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THE GEORGE-ANNE

The Eagles will host the Panthers for the first time in the season final regular game of 2015.

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COCA-COLA FUNDED OBESITY GROUP DISBANDS

by Johnny Lu

Coca Cola: the sweet, carbonated soft drink that's found its way into the hands of millions over the last two centuries.

One of the most common drinks seen carried and consumed by students, Coke products find its way into the hands of Georgia Southern students just as often as Starbucks from the Union does.

With a beverage this tasty and popular, people rarely consider the backstage politics of products that are meant to be enjoyed.

A nonprofit anti-obesity research group that was funded by Coca-Cola is set to be dismantled following disagreements between the two parties.

The Global Energy Balance Network (GEBN) was questioned about whether members of their organization had communicated inappropriately with the Coca-Cola company. Combating obesity with increased diet and exercise, GEBN promoted the argument of weight-conscious individuals being more fixated on how much they consume as to paying enough attention to how much they exercise.

One particular proposal circulated at Coke. The

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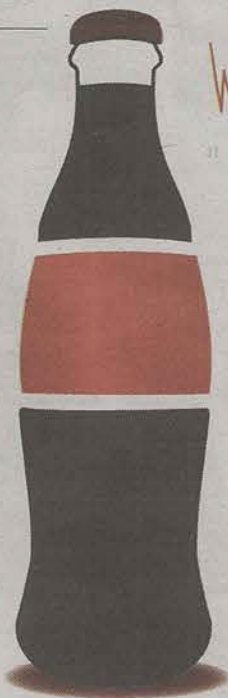


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WEATHER BAR

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proposal painted a vision for a group that would establish itself as the place for the media to go to for comment on any obesity-related issue. The proposal also said that the group would run a political-style campaign to counter the "shrill rhetoric" of "public health extremists."

With disregards to the recent flood of negative publicity, the group claimed in a statement posted on its website that GEBN was shutting down due to a lack of resources.

More specific information about any comments that were exchanged remain unknown.

HOW TO SURVIVE A MONTH BACK HOME

by Caitlyn Oliver

FRIENDS

You probably have friends that will be back home that live near you. Go out and have fun and catch up. Movies, walk around a park, be a tourist in your town (or the next city over).

EXERCISE

Doesn't sound fun straight off, but it'll be good for you, get you out of the house, and burn the leftover calories from Thanksgiving (and make you feel less bad about the upcoming holiday food).

HOBBIES

Have something you like doing for fun? Paint, read, take pictures, write. These you can do anywhere, either in the comfort of your own room or outside.

GET A LITTLE LOST

If you get really bored, go on an adventure. As in, pick a road and just drive. Sometimes you find things in your town you'd never see normally because it's off the beaten path.



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RATE MY PROFESSOR

The professors at Georgia Southern University sat down with The Circle once again and read their ratings on Rate My Professor. Some ratings are positive, and others are not so positive.

Dr. Lisa Costello, Dr. Joe Pellegrino and Dr. Theresa Welford all sat down and read what students had to say about them. Check out the video to see what they thought!

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12/2: CONCERT Percussion Ensemble The Georgia Southern University Percussion Ensemble will perform; 7:30 p.m.; Carol A. Carter Recital Hall; 912.478.5396

12/2: EXHIBIT Who Says Art is Flat A showing of interactive installations and drawings by students; 7 p.m.; rooms 2040-2051 Visual Arts Building; 912.478.5358

12/3-5: THEATRE The Vidalia® Onion Oral History Performance "Reflections on the 'Sweet Life': The Vidalia® Onion Oral History & Performance Project" is a collection of a broad range of stories that represent the cultural diversity of the persons whose lives have been affected by the growth of the Vidalia® onion industry in southeast Georgia. Admission is free. 7:30 p.m.; Black Box Theatre; 912.478.5379

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12/4: LECTURE Psychology Department Colloquia - Greg Brock Greg Brock, Georgia Southern University (Economics), will present a lecture on "Why the Most Famous Living Economist is a Professor of Psychology and How It Impacts My Teaching"; 1:25 p.m.; Room 2268 Carroll Building; 912.478.5539

12/4: CONCERT Guitar Ensemble Recital The Guitar Ensemble will perform a recital; 7:30 p.m.; Carol A. Carter Recital Hall; 912.478.5396

12/6: CONCERT The Characters of Christmas Choral The Georgia Southern University Department of Music will host the Characters of Christmas Choral Concert; 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.; First Methodist Church; 912.478.5396

12/13: CONCERT Symphonic Wind Ensemble The Georgia Southern University Symphonic Wind Ensemble will perform; 6:30 p.m.; First Baptist Church; 912.478.5396

GSU PROFESSOR INVITED TO RIO OLYMPIC GAMES

BY JOZSEF PAPP
The George-Anne staff

This upcoming summer, the eyes of the world will be on Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for the 2016 Olympic Games and Georgia Southern will be well represented at the event. Grigory Dmitriyev, a professor of curriculum, foundations, and reading, will be a volunteer at the Olympic Games.

Dmitriyev, a 66-year-old man, will be a translator at both the Olympic Games and the Paralympic games in Brazil. He can speak a total of eight languages, but he is only being required to speak English, German, French, and Spanish.

"I will translate for both officials, sportsmen, the media, and all kinds of people that would need my general translation in eight languages," said Dmitriyev.

The application process took a year to complete since he had to take a total of seven test in order to be able to volunteer as a translator. However, according to Dmitriyev the application process was not difficult.

"It took more than a year because I had to take seven tests," said Dmitriyev. "I was asked to take tests in four languages. I passed the four languages. The fifth language, which was Russian, I was not required to take it."

Although Dmitriyev already has his position set, there are still a couple of steps left before the games begin that he is required to do in order to be able to volunteer.

