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## LADY ANTEBELLUM

GSU's 2014 spring concert headliner

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## Statesboro Head Start looks for volunteers

BY KRISTA WILKINS  
 The George-Anne contributor

Local organizers of Statesboro Head Start are calling out to community members and students to volunteer in the upcoming Read-a-thon.

Dominic Wooden, community liaison and Statesboro Head Start volunteer, helps recruit and inform students about the program.

"We are looking for more Georgia Southern students to get involved and volunteer for the program. It's a great experience and it's a great way to help out the community," Wooden said.

Student volunteers can assist in classrooms, help teachers with lesson plans and prepare children for art and music classes. The program, aimed at children age three to five, helps to develop basic learning and reading skills.

Ammie Hodges, Statesboro Head Start center director, has been working with Statesboro Head Start for the past seven years and encourages Georgia Southern University students to get involved in the program.

"It's been very beneficial having the students volunteer," Hodges said. "It helps lessen the amount of stress on

teachers and it's a great way for the children here and the student volunteers to interact with people of different races. I wish we had the program when I was in school."

Founded in 1966 to combat poverty and improve quality of life, the Statesboro Head Start program offers educational, health and financial services to low income families and children in the coastal region of Georgia.

The program has been assisting families over the past 20 years and much of the educational assistance provided comes straight from GSU students.

Statesboro Head Start is open to any student volunteers and the Statesboro community and encourages people to come out for the Read-a-thon event on March 27.

Taylor Leslie, senior child family and development major and a current volunteer with the program, enjoys working with the children and helping them develop important learning skills.

Leslie said, "Working at Statesboro Head Start has been a blessing. It's a different experience than what I've ever experienced before and I am honored to have the opportunity to help Statesboro Head

Start. The program is a wonderful place to volunteer and I'm extremely glad I had this opportunity."



## Police Beat

### Wednesday, March 5

9:03 a.m.: Officers responded to a sick person at Dining Commons. EMS responded and transported the sick person.

11:10 a.m.: An incident report was taken for the theft of unattended property at the Henderson Library. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

12:54 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident in Lot 42.

1:41 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the Russell Union.

3:07 p.m.: An incident report was taken for harassment at Lakeside Café. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

3:55 p.m.: Officers responded to a sick person at the Biological Sciences Building. EMS responded but did not transport.

7 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident on Olympic Blvd. at Chandler Road.

8:16 p.m.: Officers responded to a burglar alarm at the Housing Storage Facility on South Main Street. The building was checked with no problems found.

8:52 p.m.: Officers responded to a drug complaint at Southern Courtyard. No action was taken at this time.

10:29 p.m.: Officers responded to a burglar alarm at the Garden of the Coastal Plains Administrative Offices. Officers discovered an unsecured door. The building was checked with no apparent problems found.

1:15 a.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the College of Business.

### Thursday, March 6

10:13 a.m.: Officers responded to

a fire alarm at Watson Pods. The fire alarm was activated by smoke from an occupant cooking.

11:58 a.m.: Officers responded to a panic alarm at Cone Hall. The building was checked with no problem found.

2:52 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident – hit and run in J-Lot.

9:19 p.m.: Officers responded to University Villas in reference to an unwanted person. The person was instructed to leave and did so. Housing personnel were notified.

5:30 a.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at Kennedy Hall. The building was checked with no problems found.

### Friday, March 7

1:18 p.m.: Criminal Investigations arrested Bradley Collin Weathers, 26, Statesboro, Ga., and charged him with Theft by Taking – misdemeanor, Theft by Deception – misdemeanor and False Statements and Writings for an incident that occurred at the Henderson Library on March 3.

1:17 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident in Lot 21.

3:42 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident in Lot 30.

6:55 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft in J-Lot. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

11:48 p.m.: Officers assisted the Statesboro Police Department with an incident that occurred in the College Vue Apartments.

### Saturday, March 8

12:12 a.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on Plant Drive at Lot 30. The driver of the vehicle, Justin Lanier McCoy, 21, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with DUI 1<sup>st</sup>.

4:31 a.m.: Officers towed an improperly parked vehicle from the intersection of Forest Drive and Plant Drive.

9:22 a.m.: An incident report was taken for damage to property at University Villas.

11:53 a.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at Eagle Village. The fire alarm was activated by an occupant cooking.

1:49 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident in the RAC parking lot.

2:11 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident in the RAC parking lot.

5:36 p.m.: Officers assisted the Statesboro Police Department with an incident at Southern Villas.

6:10 p.m.: Officers assisted a subject in Lot 13 with items he had located in his truck that he wished to turn in.

6:20 p.m.: Officers responded to Freedom's Landing in reference to a drug complaint. One occupant was judicially referred.

### Sunday, March 9

12:31 a.m.: Officers responded to Watson Pods in reference to a sick person. EMS responded but did not transport. The sick person, Nikola V. Zaimov, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Alcohol – Under 21 Years of Age.

