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LOCAL ROASTERS ADD FLAVOR TO THE BORO

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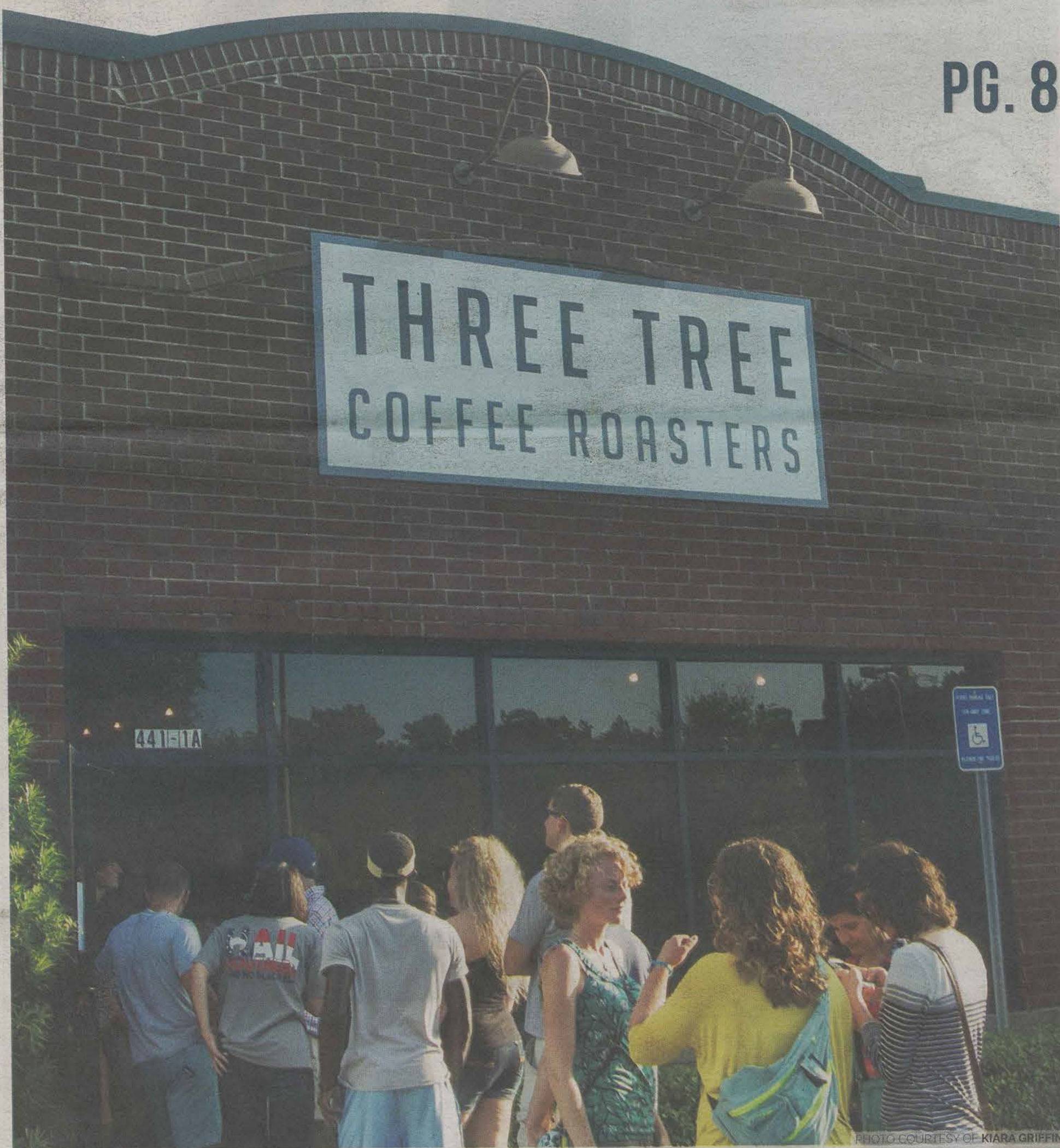


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**New safety courses for students
to be implemented**

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**THE EAGLES WILL BATTLE IN
THE TRENCHES**

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THE BALANCING ACT

BY SIMEON IKE
The George-Anne staff

Welcome to Georgia Southern! This is not high school anyone. As a freshman student, there may be worries of how to balance your academics with events around campus.

With football around the corner, Paulson Stadium is ready to seat its fans. Before attending a game, it is wise to decide whether to do assignments before the game or wait until the next day. Going to a game is time consuming and the will to do work after the game will be nonexistent.

There are certain games which attract fans to Paulson and this year there are four major games at the stadium:

military powerhouse The Citadel, Sunbelt opponent New Mexico State, Midwest visitors Western Michigan, and Georgia State. Attending these specific games and just keeping up with away game scores leaves more than enough time to stay on track with academics.

Aside from football, Georgia Southern has two big upcoming events. The first major event is Unity Fest. Happening on September 11th, this event embraces the diversity which is present on Georgia Southern's campus. This event has free food and it's always a good idea to grab the food and go, in order to leave time to study. September also has Family Weekend, which is at the end of the month.

Plan time accordingly with family because early alert grades come out during October.



Your View: Freshmen's First Week

BY CHRISTOPHER CARTER
The George-Anne staff

"Pretty good I guess, it's not too hard adjusting,"

Casey Crelow, undeclared freshman



"It was great. It wasn't as hard as I thought it was going to be because I already have friends here and they helped me with everything so I didn't get lost."

Brooke Barr, undeclared freshman



"[My] professors are really nice, the campus is pretty, the food is good and that he has met a lot of new people. He also said the overall campus experience is great so far."

James Ashley, political science major freshman



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TREAT YOURSELF: HIDDEN GEMS ON EAGLEXPRESS

by Donna Jones

As college students, we all have come to the realization that our four years here will consist mostly of only getting your hair done when you go home and never having enough money to pamper yourself. However if you still have some money on your EAGLEXPRESS, you can spend it on something other than the new Zaxby's right across from campus.

"When I first looked on Georgia Southern's website to see what vendors accepted EAGLEXPRESS, I was so shocked to see so many places around Statesboro," said Alex Husley, sophomore public relations major.



A lot of students don't even realize that EAGLEXPRESS can be used at vendors that have items other than food. So instead of waiting until you go home to get those highlights re-done, you can step into Serenity Day Spa and find the perfect stylist.

"When I think of EAGLEXPRESS, the first thing I think of using it on is food, but

now that I know I can use it at the salon I will definitely start getting my hair trimmed here," said Crista LiCausi, sophomore nursing major.

With being a student at Georgia Southern University comes the large amount of Georgia Southern t-shirts you will acquire over your years here. However what we all find out is that t-shirts can be expensive, and a lot of students don't have \$35 to drop on a shirt.

Luckily Barefoot Statesboro not only sells adorable Georgia Southern University shirts, but they also accept EAGLEXPRESS.

"I love barefoot but I do not have a lot of shirts from them because I have a hard time deciding to spend \$30 to \$40 on a t-shirt," said Carley Bragg, senior logistics major. "I do still have a lot of money left on my eagle express though and now that I know that they accept it I will for sure be making a trip to barefoot," said Bragg.

