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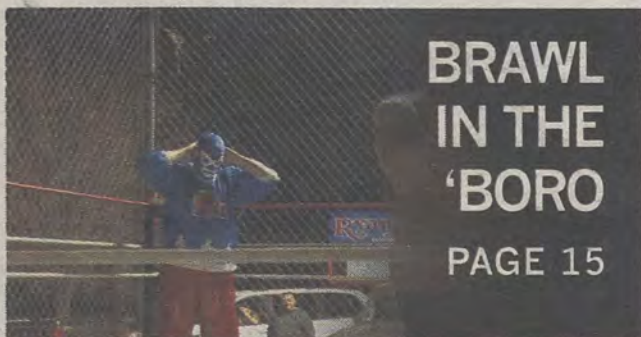
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# THE GEORGE-ANNE

## LONG ROAD AHEAD

Navy, Ga. Tech and NC State highlight inaugural Sun Belt football schedule



Finally, The road to a possible first Sun Belt Conference title has been paved, the 2014 schedule has been released. With GSU's inaugural season in the Football Bowl Subdivision upon us, fans now know the teams that the Eagles will have to go through

if they are to win the conference title. Household names frequent this schedule and the Eagles are in for some tough competition facing the likes of the United States Naval Academy, the Georgia Institute of Technology and North Carolina State University.

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## Staying safe during Spring Break

BY BRIANNA QUARTERMAN

The George-Anne contributor

Spring Break is a time for students to kick back and relax, but Spring Break Safety Awareness week aims to give students tools to stay safe while having fun.

The Office of Health Services and the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs are working together to host events that will offer tips to students on how to stay safe during Spring Break.

"Our goal is to educate students before they go on their spring break trips and give them helpful tips and information to ensure they are safe," event organizer and assistant director of health education and promotion, La'Shanda Johnson, said.

Topics discussed this week will be partying, safe sex, binge drinking, drugs, travel safety and self-defense techniques.

### SEX, DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Many of the events focus on setting limits while drinking and keeping safe by doing things ahead of time, like setting up a designated driver, Johnson said.

"Students become caught up in making plans and choosing destinations that they often forget to plan and prepare for situations happening," Johnson said.

Students are encouraged to come out to the Russell Union Ballroom where they will receive free sunscreen, Band-Aids, condoms, water bottles and Spring Break awareness t-shirts.

There will also be an opportunity for students to get tested for HIV and make friendship

bracelets while they wait on their results.

In addition, Student Government Association and the Residence Hall Association will host the Mardi Gras Madness festival tonight from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., focusing on providing students with information on alcohol awareness.

### FOLLOW THE RULES

Wherever students decide to spend their break, they should be aware of the laws in that area.

"Just because an incident is handled one way in Statesboro, that does not mean the same laws apply in that particular area. So students should always be aware," Johnson said.

Friday, March 7, will feature "Be a Safe Eagle Day" where students are encouraged to finalize their travel plans and make a safety plan before partying.

"It is also important to make sure that everyone in the group has the contacts of each other's family. This is an essential for students especially if groups decide to split up at any time during the trip," Johnson said.

### DRINKING AND DRIVING

The Arrive Alive texting and DUI/DWI simulator on Thursday, March 6, will show students the dangers of driving under the influence. The event also features giveaways.

Jasmine Chaney, sophomore international studies major, has plans to go on vacation this year for spring break.

"I'm actually excited for this week. I plan on going to Texas for Spring Break. So every piece of information offered this week will definitely apply to me," Chaney said.

## ALCOHOL FACTS

On average, college students consume six drinks per week. On spring break, men and women consume at least 10 drinks per day.

1.5 million students go on spring break every year and collectively spend over one billion dollars.

Every year at least one spring breaker dies from falling off a balcony.

A report from the American Medical Association says, "More than half of college students know friends who were sexually active with more than one partner during spring break and nearly 3 out of 5 women know friends who had unprotected sex during spring break."

When teens go abroad for spring break, it's easy to forget that foreign laws are extremely serious. 2,600 Americans are arrested on spring break overseas each year.

Information compiled from dosomething.org

Kimberly Weeks, intern for the Office of Health Services, says she is excited about the upcoming events of the week.

Weeks said, "I am looking forward to

seeing all of the students come out. We want to encourage them to have fun but also pay attention to the safety aspect as well as be aware of their surroundings."



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## Police Beat

### Wednesday, Feb. 26

9:10 a.m.: A welfare check was conducted on a subject at Public Safety.

10:58 a.m.: Housing reported that they had discovered unauthorized items in a room at Eagle Village. The occupant was judicially referred.

11:30 a.m.: Criminal Investigations arrested the following subjects in reference to a criminal trespass/theft that occurred Feb. 23 to Feb. 24 at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center/PAC: Ian Alicea Prewett, 20, Statesboro, Ga., was charged with Criminal Trespass & Theft by Taking – misdemeanor. Derrick Ryan Weiss, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was charged with Criminal Trespass & Theft by Taking – misdemeanor. Ryan Joshua Ramey, 20, Statesboro, Ga., was charged with Criminal Trespass & Theft by Taking – misdemeanor.

3:52 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident in Lot 21.

4 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property in Lot 21.

4:33 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident – hit and run in Lot 33.

7:21 p.m.: Officers responded to the Russell Union Bank of America ATM alarm. No problems were found.

9:51 p.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on Lanier Drive and Georgia Ave. The driver of the vehicle was issued a traffic citation and the vehicle was towed for a suspended registration.

11:08 p.m.: An incident report was taken for an entering auto that possibly occurred in C-lot between Feb. 19 to Feb. 26. This case was turned over to Criminal Investigations.

12:22 a.m.: Officers responded to a panic alarm at Kennedy Hall. The panic alarm was accidentally activated by an occupant.

### Thursday, Feb. 27

11:11 a.m.: Officers responded to a panic alarm at Watson Pods. Officers made contact with the occupants. No problems were found.

11:34 a.m.: Officers made contact with a subject at the Super-8 Motel on South Main Street in reference to a domestic dispute that occurred in Lot 41. Information on the subject and the other subject involved in the domestic dispute was obtained.

11:43 a.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft at Eagle Village. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

12:26 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft at Eagle Village. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

2:50 p.m.: Officers assisted the Statesboro Police Department with an incident at the Legacy Apartments.

3 p.m.: An incident report was taken for lost/mislaid property at the IT Building.

4 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the RAC.

6:37 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft at the College of Education. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

10:43 p.m.: An incident report was taken for an injured person at the RAC.

11:47 p.m.: Officers responded to Southern Courtyard in reference to an unknown person banging on the door. Evan Maurice Hanner, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Alcohol – Under 21 Years of Age, False ID and Disorderly Conduct.

### Friday, Feb. 28

11:10 a.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident in Lot 42.

1:10 p.m.: Officers responded to Dining Commons in refer-

ence to a fire alarm. The alarm was activated by the elevator shunt breaker. The building was checked with no problems found.

2:21 p.m.: Officers responded to Kennedy Hall in reference to a drug complaint. One occupant was judicially referred and two occupants were arrested: Chikezie Ikemefune Onyiliogwu, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was charged with Possession of Marijuana – misdemeanor. Jordan Wesley Walker, 18, Statesboro, Ga., was charged with Possession of Marijuana – misdemeanor, Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance and Possession of a Drug Related Object.

4:11 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a suspicious incident at Southern Pines parking lot.

4:48 p.m.: Officers assisted the Statesboro Police Department with an incident that occurred at The Cove at Southern apartments.

8:15 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a financial transaction card fraud. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

9:53 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the Foy Building.

11:59 p.m.: Officers discovered three intoxicated subjects in C-E-J Lot. Two of the subjects were judicially referred. One subject was arrested: Michael Guion Lord, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was charged with Possession of Alcohol – Under 21 Years of Age, False ID, Possession of Marijuana – misdemeanor, Disorderly Conduct, Possession of a Drug Related Object and Obstruction – felony.

### Saturday, March 1

1:43 a.m.: Officers discovered a domestic dispute in J-Lot. One subject involved in the domestic dispute was judicially referred.

3:42 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property on Chandler Road near Georgia Villas.

