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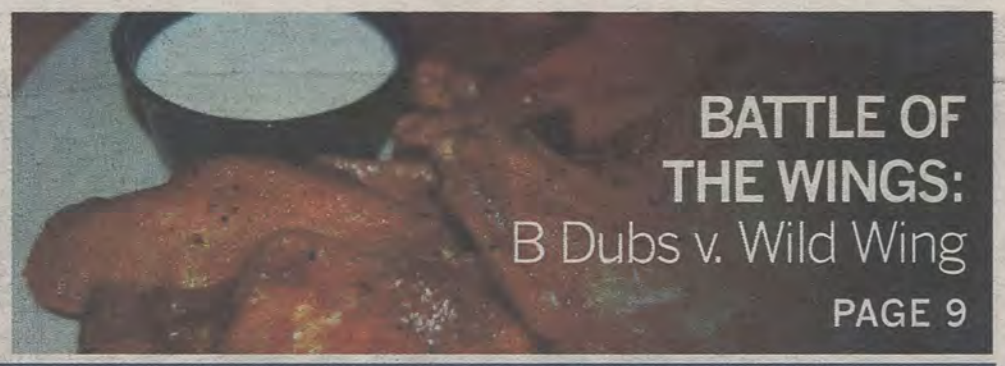

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Removed from play

Two dismissed for violating team rules; one quits

Aaron Palmer

Robbie Dodds

Will Middour

BY COLIN RITSICK AND SHELBY FARMER
The George-Anne staff

Early this week, the Georgia Southern University baseball team lost three players: two starters and a senior leader.

Head coach Rodney Hennon removed senior Will Middour and freshman Aaron Palmer from the team Sunday for violating team rules. Monday, senior Robbie Dodds notified Hennon that he was leaving the team for personal reasons.

"There's a team rule that you can't go out to the bars now," Middour said. "I had no chance of pitching Friday, so I went out Thursday."

Middour, Palmer and other team members went to Rude Rudy's last Thursday. Coach Hennon disciplined all four players, but only removed Middour and Palmer due to previous disciplinary issues.

"Honestly, I'm 22 years old. I don't see a problem with me going out and having a couple of drinks with my friends, especially when I knew I wasn't throwing Friday," Middour said.

Dodds was a consistent player for the Eagles last season. He hit .305, second highest on the team, with 33 RBI and started 51 games. This year he started just five.

"I hit .340 in the Southern Conference last year. I produced for a full year," Dodds said. "I thought I earned a starting job at least at the DH spot."

Both Dodds and Middour said they weren't having fun anymore.

"There was a time on Saturday when I looked over at Robbie in the dugout and was just like, 'I don't want to be here,'" Middour said.

Palmer was the starting second baseman for the Eagles. He hit for a .306 average and led the team with a .482 on-base percentage. He was a standout amongst his highly-touted freshman recruiting class.

Middour was the most experienced starter on the team, but the strike zone eluded him this season. He was 1-2 with a 5.95 ERA, 14 strikeouts, 16 walks and 6 hit batsmen in 19.2 IP.

The team is 8-7 in the SoCon and has had trouble getting in a rhythm at the plate. The Eagles have held their heads above water, but just barely.

Head coach Rodney Hennon had no comment on the situation at press time.

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Police Beat

Saturday, April 12

7:45 p.m.: Officers investigated a drug complaint that originated in the Burger King parking lot on Fair Road. Officer conducted a traffic stop of the suspect vehicle in the Harvey's parking lot on Fair Road. Brandon Porsh Jonta Davis, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Open Container, Possession of a Firearm in the Commission of a Crime, Possession of Marijuana - misdemeanor and Obstruction of an Officer – Felony.

Sunday, April 13

1:33 a.m.: Officers discovered an intoxicated female in J-Lot. The intoxicated female was judicially referred.

10:45 a.m.: Officers responded to the Cowart Building in reference to a burglar alarm. An employee accidentally activated the burglar alarm.

12:35 p.m.: Officers responded to a burglar alarm at Deal Hall. An employee accidentally activated the burglar alarm.

2:28 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident in C-Lot.

2:47 p.m.: Officers responded to Freedom's Landing in reference to a sick person. The sick person received medical assistance.

5:53 p.m.: Officers discovered six subjects in Layout Yard. All six were judicially referred for alcohol violations.

10:31 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident in J-Lot.

12:45 a.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on Chandler Road at Fair Road. The driver of the vehicle, Richard Allan McCabe Jr., 23, Register, Ga., was arrested and charged with Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device and DUI 1st – Refusal.

Monday, April 14

8 a.m.: An incident report was taken for a civil matter at Facilities Services.

1:20 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a suspicious incident at Centennial Place. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

1:50 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a criminal trespass at the IT Building. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

3:55 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the Math/Physics Building.

6:06 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident in the College of Education parking lot.

6:07 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a civil matter at Dining Commons. This case was assigned to Criminal Investigations.

8:20 p.m.: Officers responded to a burglar alarm at the Bank of America ATM at the Russell Union. No problems were found.

Tuesday, April 15

10:59 a.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident in Lot 32.

Three charged with possession

Deonte Dempsey

Javon Mention

Joshua Rowe

BY LAUREN GORLA
The George-Anne staff

On April 15, Statesboro-Bulloch Crime Suppression team members completed a search at 122 Lanier Drive, University Pines, and arrested three people for intent to distribute, among other charges according to a press release from the Bulloch County Sheriff's office.

Investigators found Joshua Rowe, 23, and Deonte Dempsey, 20, in the apartment and proceeded to ask them to lay down on the ground.

