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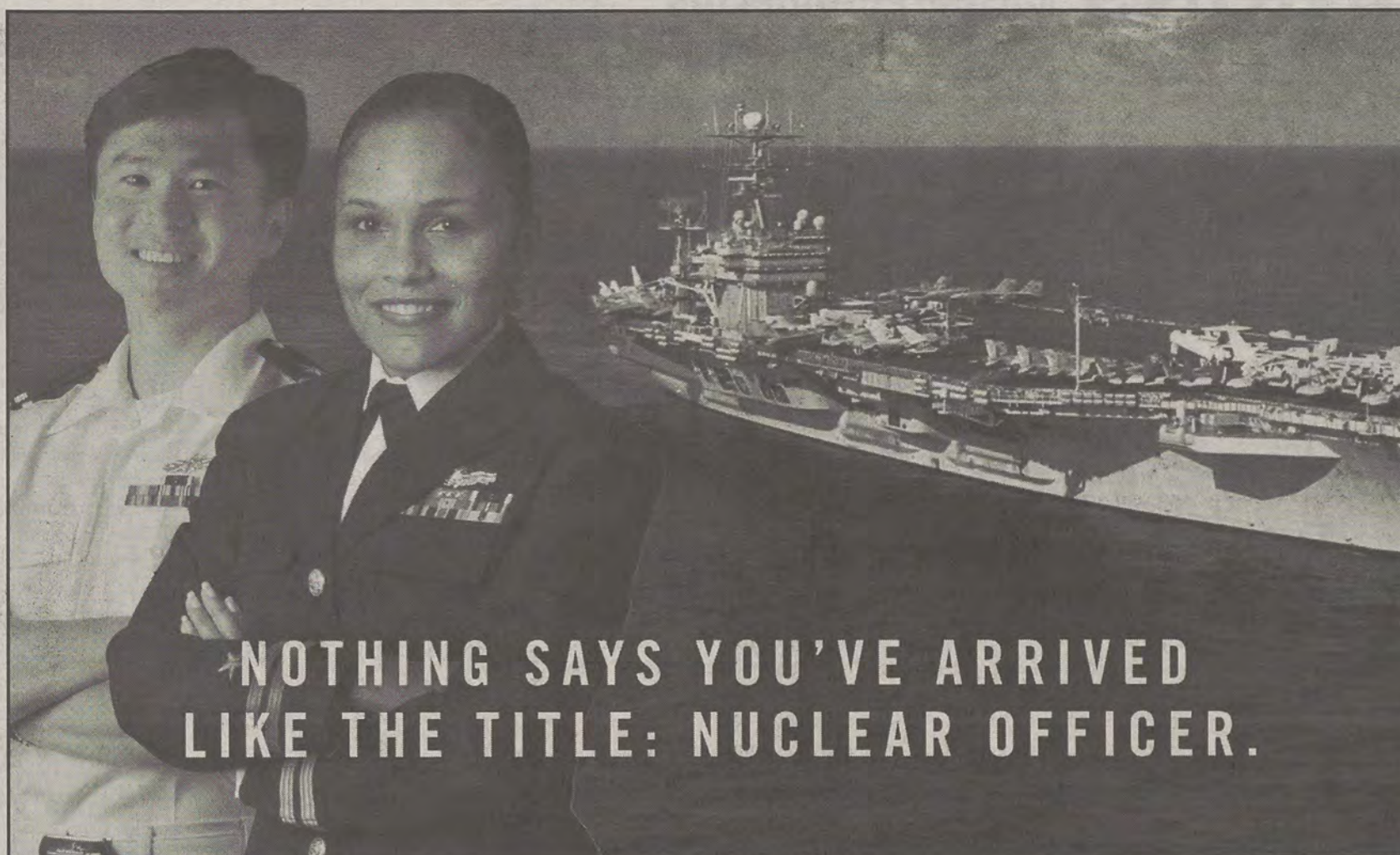
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Sexuality in the workplace



CIERA WILLIAMS

Williams is a junior sports management major. She is a member of the Gay, Straight Alliance. She enjoys eating pizza.

Here is what we know: Michael Sam was recently cut by the St. Louis Rams in what is being referred to as a pure "football decision." We can only speculate why he was released. Maybe his skill level was not up to par. Despite a decent line of stats in the preseason, there are plenty of men who will play ahead of him. This is understandable. Some people may think his lifestyle brought too many unwanted ESPN reporters to the locker room. This is wild considering he's been thrust into the limelight despite refusing a reality show about his first NFL season and constantly stating that he wants others to focus on the football, not his sexuality.

We don't know anything for sure. All we have is maybes. Lucky for him, the Dallas Cowboys have decided to give Sam a chance as a practice player. The "media circus" is nothing new to Jerry Jones and company.

What I do know, however, is that the rights of LGBTQ folks in the workplace have long been violated. There is no federal law explicitly banning firing people based on their sexuality or gender expression. That is, you can legally be let go for coming out to your

boss. This is something many people take for granted.

Imagine this scenario. It is your first day of work. Your spouse and two children are extremely proud of you. You want to put a family picture on your desk because they are your pride and joy. When asked to create a bio for the company website, you want to include your most exciting accomplishments. When Christmas comes, you want to invite your wife to the company party. You want all these things, but you realize you probably shouldn't. You conclude it would be best to sacrifice parts of you to make others comfortable. This is an ongoing reality for many in the LGBTQ community.

Working in a safe environment should be an undeniable right. I should have the option of whether or not I want to disclose personal details. These details will not affect your daily life at all. It is a shame that we, as a society, ask those who stray from the mainstream lifestyle (heterosexual, Christian, etc.) to compromise their behavior in order to make others feel comfortable. You can have your opinions, but your opinions should not desecrate my entire existence.

No Competition



JESSICA SHANKEN

We compete in everything these days. Be it academic excellence, student organizations or even at home with our siblings. It's all about who's better than the other or how can we beat the ones we perceive we are in competition with.

What if we thought about collaboration instead... we learn of synergies in school and we talk about it... But do we know what it really means? Synergies are a formula for success... When I was taught economics, I learned that synergies mean $1+1=3$; the very concept blew my mind but fascinated me as it seemed to open a window of new thought.

My understanding of this concept expanded as I became more involved on campus and joined numerous student organizations. Working with people collaboratively gave me a deep sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. I realized that I was growing and becoming more successful

in everything else that I was doing while accomplishing the organizations goals and leaving behind a legacy. I had a support structure to lift me up when I fell down, and I had friends who inspired me to do better and think bigger.

When we collaborate with others to achieve our goals, we are able to come up with newer and better ideas that often lead to innovation and higher efficiency. Competitive environments can restrict our ideas, as they tend to be of a single mind, as opposed to collaborative environments which allow us to refine our ideas and build upon them.

Through collaboration we learn to build vibrant communities and as we expand on collaboration, we build bridges between communities and as a result create bigger and better ties in a globally connected world.

