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REMEMBERING
**MICHAEL
GATTO**

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“I was really, really lucky to have him as my best friend.”

Understanding mental illness



KRISTINA AGBEBIYI
Community Leader

*Junior health education and
promotion major*

Due to recent events like Ferguson, police brutality has been at the forefront of Black America's mind and with good reason. However, I'm here to talk about another silent killer within the black community: mental illness. As a black woman growing up, it has always been assumed that mental illness was: 1. A white people problem and 2. something not to be discussed. I'm a black woman living with mental illness. It doesn't define every aspect of me, but I am also 100 percent not ashamed.

Many people are unable to get the help they need until college because of the stigma that surround mental illness. Why do these exist when black adults are 20 percent more likely to report psychological distress than their white counterparts? Because of the stereotype that black woman are inherently mentally and emotionally strong. What if we don't want to be strong? What if we don't want to have it all together? This stereotype can often lead to feelings of guilt and selfishness whenever trying to get help that is desperately needed.

One issue that can prevent people from receiving help is the

idea that mental illness indicates lack of faith. Focusing on only the black church isn't helping anyone. People often can't just "pray the depression away." Insensitive comments about "white" celebrities or students who have killed themselves only alienates people, and prevents them from coming to you if they ever need help. Other statements like "I've experienced XYZ and I've never gotten depressed" are extremely harmful.

It's awesome that you were able to get through all of that, but there are other people who are suffering out here. Another misconception is that depression automatically has to come from some life-changing, earth-shattering event. Some people are just depressed because of hereditary reasons or a chemical imbalance in the brain. The only time when mental illness can be destigmatized is when it is treated with the same respect that other diseases have. You wouldn't blame someone for their cancer right? So don't blame people for their mental illness.

My Brother's Keeper



ERINN WILLIAMS
The George-Anne staff

We spend a lot of time on ourselves, but have you ever thought of the thousands of other students around you?

Throughout the day we move straight ahead. We wake up, sit in class for a few hours and then head home. In this mundane, repetitive life it's like we can't even seem to fathom that other living, breathing and feeling things reside in the space around us.

We watch terrible things happen right in front of our eyes and we do nothing because we tell ourselves "It is not my problem" or "Someone else will handle it".

That girl stressed out and crying in the library... Not my problem.

That dude cussing out his girlfriend

in the parking lot... Not my problem.

That freshman having to sit alone in Landrum... Not my problem.

That guy just put something in that girl's drink, but I don't know her... Not my problem.

Well it is your problem, or at least it will your problem. When we sit around and pretend like nothing is wrong we normalize these things in society. We cannot continue to sit around and talk about how messed up our society is then remain silent when it comes to actually doing things to fix it.

Secondly, how can you be so sure that someone else is going to come along? You can't. You could have been in the right place to make a huge impact in someone's life and instead chose to look the other way. That's a lot of unneeded guilt to have resting on your soul. Edmund Burke said "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing," and I believe that to be true.

You are your brother's keeper. So I challenge you to actually stand up and do something because if you don't, who will?

*-Williams is the current Opinions
Editor.*

Resolving Conflict through Mindful Leadership



DYLAN JOHN

President of Mock Mediation Club

We all face situations of conflict in our lives. It could be a disagreement

with our roommates or friends, a misunderstanding with our parents, a dispute in court or even just anger against our boss at work.

The "Mindful Leader" is one who is aware of his/her surroundings and is able to give leadership in difficult situations such as conflict. While we can only better learn to handle conflict through our experiences combined with growth of understanding, I thought I'd share the three steps below that you could try to practice in order to resolve

conflict and grow as a Mindful Leader.

1. Create a Collaborative Environment: The environment in which we try to resolve conflict is very important. Aggressive and tired disputants don't help find solutions, calm and relaxed people do. Maybe suggest the following "Let's all just take a moment to think why we are fighting. It's simply a misunderstanding, let's sit down, talk about it and find a solution together." You have now created a collaborative

environment; it's time to move forward.

2. Listen, Listen, Listen: The biggest problem we face today in conflict is that we forget to listen. We underestimate the power of listening. We are so busy collecting our side of the argument and how we plan on defending our stance that we completely choose to ignore the other side and forget that the solution maybe in plain sight.

3. Acknowledge and present your opinion: You have listened to the other person/group; you understand

the background of their concerns and have a basic idea of what may have created conflict. It is important to acknowledge their concerns as this opens them up to listen to your concerns. Now that you have created a platform to resolve the conflict, you can present your side with reasoning and work together to find a solution.

I hope these steps will help you in becoming better mindful leaders and better conflict managers.

