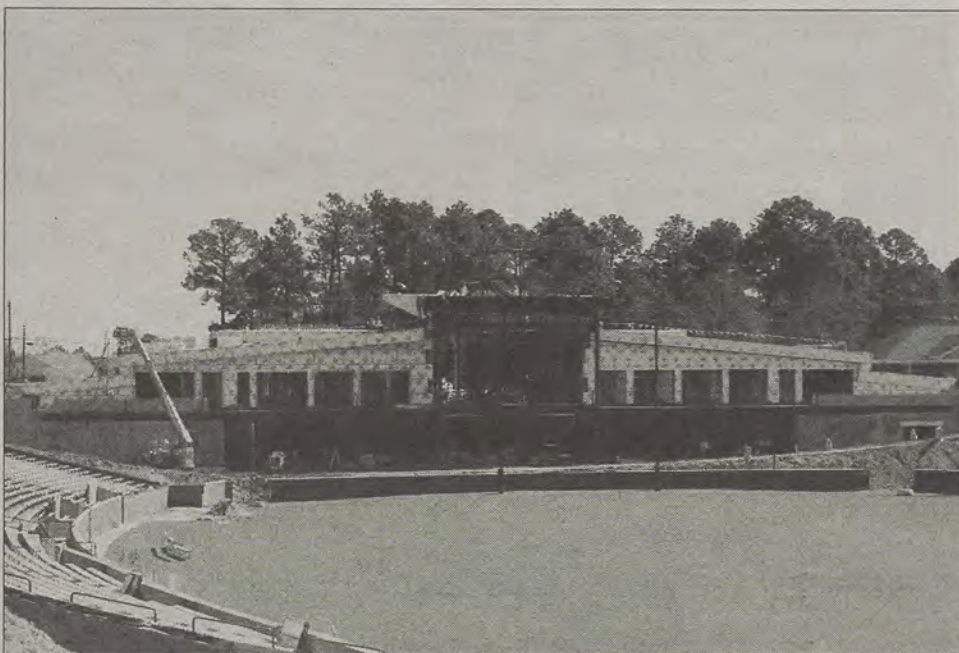
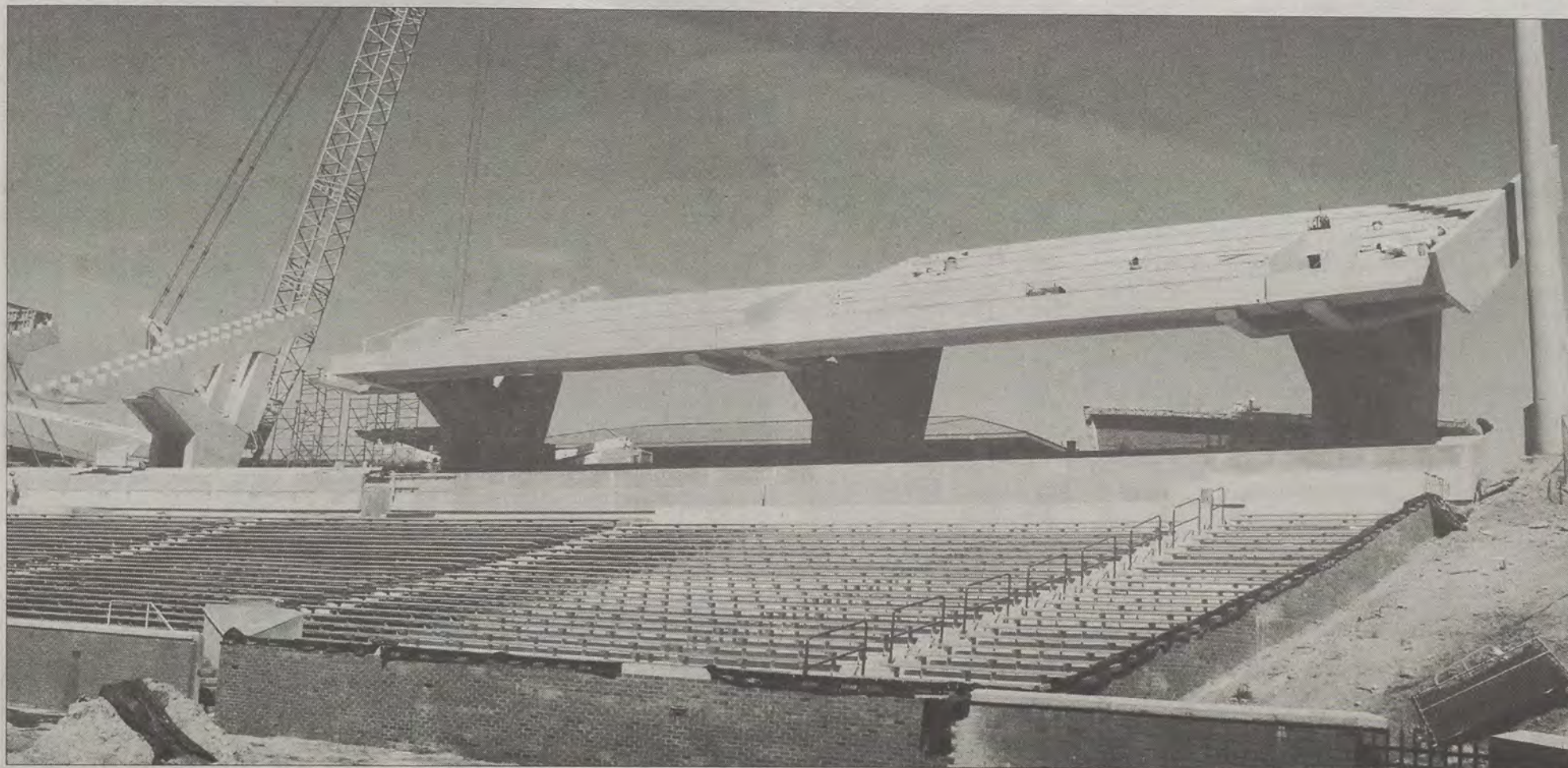
If the lyrical side of the album had been more complex and strayed away from the norm the album would have been much better.