Next time you think of a situation as being competitive, just take a moment to think and reevaluate your next step to see if you can make it out to be a collaborative environment geared for your success and the success of those around you.

-Jessica Shanken is the Vice President of the Mock Mediation Club.

'Rate My Professor' can be a bad crutch



CONNOR WHITE

The George-Anne staff

White is a senior multimedia major and a current A & E reporter for the George-Anne

It's one of the most popular tools at students' disposal, a place where you can gauge a professor's workload, helpfulness and even their average grade all at once. You can read feedback from your classmates as they share their personal experiences with you.

And you can defeat the entire purpose of college by relying on it too heavily.

College has lost a lot of its meaning in the modern education system. Seen more as a necessary step to a decent wage than a place

of learning, many students look for anything that will make the ordeal a little easier, and Rate My Professor more than fits the bill. But this kind of collegiate cherry-picking will only make the transition into the real world harder, and you'll have no one to blame but yourself.

You shouldn't base these kinds of decisions on what former (and possibly disgruntled) students have to say about your economics professor, just as you shouldn't drop out of a career just because your new middle manager is a

brown-nosing vulture that reeks of cigarettes. Dodging every professor you might disagree with is nothing more than a lack of confidence in your own limits and abilities. If you don't test them, you're watering down one of the core concepts of post-secondary education. College is a place to expand your mind and learn vital skills and experiences. If a professor grades harshly and demands near or perfect attendance, good. So does the job market.

There are just as many bad

bosses as there are bad professors, and avoiding the latter deprives you the chance to prepare for the former. Obviously you don't want to saturate your schedule with professors infamous for drawing and quartering their students (unless you have a death wish), but taking one or two teachers that demand you earn a good grade as instead of expect one isn't just smart, it's a fact of life.

Unless you're being taught by Dolores Umbridge, try to stick it out. Your future self will thank you.

The friend zone



KRISTINA AGBEBIYI
Community Leader

"The Friend Zone" is a term that culture often uses to describe women who supposedly "lead men on". Once used as a joke, this mythical zone has become engrained in our society. It is a commonly used term, and it has become the theme of books, television shows and movies.

While this term may seem harmless, I beg to differ. Often times, a girl will express to a guy from the beginning that she strictly wants their relationship to be platonic. Instead of respecting her wishes, a guy will then take this as a sign that he needs to try harder to win her over. When a girl reiterates that she was strictly looking for friendship the guy will claim that he has been "friend zoned."

I am sorry, but as a woman, if I kept pursuing a guy after he told me no, I would be perceived as clingy, desperate and not capable of taking a hint. I would not be able to bring up "the friend zone" or any other reasoning as to why I thought someone was interested in me when they clearly told me they were not.

Another issue with the "friend zone" is that it perpetuates the belief that men are owed niceness, a relationship or sex from a woman simply because they extended their hand for friendship. You are not owed access to my body simply because you helped me study for chem. I am not obligated to hang out with you just because you were polite to me. Just because you treated me with respect does not mean that I now must go on a date with you.

"The Friend Zone" shames women into thinking that they must help men boost their self-confidence by pretending to be attracted to them. Maybe "The Friend Zone" isn't the problem. Maybe the problem is you.

-Agbebiyi is a junior health education and promotion major.

Protecting your sext life



ERINN WILLIAMS
The George-Anne staff

Williams is double majoring in Writing & Linguistics and French. She is the current Opinions Editor for the George-Anne. She religiously watches "Adventure Time" and "Regular Show."

This weekend the world was shocked when the naked truth of female celebrities' sex lives leaked onto the internet. Through one of the biggest hackings in celeb history Jennifer Lawrence, Kate Upton, Ariana Grande and many other starlets' personal naked photos ended up in the hands of the general public. This was definitely major tragedy that could have been avoided.

Am I advocating for the end of nude selfies...? Nah. Sure that doesn't fit in with my prude tastes, but to each his own. If you enjoy being in your birthday suit and being photographed or videotaped, do you! I mean some people have made a pretty good living off it, but since you are going to college and will probably have an office job instead of gracing the latest episode of E! News, those scandalous images are most likely not in your best interest.

So here are some ways to protect yourself as you dive into the wonderful world of sexting:

1. You could at least not have your whole face, recognizable tattoos and birthmarks in it. Don't just blur out or pixelate your face, don't not have it in

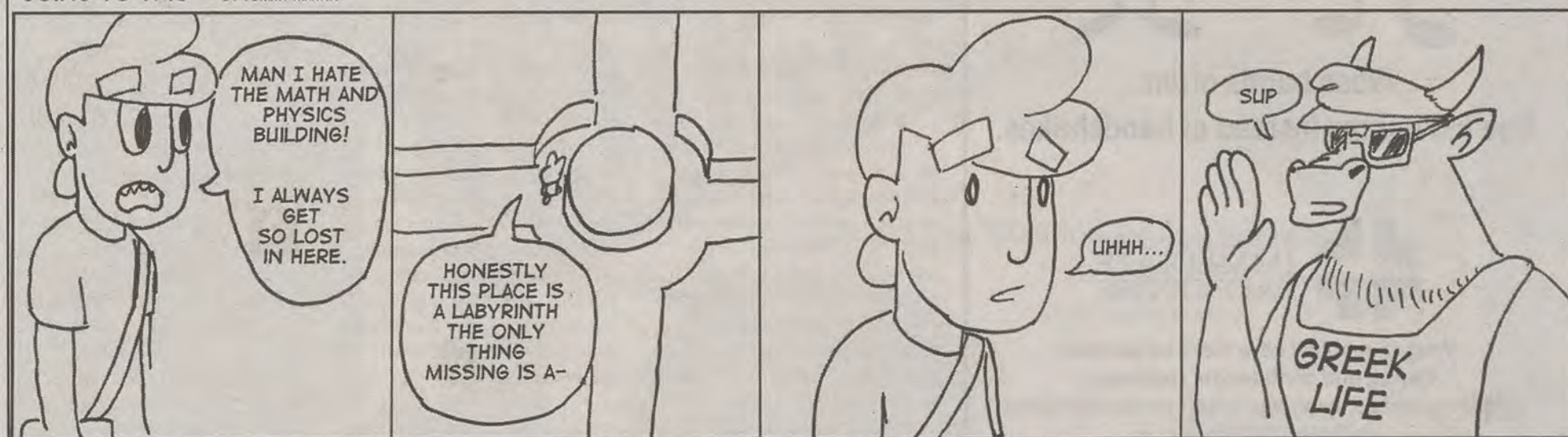
there at all. Do you know how easy it is to remove that and revert your image back to it's original form? Do better.

2. Do not upload your nudes to any social networking site, iCloud or the worldwide web! What are you doing? The internet is not your friend! It is that one girl you kind of get along with, but in the event that you get in trouble, sells you out.

3. Be careful who you send them to. Yes, we all want to believe that when provocative photos are sent to that certain someone they won't share them, but it's happened to plenty of people. So make sure there is a culture of respect between you and the person that will be viewing them and at all cost DO NOT send nudes to randoms. Don't send nudes to strangers. Don't put nudes on uMentioned.