"I will go through several sessions of training on where I need to go, what office, what people to talk to, how to find

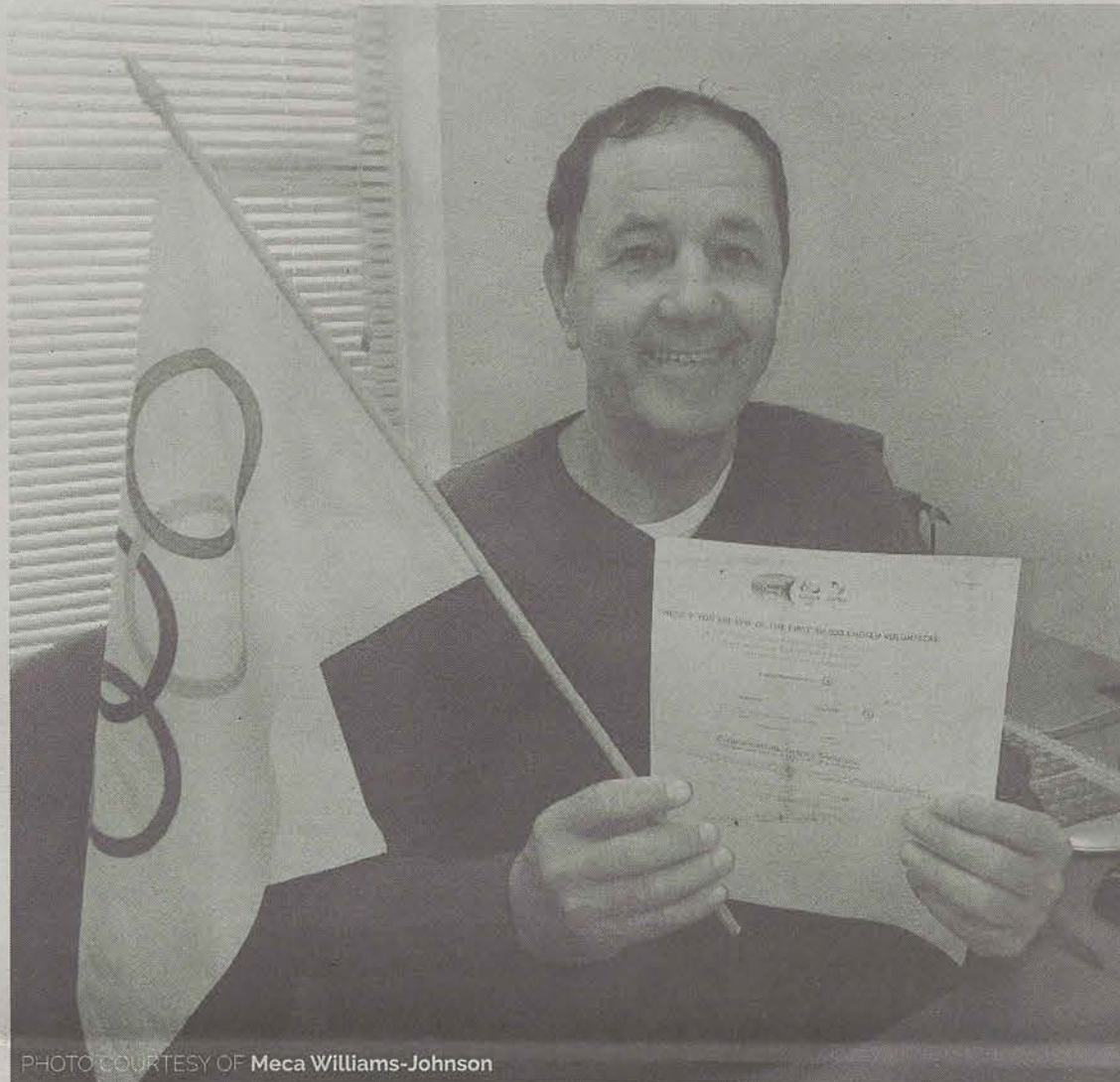


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them, and what would my time schedule be. All the details will be sent to me," said Dmitriyev. "I will go through accreditation in July. They will send me accreditation papers, so on the first of August, I will be there."

The Olympics doesn't pay for air fare, tickets to different events, or any other accommodations required for the trip, so Dmitriyev will have to pay everything out of his own pocket. He doesn't mind doing so, but already has some ideas on how to cut down cost. In addition, he will be traveling alone to the games and hopes to meet new

friends from different parts of the world.

Dmitriyev is excited to volunteer at the games and hopes to have time to attend different events, such as tennis, gymnastics, and volleyball, which are his favorite sports.

"I'm excited about both games because they are important for both categories of people that are eligible for Olympic Games and those who are eligible for Paralympics Games," said Dmitriyev. "When I volunteered before, for example, for the World Championships in Heavy lifting, I barely had time to attend a lot of events, because

I helped with translation for other people."

This won't be the first time Dmitriyev will attend the Olympic Games, but it will be his first as a volunteer. He has also been a volunteer at various international competitions.

"I was a guest of the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow, then in 1996, I attended the Olympic Games in Atlanta. I volunteer for various international championships, like the Junior World Championship in Savannah that took place in 1999 and this year in Houston during the World Heavyweight

Lifting Championship," said Dmitriyev. "I volunteer many times in my life for various organizations and various reasons. Volunteering is not something new for me."

Dmitriyev's decision to volunteer for his first time at the Olympic Games came as a result of the fact that he will be retiring at the end of the next spring semester.

"I think that, since I'm going to retire, I would like to prepare for the life after retirement and decided that going to Rio for the Olympic Games and help people in understanding different cultures and ethnicities would not be a bad idea," said Dmitriyev.

A professor for 25 years here at Georgia Southern, Dmitriyev has left a mark at the university, especially in the international curriculum, and he doesn't regret any of it. He was the founder of the Center for the Study of International Schooling at the College of Education and the director of the center for eight years.

"I have worked at Georgia Southern for 25 years and there was not a single moment where I regret it because I like the students, I have very good relations with them," said Dmitriyev. "I believe I contributed a lot on the internationalization of the curriculum at Georgia Southern University."

During his time at Georgia Southern, Dmitriyev was able to build good relationships with his colleagues and thanks them, especially Olga Amarie, Lucy Green, Horst Kurz, and Alma Stevenson, for helping him refresh his knowledge of French, German, Spanish, and Portuguese to be able to volunteer at the Olympic Games.

