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# GA

THE GEORGE-ANNE

## Falling Up

why not jump out of a perfectly good airplane?



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### NEW ERA

Football gets new coaching staff  
BRING THIS PAPER TO THE BLUE OUT AT HANNER  
AT 7:30 PM TO WELCOME COACH SUMMERS

**21** and over:  
students weigh in  
on Michael's Law

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## WEATHER BAR

Thursday



High: 65°  
Low: 43°

Friday



High: 64°  
Low: 47°

Saturday



High: 66°  
Low: 43°

Sunday



High: 56°  
Low: 32°



"THE WEATHER IS PERFECT FOR LION AROUND"

### NEW TRAFFIC LIGHT LINKS PEDESTRIANS ACROSS SOUTH MAIN TO CAMPUS

by Christopher Carter



by KERRY LOWERY | THE GEORGE-ANNE

The new traffic light is located just before where Parrish Street leads out of campus into South Main when coming from downtown Statesboro.

This is not a regular stop light, it is a H.A.W.K. light which stands for High-intensity Activated Cross Walk. The light is activated when a pedestrian presses a button much like a regular cross walk.

-When it flashes **yellow** drivers should slow down.

-When it is solid **yellow** drivers must come to a stop.

-When it is solid **red** drivers must remain at a complete stop behind the stop line.

-When the **red light** is flashing back and forth drivers must stop but once the pedestrians have cleared the intersection the driver may proceed.

This is now the only H.A.W.K. light in the immediate area and it will take some getting use to.

"Although the H.A.W.K. Signal is very similar to the pedestrian's view of a normal traffic signal, the motorist view will be quite different, so we urge drivers to use extreme caution until they become

more familiar with this type of signal," Karon Ivery, Georgia Department of Transportation District Engineer, said.

The project was a collaborative effort between the City of Statesboro, The Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) and Georgia Southern University. After noticing the amount of pedestrian traffic across South Main in this location the City of Statesboro hired a consultant to do a traffic study. The city was advised to consider the H.A.W.K. signal to remedy the problem.

South Main is a state route, so Statesboro had to make the Georgia DOT aware of the problem. With the route being their jurisdiction, Georgia DOT funded the project.

"Once we recognized there was a problem we talked to Georgia Southern a little bit and the university agreed to help by constructing a sidewalk from Forrest Drive to the location of the signal... then Georgia DOT, of course 301 or South Main is a State Route so whatever we did we had to work with Georgia DOT... they fast tracked the project," Brad Deal, Statesboro City Engineer, stated.

### WHAT IS TO BECOME OF OUR BOWL GAME TROPHY

by Christopher Carter



by MADISON REYNOLDS | THE GEORGE-ANNE

On Wednesday, December 23, 2015, Georgia Southern University played in the first bowl game in program history and we were victorious.

The well earned trophy is currently located in the lobby of the Ted Smith Family Football Center, which is the building in front of Paulson Stadium.

However, this is not where it will remain, "Eventually it will have a final resting place, where that is I cannot tell you right now," Bryan Johnston, Assistant Administrator for Athletics Communications, said.

The trophy will be presented to the team during the men's basketball game on January 16th, at Hanner Fieldhouse.

Since not everyone could be at present the actual game in Mobile, Alabama, this is the students' opportunity to celebrate the win.

### STATE OF THE UNION RECAP

Obama had two main goals, keep the State of the Union short and answer four main questions.

These were the four main questions according to Buzzfeed.com:

- ★ "How do we give everyone a fair shot at opportunity and security in this new economy?" ★
- ★ "How do we make technology work for us, and not against us—especially when it comes to solving urgent challenges like climate change?" ★
- ★ "How do we keep America safe and lead the world without becoming its policeman?" ★
- ★ "How can we make our politics reflect what's best in us, and not what's worst?" ★

## Student Support Services

Student Support Services (SSS) is a federally funded TRIO program through the U.S. Department of Education. The program provides comprehensive services to first-generation students, limited income students, and students with disabilities. The primary goal of SSS is to help transition, retain, and graduate college students.