*-Dylan John is the president of GSU's
Mock Mediation Club.*

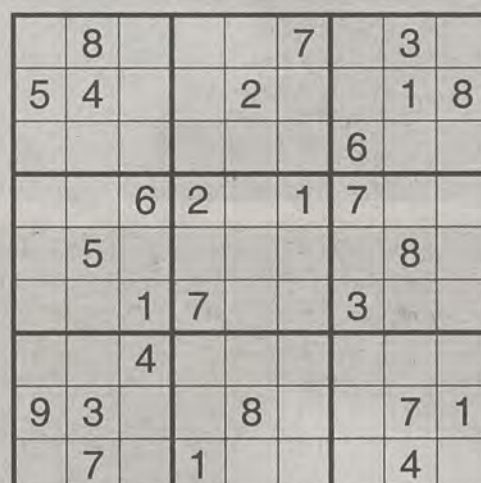
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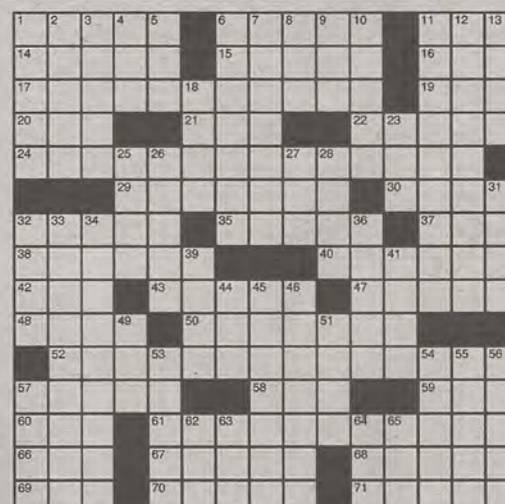
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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1 comedy
6 First vice president
11 Tar's direction
14 Hike
15 Not adept in
16 Prefix with state
17 Nobody special
19 No, that may have an ext.
20 Lab subjects
21 Arrest
22 Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy
24 Nobody special
29 "They made us!"
30 "Bring on the weekend!"
32 Edna Ferber novel
35 24-hr. news source
37 Cartoon monkey
38 Museum supporter, familiarly
40 Complain
42 Heathrow approx.
43 Speeding sound
47 Waist-reduction plans
48 Sharpen
50 Stuck on a stick
52 Nobody special
57 City northeast of Colgate University
58 '60s hot spot
59 Yalie
60 Superdome city's Amtrak code
61 Nobody special
66 Suffix with alp
67 Parting word
68 Commandeer
69 Selected on a questionnaire, with "in"
70 Cinque plus due
71 "Enigma Variations" composer

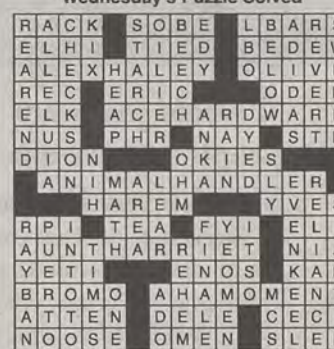
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1 Halloween carrier?
2 Grub or chigger
3 Quinn of "Elementary"
4 Emmy-winning forensic series
5 "Women in Love" director Russell



By Jeffrey Wechsler

4/24/14

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 36 West Pointer
39 Spotted number, perhaps
41 Dress length
44 Texting exclamation
45 Good scoring opportunity, in hockey
46 Rhesus monkey, e.g.
49 Gumshoe
51 Sagging
53 South Asian rulers
54 Woody Allen mockumentary
55 "My Fair Lady" lady
56 Sweeter, in a way
57 Windows alternative
62 Pindar product
63 Parade member?
64 Put into operation
65 _ canto

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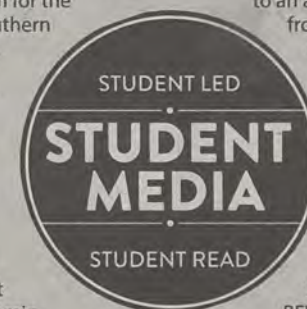
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BY NADIA DREID
The George-Anne staff

"Loving this place."

Last Sunday, Michael Gatto talked to his mother. It was the end of his first week as a student at Georgia Southern University, and he was excited.

"He said he had made the right choice and he likes his roommates," Katherine Gatto, Michael's mother, said. "Loved the food court, but said he was losing weight even though he was eating a lot because he was walking five miles every day. He was very happy."

This past Thursday, Gatto passed away after sustaining severe head injuries at Rude Rudy's, a local bar.

The suspect, Grant Spencer, is in police custody and has officially been charged with aggravated battery.

Six days before, Gatto tweeted: "Southern is everything I expected it to be and more. Loving this place."

Gatto spent his last days making new friends, going out after class and working out at the RAC, Matthew Cira, Gatto's childhood friend and fellow freshman, said.

"Just living it like every day was his last," Cira said. "Just living life to the fullest pretty much, every single day."

Though Gatto's time at Georgia Southern was brief, his friends say it was full of life.

"He enjoyed his time at Georgia Southern very much, and I think

he would have really loved to experience his whole time there, but it's been taken from him," Katherine Gatto said. "And we're heartbroken about that."

"...he'd make me smile, no matter what."

Above all, Michael Gatto loved to be surrounded by people – and people loved to be around Michael Gatto.

"He had to be around people – he could never be by himself," Cira said. "He would walk into a room and he would talk to everybody."

People were drawn to Gatto, Mackenzie Heber, Gatto's neighbor from middle school to college, said.

"I could totally be myself with him because he made me feel that way," Heber said.

"He would make everyone feel that way. He was never sad, he was never mad. He was always happy."

Not only was Gatto happy – he made others happy as well, Heber said.

"I would just say 'Michael, I'm sad' and he would come over to my house and bring me Oreos," Heber said. "And sit there with me and eat them and he'd make me smile, no matter what."

"He was the most outgoing, carefree person anyone would ever know," Cira said. "Everybody would know him – that was just the kind of person he was."

"I would just want people to remember him the way he was."

The loss of Michael Gatto was felt by everyone who knew him. Tributes at his former middle and high schools drew hundreds of people, Katherine Gatto said.

