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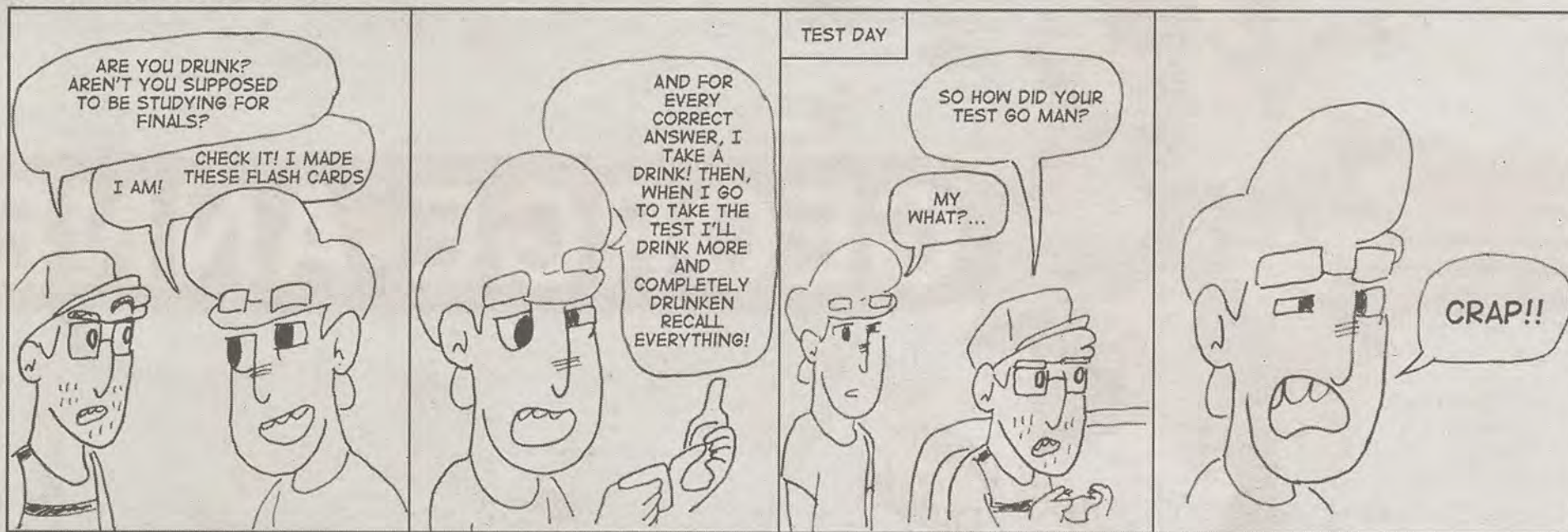
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STUDY TACTICS BY: TOMMY MARTIN



All Good Things



Armond Snowden

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Snowden is a senior information systems major from Warner Robins, Ga.

There are so many to whom I could thank for making this college experience as amazing as it has been. It's easy to look and appreciate just how far we've come since I've been enrolled and just how much further we can go. But as with all good things, it is time for it to end and for another journey to begin. If you could have told me four (and some change) years ago that I would make more lasting friendships than I would know what to do with, had more late nights (studying and otherwise) than I care to remember,

all the times I questioned what my path was and what was beyond that light at the end of the tunnel, I wouldn't have believed you. Now I know I wouldn't trade any of it for the world. This will sound cliché but this school has truly become home over my time spent here and for that I could never fully express my thanks.

I'd be amiss if I didn't try to drop some knowledge on you youngins so feel free to skip the next two paragraphs if you wish. For students old and young, for those who are seasoned and those

fresh off their first semesters the only advice I could really give is to enjoy every moment. If that means getting involved in activities or just walking our beautiful campus, find whatever helps you enjoy each moment and do your best to share it with others.

And while we are on that subject of sharing I would also say this: always take the time to do good by others. All of my best experiences were when I was helping, sharing or caring for another person. Too many times in this world it's easier

to turn away from someone in need. While we're here at school and going through life in general, we are meant to grow not just intellectually but personally. Do your best to make yourself a better person and make this wonderful school even more so.

Thanks Georgia Southern, it's been one incredible ride. I'll leave you with this, live every moment to the fullest, love with every fiber of your being, laugh like you'll never stop and, above all, Hail Southern!



Parrish Turner

@Parrishturner
Turner is a senior writing major from Roswell, Ga. He is a member of the Gay Straight Alliance.

Home for the Holidays

Ah, the winter holidays. The much needed break from the craziness that is fall semester. A moment to take a breath before what we all know will be another whirlwind of a spring semester. This is a time where we enjoy a nice fire (even though it isn't quite cold enough for it) and spend time with family.

Here is where things get tricky. What is family? When we go away for college, many of us are living away from our parents for the first time. Especially for freshmen, the winter holiday can be a rude awakening to all the things we told

ourselves about our family. Very few of us will be going to a house smelling of gingerbread as our mother works in the kitchen while wearing her pearls and our father comes in with his leather briefcase and newspaper.

The fact of the matter is that family is complex. It is complex in how we define it, how we see it and how we fit into it. But that is OK! For some of us, our family is our parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins and the lady from next door who always seems to be at the reunions. For some of us, our family is just our mother. For

some of us, family is made up of the friends that we have gathered over the years. In this season, take time to think of who is important to you.

And for those of you spending the holidays in less than ideal circumstances, don't forget to take care of yourself. Don't be afraid to take an evening for yourself, whether that means staying in and reading a book, or going out with a friend. Keep yourself sane so that you can join us again in the spring or be fully prepared for the next step in your life. Whatever that may be.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I want to address the recent article entitled "The Double Standard of Violence." Ms. Williams makes the case that gun owners, and supporters of our troops, are "certainly not advocating for non-violence." She finishes her second paragraph by stating that, "These people are totally for gun rights and violence unless those things are being used by black people." To state that all gun owners are racist is certainly a bold claim, and I do not believe that it is thoroughly backed up in this article.

Just as most black people do not fit the characteristics of the stereotypical thug, most gun owners are not racist simply because they own a firearm or support our troops. There seems to be a misunderstanding here about the purpose of firearms.

We don't own them for the purpose of shooting people when we first get the chance, but rather only when our lives or the lives of those we love are endangered. Are they going to be misused, yes of course they are. We are a flawed species in this way. But how can those who could otherwise not protect themselves or their families defend against those who could and would cause them harm?

I am a gun owner, and Ms. Williams is right in that I don't believe that looting, burning, and other violent acts is the correct means to go about protesting for change. However I believe what I do because I believe that we should only act in violence when we absolutely have to. If I or my family is attacked, I will do what I must to defend those I love. Black people have just as much right to this as I do, and I would actually encourage any individual (of any

race or gender) who believes themselves to ever be at risk of harm to invest in a firearm as well.