## Information Sessions:

Russell Union Room 2054

January 12	5:00pm
January 13	12:00pm
January 14	2:00pm
January 19	2:00pm
January 20	5:00pm

Learn more at our Information Sessions and apply at:

**GeorgiaSouthern.edu/EOP**

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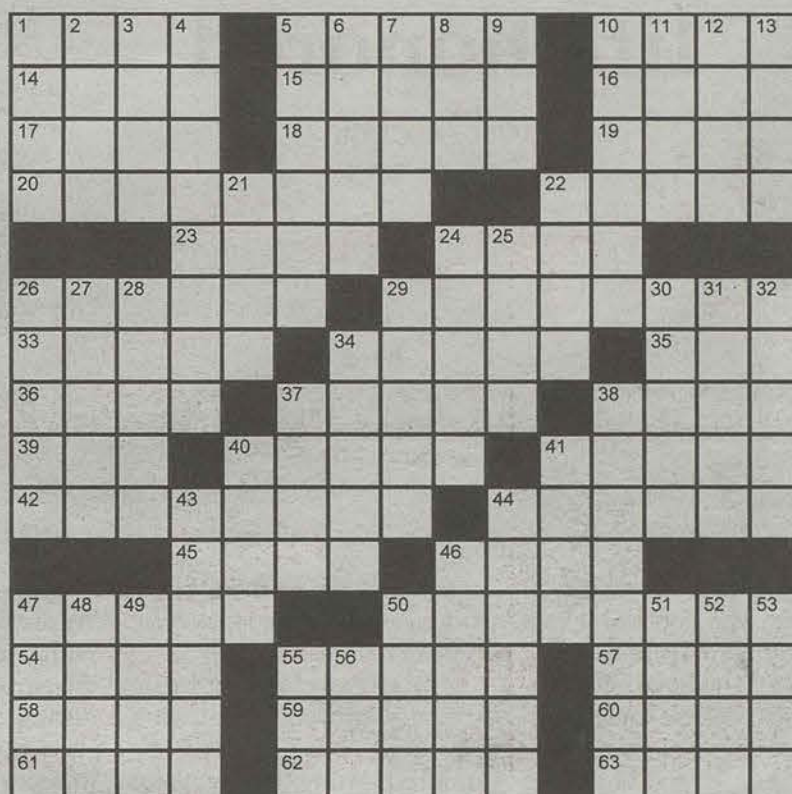
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The George-Anne 1/12/16 Crossword PuzzleJunction.com

## Across

- 1 Top banana
- 5 Windshield attachment
- 10 Condo division
- 14 Tip, in a casino
- 15 Europe's "boot"
- 16 Baja bread
- 17 Kind of proportions
- 18 Surrounding glows
- 19 Diatribe
- 20 Walking papers
- 22 Strong suit
- 23 Burden of proof
- 24 Turkish money
- 26 Feline treat
- 29 Candy type
- 33 Everglades wader
- 34 Animal toxin
- 35 Author Stout
- 36 Conked out
- 37 "That's a \_\_\_!"
- 38 Meter reading
- 39 Bubbly beverage
- 40 Like visiting teams, often
- 41 After dish or bath
- 42 Intensify
- 44 Up-to-the-minute
- 45 Kind of bean
- 46 Madly in love
- 47 Hostile force
- 50 Letter carrier?
- 54 French novelist Pierre
- 55 Very, in music
- 57 Wading bird
- 58 Waiter's offering
- 59 Castle defenses
- 60 Some offspring
- 61 Criticize severely