Despite the fact that Gatto's death has left countless people heartbroken, Cira said that he does not think Gatto would want anyone to stay sad for long.

"He loved life, so he would want us to remember him for that," Cira said. "Not for this tragic incident that happened."

Even in death, it seems that Gatto will still be improving the lives of others. His sister Meghan Gatto tweeted Saturday that her brother's organs saved five lives.

"He cared about everyone," Heber said. "I was really, really lucky to have him as my best friend."

If his friends' testimonies and tributes on social media are anything to go by, Michael Gatto left a lot of people feeling very lucky to have known him.

"I just want people to remember him like that," Heber said. "I would just want people to remember him the way he was."

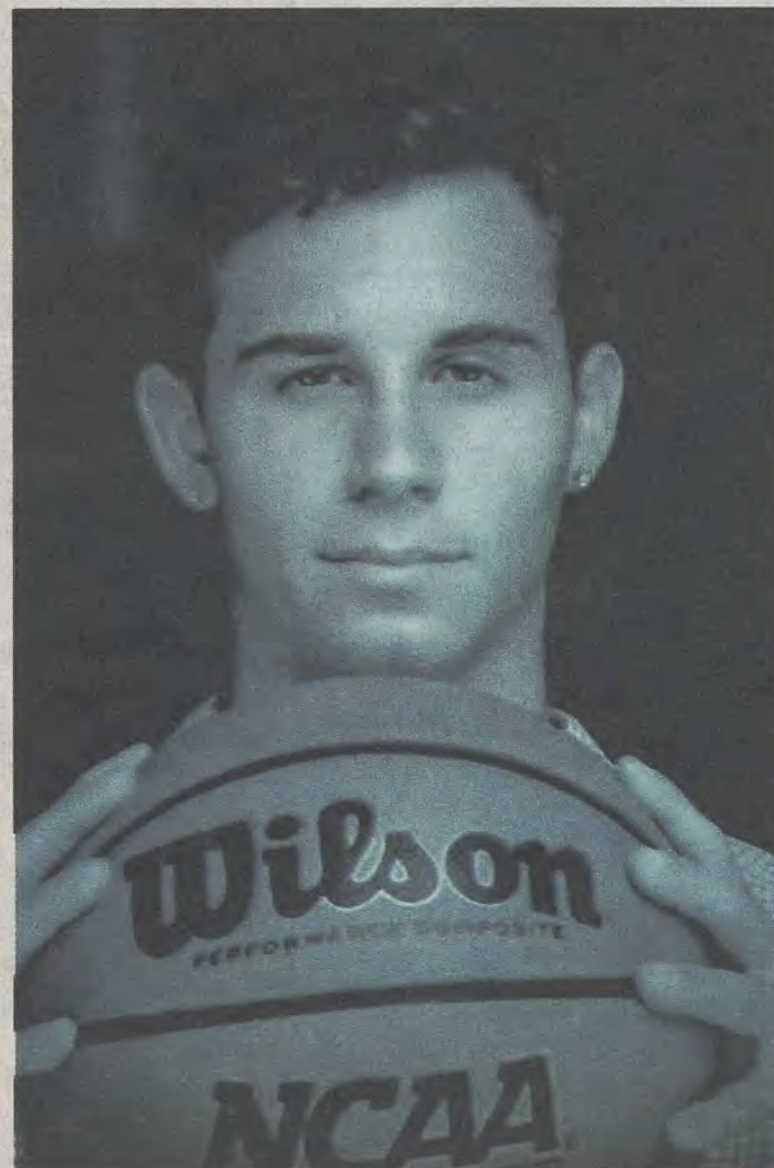


Photo courtesy of the Gatto Family



HONOR MICHAEL GATTO BY IGNORING RUMORS

Thursday last week at approximately 4 p.m. Georgia Southern University student Michael Gatto, of Forsyth County, Georgia, was confirmed deceased by the Bulloch County Coroner's Office.

If you've been on the Internet in the last five days there's no doubt you've read some close variation of the sentence above. Every social media site, news outlet and rumor-ridden app under the sun has been abuzz about this tragedy.

I've been receiving emails, text messages and phone calls asking questions akin to these:

"Why did you take so long to confirm Michael's passing?"

"What's going to happen to Rudy's?"

"Is the guy who did it being charged with X, Y and Z?"

I'd like to answer all of these questions for the curious folk in one fell swoop: We're not going to publish rumors, hearsay, speculation or baseless accusations. We will publish official information from official sources, not what someone is shouting about on Yik Yak.

Anonymous strangers on the Internet do not hand down sentences or have the power to pronounce someone guilty or not guilty. Judges and juries have that power.

As much as people seem to think trials happen in living rooms, web forums and on television, they do not. Trials happen in courtrooms, and we, as a campus, should suspend judgment of anything in this case until more official information is released.

If we do this as a campus we can, hopefully, dispel as much potentially harmful gossip as possible and not disrespect the life of a fallen classmate and friend.

Thanks,
WP

Price is a junior multimedia journalism major from Atlanta, Ga. He currently works as the George-Anne Editor-in-Chief.

BAR DISPUTE LEAVES STUDENT DEAD



GRANT SPENCER

Photo courtesy of Classiccitytoday.com

NADIA DREID

The George-Anne staff

An altercation at Rude Rudy's early Thursday morning resulted in the death of GSU freshman Michael Gatto, 18.