1:41 a.m.: Officers made contact with an intoxicated subject on Lanier Drive at Parker's Enzone. The intoxicated subject was judicially referred.

1:48 a.m.: Officers discovered an intoxicated juvenile in J-Lot. The juvenile was turned over to his father.

3:03 a.m.: Officers assisted the Statesboro Police Department with an incident at the Cambridge at Southern apartments.

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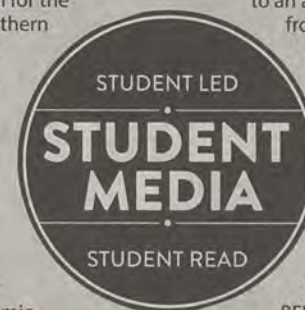
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## Money is never more important than family

If I had a dollar for every single time my mother didn't give me something I wanted or thought she was supposed to provide for me, I would be a millionaire by now, drinking lemonade on a yacht nowhere near Georgia Southern.

This is why I think it is absolutely ridiculous that Rachel Canning, an 18-year-old high school senior from New Jersey, had the audacity to sue her parents for financial support and college tuition.

Don't get me wrong here, I see where she's coming from completely. Your parents are expected to aid you during your phases of growth, especially during the transition from high school to college. Though for many of us, life isn't easy and we have to find our own way. If she loses this case, and so far she is losing, hopefully it will teach her how to be grateful.

Canning comes from a wealthy home and attended an expensive private school. Just this semester, her parents decided to stop paying for her to attend this institution due to her moving out of their home because she wanted "life without any parental supervision and without any rules," so her mother claims.

Her parents claim they have had difficulty with her for some time now, as the report on CNN read: "Canning was suspended from school for truancy last October, according to court documents filed by her parents' attorney, Laurie Rush-Masuret.

Her parents told the teen that she could no longer see

### THE SANCHEZ SNIPPET



JOYCE SANCHEZ

her boyfriend, who was also suspended from school. Car and phone privileges were also taken away. Once she learned of the punishment, Canning cut school again and then decided to run away, her father said in court documents."

After last Tuesday, when a New Jersey judge denied the teenager's request for immediate financial assistance from the parents, Canning now claims that she was physically and verbally abused. You think she's lying too? I thought so.

I truly do encourage everyone to look up this case and see all the details of it, as I couldn't fit it all. It's very interesting to see that in this case, blood is not thicker than water, and money is more important.

I just think there was a better way to go about this than humiliating your whole family. As I have told myself for the many times I've been on my own, "what does not kill will make you stronger."

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

## Republicans should be given credit

You either love her or you hate her. Either way, you have to give her credit.

During the 2008 presidential election, Republican vice-presidential nominee Sarah Palin said, "After the Russian army invaded the nation of Georgia, Senator Obama's reaction was one of indecision and moral equivalence, the kind of response that would only encourage Russia's Putin to invade Ukraine next."

Did she correctly predict that, if elected, then-Senator Obama would have a soft stance on foreign policy, which would allow Vladimir Putin to invade the former Soviet territory of Ukraine?

It sure seems that way. And who knows? It may have been easy for her to see what Putin was doing because she said she could see Russia

### THE POLI SCI GUY



JORDAN HUERTA

from her house. Oh wait. That was Tina Fey. Maybe she's not as dumb as some folks portray her to be. The former Alaskan Governor somehow knew that, given President Obama's stance on the invasion of Georgia, Putin would go after Ukraine next. Say what you want about Palin, but she was right. When you have a soft stance on foreign policy as our president does, things like this happen. Drawing a red line in Syria, as well as the lackluster handling of Iran and Libya, President Obama

has fallen in a recent Washington Post Poll concerning his handling of international affairs. From a previous high of over 60 percent approval early in his term, he has now fallen to a 43 percent approval.

Similarly Mitt Romney claimed that Russia was our number one geopolitical foe. President Obama responded back by mocking Romney, saying, "The 1980's are calling and want their foreign policy back."

Well President Obama, Ukraine is calling. A country you didn't believe to be that big of a threat is invading them. What are you going to do about it? Maybe he should add Romney and Palin to his cabinet.

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

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## No age limit on marriage

With Valentine's Day come and gone and wedding season quickly approaching, the bitter bug has bitten quite a few people. Listicles like "25 reasons to not get married before 25" seem to be cropping up everywhere online and, in turn, shared on social media sites like Facebook.

Considering that I'm someone who got engaged at age 20 and will marry this summer at age 21, I laugh at those lists. They instill the idea in people that you cannot be independent, adventurous or successful in your career if you decide to marry at a certain age. They also tell people that they are not intelligent enough at a certain age to make a life changing decision.

I find that absolutely hysterical.

At age 18, most people enter college with the decision of what job or career field they will be in for the rest of their life. Four years is what it takes to prepare you for the job you hope to do until you die.