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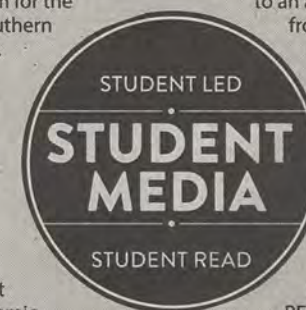
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## Corrections

In Thursday's edition, the pickup date for Zeta Tau Alpha's strawberry sale was misreported. The pickup date is Friday, March 7.



## Statuettes

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## Letter to the Editor

### Women not to blame

I have to strongly disagree with Mr. Rudison's ideas that women and women alone are what cause men to set standards for their behavior. The society we live in sets standards at an early age for what is seen as masculine and feminine behaviors and roles, this issue of a double standard is not male vs. female but instead comes from the miscommunication on both sides that we are not equal.

We cannot choose our gender at birth and I think it's unfair to set standards for the separate genders as if they are a subspecies. We as human beings control our thoughts and actions, bruised egos should not be excuses for

actions and the generalizing of a group based on their gender is absurd and an incorrect practice. If you really want to discuss this "double standard" perhaps give thought to how women feel when men constantly compare us to the airbrushed wonders that are Kim Kardashian and Megan Fox who are beautiful in their own right but for many are an unattainable goal, this ruins self confidence and self image every day.

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## Will Leonardo DiCaprio ever win an Oscar?

This past Sunday, ABC aired the 86th annual Academy Awards honoring yet another year of filmmaking.

Among the nominees was one of America's favorite actors, Leonardo DiCaprio.

The Internet loves Leo just about as much as it loves Jennifer Lawrence acting weird and anonymously making fun of Justin Bieber's bad decisions.

And poor Internet was absolutely crushed when Leo once again lost out on an Oscar — even worse to Matthew McConaghey (alright, alright, alright).

Leo was nominated for his work in Martin Scorsese's recent biopic, "The Wolf of Wall Street," about Wall Street multi-

billionaire, Jordan Belfort.

While critics have stated that this was one of Leo's best performances to date, I can't help but agree with the Academy's decision to award McConaghey.

Looking at the two performers is far more difficult than apples and oranges. We all know McConaghey as the king of the Rom-Coms who can't quite grasp the idea of wearing a shirt.

But over the years McConaghey has shown an insane amount of range, an example being "The Lincoln Lawyer," or any other time McConaghey has played a lawyer.

Meanwhile Leo has been known for being an extraordinarily gifted actor since he was 17, and he gained his first

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Oscar nomination for his role in "What's Eating Gilbert Grape?" He has since aged like a fine wine and has been recognized for his roles in "Catch Me If You Can," "The Aviator," "Blood Diamond," "The Departed" and "Django Unchained."

Leo has racked up a lot more recognition than the Internet realizes with two Golden Globes for "The Aviator" and "The Wolf of Wall Street" and five Oscar

nominations. He has also won 40 other awards for all of his fantastic performances as well.

McConaghey, on the other hand, is a complete first timer to awards recognition. His role in "Dallas Buyers Club" earned him his first nomination and win for both the Golden Globes and the Academy Awards. His transformation for his role was astounding, and McConaghey deserved those awards.

Granted, Leo deserves an Oscar too, someday. But I have a theory.

Leo is too good, and everyone already knows it.

We've all known for years that Leo is the second coming of Lawrence Olivier, even Leo himself. Yet the Academy hates

him because he takes himself so seriously. So here is my prediction: If Leo doesn't win an Oscar within the time frame of his next three projects, not only will the Internet implode, but Leo may even pull a Joaquin Phoenix and go a little lack-of-awards crazy.

So suck it up Internet, Leo may never get to cuddle up to that gorgeous golden man, that is, until the Academy finally gives him everything he's ever dreamed of: a lifetime achievement Oscar on his 80th birthday.

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

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## The consequences of pushing for religious freedom in the US

Last week, Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer vetoed Senate Bill 1062, otherwise known as the "Religious Freedom Act." Essentially, the bill would have allowed business owners to deny service based on religious grounds. But it gained quite a bit of media attention once labeled by critics as "anti-gay," a notion that supporters failed to dispel. It's true that nothing in the text of SB 1062 directly references discriminating against LGBT individuals, but it's still right in line with the rest of the push back against "the gay agenda." One of the major supporters, State Sen. Al Melvin, during an interview discussing the bill, said, "All the pillars of society are under attack in the United States: the family, the traditional marriage, mainline churches, the Boy Scouts, you name it."

This so-called fight for religious freedom in America has become quite the fad nowadays, and some of its champions aren't paying attention to the possible consequences of their actions. Allowing people to discriminate based on their religious views carries some serious ethical repercussions. These kinds of avenues open a window to higher levels of prejudice, whether sexist, racist or otherwise. I mean, is starting a new religion really all that difficult? There could be a church of the KKK, and as long as the person holds sincere beliefs, they'd have an acceptable defense against discrimination

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(under SB 1062). Just because the people creating the law are followers of "mainline churches" doesn't mean they get to decide what constitutes a legitimate religion – that would certainly be a violation of the Constitution.

As Gov. Brewer pointed out, the bill "does not address a specific and present concern related to religious liberty." This kind of legislation is overkill, unnecessary – so why even bring it up? Because there's a growing panic over in the far right – Sen. Melvin's aforementioned statement is a perfect example ("all the pillars of society are under attack"). In their struggle to keep relevancy, religious fundamentalists are obviously willing to cross into dangerous territory without much consideration for consequences.

*Malone is a junior English major and writing minor from New York.*

## Programs for at-risk youth

Last week, President Barack Obama launched an initiative called My Brother's Keeper. This push is designed to help young men of color stay off the streets and help reach their full potential. It is an admirable program that should have bipartisan support. In this program, President Obama has announced that philanthropies and corporate leaders have pledged millions of dollars into the startup of this program in order to figure out which programs benefit troubled youth. By doing so, these programs can be distributed more thoroughly throughout the country.

That same night, Bill O'Reilly, host of the "The O'Reilly Factor," mentions in his "Talking Points Memo" that there are some conditions that need to be met in order for this program to be as effective as possible. His first point he brought up was teaching at-risk children to read. Here in the small communities of South Georgia, that may seem a little strange to hear about people not being able to read. But there are many at-risk youth that are unable to read for many reasons. His second point was to provide mentors for the youth that are pinpointed by their teachers in school that may be considered at-risk. He even goes as far as to state that every city in the country should have a volunteer mentor program to accomplish this. The next point he makes is that the President and First Lady need to be on TV and the Internet preaching about the dangers and

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horrors of having babies too soon. "Bringing children into this world without resources is cruel," he said. Getting local businesses to hire youth for summer jobs and internships was his next point, bringing up the idea that kids need to know about the workplace and what is there. His final point is that American law enforcement needs to make sure that the at-risk youth know that they are not the enemy.

I commend the Obama Administration, as well as Bill O'Reilly, for speaking out about the atrocities that at-risk youth are dealing with, and helping create a program that addresses these issues. But as we all know, the government can only do so much, "but nothing keeps a young man out of trouble like a father who takes an active role in his son's life," said President Obama during his My Brother's Keeper speech.

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

## Finding a peaceful solution to the conflict in Ukraine

Half a world away in the former Soviet Republic of Ukraine, a drama is unfolding that could potentially result in the ultimate showdown of East v. West. This throwback to the Cold War follows the popular uprising that led to the ousting of Viktor Yanukovich, the former Ukrainian President, after he abandoned trade negotiations that would have spurred closer relations with the European Union in favor of a continued alliance with Mother Russia.

Following Yanukovich's abrupt departure for asylum in Russia, an interim government was established in Ukraine that is ideologically bent toward the West. While this appeases many of the demands of the ethnic Ukrainians in Eastern Ukraine, the ethnic Russians in Western Ukraine are not as content as they prefer the tender loving care provided by Daddy

Putin. This, of course, forced Vladimir Putin's paternal instincts to kick in and encouraged the mobilization of Russian troops to the western Ukrainian border for "training exercises." Additionally, Putin has received approval from Russian parliament to use these military forces to protect Russian citizens and interests in Ukraine.