UPB TO HOST FALL 2015 FINALS FEAST

BY TANDRA SMITH
The George-Anne staff

In the midst of finals week, students often forget to take the time to sleep, breathe, or even eat. This is one of the reasons why the University Programming Board is hosting the Fall Finals Feast. This event gives stressed out students the opportunity to de-stress and relax.

"The Fall Finals Feast is an opportunity for students to

come out and have a break from finals," said Aaliyah Royer, the Special Events Committee Chair for the University Programming Board. "This event is important to show students that we do offer things for them and we are taking them into consideration."

Various members of the GSU administration volunteer during the event to serve the students. Royer says that it adds to the large scale, small feel of the university.

"Having our Administrators and Deans and Directors come out and serve students really shows how close-knit of campus and community we are," said Royer.

The event will be held in the Dining Commons this year, instead of in the Russell Union, like in past years.

"Since we are [having the event] in the Landrum Dining Commons, it'll be a bigger food selection. We've had to narrow [the food selections] down in the past but because

we're teaming up with dining, we are able to host a more variety of food," she said.

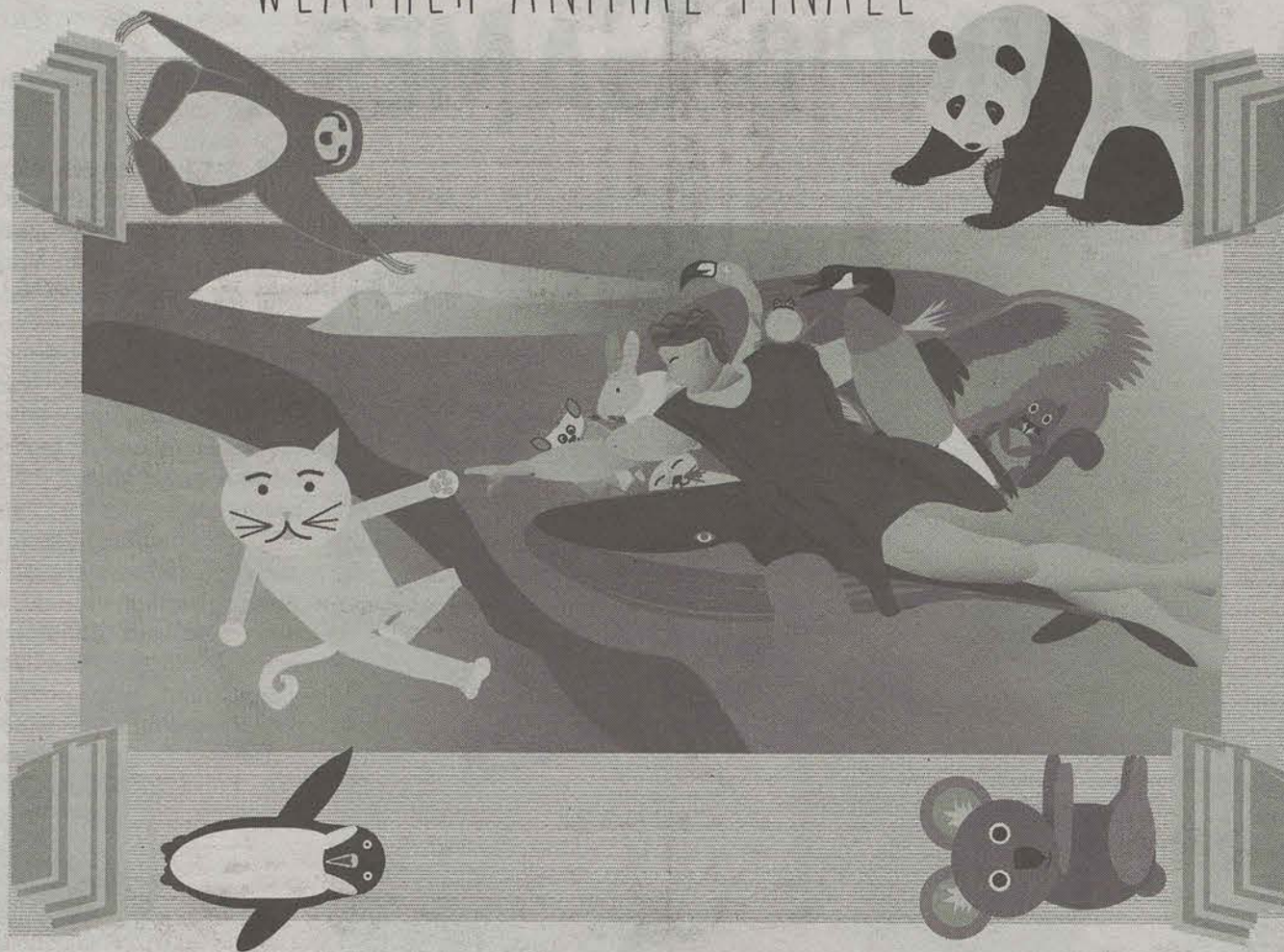
The event is about more than just food, however. There will be a multitude of activities and games for students to enjoy as well. One activity in particular, the Oxygen Bar, is usually a huge hit with many of the attendees.

"You wear [an oxygen] mask and [you] choose from many different flavors that are meant to relax you," she said. "We've had it many times in

the past."

Typically around 1,000 students show up to the event each year and it is very popular since there is free food and fun activities. The event will be held in the Dining Commons from Monday, December 7th at 11:59pm until Tuesday, December 8th at 2am. The Fall Finals Feast is open to GSU students only and you must bring your Eagle ID.

WEATHER ANIMAL FINALE BY WILL PEEBLES



The Other Face of Terrorism



CHRIS ROSSMANN

Rossmann is a senior journalism major from Jacksonville, FL

The word terrorist is defined as a person or group that employs violence, terror and intimidation to achieve a result, usually with some type of political gain associated with the action.

We are all familiar with the word. It is plastered all over the media, with images of Middle Easterners and Muslims popping up immediately when searching the word.

But this instant association is a problem. As Americans, we have

trouble distinguishing between average people and extremist groups. We tend to associate anything Middle Eastern with terrorism. What we somehow can't seem to understand is the fact that few Muslims are actually terrorists, and not all terrorists are even Middle Eastern, let alone Muslim.