By the time I get married, I will have dated my fiancé longer than I've been in college. I think that over those four years of dating, I've been prepared in what is necessary for a healthy and happy marriage in the same way I've been prepared for what the world of working adults has in store for me.

However, just like some people do not require four years of higher education to find a job that makes them happy and successful in their own way, some couples do not require four years of dating. Some may require much less or much more.

Another thing those lists tell people is that you cannot achieve the things you've always dreamed of if you are married, that the partner

### THE NAKED ROOM



JENNIFER CURINGTON

you've married is going to be someone that hinders you.

I find that disgusting.

The person you've chosen to marry is going to enhance your life; they will change you for the better with their love and support. They will be your partner-in-crime in the adventures you decide to pursue in life. They will be someone you make memories with, not someone that prevents you from making those memories.

Don't get me wrong, I don't think that everyone should marry young. I think some people are meant to be married at 21 like me, while others won't be ready for marriage until their 30s, maybe even 40s. I don't think marrying "young" makes me better than my friends that won't marry for another decade. I don't think it makes me less intelligent or independent than them either.

Marriage should be about the fact that you cannot be the person you were meant to be – the person you want to be – without your partner. Marriage shouldn't be about what age you are when you meet that person.

*Curington is a senior, writing and linguistics major from Warner Robins. She is a news reporter.*

## Waiting for the right time

"I" and "do" are two very powerful words. They are part of a sacred vow that binds you to another person. The words should be preceded by "till death do us part," but it seems as if that statement could easily be replaced by "till we decide to file for divorce" in today's society.

Marriage isn't something that should be taken lightly. It's not just a phase in your life, not something that you are simply crossing off a checklist, but rather a means of making yourself a more complete person.

Marriage is about finding a person who you are willing to share your journey on this earth with, and it's a serious and life-changing choice that I won't be making anytime soon.

My decision to wait until I am older to get married has nothing to do with making sure I do all of those "25 things to do before you get engaged" that bloggers across the internet continually claim are better than finding that one special person.

I could travel the world, get a tattoo or even eat an entire jar of Nutella with or without a wedding band on my finger. In fact, all those things would probably be more fun with that "special person" by my side.

It's also not because I have a jaded view on love and marriage; it's quite the opposite. I still believe it's possible to find a person that loves you, challenges you and truly makes you a better version of yourself.

It is because at the ripe age of 21 – and probably into my late 20's – I am not yet worthy of being in a union that powerful and important. I have to be the best version of myself as an individual before I am

### BEHIND THE SCENES



PEYTON CALLANAN

ready to be one half of a stronger whole.

Maturity unfortunately does not always come with age but a better sense of who you are and what you want out of life usually does. Conquering a quarter-life crisis is an easier thing to do when aren't tied to another person emotionally and financially.

Just because I am not currently sporting an engagement ring, it doesn't make my relationship any less significant. I could very well be with the person I am going to spend the rest of my life with but I want to be as positive as I can be before I can make that commitment.

I won't pretend that I know what makes a marriage last forever but I do know that I want to give mine the best odds possible, and for me that means waiting until the time is right. Marriage is a serious commitment that shouldn't be made lightly. Each relationship is different but every couple should take the time to think through their decision. Take the time to discover your strengths and weaknesses as an individual and as one-half of a couple before you take a walk down the aisle.

*Callanan is a senior communication arts major from Chuluota, Fl. She is the current opinions editor.*

## Finding that special someone in college can be challenging

There is a running joke that girls in college are only looking to graduate with one thing: their "M.R.S. degree." Unfortunately for some, achieving that has become quite difficult.

Meeting people in college is easy, but finding a guy who wants to settle down and stop hooking up with every girl he meets is a little harder. Once you think you've found this perfect guy, and you have been on a couple dates, it either works out – and congratulations for that – or he randomly stops talking to you and you never hear or see him ever again. It is really easy to fall into this trap, especially if you and this guy

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JACKIE GUTKNECHT

don't have many friends in common.

The dating app Tinder has gained popularity recently and seems like a great idea to meet someone that you wouldn't

normally meet. However, the majority of people on this app are usually only looking for one thing (and that is to "hit it and quit it").

It isn't impossible to find someone that you are going to have a meaningful relationship with in college, but you have to go outside of the bars and dating apps to find this person.

It is a lot easier to meet someone worth dating when you have mutual friends and interests. Joining student organizations, intramural sports, clubs and activities allows for you to meet a large group of

people that have the same interest as you. Not only will this give you something to talk about with the person, but it also allows for you to have the same group of friends to hang out with together.

College dating is fun and allows you to figure out what you like and don't like in your significant other, but it can be challenging when it comes to actually finding a serious relationship that will stick.

*Gutknecht is a senior journalism major from Conyers. She is currently the investigative reporter for the news section.*

# YOUR VIEW

Do you think that the party-hard, black-out drunk, spring break often seen in movies is accurate for a typical college spring break?