Authorities responded to the scene shortly after midnight and found Gatto unresponsive with head injuries, according to the Statesboro Police Department. Gatto was taken to East Georgia Regional Medical Center in Statesboro and was later airlifted to Memorial University Medical

Center in Savannah.

Bulloch County coroner Jake Futch received word at 4 p.m. Thursday that Gatto had passed away.

Police issued a warrant for the arrest of Grant Spencer, 20, also a GSU student and a bouncer at Rude Rudy's at the time of the altercation. Spencer was taken into custody Thursday afternoon and charged with aggravated battery.

As of press time, no new charges have been publicized.

In a statement released by Rude Rudy's on their Facebook

page, the bar said that Spencer was not working at the time of the altercation and has since been fired. The bar announced that it would not open Thursday night out of respect for Gatto's family and to comply with the investigation. The post also said that Rude Rudy's will make no further statements until the investigation is complete.

The message has since been deleted and Rude Rudy's has reopened.

Gatto's body will be transported to Savannah Tuesday for an autopsy which will provide an official cause



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GSU Williams Center Multi
Purpose Room
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

► **Thursday, September 4**

Brooklet Elementary School
Brooklet Elementary School
Multi-Purpose Room
2:00 pm -7:00 pm

► **Thursday, September 18**

Georgia Southern University
GSU Recreational Activities
Center-RAC- MAC 1 Gym
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

► **Thursday, September 4**

East Georgia Regional
Medical Center
EGRMC Doctors' Office Bldg.,
Mims Monroe Blood Services
Center, Suite 307
12:30 pm – 5:30 pm

► **Thursday, September 11**

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Mims Monroe Blood Services
Center, Suite 307
12:30 pm – 5:30 pm

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An Evening with Dean Edwards

BY BRALEY GARLAND

The George-Anne staff

School is back in full swing and with that all the stress of classes and homework return. So why not relieve this stress with some good laughs? UPB is offering an evening with Dean Edwards that is sure to leave you smiling.

Dean Edwards is a comedian known for his work on MTV's "Guy Code" and his two season stint as a cast member on "Saturday Night Live". He is a well-known comedian who enjoys headlining acts not only across the country but also across

the world. He has performed everywhere from Montreal to Cairo and many places in between.

The show will be set up like a stand-up comedy show but Edwards is sure to have the audience's full attention throughout the show.

"We chose Dean Edwards because he seems like a really active entertainer. We are going to have a catwalk as a part of the stage and we thought he would be great to interact with the audience,"

- Tyler Flaim, special events coordinator for UPB, said.

The UPB has set up this night as a part of GSU's Weeks of Welcome, which includes many fun activities including a block party on campus.

The block party will be during the day on Sept. 3 and will offer students the chance to win VIP tickets to see Edwards. The VIP tickets give you the chance to sit right up front, get in the doors early and be entered to win passes for a meet and greet after the show.

Take a break from all of the stresses of a new school year and enjoy some comedy for free!



Photo courtesy of DeanEdwards.Net

Location - Union Ballroom

Date - Thursday Sept. 4

Timed doors open at 6:30 p.m. show starts at 7 p.m.
Free for students with their student ID.

Poker in Statesboro

BY CASEY CARGLE

The George-Anne staff

Poker Time Statesboro has brought poker to Statesboro, where anybody can show up and play Texas hold'em for free.

"Poker Times main goal is to bring casual free Texas hold'em to the Statesboro area," Tim Rubnitz, senior information

systems major, said.

There are currently two games a week, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Chops and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Big Shows. First time players receive bonus chips to play with and if you bring someone you receive extra chips as well. At the end of each night the top two winners receive gift cards.

The way into the tournament is

you have to open a tab and spend at least \$20 at the venue, which is technically the "buy in," but if someone were to go weekly they would only have to spend \$10 at the venue. Games are played tournament style and players can earn points, which will be used in the cash tournament at the end of the season.

We're trying to get more

people from GSU involved because I know there's a ton of people who would love to play poker. It's free to play so anybody can play, anybody and your momma, Chase Braxton, senior information systems major, said.

Poker Time started last fall with GSU alumni Jordan Steen's, idea of the poker play.

Steen and Braxton started it at Big Shows where he was a manager at the time and owners were on board with the idea. The games began to be hosted only on Wednesdays but grew quickly within a matter of months, eventually growing to be hosted at two venues. Poker Time is looking to expand to a third venue soon.

AXED: 5 TELEVISION SHOWS CANCELED BEFORE PREMIERE



Originally a 1999 television short, the story would have followed Jack Austin, a former astronaut exposed to solar radiation (which grants him super-intelligence when looking into direct sunlight), and heat vision, Jack's best friend who has been turned into a talking motorcycle by a cosmic ray of sorts. Yeah, I wish I was kidding.

Despite sounding like a four-year-old's poorly-written fanfiction, Jack Black and Owen Wilson starred as Jack and Heat Vision respectively, the pilot was written by Ben Stiller, and the show itself was conceived in part by "Community's" Dan Harmon.



The Dark Knight has long been a media cash cow, with animated programs and blockbuster films and triple-A video games. Considering an eight-year-old Batman wouldn't make for interesting television, it's not hard to imagine why the series failed to make it past conception. Perhaps we missed out, because the script was penned by Tim McCanlies, who wrote the screenplay for "The Iron Giant", arguably one of the greatest animated films of all time.

But the failed show had a spiritual successor: Warner Brothers saw potential in the idea of a superhero prequel and "Smallville" was born. Apparently McCanlies still receives royalties from episodes of "Smallville".



