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CREATIONISM IN CLASS?

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*Freedom from Religion
Foundation lawyer*

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EMERSON MCMULLEN

History professor, GSU

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#FREEGSU

This week's featured videos include an interview with Jeremy Mack, the founder of the #FreeGSU petition. The Weekly Rundown from our reporter Armond Snowden and another installment of What Does Southern Listen To? You can find these videos and more content at TheCircleGSU.com.

MISS PURPLE ESSENCE PAGEANT

BY CHELSEA WRIGHT

The Miss Purple Essence Scholarship Pageant is run by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and the Zeta Delta Delta Chapter here at Georgia Southern University.

The pageant is a scholarship pageant where the winners will receive a \$750 for 1st place, \$500 for 2nd and \$250 for 3rd.

UNPLUGGED IS BACK

BY ZAKYRA COLVIN

Georgia Southern University students will have the opportunity to rock out to live music and other performances in the Williams Center. GSU students can sign up to perform outside of the UPB door in the Williams Center or at the actual event.

"We've got for a laid-back, coffee house style feel," Tyler Flame, UPB special events committee chair, said. "You're welcome to come get free pastries and drinks."

Unplugged is not every Tuesday like in previous semesters. This year UPB staff has decided to have it every other week

alternating between movies and live performances.

Unplugged will be this Thursday, November 6 at 6 p.m. in the Williams Center multipurpose room.

For more information, students can stop by the UPB booth by the Russell Union Rotunda until 2 p.m. today.



RAISE THE WOOF

BY JORDAN FELTON

The Georgia Southern Hospitality Club and The Humane Society are promoting a stand up comedy show taking place this Friday, November 7.

Three local comedians will be performing and there will be a cash bar as well. Longhorn, Ocean Galley and Panera Bread will be catering the event and there will also be a 50/50 raffle drawing.

"You buy one ticket and then if they call

your number at the end of the night when they're giving it away, you get half of [the prize] and [The Humane Society] get the other half," Nick Bramlett, Georgia Southern Hospitality Club representative, said.

The event will take place in the Russell Union Ballroom at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) and tickets are \$20. Tickets may be purchased at the door, by phone 912-681-9393 or by email at hssbcstatesboro@gmail.com.

BSA HOSTS UPCOMING LOCK-IN FOR CHARITY

BY SALOMON GONZALEZ

The Black Student Alliance is an organization which works for the empowerment of minorities on campus. The organization offers different events to help the community of Statesboro and Georgia Southern University.

An upcoming event they are hosting is the first annual BSA Lock In on November 17 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 pm

in the Williams Center Multipurpose Center for homeless awareness. Entrance is allowed with a donation which will go towards the homeless.

Kiante Childress and LaTanya Atwell-Cooney, BSA members, said, "It is great to be a well rounded student and be part of an organization that gives back, such as BSA".



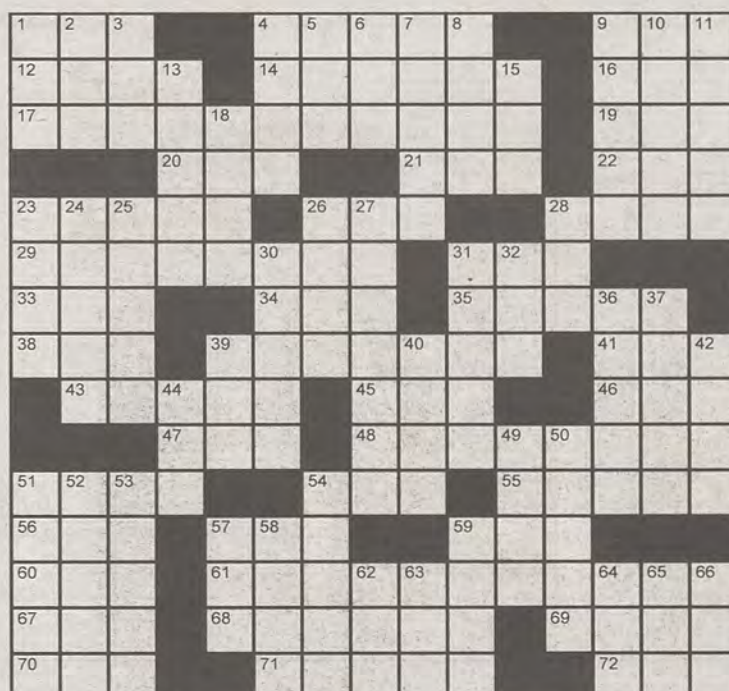
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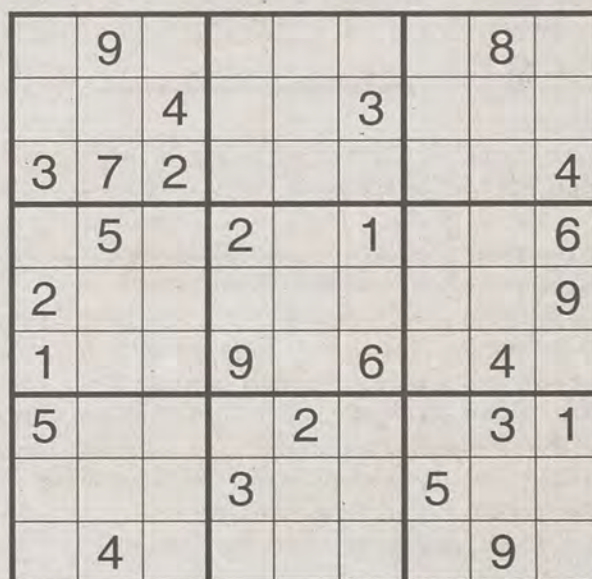
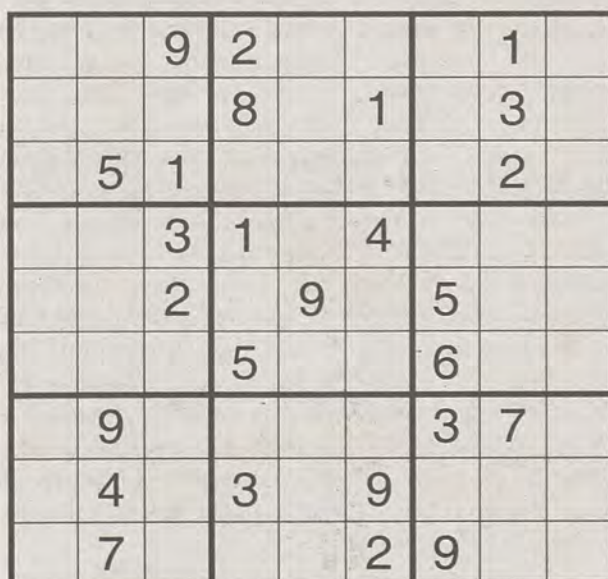
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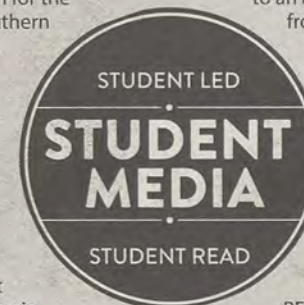
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WHY YOU SHOULD HAVE VOTED