Classifieds & Puzzles

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 "Battlestar Galactica" genre
- 6 Rejuvenation destination
- 9 Thyroid, e.g.
- 14 Couldn't stomach
- 15 Weather report backdrop
- 16 Bro
- 17 Colgate rival
- 18 Catering dispenser
- 19 Put on a pedestal
- 20 Fictional legal secretary
- 23 ___-pitch softball
- 24 Hubbub
- 25 Charlie Parker's instrument
- 27 Fed. benefits issuer
- 30 Chatters
- 33 Caseworker's coll. major, perhaps
- 34 The 1969 Mets, e.g.
- 40 "Do ___ others ..."
- 41 Mormon sch.
- 42 Director Kazan
- 43 Cheesy appetizer
- 48 Historic time
- 49 Arizona county or its seat
- 50 Gives a thumbs-up
- 51 Prom accessory
- 55 Menu words
- 57 ___ Dhabi
- 58 Constructed for endurance, and a hint for the word hidden in 20-, 34- and 43-Across
- 64 Exodus mount
- 66 ___ Fring, "Breaking Bad" drug kingpin
- 67 Elementary seed
- 68 Colorful aquarium fish
- 69 Broom rider
- 70 Evenings, on marquees
- 71 German industrial city
- 72 Sound of annoyance
- 73 Hemingway's "The ___ of Kilimanjaro"

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By Gail Grabowski and Bruce Venzke

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- 2 Part of TLC
- 3 Tilted type: Abbr.
- 4 Guy
- 5 Govt. security pass
- 6 Lewd material
- 7 Henry VIII's last wife Catherine
- 8 Breathing trouble during sleep
- 9 Inner city areas
- 10 Bagel topping
- 11 Stock up on
- 12 Nabisco cookie named for its flavor
- 13 Rehab program
- 21 Use an updraft, say
- 22 "Born Free" lioness
- 26 Large wedding band
- 27 Bathtub buildup
- 28 ___-Japanese War
- 29 1998 animated film with soldiers, workers and a queen
- 31 Actress Neuwirth
- 32 In a sneaky way
- 35 Sleeps lightly
- 36 Humdinger
- 37 Mishmash

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Ashanti Hardy

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Justice Studies

"It shouldn't cause that much frustration to take a one hour class. It seems like a pretty good idea."



Matthew Shafer

18

Freshman

Computer Science

"It could be helpful. It would probably make a difference for some people, which makes a difference overall. But... there will always be those who learn from it and those who don't."



Eleese Matthews

22

Junior

Health Education and Promotion

"Even if we do have it people are still going to do what they want to do. That's what I think."

BY KURT HANLON

The George-Anne staff

Starting September 1, Georgia Southern will be requiring all students currently enrolled to complete two mandatory online training courses, which will educate students with issues regarding sexual assault and alcohol awareness, and must be completed by October 26.

The sexual assault course, Haven, concerns sexual assault awareness and prevention. According to its website, Haven "addresses the critical issues of sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking, which impact countless college students across the country." Haven was made a federal mandate by the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination (SaVE) Act, which requires students to learn about sexual violence.

The alcohol course, AlcoholEdu, will focus on the effects of alcohol and to help students make better decisions regarding drinking habits. According to its website, "A federally funded, 30-campus randomized control trial found that AlcoholEdu reduces high-risk drinking and alcohol-related harms among college students."

Kerry Greenstein, Associate Dean of Students, spoke about the content students can expect to encounter while taking the courses. "It should take between 30 minutes and an hour to complete each course," says Greenstein. "There's the quiz, there's the videos, it's almost like a PowerPoint presentation that will take you through with the information. There will also be a degree interactivity in some portions of the programs. There's a few spots that are directed to you," Greenstein stated. "It'll ask

you to check the boxes that are appropriate to you or what do you think, there will be those options."

Students currently enrolled will only have to take each course once. According to Greenstein, "Once we get it to every student now, then there will be measures to take with just the incoming students."

While a deadline has been set, no consequence has been decided on as of yet. "We're still working through some of the details," says Greenstein. "At this point I can't give you the specifics, but [the deadline] is right around registration time...could it be tied to registration? It's possible...the point is students need to take it to make sure they don't have any future problems."

ATTENTION!

The George-Anne is currently in the process of reporting on sexual assault, sexual violence and rape on our campus. If you or anyone you know are willing to discuss your experience anonymously, please contact gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu. We understand that this issue is of the most sensitive nature and will our upmost to respect your privacy.

#Worry Free Wednesday

BY TIFFANY SKINNER

The George-Anne staff

Does the semester look bleak already? Did syllabus day last week terrify you? Don't worry, Georgia Southern University has the solution for you, Worry Free Wednesday.

Worry Free Wednesday is a Mental Health event that will take on August 26 in the Russell Union from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The event will focus on helping students learn how to cope with stressful situations, including time management, financial trouble, work overload and relationships.

Students will be introduced

to the Wellness Ambassadors program and have a chance to participate in stress relieving activities, such as making stress balls, working on art projects, and painting nails.

"We want students to participate in stress free activities that are healthy. We hope that teaching students stress free activities on campus will encourage them to the activities back into their residence halls and apartments," La'Shanda Johnson, Assistant Director of Health Education and Promotion, said.

According to the Wellness homepage, Wellness Ambassadors

is an organization that encourages and promotes the seven dimensions of wellness at GSU, and enhances student, faculty, and staff involvement in University Wellness Program.

Worry Free Wednesday is also scheduled to take place at the same time and in the same location on the following dates: Wednesday September 30, October 28, November 18 and December second.

Celebrating Women

at Fort Stewart's Equality Day

BY TIFFANY SKINNER

The George-Anne staff

The third annual Equality Day recognizes the achievements and contributions made by members of specific racial, ethnic or gender groups in our society. The event will begin at 11:30 am on Wednesday August 26 at Fort Stewart.

"Georgia Southern students are welcome to attend the event to see how the Army promotes understanding, teamwork, harmony, pride, and esprit among all groups, as well as gain a broader understanding of Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield's presence in southeast Georgia," Fort Stewart spokesman Kevin Larson said.

The keynote speaker is Lieutenant Colonel Tia L. Benning Commander 63rd Expeditionary Signal Battalion. According to www.Army.Mil/ 3rd

infantry biography page she has been awarded the Bronze Star medal (1OLC), Army Meritorious Service medal (2OLC), Army Commendation medal (3OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1OLC), Army Good Conduct medal, Humanitarian Service medal, NATO medal, and the Air Assault badge.

Benning's civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in the field of Psychology from South Carolina State University and a Master's degree in the same from the University of Phoenix. The event will also look back at the contributions of women to U.S. history.

"I think it's important for women to be equally recognized whether it's in the military, business, job market or just socially. I think it's a good step for our country to recognize different social trends that are becoming more popular," Andrew, junior chemistry



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Lieutenant Colonel Tia L. Benning will be the key note speaker Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

RUSSELL UNION COMMONS, 11 AM - 1 PM

Time management, heavy workload, relationships and finances can all lead to stress while you're in college. Relax and relieve some stress by attending Worry-Free Wednesdays. At each monthly event, participate in de-stressing activities such as making stress balls, coloring pictures or even finger nail painting.

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LAUREN GORLA

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Gorla is the Editor-in-Chief of The George-Anne.

Welcome back, and to our new Eagles welcome to your new home for the next four years.

At this point (hopefully), your parents have left, you're getting your stuff settled in your new dorm and are wondering what to do now that it's your time

to shine. Well if you never read anything I write ever again, take this one piece of advice: use your time in college to learn what true independence is.

You think you were independent in high school when you got your license? Ha. Going to the movies on a Friday night and not having a curfew? Child's play. Planning a spring break trip with your friends to the always-glamorous Panama City Beach? L O L.