For more interviews see [thegeorgeanne.com](http://thegeorgeanne.com)

Interviews conducted by Braley Garland and Connor White  
Photos by Brandon Warnock



**Brianne Anderson**  
exercise science major,  
freshman

"I think it depends on where you go. I would say that just going with all your friends, sitting at the beach and having a few drinks is worth it. We meet up with random people and have a good time. You can reach out to other people."



**Justin Miller**  
psychology major,  
junior

"No people don't have enough money for that (crazy spring break). Some people go with families to places. Some people go on small trips with friends. But not like renting a big boat or something and going out on the water and everyone getting drunk. Having fun times with friends is what makes spring break."



**Adam Ashcraft**  
chemistry major,  
sophomore

"Well the way people talk about it, it sounds like that. But I think that most people just go home. Relaxing and getting away from all the work and just slowing down a bit is a good spring break."



**Jessica Podesta**  
psychology major,  
sophomore

"I think that's what students expect, but I don't think that's the 'average.' Personally, I'm not doing anything super crazy this year, but that's what some people do. It just depends on the person. Spending quality time with your friends is nice. I think that a lot of people, after one crazy Spring Break, they're like 'well maybe I can slow down,' and relax."



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Kristian Bush (left) and Joe Nichols (right) will both perform as opening acts for Lady Antebellum at the May 2 spring concert. All three artists are country acts.

## Three country artists for spring concert

BY LAUREN GORLA

The George-Anne staff

Between stops on the Take Me Downtown Tour, Lady Antebellum will light up Allen E. Paulson Stadium for Georgia Southern University's 2014 spring concert.

The Office of Student Activities announced today that Joe Nichols and Kristian Bush will also perform as the two opening acts for the show.

Tickets will go on sale March 24 for GSU students, faculty and staff. The general public will have access to tickets on March 31.

The concert is set for Friday, May 2 in Paulson Stadium, which will still be under construction. OSA is working with the facilities staff as well as the fire marshal to insure everyone will be safe while having fun, Tina Powellson, Ph.D., director of Office of Student Activities, said.

Lady Antebellum formed in Nashville, Tn. in 2006 and has three members, Hillary Scott, Charles Kelley and Dave Haywood. Its most recent album was released in May 2013.

Nichols is also a country singer with "Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off" as one of his biggest hits to date.

Bush is most known as the male half of the country duo Sugarland and debuted as a solo artist in March 2013.

All three artists fall into the country genre, which was decided to be the best fit for the student population and Statesboro community after market research, Powellson said.

The University Programming Board will host an announcement celebration today at the plaza between Main Dining Commons and the University Store from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Students dressed in true blue gear can enter to win two tickets to the concert before they go on sale.

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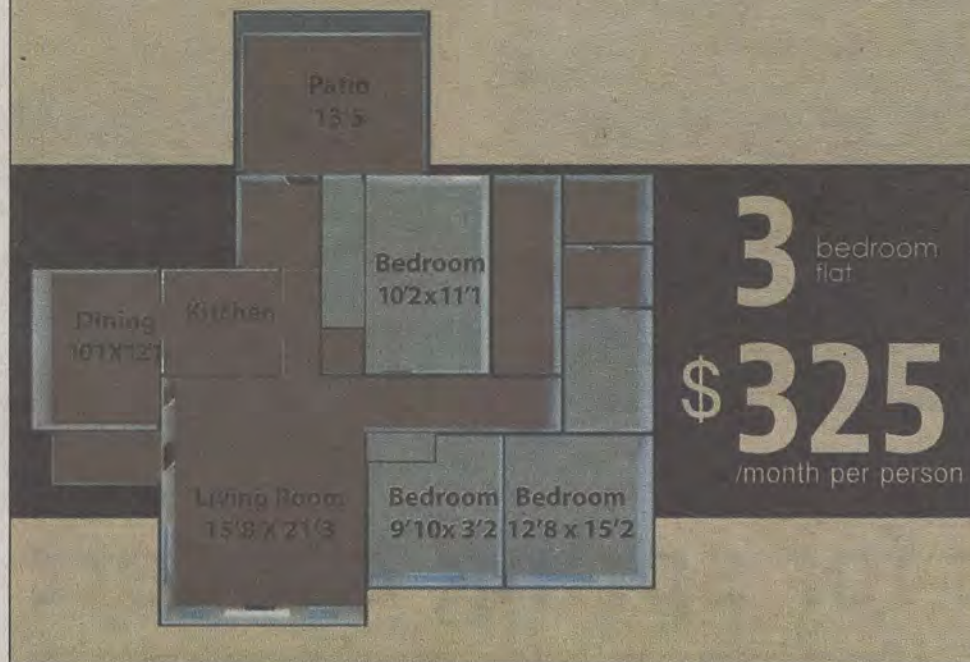
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## GREENBRIAR



Courtesy of Adriana Pulley

Students line up for food at a previous International Club meeting. The upcoming event will highlight springtime celebrations from different religions.