But when it comes to making social changes, violence simply isn't the solution to mending up this nation. The case in Ferguson obviously has exposed some racial tension, however if we are going to work past this as one people, we have to come together and work out these problems in a civil manner. Violence will only perpetuate the problems that currently exist. If any party believes that the other will not listen, non-violent forms of protest are the key to change. If we do truly seek to make change, we have to do what we can as one people to mend and build our society instead of hateful separation and tearing down. Me and Ms. Williams seem to be on a different page, but I hope that through my retort, which I also hope comes across as

civil and respectful, we can acknowledge each other's ideas and maybe each take something away from this.

"The limitation of riots, moral questions aside, is that they cannot win and their participants know it. Hence, rioting is not revolutionary but reactionary because it invites defeat. It involves an emotional catharsis, but it must be followed by a sense of futility." - MLK

What I have written seems far too long and, thanks to spellcheck, probably contains far too few spelling errors for the George Anne to consciously publish. But in the off chance that this is printed I do expect quite the backlash. I urge those who disagree with me to fully voice their opinions and intelligently state their claims. However when this is done, I hope it is done in a manner that will allow us to advance together. I'd like to end this with two quotes from

someone who honestly does a much better job explaining and addressing the issues of race than I ever could. Take this statement as you will, but I believe that Martin Luther King Jr. is one of the coolest people in American history. Really, just pull up some of his quotes or read "Letter from a Birmingham jail." It's some pretty amazing stuff.

"Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon, which cuts without wounding and ennoble the man who wields it. It is a sword that heals." -MLK

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." -MLK

Charles Arvey
Sophomore computer science major

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to an opinion piece featured in Tuesday's paper titled "The Double Standard of Violence." Upon reading this piece on Tuesday morning, I was astonished that anyone could hold such an ideology about violence and guns rights. Has it seriously become a norm in this country to accept violent acts of aggression, looting, and burning during protests over defending oneself or one's loved ones with a firearm? I know of many responsible, law-abiding citizens who own guns for the sole purpose of defense in case someone ever fiercely threatens them or the ones close to them. These people come from a variety of different cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

The majority of them have never been forced to use their weapons and hope they never have to, but the mere fact that they have the ability to guard against a violent aggressor brings peace of mind. I have a single mother who lives alone in a heavily populated area—it comforts me to know that she is equipped to protect herself from any form of intruder. To stereotype this type of person as being "totally for gun rights and violence unless those things are used by black people" is a misguided and emotionally-charged statement that I find to be absolutely unwarranted. What happened on the night of August 9 with Michael Brown and Darren Wilson was a tragic occurrence—a man is dead and a family is left to grieve. However, the results of this incident—or any other like it—should not be to disarm those who own guns solely for the purpose of keeping their homes and loved ones safe.

Sincerely,
Drew Whaley
Junior communications studies major

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Dear Editor,

I must say that I am very disappointed in the way some of our professors have acted in response to Dr. McMullen's opinions on creationism and science. In the Tuesday, November 18 issue, economics professor Greg Brock makes the claim that creationism cannot be given equal weight with naturalism, since the latter has "decades of data and peer reviewed research while [creationism] does not."

I find myself wondering if Mr. Brock has ever even read the peer reviewed literature? Is he aware that Nobel laureate astrophysicist Dr. Arno A. Penzias stated that cosmology is "evidence of a plan of divine creation" and that "the best data we have are exactly what I would have predicted, had I had nothing to go on but...the Bible as a whole[...]"? Do he and the other professors who have responded realize that the Big Bang theory, supported by "decades of data and peer reviewed research" demands creation ex nihilo ("from nothing") and that evolutionary theory in no way explains the origin of life? Besides, since when does the truth of creationism hinge on whether or not macroevolution happens?

We are (essentially) left with only three real options for the origin of life — chance, panspermia (extraterrestrial life put life here), and divine intervention. As for the first option, the chances of life forming from non life and diversifying like it has in a mere 4.5 billion years are not odds you'd likely bet on (try less than 1 in 10^{40,000}, according to astronomer Fred Hoyle, and that's just the formation of single-celled life). The second option begs the question of the origin of the extraterrestrial life. What, then, are we left with? The origin of life is still a mystery and creationism is really the best we have. Besides, if life did arise randomly, it was literally a miracle, per se, and therefore evidence for creationism.

I really am disappointed that our professors have failed to investigate alternative theories and have instead conformed to the status-quo (see Science magazine for lists of articles that aren't published because they do not fit the norm).

Tyler Rogers
Junior psychology major

THE WEEKLY BUZZ

DEC. 4 - DEC. 11

A WEEKLY STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

12/04

THURSDAY

NO EVENTS

12/05

FRIDAY

Group Fitness Classes end for the semester. Check out the group fitness schedule and stop by before the classes are done by visiting <http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/fitness/fitness-programs/group-fitness-schedule/>.

12/06

SATURDAY

NO EVENTS

12/07

SUNDAY

NO EVENTS

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MONDAY

Group Fitness Finals Week Schedule begins! For the new schedule, visit <http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/fitness/fitness-programs/group-fitness-schedule/>.

12/09

TUESDAY

The Bike Shop is closing today!

12/10

WEDNESDAY

NO EVENTS

12/11


THURSDAY

Campus Cycle Bikes are due back today!

Group Fitness Finals Week Schedule is ending today!

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DR. TERESA THOMPSON, VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

