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NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

It's that
time of year
again.
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KIARA GRIFFIN THE GEORGE-ANNE

WEATHER BAR

Thursday



High: 78°
Low: 47°

Friday



High: 69°
Low: 39°

Saturday



High: 61°
Low: 38°

Sunday



High: 63°
Low: 44°



"DID YOU JUST CALL ME A DUCK?"

THE DUELING CUPS

By DJ Fulmer

With Starbucks's recent reveal of their new holiday cup, some Christians have come out in arms against the supposedly Anti-Jesus agenda by the coffee brand.

According to CNBC, the controversy started with the rant by Joshua Feuerstein who went to Youtube to rave about how Starbucks is against Christmas and Jesus himself. He wants his 1.8 million fan base to come together in protest by telling the Starbucks baristas their names are "Merry Christmas" so that they must say something about the holiday every time they serve a beverage.

This effectively forces Starbucks to acknowledge Christmas, in the mind of Feuerstein, and therefore the masses are beating Starbucks at their own game.

CNBC also reports that Donald Trump is also using this controversy to aid in his political campaign by trying to get people to boycott Starbucks and saying that he will soon end the leases of all Starbucks located in his buildings.

Starbucks's response to the outcries are, "In the past, we have told stories with our holiday cups designs," Jeffrey Fields, Starbucks vice president of Design & Content said, "This year we wanted to usher in the holidays with a purity of design that welcomes all of our stories."

It should also be noted that this is not a one sided issue, many people and Christians have defended Starbucks saying that it is just a cup. Some have even tweeted out pictures of Starbucks's Christmas Blend coffee claiming that

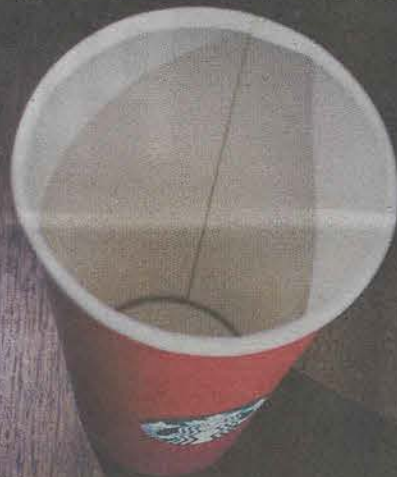
Starbucks is not against Christmas as so many have claimed.

Meanwhile, USA Today reported on how Dunkin' Donuts has quietly launched their new holiday cup design Tuesday with the simple word "Joy" with holly wrapped around the text.

The response has been mixed just like the new Starbucks cup, except there is no negative impact for Dunkin'. The Christians who were against Starbucks have tweeted out how they are now going solely to Dunkin' Donuts for the holiday season, and others have kept the same comments as before: "it is just a cup."

How do you feel Georgia Southern? Will you drive the extra couple of miles to the local Dunkin' Donuts in order to get more holiday centered cups? Or do you think this whole cry for justice from Starbucks is ridiculous?

Tweet @GeorgeAnneDaily what you guys think



KIARA GRIFFIN THE GEORGE-ANNE

GLUTEN-FREE DIET AWARENESS

By Simeon Ike



November is gluten-free diet awareness month. Gluten can be found in wheat, barley, rye, and tricale (a cross between wheat and rye). According to the Mayo Clinic, a gluten-free diet is used to treat celiac disease, which causes abdominal inflammation with gluten consumption. There are also people with non-celiac disease who have symptoms related to gluten consumption.

The options for a gluten-free diet on campus can be found at "No Whey" in the Dining Commons. Brittany Palm is the Georgia Southern University nutrition coordinator and the staff at the Dining Commons is trained based on the guidelines set by the National Foundation for Celiac Awareness for gluten-free dinners. This station provides gluten-free meal choices, ranging from allergen free waffles and pancakes, to corn casserole. Various deserts are also gluten-free.

Adjusting to a gluten-free diet can be very challenging. Foods such as beans, fresh meat, eggs, fruits, and vegetables are naturally gluten-free. When adhering to a gluten-free diet, be cautious of cross-contamination. For those of you adhering to a gluten-free diet, be aware of labels such as "gluten-free" and "wheat-free." Be aware that wheat free may still contain gluten.

If you or any one you know is attempting to adhere to the gluten-free diet here on campus, use this month to tighten your awareness on gluten. Contact Nutrition Coordinator Brittany Palm to discuss specific dietary needs concerning gluten.

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SOUTHERN DOWNS

DUNKIN DONUTS

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What is the best doughnut in Statesboro?

The Circle and Reflector Magazine gathered doughnuts from all around Statesboro and graded them based on flavor, presentation, texture and 'craveability.'

Dunkin' Donuts, Daylight Donuts, Russell Union GUS Mart and Walmart Neighborhood Market were each tested based on their plain, glazed doughnut.

After tasting each of the four different doughnuts, a consensus was made on the best one.

Check out the thecirclegsu.com to find out which one it is!

REBAY SET GROW

BY RACHEL KELSO
The George-Anne staff

It's that time of year again—the time of year where people trade their razors for neck beards and leg stubble in the name of No-Shave November.