When I moved to Georgia Southern, my idea of independence was getting a TV in my room and getting to watch Family Guy every night at midnight (yes, I know I'm lame). I was a responsible student in high school and

thought I had what it took to make the perfect transition to a mature, independent college student that wouldn't look like a freshman.

The definition of independence changes really quickly when you are the one solely responsible for your well-being. Independence in college is having to sign a legally binding contract regarding your housing for a year. It's about making a solid plan (and back-up plan) for if you decide go out and drink. And it's learning when to put down the cookie cake from Wal-Mart and pick up some fruit instead.

There's always those times where you'll need to rely on your parents for help with grocery money, rent, or the

inevitable rant about your roommate, but all day-to-day responsibilities fall on your shoulders.

College is one of the first times when you're not relying on anyone else's schedule except your own. If you want to drive out to the edge of Statesboro at 1 a.m. on a Wednesday and poke around an old abandoned factory, you can totally do that. You're learning the boundaries of your independence and how far you can push them before something negative happens in return.

So what's the best way of avoiding those negative consequences? You have to find that answer on your own time, and your first couple weeks of college is a

great time to start figuring it out. Everyone's definition of independence will be different when you finally graduate and leave little ol' Statesboro, but the hopes are that you can take care of yourself and make better decisions than when you came in as a freshman.

You'll make mistakes along the way of figuring out what independence means to you, but by time senior year rolls around you can laugh about those mistakes with your friends. We were all freshmen once upon a time, and have all grown immensely from our first year. Good luck, we're rooting for you.

Why You Need Experience to Get Experience



CHRISTOPHER ROSSMANN

Rossmann is a senior journalism major from Woodbine, Ga.

Imagine for a moment, that you are a young person, with little experience in the working world. You have plenty of energy and motivation, and you just need a place of employment. You go out, fill out applications and hope for some call backs. Things are looking good and everyone you talk to seems to be encouraging.

Unfortunately though, your resume still has baby-sitting jobs for your mother's friends and that summer

you spent mowing lawns. As the weeks roll by, you never end up hearing much, maybe the occasional call back but nothing substantial. Even minimum wage jobs at McDonald's and Burger King pass you by for people who seem to be on par with you as candidates. When will it ever be your turn for a shot at a job?

In today's job market, to get a job over other similar candidates, you need to prove you have the additional experience to make you the best candidate for the job. But to get that experience, you need to have already had a job.

That makes enough sense on the surface; people with

more experience can come in and start without extensive training. For low-level, unskilled, minimum

market set up like that?

Some argue that a college education, or some form of technical training is all a person needs to find a job.

High school students should just focus on making it into college and stop worrying about their resumes. GPAs have to come first, right? A 2001 study conducted by Diane Whitmore, Jonathan Orszag and Peter Orszag of Sebago Associates,

found that there were no negative effects on students' enrollment rates or GPAs produced working part time on campus, however. The study found that employment on campus can actually have

a positive effect by sparking interests in new fields and helping to build the resumes of the students. Building those resumes then helped lead students into career paths they hadn't considered and helped launch their careers after graduation.

While universities try their hardest to offer employment opportunities to as many students as possible, many students still run into the same problem. Without prior experience, they are unable to land the jobs that will give them experience.

This has become a huge societal problem. By crippling the youth of our nation in the job market, we cripple the future of our country. Until we as a society find a different way to evaluate potential employees, the youth of our nation will always struggle to get started on their own in this world.



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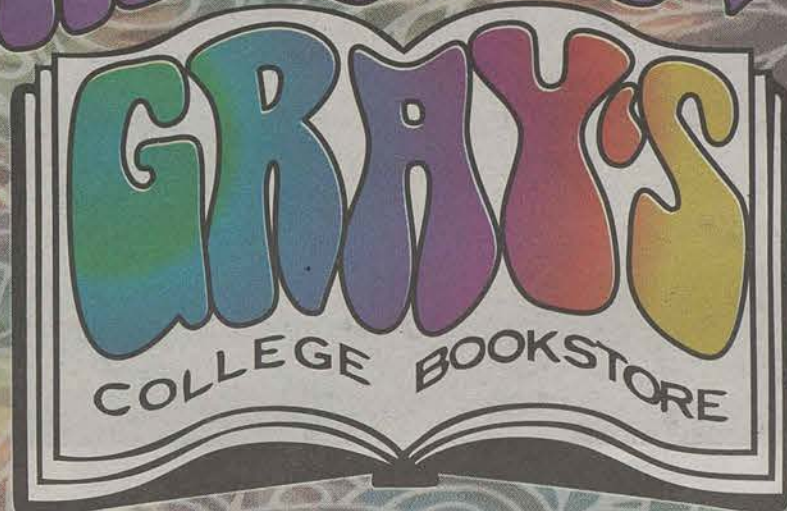
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AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY CUPS

BY RASHIDA OTUNBA

THE GEORGE ANNE STUFF

Though Three Tree owners Phillip and Anna Klayman are in charge of roasting their own beans, they get the raw beans from foreign countries and work with charity organizations to distribute coffee and other materials handmade by foreign workers.

Local Couple Seeks to Raise Awareness One Roast at a Time

KIARA GRIFFIN THE GEORGE ANNE STUFF

THE COUPLE BEHIND THE COFFEE

The line pooled out into the parking lot where eager students and families alike waited patiently for their turn to try a beverage at the newest coffee shop in the 'Boro.

If you've ever had the pleasure of getting a cup of coffee at Zach's Brews or The Daily Grind then you know the robust flavor of Three Tree Coffee. Statesboro residents Phillip and Anna Klayman have many years of coffee roasting experience under their belts, however this past weekend they have decided to delve into something new by gracing our small Southern town with the gift of a brand new, incredibly cool coffee shop.

"My wife and I moved to Statesboro about two years ago. She is from Statesboro and went to Statesboro High and GSU and we moved back here to be close to her family. When we moved to Statesboro there honestly wasn't that much good coffee so we would go to Savannah to get good coffee, so we said well what if we started roasting it for fun out of our home and selling it at the farmers market? So it started really small scale and then it started to grow and people showed interest. It's fun, it's a passion of ours and it's become a job now," Klayman said.



HARVESTING THE MISSION

While Three Tree Coffee Roasters serves its purpose as a coffee bar and study spot, the shop's mission isn't just to educate the masses on a good cup of coffee. The Klaymans have another mission they would like to accomplish through their community contribution: empowering farmers, ending human trafficking and engaging their community.

Though the Klaymans are in charge of roasting their own beans, they get the raw beans from foreign countries and work with charity organizations to distribute the coffee and materials hand made by foreign workers.

"We get the coffee beans from all around the world. Different coffee from different places will taste remarkably different. So we actually have signs to describe what they taste like and we try to roast it in a way to bring out those flavors," Klayman said.

One of the things that the owners of Three Tree Coffee prides itself on is their attention to the coffee farmers who produce the product.

"Coffee, cocoa and tea farmers are some of the most exploited commodity farmers. There are some situations where coffee farmers are getting paid so little that it is considered labor trafficking, it's considered more slave labor than wage labor," Klayman said.

**AUGUST 18TH - 21ST, 24TH
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All of the farmers who supply coffee to Three Tree are at least paid a fair trade according to Fair Trade USA. From there they seek other ways to empower the farmer, such as through their Rwandan coffee, which is harvested by an all-women's cooperative. Many of the women are illiterate and 50 percent of them are widowed.

The Klaymans also partner with an organization called Cafe Femenino that raises the standard of living and gives the women free sewing machines to make free clothes and gives them an organic fertilizer system which raises the value of their product so they can get a better price for their beans.