In response, the interim government of Ukraine has also mobilized its forces to theoretically combat an invasion/attack/occupation by Russia. But let's be honest here, Ukraine doesn't stand a chance in a one-on-one war with Russia. Thus, the question of Western support comes in. Shall we help our newfound allies in Ukraine or let Russia rear its ugly head and assert its role as a superpower once more?

Apparently, the U.S. current reply to this blatant act of aggression and intimidation is the

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threat of economic consequences in the forms of sanctions. While this is undoubtedly the diplomatic approach, it is absolutely ineffective. Russia could, if need be, operate entirely on its own. The vastness of the Russian state permits an abundance of natural resources. Likewise, there are a number of trade partners that do not care about Western-imposed sanctions. The mere implementation of sanctions would allow Russia to laugh in our faces as its tanks roll all

the way to Kiev.

Shall the U.S. drone strike the Kremlin then? We know Obama loves those, but a military conflict with Russia would be no cakewalk. It would be all out, every man, every woman, total war. Don't think that just because the draft is gone it cannot come back. War with Russia means we all go.

What I surmise the most peaceful settlement of this conflict will be the separation of Ukraine into two new republics. In doing so, civil war and Russian intervention will be prevented and the internal ethnic strife raging within Ukraine will be squashed. Is this a victory for Russia? Maybe. But it beats American soldiers dying.

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



# Students are Blue Ribbon finalists

BY TAYLER CRITCHLOW

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University students are Blue Ribbon finalists for their series "Just Wild."

The awards were given in the 35th Annual MTV College Television Awards that are sponsored by the National Academy of Television Arts Foundation, according to the news release.

Allen Lincoln, Chris Ocampo, AnnNell Byne, Tim Hunt and Jake Taylor produced and directed the "Just Wild" series in the newly developed Multimedia Development Center, according to the release.

"Our students, with limited equipment but with drive and with pure talent, have achieved this honor over film schools with unlimited film resources. This competition brings out some of Hollywood's top talent to recognize up-and-coming student directors and producers for their work," Art Berger, director of the Multimedia Development Center, said in the release.

The conservation-based series

was in collaboration with the Georgia Southern Center for Wildlife Education staff and the Lamar Q Ball, Jr. Raptor Center, according to the release.

The series aired on Georgiasouthern.tv and featured efforts to protect and regulate ownership of non-native United States animals such as monkeys, tigers and other exotic animals, according to the release.

The three final episodes of "Just Wild" that were selected by the Blue Ribbon Panel will be featured in April at an event hosted by Tom Bergeron, the host of ABC-TV's "Dancing with the Stars."

"I'm just proud to have been given this opportunity, and I am very proud to be a student at Georgia Southern University," Lincoln said in the release.

The College Television Awards are a national competition recognizing excellence in college student-produced video, digital and film work and receives entries from hundreds of colleges and universities each year, according to the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Foundation website.



Photo Courtesy of Department of Marketing and Communications

"Just Wild" conservation-based series brings GSU students a finalist position for the Blue Ribbon award for the MTV College Television Awards. Students produced and directed the series all on their own using the new Multimedia Development Center.

Entries are judged online by members of the Television Academy, who are professionals working in each respective discipline, and viewing is restricted to competition judges and staff only, according to the website.

Entries are awarded on the basis

of excellence in overall production, according to the website.

Entry categories include alternative, animation, children's program, comedy, commercial, documentary, drama, Loreen Arbus Focus on Disability, magazine, music - best use,

music - composition, newscasts and series, according to the website.

Berger said in the press release, "We are very proud of our students for this outstanding accomplishment being named a finalist. It is a great accomplishment by our students."

## GSU celebrates Sexual Assault Awareness Week

BY TAYLER CRITCHLOW

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University Sexual Assault Response Team is holding the 14th annual Sexual Assault Awareness Week this week.

Events will be taking place throughout the week and will include The Clothesline Project and The Take Back the Night rally and march at the end of the week, according to the news release.

The Clothesline Project is a visual display that honors survivors and memorializes victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking, according to the release.

A clothesline full of shirts will be on display at the Russell Union Rotunda and in the lobby of the Recreation Activity Center and the t-shirts will

be in a range of colors representing the type of violence experienced, according to the release.

Survivors or someone who cared about the survivor or victim designed the shirts that will be on display, according to the release.

Take Back the Night march will begin at 7 p.m. on March 6 in front of the University Store and will go through campus and will culminate in a candlelight vigil at the Russell Union Rotunda, according to the release.

According to the release, the rally and march are supposed to raise awareness about sexual violence.

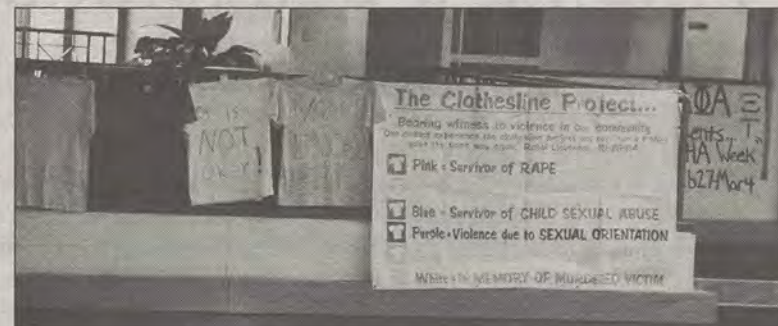
The Sexual Assault Response Team is dedicated to raising awareness about sexual assault issues in the Georgia Southern community, according to the Sexual Assault Response Team website.

The hope is that by raising awareness through education that the incidence and ignorance of sexual assault can drastically be reduced, according to the website.

The goal of the Sexual Assault Response Team is to communicate to survivors that they are not alone in their recovery, according to the website.

The Sexual Assault Response Team has been more involved on a national level in the past few years and has been recognized for its outstanding breadth of activities at conferences and by well-known activists, according to the website.

In 2008, the Sexual Assault Response Team was awarded the Gold Excellence Award from NASPA, Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, for programming



File Photo

Sexual Assault Awareness Week is being hosted this week by the Georgia Southern Sexual Assault Response Team. The week will consist of various events and end with the Take Back the Night march and rally on March 6.

in the area of Health and Wellness and founded the Georgia College Sexual Assault Association Network in 2007.

NASPA is the leading association for the advancement, health and sustainability of the student affairs profession and provides high-quality professional development, advocacy

and research for 13,000 members in all 50 states, 25 countries and eight U.S. territories, according to the NASPA website.

According to the website, NASPA links research, policy and effective student affairs practice in support of student success.



# Judicial referrals increase around Spring Break

BY JAWON JONES

The George-Anne contributor

With the end of the school year approaching, many students find themselves celebrating a little early in preparation for Spring Break and summer.

"This is the time of year most referrals happen," Mark Whitesel, associate dean and director for student conduct, said.

The three most common referrals are alcohol, disorderly conduct and drugs, Whitesel said.

The three-strike policy is well known at Georgia Southern University, but students should be aware that other common violations hold different consequences.

Academic dishonesty is another common violation around this time of year due to midterms and finals. This holds a more severe punishment such as suspension or expulsion, even for first time offenders, according to the student handbook.

This also holds true with drug violations.

"Say for instance, we get called to a residence hall where they smell marijuana. We get there and there's just residue and maybe just a little bit of residual amount that may be left over. I usually tell our new officers that if you're going to destroy your evidence testing it to see if it's marijuana, that's a pretty good case to refer instead of arrest," Chief Michael Russell,

director of public safety, said.

First year students tend to get the most referrals because of adjustment of school, being away from home and freedom. These all contribute to why many freshmen find themselves upstairs in the Russell Union talking to Student Conduct, Whitesel said.

It is also important for students to familiarize themselves with the Student Handbook because any violations made under the Student Code of Conduct can be reviewed or appealed.

"I think all students need to be aware of the in and outs of student code of conduct. They're agreeing to abide by it by being a student so I think it's a good thing for students to know exactly what they can and can't do by student code of conduct just like they do with Georgia law," Russell said.

Although the numbers of referrals has gone down with the increasing school size, and the most dangerous violations are few and far between, it is still important for students to stay out of trouble, Whitesel said.

A trip to Student Conduct can stay on your record and may affect your chances of transferring and study abroad opportunities, while reducing the overall experience of college.