"Helios" does not contain one bad song, even if some are more unremarkable than the obvious standouts.

The album lacks in explosiveness. It doesn't have the explosive properties that can make listeners sit back and say "whoa." It is not the kind of album you would have on repeat weeks after its release, however it carries some catchy tunes. It definitely won't be considered a classic.

The Fray may not be the kings of mainstream radio anymore, but "Helios" shows that The Fray can continue delivering great music to their fans.

Football Operations Center delayed until summer



Ryan Woodham | The George-Anne

President Brooks Keel announced that the stadium expansion would be complete by graduation. The Football Operations Center will be delayed, but should be completed some time this summer. One deck has already been added to the stadium. The Georgia Southern University football team kicks off its home opener as a member of the Sun Belt Conference Sept. 6 against Savannah State University.

Paulson Stadium set for completion by graduation

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX

The George-Anne staff

Despite two winter storms and countless hard rains the expansion of Paulson Stadium is still on track, with a projected completion date before graduation.

However, the Football Operations Center construction has been delayed.

The expansion to Paulson Stadium will add over 6,000 seats, with 4,500 in the new upper deck. Part of the upper deck has already been completed and the supports are up for the rest of the structure.

Bradsfield & Gorrie is the construction company working on the stadium expansion. They will add the Paulson Stadium Expansion Project to their already impressive resume including an expansion on Bryant-Denny Stadium at the University of Alabama and an expansion to Tiger Stadium at Louisiana State University.

Senior Associate Athletic Director of

Interior Operations Jeff Blythe has overseen the construction and remains optimistic of the progress.

"We are making good progress, the plan is still to have the stadium ready by graduation," Blythe said.

The new Football Operations Center is being built by Evans Construction Company. Due to the inclement weather and unforeseen breaks from construction the Football Ops Center's completion has been delayed. University President Brooks A. Keel expressed his excitement for the project.

"I'm told it will be operational by summer, and by the home game kickoff it will be completely operational. It's going to be quite an impressive facility," Keel said.

Evans Construction estimates the building to be completed by summer. Regardless, it appears both the stadium and the Football Ops Center will be prepared for Sept. 6 when the Eagles kick off their first game at home against Savannah State University.



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Paulson Stadium is being renovated to accommodate GSU for its first FBS football season this fall. The improvements are to be completed upon the graduation ceremony in May. The addition includes a large, centralized football operations center and a second seating level.