"[The farmers] put alot more time into it than we do so we just want to make sure theyre represented fairly," Klayman said.

ENGAGING THE BORO

Though the Klaymans have taken the first steps to engaging their community by opening their own shop, they plan to do much more.

"[Before opening the coffee shop] we

really didn't have much opportunity for [community engagement.] We were doing some things locally with Safe Haven, however this coffee shop gives us the best opportunity to see our neighbors faces and to serve them a cup of coffee and to share what we're trying to do with coffee," Klayman said.

Last year, the Klaymans held an event last fall called Free Coffee for Free People, during which they provided free coffee to patrons in order to raise money for Rahab's Rope, an organization in India that employs women who were in sex trafficking situations and employs them to make burlap sacks and jewelry and provides a market in the states to sell it.

While this may seem like a larger-than-life task, if you are a student looking to help your community and learn more about coffee, you could very well be on your way to help make a change. The Three Tree owners offer internship opportunities to students looking to learn more about roasting. No experience is required, simply a strong work ethic and a desire to learn and, of course, a hankering for a good ol' cup of Joe.


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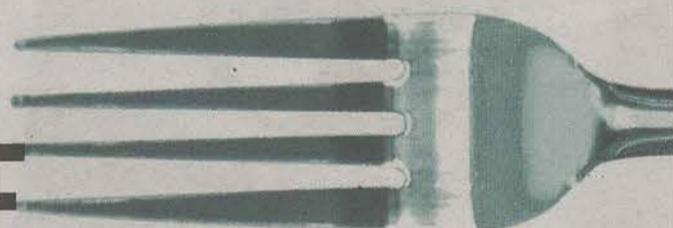
Theatre in the 'Boro

BY MATT SOWELL
The George-Anne staff

Theatre fans rejoice, small town Statesboro has a packed show season with enough plays to drop a chandelier at. For you newbies, Statesboro has three main venues. The first is the Center for Arts and Theatre, an intimate theatre space where the actors are literally feet

away from the audience. Next is the Performing Arts Center which gives a more traditional theatre experience. Finally there is the Averitt Center, which is a top-notch community theatre. Shows at all three are vastly different and totally worth going.

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Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.

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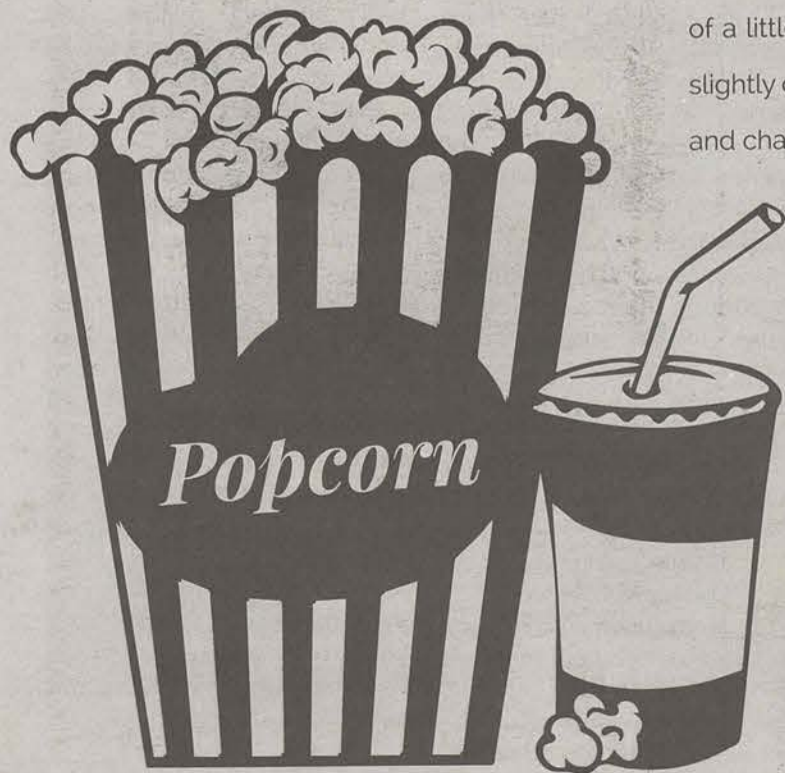
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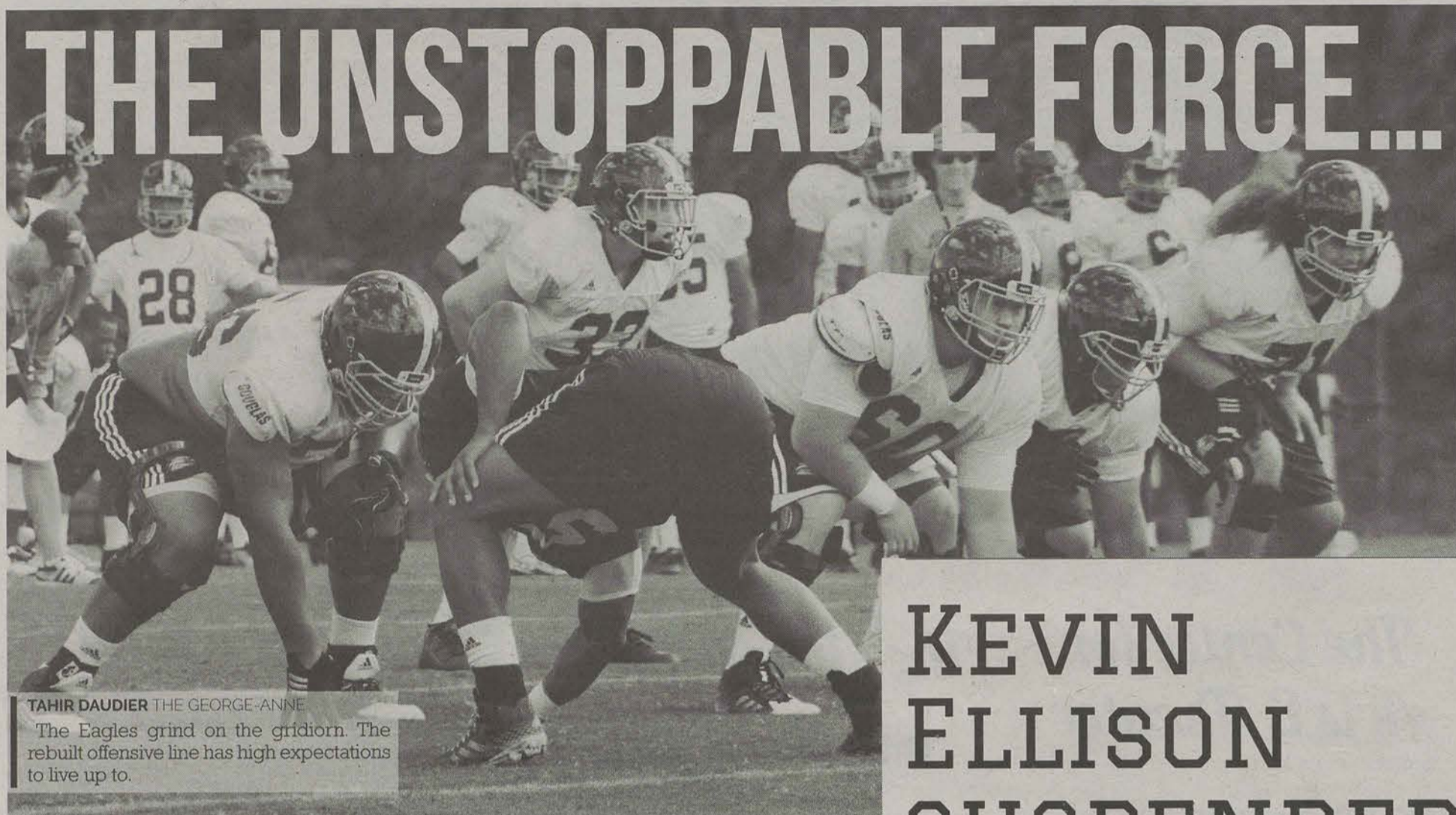
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TAHIR DAUDIER THE GEORGE-ANNE

The Eagles grind on the gridiron. The rebuilt offensive line has high expectations to live up to.