4. Finally, you know what's better than sending nudes? Actually being naked in front of your significant other. Not only do you get a bigger reaction than a sext brings, but you don't have to explain to future kids why daddy is in a thong on Google images.

GOING TO TRIG BY TOMMY MARTIN



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WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR

an update on the Grant Spencer case

BY NADIA DREID
The George-Anne staff

What Happened?

Officers responded to an altercation at Rude Rudy's last Thursday and found Georgia Southern University student Michael Gatto, 18, unresponsive

with head injuries. Gatto was taken to East Georgia Regional Medical Center for treatment and later airlifted to Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, where he later died.

The suspect, Grant Spencer, was arrested last Thursday, Aug. 28, and charged with aggravated battery.

What's the latest?

The Statesboro Police Department announced Tuesday that Grant Spencer has been charged with felony murder in addition to the aggravated battery charges brought against him previously.

What is aggravated battery?

Aggravated battery is when a person "maliciously causes bodily harm to another" by disfiguring or rendering useless a part of their body, according to the code of Georgia.

And felony murder?

Felony murder is when someone

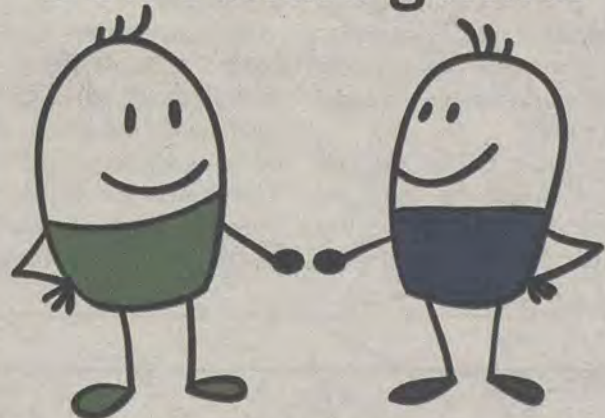
causes the death of another person while committing a felony

What sentences do those charges carry?

A person convicted of aggravated battery in Georgia faces between one and 20 years in prison. Georgia statute also states that the penalty for felony murder is life imprisonment or death.

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School of Nursing Receives Over \$2.2 Million in Grant Funding

BY YASMEEN WALIAGA
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University's School of Nursing has recently received over \$2.2 million in funding from three grants, one from the University System of Georgia (USG) and two from the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA).

The funds from these grants will help to build three main establishments new to the School of Nursing that will benefit both students and faculty. From the USG the School of Nursing will receive a total of approximately \$500,000. The money, which will be given over a two-year period, will help provide faculty members with support services to further faculty's scholarship and research endeavors. Those services will be made available by the Center for Nursing Scholarship and Research, which is being established with the funding from this grant.

"This Center will serve to identify possible funding projects, assist

in the preparation of grant submissions, coordination of on and off campus services and management of funded projects," Sharon Radzynski, Chair of the School of Nursing, said.

1 The Multiple Chronic Conditions grant for \$1.2 million from the Health Resources Services Administration will be used to help begin a graduate level Chronic Illness Certificate program. This program will educate people about many issues related to MCC and disabilities. In addition, it will allow people to work in teams while learning about patients, including military members, veterans, and other members of the community, and how to help them by providing them with health care.

The grant will also ensure that faculty salaries and technology are equipped to support the program for a three year period. This opportunity will be available to all majors treating chronic illness and will become open to

graduate students for enrollment in fall 2015.

2 The second grant from HRSA is a traineeship grant that will cover a two-year time period and will make it possible for students obtaining a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) degree to receive scholarships. This grant provided almost \$700,000 of funds which will support tuition, books, and stipends that will be of assistance to FNP students while completing the education for their degree.

3 These three grants are expected to help GSU's School of Nursing advance in the next few years. The USG grant for a Center for Nursing Scholarship and Research has already been put to use. Nursing students and faculty can expect to see changes and new additions very soon.

Radzynski said, "It is expected to be fully operational by the end of the month."

DIMES FASHION ORGANIZATION MAKES GSU THEIR RUNWAY



BY MICHELLE
NORSWORTHY

The George-Anne staff

In 2002, Designs Inspired, Magnificently In Style (D.I.M.E.S) became Georgia Southern University's very first fashion organization. Now, with a new name, DIMES Fashion Organization (DFO) is taking the campus by storm.

Members are sure to gain experience once they join. According to Erica Jones, vice-president of DFO, shows are being planned even before the semester begins.

"It is a huge process; it takes all of our committees to put a show together," Jones said. "All of our students are very talented. Even if [they] don't have much experience, as they work their way through, they can be a diamond. It's amazing!"

DFO puts on two showcases in the fall, and a big show in the spring. Each showcase will offer sneak peeks into what the Spring Show has to offer. Each fashion show is planned, produced and put on by Georgia Southern students. Though no official dates have been set, Jones urges students and faculty to "be on the lookout."

Though fashion is the main focus of DFO, bonding and networking play huge roles in the success of both the organization and its productions.

"We have lots of opportunities for our members. We've had some of our past members do internships with 'Vogue' out in California. We've also had one who's doing design for people up in New York," Jones said. "It's always a pleasure to hear that students who were in [DFO] were afforded such big opportunities. To know that [we] had an impact is such a great feeling."

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Weeks of Welcome Event: The Office of Alcohol & Other Drugs will be hosting a tailgate themed educational event for students regarding responsible drinking called DEFINE YOUR TAILGATE. The event will focus on alcohol awareness, risk reduction, harm reduction, and alternative activities to participate other than drinking alcohol. Students will be able to enjoy information tables, tailgating games, inflatables, a DJ, and the DUI Simulator. Incentives/Food will be provided for students who visit each information table.

Contact Information: Nicole Withers 912-478-2462

OSA/UPB Events

An Evening with Comedian Dean Edwards
7:00pm (doors open at 6:00pm) Russell Union Room Ballroom

As one of the stars of MTV2's hit show, "GUY CODE", Dean has helped the show become the networks most successful show in its history. Dean Edwards remains one of the comedy worlds most in demand performers across the globe.

Contact Information: UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

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CRI Events

The Livin Green Challenge began at the beginning of the month and will continue until Sept. 30! Join us for the challenge by participating for 10, 20 or 30 days of environmentally friendly initiatives. Share photos of yourself living green to have the chance to win prizes! For details, please visit <http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/wellness/wellness-programs/livinggreen-challenge/>

Pre-Season Flag Football starts today

for the schedule and results visit <https://www2.sta.georgiasouthern.edu/im/client/home>.

Dodgeball begins today

for the schedule and results visit <https://www2.sta.georgiasouthern.edu/im/client/home>.

TUESDAY

9.9.2014

Flag Football registration is closing today.