KRISTINA AGBEBIYI

Agbebiyi is a junior health and promotions major from Kennesaw, Ga. She is a Community Leader and a 2014 SOAR Leader.

Election Day was Nov. 4, and if you are a citizen, hopefully you took some time out of your day to vote. Most students don't vote unless it's a presidential election and many students don't vote at all. It bothers me because their reasons for not voting often don't make much sense! People complain about not knowing how to register, when an explanation of the process is all over the Internet, TV and campus.

People also refuse to vote because they don't want to support someone they don't 100 percent agree with. This is bound to happen in any election but the fact is, if you

don't vote, you have no right to complain about anything. There's been this trend of students saying they are independent when their values are actually very liberal or conservative. There is nothing wrong with being an independent and there are independent candidates that you could have voted for. Saying you are independent doesn't give you a free pass to not vote. The issue isn't just about students not voting, it's much larger than that. It's this trend of being apathetic to the things happening in the world around you. I know most students at GSU know that the healthcare system or the economy has a large impact on their lives. However, most people aren't taking the time to research that impact. There is more effort being put into choosing an outfit for bar-hopping than there is being put into choosing the leaders of our country.

This is shocking, sad and scary. If only we could rid ourselves of the mindset that if we don't do something, someone else will. I know everyone has their own choices to make, but for me personally, I will vote any chance I can. I care too much about social justice issues to not acknowledge the huge impact that politics has on them. Election Day is over, but it's not too late to start caring about our world.

THE DON'TS AND DON'TS OF STREET HARASSMENT



CIERA WILLIAMS

Williams is a sport management major from Lithonia, Ga. She enjoys cancelled classes and gourmet omelets.

Just so we're clear, a simple definition of street harassment is any disrespectful, demeaning, creepy or unwanted action or comment done or said to someone (usually a woman) in a public place. The perpetrator is usually a stranger or some other unknown person. In other words, street harassment is anything you wouldn't want done to your mother, girlfriend, sister, etc.

Lately, there has been much

discussion on street harassment. In-depth conversations have occurred on Twitter, in real life and beyond. Even after countless women have shared eerily similar stories, some men always seem to bounce back with one of the following: the dismissive "You're over-exaggerating," the fan favorite "NOT ALL MEN!" or the most dangerous "Just retaliate/carry a gun." This is very similar to the victim blaming of sexual assault and domestic violence victims. It is a shame that women are told to arm themselves when a simpler solution would be to tell men to stop making women uncomfortable. Yes, it is impossible for us to stop all crime, but telling women to "be careful" is skirting the issue.


Let's compose a hypothetical situation. Let's say a woman is at the club having a good time with her friends. A man from across the bar notices her and decides to approach her. The man asks for her number, but the woman refuses because she has a fiancé. The man gets upset and retaliates

by firing a few shots into the crowd. One of the shots is fatal and the victim is Mary Spears. Spears is the woman mentioned earlier and stories like these are not uncommon. Situations might not always end up in death, but it is very common for men to act aggressively if they don't get what they want. Twitter search #YouOkSis and follow @byefelipe on Instagram for proof.

How much safer can we be? How much longer will we victim blame? Politeness won't help and being assertive will get you a nice label of "bitch." It is time all men take responsibility and hold each other accountable. I am not saying to never talk to women. I am saying, however, that if you approach a woman on the street, notice her body language. Respect the fact that men have probably been saying disrespectful things to her all day so she may be a little on edge. To all men: keep in mind that most relationships don't start with screaming, "Ay lemme holla!" from a distance.

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CREATIONISM | FFRF VS. MCMULLEN

BY WILL PEEBLES

The George-Anne staff

The Freedom From Religion Foundation is urging Georgia Southern to investigate history professor Dr. Emerson McMullen's teaching practices after alleged reports of religious promotion in his classroom.

The FFRF sent a letter to President Keel on Oct. 22 after a student contacted the FFRF. Well-known atheist ethologist and author Richard Dawkins and University of Chicago ecology and evolution professor Jerry Coyne contributed to the letter, both of whom are honorary directors of the FFRF.

GSU's Associate Vice President for Legal Affairs, Maura Copeland, replied to the letter on Oct. 30. The reply states that there will be a "thorough investigation" of the allegations put forth by FFRF and The Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science. GSU President Brooks Keel commented on the situation in an email.

"The University has replied to the foundation and is in the process of investigating the allegations. Depending on the results of the investigation, we will respond appropriately. At this point, it is important to know that the University is unable to confirm or deny the validity of the allegations, nor are we able to predict the outcome of the investigation," Keel said.

The FFRF, along with the RDFS, accuses McMullen of teaching creationist beliefs as scientific and historical facts, and proselytism—the act of attempting to convert others to one's own faith.

"A GSU student got in touch with us, and told us about what McMullen was saying in his classes. We asked for as much info as we could get from the student, and from there, we did our own investigation into the topic. When we looked, we found a problem," Andrew Seidel, the FFRF staff lawyer who conducted the investigation, said.