2005 was a big year for game shows. "Deal or No Deal" quickly became a huge success, and raking in plenty of profits for NBC. Fox attempted their own new game show the same year, though the game being played was significantly stranger.

Adults who had been adopted as babies were placed in a room with 25 men, and attempted to guess their biological father for a prize of one-hundred thousand dollars. If they guessed incorrectly, the money would go to one of the men instead. Adoption groups tore into the premise, scorning the idea of cheapening possible reunions of families with the intent of winning money.

BY CONNOR WHITE

The George-Anne staff

The TV industry is extraordinarily fast-paced. New shows bouncing around like Tigger if he had ADD and a caffeine addiction. For every

five that make it onto the air, there were hundreds in the works that were canceled for any number of reasons, from budget cuts to acts of God. We've collected a sample of some of the more bizarre ideas that crawled out of the woodwork.



Don't mess with success. The U.S. has been pinching programs from our friends across the Atlantic for years. "House of Cards", "The Office" and "American Idol" were all programs in the United Kingdom originally, and NBC hoped to accomplish the same with an American version of the popular sitcom "The IT Crowd." "Community's" Joel McHale was set to star, but the show never officially made it into production. Considering the absolutely gargantuan success of "The Big Bang Theory", we can only wonder if an Americanized "IT Crowd" would have brought in the same kind of revenue for NBC as "BBT" does for CBS.



Not much is known about the actual production since it was cut off so early, but there was a particularly violent reaction when the Amazonian Princess' costume was revealed. It was garish and rubbery and looked like something straight out of a porno. hilariously enough, a porn version of the costume looks significantly better. Maybe the budgets for the two 'projects' were switched, but one thing's for sure: we won't be seeing Princess Diana of Themyscira in her own show anytime soon, although she is slated to appear in "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice," starring Ben Affleck and "Man of Steel's" Henry Cavill).



BRINGING IT BACK TO YOU!
CONTINUOUS UPDATES EVERY WEEKDAY.

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Missing Talons?

We've got you.

BY LAURIANNA CULL

The George-Anne staff

While Gus Mart has been fairly busy these first few weeks of school, let's be honest. We all miss

Talons to some degree.

Whether you sat down to have a nice meal and relax after a long day of classes or ordered some wings before watching a football game with your buddies, the famil-

iar tastes and smells of Talons is gone, GSU.

Although the on-campus sit-down restaurant will not be making a reappearance at Georgia Southern in the foreseeable future, all hope

is not lost.

If you can no longer go to Talons, bring Talons into your very own kitchen with some of their signature dishes.

Over the next several weeks, The

George-Anne will be releasing some of your favorite Talons recipes in our Tuesday addition, but it will be up to you to decide which recipes those will be.

TALONS MENU

Sandwiches:

Turkey Bacon Avocado Ranch Sandwich
Talons signature club
Spicy buffalo chicken sandwich
Flounder po' boy
Grilled steak & peppers sandwich

Salads:

Caesar salad
Talons signature salad
Buffalo chicken salad
Apple wood spinach salad
Chicken tender salad
Blackened steak salad

Signature entrees:

Ratatouille
Stir-fry
Chicken Parmesan
Grilled chicken pesto

Pan-roasted chicken

Southern-style fried pork chops
Grilled beef filet
Flounder platter
Talons fiesta tacos
Classic talons burger

Wings + Sauces:

Teriyaki sauce
Spicy ranch sauce
Buffalo blue cheese sauce

Mild buffalo sauce
Hot honey
Mango habanero
Hot buffalo sauce

Pizza and More:

Chicken tender platter
Talons nachos
Hearth-baked pizzas

Sides:

Fries
House-made potato chips
Garlic whipped potatoes
Rice pilaf
Sautéed vegetable medley



CLASSIC TALONS BURGER



OUR FAMOUS TALONS WINGS

THE BUZZ LIST



MATT SOWELL

- A phone hacker has tapped the phones of several celebs, leaking their nudes for the entire world to see. Jennifer Lawrence was involuntarily volunteered as one of the tributes. There doesn't seem to be any silver linings in this playbook because the hacker's list is supposedly pages long.
- While we're on the subject of bad puns and beautiful bodies, Colin Kaepernick's abs made the cover of "Sports Illustrated". It's a nice view but also makes me think, "Hey, maybe I shouldn't have eaten a row of Oreos while typing this."
- Joan Rivers is on life support. I can't actually make this quirky or funny. You know that meme of Kermit the Frog drinking tea? Yeah? Okay, pretend like that's here.

Serving the Community

ALIA LEWIS

The George-Anne staff

Grades? Check.
Involvement? Check. Service?
Not so much.

With all of the things going on in college, community service is often the last thing on a student's mind. Fortunately, the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement provides resources that will make volunteering both fun and convenient.

"Volunteering is one way to find and be a part of a community that helps make experiences meaningful." Danyel Addes, coordinator of Civic Engagement, said.

"It's a good way to connect with other students who care about the same things you do."

Here at GSU, there are a number of ways students can get involved and serve the local community.

WEEKLY VOLUNTEER TRIPS

Each week the OSLS sponsors free trips to local organizations in Statesboro for students to volunteer. Trips range from after school programs and food banks to nursing homes and more. Students are able to choose their desired organization based on the time slots that align with their schedule. Transportation is provided both to and from these organizations.