So, if your team hasn't signed up yet, be sure to do so! <http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/intramurals/get-involved/how-to-register/>

Open High Challenge Course is today from 5-7 pm.

Pre-Registration is required, to learn how to register visit <http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/southern-adventures/open-high-challenge-course/>.

Free Swim Lessons Preview will be at 7 pm.

If interested in swim lessons visit <http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/aquatics/aquatic-programs/swim-lessons/>.

The first Olympic Lifting Clinic will focus on The Clean at 8:30 pm.

in the Conditioning Room. Those interested in learning proper technique of the Olympic lifts are encouraged to attend.

WEDNESDAY 9.10.2014

Bike Maintenance 101 Clinic will be held at 8 pm in the Southern Adventures room.

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THURSDAY 9.11.2014

Multicultural Student Center

Unity Fest

6pm to 9pm Georgia Ave.

Enjoy free food, student showcases, music, giveaways, interactive games inflatables and special entertainment as we come together for this annual event sponsored by the Multicultural Student Center, multiple campus departments and student organizations to recognize and celebrate the cultural diversity of our students, faculty and staff.

SATURDAY 9.20.2014

Men of Color Empowerment Summit

8am to 5pm Russell Union, Georgia Southern University
Cost: \$10 students, \$15 non-students (before September 9th)
The Men of Color Empowerment Summit is a dynamic and interactive development conference for all men of color (African-America, Latino, Asian, etc.) that will teach attendees how to achieve success in life by empowering them with the skills and knowledge needed to connect and equip them for success: academically, professionally, culturally, and socially.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GAME DAY

BY CASEY CARGLE

The George-Anne staff

With the new stadium renovations has come a new game day atmosphere for students.

TAILGATING AT THE RAC

Although, in recent history, the Recreational Activities Center (RAC) has been a big student tailgate zone, it is now the new red and brown lot where a True Blue Donor level of \$120-\$599 is required to park and tailgate in that area.

STUDENT TAILGATE ZONE

However there is a new Student Tailgate Zone (STZ), which is the free fenced off student tailgate zone that is located at the Northwest corner of the stadium. The STZ will include games and vendors with giveaways for students and live music. There will be 20 tailgate spots which come with tables and chairs where students and student organizations can bring drinks, food and alcoholic beverages if they are of age.

"BUDDY TICKETS"

There's also a new "buddy ticket" system where students can bring a friend to the game. The buddy ticket only cost \$15 and is limited to one per person but that ticket gets them into the STZ as well as the football game. Tickets are available to buy at the Georgia Southern Athletics Ticket Office, located in the Cowart Building Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

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- Must have eagle ID or "buddy ticket" to enter and valid government ID
- Students must be 21 or older to consume alcoholic beverages. A wristband will be issued to students who are 21 or older
- Alcoholic beverages must remain in the STZ area
- Alcoholic beverages must be in plastic cup
- Drinking games are strictly prohibited

Setup and drop-off of supplies, food, drink is 6-8 p.m.

The day before game or once the STZ opens

- No vehicles allowed (includes golf carts)
- No animals allowed
- Tobacco-free area
- No glass bottles or kegs
- No weapons
- No umbrellas
- Students must abide by the Student Code of Conduct

"SHARE A COKE" ON CAMPUS

BY EMILY ARNOLD

The George-Anne staff

Coca-Cola's "Share a Coke" campaign has hit Georgia Southern University's campus in a fun and interactive way.

Four kiosks will be set up in front the the Dining Commons where students can line up to customize their name on one can and

a friend's name on another to share. This gives every student a chance to have their name on a can no matter what the name is or how it's spelled.

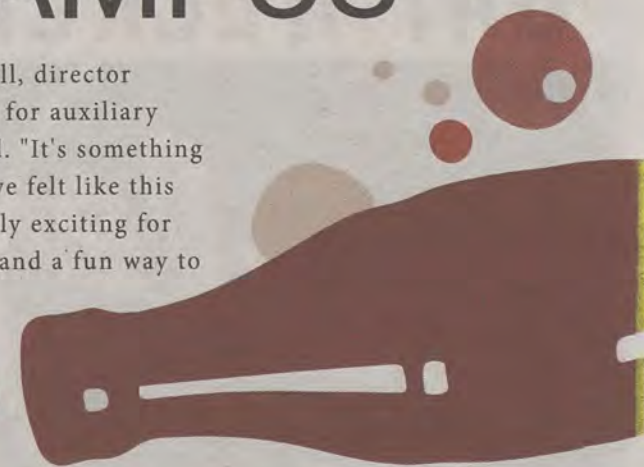
"[Coca-Cola] teamed up with a bunch of universities across the country and since we signed a new contract and we're in partnership with them, they're coming

here and we get to be a part of it," Tess Kiser, marketing manager for auxiliary services, said.

This free event is today from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and is available to all students on campus.

"We felt like this was something that was out of the box that we could bring to campus for our students,"

Jessica O'Neill, director of marketing for auxiliary services, said. "It's something unique and we felt like this could be really exciting for the students and a fun way to interact."





COSPLAYING WITH FESTIVE SPIRIT:

DRAGON CON OVER LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Dagon Con attendants gather together to cosplay their favorite fandoms. Photo courtesy of Liana Wuchte.

An Alien lurks the halls of Dragon Con. Photo courtesy of Liana Wuchte.

Fans cosplay as Rocky Balboa and Ivan Drago. Photo Courtesy of Liana Wuchte.

For he full article visit thegeorgeanne.com



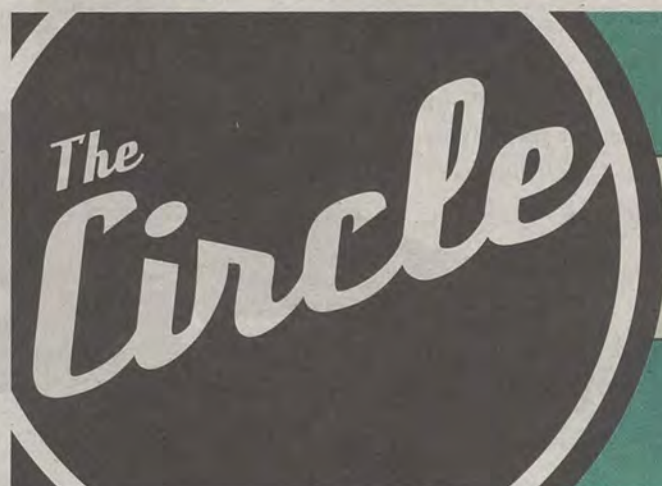
BY DERIK WUCHTE

The George-Anne staff

Dragon Con took off this Labor Day weekend. The craziest costumes, most bizarre antics and absolutely stellar cast of celebrities made it another unforgettable weekend for

everyone there.

So much went on in Atlanta those four days that it is impossible to determine the best sights there. I was down in the fray this year, and you can check out thegeorgeanne.com for a list of the top 10 coolest things I saw.



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Q: What inspired the app, how did you guys come up with Yik Yak?