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Junior pitcher Josh Wirsu and the 7-1 Eagles are preparing to face Ohio and SIUE in Statesboro this weekend.

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Eagles to begin four-game series vs. Ohio

Baseball (7-1)

BY COLIN RITSICK

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University will play its second four-game weekend series in a row, this time facing off against two teams: Ohio University and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Last night's game at Mercer University was cancelled due to rain, so this weekend will be the sixth straight home game for GSU. The Eagles (7-1) have won six straight and have a good chance to continue that streak through this weekend.

Head Coach Rodney Hennon said last week that the biggest difficulty in playing a four-game series was staying focused. That didn't seem too difficult for the team seeing as they swept the University of Maryland Eastern Shore 4-0. But playing two different teams will call for more focus than just playing the same opponent.

GSU will face Ohio tomorrow, SIUE

on Saturday and then a double-header on Sunday with SIUE being the first game.

The Bobcats are 2-4 this season. Stats can only tell part of the story this early in the year, but from what the numbers say, pitching is their weak link.

All four starters carry a 4.00 ERA or higher. They have given up 22 earned runs in eight appearances and have walked 17.

SIUE comes to Statesboro with a 1-6 record. They lose by an average of 7.5 runs per game and have a .230 team batting average. For anyone that doesn't know what that means, just understand that it is bad.

Like Hennon said, staying focused enough to win four games in three days is difficult. But the Eagles did it last weekend and have a good shot at doing it again.

Baseball is a tricky game and anyone can beat anyone on a given day. But don't be surprised if GSU ends the weekend with another sweep and an 11-1 record. If that happens, the Eagles will likely be ranked in the top 30 teams in the nation come Monday.

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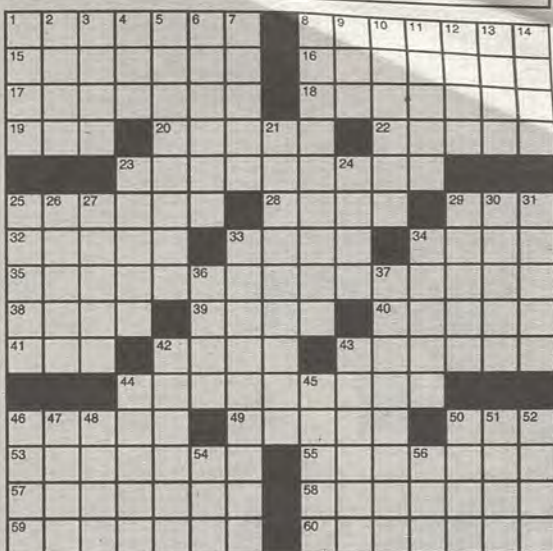
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- 8 Pedestrian
- 15 New Jersey city across from Staten Island
- 16 Play that inspired Puccini
- 17 19th-century literary trio
- 18 Not 26-Down
- 19 Pickett's Charge soldier
- 20 Some moves, briefly
- 22 First family when D.C.'s earliest cherry trees were planted
- 23 1790s diplomatic powder keg
- 25 Chianti container
- 28 Takes off the shoulder, perhaps
- 29 La Paz-to-Montevideo dir.
- 32 Expediently
- 33 Miami Dolphins uniform color
- 34 Fluff pieces?
- 35 Garden blooms named for medieval music makers
- 38 Ship with a prophetic prow
- 39 Mythical bowman
- 40 Motrin competitor
- 41 Oklahoma tribe
- 42 Barrel of laughs
- 43 Flavor, in a way
- 44 Highly rated court figure
- 46 Claptrap
- 49 Clay + straw + water + sunshine
- 50 Recipe meas.
- 53 Type of mining used for near-the-surface minerals
- 55 Sample tray sign
- 57 Ecstasy
- 58 Walk all over
- 59 What con men may assume
- 60 "Act 1: Daily Life" play