The FFRF's allegations primarily focus on the suggested answers for McMullen's essay questions regarding Darwin's evolutionary theory, extra credit opportunities that required students to write about Christian beliefs and to watch the Christian film "God's Not Dead."

"There's a legitimate way to talk about religion in a college classroom. To acknowledge it is fine, but to say that it is truth or science is not acceptable," Seidel said.

McMullen, however, claims that it is impossible to present creationism as a fact.

"I've never presented creationism

as a scientific fact. I can't prove that God exists. Creationism has a God, and if I can't prove there is a God, I can't present creationism as a fact," McMullen said.

In response to the allegations against his extra credit opportunities, McMullen stresses that the topics are meant to provide students with a viewpoint they may not get otherwise.

"Standardly, when I give extra credit in History 1112, I have the students read something or go to something and summarize it. I have had them do religious things or criticisms of the idea that we came from a common ancestor, but I'm not trying to push any religion," McMullen said. "I've never given anyone a bad grade for having a different view than me."

While McMullen maintains that he doesn't present creationism as a fact, he challenges those that believe that descent from a common ancestor is a concrete alternative.

President Keel's email stressed that GSU was taking this investigation seriously, and that the university will uphold its responsibility to the Constitution.

Keel said, "As a public university, Georgia Southern is well aware of its great responsibility to abide by all provisions of the Constitution

of the United States of America, including the freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment. All of the university's actions with respect to this matter will be guided by those Constitutional principles."

The FFRF is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the constitutional separation of church and state. They deal primarily in public school cases similar to McMullen's. The FFRF's 2013 year in review cites that over 130 cases were won outside of court, a large majority pertaining to the presentation of religious teachings as scientific facts in public schools. Since 1977, the FFRF has filed over 40 First Amendment lawsuits.

"Man's descent from a common ancestor should not be taught as scientific fact and I'll debate any biologist that says otherwise."

" - Dr. Emerson McMullen
Professor of History



Photo courtesy of CHRISTA KIRBY

Dr. Emerson McMullen is a history professor at Georgia Southern and has recently been accused by the FFRF of "preaching" creationism in his classes.

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BEYOND THE LOOKING GLASS

THE 139 WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE

BY MICHELLE NORSWORTHY

The George-Anne staff

HOW IT BEGAN

Like many young women, Amanda Ross grew up battling low self-esteem. After coming to Georgia Southern and founding Impact Campus Ministry, Ross found that she wasn't alone in what she was experiencing. Three years ago, Ross invited several women from her organization for a dinner to talk about the issues that women face. The next year, it became a huge event, including guest speakers, a mixer, workshops and a dinner.

"It was really powerful. When you sit down and talk to other people, you see that whatever you're going through, they're going through it also," Ross said. "It's really beyond me, and I'm really humbled by it. There are things you go through that you don't really understand until you're on the other side of it."

Ross says her inspiration for the conference came from Psalms 139:14, which reads:

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Ross wanted the conference to continue even after she'd left GSU so that women had a place to be open and talk about those issues.

ENTER JOI RUSSELL.

Ross and Russell bonded over something they both had in common: founding an organization. At the time, Joi Russell was in the process of founding the first and only dance ministry on GSU's campus: The Word in MOTION (WIM).

Upon her graduation, Ross turned it over to Russell and her organization.

THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE

"She's done a good job carrying on the passion and the business of it," Ross said. "I'm honored. I'm humbled and I'm excited to see it continue for as long as it will go."

Plans for this year's conference started as early as July, and Russell along with the other members of WIM are excited for the conference to get started.

This year's theme is flaws and how to view them differently, according to Russell. Even though this is a spiritual conference with its roots in Impact Campus ministry, everyone is welcomed to attend.

Last year was Russell's first year as part of the planning committee. "That was [Amanda's] baby and it changed my life in a way that I would want others to experience that," Russell said.

"Beyond the Looking Glass"

Friday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Williams Center Multipurpose Room

"You'll meet new people - get out of the circle of friends you came with. You dress up, kind of like you're going on a date. We'll have a huge dessert bar. Everything dipped in chocolate. Everything covered in sprinkles. It's a sugar rush to the tenth degree," Russell said.

Saturday, Nov. 8 - Check-in, Light Continental Breakfast, Sessions - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Russell Union Theater

"This time we're doing something different," Russell said. "We didn't want to have everyone sit in a chair for two hours and listen to someone go on and on about their personal views. Instead, we're going to do five mini-interactive sessions."

Workshops will also be available, ranging from topics like healthy eating, personalities, balancing spirituality and relationships and a special workshop for the men who want to attend the conference. Dress for Saturday is business casual.

The Dinner - 7 p.m. - William's Center Multipurpose Room

"For entertainment, The Word in MOTION will be performing. It's a piece that's different from what we normally do. This is something new," Russell said. "We'll have some nice poetry and music."

For those who attend the dinner, the meal will be five courses. Dinner will be prepared by Chef Will Guy, author of "The Audacity to Cook."

"You don't want to miss that. You get a five course meal for eight dollars."

Sunday, Nov. 9 - Church

Sunday is an optional part of the conference and pamphlets of the different churches in Statesboro will be given out. Contact information will also be given for those who may not have a ride.

Tickets on Sale at The Rotunda

Today, Nov. 6, is the last day to get tickets
From 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Questions? Contact Joi Russell: (404) 539-5932 or

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CLUB PROFILE

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

BY CHANCE SHELTON
The George-Anne contributor

The principles of change, brotherhood and living above the statistic are the driving forces behind what the members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity are all about.

The young men that make up Georgia Southern's Zeta Delta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Inc. withhold a sense of values that make them live to be more than what is expected. As a fraternity, they begin each day with the mindset that "[one should] go the extra mile to achieve," Omari Davis, member of Omega Psi Phi, said.

Currently, Omega Psi Phi's members are focused on moving away from the stereotypical views and connotations of what African American fraternities are all about. They are striving to show Georgia Southern and the Statesboro community that they are moving forward and making an impact locally, nationally and are looking toward internationally.