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## Down

- 2 Luxurious
- 3 Distribute
- 6 Kind of aerobics
- 7 Pith helmet
- 8 Homologous
- 9 Calculated
- 10 Web connection
- 11 Ornamental purses
- 12 Freshwater fish
- 13 \_\_\_ provençale
- 14 Burn cause
- 15 Hullabaloo
- 16 Impending
- 17 "\_\_\_ that special?!"
- 18 Kind of bag
- 21 Piqued state
- 22 Gift tag word
- 24 Like notebook paper
- 25 Computer image
- 26 Moth repellent
- 27 Like a gymnast
- 28 Cornered
- 29 Embankment
- 30 Hopping mad
- 31 Daughter of Saturn
- 32 Wield, as
- 34 Kind of concerto
- 37 Pass, as time
- 38 Submissive mental attitude
- 40 Channel marker
- 41 Hourly pay
- 43 Heavy metal
- 44 Too-generous
- 46 Midges
- 47 Some are slippery
- 48 Christmas carol
- 49 Mount SW of Messina
- 50 Biblical twin
- 51 \_\_\_ d'amore
- 52 Pub order
- 53 To be, to Tiberius
- 55 Roadie's load
- 56 Costa del \_\_\_, Spain

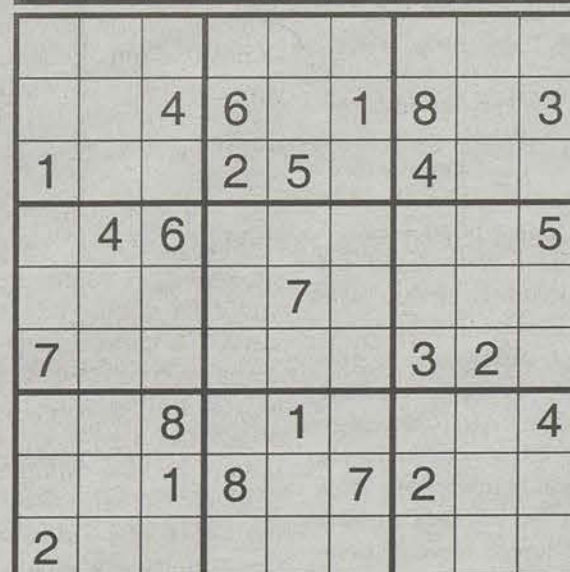
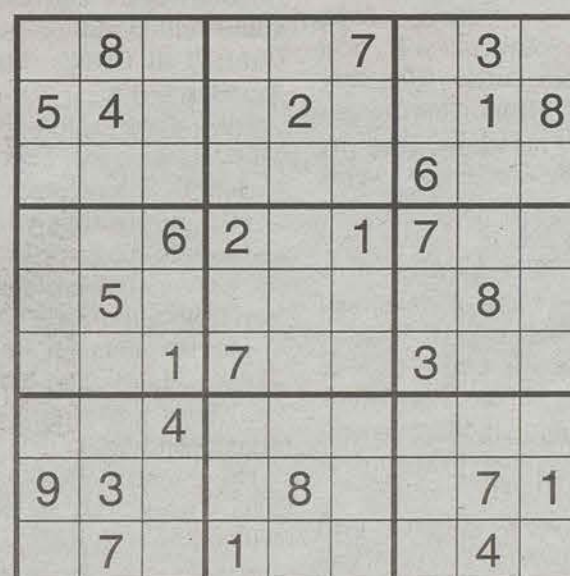


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## Local soldier's life honored

BY BAILEY ADCOCK  
The George-Anne staff

SCOTT BRYANT | THE STATESBORO HERALD

A parade took place on Dec. 21 to honor the life of Chester McBride. Family, friends and residents of Statesboro were in attendance at the funeral which took place at Hanner Fieldhouse

Flags across Statesboro were held at half-mast in late December to honor the loss of a local hero.

Airman Chester McBride III, a former Statesboro High School football player, was recently killed in a suicide bombing on December 21 in Afghanistan. McBride was among six airmen killed in the attack, the deadliest attack in four months.

The attack occurred just two months after McBride returned to Statesboro High

School to give an inspirational speech to the football team, encouraging players to trust the people who have authority over you because they have your best interest at heart.

"As I saw firsthand during my visit to Afghanistan last Friday, our troops are working diligently alongside our Afghan partners to build a brighter future for the Afghan people," Secretary of Defense Ash Carter said in a press release on December 21. "Our deepest sympathies go out

to the families of these brave Americans who died in service to this vital mission."