A: Brooks: "We had the idea of a parody Twitter account like the ones seen on a lot of college campuses, we realized that only a handful of people could control those and we figured there were more than just a few funny people on campus. We thought 'what if there was a way for someone on campus to get a message to everyone else?' That's kind of how Yik Yak was born. We launched it at our old school, from there it transformed a lot and took off from there."

YAK TALKS BACK **Q&A**
with the creators
of Yik Yak



Q: How have you guys handled the racism, sexism, homophobia, ect?

A: Brooks: "First off we saw that in high schools it wasn't being used well, so we quickly reacted by geo-casting all of the high schools and middle schools in America. Basically the way that works is once you enter a high school or middle school you can't use the app. Across the board we have a lot of moderators looking at the content. We did the users to be community police, we can't hire a team of thousands of moderators so we have to rely on the community. It boils down to how the user intends to use it, we blocked it in high school because they used it differently."

Q: Are Yaks really anonymous?

A: Brooks: "Yup, they're truly anonymous. We don't get any information on the users, there's no sign up process or anything. That goes back to the original idea of why we started the app. It doesn't matter who you are on Yik Yak, all that matters is the quality of content that you're posting. It doesn't matter how popular you are on Yik Yak."

MATT SOWELL
The George Anne staff

Love it or hate it, Yik Yak has left a definite mark on college campuses across the United States. The modern-day burn book has also caused a stir in the media but was the noble yak meant to be a bullying playground? We had a Q&A with the app's COO Brooks Buffington and CEO Tyler Droll.

Q: What's in the future for the app?

A: Tyler: "I think our users will start to understand how to use the app better, particularly using the peek feature. With all these college football games users will start to see that you can peek in to schools across the nation on Saturdays. So if Georgia Southern is playing in Athens, you can peek into Athens to see what they're saying."

Q: Did you guys expect it to cause the amount of controversy that it did?

A: Tyler: "No, we didn't expect it at all. We made something that we wanted to be used for fun and sharing content on campus. We never had any intention of causing trouble at universities. With every step we make, we're trying to make it a better user experience."

Brooks: "I think it's something that you see with all new forms of technology. Facebook went through it, Twitter went through it. Look at Snapchat; when people first talked about it they said it was a sexting app. Now people realize 'hey it's not a huge deal you know it's used for sharing funny content'. I think that with Yik Yak and as it grows people are going to realize what it's really used for."



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
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KENNETH LEE

The George-Anne staff

Whether you love it or hate it, follow it to the letter, or disregard it without hesitation like the rebel you are, the campus-wide tobacco ban is in effect this year, leaving a void of sorts for law-abiding, cigarette-smoking students.

The Smoke Haven, Statesboro's latest tobacco shop and hookah café, is willing to fill that void, having recently opened its doors for coffee-loving students with a passion for tobacco products and an affinity for smoking hookah.

"Hookah is a cultural thing, some people say it originated in Turkey, some India, but it is a Middle Eastern thing and it's becoming popular in the U.S., especially with college students," Sal Atta, the owner and operator of the Smoke Haven, said.

The enterprising married couple opened the Smoke Haven last month and are encouraging students to visit and enjoy the laid back vibe that the Smoke Haven hopes to induce.

"It's a chill atmosphere. You can relax, you can bring your books with you and study. Get on the wifi, bring your computer, do your homework, smoke, socialize. It's not too noisy here," Atta said. "Come in the evenings and we'll have TVs here for sports watching during game days and stuff like that"

The Smoke Haven offers a variety of coffees, teas and soft drinks to its customers, along with a wide selection of hookahs, vaporizers, pipes, water-pipes and other tobacco accessories.

"We offer at least twenty, if not more flavors, and as we go, we're gonna look for any new flavors, any new brands, any new

things that relate to hookah that we can offer to our customers," Atta said.

The Smoke Haven will also be announcing happy hour times and other specials on its Twitter and Facebook page.

"I kept in mind that this is a college town so it's gonna be very reasonable and very affordable for students. I want them to have a good experience, this is a very relaxed place, very sociable."

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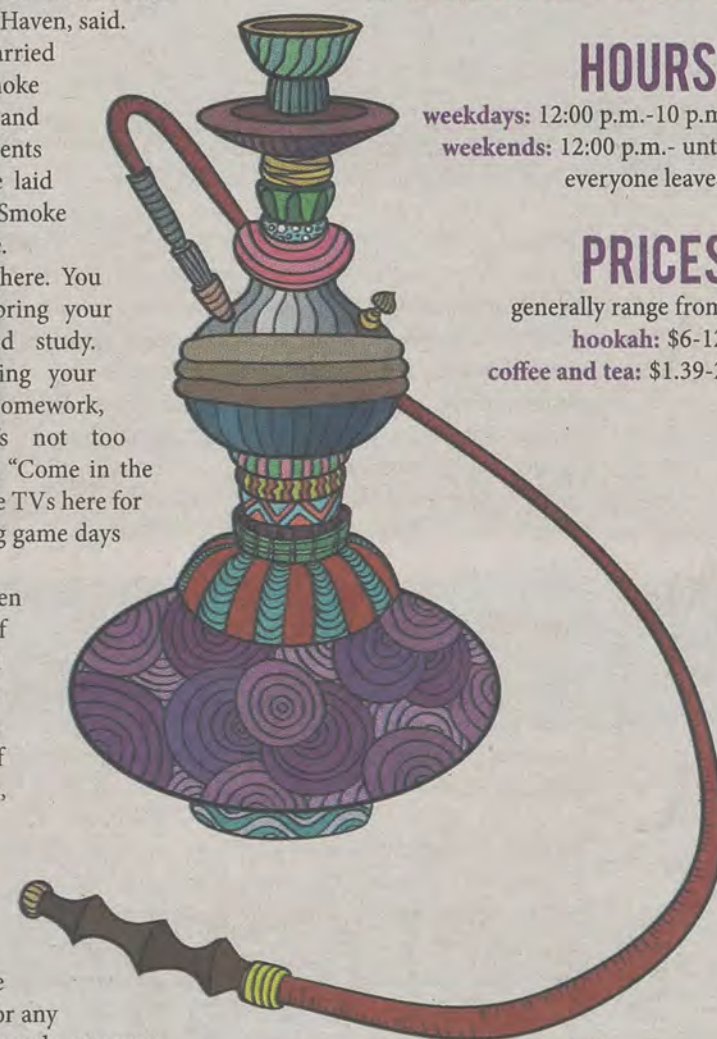
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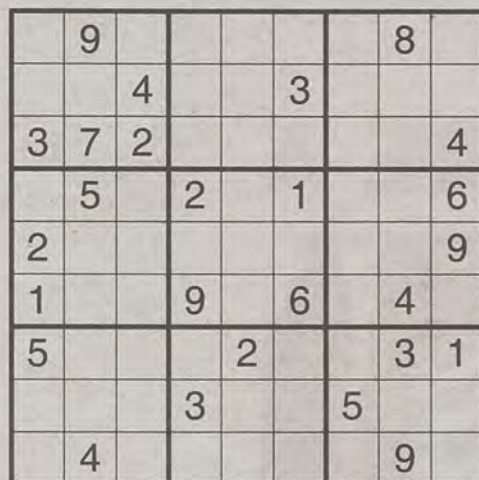
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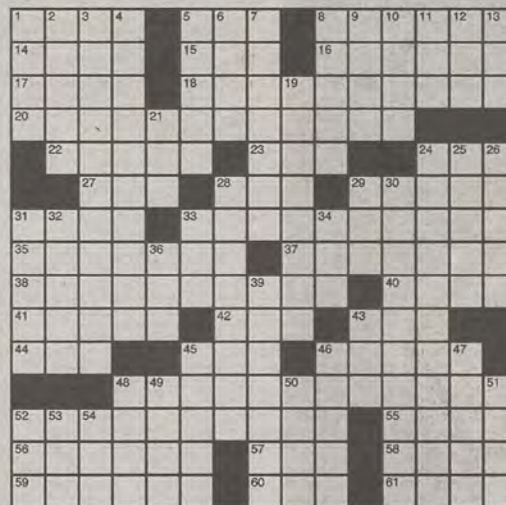
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ACROSS