As a whole, these young men are coming together to raise awareness about a broad spectrum of important causes that affect everyone within the Statesboro community. So far, a number of events have been created to further show their dedication and support, such as:

- Collaborating with GSU's Southern Activists and NAACP organizations to raise voting awareness on campus
- Spear heading a school supply drive to obtain supplies for local elementary students and personally travelling to the schools to hand them out.

- Collaborating with The Club House to host a "StrikeOWT" bowling event for Polio research.

Besides their vast amount of community involvement, these young men are all about succeeding in their academics and exceeding any and every standard set by those that have come before them, which explains the numerous achievements they recently received at the "51st Georgia State Workshop" earlier this month in Jekyll Island, Ga. The workshop is hosted by other members of Omega Psi Phi fraternity within the state of Georgia,

and, for a weekend, members are trained and advised for the progression of their respective chapters, while reviewing state laws and coming together for upcoming local action projects. During the workshop they also reflect on tradition and collective values, while reminding everyone of the extensive network that stems from the brotherhood in professional settings.

Chapter Awards:

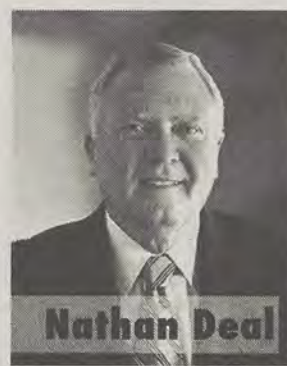
- Undergraduate Chapter of the Year
- Region IV Undergraduate Chapter of the Year
- Social Action Undergraduate Chapter of the Year
- Undergraduate Chapter of the Year Scholarship Award
- Undergraduate Chapter of the Year Scholastic Achievement Award
- Undergraduate Afro-American Life Award
- Alonzo A. Bennett Scholarship Recipients:
 - Dominique Appling
 - Darrell Coleman

Looking from the outside in, the Omega Psi Phi fraternity may seem like the typical Greek organization that is all about having a good time, but in fact they focus on striving for excellence, brotherhood, community involvement and defying all odds to make a change.

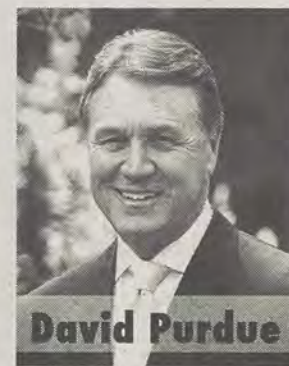
"Challenge yourself and stay true to what you want to do academically [while] giving back to the GSU community and [the] Statesboro community," Davis said.

ELECTIONS 2014

BARROW LOSES DISTRICT, REPUBLICANS GAIN SENATE



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BY NADIA DREID
The George-Anne staff

Republicans swept the general elections Tuesday night, keeping control of the House and gaining a majority in the Senate for the first time in eight years, giving the Republican party total control of Congress.

Republican candidate David Purdue won the open Senate seat in Georgia and incumbent Gov. Nathan Deal was re-elected, both beating their Democratic counterparts by margins of eight percent.

In Georgia's 12th congressional district race, Republican Rick Allen defeated Democratic incumbent John Barrow, who has served as the district's congressman since 2005. Unofficial vote counts for the entire district show Allen beating Barrow with nearly 55 percent of the vote. In Bulloch County, Allen won by over 2,000 votes.

Many were surprised by the wide margin of Allen's win.

"I thought the race between Allen and Barrow would have been closer, but other than that, I'm not really

surprised," Joseph Byrd, vice-chairman of the College Republicans, said. "Barrow's usually able to garner a decent amount of Republican support."

Amber Bailey, president of the Young Democrats, was also surprised that Allen won by such a wide margin.

"Having seen what Congressman Barrow has done for the district, I was kind of awestruck that he didn't get it," Bailey said.

Bailey attributes the loss to misinformation regarding Barrow's voting record, caused mainly by political attack ads. She also said the loss of Columbia and Richmond County, where Allen is from, was a strong blow to Barrow's campaign.

"The media kind of won this election for the GOP," Bailey said.

Byrd, however, attributes Allen's win to Georgians wanting a change.

"I think people are just sick of an incumbency," Byrd said. "And they're ready to get new people in there with new and fresh ideas."

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS



BY DONNA JONES

The George-Anne contributor

● 1. Acid attacks are becoming an issue central Iran. At least four attacks have been made in recent weeks. The crimes are associated with a new parliamentary law that was passed in Iran that allows private citizens to enforce "morality" laws. No arrests have been made so far.

● 2. ISIS kidnapped more than 100 Syrian Kurdish children heading home from school May 29. The children are now coming forward, saying that ISIS tortured and humiliated them. Some of the children escaped, some were set free and others were traded for captive ISIS fighters.

● 3. After midterm elections, Republicans are in control of the U.S. Senate and have additional gains in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In a nation poll, 41 percent of people are satisfied with President Obama's administration's performance and 59 percent are not.

● 4. Canada is set to stop accepting visa applications from foreign nationals who have visited or are from Ebola hot spots. Citizenship and Immigration Minister Chris Alexander said that the first priority is to protect Canadians. Health care workers in West Africa will be allowed to travel back to Canada, but others who have already applied for a visa will have the application returned.

● 5. Students in Chinese-ruled Hong Kong want full democracy. The students plan to bring the protest to Communist Party rulers in Beijing. The leader of the Hong Kong Federation of Students said that one of the ways to solve the ongoing problem is to have a direct dialogue with Beijing officials.

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MIDDLE OF THE ROAD: TEXAS STATE UP NEXT



Ryan Woodham | The George-Anne

Georgia Southern's offense is leading the nation in rushing with 404.2 yards per game and seventh in the nation in scoring with 44.4 points per game.

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX

The George-Anne staff

This week the Georgia Southern football team is going after a dangerous Texas State team searching for bowl eligibility. The Eagles would be the fifth out of six wins needed for the Bobcats to gain bowl consideration.