McBride was brought home to Statesboro on New Year's Day and was honored by hundreds lining the streets for a memorial parade.

His funeral was held on Saturday, Jan. 2 at the Georgia Southern Hanner Field House.

Thousands of people, residents of Statesboro and elsewhere, gathered to support the McBride's family at the funeral.

"Statesboro isn't just a city. We are a close knit community with a lot of love to share and this love was very prevalent during the homecoming services for Chester McBride," Rebecca Hooker, Statesboro resident and former classmate of McBride, said.

Among the many in attendance were four officers from the Statesboro High School Class of 2003—McBride's graduating class—and a class representative that was especially close to

McBride.

Attendees of the funeral reminisced on McBride's life and the impact he had on the community.

"Chester was a friend to all; he was a stranger to no one," Hooker said. "We will always remember how he could light up any room with his sense of humor and vibrant smile."

According to Hooker, the Statesboro High Class of 2003 is working on putting together a scholarship fund to honor McBride's memory.

## 'A Day On, Not a Day Off': Celebrate MLK Day on GSU's campus

BY TANDRA SMITH  
The George-Anne staff

In the coming days, Georgia Southern will host two Martin Luther King Day events to celebrate his life and remember his legacy. They are among the numerous events going on throughout the nation to honor the late civil rights movement leader.

The first event is the annual MLK Celebration Speaker hosted by the Office of Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and the Multicultural Student Center.

This year's speaker will be Steve Perry, the principal and founder of the Capital Preparatory Magnet School. The school has sent 100 percent of their low-income, minority, and first generation high school graduates to four-year colleges since its first class graduated in 2006.

"I am always pleased for our students to hear from world leaders who are making a difference in this world. Dr. Perry is making a difference in his campaign for high quality schools for all," Teresa Thompson, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, said.

Along with being the principal and founder of the school, Perry is a contributor for both CNN and MSNBC, a best-selling author and was featured in CNN's 'Black in America' series.

Perry joins a long list of MLK speakers that have come to campus before him.

"[The purpose of a MLK Day speaker] is an opportunity for the University Community to hear from some of the best and brightest minds on diversity issues while also honoring Dr. King's legacy and work," Thompson said.

The event started back in 2006, when Myrlie Evers-Williams, a civil rights activist and journalist, who worked to seek justice for her husband, came to campus. Other notable speakers have been Bernice King in 2007, Soledad O'Brien in 2013, and Andrew Young in 2014.

"I hope that by listening and learning about Dr. Perry's successful work, our students might be inspired to do the same," Thompson said.

The second event is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. This event is also hosted by the Multicultural Student Center, along with the Office of Leadership and Community Engagement and University Housing.

The national Martin Luther King Day of Service initiative began with former U.S. Senator Harris Wofford and Atlanta Congressman John Lewis. It calls for Americans from every walk of life to come together and help strengthen communities, solve social problems and empower individuals on MLK Day.

This year's event will be the first one held at Georgia

Southern. The university will focus on community clean-up efforts, voter registration drives and community awareness plans for the downtown Statesboro community.

"It's 'A Day On, Not a Day Off,'" Nicole Anelas, senior chemistry major, said. "MLK Day of Service is a great way to continue [Martin Luther King's] legacy by volunteering

on your day off."

Anelas feels it's important to honor the legacy of MLK by participating in different events.

"MLK Day [of Service] is more than just a post on social media, but a way to honor a man who dedicated his life for the benefit of others," Anelas said.