COMMUNITY LIAISONS

Students who desire more involvement and service can become community liaisons. Community Liaisons are placed within community agencies to recruit other students to volunteer. They are paid to work 8-10 hours at the organization assisting with the needs as determined.

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

If you want to volunteer but are also looking for more hands-on experience in your major or field, VIA is the way to go. Students work 5-15 hours at community agencies specializing in work such as activities planning, special events management, grant writing, research, social media, marketing/PR, volunteer management, non-profit management and more. There are a variety of positions available to students who would like to get involved.

SERVICE LEARNING

Want to volunteer and also receive class credit for it? If so, Service Learning may be right for you. Service Learning allows students to provide a service for a non-profit organization in exchange for the skills gained and knowledge learned. It gives students the opportunity to try out the field before they pick a career in it.

"Students worry about what things are going to be like in the real world. [Service Learning] helps students before they make decisions about their careers. They're able to see their fields practiced in real life," Wendy Denton, assistant director of Service Learning, said.

ALTERNATIVE BREAKS

Alternative Breaks provided students with opportunities to volunteer and help others during their school breaks. Alternative Breaks are offered during spring, summer and winter breaks. "Students can go for a week with a group of other students and focus on specific social issues," Addes said.

Overall, there are numerous ways students can serve the local community in Statesboro. No matter how busy you are,

there are always multiple opportunities available.

"You don't need a lot of time," Addes said. "It's worth pursuing whenever you can, even if you're worried you don't have time." By volunteering, students can earn community service hours, gain hands on experience and feel satisfied by serving those in need.

Students who want to learn more about volunteer opportunities can stop by the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement inside of the Russell Union or log onto their website.

If you are interested in becoming a community liaison, please email the desired organization below.

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sha.communityliaison@gmail.com
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esolgsu@gmail.com
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statesborohsliaison@gmail.com
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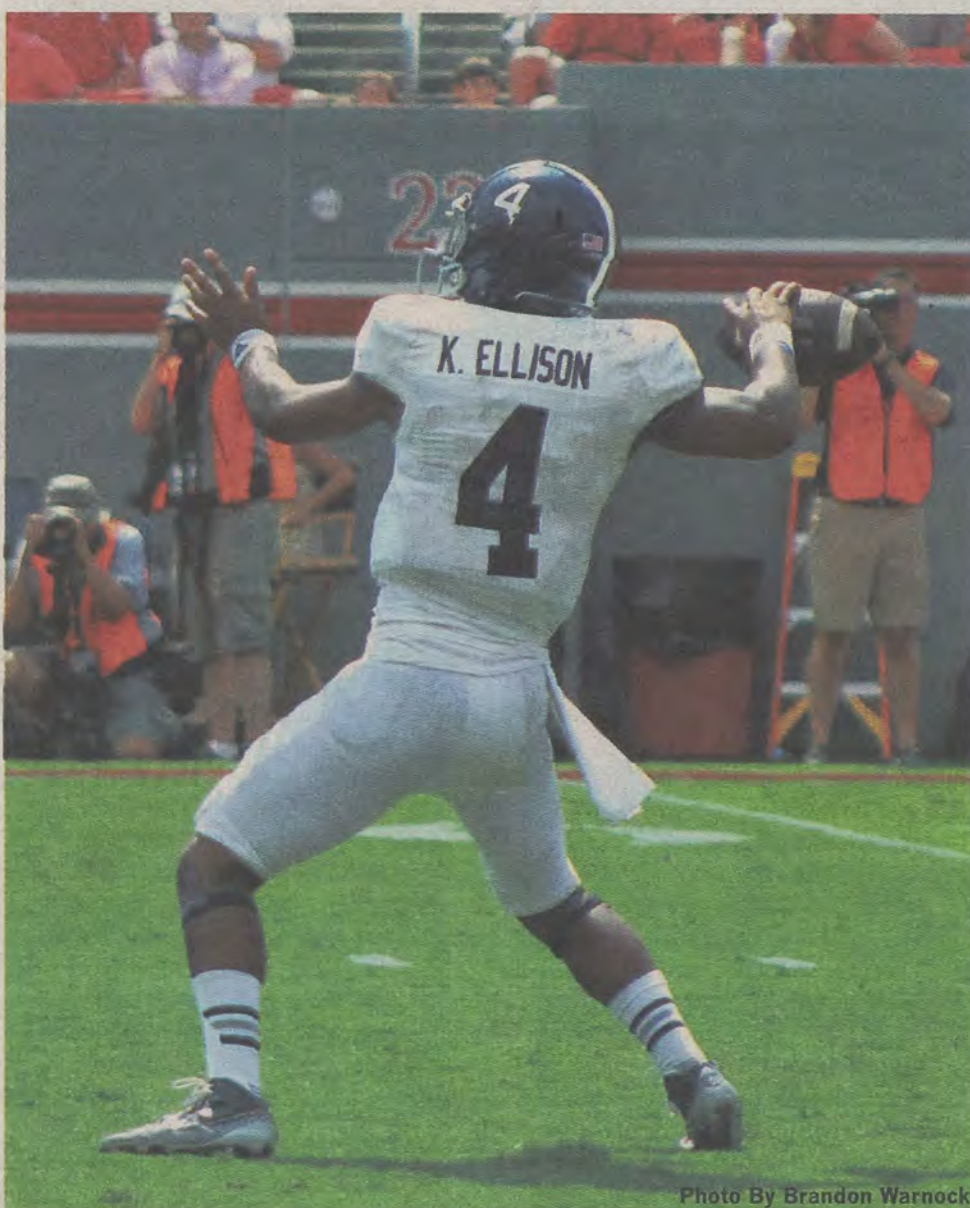


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Redshirt sophomore quarterback Kevin Ellison (4) went 9-16 for 184 yards and a touchdown in the 24-23 loss to NC State. Ellison, who received a majority of the snaps in the game, also gained 116 yards on the ground.