Take the recent Planned Parenthood shooter, Robert Lewis Dear. This man attacked a Planned Parenthood clinic with the intent to kill both patients and caregivers, and expressed anti-abortion and anti-governmental views as the primary motivation for his attack.

To me, that sounds a whole lot like someone who used violence, terror and intimidation to achieve a result, with a potential political gain. To me, that sounds like textbook terrorism.

However, to the major media outlets, the CNNs and FOXs of the world, Mr. Dear is simply deranged.

This case is a perfect example of what American media outlets tend to do.

Shootings and bombings committed by people seen as foreigners are all classified as the latest terroristic threats to America. Attacks by white Americans are portrayed as the random, and rare outbursts of the insane. They spawn gun control conversations, rather than anti-terror movements.

These one-sided, Middle Eastern focused, accusations reinforce the fear and animosity Americans have developed for people from the Middle East. But when a white American commits a crime that is literally the definition of terrorism, he is all but justified by the media.

Mr. Dear has had his motivations put on full display by the media, and has had many media members attempt to explain his side of the story. This type of coverage that attempts to be unbiased and tries to tell both sides simply doesn't happen with your average terrorist.

CNN recently described the way the Planned Parenthood shooting was covered as being cautious.

I call it cowardly. The man committed a crime that fits the definition of terrorism and his actions need to be described as such. Allowing the term terrorist to continue to only refer to Middle Easterners is lazy and racist, and frankly, pushes America back socially to the days of segregation and discrimination.

No person deserves to be judged by their appearance. We, as a society, need to push to be as open and accepting of people of all walks of life. This ignorant idea that terrorists can only be Middle Eastern Muslims creates divisions and hatred among our global society, and it is an idea that needs to be stopped.

Anyone who commits an act of terrorism must be considered a terrorist, regardless of their ancestry. We must strive to end the segmented way the world is presented in the media, and push to reinforce the idea that anyone can be good or bad, and that their actions alone must determine how they are seen as a person.

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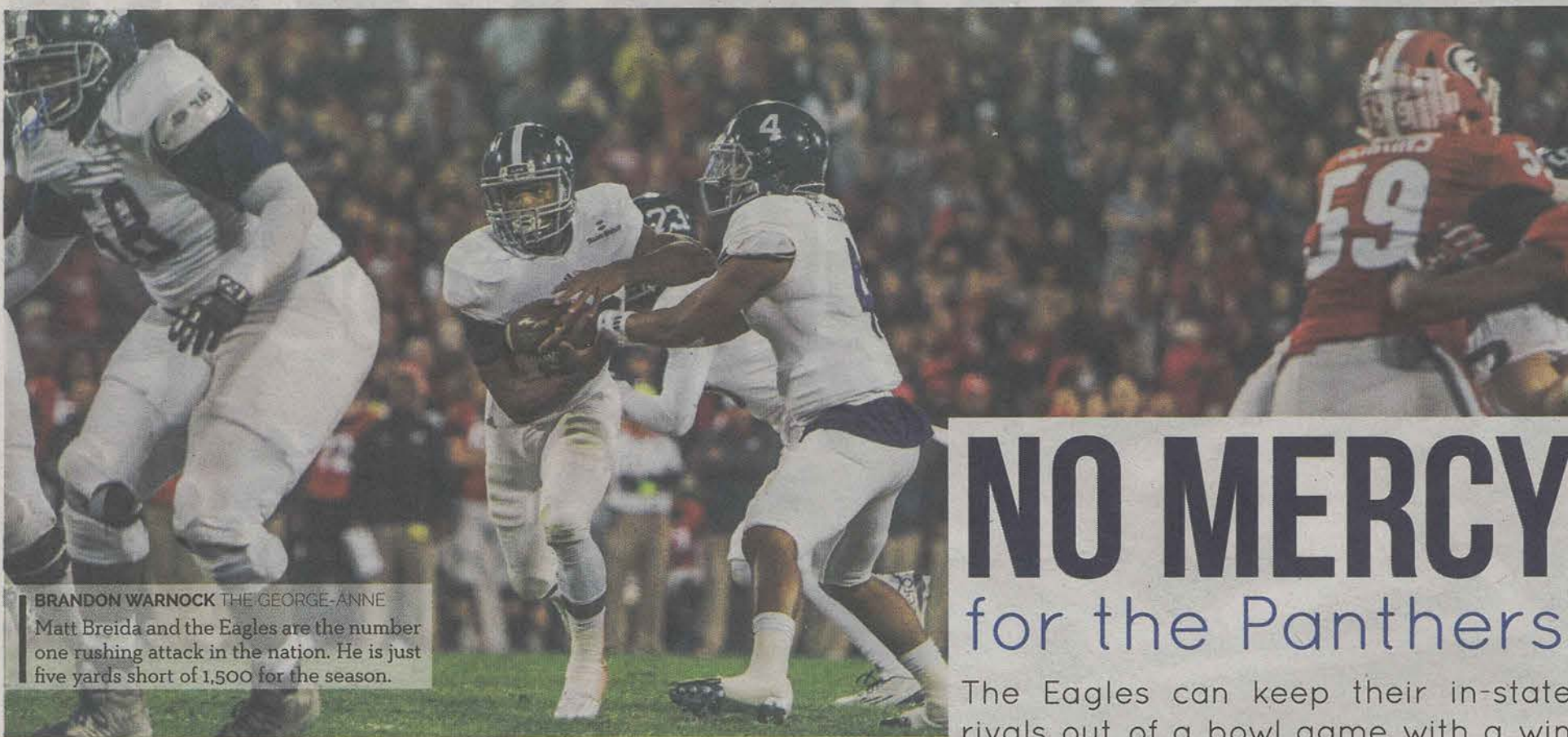
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TRUE BLUE THURSDAY



BRANDON WARNOCK



BRANDON WARNOCK THE GEORGE-ANNE
Matt Breida and the Eagles are the number one rushing attack in the nation. He is just five yards short of 1,500 for the season.

NO MERCY for the Panthers

The Eagles can keep their in-state rivals out of a bowl game with a win this Saturday. Kickoff is at 2pm.