### MLK Celebration Speaker: **STEVE PERRY**

time: **7:00P.M.** date: **WED. JAN 27**

location:  
**PERFORMING  
ART CENTER (PAC)**

admission:  
**FREE AND  
ATTENDANCE  
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BE PROVIDED**

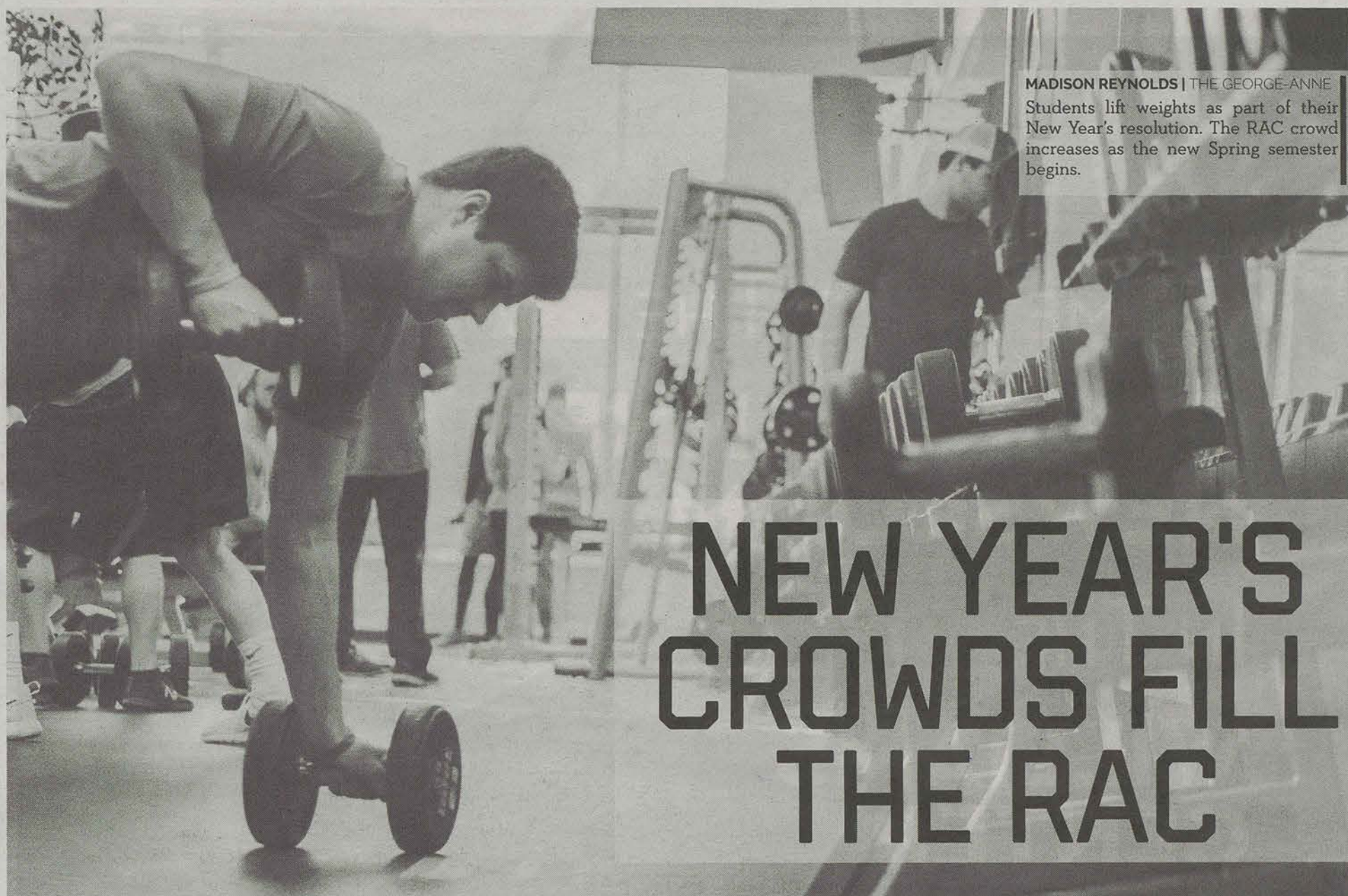
### MLK Day of Service

time: **12:00P.M. & 5:00P.M.**

date: **THURS. JAN 14**  
location:  
**RUSSELL UNION  
ROOM 2052**

register:  
**TINY.CC/BORODAYON**





**MADISON REYNOLDS | THE GEORGE-ANNE**  
Students lift weights as part of their New Year's resolution. The RAC crowd increases as the new Spring semester begins.