Russell said, "The thing I like to stress is it's not a freebie. They're held accountable if they're found in violation, there's consequences. It's something we do to make people accountable and hold them responsible for their actions."

## 2012 JUDICIAL REFERRALS

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Residential Facility: 186

Non-Campus Property: 3

Public Property: 0

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# YOUR VIEW

Should celebrities use an acceptance speech to take a political stance?



**Randall Brooks Channell,**  
freshman biology major

"I actually don't (think it's appropriate). I think that that was kind of a dick move just because I think that the Oscars, the point of them is when people are watching them they are trying to forget about the world. They are trying to focus more on pop culture so they can have a good laugh."



**Callie Barber,**  
freshman exercise science major

"I don't think so. It's kind of irrelevant to what the purpose of the awards show was. It wasn't the time and place for it. I think it should just be focusing on honoring those who won awards."



**Jessica Smith,**  
junior double major  
in sociology and psychology

"Why not? We get bombarded with news through different media outlets every day and people tweet about stuff and it's on Facebook. It's literally everywhere so why not mention it in a speech? If you are going to have access to that many people you might as well make it for something useful instead of just an acceptance speech."



**Ronnie Horgan,**  
sophomore mechanical  
engineering major

"It sounds like a very sensitive topic, on a global scale, so I think that it's not the best place to be discussing it, but I mean, how do you think people in Russia and Ukraine think about these award shows? They probably don't have a lot of respect for them. I'm sure someone from the Ukraine watching it would be a little peeved that they're just being showboated like that. I think that Americans can be very self-centered."

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**Delta Phi Epsilon** is hosting the second annual Color the Campus 5K on March 8 at 8 a.m. The proceeds will be donated to Cystic Fibrosis research and last year a little over \$4,000 was raised.

## DPhiE to host Color Run

**BY CASEY CARGLE**

The George-Anne staff

Red, blue, green, purple and yellow paint will rain down this Saturday as the sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon (DPhiE) host the second annual Color the Campus 5k for Cystic Fibrosis.

A color run is a new genre of running events in which participants start in all white and finish covered in all kinds of color. While runners go through the 5k there are different stations set up along the way where volunteers throw paint onto them.

The sisters of DPhiE decided to bring the color run to Georgia Southern University last year. Last year they had about 150 runners come out to run the 5k and raised a little over \$4,000 for cystic fibrosis.

"It was a really great turnout. We're just hoping to double that size this year. It's our second time so fingers crossed," Caitie Tuten, junior public relations major, said.

The goal this year for Color the Campus is to raise over \$8,000, doubling what they received during last year's event. Not only do runners pay to run but Delta Phi Epsilon will also be accepting donations to help meet their goal this year.

After the 5k is over the runners will be invited to stay and listen to music with the rest of the rainbow-colored runners. Prizes will be given out to the first, second and third place runners as well as t-shirts that will be handed out to all participants.

Color the Campus will be held March 8 at 8 a.m. at the RAC. Runners can either register or pay the day of the event.

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## Interim COSM dean becomes official dean

BY CAITLYN OLIVER

The George-Anne Staff

Georgia Southern University officially welcomes Dr. Martha Abell as the new Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics (COSM).

Previously, Dr. Abell was the interim dean before officially taking over the position. She was taking over in place of Bret Danilowicz, who left to become the Dean of Arts and Sciences at Columbus State University in July 2012.

There was an overwhelming number of notes of support from across campus, Abell said.

"It made me remember all of the people who have helped me along the way, from my outstanding administrative assistants to the wonderful colleagues and mentors I've had," Abell said.

Before the interim position, Abell was the Department Chair of Mathematical Sciences for eight years.

"As department chair, you're just focused on your little area and everything there. As a dean, you're over many other areas and you get to learn a lot about what



Martha Abell

takes place. For me it was the science areas because I was dealing with math. The challenges for science were a little different from math," Abell said.

The dean of every college must communicate with the provost and other colleges the needs of that particular college.

"Dr. Abell enjoyed strong faculty support for this role," Jean Bartels, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said in a press release. "I am very pleased that she has agreed to take on this new role and am confident that she will be a strong leader capable of moving COSM to its next level of excellence."

Problems are reported to the department chairs before reaching the dean.

Dr. Abell is now more often called to speak at events and visit with people more than as department chair, when she dealt more with students and focused on the people in the department.

"We've really worked hard to help students succeed in core classes and we want to make sure we keep doing that, to help students understand that it's important to know about math and science and that it impacts their lives when they're out of college and trying to understand the world and what's going on around them."

"Of course a top priority for me will be to work with our development officer and others in the college in order to create more scholarships and endowments to recruit and retain students and faculty," Abell said.

COSM has a strong history in its teaching, research and service opportunities.

Abell said, "We want to build on what we've done in the past. We have a really strong history in all areas, like teaching and research service, so we want to keep moving in the right direction."

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-Martha Abell  
College of Science and Mathematics dean





Courtesy of RHA

**Students** prepare decorations for the upcoming Mardi Gras Madness event. The event is being put on by The Residence Hall Association and will feature live music and free food.

## Mardi Gras to come to the 'Boro

**BY KAITLYN GLENN**  
The George-Anne staff

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) and Student Government Association have teamed up again to bring the streets of New Orleans to Georgia Southern University for their annual Mardi Gras Madness event.

The street fair will be held along Georgia Avenue, the street between Main Dining Commons and Centennial Place, to promote alcohol awareness.

"This event has something for everyone. There will be live music, lots of giveaways, philanthropy at work, over 20 activities and free food from our custom New Orleans menu," Aubrey Trevathan, director of marketing of RHA, said.

The history of Mardi Gras can be traced all the way back to medieval Europe, but over the years, it has grown into a huge party full of parades, beads, food and alcohol. The tradition of celebrating it has now spread all over the country.

The annual event hosted on GSU's campus has always been held to promote alcohol awareness.

"This year we've just decided to make it bigger than ever," Trevathan said.

There will be a number of organizations there to participate in the festivities. Each organization will have a booth with various Mardi Gras-themed activities.

A few of the organizations that will be there are the National

Residence Hall Honorary, Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, National Society of Black Engineers, Minority Advisement Program, Habitat for Humanity, Delta Phi Epsilon, Student Activities and others.

RHA and SGA have added a Mardi Gras King and Queen to this year's event. The titles are fair game to anyone

"It's an opportunity for students to engage not only with their student leaders, but also learn and become more aware about the different resources available to them in regards to alcohol awareness and just

enjoy the culture as well," James Woodall, Senator At-Large in SGA, said.

All students are welcome to come and wear purple, green and gold tonight from 6-9 p.m.

### THE BUZZ LIST



#### Oscars Edition

BY KIMEKO MCCOY

■ **Ellen DeGeneres** put all the girls with duck lips and dirty bathroom mirrors to shame with the most epic selfie ever. The picture featured some of the biggest names in Hollywood, broke Obama's retweet record and broke Twitter. Go Ellen!

■ **Justin Bieber's** latest attempt to win Selena Gomez back happened when he Instagrammed a picture of her in Oscar attire with the caption, "Most elegant princess in the world." An Instagram picture? Try again, Justin. You done messed up.

■ **Jennifer Lawrence** fell again this year on the Oscar red carpet. Although we can appreciate Jennifer's quirky features, it may be time to invest in some flats, girl. You can get to the pizza faster that way.

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**MFA student** Anthony Faris works on one of his pieces. Faris' medium of choice is Tabby, which is a composite material made of oyster shells, concrete lime, sand and water.

# Historical material to create modern artwork

## Artist Corner

**BY RASHIDA OTUNBA**

The George-Anne staff

Old materials will be renovated into modern art as Georgia Southern University hosts MFA student, Anthony Faris's exhibit "Risen Land," a collection of sculptures made from tabby.

Faris, a Tybee Island native, has set out to create tabby replicas of local residential, commercial and industrial buildings from the Statesboro area that have been broken down due to wear and age.

"Those sites that you see around the community speak to neglect. Somebody has built them, taken great care to create them and over time they have broken down and they haven't been fixed. The work is a good representation of neglect and transformation of life's passing," Faris said.

Tabby is a mixed material made from oyster shells, lime, sand and water. It is native to the South and is considered to be the first American concrete because it is only found in historical buildings from the 18th and 19th centuries.