Rowe followed the investigator's orders but Dempsey attempted to close his bedroom door and physically resisted officers, according to the release.

At one point, Dempsey bit an officer. He was then subdued by a Taser and placed under arrest.

Once Dempsey was in handcuffs, investigators found a handgun on the bed in the room where the struggle took place. In addition, one pound of high-grade marijuana was found, which means the marijuana is of a higher THC level.

According to the release, after this incident, Javon Mention, 23, met investigators at the Bulloch County jail. He is also a resident of the apartment and was not present during the search but was arrested as well.

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Take your time to declare your major

FINE HOMEMADE WHINE

WILL MCCARTHY

Students who enter into college without declaring a major are often believed to be less driven than their classmates or even disinterested in school altogether.

However, many are simply not making a commitment to something without getting a real taste of it.

Picking a major is a lot like dating, and those who come into college without a set major are just playing the field.

If you are one of those people who came in your freshman year claiming you had the next 10 years of your life planned out all the way up to your Ph.D. and still have that burning passion for your field, then congrats.

Not all of us are that lucky though.

While I was an undeclared freshman, I repeatedly heard a series of general suggestions and questions meant to help me decipher my perfect major like "Maybe take an astronomy class." "What are you interested in?" "What was your strongest subject in high school?"

This "advisement" is about as helpful as those computerized tests you took in high school that helped predict potential future careers.

Now as this lovely footnote at the bottom of this article states, I am an accounting major and you're probably wondering what song a beautiful siren sang to me to lure me to her shores.

It turns out I get an unhealthy amount of fulfillment balancing a property acquisition and determining whether a gain or loss has been incurred. No major is ever going to be in perfect harmony with your diverse set of strengths, but if you can find something that you feel you can put your own touch on, go for it.

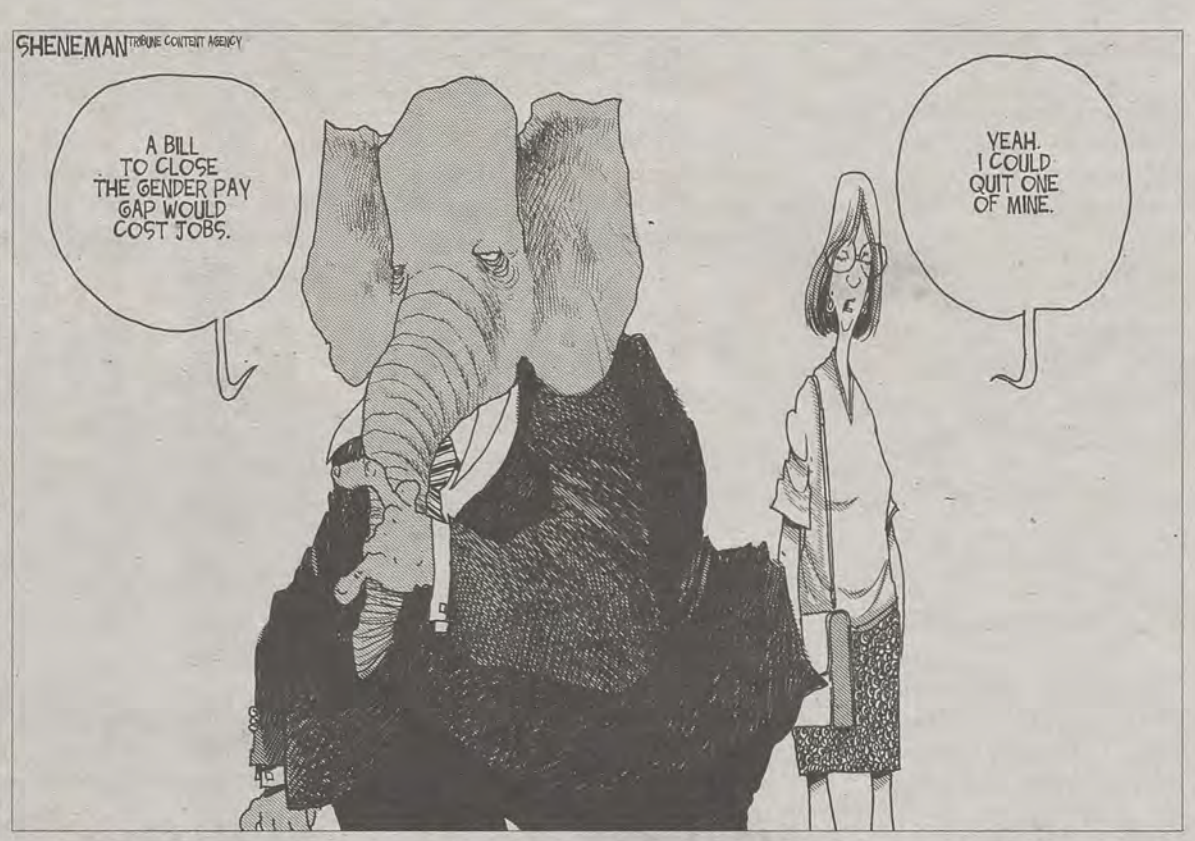
So this is my advice to anyone who is still currently undeclared, experience is what will define and shape your career and a degree is an instrument which will open doors to said experience.

When your final decision is made, although it will probably push you into a particular field, it won't necessarily limit your long-term career goals.

However, all undeclared students should ask themselves one important question: What is going to be personally gratifying enough for myself that I will have the ability to admit absolute defeat from time to time and still hold my head high?

Overcome this hurdle of uncertainty and I can guarantee you that you will find solace in your decision, whatever it may be.

McCarthy is a junior accounting major from Marietta.