# NEW YEAR'S CROWDS FILL THE RAC

**BY BLAKELEY BARTEE**  
The George-Anne staff

Compelled by New Year's resolutions and the beginning of a new semester, students swarm the RAC during the first weeks of classes to fulfill new fitness goals and aspirations.

The traditional wintertime spike is expected to return for 2016. To prepare for the New Year's rush, the Campus Recreation & Intramural (CRI) staff came up with a new marketing campaign: RAC-Solutions.

"The RAC is super full come the first couple of weeks of the spring semester with everyone making New Year's resolutions... so I thought I would do a little tie-in with [RAC-Solutions]," G.W. Hitchcock, CRI assistant director for marketing and communications, said.

With the RAC-solutions

campaign, the RAC staff will help students maintain their New Year's fitness goals.

"We'll have a board when people come in with some index cards where they can write what their resolution is, and then, one of our students will help them find the RAC-solution to that resolution," Hitchcock said. "If they are willing to provide us with their contact information, [we] will contact them throughout the semester and give them some motivation, make sure they're still on point."

According to Shaq Stafford, a senior business management major and facilities supervisor at the RAC, the RAC employees have to work hard to accommodate increased crowds in the spring.

"[We make] sure that things are still going safely, because when there's so many people, there are so many things that could go on," Stafford said. "We

do have an increased number of people who are scheduled on shifts... the shifts are broken up a little bit more, that way nobody is here too long."

Emmy Richards, the CRI group fitness program director, said that group fitness participation at the RAC increases during the spring semester, and that the busiest hours at the RAC are in the early mornings and the late afternoon.

"If you want to work out, and you have time in your schedule, the best times to work out are between 8 am and 3 pm. That's when it's the quietest," Richards said.

Contributing to the theme of RAC-solutions and springtime fitness goals, one popular class, Spring Break Bootcamp, which was designed to prepare RAC-goers for spring break, will return for 2016.

"Our biggest class during the spring semester is Spring Break

Bootcamp. Traditionally, it's been two days a week, but this year, we are doing it Monday through Thursday," Richards said. "[The] class is just a total body strength and cardio class designed to really challenge your fitness routine."

Many of the newcomers at the RAC hope to reach new fitness goals and maintain New Year's Resolutions, having specific goals and plans can help achieve them.

"Try to make [specific] goals that are actually attainable... Because when you have a plan, that's manageable. It's specific; you're more apt to go do that," Richards said. "Find something you love... if you come in every day, and you're excited about it, and it makes you feel good or you see results from it, then you're going want to come back and do it again."



**MADISON REYNOLDS | THE GEORGE-ANNE**  
New classes at the RAC allow students to have a more active role in their resolutions. The RAC offers a wide variety of classes including three new ones.

## Yoga and Meditation

An hour of stress relief and relaxation through gentle yoga and meditation techniques

Every **Monday**  
Time: **7:05-8:00p.m.**  
Room: **Mind and Body Studio**

## Instructional Dance

An hour in which instructors will break down and teach a new type of dance

Every **Tuesday**  
Time: **6:05-7:00p.m.**  
Room: **Studio 2**

## Yoga Abs

A 45 minute class that consists of traditional yoga poses designed to target your abs and back