People go visit places made from tabby

because it is pretty, but really when they were created they were just utilitarian. They weren't anything special. They just were necessary. But now people have a nostalgic relationship with them. The work represents a specific time and place where these places still exist. Even though they're neglected or overlooked, they're being celebrated for what they are and not what they were, Faris said.

"When people got to an art exhibit they look at the artwork and they expect to understand it, but artwork is like a relationship. In order to have a sense of intimacy, you have to spend time with it. If you're going to come and you

want to get something out of the exhibition, I recommend taking the time to be silent and reflective," Faris said.

Anthony Faris is a graduate of Savannah College of Art and Design and hopes to gain his master's degree in 3-D artwork. Faris is also an active member of the artist's group Stillmoreroots, which showcases site-specific artwork in outdoor areas. His work has been featured in exhibitions in the United Kingdom, Atlanta and Savannah.

Anthony Faris will be present Friday, March 7, for an Artist's Talk to present the exhibition. "Risen Land" will be presented at the Center for Art and Theatre from March 3-13.



## Music Review



## Rick Ross: Mastermind

**GENRE:** Rap/Hip-Hop

**RELEASE DATE:** March 3

**GRADE:** 8.5/10

**BOTTOMLINE:** "Mastermind" is the album hip-hop fans have been waiting for all year, a well-done project that will make waves in the rap scene.

**BY CHARLES RUDISON**

The George-Anne staff

Rick Ross shows that he just might be a mastermind in his latest album "Mastermind."

"Mastermind" is Maybach Music CEO Rick Ross' sixth studio album. Its release date is today but it leaked earlier last week.

The album possessed a plethora of different sounds. Songs like 'War Ready' and 'Shots fired' contained a hardcore trap music sound and songs like 'Sanctified' and 'Thug cry' had a more soulful sound. Other songs featured sounds from seductive to deep.

'Sanctified' is easily the best song on this album. The beat is out of this world. Big Sean came through with some heat and Yeezus definitely added his artistic element to the song. It wouldn't be surprising if this song goes down as a classic.

Ross truly shows that he has stepped up his game. He has always been somewhat of a mediocre artist who hip-hop heads could never consider as a veteran even though he has been in the industry for nearly 10 years. However, this album pushes Ross over the bar.

The lyricism of the album was much

better than expected. No matter how much he may look like rap legend Biggie Smalls, no one ever expected him to rap anything like him. But rapping lines like "Keys to my success, I got new keys and new address." While it isn't the best line, you'd never expect Ross to say it.

Ross is proving he can do more than grunt and make a Ric Flair noise on a track.

Artists from the Weeknd to Kanye West were featured in "Mastermind," Ross left no sectors of hip-hop unattended.

Ross left listeners feeling as though they were in a gangster movie. Fans will definitely have the album on repeat for quite some time.

"The album felt like a rendition of a 'Scarface' movie. It was exciting and suspenseful in a way, and it also told a story. I will definitely have the album on repeat in my car for a while," Seth Lawrence, freshman psychology major, said.

The production was flawless, the lyrics are great and the replay value is great. "Mastermind" is more than satisfying. It is hard to find any negatives in the album. However, while the album was fantastic it still wasn't the greatest of all time.

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# 'Tasting Statesboro' served up community service

BY ERINN WILLIAMS

The George-Anne staff

Last Thursday, the Statesboro community had a unique opportunity to try local dishes from restaurants and support a good cause.

The fourth annual Tasting Statesboro was held at Belle House and hosted by the

United Way of Southeast Georgia. Over 35 local restaurants participated.

There were hundreds of free samples, but some eateries really stood out with their cuisine and the room was packed full with people.

Below are reviews and highlights from some of the participating groups.



**The Painted Chef** ★★★★★

Christal Riley | The George-Anne

The best food of the night went to The Painted Chef. He created shrimp-n-grits that were simply divine. His mixture of creamy garlic jalapeño grits, shrimp, smoked

sausage, diced tomatoes and chopped chives made me an instant fan. The only thing that could have been done differently is giving out whole pots instead of samples.



**Sugar Magnolia Bakery & Cafe** ★★★★★

Christal Riley | The George-Anne

Sugar Magnolia brought out an assortment of lemon squares, brownies and chewy cakes.

Each one was uniquely exquisite. There was something for everybody's sweet tooth.



**Sticky Fingers Smokehouse**

★★★★★

Christal Riley | The George-Anne

Wings, glorious wings. Sticky Fingers brought more wings than you can count. Not only were they delicious by themselves, but they also provided

different sauces for them to be smothered in. Your fingers will not remain sticky for long because the wings were finger-licking good.



**Simply Sweet Cakery** ★★★★★

Christal Riley | The George-Anne

What is better than pancakes and bacon for breakfast? The answer is a maple French toast cupcake with maple cream cheese icing and

bacon sprinkles. You may be apprehensive, but as soon as you try the first bite it will be too good to be true. Best dessert of the night.



# Battle Box wrestling fights for a cause

BY KENNETH LEE

The George-Anne contributor

Confined in a steel cage, 16 wrestlers went head-to-head against each other, trading fists and exchanging kicks in the Ryan's restaurant parking lot for Battle Box.

Among the wrestlers included were Bobby Mayhem, Cujo, Texas Psycho, High Roller, Hell Kid and San Francisco Treat. Two wrestlers also involved in the carnage were Georgia Southern University students Eric McGlamery and Kelly Doyle, known as Eric Glamour and Hammer Obama in the ring.

Battle Box, an American Premier Wrestling (APW) first event, was held in the parking lot of Ryan's last Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Admission was free for kids 5 years old and younger and \$5 for adults and students. All proceeds went to the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation.

"People should come because the APW is really involved in philanthropy. We're out there helping certain charities. We're

here to service the people of Statesboro," Doyle said.

"We get involved in the communities. We have many charities we get involved in, like the American Red Cross, and it's a good family-oriented thing," McGlamery said.

APW is involved with the community by offering a summer training camp for kids.

Before the main event, a match occurred involving the 8 to 12 year old boys and girls that attended the camp. The young wrestlers provided some entertaining moments for the audience, especially parents and grandparents.

During the main events, the audience cheered, booed and cringed as the wrestlers exchanged words, fists and pain. In the final match, Hell Kid, a wrestler from California who has been involved with the APW for 15 years, fell from a ladder onto a pile of thumbtacks.

Afterwards, he needed assistance extracting the thumbtacks that were stuck in his head.

In the end, Hell Kid emerged victorious.

The APW will have another show on March 15 at the Statesboro Karate Studio.



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**Wrestlers** grapple for victory in the Ryan's parking lot for Battlebox. In addition to supplying the public with live entertainment, the event raised money for various charities and organizations.

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# PAC to present 'Liza & Judy: Together Again'

BY SYDNEY FRANKLIN

The George-Anne contributor

This Thursday, for one night only, the PAC presents "Liza & Judy: Together Again!"

The two-act show is set in a dream bringing mother Denise Rose (Judy Garland) and daughter Suzanne Goulet (Liza Minnelli) together one last time.

"They're not just singing the songs that were made popular by Liza Minnelli and Judy Garland, but they're also portraying the two women on stage. There's going to be some interaction between the two of them as well," Stacie McDaniel, the PAC's house manager and administrative coordinator, said.

Featured signature songs will include 'Rockabye Your Baby,' 'The Man That Got Away,' 'Swanee,' 'Get Happy,' 'Ring Them Bells,' 'Cabaret,' 'I love a Piano' and 'I'm Glad I'm Not Young

Any more."

"There's singing and dancing so that really separates it from any other show we've had," Greg Hernandez, a junior box office assistant, said.

All the way from Las Vegas, Rose and Goulet will bring Garland and Minnelli to life through song, dance and dialogue.

"This show is powered by the amazing careers of Liza Minnelli and Judy Garland. It's got lots of singing, lots of dancing; it's got

lots of jokes, and it really gives you an insight into their personalities," Juanita Smith, the PAC's box office manager, said.

Jennifer Zellner, a senior box office assistant, said that this is the performance of a lifetime.

"How many times do you get to see a performance based off of two Oscar-winning women?" Zellner said.

Tickets are on sale at \$10 for students, \$20 for faculty and staff, and \$24 for all other patrons.