- 1 Sputnik letters
- 5 Insert
- 8 "Scarlet letter?"
- 14 "Hello, I didn't see you there"
- 15 Tax-advantaged vehicle
- 16 Like unmixed orators, maybe
- 17 Collins contemporary
- 18 Like some sales
- 20 "Rio jokester?"
- 22 Part of a black suit
- 23 It may be packed
- 24 Grand squared
- 27 General of Chinese cuisine
- 28 "Bueller?" actor Stein
- 29 "Die Lorelei" poet
- 31 Shaver brand
- 33 "Law against certain intra-family marriages?"

DOWN

- 1 Georgia county planned to be the 2017 home of the Braves
- 2 Blackens
- 3 It doesn't provide lasting enjoyment
- 4 Quick lunch, perhaps
- 5 Window alternative
- 6 German crowd?
- 7 Broken
- 8 Gymnast Johnson who was a "Dancing With the Stars" winner
- 9 Inner Hebrides isle
- 10 Da __, Vietnam
- 11 Play about Capote
- 12 Hard-rock link
- 13 Crystallize
- 19 How a chorus may sing
- 21 Vow on a stand
- 24 Site of Los Angeles' Museum Row
- 25 Like krypton
- 26 Not a __ stand on
- 28 Contoured chairs



By Samuel A. Donaldson

4/25/14

Thursday's Puzzle Solved



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- 29 Connecting flight site
- 30 In particular
- 31 Nonsensical
- 32 Ottoman nobility
- 33 Ajar, poetically
- 34 Curly-tailed canine
- 36 Soccer stat
- 39 1979 World Series champs
- 43 What life imitates, so it's said
- 45 Fern leaf
- 46 Festival features
- 47 1994 film king
- 48 Very
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- 51 "My stars!"
- 52 Either of two stubborn Seuss characters
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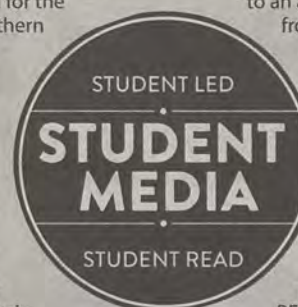
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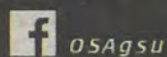


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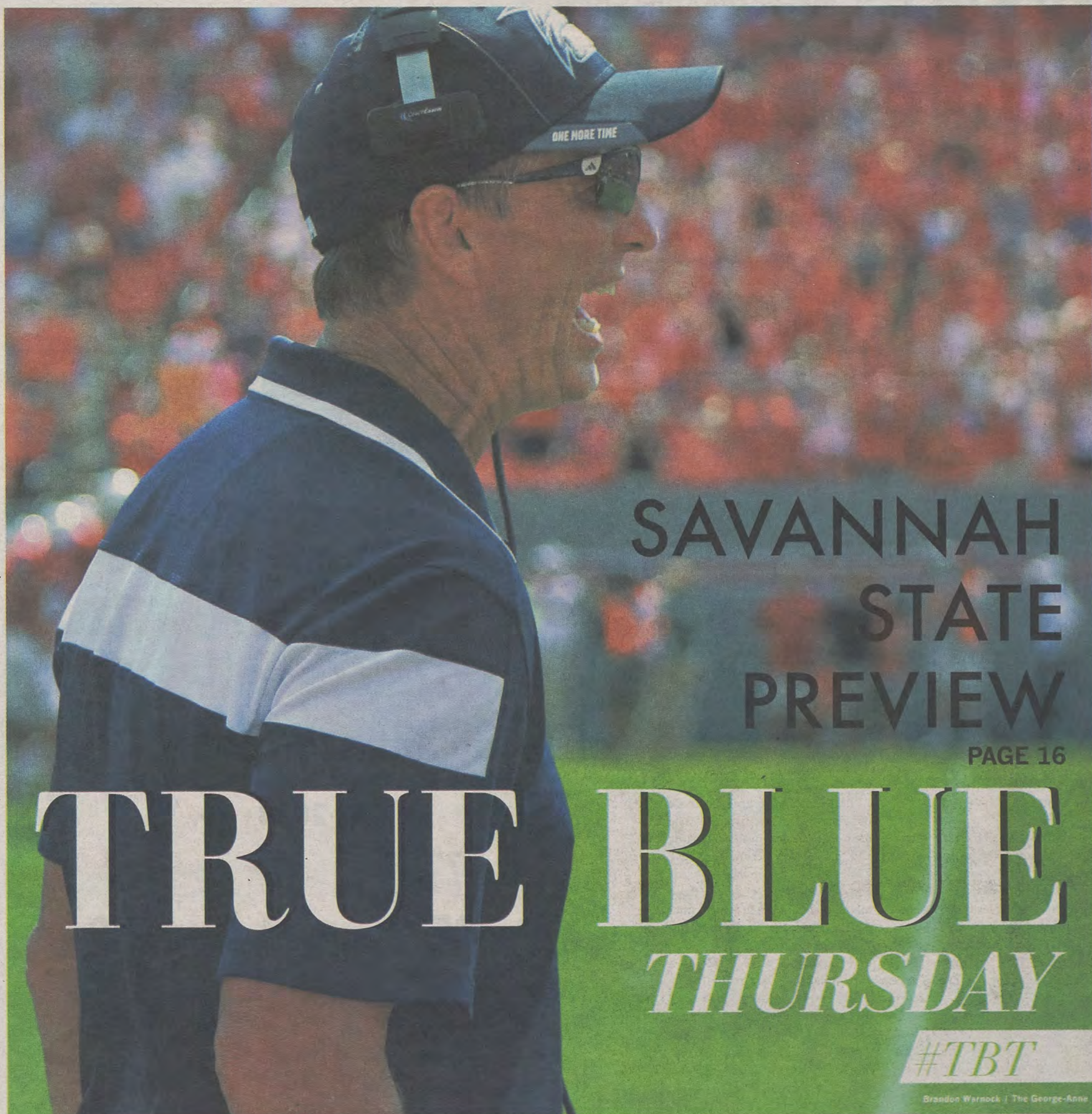
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HISTORY TENDS TO REPEAT ITSELF