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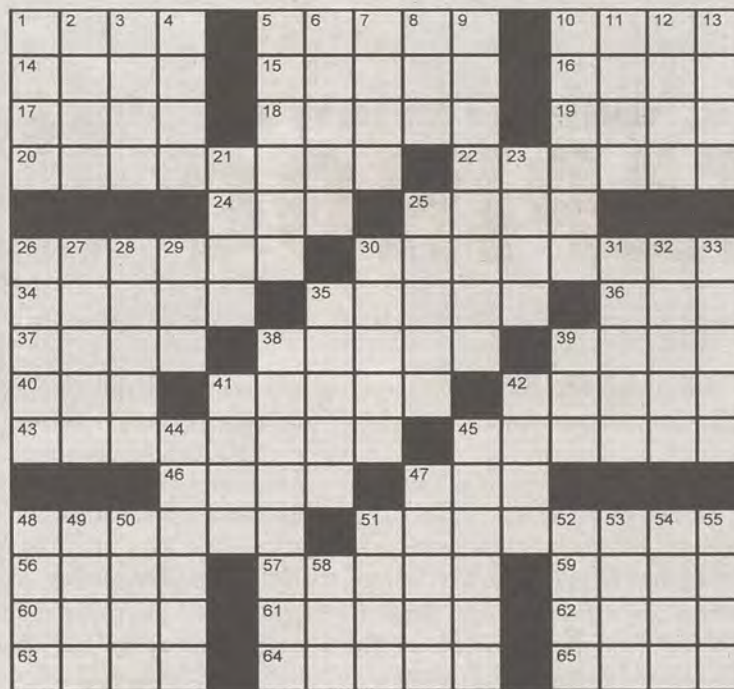
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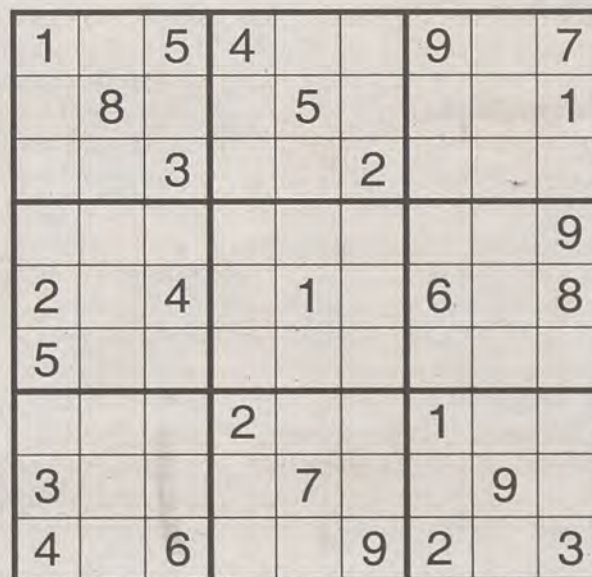
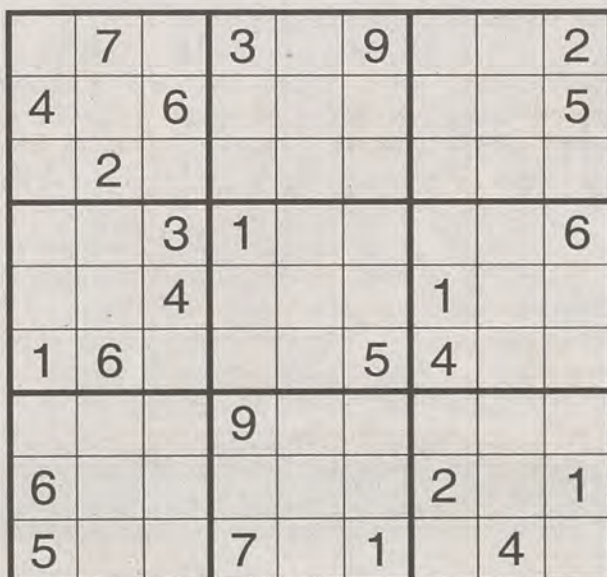


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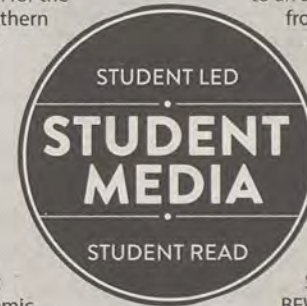
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS



BY SKYLER BLACK

The George-Anne contributor

● Darren Wilson, the police officer that shot and killed Michael Brown, resigned on Nov. 30 after hearing multiple threats to the police department and fellow officers. After Ferguson's chief told Wilson about the threats, he immediately resigned. Wilson still faces a federal civil rights investigation.

● The founders of the Hong Kong Occupy Central movement turned themselves in to the authorities to take responsibility for the protests seen as illegal. The protests were over the voting restrictions in Hong Kong. Benny Tai, Chan Kin-man and Chu Yiu-ming had a brief meeting with the police and were then released.

● There is an appeal to re-open the schools in Ebola-stricken countries in West Africa by a campaign group. The schools were closed to reduce the chance of contracting and spreading the virus. Five million children are unable to obtain an education in the states.

● After presenting the three fingered salute from "The Hunger Games", several students in Bangkok, Thailand were detained. According to Thailand officials, the political gathering of more than five people is illegal. The students were showing their opposition to the military leaders of Thailand.

● GOP aide Elizabeth Lauten resigned after making comments criticizing President Obama's daughters' actions during the annual pardoning of the turkey. Lauten was communications director for Tennessee Rep. Stephen Fincher.

Semester review of TAPINGO



BY JORDANA KLEIN

The George-Anne contributor

Students and local residents in Statesboro take advantage of recent additions to online food ordering services in the area, including the new cell phone app, Tapingo. Statesboro, as well as Georgia Southern University, now provides yet another online food ordering option, in addition to Boro Takeout and others around the city. Tapingo may be the future of food ordering because of its convenience, accessibility and reliability.

The app, which launched in California in January of 2012, became part of GSU's campus in fall 2014. Statesboro restaurants on the GSU campus offer the ability to order from Tapingo, which appeals greatly to this generation because of the growing trend of instant access to everything from news and social media to shopping online.

"This app allows users to order and pay for their food on their phone, receive a text when their food is ready and save time by skipping the line at the restaurants," Sarah Rice, GSU campus representative for Tapingo, said. "I think online food ordering is the future of dining, and I believe it's becoming a huge trend in Statesboro already."

The Advantages

Tapingo is currently available on 30 college campuses and their employees are working to expand availability to even more cities and campuses.

Mark Braswell, director of retail and catering with Eagle Dining Services, said he believes that Tapingo around Statesboro will only continue to grow in the future because of its success in its first semester.

"There are 400-500 Tapingo uses per week throughout all retail outlets," Braswell said. "Things have been going

very well with the new addition, and students are really embracing it."

Michael Morgan, general manager of Starbucks on the GSU campus, sees the extreme benefits of the system. "It's a great time saver for people who are mobile phone savvy and willing to venture out," Morgan said. "Some people may be scared to put their accounts online, but the ones who have the app can be on their way to school and put in their order and then swing by to pick it up."

"Starbucks is developing their own mobile app at the moment, so Tapingo has been an outlet to compete with corporate locations," Morgan said. "Other Starbucks locations are even considering having a delivery option, so this app has allowed us to offer similar benefits through Tapingo."

The Disadvantages

Although the benefits of Tapingo may be abundant for users, employees from the restaurants have slightly different viewpoints. Because of the rapid increase of orders and slight malfunctions in the system at times, employees oftentimes receive complaints or rude comments from Tapingo users.

"Sometimes the app tells users their food is ready when it's actually still being made or other orders are being processed at the same time," Dekindra Grier, an employee at Zach's Brews at GSU, said. "I think it's a good system that just needs some improvements."

Starbucks employee, Sam Sligh, has similar thoughts as Grier, as her business has experienced an increase in sales since Tapingo became available at her on-campus location.

"Sometimes customers place orders right after we have closed, and they complain about arriving to a dark

business which closed just a few minutes ago," Sligh said. "We have also experienced customers purchasing add-ons for their drinks which are actually already included in the original price."

Sligh's scenario is not unique, as other businesses have experienced similar issues. Tapingo, as well as their merchants, continue developing new ways to improve and expand their product.

How Tapingo Works at GSU

Although some parts of the online ordering systems may need slight improvements and fixes, Tapingo is offering GSU a new way to earn revenue. Richard Wyn, director of the Eagle Card Program at GSU, uses a cost sheet which dictates where each penny is going regarding the new system. GSU pays Tapingo four percent, or \$0.26, of each transaction, thus earning 96 percent from each transaction, or \$0.74. By adding these additional orders through the system to the already-made counter orders, GSU is already earning extra profit.