By Brad Wilber

DOWN

- 1 50-Across, e.g.
- 2 Infrequent
- 3 Initial warning to an intruder?
- 4 Longtime Cub Santo
- 5 Contestant's payment
- 6 Reaction to a tickle, maybe
- 7 Inventor hired by Westinghouse
- 8 Golfer's knickers
- 9 Operated
- 10 Canal malady
- 11 To date
- 12 "Never gonna happen!"
- 13 "Johnny Mnemonic" actor
- 14 Heels
- 21 Like an old saw
- 23 Maker of the Vortex electric pencil sharpener
- 24 Off
- 25 Evergreen bean
- 26 Like exes
- 27 Movie chameleon voiced by Johnny Depp
- 29 Clog bottoms
- 30 Volley

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- 43 Legacy producer
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Calamities of Nature by Tony Piro

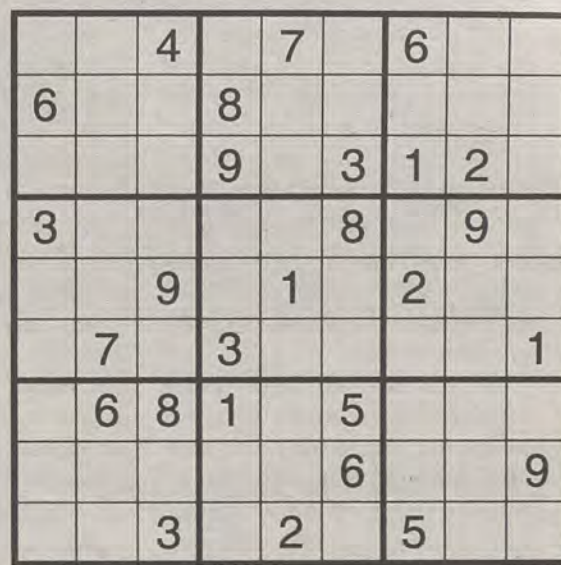
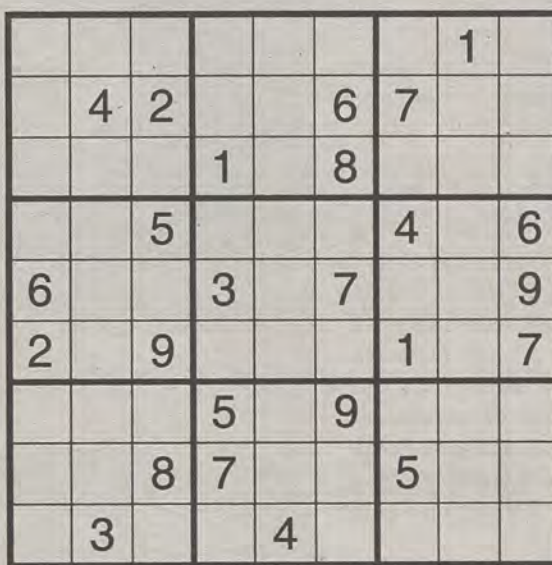
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Senior Will Evans reflects on his years at Southern

BY EMILY ARNOLD

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University takes pride in their student athletes that are able to lead on the playing field and in the classroom and senior golfer Will Evans is a prime example of that.

First picking up the clubs before he was even five years of age, Evans learned to play golf with his dad, and now, almost 20 years later, he is leading the GSU men's golf team exceptionally on the greens and in academics.

"Will has come in and worked hard during his four years here," Larry Mays, head men's golf coach, said. "He came in and got a little bit of playing time his first year and progressively he's gotten a lot better every year and has become a leader both on and off the golf course."

"He's a leader in the classroom; he's probably one of our best students on the team. He carries a high GPA, he leads by example on the course, he's always doing the right thing, he practices hard, goes to class, gets his job done. You couldn't ask for a better leader than somebody who does what they're supposed to do and leads by example."

In the fall of 2013, Evans performed his career's best two weeks in a row starting with a tie for second place at Notre Dame's Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic and shooting a four-under-par to secure that spot. Then, just a week later at the Shoal Creek Intercollegiate Tournament hosted by the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Evans tied for third making that the second top-three finish in a row.

"My coaches showed me this the other day, but I have steadily improved throughout my four years," Evans said. "When I was a freshman, I guess I had the jitters. My stroke average was decent at best, my qualifying average was pretty bad and then we looked through my sophomore year and junior year

and both of those got better. My best golf accomplishment is just improving every year."