Savannah State tabbed as first opponent in renovated Paulson

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX

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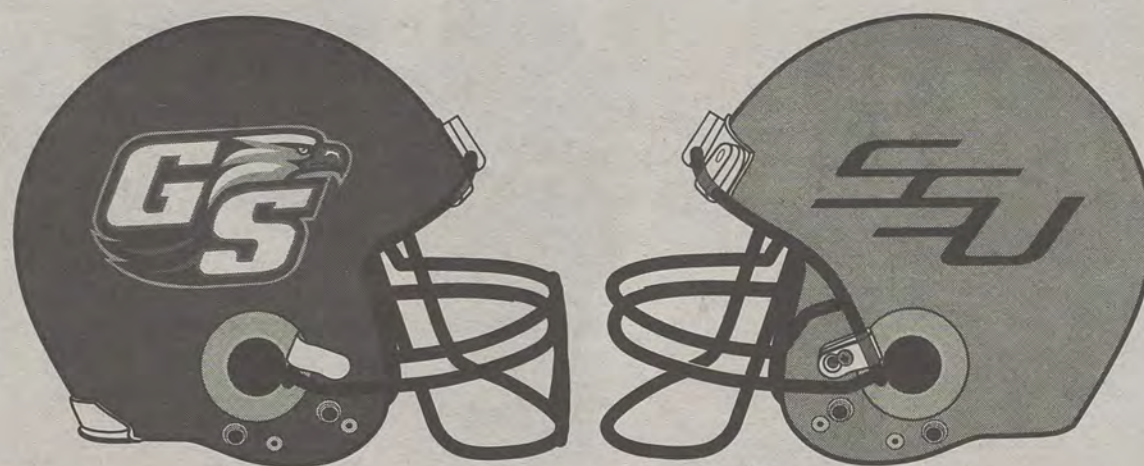
As the Savannah State Tigers board the bus on Saturday they will be hoping to improve upon past performances against a Georgia Southern football team that has beat up on them twice in the last five years.

The Tigers came to Paulson Stadium in 2010 for the first game of the season for the Eagles. The triple option offense succeeded in running the ball through their defense, totally for 434 rushing yards. Additionally, the Eagles passed for over a hundred yards and put 48 points on the board and

allowed only three.

Last season was an even more impressive performance. The team rushed for over 600 yards and passed for nearly 100. Five Eagles rushed for at least 50 yards and the defense grabbed three interceptions. When the final whistle blew, the Eagles were on top 77-9.

Though this game might be a cake walk, there are many things to watch. Head Coach Willie Fritz will be able to try new looks and schemes against the Tigers to test them in a live game. This could set the Eagles up for success further down the line.



PREVIOUS MEETINGS WITH SAVANNAH STATE

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

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2010

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SCORE

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TOTAL YARDS

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TOTAL YARDS

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TURNOVERS

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POSSESSION

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OPENER HOME OPENER LOOKS TO BE A BLOWOUT FOR THE EAGLES

NOT ALL IS LOST AFTER LAST WEEK



TREVOR MCNABOE
The George Anne staff

In fact I have the Eagles winning by around half-a-hundred (49) to be exact.

After the loss to NC State I've got to say I was thoroughly impressed with the display put on by Georgia Southern in Raleigh. I know that despite the game ending up as an L in the win-loss column, this team is going to shock a lot of teams this season.

This week the Eagles open up a renovated Paulson Stadium as they take on FCS opponent Savannah State.

The timing of this game is perfect for the Eagles as it allows them to make any corrections in lieu of conference play approaching.

One of the mantras for Georgia Southern has been looking towards improving and getting better each day.

However there is no question that with Georgia Tech looming in two weeks and the cupcake that is Savannah State this week, this will be more of a tune up.

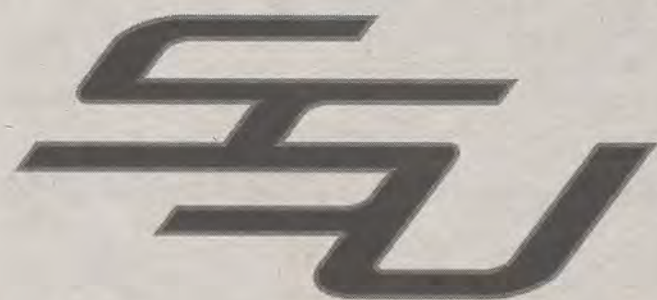
Just as a word of note the Eagles played Savannah State last season and ended up winning by a score of 77-9 and racking up 651 yards of offense.

Georgia Southern's last home opener loss was back in 2006 with a defeat to Central Connecticut State by a score of 17-13.

Since then the Eagles have won seven straight home openers by an average margin of victory of 34.1 points.

Kevin Ellison is coming off a career high in passing yards (184) and racked up a total of 300 yards.

Look for the Eagles to right the ship this weekend and continue to gain more confidence before they head to Atlanta to take on Georgia Tech.



HAYDEN BOUDREAUX
The George Anne staff

After a 77-9 blowout win last season, the Georgia Southern football team will show off their new offense to the Statesboro faithful against the Savannah State Tigers on Saturday.

The Eagles are set to dominate on both sides of the ball, and after their showing against NC State, the fans should get a glimpse of the new spread option offense that put up 436 yards last week.

After putting up a total of 300 yards on the ground and through the air, sophomore Eagle quarterback Kevin Ellison will be looking to

sharpen his tools and get additional live experience with the new offense. While he will likely take the field first on Saturday, it is important to watch out for sophomore quarterback Favian Upshaw who saw limited time last week against the Wolfpack.

Another key player to look out for from the Eagles is senior linebacker Edwin Jackson. Last week he recorded a career high 13 tackles and he will try to continue to pad those stats against a weak Savannah State offense. Jackson played all over the field on Saturday, seemingly being in two places at once but had to leave the game twice due to cramping issues.

Savannah State comes into the game after being trounced by Mid Tennessee State on Saturday 61-7. Throughout the entire game the Tigers only put up 229 yards of total offense.

At quarterback, the Tigers are starting junior college transfer Ker-Sean Wilson. With plenty of experience at the junior college level, Wilson has potential to air the ball out. His favorite passes are short routes and flares out of the backfield to give his running backs room to make plays on their own. His offensive line can hold their own, they only allowed one sack last week.

The last threat on offense for the Tigers is running back Anthony Criswell, who rushed for 46 yards and one touchdown. Criswell saw time last year, and has definitely gained speed through the offseason, but lacks burst and big play ability.