In addition to the everyday functions of Tapingo that benefit GSU and the surrounding areas of Statesboro, Rice recently heard about a new feature from Tapingo, which will be available throughout the holiday season. The app now offers a feature for users to donate money which will be transferred to local food banks in donations of cans or charity money. So throughout the upcoming month Statesboro users can give back during the holidays if they wish.

"I think this addition for the holiday season will only benefit the product," Rice said. "By giving back to the community, Tapingo will appeal to even more users and employees who will in-turn begin using the app or passing along the information by word-of-mouth."

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS PREPARE FOR FALL 2014 GRADUATION

BY SKYLER BLACK

The George-Anne contributor

Fall graduation is quickly approaching and as the preparations are made here at Georgia Southern University, the commencement speakers are preparing for the occasion as well. On Friday, Dec. 12, the 23rd Annual Fall Commencement will be held at Hanner Fieldhouse with three ceremonies throughout the morning, all with different speakers.

The graduation ceremonies will be streamed online and family members and friends of the graduates are urged to tweet and post on social media using #GSGrad14.



Rob
Anderson

Courtesy of news.georgiasouthern.edu

Rob Anderson, vice chancellor for Educational Access and Success at the University System of Georgia (USG), will be speaking at 9 a.m. for the graduates of the colleges of graduate studies, education, business administration and public health. Anderson has had an influential role in the student's preparedness for college and making access to postsecondary education and financial aid easier in the state of Georgia. According to the Georgia Southern Commencement page online, his role is to oversee the USG's Complete College Georgia initiative and educator preparation.



Thomas
Tickner

Courtesy of news.georgiasouthern.edu

Colonel Thomas Tickner, commander and district engineer for the Savannah District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is scheduled to speak at 11 a.m. for the graduates of the colleges of graduate studies, science and mathematics, engineering and information technology and health and human sciences. According to the Savannah District of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tickner has earned various awards with the military including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. He has also earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in civil engineering and a master of science in national resource strategy.



Vic
Reynolds

Courtesy of news.georgiasouthern.edu

Vic Reynolds, district attorney of the Cobb Judicial Circuit, is the last speaker of the day at 1 p.m. speaking for the colleges of graduate studies, interdisciplinary BS, interdisciplinary BA and liberal arts and social sciences. According to Georgia Southern's commencement page, Reynolds graduated from GSU and began his career in the justice system as a police officer. He served as an assistant district attorney and then a chief magistrate in Cobb County before becoming the district attorney.

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Club Profile: FILM CLUB

BY JUSTIN DOIL

The George-Anne contributor

A film degree may not be the first thing someone would think with Georgia Southern in mind, but film students, as well as anyone who is interested in the film industry, will begin to make a name for themselves with the works of film they plan to accomplish in the newest club on campus, the Film Club.

Behind all the flash and glamour that stereotype film production, and at the heart of this new club, is a dedicated group of students and faculty who want to create productions that they will be proud of.

Film Club's faculty advisor is Dr. Jason Knowles who teaches in the department of communication arts and has a background and degrees in film-making.

"The idea for Film Club came from several of my students who were

passionate about creating movies and wanted to start a club," Knowles said.

In fact, even though Film Club has only just begun they already have successfully created a short film titled "Verisimilitude," a film noir which was submitted to be judged in the Four Point Film Project. Even after the success of their first production, members of the Film Club are not stopping to rest on their laurels.

"We have several more small projects that we are working on," Knowles said. "We recently divided the club members up into seven small groups and have them create and pitch a story idea and the best one was chosen to be our next project and, without giving away too many spoilers, the genre is a mixture of drama, comedy and thriller."

Being an interdisciplinary club, and as the club continues to grow, the doors to becoming a member of Film Club are open to anyone who is interested.

Club President: Darrel Fullmer

Contact: Film Club GSU on Facebook, MyInvolvement

Upcoming Meetings: Meetings will be held every Monday at 6:00 p.m. in Sanford 1002 and will resume after semester break.

Happy Holidays



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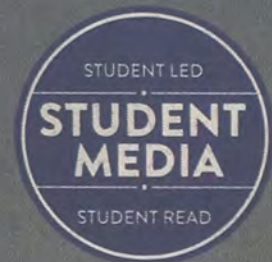
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9 Michael Brown, an unarmed African American male, was shot and killed by a Caucasian police officer, Darren Wilson, in Ferguson, Missouri.

11 Robin Williams dies.

19 American journalist, James Foley, killed by ISIS



Photo courtesy of Imbd.com

2 ISIS kills second American journalist, Steven Sotloff.

18 Scotland votes to remain with the United Kingdom.

25 25,235 people attended the Georgia Southern vs. Appalachian State game football game at Paulson Stadium. This was the largest crowd to ever attend at GSU home game and the second largest crowd in GSU football history.



AUGUST

THE LANTANA WALK

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TIMELINE



Georgia Southern becomes the 2014 Sun Belt Conference Champions.

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Jury votes to not indict Darren Wilson for the killing of Michael Brown.

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South Carolina becomes the 35th state to legalize same-sex marriage.

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"Golf Digest" awards Georgia Southern University Golf Course one of the "2014 Best New Golf Courses".

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Oregon, Alaska, and Washington D.C. vote in favor of legalized marijuana, joining Colorado and Washington.

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San Francisco Giants win third World Series in five years

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Georgia Southern University defeated its Georgia rival Georgia State University in the Georgia Dome, 69-31.

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Suspected ISIS involved gunmen attack Canada's Parliament building and National War Memorial.

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Britain's Parliament votes, 274-12, to recognize Palestine diplomatically.

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Georgia Southern University celebrates Homecoming Week with "Welcome to Hollywood: Southern Walk of Fame."

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PURGING YOUR POST-FINALS STRESS: Essential Netflix to binge

BY CONNOR WHITE

The George-Anne staff

In this case, you are not a special snowflake. Like so many others, you have been ravaged by stress and dreariness to the point of becoming a post-secondary powder keg, desperate for some kind of release. But do not fear; There is salvation waiting for you, for all of us. Blessed Netflix, your streaming options descend down from the heavens. Save us from the tyranny of scantron and citation.

You need comfort. You need something you can sink your teeth into. Netflix has more than enough to offer you, and we've scoured their entire library for content worthy of your binge.

"AMELIE"

Hopeless romantics struggle every school break, trying to scratch that itch that the usual Sandra Bullock/Ryan Gosling fare just won't satisfy. "Amelie," a darling French film about a young woman's attempt to right all the wrongs in her world, is exactly what you need to reignite that spark.

"NO RESERVATIONS"

While Anthony Bourdain's current work is with CNN (and is equally as good), Netflix has compiled some of the best episodes of Bourdain's Travel Channel adventures. Soak in the sights and sounds of some of the world's most exotic cities. Be warned: "No Reservations" has been known to spark an irresistible wanderlust. Don't be surprised if you find yourself buying a one-way plane ticket, ready to explore.