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAU
The George-Anne staff

One of the main questions around the upcoming football season is focused around the renovated offensive line. The squad made up of transfers, returning starters, and new faces is ready to answer those questions.

The new offensive line will certainly face huge expectations after the success of last season. With 7.1 yards per rush and 381 rushing yards per game, last year's offensive line was considered the most efficient run blockers in the country. While credit typically goes to the skilled running backs and quarterbacks, they maintain that their jobs and success relies heavily on their line.

There are still several practices and a scrimmage before the first game of the season against West Virginia, meaning that the starting offensive line has yet to be officially decided. That being said, certain players have established themselves as valuable resources for the offense.

Transfer players are typically expected to make big impacts quickly at their new school. It is no different in the case of senior Roscoe Byrd. Byrd was taking the field for UAB as a true freshman, and probed to be one of the best they had as he started all 12 games last season for the Blazers. Once the football team was disbanded, the players were forced to spread out across the

country to find new places to hang their helmets.

Byrd certainly stepped into a huge role for the Eagles when he announced his transfer, but the fans (along with the back field) are certainly happy to have him filling it. There will likely be a starting position waiting for Roscoe when the team sets down in West Virginia, and he has the size, experience, and athleticism to make big things happen.

Junior center Andy Kwon will likely start against West Virginia which will be the first start of his college career. The North Gwinnett native played in three games last season but there is a lot of support from the rest of the line behind him. Kwon has been described by his fellow linemen as a strong and explosive player who will make big waves this season. As a backup last season, he was able to observe the starters and learn from them. Kwon identifies a key difference from this year to last year.

"Effort, just effort. We work extremely hard every day in drills, getting together watching film, and doing the extra stuff outside of football. Watching those guys last year was huge for us because we got to see how they worked and learn from it," Kwon said.

When looking at the leaders of the line, and the team in general, look no further than senior Darien Foreman. When talking about experience on the offensive line, Foreman has no competition as he has played in 31 games in his career, and started in every game last

season. This experience in invaluable to the rest of the line, who unanimously regard him as the strongest all around offensive lineman.

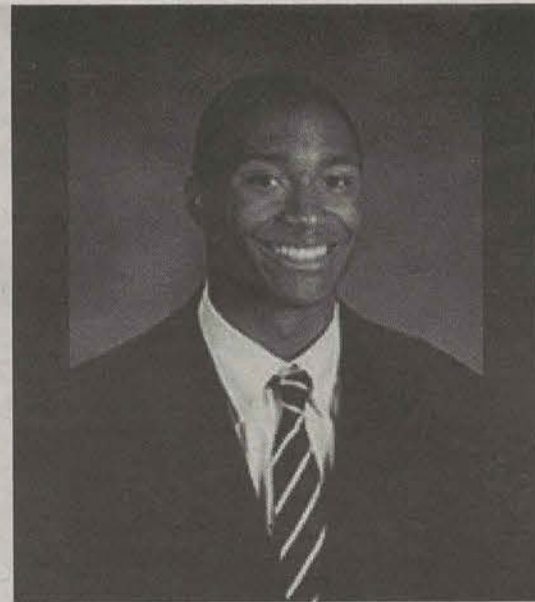
Last season, the offensive line would give goals to the running backs for their performance. After some intense calculations, Foreman came up with his goal for sophomore running back Matt Breida and it is staggering. Breida's mission from Foreman and the line is to rush for over 2,000 yards this season, and he would only be the 15th player ever to accomplish this feat. Naturally, the love and admiration of the fans would belong to Breida as the offensive line does their job unnoticed by most. While some athletes may get bitter, Foreman uses this as motivation.

"What keeps me motivated is getting to be physical. When I see Breida and those guys break (away) we don't get all the credit, but it makes us feel good to see those guys get the credit and let everyone see that he is the best running back in the country," Foreman said.

The linemen will improve over the duration of the season, as with any team but this group has plenty of pressure to produce quickly. If they can live up to the challenge, they will have a chance to make history by winning a second straight Sun Belt championship and the right to play in the school's first ever bowl game.

KEVIN ELLISON SUSPENDED

First two games of the season



BY ETHAN FLYNN
The George-Anne staff

Kevin Ellison has been declared academically ineligible for the first two games of the 2015 football season. He will miss the opener against West Virginia and the first home game against Western Michigan.

Georgia Southern Athletic Director Tom Kleinlein spoke on the suspension in a press conference last week. "Obviously, not a type of a press conference I like holding. Kevin Ellison will be suspended for the first two games of the season for failure to meet academic requirements according to NCAA policy," he said.

Kleinlein spoke with Ellison and he commented on their conversation by stating, "Ellison has done what he can to mitigate the situation.

He's extremely disappointed. But at the same time our team is going rally behind him and we're going to press forward."

Kleinlein was positive, however, and believes that this will serve as an opportunity for others to learn from this. "I think when we walk away from

this situation, our team and our younger student-athletes, will further realize and understand the importance of our academics," he said.

Last season, there was a two-quarterback system implemented by Coach Fritz. In doing so, this enabled now current starting quarterback, Favian Upshaw, to gain significant playing time. His experience as backup quarterback last season proved his ability to step up and lead the Eagles through 11 games. Upshaw was credited with completing 19 of 27 passes for a passer completion rating of 70.4% and 385 rushing yards for a highly impressive 9.6 yards per carry. Furthermore, Upshaw was credited with two passing touchdowns and two rushing touchdowns.