## GSU International Club to host spring equinox event

BY MICHELLE NORSWORTHY

The George-Anne contributor

There's a deeper, more universal meaning behind the pastel hues and consumerism of the springtime. It's one of renewal, and it's shared by cultures from around the world. This diversity in the celebration is the topic of the International Club's event this Thursday.

The International Club will be hosting an event to showcase the diverse celebrations that happen throughout spring. "Spring Equinox Celebrations" will be held this Thursday in Room 2047 of the Russell Union at 7 p.m. The event will cover the Christian, Hindu, and Pagan celebrations that happen around the spring equinox. The equinox is what signals the start of the season, Adriana Pulley, president of the International Club, said.

"Every single culture has a way of bringing it in, even if they have a different reason," Pulley said. "Despite the figures from religions, it all ties back to the rebirth of the earth and the new season."

This sense of renewal and festiveness can be found throughout the world in different ways. In any case, with winter slowly but surely fading away, springtime comes as a welcomed event.

"Spring is really when we see, you know, life returning to earth. That's so very important in almost all cultures," Gabby Jiovenetta said, co-president of the Earth Spirit Association. The ESA will be one of three organizations presenting at the event.

Michael Putnam and his wife Lacy, who are founders of ESA, will be presenting on the Pagan celebration known as Ostara. The presentation will include the traditions and history of the holiday, as well as the shared symbolism with Easter.

The Easter presentation will be given by the Scholars of Religion and will include Celtic and Swedish traditions surrounding the holiday. The presentation will be given by a group of academics who study these faiths.

Bhargav Mora and Jay Bhatt, who are members of the International Club, will be presenting on the Hindu festival of Holi. Both Holi and Ostara will be presented by practitioners of the Hindu and Pagan faiths.

"I'd love for people to gain new knowledge of religions in general, and hopefully spark a little bit of curiosity that wasn't there before," said Justin Miller, president of SoR.

Snacks and attendance verification will be provided at the event, and everyone is welcomed to attend.

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# MFA artist to present “Reflections of Our Time”



Janet Suarez, MFA student, creates her paintings by taking distorted photographs using her camera and a plastic bottle as a lens to distort the image.

## Artist's Corner

BY RASHIDA OTUNBA

The George-Anne staff

Plastic takes on a new use as Georgia Southern University graduate student Janet Suarez presents her abstract 2-D oil painting exhibit “Reflections of Our Time.”

A Fort Lauderdale native, Suarez creates her paintings by photographing still lifes using plastic containers as lenses to distort the image. Then she zooms in and crops the image so she can collage them to paint the images on a canvas.

“We have distorted views of how we experience light and nature. Today people experience nature secondhand through television, internet, and that type of media which is very distant. I grew up in nature camping and swimming, so today people experience nature very differently,” Suarez said.

The paintings are a collision between the natural and the artificial worlds and focus on the changing nature of light and pattern and how each person experiences these things as individuals.

“My goal is to draw the viewer into my art to question what they see, encouraging them to think about how they interact with the natural world and the environmental footprint they leave behind, thus creating an awareness of how even small changes can create a big effect,” Suarez said.

The works in “Reflections of Our Time” are also meant to increase awareness on an often unnoticed environmental issue.

“When I started to investigate the plastic for its aesthetic quality and how it can distort images, I started to notice it everywhere. Everything’s put in plastic now because it’s cheaper. There’s also an unseen effect of plastic called BDA. Ninety-three percent of people have BDA in their bodies and it has been linked to breast cancer in some studies, so there’s a big effect there that some people don’t even realize that hasn’t really been addressed,” Suarez said.

Janet Suarez received her undergraduate degree from the University of Florida and hopes to receive her master’s degree in 2-D painting. She has exhibited her artwork in galleries in Atlanta and Gainesville. “Reflections of Our Time” will be displayed at the CAT from March 17-28.

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## Men's tennis returns home: the good and the bad



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**GSU junior Albert Codina Sala**, from the No. 3 spot, defeated Davidson senior Ethan Kallick in their singles match last weekend.

### MEN'S TENNIS (3-10)

**BY DERIK WUCHTE**

The George-Anne Contributor

Men's tennis went 1-1 this weekend with a win against Davidson College and a loss against the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Certain factors helped in giving the Eagles their win on Saturday. Likewise, unaccounted ones contributed to how they lost the next day. Five reasons for why the Eagles won and lost follow.

#### GOOD: HOME-FIELD ADVANTAGE

For the past 10 meets, the Eagles have been playing away. On Saturday, they were back at the Wallis Tennis Center in Statesboro. Although the meet scheduled for Friday had to be pushed back to Saturday, the Eagles were ready. The early morning rise for the meet at 9:00 a.m. did not deter them against Davidson. Solid performances and a strong finish in doubles secured the points needed for the Eagles to win 4-3.