"POKEMON"

101 episodes of the original series, your childhood, are available for streaming, just waiting to be relived. Nostalgic and great to watch with younger siblings, "Pokemon" perfectly captures that Saturday-morning-cartoon feeling we've all been desperate to recapture. If you're "above" watching a child's show...well, we didn't want to play with you anyway. So nyeehhh. We'll be over here, actually enjoying ourselves.

"AN IDIOT ABROAD"

It's truly rare to find perspective of the world around us as unique as Karl Pilkington's. While his name doesn't carry a lot of weight here in the U.S., his musings are wildly popular in the United Kingdom. The premise is simple: British comedians Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant send Pilkington off to random parts of the globe, and let him call them as he sees them. Which he does, and which is frequently hilarious. You also get to here Gervais laugh plenty, which is a treat in itself.

"MYSTERY SCIENCE THEATRE 3000"

If you're like me, it's almost impossible to resist the urge to crack some smart-ass comment during a movie you find less-than-appealing. If you're a fan of smarmy running commentary (and taking the piss out of old movies to boot), then "Mystery Science Theater" is for you. They make all the wisecracks you could ever want, on a number of old westerns and sci-fi movies. It's like being at the theater, only the drunks in the row are actually funny.

THE BUZZ LIST



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A&E Editor
@mattuhroo

Adele Dazeem teased there may be a chillingly good sequel Disney's latest hit "Frozen." The movie is almost a year old and seems to be frozen into people's brains. I can just see a producer knocking on the CEO's door "Do yah wanna build a sequel? Come on let's make some cash!" In my opinion, the original movie was pretty chill. As for the "Frozen" puns, I should probably "Let It Go." You should probably be studying.

Mariah Carey blew off her big engagement at the Rockefeller Center tree lighting ceremony because she was allegedly on her phone with a lawyer talking about her separation from her husband. "Make my wish come truuuuueeee, all I want for Christmas.. iiissss... a divorce and to be able to keep the couch," said Mariah, probably (not really but still).

Kourtney Kardashian followed in her sister's footsteps and posed scantily clad while boasting a seriously large baby belly. This is the ultimate unwanted Christmas present. The Kardashian clan must be stopped.

Various students have been seen crying hysterically around campus, sources say it's because of finals. It's that time of year where we all kind of feel like a piece of fruit cake: Ugly, useless, unwanted, in debt, failing at life, drowning in a sea of finals, just college things.

Bonus: Let's be realistic, it's not going to be a white Christmas here in Statesboro, so throwing snowballs isn't gonna happen. Instead you should tear out this page, ball it up, and throw it. It's like a snowball fight except makes a mess and will probably piss a lot of people off.

Hope everyone has painless finals, a nice Christmas filled with ugly sweaters and a peaceful break. See you next semester!

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Statesboro School of Dance features 'The Nutcracker' at the PAC

BY DERIK WUCHTE

The George-Anne staff

The timeless tale of dreams and imagination will be back this weekend at Georgia Southern University. For years, Statesboro School of Dance has taken stage at the Performing Arts Center for their performance of "The Nutcracker." This year, again, they will be back to show why this ballet continues to touch hearts around the world.

"The Nutcracker" is a story about a young girl and her toymaker godfather. When her godfather gives her a nutcracker as a Christmas gift, something happens to it and the nutcracker is suddenly broken. The girl is saddened by this, but she can't do anything to fix it and can only go to sleep with a heavy heart.

When she suddenly awakens at the dawn of midnight, she finds herself in the middle of an unbelievable battle between her nutcracker, his army and the opposing Mouse King's army. The rest is as memorable as a Christmas melody.

Statesboro School of Dance is responsible for the presentation and they do not disappoint. Professional costumes and set pieces are rented specifically for the event. Shay Morgan, the owner of SSOD, is the choreographer and

director of the show. With her advanced class taking the lead, the show intends to be promising once again this year.

"It's a really fun event," Juanita Smith, box office manager at the PAC, said. "Since it's Statesboro School of Dance, a lot of people from surrounding communities are involved. They do a pretty big production."

House manager at the PAC, Stacie McDaniel, has seen the show before, and she knows what to expect. "The Nutcracker," that the school puts on, holds nothing back, and it's especially inviting to newcomers.

"If you're going to see ballet for the first time, 'The Nutcracker' is the one you want to see," McDaniel said. "It's like ballet with training wheels. It's very familiar."

With the show being right before finals, it can be a stress reliever for students. No words are spoken as the ballet is artistically performed by Morgan's pupils. As Smith explained, the audience can interpret the show as they like. That's part of what makes ballet so celebrated: the on-goers decide how the messages in the show should be translated.

"To someone who has never been to a ballet, go for the experience," Smith said. "Expect to bring a piece of yourself. You never know what kind of art or theatre will speak to you."



"The Nutcracker" will be taking place at the PAC on Dec 6. There will be two performances, one at 2:30 p.m. and another at 6:00 p.m.

\$8 for youth and \$12 for adults.

Courtesy of Juanita Smith

"The Nutcracker," a classic ballet celebrating Christmas in a magical way, springs to life in the PAC this Saturday.

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BRING YOUR HOLIDAY CHEER TO THE DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY



BY DONNA JONES

The George-Anne staff

Walk the streets of downtown Statesboro listening to live holiday music and tasting delicious food with friends and family at the annual Downtown Holiday Celebration Friday, Dec 5.

"This is the biggest event of the year. [It's a] time for community to come together and have a good time," Allen Muldery, director of the organization, said.

The celebration starts out with the 5k Run in Boro downtown. The race is \$25 to register and the proceeds go to The United Way and the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade. The race starts at 5:30 p.m. in front of City Hall. The downtown celebration festival also includes a parade.

"The parade will feature basketball players walking, four-wheel ATVs, tractors and golf carts," Muldery said.

The festival includes photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, a bouncy house and other youth activities for younger family members.

Following the parade, holiday vendors

will set up and sell food, arts and crafts and specialty items. There will be a stage where church organizations and high school students sing and perform skits. A live band will be filling the streets of downtown Statesboro with cheerful music while people shop and look at the 40-50 vendors that will be on the streets.

Perhaps the most anticipated event is the annual Chili-Town contest, which is sponsored by Statesboro Natural Gas.

"Thirty-five to forty competitors participate in the contest. People come in and vote for their favorite. They give out free chili dogs. It is a lot of fun and a lot of different tasty chili," Muldery said.

The winner of the Chili-Town contest will receive the popular Big Green Egg grill. It is a one dollar donation to participate in tasting the different types of chili. The donations go to South Georgia Center for Georgia Care.

The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. by Sugar Magnolia Bakery and Market in downtown Statesboro. Muldery said that the event is still looking for volunteers to set up. To help volunteer or for more information call (912) 764-7227.