The season started strong for the Bobcats after they took down Arkansas Pine-Bluff 65-0. They have losses this year against Navy, Illinois and co-conference leader UL Lafayette. Texas State has more talent than the last few opponents for the Eagles and is comparable to New Mexico State. They have averaged over 32 points per game with a balanced attack led by their quarterback.

Bobcat sophomore quarterback Tyler Jones has been the keystone for the offense on the ground and

through the air. Jones leads the team in carries with 102 and has picked up 300 total yards on the ground and four touchdowns. He has thrown the ball very accurately with a 67.7 completion percentage for 1,466 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Jones isn't the only one rounding up yards in the run game. Texas State relies on their two-pronged running back system to open up plays for the passing game. Junior running back Robert Lowe has been the work horse with 93 attempts for 529 yards and four touchdowns. Senior Terrence Franks has been more efficient, averaging seven yards a carry and has six scores of his own. The Eagle defense has displayed excellent execution against the run so the Bobcat running backs will have their work cut out for them and may have to rely on their passing game.

Texas State has spread the ball out

to their receivers with the exception of standout senior tight end Bradley Miller who has 29 catches this season. The go-to tight end has been the safety valve on most plays that has an uncanny ability to slip behind the linebackers and secure first downs. Junior receiver Jafus Gaines will see plenty of action as he comes into the game with four touchdown catches and 234 yards.

Despite being a strong running team, the Bobcats have given plenty of room to running teams to move the ball down field. They have allowed an average of 27.6 points and 435 total yards per game. Senior linebacker David Mayo leads the team with 105 total tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss and two forced fumbles. The Bobcats seem to have built the defense around him and use a technique known as "spinning" the linebacker, which allows Mayo to move freely without


an assignment and use his instincts to make tackles on most run plays.

The Eagles have continued their dominance of the Sun Belt with six straight wins and the top spot in the conference. They still lead the FBS in rushing yards and are averaging 404.4 rushing yards per game and have scored 46 touchdowns on the ground. With 44.4 points a game, the Bobcats will certainly have their work cut out for them in holding down the best rushing offense in college football.

Sophomore Eagle quarterback Kevin Ellison will have his chance to surpass the 1,000-yard rushing mark on the season if he is able to gain 117 yards, which he has done twice this season. Sophomore running back Matt Brieda will also look to improve on his 1,104 yards rushing and 12 touchdowns. Both will have ample opportunity against a relatively weak run defense on the outside.

Defensively, the Eagles will have to look for both the run and the pass from Jones. Senior linebacker Edwin Jackson was all over the field last week, seemingly in on every tackle. The entire Bobcat offense will have to look out for junior linebacker Antwone Williams who has three sacks and two forced fumbles on the year. If they can hold down the pass and force Jones and the offense into the running game, the Eagle offense will have a chance to rack up the points.

The Eagles are facing the possibility of both breaking into the top 25 nationally (after being placed at number 47 by USA Today) as well as fighting for the chance to play in a bowl game. Kickoff is set for 4 p.m. on Saturday in San Marcos, Texas.



INTRODUCING: TEXAS STATE FOOTBALL

BY TREVOR MCNABOE

The George Anne staff

Georgia Southern takes to the road this week for their final away game in the Sun Belt against Texas State.

The Bobcats currently are in their second season in the Sun Belt Conference and are having a successful season at 3-1 in conference and 5-3 overall.

Texas State's program origins began in 1904 and they have an all time record of 489-410-28.

Football has been documented through the media as life in Texas and the support the Bobcats have had from their football program have pushed them to being the fourth largest school in the state.

The road to FBS football has been a long one for the Bobcats as they started as an Independent before transitioning to NAIA, Division II and the FCS level.

While competing at the D-II level the Bobcats were a member of the Lone Star Conference from 1931-1983.

During this time they won nine conference championships including a stretch of four in a row from 1980 to 1983.

The Bobcats also won two straight national championships in 1981 and 1982 combining for a 27-1 record.

After 1983 Texas State joined the now defunct Gulf Star Conference for a period of three years until 1986.

From 1987 to 2010, the Bobcats called the Southland Conference their home along with moving up from Division II to the Division I-AA or FCS level.

Texas State won two conference championships during the 14-year period, winning in 2005 and 2008. After the 2010 season, Texas State made the transition to the FBS level starting their inaugural FBS season as an Independent, followed

by a single season in the Western Athletic Conference and joining the current Sun Belt in 2013.

Texas State over the program's history has had multiple rivals including UTSA, Sam Houston State and Nicholls State.

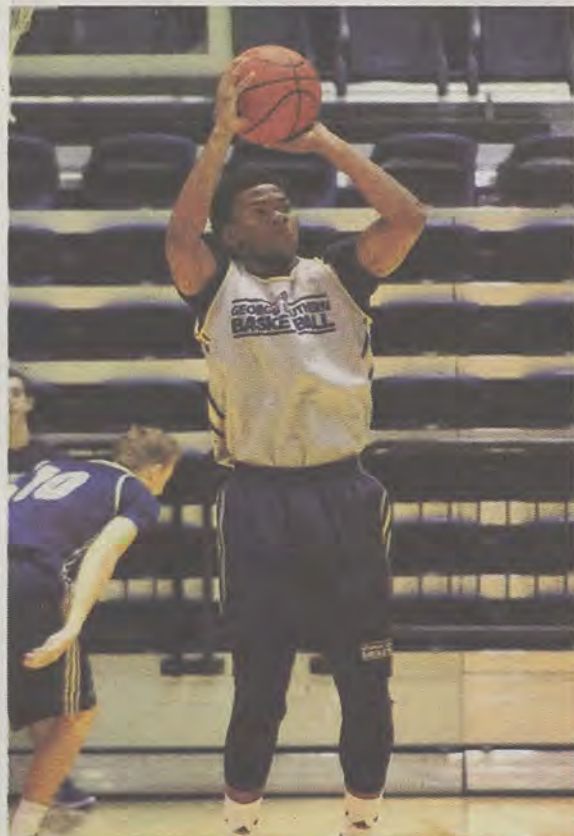
The head coach of the Bobcats is Dennis Franchione, who is in his second season at his position. Franchione is in his 29th season as a head coach, which includes stops at Alabama and Texas A&M.