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX
The George-Anne staff

With only one more game remaining before the Eagles head off to their first bowl appearance, the team standing in their way has nothing to lose and everything to gain. Georgia Southern will face off against Georgia State this Saturday, with the Panthers fighting for bowl eligibility.

The Eagles were able to extinguish South Alabama's bowl hopes last weekend at Paulson, but they will need to repeat that effort against their determined in-state rival. The Panthers are currently experiencing their most successful season since joining the FBS three years ago. They've earned the same amount of wins in this season as the past four seasons combined. Last year, the Eagles were able to put them down handedly 69-31, but the Panthers did move the ball through the air. This is a game the Eagles should win, but a loss would be crippling to the morale of the program and the fans, especially after the near win to UGA and the beat down of South Alabama.

Passing is the name of the game for the Panthers and they do it better than most in the conference. Georgia State quarterback Nick Arbuckle is currently the second best QB in the conference in regards to passer rating. He's also first in yardage with more than 900 yards passing more than the second place contender. Arbuckle averages nine yards per attempt to his elite stable of receivers. Of these receivers, Penny Hart and Robert Davis both lead the Sun Belt in receiving yards with 966 and

932, respectively. Luckily, the Eagles have Antonio Glover, who leads the conference and has tied the school record with six interceptions. Also, their lack of a running attack will make the game a bit easier for the Eagle's defensive coaches to lock down.

As good as the passing attack is for the Panthers, they are certainly lacking in the defensive department. Georgia State allows an average of 434.9 total yards and 30.4 points per game, but the motivation of playing for a bowl game could swing momentum in their favor. The two spearheads of their defense, Joseph Peterson and Tarris Batiste, will need to have the game of their lives to slow down the Eagle offensive machine. Peterson leads the team in tackles with 97 and has picked up six tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. His counterpart has 87 tackles of his own with 4.5 tackles for loss and two interceptions on the year.

There are a few big storylines heading into the last game of the season. It will be the last chance for Eagle running back Matt Breida to break the 1,500 yard mark. The junior phenomenon has already beat his rushing total from last season and is currently only five yards away from hitting the 1,500 yard mark. Additionally, assistant coach Dell McGee is up for the Broyles award, which is awarded to the best assistant coach in the FBS. The Eagles are capable of pulling off a ten win season, and as long as they handle their business this week, they will easily pick up another tick in the win column. The last chance to see the Eagles in Paulson Stadium this season will begin at 2pm.

COMPARING THE GSU'S

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LEADING PASSER KEVIN ELLISON	LEADING PASSER NICK ARBUCKLE
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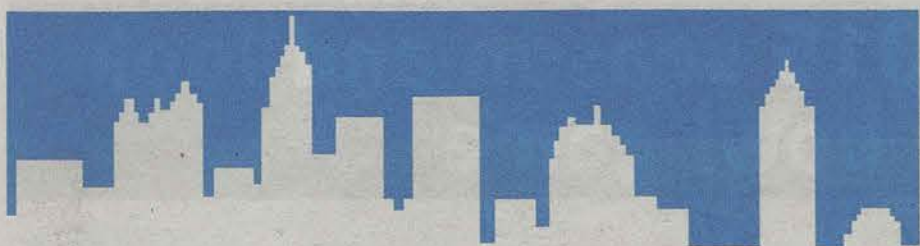


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FROM THE SIGNAL:

The inside scoop from Rashad Milligan, the sports editor at Georgia State's student newspaper

Q: Your record looks a lot better now than it did this time last season. How has this team improved from last year's squad?

Coach Miles has brought in some quality talent since he's arrived, believe it or not, and this season, the guys have finally sort of figured it out of how to win games (sic) coming down the stretch. Injuries have occurred to some of our best offensive players and the next person up has stepped up (sic), whether it has been Keith Rucker, Jr. stepping in for Joel Ruiz or Penny Hart becoming the team's leading receiver as Donovan Harden's battled some health issues.

Q: What's the general feeling on campus about how this season has gone?

The media, including us, hyped up the team to do this well coming into the season, so fans were optimistic to begin the year. Then, we saw the same results as last season, losing games that were ours in the second half. The fans for the most part gave up on this team around week five and prepared themselves for basketball season, but the hate and "Fire Miles" chants have slowly turned into proud students and alumni week-by-week.

Q: What would bowl eligibility mean for the program?

It would be a huge boost for our program. The perks for playing at Georgia State are very nice and the primary reason I've heard from other college football players preventing them to come here is the team's record (sic). Bowl eligibility in our fifth year will give Panther Family more comfort in all of this money they've been paying for this team (sic).

Q: Who are X-Factors on both sides of the ball that could impact the game this weekend?

On offense, I'll have to say Glenn Smith. He's a guy who was moved to running back this season after the injury bug bit our backfield and he's produced the best running performances so far for us this year. If Southern allows us to get as many yards as they average giving up on the ground, a big day for Glenn Smith will only open the door even more for Nick Arbuckle.

Q: What would a win against Georgia Southern mean for your program?

A win would be nice. In the last few months, Men's Basketball defeated Georgia Southern twice for the regular season and conference tournament championships, Men's Soccer came back from a 3-1 deficit in the conference tournament to send the Eagles home, so a win in football is just icing on the cake for us.

Seriously though, a win on the road with the stakes at hand against a team that put up 69 points against us last year is a huge testament of how far this program has come.

Q: Final score prediction?

51 Georgia State 49 Georgia Southern
Three weeks ago, every game Georgia State has won this season was on the road, wearing white jerseys. Now, Georgia State has won two home games in a row, wearing white jerseys. The only way the Panthers come out with a victory in this one is if they score the most points the Eagles have given up all year (sic). Wearing their white jerseys may give this team the confidence to do just that.