Most people look at the movement as a time of rebellion, one that separates the

tough-looking men from the boys and the fearless women from the girls. Razors are not accepted or used for the entire 30-day duration of the month. It's typical to see your fellow male peers parading their facial hair around town and female peers fighting the urge to wear their favorite shorts due to the overgrown hair all over their

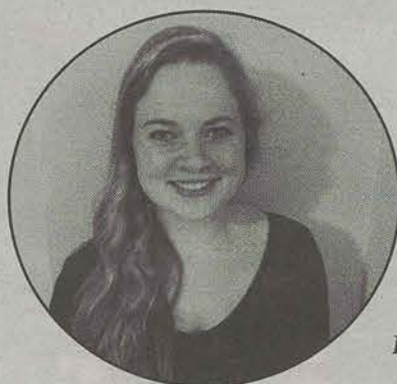
legs. While the appearance and vanity of it all is partially what No-Shave November is all about, there is a much greater purpose behind the hair.

No-Shave November has been an annual tradition for several years, but the foundation was started in 2009 to spread cancer awareness and raise money. According to the movement's

website, www.no-shave.org, "the goal of No-Shave November is to grow awareness by embracing our hair, which many cancer patients lose, and letting it grow wild and free."

The foundation works alongside several cancer organizations, such as the American Cancer Society, St. Jude's Children's Research

Hospital, and the Prevent Cancer Foundation, to spread awareness and raise money for cancer research and treatments. 80 percent of all proceeds that the No-Shave November foundation raises from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31 will go to charities involved with the movement. To learn more, visit www.no-shave.org.



ASHLEY SHIVER
JUNIOR

Have you ever participated in No-Shave November before?

No.

Will you be participating in No-Shave November this year?

No, I don't think I could go a whole month without shaving.

Do you know the background of the movement?

No, I don't.

Is there anything you specifically learn or think about in regards to the No-Shave November?

It teaches you a lot about the people who do and don't participate in it.

Do you believe this movement is more gross or empowering and informative?

Have you ever participated in No-Shave November before?

I have.

Will you be participating in No-Shave November this year?

I will be.

How does participating make you feel?

It makes me feel that I have an opinion on how my facial hair can affect my appearance and how people see my facial hair.

Do you know the background of the movement?

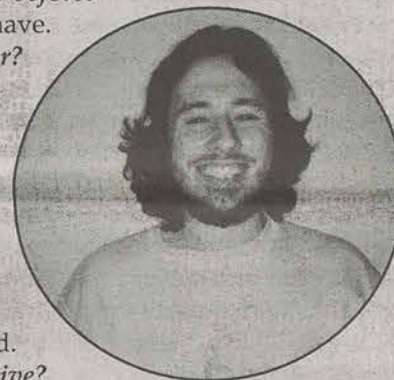
I do not. I'm assuming it's because guys want to grow out their facial hair and therefore No-Shave November gives them a reason to.

Is there anything you specifically learn or think about in regards to the No-Shave November?

If you participate, and that's the only time you grow out a beard, you probably shouldn't be growing a beard.

Do you believe this movement is more gross or empowering and informative?

For myself, considering that I actually grow a full beard pretty regularly, I consider it to be empowering, but I can understand why people would think it's gross. Considering I went to a catholic school for 10 to 12 years and I was not able to grow a beard, being able to grow a beard now in college feels empowering and makes me feel more like a man.



JOHN ROBERTSON
SOPHOMORE

Have you ever participated in No-Shave November before?

No, I have not.

Will you be participating in No-Shave November this year?

Yes, this year will be my first.

How does participating make you feel?

Cool, I guess.

Do you know the background of the movement?

No, I have no clue about it.

Is there anything you specifically learn or think about in regards to the No-Shave November?

Not really, just a beard.

Do you believe this movement is more gross or empowering and informative?

Empowering. The people who can participate, it creates a group for them so that they can do whatever it's for, I don't really know what it's for.



CAMERON HALL
JUNIOR

Have you ever participated in No-Shave November before?

Yes, I have. I only did it for three weeks. It was starting to itch.

Will you be participating in No-Shave November this year?

I will not, it's too much work.

How does participating make you feel?

It made me feel like a dirty hippie, no offense. I felt so gross and unladylike.

Do you know the background of the movement?

I honestly have no idea. I thought it was just for fun.

Is there anything you specifically learn or think about in regards to the No-Shave November?

I guess if I really put some thought into it, there are people who are homeless and have very little than what we men and women have, who cannot afford to even shave. So if that's the case, I definitely think people should keep that in mind.

Do you believe this movement is more gross or empowering and informative?

I don't see anything empowering about it. I just think it's for fun! And yes, it can get gross.



BIANCA FIGUEROA
JUNIOR

MYSTERIES CREATION

Medieval performance with a modern twist at the Black Box Theatre

BY CHERYL NUZUM AND KAT SHUMAN

The George-Anne contributor and The George-Anne staff

Starting Wednesday, Nov. 11 Georgia Southern Theatre & Performance program will be doing a special production of some classic stories with a modern twist.

During medieval times, plays were once a teaching tool used by the church to educate illiterate people on representative Biblical stories, such as Creation or the Nativity. Over time, these plays left the church and became part of community entertainment, performed by craft guilds among medieval towns. "The Mysteries: Creation" is a modernized version of these productions, set to a song and dance beat, but still holds true to original integrity of the plays.

"One of the things about the original plays is that they're like the perfect community theatre because different unions would put them on, or the guilds. So the shipwrights would do the Noah story, the butchers would do Abraham and Isaac. They kind of competed with each other to see who could put on the best production, but they were all everyday people," said Lisa L. Abbott, director of the show.