An open letter from Tom Kleinlein

GEORGIA SOUTHERN STUDENTS

This season is a year of change at Georgia Southern. We're in a new conference; we've got a new football coach, we're playing in a new-look Paulson Stadium, and this is our first season in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

Over the last week, there have been rumors going around campus regarding student tickets. I'd like to remind Eagle Nation that students are admitted to football games by presenting their Eagle ID at the gate.

Additionally, here are the highlights of our student ticket policy:

- Current Georgia Southern Students will be admitted to games by showing their valid Eagle ID.
- Students can only enter the stadium at Gate 1, Gate 13 and the Student Tailgate Zone (Gate 14).
- Students can purchase companion tickets in advance for their guests for \$15. Each student can purchase one companion ticket for each game. Companion tickets can only be purchased on game week at the Georgia Southern Athletics Ticket Office. (Saturday games: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.) (Thursday Games: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.)
- The student section now includes sections H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, and P in the lower level as well as NN, OO, and PP in the mid deck.

Here at Georgia Southern we are proud of the support that our student body gives us. Our students are the heart and soul of Eagle Nation, and I can't wait to see a full student section at our home opener on September 6th against Savannah State.

Go Eagles!

Tom Kleinlein

Director of Athletics

Georgia Southern University

To contact the sports editor, email gasports@georgiasouthern.edu.

ICYMI: THE WEEKEND RECAP

WOMEN'S SOCCER

BY LAYNE SALIBA

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern vs. Indiana (2-1)

Last year's 5-0 loss did not deter the Eagles from attacking the Hoosiers head on. With two goals coming from Lukas during the first half, the Eagles were able to pull off a much needed win in their first tournament of the season.

Lukas put one in the back of an empty net in the 5th minute, and then an assist from freshman midfielder and Sweden native Angelica Wallerstedt, helped Lukas sink a header into the upper corner of the net during the 21st minute bringing the score to 2-0.

When time ran out, Ga. Southern was ahead 2-1, and could boast in their first win against a Big Ten opponent.

Georgia Southern vs. Auburn (3-0)

Ga. Southern was unable to produce the way they wanted to during their second game

of the Auburn Soccer Classic. They only had three shots compared to Auburn's 22.

Auburn scored early in the seventh minute with a goal from junior forward/midfielder Sophie Simantel, then again in the 30th when redshirt senior forward/midfielder Tori Ball chipped one overhead in a one-on-one contest against Merson. A late goal came in the 76th minute when junior forward Logan Beal's shot hit the crossbar and bounced across the goal line, scoring the last goal of the night bringing the score to 3-0. "For the second half, we did very good. We held our own against one of the best teams in the country. Auburn is solid. They've got really strong, physical athletes and they made life difficult for us. But we did a really good job of continuing to play and continuing to put forth a really good effort. And if we can do that in the Sun Belt against Sun Belt opponents, I think we'll have a lot of success," Dunleavy said.

MEN'S SOCCER

BY EMMA COLLINS

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University men's soccer team started off the 2014 season by participating in the Southern Conference/Big South Challenge in Boiling Springs, NC, finishing 1-1.

In the first round of the SoCon/Big South Challenge, GSU took on Gardner-Webb University. Less than two minutes into the first period, junior Emmanuel Raji scored GSU's first goal of the season with an assist from senior Ethan Lapan.

During the ninth minute Ga. Southern scored again. Senior David Vargas Masis scored the second goal of the game, assisted by Raji. At the end of the first period, GWU trailed behind GSU 2-0.

During the second half of the game, the Eagles held off GWU's attempts to score until the 81st minute when the Runnin' Bulldogs scored their first and only goal of the game. The

final score against GWU was 2-1.

Despite the success against GWU, the Eagles were defeated by the Winthrop University Eagles on Sunday afternoon. WU scored its first goal of the game in the 21st minute with a penalty kick. The score remained 0-1 through the rest of the first period.

In the 69th minute of the game, sophomore Jeremy Rector tied the game with a penalty kick, making the score 1-1. WU retaliated 52 seconds later, scoring its second goal of the game.

Despite GSU's attempts to defend their goal and tie the game, WU scored again in the 78th minute. The GSU Eagles were unable to come back from WU's two-shot lead, and WU triumphed with a 1-3 final score.

Overall, the Eagles finished the SoCon/Big South Challenge and their first two games of the season at 1-1.

Ga. Southern plays its first home game of the season on Thursday vs. Mercer University at 7 p.m. at Eagle Field.

VOLLEYBALL

BY JORDAN TONEY

The George-Anne staff

Florida (0-3 L):

GSU started off strong against the Gators taking the first lead of the first set, however this lead didn't last as a 1-0 Eagle lead quickly turned into a 4-1 Gator lead. The Eagles would only lead two more times throughout this first set, which ended up resulting in a 25-19 defeat. The second set didn't go any better as Florida immediately took a 7-0 lead against the Eagles, and it didn't get any better as the Eagles wouldn't be able to take a lead the entire set. They ended up losing that set 25-11. GSU only had one more chance to possibly come back against the Gators but unfortunately the third set just turned into more of the same. It started close with a 2-2 tie early in the set, but 2-2 quickly turned into 20-10. Georgia Southern ended up losing 25-15 which marked the first loss of the season.