#### BAD: GOOD STARTS, BUT UNFORTUNATE FINISHES

Seizing every opportunity in a match is not an easy trial. To be near victory, but not close enough to reach it, is especially difficult. When playing against UNCG on Sunday, some matches drew close

while others slipped by. Senior Marco Osorio managed to win the first set against sophomore Daniel Mack. In the next set, Osorio lost the tiebreaker. That gave Mack enough energy to close out the third set against him. Similarly, junior Albert Codina Sala and senior Oliver Webb were competitive in their first sets as they only lost by one and two points. Not being able to fully bounce back kept the Eagles from turning their matches around and winning.

#### GOOD: KEY PLAYERS CHIMING IN

The success against Davidson on Saturday indicated a good sign. Hard fought matches were pulled out by the veteran Eagles on the team. Osorio in the No. 4 spot defeated sophomore Evan Watkins 6-1, 6-4. Codina Sala in the No. 3 spot capitalized against senior Ethan Kallick by defeating him 6-1, 6-2. To give the Eagles their third team point, Webb defeated senior Robert Lightbourn 7-5, 6-4. It came down to the doubles competition to get the third point. This was where the Eagles swept Davidson. They won the team point, thus securing their win over Davidson. Webb and freshman Christian Kerrigan won in their team match, 8-6. Junior Kyle Hoffman and freshman Nico DeGroof were also in sync as they won, 8-6.

#### Bad: Tough opponent in UNCG

The 7-2 UNCG Spartans were a formidable team to match. Coming off a 7-0 team victory against the 3-8 University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, they had momentum in their favor. Being able to secure the doubles point early against the Eagles affected them. It did not keep the Eagles from trying their hardest in singles play. Hoffman in the No. 3 spot kept sophomore Gaston Murray working in a close second set, but letting the first set pass him by unfortunately caught up to him. DeGroof led most of the first set in his match against sophomore James Flynn at the No. 6 spot.

#### Good: Winning against Southern Conference opponents

Since Southern Conference play started, the Eagles have gone 2-2. They have taken the very high road after the seven-game losing streak they suffered at the beginning of the season. Being able to turn themselves around is quite a feat. With each meet, especially those against SoCon opponents, meaning so much to their season, the Eagles cannot let any win give them too much confidence or any loss slow them down too drastically.

## Women's Tennis continues losing streak

### WOMEN'S TENNIS (4-8)

**BY MACY HOLLOWAY**

The George-Anne staff

This past Saturday and Sunday the women's tennis team traveled to Tennessee and endured an incredibly disappointing weekend on the courts.

The Georgia Southern University Eagles went 0-7 against

The University of Tennessee Chattanooga on Saturday and this same record was reflected after the Eagles went head-to-head with Samford University on Sunday.

Evidently GSU was just unable to pull out any solid wins this weekend; all six of the singles matches and three doubles matches were in favor of the opposing teams on both days.

Even so, the Eagles didn't go down without a fight. On Saturday GSU

sophomore Mary Phillips Smith put up a good fight against her opponent UTC sophomore Katie Polk when they had a tight match ending in a score of (7-5, 6-1).

In doubles play on Saturday, GSU junior Jordana Klein, paired up with sophomore Stephanie Woods, was almost able to best their opponents UTC sophomore Kelsey Coots and junior Claire Mulyadi, however their match ended 8-6 in

favor of UTC.

On Sunday against SU, GSU finally began to find their stride resulting in many closer matches than the previous day held.

Klein was able to overpower her opponent, SU senior Kristen Lewis, in their first set 6-7 (5-8), in the second set she was swiftly brought down 6-1, and in the final Klein put up a strong fight resulting in a score of 1-0 (10-8) in favor of Lewis.

SU now holds an impressive overall record of 9-1 along with a SoCon record of 3-0, while UTC is also having a strong season with an overall 9-2 record and 1-0 in the SoCon.

This upcoming weekend GSU will get to play at home as they face off against Western Carolina University and Appalachian State University at the Hanner Tennis Complex.



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Freshman infielder Emily Snider (22) went 2-4 with a stolen base against UT on Sunday.

## UT defeats GSU in the Tennessee Tournament

### Softball (16-7)

BY KATIE TOLBERT

The George-Anne staff

The Tennessee Tournament showed Georgia Southern University's softball team some competition as they finished the weekend 2-2 in Asheville, N.C.

The Eagles had it going through the first two games defeating Campbell University 9-0 and defeating the College of the Holy Cross 3-2. The Eagles dominated both of these games at the plate and defending it as well.

Junior pitcher Brooke Red and senior pitcher Allie Miles combined for a one-hitter, allowing no runs for Campbell and Red earned 10 strikeouts. On the other side of

the plate, the Eagles pounded nine runs and eight hits. Junior Kaitlyn Johnson hit a homerun against Campbell that led to two runs plus her own, making their lead 9-0.