The play itself centers on of group of blue-collar workers performing these plays during present day. Similar to the originals, "The Mysteries: Creation" will also be composed of multiple stories, exploring the tales of Creation, Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah and the ark, Abraham and Isaac, and the Nativity.

Although the present day twist on the play might be enough to intrigue some audiences, that's not all the show has to offer. The show is meant to be an interactive experience, with actors incorporating members of the audience into the show and inviting them onstage at various times throughout.

"I'm really excited to break that fourth wall because we pretty much just shatter it to pieces," said sophomore theatre major Kathryn Burrell, who plays Mary in the production.

The show is also set to music, with a live rock band on stage to perform many songs audience members might already know by artists like Led Zeppelin and Guns N' Roses, as well as rock versions of classic Christmas carols.

"It really makes the entire thing. One thing people all wish, even if they don't know it, is that their life had theme music," senior multimedia journalism major Akil Jackson, who plays God in the production, said.

The music will provide a new element to the production, working closely with the actors on stage to ensure consistency.

"Not only is it really cool and entertaining for the audience, because it gets to tell the story in a whole new way, for us onstage, it's also another tool that we don't usually get to use," Burrell said.

"The Mysteries: Creation" is a special show for the Theatre & Performance

program. It's unlike most other performances that have been put on so far at Georgia Southern. The program tries to keep a variety going when selecting productions, not only to keep the actors and designers on their toes, but also the university audience. The goal is to choose productions that range in periods and genres to ensure the university is exposed to multiple different kinds of theater.

"There's stuff about the play that's so delightfully fun and so unexpected. I think we're so used to going in, sitting and being a passive audience and you're not allowed to be in this one," Abbott said.

"The Mysteries: Creation" runs from Wednesday, November 11 to Wednesday, November 18, beginning at 7:30 p.m. each night at the Black Box Theatre. Although there will be no show Monday, November 16, an evening performance will be added at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, November 15. A matinee performance will also be showing that same Sunday at 2 p.m.

House will open at 7 p.m. and audiences are encouraged to arrive by 7:15 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$6 for students and youth and \$12 for faculty and community. Tickets can be purchased at the box office Monday-Friday between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., beginning at 6 p.m. on performance days, or through reservation request at (912) 478-5379.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SPENCER COLLINS
Actors show a new perspective of classical literature bringing it into the new age.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SPENCER COLLINS
"The Mysteries: Creation" is a medieval performance with a modern twist that incorporates the audience throughout the entire play. The show is also set to music and features a live rock band on stage.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MEG ELWOOD

DRUNK HISTORY: THE SLIGHTLY ABRIDGED HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING



PHOTO COURTESY OF BIGTHINK.COM

Native Americans, unaware that these people are about to mess up their whole lives, share a meal with Puritans, haters of all things fun.



BY MATT SOWELL
WITH HELP FROM CABERNET

The George-Anne staff
Matt is a senior multimedia
journalism major from Waycross.

Gather 'round my children and ye shall hear of the story of how we got Thanksgiving, a time when Native Americans and pilgrims shared their goods with each other in an act of love and acceptance that would be recreated in tense suburban houses for the rest of forever.

Our story begins in 1492: Christopher Columbus and his band of sailors set foot in what they believed to be India. "This isn't India," said literally everyone, but Columbus didn't really care. He was greeted by a group of Native Americans who welcomed him and his gang. Columbus repaid them by cutting off their hands, raping them and giving them diseases.

That's not how they teach it in elementary schools but such is life. Columbus then said, "I like this, this is mine" and took their land. This is a tradition performed by white people for generations to come that I like to call "Columbusing."

Fast forward a few short years to 1620, a group of Puritans attempting to escape the liberal hellscape known as London landed on Plymouth Rock. Puritans weren't exactly the nice little salt and pepper shakers from the Publix commercials, they were kind of jerks. I mean these are the guys behind the Salem witch trials. They didn't celebrate Christmas because the Bible didn't explicitly say to, they had no chill. So one day they were going to have this feast: there's actually not a lot of recorded history as to the specific details but we know they had it. They sent out their men to kill some birds and they started the celebration.

Now, there wasn't necessarily Turkey, it was just bird. It could've been pigeon for all we know. So they

get back and they were like "There are native people out there" and the wives were like "that sounds fake but okay." So they fired their guns to scare the natives away and intimidate them. Like I said, they were jerks.

The natives are chillin' and heard the bangs. They had never heard a gun before so they were like, "Let's go see what that is." So the Pilgrims are cooking their pigeon and the Native Americans show up and are like, "Oh cool! Food!" so they just kinda stay. The Pilgrims, being all Jesus-y, didn't steer them away. The husbands were like, "Okay but they weren't invited" and the wives were all, "Well honey we weren't invited to their land SO." This is like if you were cooking dinner and your roommate came out and was like, "Oh cool can I fill my plate now?" But the Native Americans were actually great, they brought things like deer meat to share. The Pilgrims columbused their foods and eventually contributed to the horrible things that happened to the Native Americans. They gave us corn, we gave them syphilis.