The game will be played at Bobcat Stadium, a facility that was built in 1981 and holds 30,000.

The record attendance for Texas State was set in 2012 with over 33,000 fans watching the Bobcats take on Texas Tech.

The game will take place on Saturday at 4 p.m. Eastern Time in San Marcos, Texas.

EXECUTION OVER ATHLETICISM



Brandon Warnock |
The George-Anne

Freshman Devonte Boykins (left), redshirt senior Trent Wiedeman (middle), freshman and redshirt senior Eric Ferguson (right) warm up as the Georgia Southern men's basketball team practices following media day on Tuesday. The Eagles were picked to finish ninth in the Sun Belt by the coaches' preseason poll.

BY LAYNE SALIBA
The George-Anne staff

Last year's playoff run for Georgia Southern men's basketball has left the team and fans alike hopeful for the 2014-2015 season. After visiting the second round of the playoffs in the Southern Conference last season, Georgia Southern must now shift its focus to new competition in a new conference – The Sun Belt.

"What we know about the league is it's more athletic. It's a better basketball conference," Head Coach Mark Byington said. "We better have a good team if we're going to compete in this league. But I'm excited about the guys that I'm taking into our first year in the Sun Belt."

The players seem to share the same point of view as Coach Byington when it comes to the new conference. They are displaying confidence in their ability to compete at an elevated level and are actually excited to face these new teams.

"This team is very excited for some new competition. We're looking forward to some new teams, and I think we're ready," redshirt senior guard Jelani Hewitt said. "We're just looking forward to taking it one game at a time."

Taking it one game at a time is what you expect from any athlete. But something else that ensures success is hard work, and that has always been something that the men's basketball team has taken pride in. They practice hard and play at a level that some teams can't keep up with. If their most recent practices are any sort of indication of the hard work they have been putting forth for the upcoming season, then the Eagle Nation should be in for a treat.

One player that knows exactly what hard work is would be sophomore forward Kyle Doyle. As a freshman last season, Doyle saw significant playing time and was able to get some much needed experience. In his mind, Georgia Southern should have a pretty successful season.

"I wouldn't be surprised if we finish in the top three. We've put a lot of work in. Everybody's been working real hard, and with our leaders leading us, I don't see us not going far," Doyle said.

But with any new season comes adjustments. Graduated players have to be replaced and new schemes must be created. If you had asked Coach Byington his starting lineup around this time last season, he would have been able to answer you without hesitation. But this season looks a little different. This season brings something new for the coaching staff and for the players as well.

"We're still establishing roles. Guys are still competing, and I like the fact that I'm having trouble figuring out who's gonna play," Byington said. "I still have some young guys getting better and improving. They're pushing some older guys and they're going to make big impacts."

Although the starting lineup may not be set, the expectations for this season are in place. After

last year's performance, the team is expecting success even in the midst of high caliber teams that they

"We expect to win it all. Our expectations here are high."

- Jelani Hewitt
Senior Guard


haven't seen before.

"We expect to win it all. Our expectations here are high. I expect a lot from these guys and they expect a lot from me. At the end of the day, we expect to win. That's what we play for and that's what we compete for," Hewitt said. "I think we can surprise a lot of teams. We've got a lot of talent, we've just got to put it all together."

And surprising the Sun Belt is exactly what the Eagles plan to do. Picked ninth in the preseason poll, Georgia Southern has a long way to go to reach the number one spot. A new face on the court that we are sure to see will be redshirt senior forward Trent Wiedeman. After transferring from the College of Charleston and sitting out last season due to NCAA transfer rules, Wiedeman's presence will not go unnoticed. He will surely help the team climb the Sun Belt rankings, but Wiedeman doesn't pay too much attention to those rankings this early in the season.

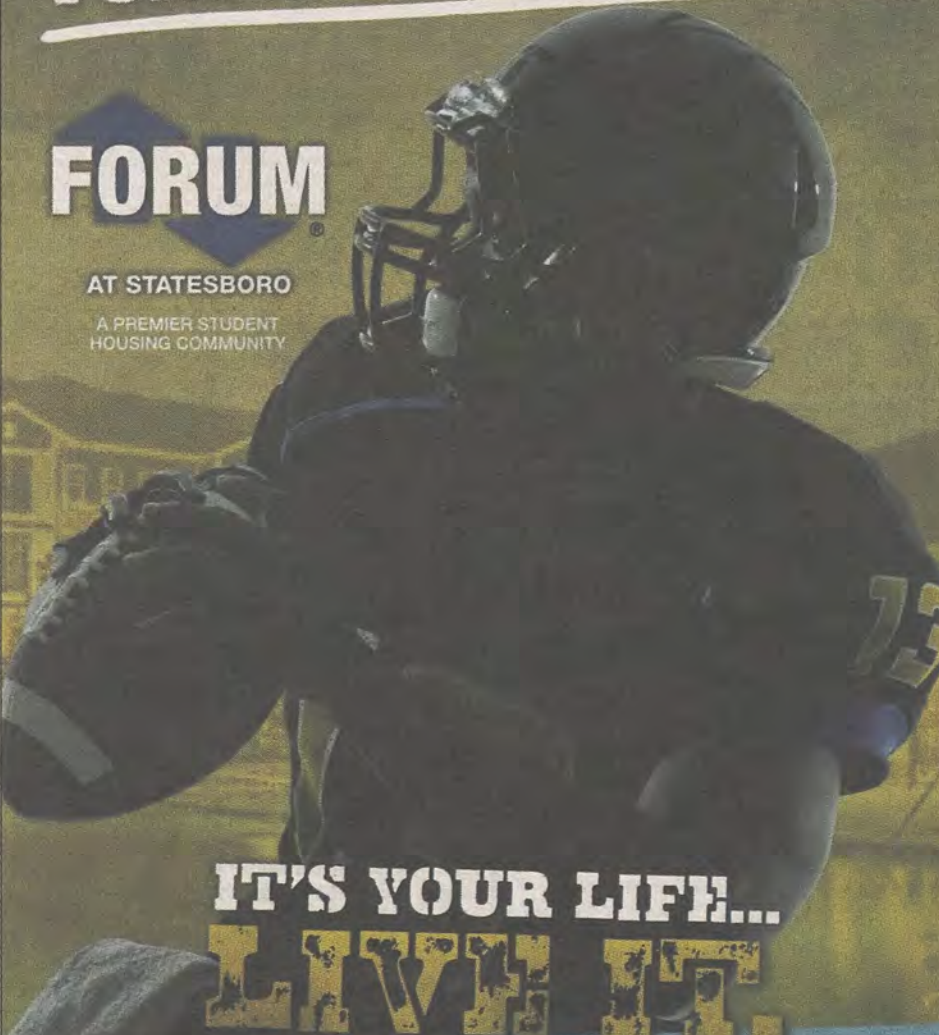
"Preseason polls don't really mean anything to me. They've never determined anything," Wiedeman said. "There's a lot of question marks about us so I kind of expected us to be towards the bottom, but I think we're going to use that as motivation. We're a lot better of a team than the bottom of the league. We know that, so we're going to play like it."