...AND THE IMMOVABLE OBJECT

BY ETHAN FLYNN
The George-Anne staff

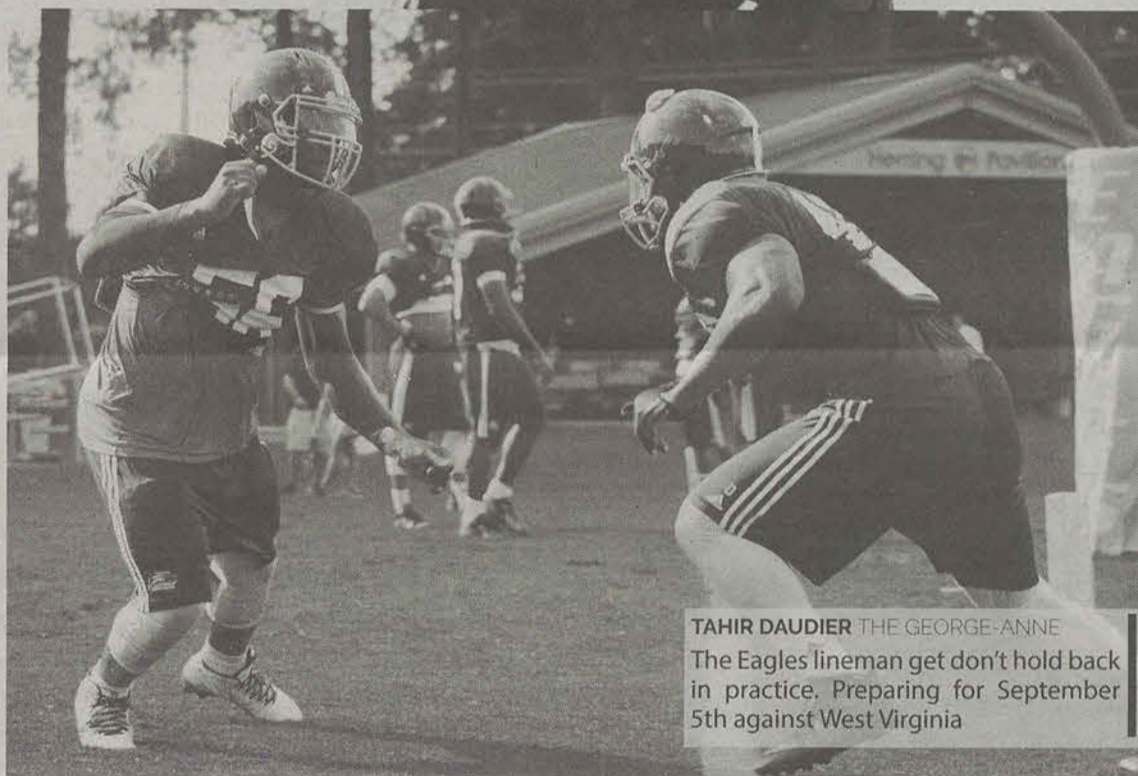
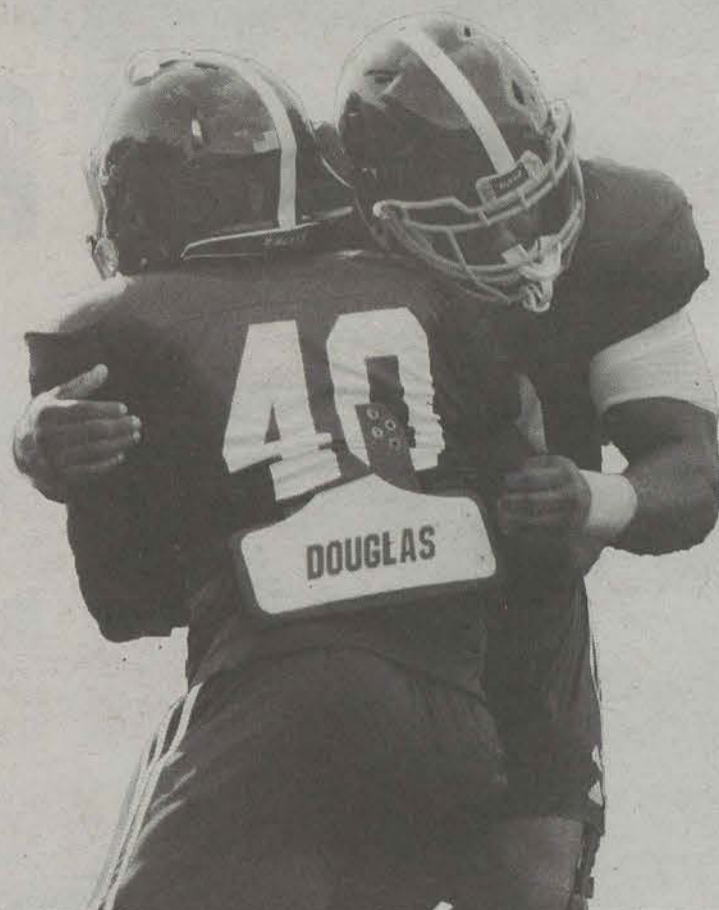
Georgia Southern is looking to compete for another Sun Belt Championship this upcoming season. The first line of defense against opposing offenses is the defensive line. The Eagles ranked 49th against the run and 59th in total defense last season. Coach Kevin Peoples will begin his second season as defensive line coach and plans to make it an improvement. This upcoming season looks to have an ample supply of talent and might be the deepest position for the Eagles.

The defensive ends will be anchored down by senior, Lennie Richardson, who will provide talent and leadership for the entire defensive line. Last season, he started in 10 out of 12 games and was credited with 19 tackles, 3.5 tackles for a loss, 1.0 sacks and 1.0 quarterback hurries. Opposite of Richardson will play junior Bernard Dawson. Last season, he started in all 12 games and was credited with 35 tackles, 3.0 sacks, 6.0 tackles for a loss and 2.0 pass breakups. Looking to provide a solid rotation is senior Ryan George. Last season, he played in 11 games and was credited with 12 tackles, 3.5 tackles for a loss and 3.5 sacks for a loss. Also looking provide a solid rotation will play sophomore, Ross Alexander. Last season, he played in six games and was credited with 3.0 tackles. Alexander's competition is junior Nardo Govan, who is making a position change from tight end to