So that was the last anyone would hear about Thanksgiving for a long time. Okay so fast forward to the Lincoln presidency. Though there was a day sort of like Thanksgiving, it wasn't called Thanksgiving. At that time, the only national holidays were George Washington's birthday and the fourth of July. There was this woman named Sarah Josepha Hale. She was a rockstar, like a bad-ass. She was the editor of this magazine called the 'Lady's Book' and she was like the Oprah or Martha Stewart of the day. She's one of the first people who published Edgar Allan Poe, she made the bobble head a thing, and she wrote 'Mary Had a Little Lamb.' So she was like, "Guys, we need a national holiday dedicated to togetherness" and everyone was like, "Yeah, sure, okay."

She lobbied for this for years and finally Abe Lincoln noticed her and was like, "Yeah, this bad-ass woman is absolutely right" and thus Thanksgiving was a thing. So instead of focusing on racist Puritans we should focus on how nice the Native Americans were and how bad-ass Sarah Josepha Hale was. The End.

Source: History Channel documentary while drunk, also this is satire take it with a grain of salt.

11/12 WEEKLY BUZZ -11/17

Keeping you in the know about Student
Affairs and Enrollment Management
events, designed with you in mind.

NOVEMBER 12TH

UPB Presents: Unplugged Fall Carnival Edition

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Location: Williams Center Multipurpose Room

The University Programming Board has changed the look of Thursday nights in the Barol! Our monthly UNplugged series offers a relaxed, coffeehouse/lounge type environment for students to indulge in tasty treats and beverages while enjoying a variety of entertainment acts, provided by Georgia Southern's most talented. Faculty/staff/students, do you have a special talent that you'd like to share with the campus? Click here to register to participate! This event is free and open to the public. Students, please bring your Eagle IDs. If you need assistance, related to access for this event, please email: upb@georgiasouthern.edu at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

Contact Information: UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

NOVEMBER 14TH

Student Organizations Needed for Saturday, November 4th Open House!

Time: 9:00 - 11:30 am

Location: Russell Union

As you know recruitment of prospective students is a university wide effort, and Open House provides Georgia Southern the chance to showcase our many exciting academic and extracurricular activities! The opportunities for campus involvement in one of our many student organizations is definitely an aspect we wish to present to our visiting students and families. Interested organizations need to contact Katy Beth Lockwood in the Office of Admissions at klockwood@georgiasouthern.edu by Thursday, November 12th. Space is limited so please respond as soon as possible.

Contact Information: klockwood@georgiasouthern.edu

NOVEMBER 17TH

"Love the Group You Lead"

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Russell Union 2047

Description: How can you maximize the potential of your members? Why are some members more engaged than others? Maybe you are speaking different languages. This session will explore strategies to engage members in the ways they prefer to be motivated.

Contact Information: randi-bastian@georgiasouthern.edu

UPB Presents: Sips n' Strokes

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: Williams Center Multipurpose Room

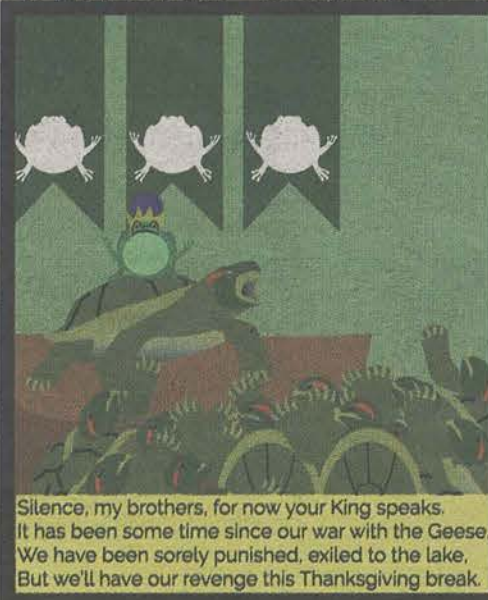
Join the University Programming Board and try your hand as an artist. UPB will be offering a chance to paint your very own Georgia Southern art piece. The artwork for this event will be facilitated by Creauna Willis. The first 150 students will be able to participate. Students, please bring your Eagle IDs. If you need assistance, related to access for this event, please email UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

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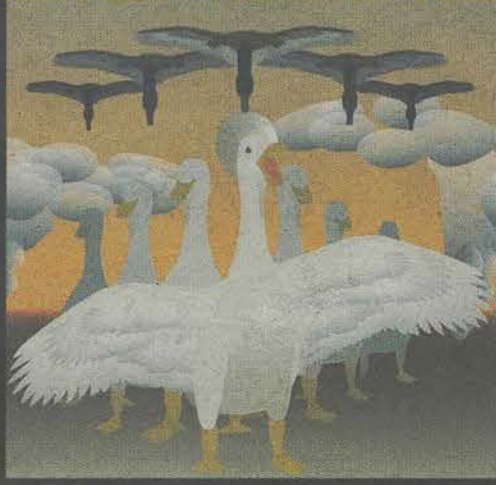
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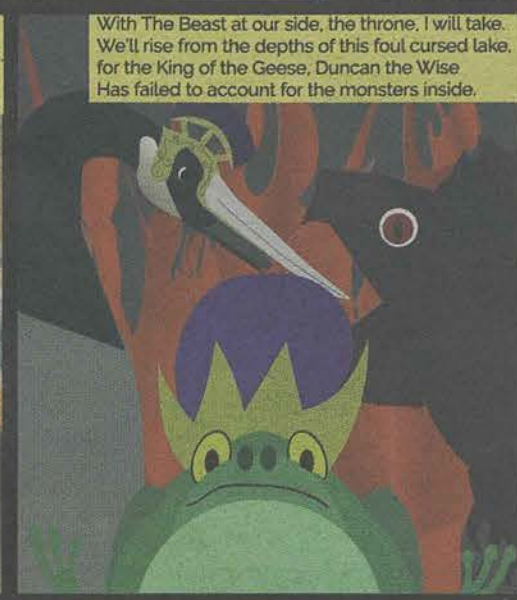
WEATHER GOOSE BY WILL PEEBLES



The Ducks and the Geese both pillaged our lands. General Afroduck quacked out the brutal commands. But here in the lake lives a monster so large. With its help we could lead a formidable charge.