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11/06

THURSDAY

UPB Events Unplugged

6:30 pm Williams Center MPR

Join the University Programming Board in support of your fellow Eagles as they showcase their many talents! The 3rd annual Unplugged with feature Diverzion Dance team, Random Acts of Poetry, Southern Improv, and Kee!!

11/07

FRIDAY

OSA Weekly Events

Registration deadline is November 7th by 4:00 pm.
For Annual Winter Break Trip to Washington, DC and/or New York City

Saturday, December 13th - 19th
Your student activity fees at work! Two options are provided this year! Choose either 2 days in Washington DC and 2 Days in NYC or 4 Days in NYC. Price is \$410* for either option which includes travel and lodging. Registration deadline is November 7th by 4:00 pm. You can sign up here: https://touchnet.georgiasouthern.edu/C20795_ustores/web/sf/re_cat.jsp?STOREID=7&CATID=32. For more information, please visit the Office of Student Activities website. Contact Information: OSA@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

11/08

SATURDAY

CRI Events

Show of Strength is today!

Test your strength and come out to the RAC at 10am and compete against other students in your weight class to see who is the strongest. For more information or to register, visit <http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/fitness/special-events/strength-events/sos/>.

11/09

SUNDAY

NO EVENTS

11/10

MONDAY

Belay Clinic will be held at 7 pm.

in the Southern Adventures room as part of the Climbing Clinic Series. No pre-requisites are required and if interested visit

<http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/southern-adventures/skills-clinics/climbing-clinics/>.

Student Leadership and Civic Engagement Events
"Breaking Stereotypes"

MSC Panel

5:30- 6:30 pm

Russell Union 2047

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11/11

TUESDAY

OSA

Pre-Departure Meeting for Participants of NYC/DC Winter Trip

6:00-8:00 pm Russell Union 2052

If you registered for the 2014 Annual Winter Break Trip to NYC and/or DC, you MUST attend one of these meetings. We will discuss what to expect, itinerary, and other important information!

Contact Information: OSA@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

The Campus Farmers Market is coming to campus at the Williams Center Plaza from 10 am. to 1 pm.

If interested and wish to preview the vendors in advance, visit <http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/wellness/wellness-programs/campus-farmers-market/>.

11/12

WEDNESDAY

Open High Challenge Course is today from 3-6 pm.

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

The third Olympic Lifting Clinic will start

and focus on The Snatch at 8:30 pm. in the Conditioning Room. Those interested in learning proper technique of the Olympic lifts are encouraged to attend.

Intramural Swim Meet tonight at 7pm!

Registration will be from 6-6:30pm before the meet. Come out and test your swimming abilities. For more information, visit <https://drive.google.com/a/georgiasouthern.edu/file/d/0B9c7J3j-axPypTlxXTJRDbHhXRHM/edit>

OSA

Pre-Departure Meeting for Participants of NYC/DC Winter Trip

5:00-7:00 pm Russell Union 2044

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Contact Information: OSA@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

French things you should check out

BY KATHRYN KEITH

The George-Anne contributor

In honor of French Week, we give you a list of French things you should check out.

MUSIC

MOVIES

Si vous aimez le français, cet article est pour vous.

Even if you don't know French, listen to these anyway. After all, why not add a bit of foreign spice to your playlists? These 10 songs are things I've listened to in my years of French classes, and listening to music can really improve your French vocabulary arsenal. French songs have a touch of modern slang, idioms, expressions and new words, which can up your game if you're trying to learn. So go ahead, plug in your earphones and give these few a try:

"Chuis Bo" by PZK

"I'm pretty, I-I-I'm pretty." Ever heard a French guy harp on how lovely he is? The music video for this song paints an image that is worth a million words.

"Comme des enfants" by Coeur de Pirate

Coeur de Pirate has some cool songs, but this one features romance at its finest. If you're into softer songs, go for this one.

"Dernière danse" by Indila

Awesome chorus, good voice, interesting concept. This song packs a punch and it's pretty easy to sing along to.

"Je suis un homme" by Zazie

Very easy to sing along to and has some good vocabulary if you're into that. The song has a more down to earth quality as Zazie sings about some sadder topics.

"Je veux" by Zaz

This song is a classic. This is one of the first French songs I listened to, and it's so catchy. That kazoo sound throughout the song is actually the singer. Watch the music video to see her do it.

"Le Café" by Odelaf

Ever been a bit crazy about coffee? Maybe a little... too crazy? Well you haven't seen anything yet until you see this character go bananas. Catch the video for the full effect.

"Le Poussin Piou" by Pulcino Pio

This teaches you how to sing animal sounds in French in the most catchy and annoying way possible. If you want to bother all your friends and entertain yourself, sing it to them constantly.

"Papaoutai" by Stromae

A sadder song with an awesome beat, this song talks about absentee fathers, but the chorus is really neat and you can sing along.



Photo Courtesy of Stromae's official Facebook page

French classes can be boring at times, with the constant grammar lessons and the speaking and listening, but there's a way to spice things up: French movies.