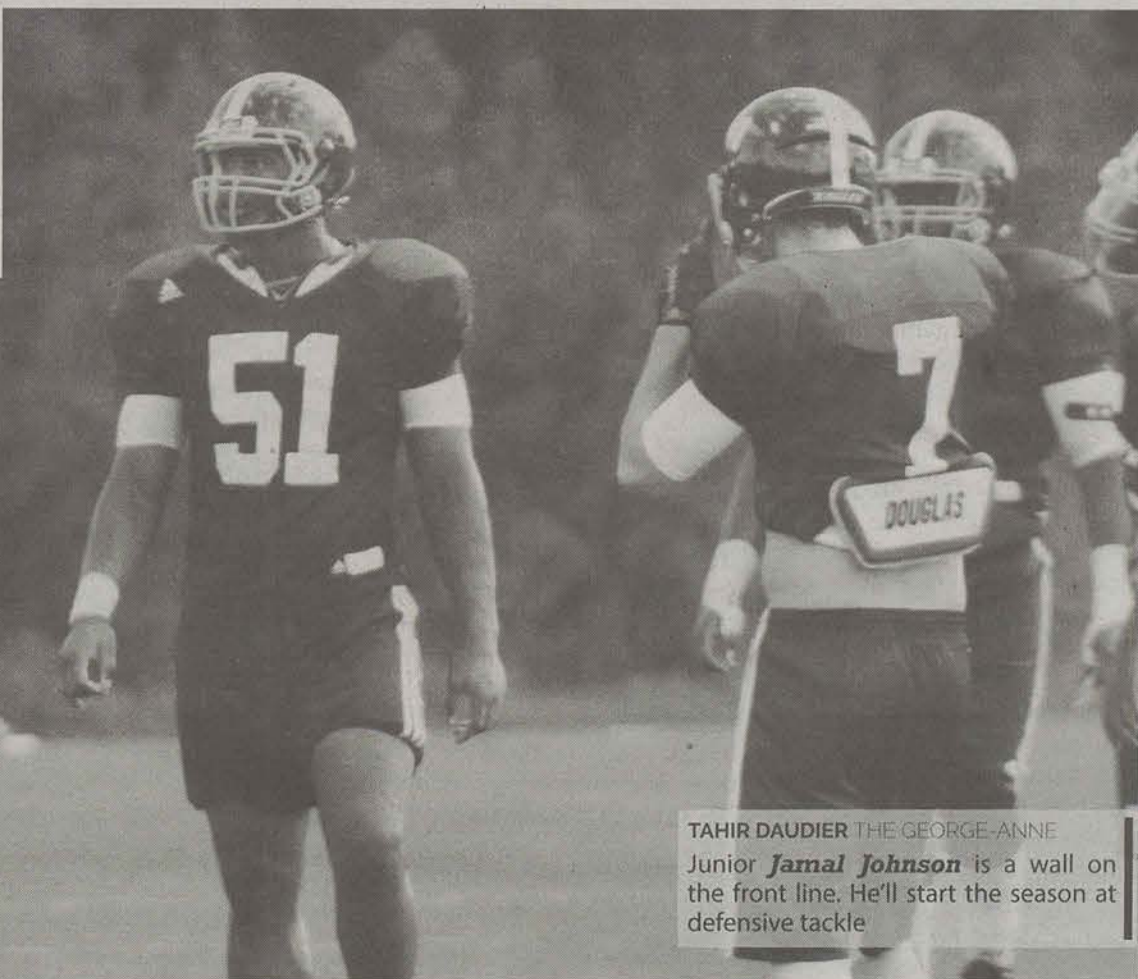
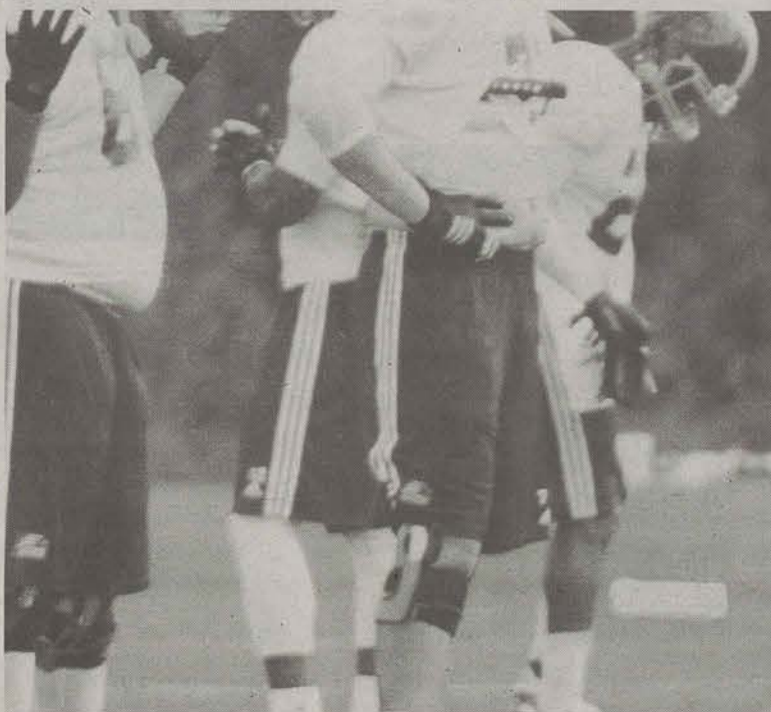
defensive end. The defensive ends are athletic and will be able to get the quarterback and shut down the run from the outside.

On the inside of the defensive line, the defensive tackle and nose tackle positions both are talented and but young. The man leading the charge at defensive tackle is junior Jamal Johnson. Last season, he played in 10 games was credited with 25 tackles, 3.5 tackles for a loss, 3.0 sacks and 1.0 blocked kicks. Also at defensive tackle will play sophomore, Darius Sapp. Last season, he played in 11 games and was credited with 10 tackles. Holding the defensive line down at nose tackle is junior standout Jay Ellison. He started all 12 games and was credited with 36 tackles, 4.0 tackles for a loss and 2.0 sacks and was named All-Sun Belt Conference Honorable Mention. Also at the defensive tackle position will play sophomore, Ian Bush. The defensive tackles and nose tackles are big at an average weight of 296.5 pounds. But their size doesn't impede their talent and will be looking to once again shut down the run on the inside and get after the quarterback.

The defensive line is looking healthy and ready to do battle on the front lines. With ample depth at every position, this will provide backups who are also capable of potentially starting. Although there are some young players, they're talented. The rotation of defensive linemen looks to be energetic, strong, fast and extremely athletic.

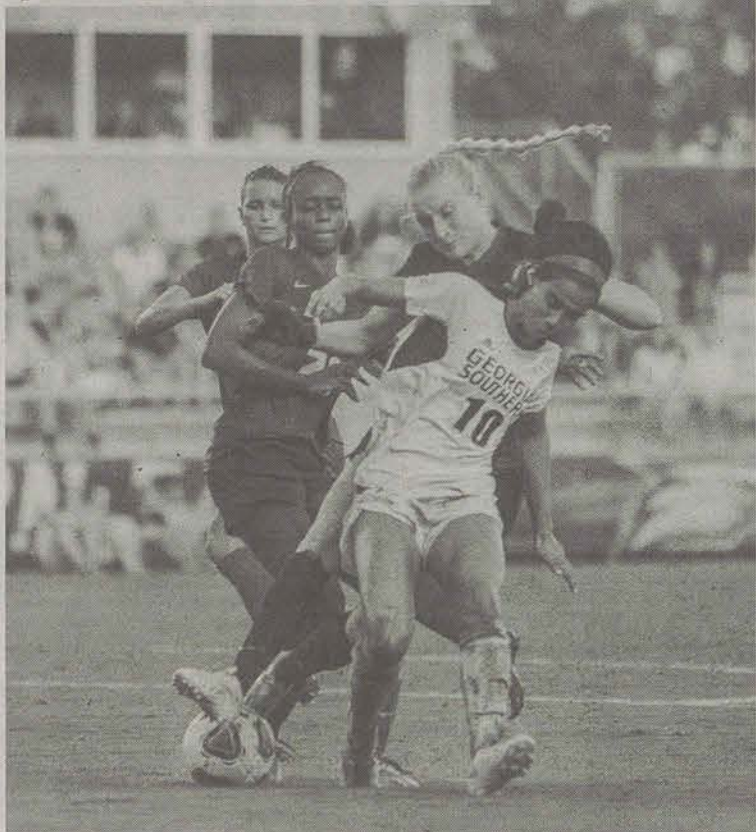


TAHIR DAUDIER THE GEORGE-ANNE
The Eagles lineman get don't hold back in practice. Preparing for September 5th against West Virginia



TAHIR DAUDIER THE GEORGE-ANNE
Junior **Jamal Johnson** is a wall on the front line. He'll start the season at defensive tackle

BRANDON WARNOCK THE GEORGE-ANNE
Senior **Nora El-Shami** fights off three
defenders. She was named Preseason
All-Sun Belt for 2015.



BY DANIEL WAUGH
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern Women's Soccer kicked off the 2015 season with a home opener against Jacksonville University on Friday and a trip to Knoxville to face Tennessee on Sunday.

Game One (2-2)

Junior Melinda Lukas scored a goal just 2 minutes into the game off an as-

sist from Sophomore Paige Hoover, giving the Eagles a 1-0 lead.

Holding onto the early lead, the Eagles continued their hard-hitting style of play throughout the first half and would strike at every chance they had. In the 22nd minute, senior Katey Lippett scored a goal with the assist from Hoover and senior Nora El-Shami, which extended their lead to 2-0.

Jacksonville got on the board with a goal from Marie Weckhurst in the 36th minute.

In the 58th minute, Lindsay Forrest scored a goal with an assist from Weckhurst to tie the game.

The game remained tied through the end of regulation and went into two 10-minute overtime periods.

The Eagles picked up the aggressiveness they had in the first half throughout both overtime periods. They ended the game with 13 total shots attempted, but were not able to score a goal in overtime.