With The Beast at our side, the throne, I will take. We'll rise from the depths of this foul cursed lake, for the King of the Geese, Duncan the Wise. Has failed to account for the monsters inside.



Letter to the Editor:

More Books, Not Bullets

WILL ADAMS

Will is a Georgia Southern alumni from Atlanta, Ga.

I spent four years at Georgia Southern proudly watching new academic facilities break ground and take shape, transforming the campus, its students and faculty for a better future. A greater interest in more meaningful educational opportunities

has increased academic standards, making a degree from Georgia Southern one of the most enviable in the state

Until recently. I was extremely dismayed to read about the university celebrating the opening of its largely taxpayer funded, \$5.8 million Shooting Sports and Education Center. Random rampages of gun violence continue to tear apart

communities, destroy families and wreak havoc on a nation struggling to comprehend how such horrific acts are possible. Yet the university has chosen to pander to southern culture's stereotypical and troubling obsession with guns. Never mind that since 1968, more Americans have died from guns than died in all U.S. wars going back to the American Revolution.

While intellectual leaders at Harvard, Stanford and MIT challenge themselves to equip students with the knowledge necessary to solve the world's big problems, Georgia Southern's 'braintrust' celebrates a shooting range on campus. I'd be hard pressed to think of something more tasteless, crass and insensitive.

If it's truly an "education center," I challenge the university to donate all of the proceeds to charities that help victims and families affected by gun violence in the state of Georgia.

BURDENED BY RESPONSIBILITY

WILLIAM DIERS

William is a junior management major from Dublin, Ga.

Any individual who has a considerable degree of authority, resources, talent, skill, and connections has a proportional degree of responsibility. Power: authority, resources, talent, skill, and connections, can be either genetically acquired or developed through diligence and hard work. One man may be born into a wealthy family and have many opportunities to train and educate himself in the trade of his liking. This same individual may also inherit the prosperity of his family and augment his power level all the more so. Another man, born into not so fortunate a situation with less opportunities, may also develop himself through training and education in the trade of his liking. However, the latter's road to personal development, may be much

harder than the former's for obvious reasons.

The manner that an individual goes about acquiring power is irrelevant. Once the power is present, the responsibility is required. The responsibility of any individual in a position of power and influence is to use his authority, resources, talent, skill, and connections to not only benefit himself, but, also, to benefit his fellow man. To reach out and open doors for those who are in less powerful positions. To use what he has to create better lives for people. Develop, by any means possible, a better society for those around him. Yes, he must better himself, he has earned it, but he must also better his neighbor.

As Americans, each and every one of us has a very considerable degree of power and responsibility. This citizenry power is derived from our right to vote for the leaders of our towns, cities, states, and the country as a whole. The right to vote and

elect our nation's leaders is essentially freedom of speech manifested in its purest form. Every American plays a decisive role in the body of politic; in the decisions of government. With this power of election comes the responsibility to vote, not for party affiliation, but for the general well being of America.

In order for any individual to vote solely for the betterment of his nation, he absolutely cannot vote for a candidate because he is a democrat or a republican. The particular party is only a name and means absolutely nothing. No matter what letter is placed beside a candidate's name on a voting ballot, the letter is in no way, shape, or form a reflection of their competence, ideology, area of expertise, past achievements, and passion for America.

With our Presidential election only a year away, we will all have to decide who to give our trust; who to give our approval; who to give our vote. As you make

this very important decision, I personally challenge you to form your conclusion based strictly on logical candidate analysis. Investigate and listen to each and every potential President of the United States of America. View and review their policies, mental competence, intuition, financial savvy, ability to manage an organization, and passion for America. Passion is paramount because it can push an individual to find a solution even when the problem does not fall into his area of expertise. What he lacks he will make up for with stone cold, unwavering focus and punch through the wall of resistance. I ask you, no, I beg of you, to assess each and every candidate logically and without bias of any form and cast your vote for the one that you believe will make America as great as she possibly can be.

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TRUE BLUE

#TBT THURSDAY

BRANDON WARNOCK THE GEORGE WASHINGTON

KIARA GRIFFIN THE GEORGE-ANNE

The Eagles regular season will begin this Sunday when they host Lipscomb in Hanner Fieldhouse. Tipoff is at 2 p.m.



KIARA GRIFFIN THE GEORGE-ANNE

Sierra Kirkland looks for an open teammate. She started in nine games last season.

GREAT START FOR EAGLES IN EXHIBITION

THE EAGLES DEFEATED COASTAL GEORGIA 76-51 IN THEIR EXHIBITION GAME. THEY PLAY AGAIN THIS SUNDAY IN HANNER

BY MARQUS WILLIAMS
The George-Anne staff

The Eagles defeated the Coastal Georgia Mariners last night 76-51 at in their exhibition game. Patrice Butler led the Eagles with 20 points and seven rebounds to pace the team to a win that will hopefully carry over into the regular season.