Evans has also had a stellar four years academically. His biggest accomplishment was being named an Academic All-American by the Golf Coaches Association of America his junior year, which has requirements of at least a 3.2 GPA, participation in at least 50 percent of the competitions played in by the team and can only be received by juniors and seniors. Evans was also named a SoCon Academic All-Conference member as a sophomore and junior for maintaining at least a 3.3 GPA and playing in at least half of the team's competitions.

Recruited right out of high school in McDonough, Ga., Evans made up his mind about coming to GSU after a campus visit and after getting to know Assistant Head Coach Carter Collins. His biggest pull toward GSU was, of course, the golf program, but also the practice facilities and coaches.

"[Coach Carter] brought me down for a visit and I enjoyed the campus and I made my mind up that I wanted to come and spend four, maybe five, years here and get my education," Evans said. "We have a very nice practice facility out off campus and just the way that our coaches handle themselves and they go about teaching us, not just golf stuff, but how to be gentlemen as well."

Evans is a senior International Trade major with a minor in Spanish and is thinking about pursuing a career in logistics, but he also says that he would love to try his hand at taking his golf career to the next level.

"I'd love to try," Evans said. "When people ask me, I just say that I don't want to be the guy in office that says 'I wish I could've tried.' I want to at least try. If I make it, great, if I don't, oh well."

Traveling to tournaments is a big part of the golf season because there can be as many as nine



Senior Will Evans has earned SoCon academic awards every year he has been at GSU, including the Golf Coaches Association of America All-America Scholar award last season.

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tournaments that require traveling to different states. After playing on the team for the last four years, Evans says the things he will miss the most are traveling and playing in those tournaments.

"Five, maybe six, guys travel to each tournament and when you travel you get closer to the guys

you're with," Evans said. "Traveling and playing in actual tournaments; I'll miss them."

Speaking on his time at GSU thus far, Evans is confident that he has been prepared for whatever road he decides to take after graduation because of how GSU has prepared him academically

and athletically.

Evans said, "I feel like Georgia Southern has definitely prepared me for the business world. If I choose to take that route and in athletics, I have definitely been prepared for the next level as well. I am extremely grateful to come to school here and to be apart of Eagle Nation."