The Rotunda is the heart of GSU

BEHIND THE SCENES

PEYTON CALLANAN

We've all been there. That moment when you pick up some Starbucks before heading to your biology lab and you decide to walk past the Rotunda on your way to class only to come across groups of students eagerly trying to get your attention with flyers and signup sheets for their various organizations or events. You try to avoid making any sort of awkward eye contact with the other students in an effort to escape hearing about how you should totally join this club or come out to this super cool thing they are planning.

Anyone who has ever been heavily involved in a student organization has probably been on the other side of this situation at least once though. I have been that person awkwardly hoping you take the flyer more times than I can count. I know that the Rotunda may sometimes seem like a black hole of overly enthusiastic students when you are running late to class and five different people try to stop you to tell you to vote for this or volunteer for that, but over the last several years it has become one of my favorite spots on campus.

Not only can you often score some free stuff from local businesses and organizations trying to buy your love, but the Rotunda is one of the only spots on campus where a wide variety of students can be seen together. On any given day you can find SGA members campaigning, ROTC students holding a bake sale, Student Media handing out our latest publication, and even some students hoping you will sign up to fight the next zombie apocalypse.

The Rotunda is the prime spot on campus to embrace and support the many unique organizations that are a part of the Georgia Southern University community. You will never know what cool event or fun club you will discover by taking a second to hear what that student with the stack full of flyers in their hands has to say.

Callanan is a senior communication arts major from Chulutoa, Fl. She is the current Opinions Editor.

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Smaller minor needs major office space

BY CIERRA BAXTER
The George-Anne contributor

In Fall 2013, Georgia Southern University's Center for Africana Studies office downsized from the Forest Drive Building into a shared office in the Carroll building and students are now petitioning for more space.

Room 2288 on the second floor of the Carroll Building is currently the office for three other class interdisciplinary programs: Women and Gender Studies, The Center for Irish Studies and American Studies.

The decision to move the Center was made in Spring 2012 by the Space Planning and Allocation Committee, co-chaired by Provost Ted Moore and Vice President for Business and Finance Ron Core, both of whom are no longer at Georgia Southern.

"Unfortunately on campus, there is a shortage of space as we've grown a lot in the last several years," Michelle Haberland, Ph.D., director of Women and Gender's Studies, said.

Akiv Dawson, petition co-creator and post-baccalaureate student with a minor in Africana studies, feels the new space simply is not big enough to hold all four minors.

"The issue is a question of space which is difficult of course for the university right now. But at the same time if they have space available in which all the centers can be able to spread and grow, the better for everybody. It poses constraints on all the programs really, not only africana studies," Saba Jallow, Ph.D., director of Africana studies, said.

The previous space in the Forest Drive building allowed students to use computers to do homework or research as well as just hang out. The space also allowed faculty to check out necessary materials for their lectures.

As a result of the move, many of the Africana Studies Center materials are being held in a storage closet and a few boxes are being stored in Jallow's office. Consequently much of the work is also being done out of Jallow's office, Dawson said.

"None of the Africana studies information is available in that center because there is no room for it. There is not a sign outside of the office for it because there is no room for it," Dawson said.

Dawson said the center presently has a recruiting goal of 150 minors and she worries that the new space, in combination with the three other programs, is not the appropriate space to put those prospective students.

"Once we recruit the minors, where are we going to send them to if there's not enough space for them?" Dawson said. "We don't know why we were moved. Our main mission is just to be moved to another space. Once the administration comes and sees the space that we're in now, they'll gauge how much space we need. I feel like they'll put us in a big enough space."

The Africana Studies Center has gained a lot of recognition in the past few years for completing the Yoruba Online Dictionary, a project that was initiated by the late Dr. Olaoba Frank Arasanyin. Experts were brought in from Yale to work on the template and the completed program allows users to type in Yoruba words and have those words be translated into English.

Since the completion of the project, many students have shown interest in the Yoruba language in addition to the program, and more classes have been developed to cater to those students.

"If we have student energy around these programs and these disciplines, we got to capitalize on that. And if space is what we need then we need to find some space for students to be able to work," Haberland said.

Students who are interested in signing the petition in support of the Africana Studies Center moving to a more suitable space can email Akiv Dawson.

Ambassador to be keynote speaker at conference

BY TAYLER CRITCHLOW
The George-Anne staff

The Ambassador of the Republic of Botswana to the United States will speak at the Human Rights Conference that Georgia Southern University is hosting this weekend.

Tebelelo Seretse

Tebelelo Mazile Seretse, Ph.D., is the first woman appointed as an Ambassador to the United States from the Republic of Botswana.

The conference is being presented by the Center for Africana Studies in collaboration with the Department of Political Science, the Department of Communication Arts, Women and Gender Studies and the student organizations Invisible Children and the Africana Grassroots Organization, according to the news release.

Registration for the conference will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday in the Williams Center Multi-Purpose Room, according to the release.

There will be a panel discussion and opening sessions on the rights of women and minorities and the ambassador will deliver her address during lunch, which is provided at no cost, according to the release.

After the keynote address, a variety of panel discussions will be held in Russell Union throughout the day that will focus on children, minority, women and gay and lesbian rights, according to the release.

A welcome reception will be held for Seretse in the Carroll Building Commons Area on Friday at 6 p.m.

Seretse organized three missions to Botswana and participated in numerous debates including one with the 2010 Black Congressional Caucus.

Appearing on NBC, CNN's "Inside Africa" and the PBS program "This is America," Seretse has also spoken at Morgan State University, Howard University, the University of Syracuse, the University of Cincinnati and Boston University.

The event is free and open to the public but it is asked that those interested in participating should RSVP by emailing Hrc2conference@gmail.com.