Courtesy of the PAC

"Liza and Judy: Together Again!" will be bringing the lives of Judy Garland and Liza Minnelli to the stage. The show will feature the songs that made the mother-daughter pair famous, and their relationship will be portrayed onstage as well.

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## New conference means more miles

BY TREVOR MCNABOE

The George-Anne staff

The 2014 Georgia Southern University football schedule was released a few days ago, and you might not recognize some of the teams on it.

The move to the FBS is finally complete with the finalization of the 2014 schedule which has the Eagles travelling as far north as Maryland and as far west as New Mexico.

Fans that go to away games will have quite a bit of traveling to do come Fall. The Eagles will have to travel a total of 4,388 miles in the six games that they travel away from Paulson Stadium, with the farthest being New Mexico State University at 1,667 miles.

However, Athletic Director Tom Kleinlein urged fans to pump the breaks on getting their hotels booked early.

"To all of you booking your hotel rooms for the FB season, make sure there is some flexibility. ESPN has not announced its schedule yet," Kleinlein said on Twitter.

The road games that stick out most are the ones against teams that run the triple option. The United States Naval Academy and the Georgia Institute of Technology stand out despite the fact that GSU may not be running the triple option anymore with newly hired head coach Willie Fritz at the helm.

Nevertheless the Eagles can use these two games, as a benchmark to how they improved over the season, as Ga. Tech is the second game of the year and Navy is the second to last game.

The farthest most GSU players on the current roster have ever had to travel is to North Dakota State, which was 1,275 miles away.

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The Square,  
Showdown,  
Cody's Bistro

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Annapolis, MD

11/15/14

621 miles

9 hours 22 minutes

Feast on Steam Crab,  
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Brandon Warnock &amp; Ryan Woodham | The George-Anne

**Left:** Junior outfielder Kody Adams (16) totaled three hits and put one over the fence in Sunday's matchup against Ohio University. **Above:** Junior Stryker Brown (2) slides into the base. Brown stole three bases over the weekend.

# A great weekend offers great baseball

## Baseball (10-2)

**BY LAYNE SALIBA**

The George-Anne contributor

It was yet another winning weekend for Georgia Southern University baseball as they prevailed, going 3-1 over a four-game series featuring Ohio University and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

### GAME 1: GSU 2, OHIO 3

GSU came up short in the first game of the weekend series while going up against Ohio.

The first inning ended with both teams scoreless. However, Ohio gained one run off an error in the top of the second to make it a 1-0 ball game.

Although Georgia Southern turned a beautiful double-play in the top of the third inning, it did not stop a Bobcats run from scoring. The Eagles went down scoreless in the third bringing the score to 2-0.

At top of the fifth, Ohio tacked on one more run with a single up

the middle. But the Eagles wouldn't go down without a fight. Freshman Josh Black, currently hitting .438, reached on a fielder's choice while getting the RBI as freshman Garrett Chapman, hitting .415, scored making it 3-1.

The score remained the same as they entered the bottom of the seventh inning. After four pitching changes for Ohio in this half-inning, and with one out, junior Chase Griffin took the sacrifice fly to center field as Josh Black scored.

That was it for both teams offensively as neither was able to score another run. Junior pitcher Sam Howard (2-1) accepted the loss after pitching six innings while letting up eight hits and three runs.

Black and Griffin both ended the night with one RBI apiece while third baseman Garrett Chapman scored one run and accounted for two of the team's ten hits.

### GAME 2: GSU 14, SIUE 5

GSU went scoreless in the first inning against SIUE, but after two runs things started to heat up.

In the bottom of the second inning GSU placed a man on base after senior outfielder Stryker Brown put down a solid bunt. Thanks to a balk from the Cougars' pitcher, Brown advanced to second and then to third after a sacrifice fly to right field. Garrett Chapman singled to left field bringing in Brown to make it 2-1.

One more balk from the pitcher sent Chapman to second base and a Black single sent him to third. A wild pitch then brought in Chapman to tie it up at 2-2.

It's all history from there. The Cougars were scoreless throughout the rest of the game until the ninth inning. The Eagles, however, were a completely different story.

Having seven different players score on 12 more runs, while tacking on five stolen bases along with four doubles just about sums up Saturday night.

Junior pitcher Josh Wirsu (2-1) got the win while setting a career-high seven strike outs in six innings pitched. Stryker Brown and Dalton Busby both added two RBI to their resume off the team's 15 hits.

### GAME 3: GSU 8, SIUE 2

A beautiful Sunday afternoon game started off slow at J.I. Clements stadium as the Eagles took on SIUE for a second time with the same result, a win for GSU.

SIUE started the scoring off in the fourth inning with a single to left field driving in two runs to make it a 2-0 game.

Georgia Southern answered with a Griffin homerun that brought in junior outfielder Aaron Mizell, tying the game at 2-2. Senior infielder/outfielder Garren Palmer then singled to left field, stole second and was brought across home plate by a Brown double. Chapman then singled up the middle to bring Brown in and make the score 2-4.

Yet again the Eagles would hold SIUE scoreless for the rest of the game, as GSU went on to post six more runs.

Senior Matt McCall (1-0) got the win after pitching 3.1 innings and letting up 4 hits. Garrett Chapman led the Eagles in hits with three and added two RBI. Chase Griffin also tacked on two RBI in the win.

### GAME 4: GSU 20, OHIO 5

The Eagles started off their second game of the day with three homeruns from Mizell, freshman Ryan Cleveland and junior Kody Adams making it a 5-0 game with Georgia Southern leading Ohio University (3-6).

Ohio remained scoreless until the fourth inning when they scored three runs making it a 6-3 ball game.

Cleveland hit his second homerun of the game while Morgan decided to join him and hit a 3-run homer bringing the score to 11-3 in the fifth inning.

The Eagles finished off the weekend by beating the Bobcats with a final score of 20-5. Sophomore Jason Richman (3-0) got the win while pitching 2.1 innings and letting up 2 hits. Kody Adams had four runs while Dalton Busby and Ryan Cleveland both tacked on three apiece. Aaron Mizell led in RBI with five of the team's 19.

The Eagles will travel to take on the College of Charleston Cougars tomorrow at 6 p.m.





Ryan Woodham | The George-Anne

Redshirt junior pitcher Will Middour (3) gave up three runs on five hits over 3.2 innings on Sunday in the 20-5 win over the University of Ohio. GSU scored the 20 runs with 18 hits,

## Two ten-win teams to faceoff

Baseball (10-2)

BY TREVOR MCNABOE

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University baseball team is off to its best start since 2009 when it appeared in the NCAA regionals, coming in at 10-2 after a 3-1 weekend.

Despite the early success the game they play tomorrow will be one of the toughest they will have all season as they take on the College of Charleston, who comes in at 10-1.

The Cougars made a statement opening the season against nationally-ranked University of North Carolina and took the series, winning two of three games, and since then have been on a tear, winning the last nine games.

Don't count the Eagles out as they have absolutely blown teams out boasting one of the top offenses in the nation coming in at 128 runs in 12 games, good for an average of 10.6 runs per game.

Not to mention the fact that as a team they double the run production that CofC has scored this season.

While both teams are similar in nature the interesting facet of this matchup will be the team's defenses.

The Cougar's have allowed only 36 runs in the 11 games they've played for an average of almost 3.3 runs a game while GSU has conceded 43 runs in 12 games for around 3.6 runs a game.

Both pitching staffs as a whole are well put together with CofC having a 2.73 earned run average while the Eagles have a 2.86 era.

As a whole, offensively, one person sticks out in the Cougars lineup, and that is sophomore infielder Carl Wise. Wise leads the team in RBI with 16 and is tied for the team lead in home runs with one.

GSU has taken more of a team approach which has lead to them scoring the amount of runs that they have as seven players are hitting over .350. Among the seven, four of them have over 15 RBIs.

The player for GSU that has been on a tear as of late is junior outfielder Aaron Mizell. Mizell is hitting .425 with a team-leading five home runs and 16 RBIs.

Both teams are garnering national attention in the college baseball rankings and it will be interesting to see how the Eagles handle a tough road game before they hit the meat of their schedule.

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The GSU baseball team went 3-1 over the weekend, sweeping USIE and splitting two games with Ohio. Freshman first baseman Ryan Cleveland (30) hit two homers in the rout of Ohio on Sunday.