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DECEMBER 3RD

UPB Presents: Annual Lighting of Sweetheart Circle

Time: Thursday, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Location: Sweet Heart Circle

The University Programming Board is hosting the annual Lighting of Sweetheart Circle on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 5:00 p.m. The president of Georgia Southern University will kick off the holiday season with the official "flipping of the switch" to commemorate the event. Other festivities will include:

- Refreshments
- Music
- Holiday-themed crafts
- Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus
- Snow machine

The event is free and open to the public. Students, please bring your Eagle IDs. If you need accommodations related to participation, please contact us at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

Contact Information: UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

DECEMBER 7TH

UPB Presents: Fall 2015 Finals Feast

Time: Monday, 12:00 am - 2:00 am

Location: Dining Commons

The University Programming Board is hosting the Fall Finals Feast in the Dining Commons. Take a break from studying and enjoy a free breakfast for dinner and fun activities to replenish you for finals! Join campus administrators as they volunteer to serve YOU. Finals Feast provides students with a much-needed study break and gives University leaders a chance to visit with the students. This event is open to GSU students only. Please bring your Eagle ID. This event is technically taking place Monday night early Tuesday morning. For more information on accommodations related to access or participation, please email UPB at upb@georgiasouthern.edu at least two weeks prior to the event. Contact Information: UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

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Eagles reflect on the 2015 season and look forward to the bowl game

#33 JAMES DEAN

BY ETHAN FLYNN
The George-Anne staff

#36 MATT BRIEDA

How has the 2015 – 2016 football season shaped the history of the football program?

We set out to do something that's never been done before. We took advantage of the opportunity. It's not something everyone gets to experience, going to war with your brothers. We have a great senior class.

We're headed to the Go Daddy Bowl. How great of an opportunity does this present for the football program?

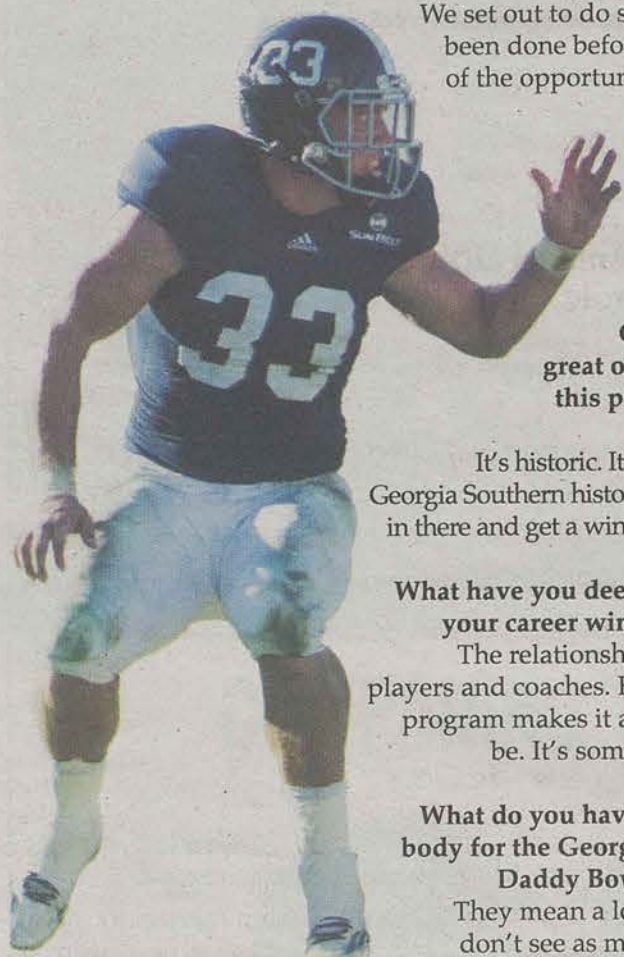
It's historic. It's the first bowl game in Georgia Southern history. Hopefully we can go in there and get a win. It'd make a great story.

What have you deemed most valuable as your career winds down as an Eagle?

The relationships I've made with the players and coaches. Everybody around this program makes it a really special place to be. It's something you can't trade.

What do you have to say to the student body for the Georgia State game and Go Daddy Bowl on December 23rd?

They mean a lot to this program. You don't see as many schools that are as active. Paulson Stadium wouldn't be the same without them. The Eagle Nation as a whole is a huge part of our success.



How has the 2015 – 2016 football season shaped the history of the football program?

We definitely have shown we belong in the FBS. We came into the Sun Belt Conference and dominated. We're going to our first bowl game. We've been doing a great job.

What's the hype for playing another in-state rival Georgia State?

We know our business isn't finished yet. We still have desires to win the Sun Belt. We will compete to the last whistle of the last quarter.

What have you deemed most valuable so far in your career as an Eagle?

I would say my academics. If you don't have the academics, you can't play football. It's a free education. It's a great opportunity that you should take advantage of.

What do you have to say to the student body for the Georgia State game and Go Daddy Bowl on December 23rd?

From every year since I've been here, they've been so great to us. I feel like they're the best fans in the world. I just can't show enough thanks for what they do being there for us and creating that excitement. If they're able to come, I would like to thank to thank them a lot and let them know the whole team loves them.