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Friday 6pm
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Construction to interfere with spring concert

BY CASEY CARGLE
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University will host Lady Antebellum for its 2014 Spring Concert on May 2 but will also be dealing with the Paulson Stadium construction at the same time.

While the stadium is under construction, changes have had to be made concerning the safety as well as the efficiency of the concert. There will only be four exits available for the concert but the event staff has orchestrated the entrances/exits to accommodate spectators.

"We've had to adjust our risk management and emergency plans based on the construction that is there," Tina Powellson, Ph.D., office of student activities (OSA) executive director, said.

The OSA has had to adjust where security is located to keep people from going where they are not supposed to and Powellson said that the construction zones are clearly marked.

The fire marshal has been a part of the process by helping with security meetings and gave the go ahead for certain exits to be used and helping with the emergency action plan. There will be two general admission entrances, one Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) entrance and one VIP/general admissions entrance.

The stage will be set up on the field facing the press box and there is seating on the field, as well as general admission for the stands on the home side. Attendees may not bring food, beverages, coolers, umbrellas or chairs into the stadium/concert.

"We are just excited for people to come and buy tickets and you can still get parking right out front, still tailgate and have a good time before the show," Powellson said.

The parking lot will close at 2 p.m. and barricades will go up soon after the lot is cleared on the day of the event. Malecki Drive Entrance from Chandler Road will also be closed off May 2 due to the concert.

Featured Artist: Chelsea Brown
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Battle of the wings

Wild Wing Cafe v. Buffalo Wild Wings

BY ERINN WILLIAMS
The George-Anne staff

When it comes down to the best wings in the 'Boro Buffalo Wild Wings stole the crown last semester and has reigned unopposed. Will they be dethroned by a newcomer this year?

Last Friday, Wild Wing Cafe soared into Statesboro with its grand opening close to the Aspen Heights Apartment Complex.

The wings come in 34 different sauces that are split into six different categories including traditional buffalo sauces on the sweet side, and on the seasoned side, sweet n' spicy, bold fun flavors and bar-b-ques.

The medium buffalo wings were hot enough to spark your taste buds without numbing you from the real flavor of the meat.

The lemon pepper wings were savory and mellow. They were impeccably seasoned.

The service was great. All of the servers seem to be very intent on meeting all of the needs of their patrons. Drinks are filled without people even having to be asked and the servers are attentive and always asked if you "would like anything else?"

Their menu does not only feature wings, many other entrees are up for grabs like sandwiches, chicken fingers, ribs, shrimp skewers, soups and salads.

Erinn Williams| The George-Anne

Wild Wing Cafe ★★★★☆

Open from Monday to Wednesday from 11-12 a.m., Thursday to Saturday from 11-2 a.m., and Sunday from 11-12 a.m.

The Wild Wing Cafe is very welcoming. It has a fun rustic atmosphere that is lively enough for college students yet quaint enough for a nice family dinner.

Wild Wing Cafe also has the "Wild Card Loyalty Club" which gives you a free appetizer when you sign-up. It offers one point for each dollar spent, wild gifts are given for each 500 points, and there are random surprise lottery perk prizes.

It has one big stage and two patios with the only rooftop patio in Statesboro and 28 TV's to watch all of the sports magic.

Happy hour prices:
$2.50 wells
$2.50 domestics
$1 off any pint draft beer pitcher
$5 Special True Blue Shot (all the time, everyday)

Wing prices:
6 piece wings: $5.99
8 piece boneless wings: $6.99

Buffalo Wild Wings ★★★★½

Buffalo Wild Wings is open from Monday to Thursday from 11-1 a.m., Friday to Saturday from 11-2 a.m., and Sunday from 11-12 a.m. Buffalo Wild Wings has 16 different sauces and five different seasonings.They have promos including Wings Tuesdays and Boneless Thursdays.

It has desserts including cinnamon squares, cheesecake bites and dessert nachos.

Wild Wing Cafe may be new to town but they're not quite a big enough contender for

Buffalo Wild Wings and the Georgia Southern student community. One screened-in heated porch.

The atmosphere is more student-oriented and rowdy. no stages., but thre are 64" TVs.

Happy hour prices:
$3 domestic
$4 import
$5 drafts

Wing prices:
Snack size wing (at least five): $5.99
Snack size boneless wings (at least seven): $7.99

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El Sombrero
-Happy Hour 3-7
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Gnat's Landing
-Happy hour 5-7 & 9-11

South City
-Happy Hour until 10pm
-$2 wells
-$2.50 domestic bottles
-$1 off just about everything else

El Jalapeno
-Happy hour 3-6 p.m. and 9-close
-$2.99 house well doubles
-$2.99 32 oz. domestic draft

40 East
-Happy hour 5-7 p.m.

Millhouse
-$5 Pitchers
-Amy Taylor

FRIDAY

Dingus Magee's
-2 for 1 well drinks
-2 for bombs
-Universal sigh @ 10 p.m.

El Sombrero
-Happy hour 3-7 p.m.
-$3.00 Sex on the beach all day

Gnat's Landing
-$10 wells

South City
-Happy hour until 10 p.m.
-$2 wells
-$2.50 domestic bottles
-$1 off just about everything else
-Happy hour Ends @ 8 p.m.