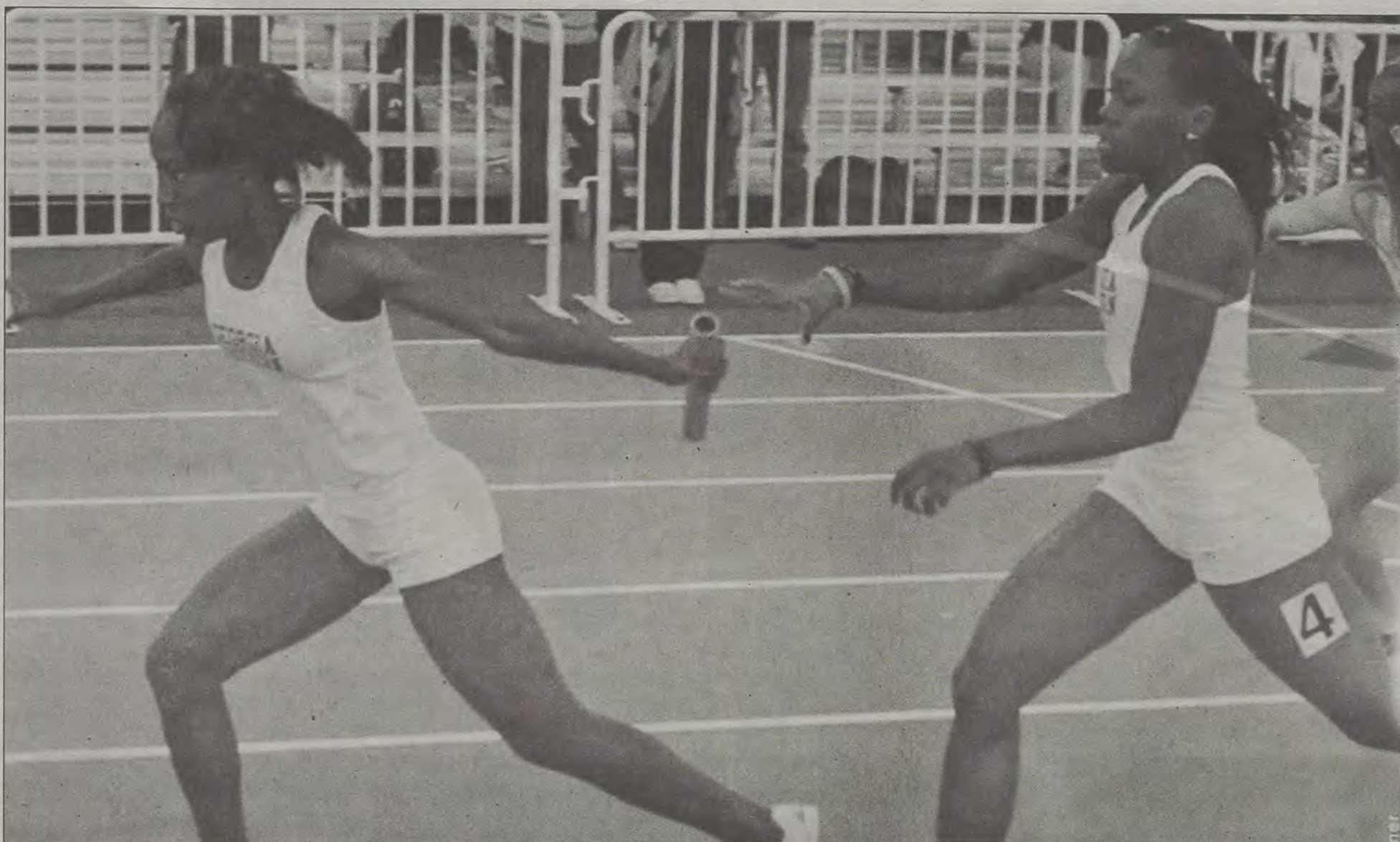


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The GSU track and field team will participate in the 27th annual Indoor Track & Field Championship this weekend. The championship, which is to be held in Winston-Salem, N.C., beginning March 1, will be held at the JDL Fast Track.

Track and field prepares for championship weekend

Track and Field

BY DERIK WUTCHE

The George-Anne contributor

This weekend will mark the women's 27th annual Indoor Track & Field Championship. It has been on the minds of the players all year long. And it has been on Head Coach Marlo Mincey's as well.

In a recent interview, Mincey shared some of her thoughts on what the championship will be like for Georgia Southern University this year.

Well-rounded was among the first things Mincey mentioned with regards

to last year's team. The Eagles finished in fifth place in the 2013 Women's Indoor Track & Field Championship.

"This year, we're going to make sure that we're scoring and in a lot of different areas that we don't traditionally score in," Mincey said. "And some of them that we have traditionally scored in the past are going to be improved on, so that's what we're focusing on this year and that's how I see us moving up."

Some events in the past the Eagles have not capitalized on scoring like they would have wanted. As Mincey said, particular events that exceed 400 meters are something the Eagles need

to grow and evolve into.

Being competitive in events like these is especially important this year. With some other aspects, such as the emphasis on field, the team is feeling confident in scoring as a whole, Mincey said.

"We're going to have some competitive throwers here in the meet this year and that's something that we're going to ask those ladies to contribute, and it's going to make a difference," Mincey said.

The team has been preparing exactly as they should for a meet like this.

Focusing on what the Eagles do

best, Mincey explained the race plans the team sets forth at the beginning of the year. They are part of developing the Eagles to being a more complete team throughout the year. Ensuring to follow, execute and perfect the plans as the team takes on the season has been a vital part in working towards the championship.

"We're expecting student-athletes in the long jump, and in the 60 and the 200. They're definitely going to have to be very competitive and show up, and have big meets. And it's not anything new. It's something we've always asked of them. And it's something that we're going to continue to ask," Mincey said.

Mincey described the importance of the supporting cast. She said the Eagles may not be ranked number one in the conference, but the hopes for them are very high.

"I really feel like, in terms of championships, we're ready. In terms of going into indoor championships, we're prepared. You know, there's always things that you can do better, but for indoor championships, I think, we're prepared," Mincey said.

The Southern Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships will be at Winston-Salem, N.C., on March 1 and 2. It will be taking place at the JDL Fast Track.