## Offensive firepower leads Eagles to wins

BY COLIN RITSICK

The George-Anne staff

Batting average, slugging percentage, runs scored, hits, RBI, doubles and home runs – these are pretty much every important offensive team statistic, and Georgia Southern University leads the Southern Conference in all of them.

And the best part? It isn't even close.

GSU has a team batting average of .348, next in line is Western Carolina University at .304. A robust .562 slugging percentage is 112 points higher than second-place Samford University. The Eagles (10-2) have twice as many homeruns, 20, as the next-closest team.

Last season, the Eagles finished the year with 32 home runs. At this pace (1.67 HR/game) GSU will pass last year's total by next weekend. Leading the team in HR is junior outfielder/infielder Aaron Mizell. Mizell

stroked three on Sunday and has five total.

For his efforts, Mizell was awarded SoCon Player of the Week after hitting safely in all four games this weekend and going for a slugging percentage of 1.125.

And perhaps the stat that tells the tale best is RBI (Runs batted in). GSU has 120 RBI in just 12 games. The next closest, and I use the word closest pretty loosely here, is WCU with 64.

The only important stat not mentioned is on-base percentage, in which GSU trails Western Carolina University by a whopping .001 percent.

The pitching has been pretty stellar for the Eagles thus far, but with how these kids are swinging the bat, President Brooks Keel could be on the mound and it wouldn't matter.

The Eagles will look to continue their stellar play at the plate when they face the College of Charleston tomorrow at 6 p.m.



# GSU struggles in first SoCon matches

## Women's Tennis (5-4)

BY MACY HOLLOWAY

The George-Anne staff

The women's tennis team has officially entered its 2014 Southern Conference season and plans on making it one to remember.

Although they began their conference play by enduring a crushing 0-7 defeat against their highly ranked opponents from Elon University on Saturday, the Georgia Southern University Eagles did not go down without a fight in their match against the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on Sunday, which ended with a 4-3 victory for the Spartans.

"I think we started off Saturday pretty strong, we lost to Elon in the second round of conference last year so this was a pretty big match for us.

I think we all put up some pretty good scores and definitely gave it our all," Jordana Klein, junior, said.

The Eagles were able to take home three of the six singles victories, however all three doubles matches ended in favor of the Spartans.

"Of course, losing 4-3 is pretty tough but I just think we really need to focus on our doubles play because that could always be the deciding factor," Klein said.

The Eagles, now holding a record of 4-5 and 0-2 in the SoCon, will continue to strive for victory this season as they face off against two seemingly unrelenting opponents, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Samford University, this upcoming weekend. UTC holds an impressive 7-2 record for the 2014 season and Samford is not far behind with an outstanding record of 6-1.

The University of Western Carolina

and Appalachian State University both stand 0-1 in the SoCon rankings as of right now. GSU will go up against both schools on the weekend of March 15. Hopefully they will prove easier competition for the Eagles as UWC and ASU have not been particularly dominating the courts as schools such as SU with their already 2-0 SoCon record have.

SU had already dominated Kennesaw State University 7-0 on Jan. 25, a month before KSU was able to overpower GSU 4-3. GSU will undeniably need to be exceptionally well prepared as they face-off against SU on Sunday.

The Eagles will also have a regular season match against a 5-3 University of North Carolina at Wilmington on Wednesday at the Hanner Tennis Complex. "Wednesday we play against a non-conference team and that should help

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LOST 8-2  
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LOST 8-5

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Caitlin Kitchen  
LOST 6-1, 6-2  
Stephanie Woods  
LOST 6-3, 6-4  
Giulia Riepe  
LOST 6-1, 6-4  
Jordana Klein  
LOST 2-6, 6-4, 10-8  
Mary Phillips Smith  
LOST 7-6, 6-3

## DOUBLES

Jordana Klein/Caitlin Kitchen  
LOST 8-4  
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Paolo Garrido/Mary Phillips Smith  
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boost confidence going into this next weekend. Samford and Chattanooga should be pretty tough, but I think

we all believe we can beat them. So hopefully we'll be able to improve our SoCon rankings," Klein said.

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# Men's tennis secures second win of season

## Men's Tennis (2-9)

BY DERIK WUCHTE

The George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University men's tennis (2-9) went 1-1 this weekend against Furman University (6-4) and Wofford College (5-6).

Against Furman, at the No. 1 spot and No. 3 spot, senior Oliver Webb and junior Kyle Hoffman obtained wins. Webb defeated Furman sophomore Matt Browne 6-4, 7-6 (7-5) and Hoffman defeated Furman senior Alex Christ 7-6, 6-3.

GSU junior Albert Codina Sala, senior Marco Osorio, sophomore Rafael Racy and freshman Christian Kerrigan competed in the other spots, but were not able to achieve victories.

For doubles play, the team of Oliver Webb and Christian Kerrigan beat Christ and sophomore Ben Horst 8-5. The team of Osorio and freshman Nico DeGroof and the team of Hoffman and Racy did not secure wins,

although both teams played well.

When it came to Wofford, the Eagles got their second team win of the season. For the No. 1 spot, Webb defeated Wofford junior Rob Galloway 6-4, 6-3. In the No. 3 spot, Hoffman defeated Wofford junior Walker Heffron 6-3, 3-6, 6-4. Osorio in the No. 4 spot also earned a victory against Wofford junior Jackson Keith 6-1, 6-3, while Racy in the No. 6 spot defeated Wofford sophomore Parks Thompson 6-4, 6-4. Sala in the No. 2 spot and DeGroof in the No. 5 spot could not reach wins against their opponents.

Wofford's doubles play was impressive on Sunday. The Eagles could not obtain a win in their three doubles matches. DeGroof and Osorio lost a very close set 8-7. Webb and Kerrigan followed with a loss 8-3. Hoffman and Racy, as the final team, lost 8-3.

The Eagles will be playing again at home on Friday, March 7, at 2:30 p.m. against Davidson College and again on Sunday against the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.



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The men's tennis team won its first SoCon matchup against Wofford College as the team prevailed 4-3 over the weekend.

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**Senior GSU outfielder Nicole Benton** recorded four hits in last weekend's Eagle Classic. The Wrightsville native is hitting .290 with four RBIs on the season.



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**Junior GSU infielder Lexi Allen (7)** hit a solo homer in the 3-0 win over Tennessee State University on Sunday to seal the Eagle Classic. Allen has played in 18 games this season and the homer was her first of the year.

## Eagles prepare for road trip to Kennesaw

### Softball (13-15)

#### BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX

The George-Anne staff

After winning four out of five games in the Eagle Classic this past weekend, the Georgia Southern University softball team will travel to take on Kennesaw State University (8-5).

Heading into the mid-week matchup both teams have played against some of the top teams in the country. The Eagles suffered a close 1-0 loss against third-ranked University of Tennessee and a 4-2 victory over 29th-ranked University of Wisconsin.

Kennesaw had less success in their big games. Early in their season the Owls were handed a 6-0 loss by seventh-ranked University of Alabama. Over the weekend the Owls took the mound against 11th-ranked Stanford University and were turned away 0-8.

At bat KSU will rely on senior catcher Angie Dascoli. On 42 at-bats the senior has a batting average of .357 with a .413 on-base percentage. Sophomore infielder Missy Perkowski has the team's highest batting average with .367 and one home run on 30 trips to the plate.

Coming into the game on Wednesday senior shortstop Kourtney Thomas will look

to build on her established success so far this season. Through 18 games Thomas has a .353 average in 51 at-bats, a slugging percentage of .745 and six home runs. Thomas will be assisted by senior utility player Shelby Morrill who has been a consistent force for the Eagles, with a .319 average and three home runs.

Senior pitcher Amanda Henderson will most likely take the mound for Kennesaw. Henderson has been credited with seven wins and four losses on the season with a 1.13 ERA. She has managed to strike out 66 batters and has allowed five home runs. Henderson saw limited time this weekend against Stanford, pitching in only three innings but allowed

three runs.

Getting runners on base will be an obstacle for the Owls against senior pitcher Sarah Purvis. In eight games Purvis has six victories and a .79 ERA. She has compiled one more strikeout than Henderson in three games less. Purvis will enter the game with considerable momentum after throwing a no-hitter against Troy University last weekend.