El Jalapeno
-Happy Hour 3-7
-$2.25 12 oz margaritas all day

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SUNDAY

El Sombrero
-$3.50 spider bites all day

Gnat's Landing
-Happy hour all day

MONDAY

Dingus Magee's
-Trivia

Millhouse
-$2 Pints all night

TUESDAY

Dingus Magee's
-$10 Buckets

El Sombrero
-Happy Hour 3-7
-$3 daiquiris all day

Gnat's Landing
-$7.99 shrimp & grits
-Trivia

South City
-Happy Hour until 10pm
-$2 wells
-$2.50 domestic bottles
-$1 off just about everything else
-$1 fire eater

Millhouse
-$2 Fireball shots and drinks
-$5 Pitchers

WEDNESDAY

Millhouse
-$3 Jim Beams shots or drinks
-$10 off wine

Gnat's Landing
-45 wings
-$9 domestic pitchers
-$6 budlight pitchers
-karaoke at 9p.m.

40 East
-Happy Hour 5-7

South City
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Eagles to dance for a cause

BY KENNETH LEE
The George-Anne contributor

Next Monday, students will be able to watch their fellow Eagles soar in Georgia Southern University's very own Dancing with the Stars event, which will contain a variety of dances from ballroom to hip-hop.

Dancing with the Stars is an upcoming fundraiser organized by the Eagles for Eagles team in cooperation with the Student Government Association (SGA) Executive Board. The Eagles for Eagles initiative focuses on raising money to distribute as awards for students so that they can continue their studies at GSU.

"This is an opportunity to help someone in extreme financial hardship all through the comfort and enjoyment of an amazing show. We have had a great time planning and we know that the audience is in for an unbelievably good time," Azell Francis, newly elected SGA president and graduate assistant for the Eagles for Eagles program, said.

The stars of Eagle Nation, which consists of notable staff and students, such as Associate Dean of Students Kerry Greenstein, President elect of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., DiArron Morrison, and first runner-up Homecoming Queen, Sarah Brittany Sandbach, are partnered with students from the GSU dance teams, Euphoria and Dyverzion.

"I don't have any experience dancing, so it's going to be quite a performance to say the least," Sandback said, whose dance will involve a mix of hip-hop and jazz.

The show will be hosted by Assistant Director and Minority Advisement Program (MAP) coordinator, Chris Pugh, and there will be a performance by the GSU Comedy Club, as well as from Ms. GSU Idol 2013, Sitovea Williams. In addition to the winner, there will also be a People's Choice award given to the contestant who raises the most money on the night of the show. Each dance team will perform one dance, which will consist roughly around two minutes and 20 seconds. The judges evaluating the contestants will consist of SGA President Garrett Green, GSU's 12th President Dr. Brooks A. Keel, and First Lady Dr. Tammie Schalue.

"It's going to be a really great show. It's for a really great cause. I think any time you have the opportunity to contribute to a charitable fund you should. It's not all about dancing, even though it's going to be really fun and I'm going to win. It's about making a difference in our community," Morrison said.

GSU Dancing with the Stars will be at the Russell Union ballroom at 7 p.m. and tickets will be $7 at the door. Tickets can be purchased in advance for $5 at the Eagles for Eagles office in the Russell Union, as well as the Dean of Students office.

File Photo

The Student Government Association will be throwing a fundraising event in the style of Dancing with the Stars. Each dance team will perform for, and later be judged by, SGA President Garrett Green, University President Brooks Keel and Tammie Schalue.

GSU Unplugged to showcase headliner talent

BY ARMOND SNOWDEN
The George-Anne contributor

Next Tuesday will not be just any night at the coffee house. Students will get an opportunity to see all the top acts from the semester of open mic events at the upcoming University Programming Board (UPB) Unplugged Headliner concert.

The concert will feature the headlining acts from this semester and headliners from previous semesters.Each of the six performers will have a longer set than the usual couple of songs given to performers at traditional unplugged performances. This will allow them to showcase more of their skills within their set.

One of the most appealing aspects of the concert is that it allows the artists to have an opportunity to support and interact with their fellow student artists.

"The main purpose is to showcase the brightest and best students who have participated in unplugged, and kind of give it a chance for all of our headliners to listen to each other and for our participants and the people who come to our events to basically just get an evening of hearing the best and brightest of Georgia Southern," said Steven Dziama, late night programming chair of UPB.

Students will also have the opportunity to experience a variety of musical styles. Styles range from acoustic to gospel rap, pop to country and other types of music.

Jaye Gardner, junior marketing major/fashion merchandising minor and Unplugged headliner, encourages students to come out and enjoy the show."There's definitely a variety so it's not just like oh 'that's too country for me.' There's a variety of acts. It's a nice environment, you get to see a lot of people you recognize, just sitting there listening in," Gardner said.

The concert will be on April 22 inside of the Russell Union commons and there will be free coffee provided by Starbucks for attendees.

Courtesy of UPB

The University Programming Board has selected the best acts of the Unplugged series to play in the last Unplugged of spring semester.

The performers:

Jaye Gardner
Corine Richard
Carlos Sims
Hamilton "Troy" Hayes
Spencer Paul
Terico Agnew with the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

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THURSDAY 4.17.2014

Office of Student Activities Events
7:00pm Russell Union Ballroom

9th Annual Mr. Georgia Southern University
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FRIDAY 4.18.2014

UPB

Late Night Movie: "Lone Survivor"
6 PM and 8 PM Russell Union Theater
On Friday April 18th, UPB invites all students out for a free showing of the hit movie Lone Survivor. The movie will be shown on Friday, April 18th at 6 PM and 8 PM in the Russell Union Theater.

SATURDAY 4.19.2014

CRI Events

No Group Fitness Classes

SUNDAY 4.20.2014

CRI Events

RAC Closed

MONDAY 4.21.2014

TUESDAY 4.22.2014

Ride Your Bike Day
11am-1pm
Check in at the Rotunda for free bike maintenance and prizes! There will also be a group bike ride at 5 p.m. starting at Southern Adventures.

Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement Events

SOLD Workshop: "Building Talented Teams"
Presented by: Dr. Todd Deal
5:30- 6:30 pm Russell Union Theater

Campus Farmer's Market,
10am-1pm
Mainstreet Statesboro Farmer's Market will be on campus to provide fresh produce, baked goods, honey, meat, and dairy products.

UPB

UNplugged Headliner Concert
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Russell Union Commons
The University Programming Board invites you to our special, UNplugged Headliner Concert! This special, spin-off UNplugged event features headliners that have performed this semester throughout the entire event. Come see the talented students of Georgia Southern showcase their skills and enjoy FREE COFFEE, compliments of Starbucks and Eagle Dining. BRING YOUR EAGLE ID! upb@georgiasouthern.edu

WEDNESDAY 4.23.2014

UPB

Bike Maintenance 201,
6pm
Have you already taken the Bike Maintenance 101 clinic? If so, register now to attend a free intermediate clinic hosted by Southern Adventures. To register stop by the Southern Adventure's office.

WEDNESDAY 4.30.2014

**Office of Career Services Events

Last Chance Career Fair
2 pm to 5 pm | Russell Union Ballroom
The last career fair of the semester featuring a variety of employers seeking students for internships, co-ops, and full-time positions. See a list of registered employers at www.georgiasouthern.edu/careernet.

Smith surpasses 100 wins, keeps team first

Softball (29-13)

BY KATIE TOLBERT
The George-Anne staff

After 16 years of collegiate assistant coaching experience, third-year head coach Annie Smith is making records of her own along with Georgia Southern University's softball team.

"I think it is a privilege to just coach. It's a great profession, and I'm fortunate to have the athletes that I have. They're good people as well as good players," Smith said. "Coaches are only as good as their athletes. I don't really care much about numbers; it's not about me, it's about the team. So, I'm more worried about them and what they're doing."

Although Smith said the numbers aren't important to her, some records she has accomplished need to be recognized. This season Smith hit a milestone in her career, reaching 100 wins and counting within 161 games. That put her in the GSU record book as the fastest coach to ever win 100 games at the university. Also, she has coached this team to two back-to-back Southern Conference championships, with a promising chance at a third.

This GSU team only has three losses in conference play, but that number can be scary for the Eagles. The next two best teams in the SoCon are series they haven't tackled yet, and they have a strong schedule the week beforehand. But, Smith sees all of this positively and knows it will do nothing but benefit her team.

"We will face solid pitching with North Carolina and Alabama, and South Carolina we are facing solid pitching, facing good teams, facing fast teams. So, it will make us better as we prepare for the rest of the SoCon," Smith said. "The top two teams in the SoCon are left, so that will be a challenge. But, every time you face good pitching like that it makes you better."

With Smith's experience as assistant coach at Mississippi State University prior to coming to GSU, she is well aware of how Southeastern Conference softball is played and is used to competition from other strong programs, like the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"You have to take one game at a time. We have tough games against North Carolina and Alabama coming up next weekend, so I don't know if it's as much of recovering as it is learning from the mistakes we made and build on that to move forward," Smith said.

This weekend will test that coaching ability as the Eagles travel for games against University of Alabama and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this weekend.

Ryan Woodham | The George-Anne staff

Under GSU softball head coach Annie Smith, the Eagles have appeared in the NCAA Tournament in back-to-back years, along with the current search for a three-peat in the SoCon.

Cheering for laundry

In my opinion

Last week, hours before the NCAA basketball National Championship game, which pitted the University of Connecticut against the University of Kentucky, an RA at UConn decided he did not want any of his residents causing a ruckus anywhere near his dorm.

Hayden Boudreaux

Derek sent out an email blast to all living under his thrown advising them to take their party somewhere else.

"Remember, the only reason you care about the game is because they're wearing a UConn uniform… you're cheering for laundry," Derek, a resident advisor at the University of Connecticut, said in the email.

His 'cheering for laundry' statement has earned him the title of 'Worst RA in UConn history' across the Internet. He has been ridiculed for reducing sport fandom to its simplest form. I want to give him the benefit of the doubt and investigate some past sporting events.

In 2005, after Hurricane Katrina tore through New Orleans, tens of thousands of refugees fled an hour south to Baton Rouge and took shelter at Louisiana State University. Without proper housing the survivors were given mats and spots on the floor in the basketball arena.

Most of those taking shelter inside the arena were forced to leave their homes and all of their belongings behind, taking only the waterlogged clothes on their backs. This became a problem immediately so the students and faculty gathered and donated all the spare clothes they could find.

Consequently, most of those clothes contained the school's colors: purple and gold. That next weekend the refugees were given tickets to the LSU football game. They showed up, wearing their purple and gold laundry and cheered their Tigers to victory.

One of the revived survivors was asked after the game how she felt about her new team. She responded that she had never been an LSU fan but now she was a fan for life. The purple and gold attire worn by the weathered and once demoralized citizens were more than laundry that day.

A year ago thousands attended the Boston Marathon when two pressure cooker bombs went off at the finish line, killing three and maiming almost 300 others. The city of Boston was shattered as a manhunt went on to find those responsible. As those were healing the cities population tried to recover from the traumatic experience.

They needed something to cling to and capture their attention. With the baseball season only just beginning many turned to the Boston Red Sox. Over 37,000 fans packed themselves into Fenway Park, adorned with red and white.

The healing Bostonians watched with tears as their Red Sox sang in unison then went on to give their city a victory. In the darkest of times the people turned to their city's baseball team to find relief. Boston's people were wearing more than just laundry that day.