What's better than learning a language and seeing culture all in one little package? Watching movies like this gives you a feel for how another country tackles movie-making, and it's really interesting even if you don't speak French.

"Les Choristes"

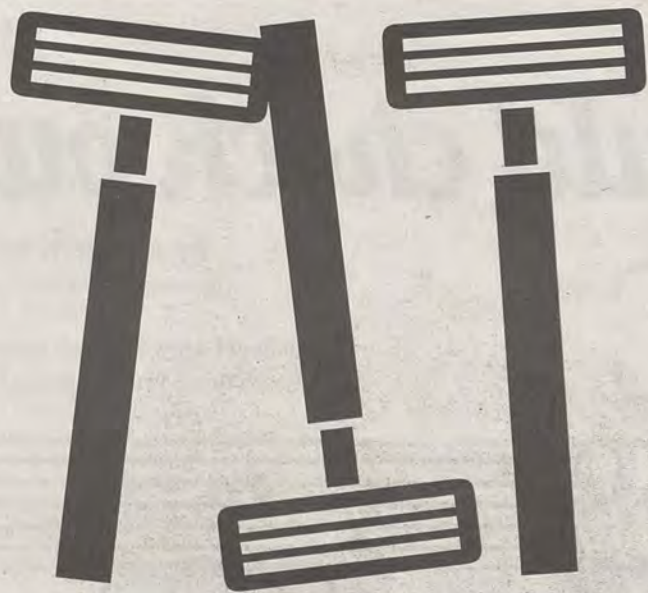
This touching movie is set in the French countryside at a boarding school for troubled boys. Monsieur Clement comes to the school and finds that things aren't quite well as he observes principal Rachin's actions toward the children. The boys aren't treated properly so Clement creates a kinder policy in his classroom to advise the boys more gently through, you guessed it, music. He teaches the kids to sing, and through this cohesion, the boys learn how to behave. It's a very sweet film and funny at that.

"Le Petit Nicolas"

Love comedies? Le Petit Nicolas is a popular children's book character who goes on little adventures with his pals. Nicolas goes to school with a colorful set of other characters, with their quirks and tics, and together they get into trouble with their maîtresse and principal. However in this movie, the focus is on Nicolas's family—the poor boy mistakenly believes that his mother is going to have another son! Anxious about having to deal with the presence of a new sibling, he's worried that his parents want to get rid of him. The hijinks of the situation only get worse and worse as Nicolas's friends prod him on, telling him how horrible it is. See how it all works out by watching this cute film.

"Aïcha"

This movie is based off the television series featuring this amazing actress. It stars an Arab girl named Aïcha, who travels to Paris with her family and has a bit of culture shock. She is faced with blatant racism and sexism from all sides but manages to make herself get through it. The crazy actions of her family and new friends give this movie a good bit of amusement and spice. If you like a bit of alternative culture in your movies, watch this one.



BY MATT SOWELL

The George-Anne staff

Gentlemen, it's that time of year. Put that razor on the shelf for a month, you're in for a long ride of scraggly facial décor. Here's the thing: Not all of us can pull off a face full of fluff. I am one of the many men who suffer from "I can't grow a damn beard and I'm bitter" syndrome. But for the men who can, and with the help of a few girls, here's a guide to the Do's and Don'ts of "No-Shave November"

DO: PARTICIPATE.

If you wanna do it, then do it. Fun Fact: No-Shave November is actually an attempt to raise awareness for prostate cancer. Show some support, ditch the razor and embrace the facial forrest.

DO: BE STYLISH

Beards are rad, it's a proven fact, especially with the moustache craze that has filled our culture for the past few years. Find some trimming tools, maybe some other styling products and rock it.

DO: HAVE A ROCKIN' STACHE

Handlebar it or blend it in with the rest of your manscruff, don't let it become a caterpillar, but mustaches can be a great thing. Maybe if you listen to enough Mumford and Sons, it'll grow into a hipsterific creation.

DO: ENJOY IT

Shaving is no fun, it's actually my least favorite part of the morning. A month without it is going to save you time and money.

HAPPY NO-SHAVE NOVEMBER

DON'T: LET IT GROW OUT OF CONTROL

You want to say "I'm a man" not "I'm on meth." Trim the monstrosity; tame the beast. Your significant other is not going to kiss you if she thinks the thing on your face may bite her back.

DON'T: GROW A PORNSTACHE

Unless you're going to star in "Pulp Friction," "Jurassic Pork" or "The Bangover," you can't rock it. It's creepy, and your girlfriend is afraid it may actually be a caterpillar.

DON'T: GROW A NECK BEARD

Guys, if you don't have scruff on your cheeks, don't participate with a beard. Neck beards are all bad. If you are not Edward Mordake from "Horror Story," it is not okay. Also, if your beard is patchy, find a way to fix it.

DON'T: BE ASHAMED...

...to shave that thing before Thanksgiving. Seriously, you don't want to scare your great-great-grandma when she sees that her little Jimmy is now a Wookiee.

DON'T: SAY...

anything bad about girls who participate.

No one likes a sexist; if your girlfriend wants to participate, let her. It's only a month, and how do you think she feels when she has to deal with the carpet on your chest? Besides, the entire point is to raise awareness for prostate cancer, it's not hurting anyone.

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THE BUZZ LIST



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- **Lea DeLaria**, Big Boo from OITNB, got into a scream match with a preacher on a subway for his remarks against homosexuality. The fan favorite was ironically wearing a shirt that said, "Bad Jew."
- **Amanda Bynes**, Zen master and now starving artist, is causing a fuss because her parents will not give her the money she needs to find a place to stay. Sources say she's living off of gift cards. I feel you, Amanda.
- **Eagle Buses**, #1 bus choice of all Georgia Southern students, do not in fact "Beat Cats," as some have been lead to believe. The notorious cats inhabiting Sweetheart Circle declined to comment on how they felt about the accusations.
- The reality TV gold that is "Honey Boo Boo" has been cancelled because Mama June was jigglin' with a sex offender. Ew. The good(ish?) news is that a spin off where Uncle Poodle moves to NYC is in the works. Can we not?



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