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Redshirt junior guard Jelani Hewitt is averaging a team-high 20.3 points per game in the 29 games he has played this season. After sitting out the 2012-2013 season, he has become the cornerstone of head coach Mark Byington's offense.

Under the spotlight

Hewitt shines after sitting out last year

TREVOR MCNABOE

The George-Anne staff

College has its ups and downs and Georgia Southern University guard Jelani Hewitt is a testament to that.

The 6'2" redshirt junior that hails from Miramar, Fla., has emerged this season as the top offensive weapon for the Eagles currently averaging a team-high 20.3 points per game.

Hewitt is leading the Southern Conference in scoring and is in the top 20 in scoring for Division I basketball, a list that includes over 350 schools.

Despite the accolades and attention that have been brought upon him due to his performance, he has remained humble.

"Hard work, my teammates, my family, guys staying on me and continuing to motivate me everyday, even now my guys still motivate me no matter if I score 20

points or 9 points", Hewitt said.

Hewitt came to Statesboro as part of former GSU coach Charlton "C.Y." Young's second recruiting class in 2010, where he made an immediate impact starting in 29 of the team's 32 games and averaging 9.5 points per game.

In his sophomore campaign he improved his scoring average to 10.5 points while once again making 29 starts.

However, he redshirted his junior year to get back on track and get things in order for himself.

"I took my junior year, sitting out as a blessing in disguise, it gave me to another year to get better and used it to work on my game and it worked out for me," Hewitt said.

Coming out of high school he was known for his ability to score, as he averaged 26 points a game his senior year along with seven assists a game. However, it isn't even the best facet of his game.

"I think my ability to get my teammates

involved and I like the other end of it, I like to play defense and that's the biggest part of the game, I love getting stops and playing defense and then it translates to offense," Hewitt said.

The transition between head coaches this season has not hindered Jelani despite the fact that he spent his first three years running a different system.

"Both those coaches are great coaches,

it's just different philosophies, I love the offenses and the system that is carried here," Hewitt said.

So what's next for Hewitt? He has become a member of the 1000-point club for his career and that's not enough yet for him.

"Try and get 2000 points, probably want to get 200 steals, but that's my next milestone," Hewitt said.

HEWITT BY THE NUMBERS

YEAR	POINTS	FG%	STEALS
FRESHMAN	9.0	.379	1.9
SOPHOMORE	10.5	.404	1.3
JUNIOR	N/A	N/A	N/A
RS JUNIOR	20.3	.418	2.2

Former rival teams to play for last time in SoCon tonight

Men's Basketball (12-17)

BY COLIN RITSICK

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University men's basketball will face long-time rival Furman University tonight for the last time ever in the Southern Conference.

GSU holds a one-game edge in the all-time series record, 25-24. The team will need to win tonight to exit the conference with bragging rights over Furman.

The Eagles (12-17, 5-9 SoCon) beat the Paladins (9-19, 3-12 SoCon) earlier this year 88-81 in overtime on Jan. 16. That was the last time the Eagles had a winning record in the SoCon.

Since then, both programs have struggled. The Eagles have gone 3-8 in division play and currently sit in seventh place in the conference. They have lost five of their last six games.

The Paladins are 3-7 in that same stretch. The only reason FU isn't the bottom-ranked

team in the SoCon is because of The Citadel's ghastly 1-14 conference record.

The game tonight is the second-to-last game for the Eagles in regular season play. If they win tonight and beat The Citadel on Saturday, they will finish the year at 7-9 in the conference. That may just be enough to bump them up to the sixth place, depending on how the 6-8 University of North Carolina-Greensboro finishes.

Senior guard Tre Bussey, junior guard Jelani Hewitt and junior forward Angel Matias led GSU in scoring the last time these two teams met. Bussey had 26 points and Hewitt and Matias both finished with 21 points.

In that game, GSU was 11-21 from beyond the arc. 52.4 percent shooting is a superb number for three-pointers. The Eagles will likely need to rely on a similar performance in order to win tonight.

The Paladins play good defense but their armor is weakest on the perimeter. If Hewitt or Bussey can get hot from downtown, the Eagles win this game and exit the SoCon with something to hang over the Paladin's head.



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Freshman forward Kyle Doyle (35) is shooting 47 percent from the field this season for the men's basketball team. The Eagles have two games remaining on their schedule.

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