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MY TAKE: 2014 FOOTBALL



Hayden Boudreaux

Junior finance and management major from St. Mary's, GA

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX

The George-Anne staff

The week before the Georgia Southern football team took on N.C. State to kick off the season I posted my predictions for the year on our website. I predicted our Eagles to have a record of 8-4 and winning the Sun Belt Championship.

The initial prediction was that we would take losses from N.C. State, Georgia Tech and Navy, with an incorrect loss at the hands of Troy. I was met with a fair amount of criticism regarding my "optimistic" outlook; however, I am not here to gloat on my season outlook. There is something I want to brag about, and that is the mighty Eagle football team and the university they represent.

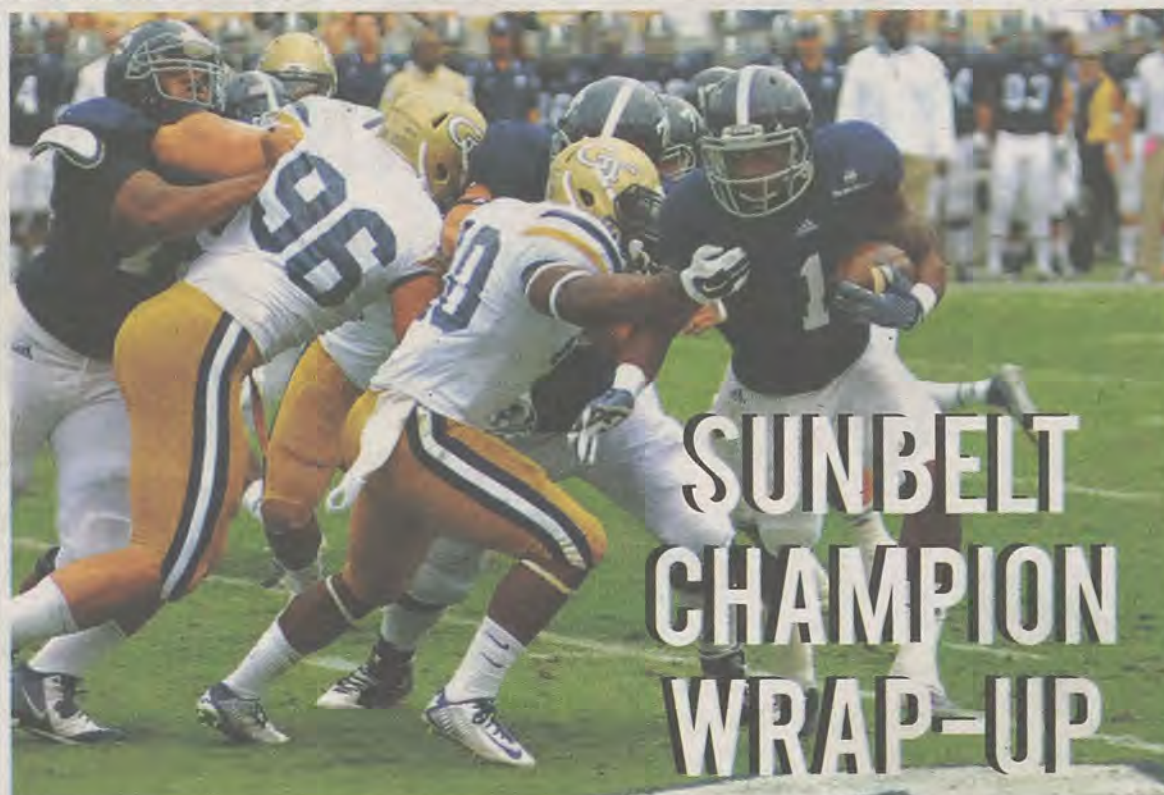
I was sitting in the press box as I watched the final pass hit the ground on Saturday. I saw the initial hesitation of disbelief, followed by the swarm of fans rushing out onto the field through the walkways. I watched fans take a leap of faith from the large walls just to be out on the field to celebrate this victory for their university. I watched the green of the

gridiron be overtaken with blue and white as a seemingly endless stream of fans kept piling onto the field. For the first time, I was regretting sitting in the press box and wanted to be among them, the happiest fans in the country.

I walked down the steps of the box as I heard the hum of the crowd on the field, out of view but clearly heard. As I rounded the corner of the home stands and looked down at the field I was hit with a rush of memorable moments of the year. I remembered Brieda speeding past the defensive backfield of Georgia Tech. This was followed by flashes of Ellison's heroic runs where he seemed to be willing to give his body just to give his team one more first down. Upon walking out of the gates and hearing the honking of car horns and the roar of the fans as they were named Sun Belt Champions, I was brought back to watching Matt Dobson intercept a pass and running it back the length of the field for an Eagle touchdown.

The Eagles have beaten the odds and went from being projected at eighth in the conference to winning the conference and nearly breaking into the nation's top 25 teams. A running back whom saw barely any time last season came out and became a Doak Walker semi-finalist as a sophomore. A senior quarterback came off the bench to lead his teammates to victory. We have certainly seen a lot this season, but, it is clear the best has yet to come.

Some coaches believe the word WIN is actually an acronym. They say it stands for: What's Important Now? With bowl eligibility coming next season and another shot at a Sun Belt title what is important next is clear: Coach Fritz and the Georgia Southern Eagles to come out next season and do it all one more time.



Ryan Wodham | The George-Anne

The Georgia Southern football team made history in 2014 as the Eagles won the Sun Belt Conference in their first season at the FBS level

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX

The George-Anne staff

On Tuesday it was discovered the NCAA denied the appeal by Tom Klenlien to allow the Georgia Southern football team to play in a bowl game this season. Nonetheless, the Eagles have given us more entertainment and surprises than we could have imagined.

After the spring game, fans weren't sure of what to expect. Former head coach Jeff Monken was out and Willie Fritz from Sam Houston State took the reins. We saw a mix of the old offense and the new. Over the summer, six players were kicked off team and everyone was waiting with baited breath as the Eagles were ranked eighth in the Sun Belt conference to start the year.

When they traveled up to N.C. State most fans were hoping for the Eagles to just be able to slide through the game and come home to Paulson. What they got was a nail biter in which senior linebacker Edwin Jackson and the defense slowed down the passing attack of one of the best quarterbacks in the

country. We also got our first taste of watching sophomore running back Matt Brieda pick up speed and grab a 60-plus yard touchdown run. Despite the valiant effort, they still took home a one-point loss but showed they were capable of something special.

After a beat down at home against Savannah State where the Eagles racked up 83 points, they were on the road again to take on Georgia Tech. After another breakaway run by Brieda the team went into the half down by ten points. After a heroic comeback led by sophomore quarterback Kevin Ellison and his backup Favian Upshaw the Eagles fell to Georgia Tech by one score. It is important to note that after defeating the University of Georgia last weekend the Yellowjackets are ranked 16th in the country and will take on Florida State for the ACC Championship this weekend.