"Being a role player and doing what coach tells me to do," Butler said. "I got into a little foul trouble but my teammates just kept me positive and told me to keep going. Team chemistry is a real big thing and they really helped me out today."

The Eagles started off the game a little slow and couldn't convert a lot of their looks into points, but near the closing minutes of the first half they got hot from the field and never looked back. They outscored the Mariners 42-23 in the second half. "We kept our composure, we didn't panic, we stayed with our stuff, we got the looks and we started making baskets," head coach Kip Drown said.

With all the talk on how they did defensively, the Eagles did a great job in the second half especially playing solid defense throughout holding the Mariners to a 36

percent field goal percentage in the game with a 31 percent percentage in the second half. "Overall I was pleased with our defense and the intensity they played with because they had a couple of kids who could really score," Drown said.

The Eagles also had a new set of rules they play by this season than last season. The women's game now consists of four 10 minute quarters instead of two 20 minute halves. There is also only one media timeout per quarter and fouls reset after each quarter. After the fourth team foul, the other team automatically shoots two free throws instead of one and one. Also, if a player fouls out the time allotted for changes is now 15 seconds and if not done in that time frame the coach will be given a bench technical foul. Lastly bands and amplified music can be played in all dead ball situations for better fan experience.

The Eagles are confident they can keep this momentum alive as they head into their next matchup this Sunday against Lipscomb, which will kick off regular season action. The game will be in Hanner Fieldhouse and will tipoff at 2 p.m.

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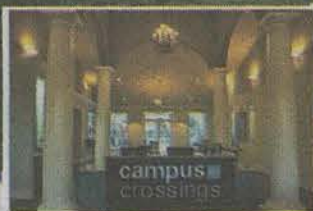
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The Eagles are ranked third in the Sun Belt. They have three conference matchups left on the schedule.

Sun Belt Conference Standings

ARKANSAS STATE
5-0

APPALACHIAN STATE
4-1

GEORGIA SOUTHERN
4-1

LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE
3-1

SOUTH ALABAMA
2-2

TROY
2-3

NEW MEXICO STATE
2-3

IDAHO
2-4

TEXAS STATE
1-3

GEORGIA STATE
1-3

LOUISIANA-MONROE
0-5

EAGLES PREPARE FOR LANDING IN TROY

The Eagles will travel to Troy, AL to take on the 3-6 Trojans. Kickoff is at 3:30 p.m.

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAU
The George-Anne staff

Back from their bye week, the Eagles will travel to Alabama to take on the Troy Trojans this Saturday. Georgia Southern is currently ranked third in the Sun Belt while the Trojans are ranked sixth.

Former Troy head coach Larry Blakeney stepped down last November after 24 seasons and gave the helm to his 35 year old assistant coach Neal Brown, the second youngest coach in the FBS. His first full season hasn't gotten off to a fabulous start but he is on track to record more wins than last season.

It would be easy for fans to dismiss the 3-6 Trojans as an easy win for the Eagles, but it will likely be anything but. Troy may have only three wins, but in their two wins over New Mexico State and ULM they were able to put up over 50 points. Two of their losses came from two ranked teams in Wisconsin and Mississippi State. They also fared much better against Appalachian State than the Eagles did, taking them to overtime but losing in a 44-41 affair. The Eagles will have to come to play as Troy will be at

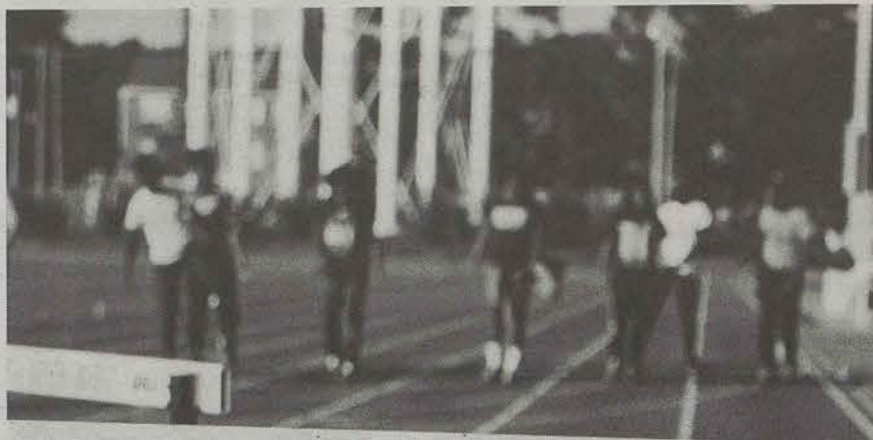
home and coming off of a win over ULM.

Statistically, the Trojans have been able to hold their own in the conference on both sides of the ball. Offensively they rank as the fourth best passing attack with sophomore Brandon Silvers leading the charge. The Trojan defense has been the best in the Sun Belt at pass rushing as they have 22 sacks all season. They allow an average of 384 yards per game and while their defense is built better for defending against the pass, their size and speed will present roadblocks for the Eagle offense.

The defensive line contains two of the best pass rushing defensive ends in the conference. Senior Tyler Roberts and redshirt junior Rashad Dillard have combined for 9.5 sacks this season and were top prospects from the football factories of Byrnes High School and Hoover High School. Roberts has totaled 39 tackles this season, 9.5 tackles for loss and forced one fumble. His counterpart registered 23 tackles, seven take downs behind the line and a forced fumble. This one-two punch will be assisted by their playmakers at linebacker.