To get a historical perspective for of our fascination with laundry, we can rewind our country to 1980. The nation was recovering from a war in Vietnam, we had American hostages stuck in Iran and fear of a conflict with the Soviet Union loomed over everyone.

The nation needed a victory. American's turned to a rag-tag hockey team assembled with mostly college players and amateurs to be the source of that victory. They met the Soviet Union in the medals round of the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y.

With the clock winding down in the final period the underdog U.S. team led the Soviet Union 4-3. The Americans passed the puck between one another, sacrificing their bodies to preserve their lead. As the clock hit eight seconds sportscaster Al Michaels offered his now immortalized quote: "Do you believe in miracles? Yes!"

After the victory, the country was revived. National pride was at an all time high, a group of American's with a long shot trounced the No.1 hockey team in the world. The stitched letters 'U.S.A' on the jerseys of the players and fans were much more than laundry that day.

In fact, before all of those events (and every sporting event) we hoist up the stars and stripes and sing our national anthem. The red, white and blue across the flag are more than just laundry everyday.

Our friend Derek was technically correct. We are rooting for laundry. However he missed one crucial point in his address to his residents. When we put on our Eagle gear we are not doing it because of the color of the laundry but for what that laundry means to us. We cheer with our laundry, not for it, and we are proud to do it.

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Housing

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Looking for someone to sublease my apartment at One11South for the summer (May, June & July). Rent is $444/month with utilities included. Three easy-going coed roommates. May has already been paid off. Move in as early as May 12, 2014! If interested please contact me at (470) 246-0870 orcj02222@georgiasouthern.edu

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Housing

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Male sublease wanted at Hawthorne ASAP! 2 bed/2 bath, washer/dryer unit, Big bedroom, 1 roommate, a mile from campus, single-level, poolside! I'm looking to move out before next semester. $370/month+utilities if interested text/call 770-480-0181

Apartment available for sublease in 111 South. 4bd/4bth. Largest room in apartment. Huge bathroom and walk in closet. View of entire neighborhood, pool and fire pits. Access to 24hr clubhouse, lazy river and many other amenities. All for only $350/month! Available for IMMEDIATE MOVE IN. Message me or comment if interested. Can move into brand new apartment for no extra cost. kw02345@georgiasouthern.edu

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1700 sqft, 4 bedroom/4 bathroom house for rent. Burkhalter Plantation (near campus). Walk-in closets, Wash/Dryer, garage, deck, front porch, large yard maintained by owners. Open kitchen/living, vaulted ceilings. $375/mo/bedroom, utilities separate. $375 refundable deposit. Furnished or unfurnished. Pets allowed, $200 deposit. Call/text 706-825-9850 for information. 12-month lease/individual, available August 2014.

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Housing

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Subleaser needed for a fully furnished 1BR/1BA Apartment at The Forum. All Inclusive- No Utility Overages! Lease is from August 1, 2014- July 31, 2015. Rent is $855 p/m, which is $25 less than current rates. Will pay August rent & $200 for September. Call for details (803)-300-1875.

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Housing

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Looking for a female to take over my lease during the summer months (late may,June&July) at The Forum. Rent is $476 a month. 3 Bedroom 3 Bath with utilities and trash valet included NO OVERAGES! If interested please contact me at 770-757-2017

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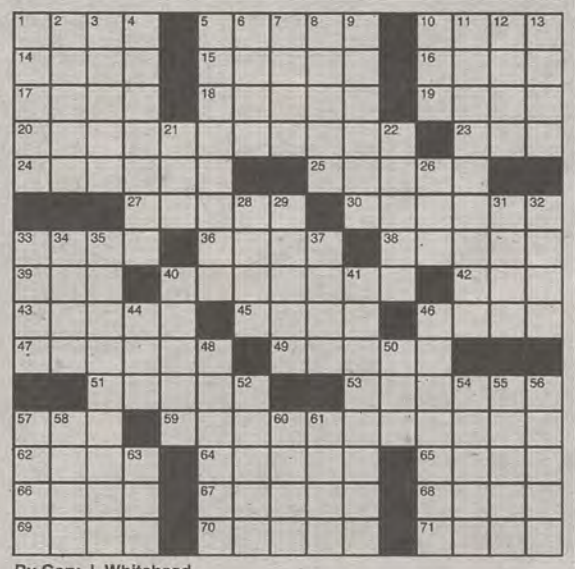
Need a male/female to SUBLEASE my apartment in the Avenue at Southern for this summer. Own room/bathroom, furnished living room and kitchen, lake view on back porch. Lease can start at $350 per month. If interested please contact me at gc00963@georgiasouthern.edu or (text only) 678-462-9554. Thank you!

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis



By Gary J. Whitehead

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Email questions to Ginny Byrd at ads1@georgiasouthern.edu

Walker shares winning wisdom

BY BRYAN MARSEILLE
The George-Anne contributor

That's a lot of running, 67,200. That's the distance in meters from Statesboro to Lakenheath, United Kingdom.

That's also the same distance junior Jasmin Walker, sprinter and jumper, had to travel to join the Eagle's track & field program.

After grabbing her second Southern Conference title in the indoor long jump, the five-foot-two nursing major continued her excellence outdoors. This year she set personal bests in the 100m, 200m and long jump, and ran a leg in the 4x100m, 4x200m and 4x400m teams that broke school records this year.

Jasmine Walker

Walker opened up in an interview during practice to discuss her time at GSU.

The George-Anne: Whats been the biggest transition for you coming from Great Britain to Georgia Southern?

Jasmin Walker: The weather. (laughs) The weather, in England, it was always cold...rainy...snowy. Here it's hot. Well it's kind of the same. Except it gets hot.