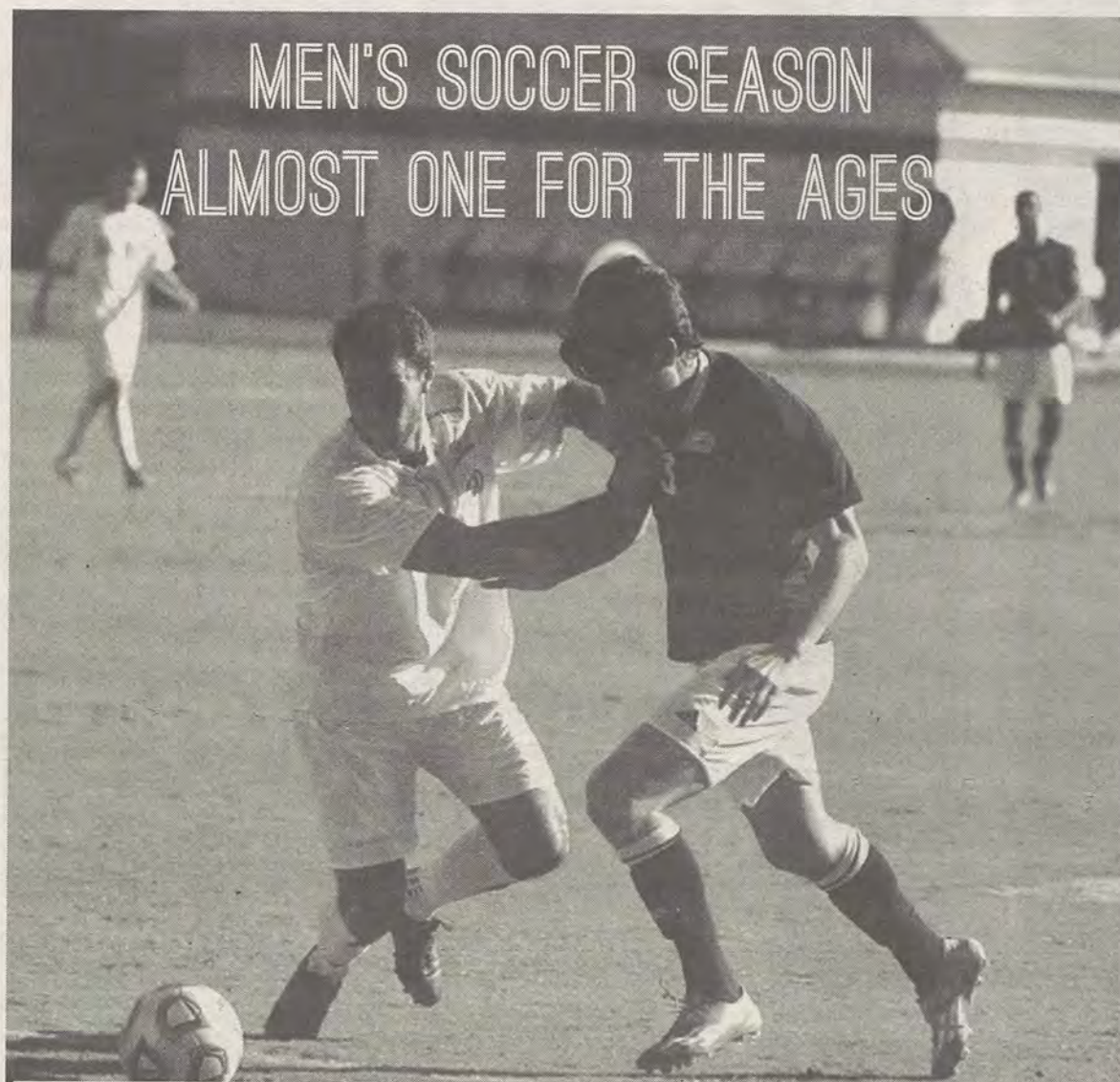
Most teams would be worried about a 1-2 record to start the year, but there was a buzz in Statesboro. The Eagles traveled to South Alabama and impressed in their first Sun Belt performance with a 28-6 win to put themselves on the map. After the

impressive display the team was gritting their teeth to get a shot at Appalachian State at home after losing to their rival two years in a row.

The rivalry matchup ended up looking like a Georgia Southern highlight reel. Over 25,000 fans packed into Paulson to watch the game that was being broadcasted nationally on ESPN. Brieda took a 56 yard run to the house on the first drive to set up two touchdowns from the second half of the deadly running tandem in redshirt freshman L.A. Ramsby. The 34-14 victory gave the Eagles a winning record and they never looked back.

Sun Belt contenders trembled as they faced off against the number one rushing attack in the country. Georgia Southern dropped five straight conference opponents that included a 69-31 route of Georgia State and a 42-10 beat down of Troy on ESPN. Following a close victory against Texas State, the Associated Press gave the Eagles a vote in consideration for the FBS Top 25 programs.

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Ryan Woodham | The George-Anne

The 2014 Georgia Southern men's soccer team made it all the way to the Sun Belt Championship game in its first season in the conference.

BY EMMA ROSE COLLINS

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University Men's Soccer team wrapped up their season as first runner up in the Sunbelt Tournament on Nov. 16. The Eagles were 8-9 overall this season.

The Eagles kicked off the 2014 Season with the SoCon Big South Challenge and, much like last year, the team defeated Gardner-Webb 2-1 and lost to Winthrop 1-3. Following those games, the Eagles took on the Mercer Bears at home. Again, the match was almost identical to the game between these two teams last year with GSU losing to MU.

After the loss to Mercer, the Eagles went on a three-game winning streak. In the Marriott Springhill Suites Invitational, GSU defeated Florida

Atlantic University (5-4) and UNC Asheville (3-0). The next week, the Eagles traveled to Clinton, S.C. where they defeated Presbyterian College in a 5-0 shutout.

The Eagles winning streak ended abruptly when they traveled to Florida for three away games. They lost against Jacksonville University (0-3), #22 South Florida (0-3), and Stetson University (2-5).

In October, the Eagles played were Sun Belt Conference games against Hartwick, Howard and Appalachian State. GSU won against Hartwick (2-0) and App State (1-0), but lost to Howard (1-2). Following that stretch, the Eagles took on the University of North Carolina and were defeated 2-6.

Leading up to the Sun Belt Tournament, the Eagles defeated the New Jersey Institute of

Technology 1-0 and lost to Georgia State University 0-1.

In the Sun Belt Tournament, which was played at Eagle Field, Georgia Southern defeated Georgia State 2-1. In the final round of the tournament, GSU lost the tournament to Hartwick College 0-1.

Though the season ended on a disappointing note, several players stood out through the season; freshman Thor Sveinbjornsson was named Sun Belt Freshman of the Year. He was the first Eagle to be named this since 2006. Goalkeeper Jack Falle also held his own on the field this year; he was the first GSU keeper to earn all-conference honors since 2006, as well. Falle now ranks sixth nationally with 5.87 saves per game. Overall, ten Eagles were named to the Sun Belt Conference First Team All-Conference.