Junior linebacker William Lloyd leads the team in tackles with 59 and is a menace for opposing offenses. The 6'0" 214lb linebacker has deceptive speed which allowed him to pull down 2.5 sacks and eight tackles behind the line. Next to him is the 6'2" 229 load of a linebacker in Terris Lewis. He lacks the speed of Lloyd but does a good job of launching himself into the holes of the offense and clogging up the run game. He ranks third on the team in tackles (47) and leads the team in forced fumbles (2).

All in all, the Eagles should win this game, and need to win the game in order to keep their hopes of winning the Sun Belt alive. Along with winning out the schedule, Arkansas State must suffer two losses along with App State losing one more. It may seem like a quirky situation, but stranger things have happened in the world of college football. Troy is a team that has nothing to lose and will pull out all the stops to take down the defending conference champs. As long as the Eagles can jump ahead early and kill their spirits, they should tick off their fifth conference win.



GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

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The Eagles are headed to the Regional Championships for the first time in their history. They will compete this Friday,

Cross country heads to Tuscaloosa for NCAA Regionals

The Eagles earned their first invite to the NCAA Regionals for the first time in program history. They finished sixth in the Sun Belt Championships.

BY DERIK WUCHTE
The George-Anne staff

Southern's cross country team will be taking part in the NCAA Regionals this weekend after receiving an invitation based on their performance at the Sun Belt Championship. The team placed sixth out of 11 teams, earning the privilege to compete at regionals in Tuscaloosa, AL.

"It signifies a change in the direction of the program—a change in the culture and how the program is being viewed," said Holmes. "For us to be going to regionals, and for the ladies to be running as well as they've been running, it shows that we're not quite where we want to be, but we're definitely heading in the right direction."

Last year's team finished 10th at the Sun Belt Championship. Their improvement this year has been a positive sign as the team recorded one of their top conference finishes in program history last weekend.

"We were predicted to take 10th in the conference. We ended up taking sixth and we were five points away from taking fifth," said

Holmes.

"Looking at these girls and looking at the way they push each other, the way they gel together, the way they've committed themselves to the training, on-and-off the track, I think it's really a testament."

The team is very young and composed of some international athletes. They have approached this year with a different mindset and their hard work has shown off.

"I can't speak to how it was in the past, or what other teams have done, but I know this team has skin in their game," said Holmes.

With the NCAA Regionals days away, the team is looking forward to seeing something new and competing against some of the best teams around.

"The biggest thing that we're looking for out of this meet is experience," said Holmes. "We're going to go and see. We're going to be on the same line as some of the bigger schools in the state—some of the best cross country programs in the nation."

"I'm looking for some fast times. It is our first 6k. For a lot of ladies, it's their first 6k they've ever run. It's seeing where we want to be and where we want

to go for the next couple of years."

Staying in that mindset of competing strongly and finishing well has elevated the team's performance. They have been aware of themselves throughout the season and have constantly seen the type of team they want to be. Regionals will be an eye-opening experience for them and it will give the Eagles a lot of hope for the future.

"The 'building' mindset has been what we've worked on since we set foot on campus," said Holmes. "You don't build a house in a day. What we're really here to do is not just build a program, not just build a winning team, but to build a dynasty—build a legacy."

"This isn't necessarily a Cinderella story where we come in and win everything. Track and field, cross country, running is about steady progression. It's only a matter of time before we become the best."

Southern will compete in the NCAA Regionals in Tuscaloosa, AL on Friday, Nov. 13 at 9 a.m.

MEN'S SOCCER TITLE HOPES ALIVE

The Men's Soccer team is gearing up for the Sun Belt Tournament. They'll face off against Georgia State this Friday.

BY MARQUS WILLIAMS
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern Eagles are set to face the Georgia State Panthers this Friday in the semi-finals of the Sun Belt tournament. This is an end of the regular season rematch that the Eagles lost 5-3. The Eagles were up 2-0 in the first 30 minutes of the first half before freshman Tristen Trevino scored his third goal in the 37th minute to catalyze the Panthers into scoring three straight goals, giving them the lead. The Eagles responded in the 73rd minute with Adam Abdellaoui's goal, but they could not last out in the end. The loss placed the Eagles as the third seed in the Sun Belt Tournament with Georgia State as the two seed, Hartwick as the one seed, and Appalachian State and NJIT playing for the fourth seed on Thursday.

The Eagles still remain confident they can achieve their goals on winning the conference and journey to the NCAA tournament, but it will be a tough road to get there. They beat both App State and NJIT, but have lost to Hartwick and Georgia State by a combined score of 8-3. In these matchups, they have to be able control the game and set the tone early if they want to get to the next step of becoming champions for the first time in school history.

SEASON ENDS FOR WOMEN'S TEAM

The Eagles finished with a record of 6-11-2 on the season. They fell to Troy in the first round of the tournament.

BY DANIEL WAUGH
The George-Anne staff

South Alabama wins third straight tournament, Eagles fall in first round. The 2015 Sun Belt Women's Soccer Championship was held last week, with South Alabama.