Although they did not get the win, Eagles Head Coach Brian Dunleavy says that his team put up a great effort in Friday's game.

"The things that I am happy with are the intensity in which we played and the overall way that we possessed the ball," he said.

Game 2 (L 0-2)

The Eagles were defeated by The University of Tennessee Volunteers 2-0 on Sunday.

Tennessee scored in the 10th minute of play with a goal by Anna McClung. The Eagles had 9 shot attempts and fought hard to tie the game, but a goal by Tennessee's Amy Neal in the 89th

minute of play, with the assist by McClung and Anna Bialczak, secured the victory for the Volunteers.

The Eagles (0-1-1) play their next two games on the road against Coastal Carolina (1-1-0) on August 28 and Charlotte University (1-0-0) on August 30.



BRANDON WARNOCK THE GEORGE-ANNE
Junior **Jennifer Wittick** leads a charge
upfield. She scored four goals in 2014.

EAGLES LOOK TO REBOUND IN 2015

BY DERIK WUCHTE
The George-Anne staff

Volleyball will be back for the 2015 season after finishing 7-23 in the 2014 campaign. Due to critical injuries by some of the key players, the Eagles found themselves in a difficult season. With offseason changes and accolades, and a healthy team ready to renew itself, the GSU volleyball team has their eyes set forward to a strong and powerful season.

Ross Kessler, who was an assistant volunteer coach at the University of Kentucky, joined the coaching staff for GSU on Tuesday, July 7. He is bringing coaching experience from an elite program, adaptability to the team and a readiness to push the Eagles ahead.

Following Kessler's joining, the Eagles accomplished another feat: they were awarded the American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award in late July 2014 for having excellent GPAs. A 3.30 cumulative team GPA on a 4.0 scale

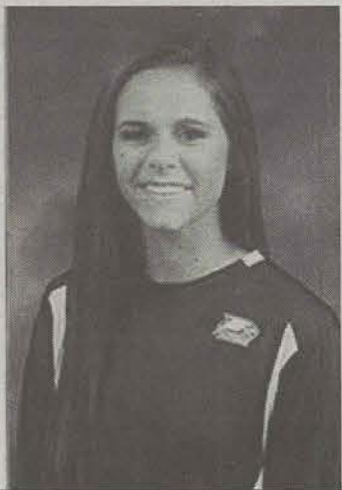
is required for achievement in this award, or a 4.10 team GPA on a 5.0 scale. Seven of the Eagles made the Sun Belt Commissioner's List for having GPAs of 3.50 or higher. Representing the team in the classroom is a motivation to the program, and it is something the Eagles have been consistent on as they have won this award for two years now.

Three of the top players on the team will be returning this season after suffering injuries last year. Junior Alex Beecher, Junior Crysten Curry and Junior Katie Bange all had early injuries that ended their seasons before they got started. With their return and leadership for this season, the team will bring a new mettle to themselves and to the conference.

Accompanying them will be returning players who left a mark last season. Senior Kat Minnerly will be back. Her 1137 assists led the team, with her having more than a 1000 more assists than her teammates. Sophomore Cathrine Murray will be

another returner. Her 296.0 points, 266 kills and 202 digs ranked top four among the team last season when she was a freshman. Sophomore Megan Chevalier will also be one to look forward to. With 258.0 points and 226 kills last season as a freshman, this season could be a big opportunity for her.

Competition begins in Boca Raton, Florida for the Florida Atlantic University Invitational. It starts on Friday, August 28 and carries through the weekend.



Sophomore Catherine Murray:
296 Points
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12 Assists
202 Digs

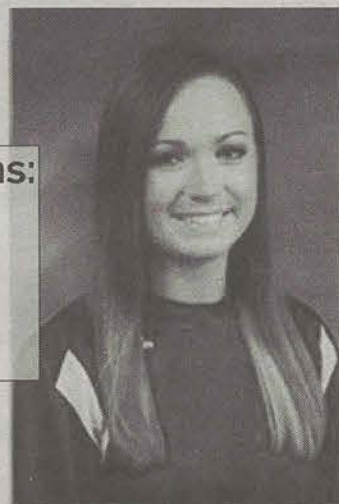


Senior Kat Minnerly:
68.5 Points
36 Kills
1137 Assists
253 Digs

Junior Avery Stevens:
24 Points
1 Kill
62 Assists
349 Digs



Sophomore Megan Chevalier:
258 Points
226 Kills
6 Assists
52 Digs



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New Era for Statesboro Soccer



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The team will begin play in 2016. **Dr. Van Tassell** is a professor in the International Studies department at Georgia Southern University.

BY MARCUS WILLIAMS
The George-Anne staff

Statesboro will be establishing a new Premier Development League soccer team in 2016. The Premier Development League, PDL, is a third tier division league in the US operated by the USL, the second tier league behind the MLS. The new PDL team will be co-owned by Dr. Darin Van Tassell, who is the owner of The Clubhouse in Statesboro and GSU alum, and Jeremy Aven, founder of Storm Soccer Academy and also GSU alum. "Statesboro is ready to be a minor league city, it's the city of Statesboro that

prompted me [to buy the team] and I think and believe having a minor league team offers a brand that shows a city has arrived and I believe Statesboro's there" is what Dr. Tassell said about the new club.

The club will fill a void for Statesboro's sports needs in the summer as they play all their games from May until August, giving fans something to cheer for in that usually quiet period. Dr. Tassell envisions this team to be an important part of the Statesboro community and has exciting expectations for the future of this club. "We know that one of the things Statesboro and the university are great at are sports, sports fans and sports successes, and the only time that doesn't go in is in the summertime so this fills that void for this city," he said.

Statesboro's new PDL club will open season play in May of 2016 and will host open tryouts in January for all willing participants. The new name for Statesboro's club team will be announced in September as the people can vote on the name via www.statesboropdl.com and the team logo and crest will be unveiled in October. The team uniforms and kits will be released in November as well as the new coach for the club.

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Dr. Van Tassell
Co-Owner of the PDL team

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STUDENT MEDIA

STEM Students

By: Dominique Dailey

The Office of Career Services is excited to welcome new Career Development Specialist for the College of Engineering and Information Technology (CEIT), Bridges Adams. Bridges has an extensive background in recruiting and is very excited about using his past to help students succeed. For 12 years Adams worked with the Department of Defense and Intelligence in their Community Cyber Efforts. While talking about his transition into his new position he expressed how excited he is to join an excellent team of professionals and student workers. "The enthusiasm and shared interest of helping students reach their goals is apparent everyday. The knowledge base and teamwork demonstrated are a huge part of my own job satisfaction, and I am grateful that I was selected to be a part of the team," Adams explains. His past is the perfect match for the work he will be doing, as he can help guide students and perfect their résumés to match what recruiters are looking for. The Office of Career Services is hosting STEM Night and a STEM Career Fair on September 2 and 3, respectively. STEM Night brings employers together for panel discussions and info sessions, designed to help students best prepare themselves to become top candidates. The STEM Fair is a career fair featuring employers in the STEM fields search-

ing for candidates to fill co-op, internship, and full-time positions. Students in CEIT and COSM won't want to miss this fair! Adams encourages students of all classifications to attend and goes on to say that it is a total missed opportunity for those who do not. He especially advises freshmen to seek internship and co-op opportunities now and for all students to utilize the Office of Career Services in preparation to set themselves apart at the fair. Walk-in hours are held every Monday through Friday from 12 - 4 p.m. For more information on the Office of Career Services, please visit the website at GeorgiaSouthern.edu/career and follow on all social media @gsucareers.



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