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GSU STUDENTS GET FANCY

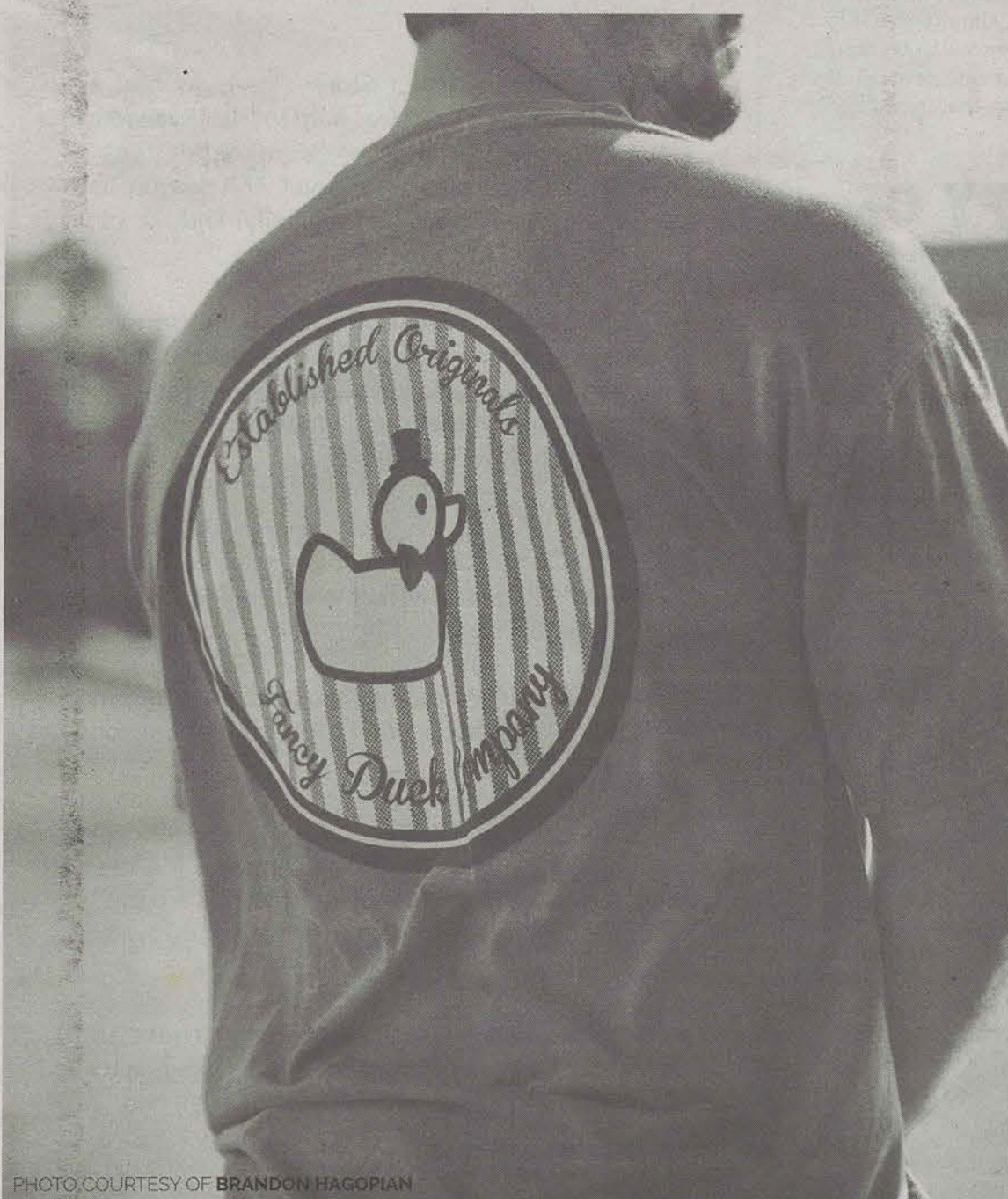


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When you're used to paying for college with a full-ride football scholarship, what do you do when that falls through? For sophomore Dustyn Sloane, you transfer colleges, call up your childhood friend, and decide to start a T-shirt company.

Fancy Duck Co. was created this past summer by two Georgia Southern students: owner and founder, Sloane, and co-owner and CFO Luke Graham. Neither of them had any experience in T-shirt printing or running a business, but they still gave it a shot, and it seemed to work out.

"He was in Tennessee when he called me and I was in my history class. He said 'Do you want to start a T-shirt company?' and I said 'Yeah,'" said Graham.

Just like that, Fancy Duck Co. was born.

Running a t-shirt business was never the game plan for either of the men. Both sophomores, Sloane is a pre-nursing major while Graham is a civil engineering major.

"It was really trial-and-error honestly. We talked to some local people about how to start up a business and pretty much everything we've done, we've self-taught ourselves all the way through," said Sloane. "It's kind of funny because I think really the only reason I did start doing it was kind of to prove the people I told about it wrong. They all told me I couldn't do it."

In the six months since starting the business, the company has seen a definite wave of success. Originally taking orders for 25 t-shirts at a time, now orders up to 200 aren't uncommon.

The company caters to the demand of college students. All shirts are printed on Comfort Color t-shirts, most designs are created by Sloane but can be customized upon request, and all of the products are what every college student loves:

T-shirts, hats, koozies, decals, with more to come.

"We've got some stuff coming out soon. There's going to be more college-theme, your patriotic stuff, girl stuff. We're going to be doing polos in the spring," said Sloane.

Although Fancy Duck Co. has taken off mostly in Sloane and Graham's hometown of Jesup, Ga., their real goal is to attract more Georgia Southern students.

"If we can get our foot in Statesboro, with the Georgia Southern student population, it'd be really awesome. And I think it'd be really cool if it ever did blow up that it came from Southern," said Sloane.

Although both men plan to continue their degrees, they haven't ruled out the possibility of turning Fancy Duck Co. into a career, but for now, it's just something they love to do.

"My favorite thing is probably seeing people wearing and enjoying our stuff," Sloane said.

"Especially when we do same day delivery and we deliver the shirt and they get a big smile on their face," Graham said.

Despite the hometown success, the real goal of Fancy Duck Co. is to create a brand that Georgia Southern students can call their own.

"We don't want people to think this is some kind of outsider brand. We want people to think 'Fancy Duck' is ours," Sloane said.

You can shop Fancy Duck Co. at www.fancyduckco.com. Georgia Southern students get a 15% discount with promo code "GATA". The website also offers same day delivery and free delivery on orders over \$50.

You can also check out the company on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram at @fancyduckco or by searching #getfancy.

10 CHRISTMAS GIFTS UNDER \$5

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1. A HOME COOKED MEAL:

Luckily, groceries in Statesboro are relatively cheap. You can buy enough stuff to make a pretty solid dinner for five of your closest friends. I mean, who doesn't love food? But wait, let's be honest: you probably can't cook. Take them to Beaver House or Cracker Barrel. That's sort of home cooked food, right?

2. THE LAST OF YOUR MEAL PLANS:

Those places are expensive for a struggling college kid who literally just blew their paycheck on something dumb like Fallout 4. You could take them out for a fancy dinner at Landrum. Granted, if you aren't a freshman the dining halls are kind of lame.

3. A COOKOUT TRAY:

Here we go. A solid heart attack in the form of three greasy delicious entrees. Bae will love you for this. It is scientifically proven that if you buy someone a cookout tray you are both drunk and happy. Although a cookout tray is over \$5 but if you love them then you'll pay it.