GA: You don't like the heat?

JW: I like it. It's better to run in. I just got to get used to it.

GA: Coming out of high school you said you would focus on jumping, but you've been killing it in the relays. How did you feel when you realized you broke so many records this year?

JW: I felt good, felt accomplished. I worked hard this year. I never really had to work out that hard in high school but came here and got an eye opener – you got to work hard if you want to win.

GA: I see. You won Freshman of the Year and kept improving. What's your next goal heading into conference championships?

JW: MVP. MVP, all-around.

GA: A Star & Stripes article written about you in 2011 mentioned what fueled you through your senior year: losing a race by .02 seconds to Tiffany Heard. Do you remember that?

JW: Yes!

GA: So what fuels you now? What pushes you to be the best, separates you from the pack?

JW: Freshman year. I came in fourth place in the 60[m], fourth place in the 100[m]. Never got to see a podium in a running event. So I said I was going to see a podium this year, and I did.

GA: Yes you did. Now you compete in a variety of events. Any chance you'll add one heading into your senior year?

JW: If coach lets me...

Coach Mincey (background): No triple jump.

One. That's the only number on Walker's mind heading into the conference meet, as she gets another shot at grabbing gold, school history and podium status.

The Southern Conference Outdoor Championships take place next weekend, April 26-27. Walker and her teammates will look to compete at a high level in order to make it to the NCAA National Outdoor Championships in June.

Brandon Warnock | The George-Anne
GSU prepares for its third scheduled game against a No. 1-ranked opponent.

Softball prepares for final big test of the season

Softball (29-14)

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX
The George-Anne staff

This weekend will be the final out-of-conference test for the Georgia Southern University softball team before heading into the SoCon tournament, followed by the NCAA Tournament.

The Eagles will face No. 1 University of Alabama on Friday. The Crimson Tide has bounced around in the Top 10 but has settled into their top spot over the past two weeks. This will be the third occasion the Eagles are taking on a No. 1 team on the road.

At the plate the Crimson Tide have their weapon, Hailey McClennly. With a .484 McClennly has the third highest batting average in the nation. The rest of the squad can hold their own at the plate as well with seven batters over .300 average. Their attack as a whole averages nearly seven runs per contest.

Senior pitcher Jaclyn Traina holds up her end of the Alabama attack on the mound. Traina has earned herself a 1.60 ERA across 23 appearances this season. She has recorded 16 wins this season along with 130 strikeouts and three saves. An All-American last season, the Eagles' bats will need to have an answer for this standout.

At bat, GSU has remained consistent all season. They will continue to look for senior shortstop Kourtny Thomas to bring in runs. This season Thomas has a .371 average. Her 42 RBIs and 13 home runs are more than the batters from Alabama.

All of the batters in the Eagle lineup are hitting over .200 this season. Head Coach Annie Smith will need these hitters to do more than just get on base to have a successful weekend.

If anyone has the potential to slow down the batting attacks this weekend it is Eagle senior pitcher Sarah Purvis. Purvis has compiled a 1.64 ERA and 16 wins of her own. She has had an impressive season already with 200 strikeouts, two no hitters and a perfect game. Her signature rise ball will work to keep both opponents' batters guessing.

With only seven games left in the regular season the Eagles are on their way to a successful offseason. They lead their conference by three games and have a solid opportunity to take the Southern Conference Tournament. This will be their final out-of-conference stretch and possibly their toughest competition until the NCAA Tournament.

Both teams will be on the road, meeting in Chapel Hill, N.C. The Eagle contest against No. 1 Alabama be on Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Eagles compete in last SoCon Championship

Golf

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After a season full of ups and downs, the Georgia Southern University men's golf team will end the season and their time in the Southern Conference at the 2014 SoCon Championship Tournament.

With the Schenkel win still fresh in their minds, the men's golf team is expecting to compete equally with the top part of the field at their final SoCon Championship tournament.

"We're always really confident going into conference week," senior captain Will Evans said. "Winning the Schenkel has helped our confidence a lot. We're always prepared to go into conference week prepared to win"

There are expectations and challenges going into every tournament and this one will be no different. Head Coach Larry Mays said, like every tournament, getting all five of the players on the field scoring well at the same time will be the hardest struggle.

"The hardest thing is getting all five guys playing well at the same time, so our goal is to get up there and have them all playing well and get four good scores on the board each and every day," Mays said.

Another struggle for this team will be their unfamiliarity with the course. The Eagles will be competing on the Pinehurst National Golf Club course in Pinehurst, N.C. for the first time.

"I've never actually played up at Pinehurst and it's a big golf community with a lot of golf history. It's a really cool place for my final conference to be," Evans said. "I'm pretty excited about coming up and playing that golf course."

Not only does this tournament mark the end for senior players, but it also marks the end of an era in the GSU golf program. This is the last Southern Conference championship tournament because of the athletic program's move to the Sun Belt Conference. GSU has had three conference championship titles and eight second place finishes. This year they feel they are prepared to get their fourth.

"We've been a competitive team all year," Mays said. "We've played the last group well a number of times which is our goal every week."

"I fully expect the team to compete and to be right up there with the top part of the field. We're extremely prepared to go out and to win," Evans said.

The tournament will begin on April 20 and will continue through April 22.

"We're going up to compete to win," Mays said. "That's our goal going in is to bring home a Southern Conference championship. We're one of the top teams in the conference and our ultimate goal is to bring home the trophy. Our expectations will stay with us."

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The men's golf team finished fifth out of 14 schools at this weekend's Mason Rudolph Championship in Nashville, Tenn. Junior Charlie Martin finished fourth, individually, with a 73.

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