The Eagles have the statistical advantage in every category, but with a big rematch against third-ranked Tennessee this weekend fans can expect some younger players to get additional experience in this matchup. The game is set to begin at 6 p.m. in Kennesaw, Ga.



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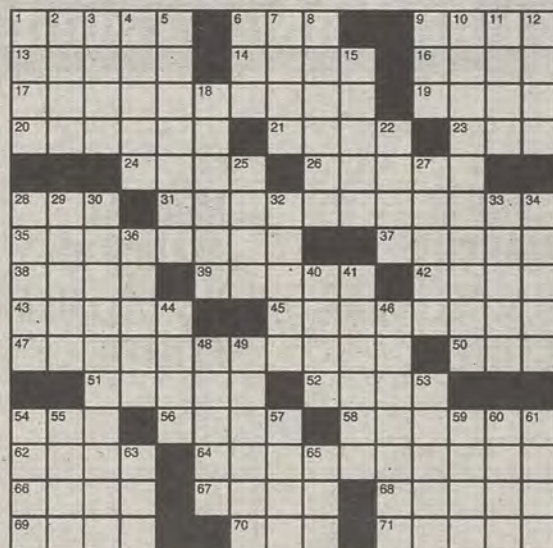
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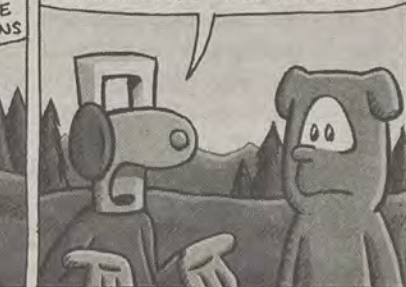


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# GSU starts off tournament play just like 2013

## Women's Basketball

BY KATIE TOLBERT

The George-Anne staff

After losing their three final games of the regular season, the Georgia Southern University women's basketball team is ranked eighth overall and will be in the first game of the Southern Conference Tournament.

The Eagles had two road games against Wofford College and Furman University this past weekend, hoping to move up in the rankings with two final wins, but it did not turn out that way. Both teams defeated GSU, dropping them in the ranks even lower.

Although Wofford beat GSU 73-49, they are ranked ninth, the second to last seed in the conference. This means that the very first game of the conference will be a rematch between the Eagles and the Terriers. Earlier in the season GSU defeated Wofford, but this past weekend the Terriers proved that their ranking will not determine how hard they play.

Wofford has only lost two more games than GSU has. The Terriers showed the Eagles no mercy holding the lead for the vast majority of the last game. In last year's tournament, GSU was able to pull off that game-one victory, and as long as the Eagles stick to their fundamentals and play cohesively another game-one victory looks promising.

One of the downfalls about playing in the first game of the tournament is that the winner has to go up against the number-one-ranked team in the following game. Last year, this meant that GSU had to go up against the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga which led to the conclusion of the Eagles tournament play.

This year, if the Eagles proceed to beat Wofford in the first game, they will go head to head with UTC once again. Both times these teams played this season, UTC defeated the Eagles. The Mocs

have 18 SoCon titles and have been aggressively playing this season in hopes to bring home another title. UTC is undefeated in the SoCon, winning all 18 games they have

played, while GSU finished 7-11 in the conference.

The Eagles have a good chance of beating Wofford in the first game, but, if they continue past

that, the Eagles will have a rough time in the following game against the Mocs.

The SoCon tournament will begin Friday, March 7. The Eagles

will go up against Wofford at 11 a.m. and then shortly after Western Carolina University will play the University of North Carolina at Greensboro at 1:15 p.m.

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# No identity down low reason for losing season

## Men's Basketball (13-18)

**COLIN RITSICK**

The George-Anne staff

With the regular season behind us and the Southern Conference tournament ahead, it's time to reflect on Georgia Southern University's season of mediocrity.

It has been a puzzling year for the 13-18 Eagles.

There are times when it looks like they have the stuff to contend for the top spot in the league.

The defense is, for the most part, consistent. They can shoot from deep. They make hustle plays and have a player average of 20.0 points per game. It was times like the 77-61 win over second-place Chattanooga that all of these factors were on display.

But then there are times when it looks like they would be lucky to win another game. It was times like a 17-point loss to a 6-25 Citadel that had fans scratching their heads.

How can they be so inconsistent?

Relying too heavily on its guards doomed GSU to inconsistent mediocrity. If junior

Jelani Hewitt and senior Tre Bussey don't perform, then neither do the Eagles.

That's because there is no other option. Outside of the top scoring guard duo in the conference, the team lacks an identity - especially in the paint.

The Eagles have a better chance of scoring points by putting up a three than getting the ball to a big down low. They would rather come down the court and shoot a questionable jump shot than work the ball inside.

And you can't blame them.

Senior forward Marvin Baynham is an intimidating defender, but he doesn't strike fear with the ball in his hands. Freshman forward Kyle Doyle shows promise but lacks too much experience and size to be the answer down low. Junior forward Angel Matias has the heart to battle anybody in the league, but at 6-foot-4 going against 6-foot-8, 9, 10 - there's only so much he can do.

A lack of frontcourt production has hampered the team all season long and puts pressure on Hewitt and Bussey to take a lot

#	SUMMARY	GP	GS	MIN/G	FG%	3PT%	FT%	REB/G	AST/G	STL	BLK	PTS/G
11	BUSSEY, TRE	31	31	35.1	.455	.393	.655	4.0	1.9	31	3	16.3
13	MATIAS, ANGEL	31	31	25.1	.500	.139	.490	6.9	0.6	17	8	7.8
05	HEWITT, JELANI	31	30	33.5	.409	.364	.840	4.5	3.2	71	5	20.0
12	HOLMES, BIRAN	27	26	29.5	.406	.400	.729	2.4	2.7	25	4	8.9
10	BAYNHAM, MARVIN	31	26	23.4	.639	.000	.613	5.4	0.3	19	12	5.2
35	DOYLE, KYLE	27	5	21.4	.481	.273	.379	5.6	0.4	19	10	5.7
04	DIAMOND, CURTIS	31	4	21.6	.338	.298	.758	2.0	0.9	19	3	6.5
00	THOMAS, TORLORF	25	2	5.8	.367	.278	.786	0.3	0.4	7	0	1.5
02	MIKE, SAM	29	0	10.9	.429	.000	.522	1.9	0.1	5	5	1.2
01	DUNNICAN, KAMERON	6	0	8.2	1.000	.000	1.000	0.5	0.0	2	3	2.3
30	KELLY, SCOTT	10	0	2.9	.500	.000	.000	0.5	0.0	0	0	0.2
40	CLARK, GRAYSON	9	0	1.9	.200	.000	.000	0.3	0.1	1	0	0.2
21	RIVES, COLE	9	0	2.0	.000	.000	.000	0.1	0.0	1	0	0.0
14	ALTANY, ZACH	6	0	1.5	.000	.000	.000	0.3	0.0	0	0	0.0
23	SUTER, D.J.	1	0	2.0	.000	.000	.000	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL		31			.436	.345	.658	35.5	9.9	217	53	71.68

of shots. Guards are the most susceptible to an off shooting night. So relying on them to carry the offense is like relying on Georgia State to put up a fair fight next season in football - it just isn't gonna happen.

The season isn't over and not all hope is lost. Miracles in March happen every year. But unless the Eagles can find a way to produce consistently in the paint, their SoCon tournament will be like their regular season - a disappointment.

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# Top three finish for Eagle track and field



It was a photo finish as the 4x400m relay team took the title in their event, the final event of the meet allowing Georgia Southern University track and field to take third place in the Southern Conference Indoor Championships

**Left:** Junior Jasmin Walker placed first, winning the long jump title at the Southern Conference Championships. GSU has won the long jump event four times straight.

**Above Left:** From left to right: freshman Asha Stegal, junior Cherrelle King, senior Dana Edwards and graduate student Sherill McFarlane captured the 4x400m relay team title, the final event of the meet. The girls posted GSU's best SoCon championship time since 2007.

**Above Right:** Sophomore Jordan Fordham finished in sixth place in the 60m dash on day two of the SoCon championships