Senior infielder Kourtny Thomas was a crucial offensive player during both of these games, earning two hits and a run in the first game and a pair of homeruns in the second game against Holy Cross. But the biggest game of the tournament and for Thomas was against the University of Tennessee.

Day two of the tournament was a big day for Thomas, as they were going up against her old team, UT. The second day of the tournament didn't start off well, losing to Western Kentucky University 0-3. This game only set the pace for the

game against UT.

The Eagles were just as strong at bat as the Volunteers were, but the Eagles stranded nine runners on base while the Vol's were able to get runners home. Thomas did not do anything spectacular against her old team, but senior pitcher Sarah Purvis played strong.

During this game, Purvis ended her school record of a 37 inning scoreless streak. Although her streak ended, she earned seven strikeouts and only allowed two runs.

GSU is set to begin Southern Conference play coming in with the second-best record in the conference. The first conference regular season game this coming Saturday against the University of North Carolina at Greensboro at 1 p.m.

## Swimming and diving breaks 11 school records

### Swimming and Diving

BY EMILY ARNOLD

The George-Anne staff

This year at the CCSA Championship meet in Knoxville, Tenn., the Georgia Southern University swimming and diving team broke 11 school records while placing third overall in the meet.

"I thought we did well," Head Coach Nathan Kellogg said. "We thought we had a chance at third going into the meet and we're pretty happy with that finish. I was very pleased overall with our effort and our performance."

In the 100m breaststroke, senior Kristen Bates beat her preliminary time of 1:01.52 and attained an NCAA B-cut time. Sophomore Emma Weisel qualified for NCAA Zones with the school record and personal record she scored in the three-meter dive.

"I am exceedingly proud of our team's hard work, focus, and passion they brought to the pool on a daily basis throughout the season," Kellogg said in a press release. "Breaking 11 school records and finishing third at CCSAs is a product of that. I am certainly proud of all that we have achieved this season and am looking forward to the bright future of this program."

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### 200 FREESTYLE

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### 200 BREAST

Kristen Bates 2:17.04

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Christina Moran 2:00.12

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Emma Weisel 290.70

### 200 MEDLEY RELAY

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### 800 FREE RELAY

Kylee Parsons, Devan White, Amber Juncker, Becca Alves 7:31.77



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**Left:** Junior forward Angel Matias (13) totaled six points and pulled down a team-high nine rebounds in Sunday's contest against Wofford.

**Above:** Senior guard Brian Holmes (12) finished his career at GSU tied for the lead in points with senior guard Tre Bussey, as they recorded 14 apiece.

# March Madness chances dashed for GSU

## Men's Basketball

### TREVOR MCNABOE

The George-Anne staff

Dreams of making the big dance were cut short after Georgia Southern University men's basketball team made a semi-final run in the Southern Conference tournament.

The Eagles came in as the seventh seed out of eleven overall, after a 6-10 conference record and would face off against Furman University in the opening round of the tournament.

The theme of the tournament was guard play for the Eagles and against the Paladins, redshirt junior Jelani Hewitt came out with 20 points on 8-14 shooting from the field

while also recording a game-high five assists and eight rebounds for the Eagles as they downed Furman 65-50.

GSU would advance to the quarterfinals against the No. 2-seeded University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Mocs and once again guard play was dominant for the Eagles as senior guard Tre Bussey led the way with 17 points and a game-high three assists for the Eagles.

The Eagles finally were able to pull out a win by the score of 62-55 against the Mocs and advance to the conference semi-finals for the first time in the last three seasons.

Fatigue showed in the Eagles semi-final game, as it was the third straight day of competition. GSU looked outmatched against a fresher Wofford College team.

Shooting was the problem for the Eagles

as they shot 27 percent in the first half netting them only 20 points compared to the Terriers 33 points off shooting 43 percent.

The Eagles made a valiant effort in the second half improving their shot selection, however whenever GSU would make a run Wofford would answer back, ending the chance for a conference title appearance with a final score of 71-57.

The loss closes the books on three of the Eagles starters due for graduation: guards Brian Holmes, Bussy and forward Marvin Baynham. The trio combined for a total of 30.6 points per game this season along with almost a third of the teams combined rebounds.

Next season GSU will be thrown into a new conference, the Sun Belt Conference, where they will play opponents similar to

those they faced this season: Georgia State University and Appalachian State University.

What GSU did especially during the conference tournament is only a taste of what can happen in the future, and the scary part about it is that next year's team will have the tools to be even better than this one.

The return of three-time All SoCon forward Eric Ferguson off a redshirt year, along with transfer forward Trent Wiedeman from College of Charleston will provide added depth and experience to complement forward Angel Matias, forward Kyle Doyle, and guards Jelani Hewitt and Curtis Diamond.

The 2013-2014 season is over and in the books in a bittersweet way, but the prospect of next year should keep fans excited and hopeful.