Oklahoma (1-3 L):

Ga. Southern went into the second match going up against Oklahoma. The first set against Oklahoma ended up being a very close affair with seven different ties throughout the set. However the Eagles took control with four straight points to make the lead 20-17, including two kills from Jamie DeRatt. This 20-17 lead would end up being a 25-20 win for the Eagles, their first winning set of the season. The second set ended up being another close one with four different ties throughout the set. The Eagles definitely lost most of their momentum though when the Sooners went on a seven point romp early in the set taking a 12-7 lead. Ga. Southern wouldn't be able to come back from this and lost the second set 25-20. The third set ended up having four different lead changes before the first ten points. This set really got interesting near the end with a 20-20 tie, a 21-21 tie, and a 22-22 tie. It all came down to a 24-23 Oklahoma lead when Micaela

Spann got the kill to give Oklahoma the 25-23 win. The fourth set ended up being more of the same with multiple back and forths between the Eagles and the Sooners. The Sooners had three different three point attacks that resulted in them winning the set, 25-18. This 25-18 win also gave them the match which led the Eagles to their second loss of the season.

Idaho (1-3 L)

Both GSU and Idaho went into the match on Saturday with an 0-2 record.

The Eagles came on strong early in the first set with a four point romp to give them an 8-6 lead. They finished this first set just as strongly as they started it with four straight points to give them the 25-22 win over Idaho. The second set looked to be more of the same from the Eagles as they started the set leading 6-2. The Vandals weren't going to go down easy as they scored six straight points to reverse the lead and make the score 8-6. This definitely put the momentum in Idaho's favor

as they ended up making the score 16-9. But the Eagles weren't out as they went on a 6 point comeback to tie the set 18-18. They score two more points and took the lead late, 20-18. The Eagles got as close as they were going to get to winning this second set with a 24-21 lead, but it just wasn't enough as the Vandals came back to win 26-24. The third set was just as tense as the second with neither team scoring more than two more points before their opponent came right back with some of points of their own. Of course this was until Idaho decided to take this set into their own hands scoring four straight points and making the score 17-13. This was the beginning of the end for the Eagles as Idaho continued their punishment and finished the set winning 25-20. The Eagles were determined to not lose the fourth set against Idaho by holding them off to begin with and even taking a 9-6 lead early. Idaho stayed strong and won the set 26-24.

TEAM UP.

BY EMMA COLLINS

Intramural sports are a great opportunity for students to get involved in a sport on campus as well as form new friendships while staying active.

Ryan Wingers, an Intramural Sports program director at the RAC, encourages students to give intramural sports a try.

"Why not? It's social and you can be on a team. It's a great way to get involved and meet new people."

For those students who have played intramurals in the past, Wingers warned that the registration process will be somewhat different this year.

"This year, you can't just show up and present a student ID. We're trying to avoid that hassle."

Going into effect this year, students are required to go online to the CRI website and create a user profile, then join a team roster. Any

questions regarding this process can be directed to the CRI office.

For those students who would prefer to be involved with a paid position, CRI is hosting Officials' Clinics to train students to officiate over intramural games for the Fall.

Below are the times and locations for those clinics:

Flag Football **Sept. 2 9:00 p.m.** Seminar Room

Sept. 3 9:00 p.m. Multiplex

Sept. 4 9:00 p.m. Multiplex

Indoor Soccer **Sept. 29 9:00 p.m.** Seminar Room

Sept. 30 9:00 p.m. MAC Gym

Volleyball **Sept. 30 9:00 p.m.** Seminar Room

Oct. 1 9:00 p.m. RAC Courts

CRI is also proud to host several big events this semester, Wingers said.

The CRI Golf Championship is scheduled for **Oct. 17**, and

registration can be completed from **Sept. 29-Oct. 14**.

On **Oct. 28**, CRI will host Battleships, a fun-filled game that will take place in the RAC indoor swimming pool. Students are encouraged to get teams together to participate in this unique event.






Lastly, CRI will host the Georgia Collegiate Flag Football Championships **Nov. 21-23**.

"Close to fifty intramural flag football teams will be coming to Georgia Southern to participate, all playing for a chance to go to nationals," Wingers said.

For more questions regarding these events or intramural sports, visit the CRI office (RAC 2116) or their website, www.recreation.georgiasouthern.edu.

Registration for Fall 2014 Intramural Sports

Registration for Fall 2014 Intramural Sports has officially kicked off with over 13 sports available for students to participate in. Below are the registration dates for the different sports:

-  Flag Football: Aug. 25-Sept. 9
-  Pre-Season Flag Football: Aug. 18-Sept. 2
-  Cornhole: Sept. 1-Sept. 16
-  Fall Golf: Sept. 29-Oct. 14
-  Tennis Doubles: Sept. 15-Sept. 30
-  Basketball: Oct. 20-Nov. 4
-  Indoor Soccer: Sept. 22-Oct. 7
-  Swim Meet: Nov. 12 (on-site registration)
-  Dodgeball: Aug. 18-Sept. 2
-  Volleyball: Sept. 22-Oct. 7

Registration for kickball, fall softball, and ultimate frisbee have already closed.



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