In the opening round game between Georgia Southern and Troy, the Eagles

took only five shots, with three being shots on goal, while the Trojans took nine shots overall with six being shots on goal. Troy won by a final score of 3-0, ending the Eagles season. Georgia Southern finished the season 6-11-2 (3-5-1 Sun Belt). Nora El-Shami was nominated to First Team All-Sun Belt Conference, for the second time in her career. She scored 9 goals and dished out 12 assists in her senior season. Jennifer Wittick finished the season with a team-high 11 goals.

South Alabama went on to defeat Georgia State 4-0 in the championship game, scoring three of their goals in the second half of play. This is South Alabama's third straight Sun Belt Conference Championship, and the second time they finished the season as regular season champs and conference champs in the same season.

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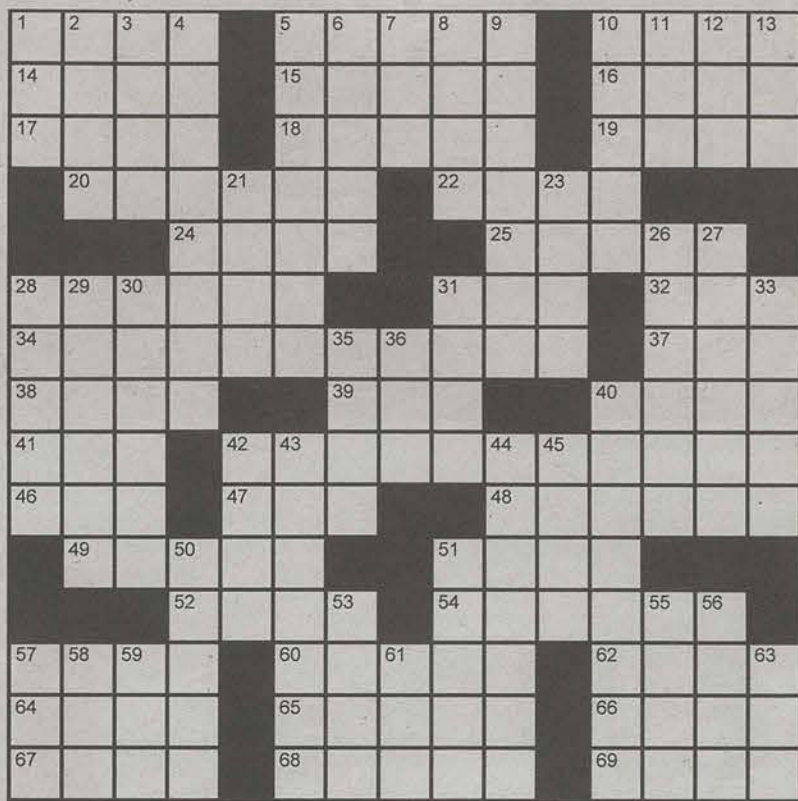
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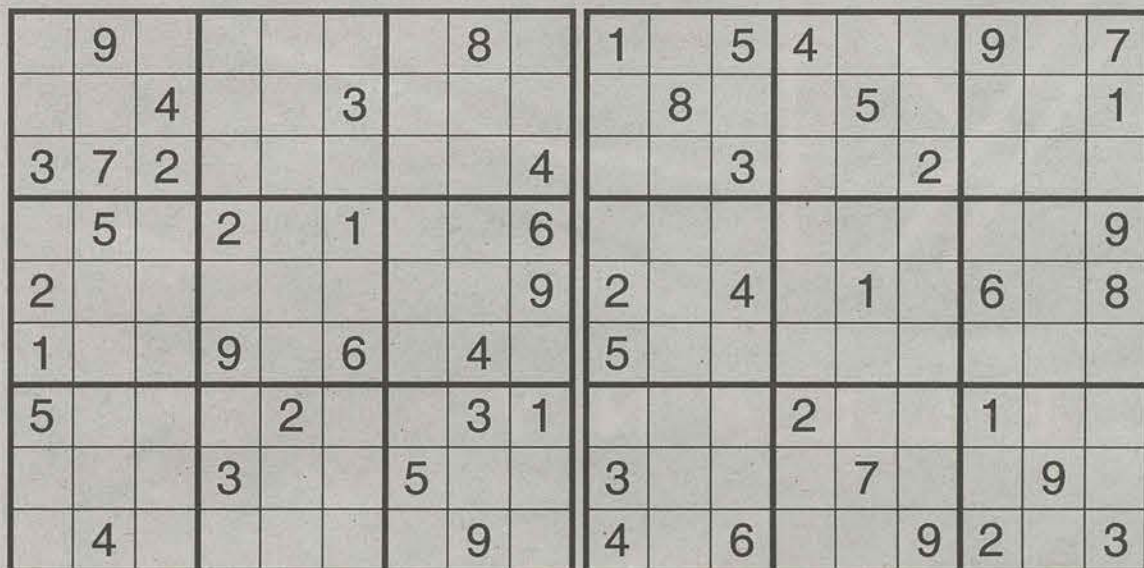


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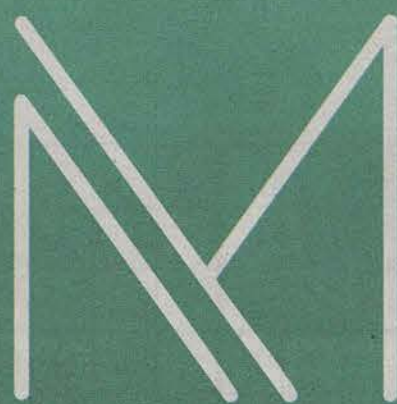
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