The Tiger defense has its own defensive standout: junior safety Alfred Ansley. Against Mid Tennessee, Ansley compiled 11 tackles, recovered a fumble, and caught an interception. He is

the anchor for an otherwise undersized defense. The linebackers and corners tend to react to plays once it is too late, moving to receivers after the ball has been caught. It is important to note they are solid tacklers once they get near the ball carrier.

It was released on Wednesday that Georgia Southern signed a new deal to play Savannah State stretching into the 2016 season. The deal will net the Tigers \$125,000 for traveling to Paulson Stadium. Head Coach for the Tigers, Earnest Wilson, talked about the opportunity and likelihood of competing with the Eagles.

"We feel in the near future we will be able to compete. We may not have the facilities. We may not have the weight room, the locker room. We may not have the 10 million dollar building. But our kids are coming here because they want to play," Wilson said in a news release.

Students are to bring their Eagle IDs to the game for admission. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.

on Saturday.



EAGLES SEEK TO BREAK SKID AGAINST BEARS

BY EMMA ROSE COLLINS

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern men's soccer team takes on Mercer on Thursday at 7 p.m. in their first home game of the season.

Stepping out onto Eagle Field for the first time this season, the Eagles are currently 1-1 with a win last weekend against Gardner-Webb and a loss to Winthrop in the Southern Conference/Big South Challenge in Boiling Springs, NC. Their intended preseason exhibition game against USC Salkahatchie was canceled.

The Mercer Bears stand at 2-1 so far this season. Over the past weekend, the Bears were defeated 2-1 by the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Prior to that loss, however, the Bears defeated the Georgia State Panthers in a 2-0 shutout game. In their preseason exhibition game against Oglethorpe University, the Bears were also victorious with a final score of 1-0.

The Bears have defeated the Eagles in every match since 2007..

Last season, the Eagles traveled to the Bears' turf and took on MU's men's soccer

team in Macon, Ga. In an intense game which nearly was forced into overtime, the Bears defeated the Eagles 1-0 when they scored in the 87th minute.

One Ga. Southern player received a red card during the match and was sent off the field in the 53rd minute of the game which left the Eagles a man down for the remainder of the game.

In last season's match, the Bears outshot the Eagles 23-8. Part of their winning strategy involved putting pressure on the Eagles offense with 13 corner kicks.

Following Thursday night's



match with MU, the Eagles will compete against Florida Atlantic and UNC Asheville in the Marriott Springhill Suites Invitational Sept. 12-14 at Eagle Field.

Volleyball looks to Boulder for first win

BY JORDAN TONEY

The George-Anne staff

After going 0-3 in the Active Ankle Challenge, Georgia Southern is going to take on the OMNI Classic in Boulder, Colo., this weekend.



PITTSBURGH 3-0(0-0):

Pittsburgh came out strong in the Hampton Inn Invitational shutting out all three of its opponents. In the first match against Middle Tennessee State, both Jessica Wynn and Mecheal Guess had double digit kills in their three sets. Despite shutting out the Blue Raiders, 3-0, two of those sets only had a point differential of less than five points. In their next game against Dayton, Jessica Wynn once again had double digit kills. Pittsburgh continued its annihilation of Bowling Green, including one set that they won 25-7. If the Eagles want to stay competitive against Pittsburgh, they're going to have to shut down Jessica Wynn and make sure to attack, and attack early. Not a single school has won a set this year against Pittsburgh, so winning one early would definitely affect Pitt's confidence.



COLORADO 2-1(0-0)

Colorado came out nearly as strong as Pittsburgh did, going 2-1 in the Northern Illinois Invitational. However, they definitely did not start as strong as Pitt did, losing their first match against Northwestern. Despite this, three of their players scored double digit kills for a combined 42 kills. In their second match against Northern Illinois, Taylor Simpson could not be stopped, tallying 23 kills while getting 13 digs. This dominant performance did not award Colorado an easy win-- their match against Northern Illinois went into the fifth set. There were also 28 different instances of a tie score. Colorado would finish strongly, however, shutting out its third opponent, Presbyterian, 3-0. The main player to watch out for is Taylor Simpson, who had a great performance last weekend and will definitely want to continue that trend into this tournament.



PORTLAND STATE 0-3(0-0)

The safest team Ga. Southern will be going up against this tournament is Portland State, who also went winless in its past tournament. Their first match against Washington did not go well. They only led one time throughout the entire match, and that one lead was the first point scored. Their next match against Boise State went a little better; they actually won a set. Portland State really gave Gonzaga a run for its money with 26 tie scores throughout their four set match. It still wasn't enough, and they still lost 3-1. If the Eagles can shut down Portland State early and hold on to the lead, they should be able to keep the win.

The Eagles can get their first win of the season this weekend in Boulder, Colo., against any of these teams. Their road trip continues the weekend after as they travel to Chapel Hill, NC for the Carolina Classic.

SOCCER DREAM CONTINUES AFTER BLOWN KNEE

BY JORDAN TONEY

The George- Anne staff

Katie Merson didn't step onto the soccer field as a goalkeeper until she was in middle school. The team's starting goalkeeper broke her arm and Merson was picked to be her replacement.

"I hated it when I started," Merson said.

Now this redshirt senior is the goalkeeper of the Georgia Southern Women's Soccer team. The Albuquerque, NM, native has plenty of awards under her belt, including making the Southern Conference Championship All-Tournament roster twice. In 2012, she was chosen as the Southern Conference Championship Most Outstanding Player.

Now she has a new award to show off, the Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Week, which is the first Sun Belt in-season honor awarded to a Ga. Southern student athlete.

"At the beginning of the year we made a goal sheet... and that was one of my goals, so it's good to be checking off things early," Merson said.

Other things on her list include a specific number of shutouts (don't expect her to tell you the number though), winning the conference tournament and making an all-conference team. Her biggest goal, however, is getting back to where she was before her injury a year ago..

"Coming back from blowing out

my knee was probably the hardest thing I've done. It took me about 11 months to get back to playing and that was just to be back playing, not playing at the level I need to be," Merson said.

Since coming back this season, Merson has recorded 19 saves, including a shutout in just the second game of the season against UNCW. She's currently holding a save percentage of 79.2.

Like any other Georgia Southern team, this is the first season the soccer team is playing in the Sun Belt Conference. Merson, however, isn't letting the new pressure get to her.

"I'm so excited. It's so cool. College soccer is awesome, because I've gone places that I'd never think I go. You get to play against amazing teams and you're always challenging yourself. This is every little girl's dream," Merson said.

That dream for Merson began when she started playing soccer at just three years old. That's no surprise however, considering she was born to soccer-loving parents.

Nineteen years later, Merson is continuing that dream and being a part of the first Ga. Southern women's soccer team to play in the Sun Belt.

"It's a special year, we can feel it. Every practice, every game, there's something special coming this year. Come out and support us. We could use all the support we could get, cause we're going to be doing big things this year," Merson said.

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GAMES PLAYED: 4

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