4. A CHEAP PINTEREST PROJECT:

Pinterest is a great way to realize just how bad you are at following directions. Save yourself the glitter and heartache and maybe just draw them a nice picture. If you trace your hand, you can make it look like a turkey. Isn't that neat?

5. THAT MONEY YOU OWE THEM:

Looking at you Erinn Williams, managing editor of The George-Anne.

6. NUDES:

Not your nudes, their nudes. We both know you have them on your phone. Print them out for your friend and get them framed. This is our prime, remind them how rockin' their bod is. Sure, they'll be creeped out and probably never talk to you again but deep down they'll be disappointed.

7. A ROCK:

I gave up, but like rocks are pretty great. If you draw a face on it then it can be sort of like a pet. If you cuddle with it, you'll discover that it's cold and lifeless just like your cuffing season relationship.

8. A RACCOON:

I saw one next to Lakeside the other night and it was pretty friendly. I mean, I didn't pet it but it was cute. If you can catch it, you should give it to your friend. If it turns out to be tame then you gave them a cute new pet. If it's rabid, well I'm sure that friend had it coming.

9. A COPY OF THE GEORGE-ANNE:

It's free and you've already got it. We make great wrapping paper. Added bonus: you can play "find the typos" with bae. Every time bae finds one, give them a kiss. We don't actually have a copy editor right now so you'll be kissing a lot.

10. THE BLOOD OF THINE OWN ENEMIES:

That's right. You heard me. Buy a super cute glass vial from Hobby Lobby, fill it up to the brim, and give it to your bestie. I'm totally kidding please do not do this. Love yourself.

THE BUZZ LIST

MATT SOWELL
Features reporter



► The (final) Buzz List: Best and Worst of 2015:

Best: Gay marriage. Yeah, I'm biased but this is progress. It was a great day to be an American.

► Worst: Drake's dancing, sure it's fun to make fun of but c'mon Drake, you're better than that. My dad dances better than you and he's an accountant.

► Best: "Hamilton." Listen to this album, it's everything and more. Lin-Manuel Miranda is a genius and this album is an instant classic.

► Worst: Kim Davis. Ew.

► Best: "American Horror Story: Hotel." As bad as "AHS: Freak Show" was, it was hard to trust Ryan Murphy again, especially when we were told this year's "AHS" would take place in a hotel. This season has been bomb. Gaga is killing it (literally) and the plot has everyone on the edge of their seats.

► Worst: "Scream Queens." This show had so much hype and so much potential. It was advertised as "Heathers" meets "Halloween." What we've gotten are weak plots, meaningless arcs and terrible characters. Seriously, this show is awful.

► Best: Left Shark. Remember that glorious back-up dancer at the Super Bowl halftime show? He spoke to us on a spiritual level.

► Worst: The Migos incident. Between being late and getting arrested, it was not a great night for anyone involved.

► Best: The Toronto Raccoon. For those of you who don't know the story: a dead raccoon was found on the streets of Toronto. People left flowers around it, had a candlelight vigil, and got it trending on Twitter. Go humanity.

► Worst: The fall of One Direction. Zayn is gone and they're taking a hiatus in spring. This is it guys, a two year hiatus is basically a break-up. It's over, find another boy band kiddos.

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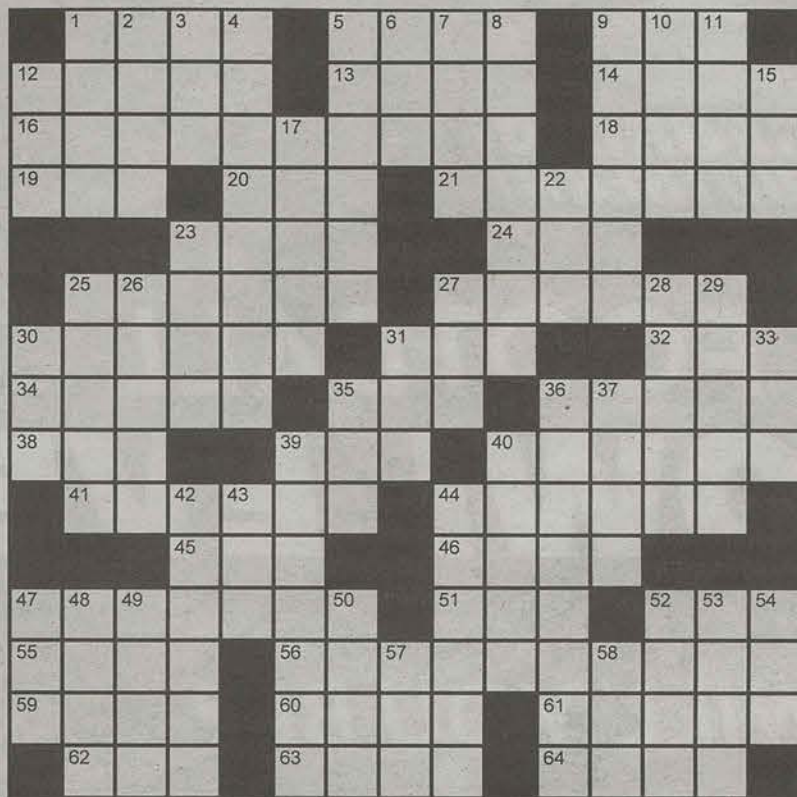
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The George-Anne 12/3/15 Crossword

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(Gene Vincent hit)
13 Rajah's mate
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19 Farm female
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Henry VIII
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27 Underclassman
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36 Nettle
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63 "Let it stand"
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4 Old masters
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10 Faux pas
11 Dancer's dress
12 Devoured
15 High rocky hill
17 Frowns
22 Hankering
23 Water collector
25 Mustang
26 Crackers
27 Old Testament
book
28 Alpha's opposite
29 "Bolero" composer
30 Greek letter
31 Pea jacket?
33 Driving need
35 Groceries holder
36 Oatmeal
37 "Idylls of the
King" lady
39 Sewing materials
dealers
40 Mountain tops
42 Words to a jittery
person
43 It's found in
banks
44 Green light
47 Trophy
48 Walkie-talkie
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50 Stretched tight
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