# UTC pushes GSU out of tournament play

## Women's Basketball (10-21)

BY KATIE TOLBERT

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University's women's basketball team ended their season with their second consecutive loss against the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in the quarterfinals of the Southern Conference Tournament.

The Eagles first win in the tournament was expected, and their loss against the No. 1 seed was also expected. Nevertheless, this final 57-67 game was nowhere near a blowout and these girls added to their success of this season with this game.

Junior guard Anna Claire Knight was going to make this game count, win or loss, when she earned 20 points for the Eagles, pushing her over 1,000 points for her career. Another career high was earned by sophomore forward Sierra Kirkland, with her 13 points earned during this game.

"I'm proud of our resiliency today. We

obviously didn't get off to a very good start, but our kids kept fighting and kept fighting. We settled in a little bit after that, and I thought Sierra did a great job, especially late in the first half, running the floor like she did and getting us some easy baskets," Head Coach Chris Vozab said in a news release. The Mocs started the game with all the power on their side of the court, taking an 18-2 lead. By the middle of the first half, the Mocs were up 22-6. The Eagles proved they weren't going to give up that easy when they came back in the second half shooting 61 percent.

Cutting the deficit down to 10 points was quite an accomplishment for this team, but in the end they could not pull off the win. This is the Eagles ninth game this season that they have lost by 10 points or less.

Consistency and starting out strong seemed to pose as a problem for this team, which is why they ended their season with a losing record of 10-21, 7-11 in conference.

The Eagles are done for this season, but with five seniors graduating and with Vozab getting into her third coaching season, next year's GSU team could look completely different.



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Assistant coach Lisa Jackson, surrounded by the Lady Eagles, works with perimeter players and also serves as a recruiting coordinator for the team.



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Senior guard MiMi Dubose (33) capped off her final season averaging 10.8 points per game and totaling 183 assists.

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# From SoCon to Sun Belt Conference

## A countdown of the top five GSU sports programs ready to succeed in 2014

### IN MY OPINION

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX

The George-Anne staff

As the spring sports begin their final seasons of play in the Southern Conference it is time to look ahead to the future of Georgia Southern University sports.

Moving into the Sun Belt Conference

will bump GSU into an entirely new level of competition. Halfway through the spring semester, we have had a chance to see each of our sports and gauge how prepared they are for next season. After looking at the competition in the Sun Belt, the success of each team individually, and returning starters for next season I have compiled a top-five list of the teams that are most prepared for the new conference.



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After an exciting season GSU football fans have a lot to look forward to next season. With a new coach, a new offense, the Paulson Stadium expansion and a new football operations center there is reason for excitement. Last season, the football team managed a record of 7-4, one of those wins being against the University of Florida.

However, there was reason for concern, which placed football at number five on the list. Their four losses coupled with an almost entirely new coaching staff and the awaiting news regarding the suspension of soon-to-be senior fullback Dominic Swope gives fans a reason to be hesitant.



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The CCSA Championships ended two weeks ago with the swimming & diving team placing third out of the 13 competitors. This season the team has gone 9-3 and shattered countless school records, including 11 records at the CCSA Championship. Most recently they were awarded the CSCAA Scholar All American Team with a team GPA of 3.35.

With five seniors graduating the team will be wounded, but with a solid lineup of swimmers behind them, and plenty of time to prepare, the team's future looks bright in the Sun Belt. Among the returning swimmers is sophomore Kylee Parsons. Parsons currently holds three individual team records along with two relay records.



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Last season the volleyball team won the SoCon championship and displayed their dominance in the SoCon with a conference record of 13-3 and an overall record of 28-6. They were able to schedule four future Sun Belt opponents where they had similar success, winning five out of six games with three wins coming in matches against rival Appalachian State.

The volleyball team will return next fall with a full starting lineup from this season as well as several experienced back-ups.

The only question that arises around the team will be whether they can keep their composure if they lose some games coming out of the gate.



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With two straight SoCon championships and possibly a third on the way, the softball team has established a solid tradition of winning. This season they are 16-7 and have showed their capability of playing in big games in two matchups with No. 2 University of Tennessee. This big-play ability and their tendency of finding a way to win will be their reason for success in the Sun Belt.

So far senior pitcher Sarah Purvis has anchored this season for the softball team. She has already thrown a no-hitter as well as her third perfect game in her career. The team will have to show they can move past the loss of Purvis as well as some solid batters.



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Even though it's early in the season the baseball team has established itself at the national level. In the most recent NCAA poll Georgia Southern received votes to be ranked in the Top 25 teams in the country with a record of 14-2. The baseball team was able to topple the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech to open their season.

Players who will play a huge role next season include junior pitcher Sam Howard who has a 3-1 record and a 1.08 ERA. Freshman infielder Garret Chapman has made a name for himself, boasting a .397 average and a home run in 63 at bats. Junior outfielder Aaron Mizell leads the team in home runs this season with six and is also expected to return next season.