MY TAKE: 2014 MEN'S SOCCER



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BY EMMA ROSE COLLINS

The George-Anne staff

It was an interesting season for the Men's Soccer team, and in my first semester as a sports reporter I had the privilege of covering most of their season.

The Eagles had some triumphant wins this semester—particularly the 2-1 win against Georgia State in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament after they had been defeated 0-1 by the Panthers a few weeks before. Another exciting win for the Eagles was when they defeated long-time rivals Appalachian State 1-0 on the Mountaineers home field in Boone, N.C.

I was disappointed in the Eagles' loss 1-0 against the Mercer Bears, even though Georgia Southern put up a great defense. Last year, I was present when the same two teams met in Macon, and I watched the Eagles lose then, too.

The Eagles were 8-9 overall in their season, and they put up a good fight against Hartwick College in the final game of the Sun Belt

Conference Tournament, but it simply wasn't possible for the Eagles to win this time.

Throughout this season, I watched several players stand out on the field; coming to Georgia Southern all the way from Iceland was freshman midfielder Thor Sveinbjornsson who proved himself a valuable asset to the team and was also named Sun Belt Freshman of the Year. Forward Emmanuel Raji, midfielder David Vargas Masis and forward Eric Dinka were all players who helped the Eagles reach their eight wins during the season. Goalkeeper Jack Falle also prevented dozens of shots on goal this season and is ranked sixth nationally with 5.87 saves per game.

So even though the Eagles fell to Hartwick in the final match of the Sun Belt Tournament, I feel that they had an impressive season with many outstanding players. I never got a chance to speak to Coach Kennedy or the players after the loss to Hartwick, but I do have something I would like to say: Congratulations on a great season, and I look forward to seeing what is next for the Eagles.

A SOLID SEASON FOR WOMEN'S SOCCER



BY LAYNE SALIBA

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern women's soccer team finished its season with an overall record of 11-6-2. They started the season off the right way, winning six of their first seven games. As they continued the season, the Eagles were able to post a regular season record of 10-5-2, their best since 2002.

They also took a trip to the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. While there, they beat Appalachian State for the second time this season. Next, the Eagles took on No. 1 seed South Alabama and fell 3-0. The season ended with the team in third place in the conference.

The Eagles were also able to finish seventh in the Sun Belt with 27 goals, while averaging 13 shots per game.

Redshirt senior goalkeeper Katie Merson's final year with the Eagles was one to remember. While being selected as a First Team Member of the All Sun Belt Team, she set a career shutout record with a total of 18. She was also able to finish at the top of the conference with 100

saves averaging five per game. She has been a dedicated player for the Eagles over the years, especially this season as she never took a break to sit on the bench.

Joining Merson on the First Team All Sun Belt list was Junior forward Nora El-Shami who led the team with seven goals and seven assists. She placed 24 shots on goal throughout the season, with a .42 shots on goal percentage. She finished the season ranked fifth in the conference in points per game with 1.18.

Forward Melinda Lukas was named Second Team All Sun Belt in an impressive sophomore year. She was the second leading scorer on the team with six goals, placing 15 on goal and finishing 55 percent of the time. She also made the most of her goals, finishing third in the conference in game winning goals with four.

Overall it was a successful season for the women's soccer team. And with only three seniors graduating, Merson, Sydnie Van Curen and Sydney Kerr, you can expect to see much of the same next season from the Eagles.

Ryan Woodham | The George-Anne

Senior goalkeeper Katie Merson (0) and the women's soccer team posted a successful first season in the Sun Belt, finishing with a record of 11-6-2 and making an appearance in the conference tournament.

My Take: 2014 women's soccer



Layne Saliba

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BY LAYNE SALIBA

The George-Anne staff

Transitioning to a more competitive conference is a task that may seem difficult for a lot of programs. However, the Georgia Southern women's soccer team had a very successful year during their inaugural season in the Sun Belt Conference.

This success can easily be seen

when you look at their regular season record. The Eagles finished with a 10-5-2 record which is the best regular season record in 12 years. That's definitely something to be proud of.

The team also made an appearance in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. They were able to make their way to the semi-finals before getting knocked out by the No. 1 seed. That is an impressive accomplishment for any team.

If you still need affirmation of a successful season, the Eagles had two players named to First Team All Sun Belt, and one named to Second team All Sun Belt.

One of those First Team members, redshirt senior goal keeper Katie Merson is arguably one of the best keepers in the league after setting a career shutout record (18) with five of those coming this season.

Finally, I would be remised if I didn't mention that the Eagles didn't

just beat Appalachian State once this season; they did it twice. Beating App State is something that all Georgia Southern teams look forward to, no matter what sport. And the women's soccer team did not disappoint.

All-in-all, the ladies of the Georgia Southern women's soccer team can go throughout the off-season knowing that they were able to post one of the best seasons in recent history.

LONG SEASON FOR EAGLE VOLLEYBALL



Abby Green | The George-Anne
The Georgia Southern volleyball team experienced ups and downs during its first season in the Sun Belt, finishing with a record of 7-23.

BY JORDAN TONEY

The George-Anne staff

Each season, no matter the sport, always starts with an unknown; it comes with the territory. Every single team around the nation starts with 0-0, and when everyone's record is 0-0, that means anything can happen, and the Georgia Southern volleyball team had big dreams.

At the beginning of the season, seniors Jamie DeRatt and Kym Coley had big aspirations for their team. Coley wanted her final season to go undefeated while DeRatt wanted another appearance in the NCAA tournament. Coach Wood also had plans for the NCAA Tournament, electing for the team to have a long away stint to start the season so the team could get used to traveling.

Unfortunately for the Eagles, an undefeated season was dashed right at the beginning and kept getting worse and worse. They managed to lose 12

straight matches, before finally getting a win against Troy at home. However, home at the beginning of the season wasn't home at the end of the season.

The Eagles actually started their home games at Statesboro High School which has a much different atmosphere than Hanner. That's possibly the reason that the Eagles went 1-4 at Statesboro High, compared to 4-3 at Hanner.

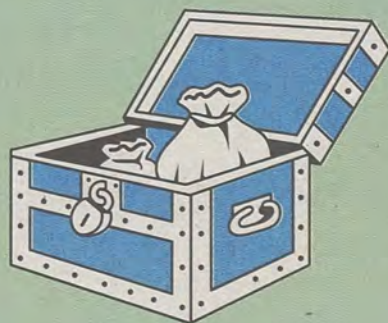
The final record at the end of the season never tells the entire story, because looking at the stats you see a familiar sight. DeRatt and Coley led their teams in kills, but right behind them came the future of Eagle volleyball in freshmen Megan Chevalier and Cathrine Murray.

It was their first season in a brand new conference and they still did better in conference play than two other teams. So even though the Eagles had their first losing season in a long time, next season will still be one to watch.

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