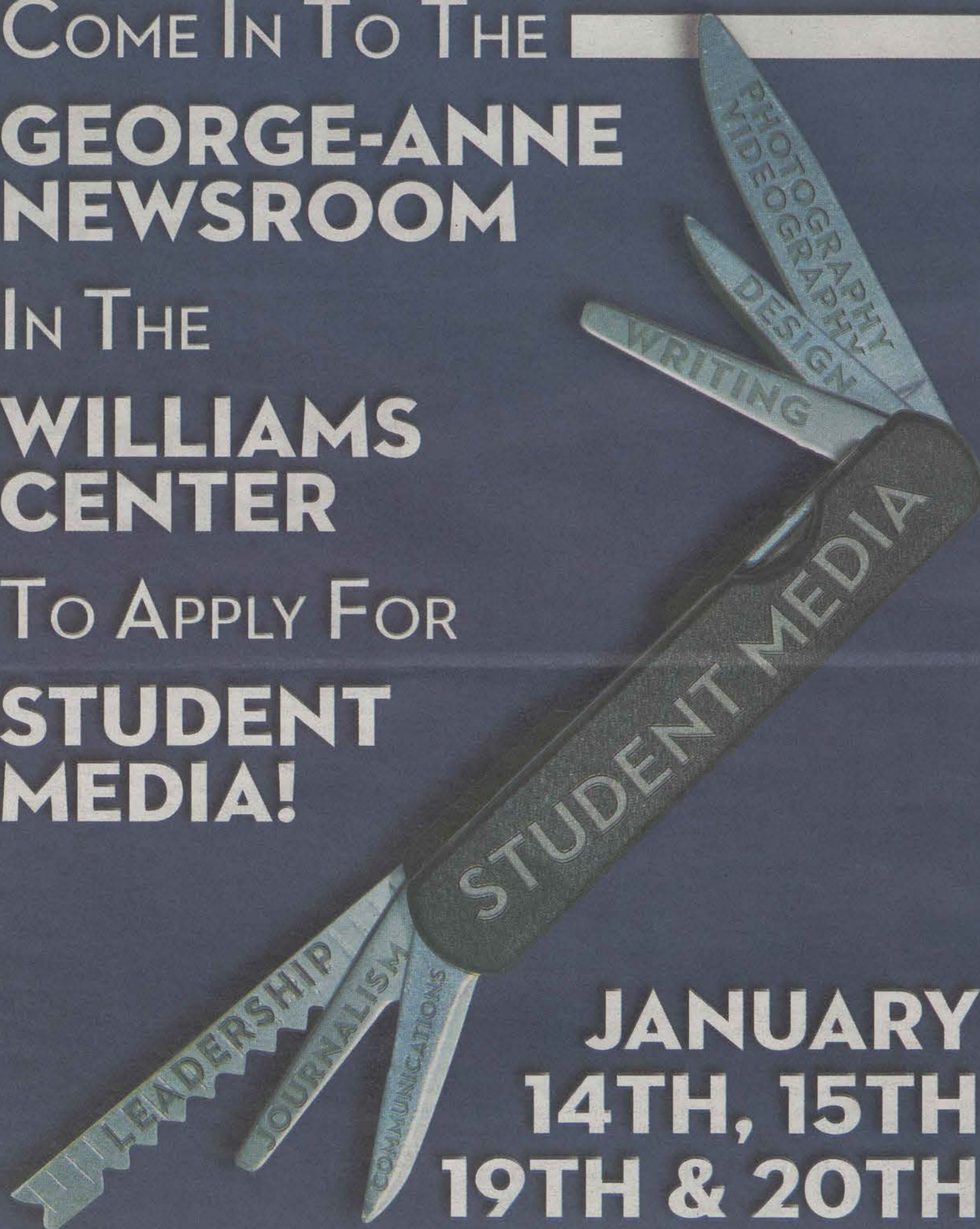
Every **Tuesday**  
Time: **8:30-9:15p.m.**  
Room: **Mind and Body Studio**



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**JANUARY  
14TH, 15TH  
19TH & 20TH**

**10 A.M. - 2 P.M.**



# 1/12 WEEKLY BUZZ -1/19

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

## Spring Alternative Break Trip

**Time:** January 11th - January 22nd

**Location:** Office of Leadership and Community Engagement

Do you break for Social Justice? Spring Alternative Break trip applications open on January 11th and are due by January 22nd. Apply by stopping by the Office of Leadership and Community Engagement or by visiting

<http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/LeadServe/alternativebreaks/>.

People with disabilities, especially the nation's largest minority group, and the only group any of us can become a member of at any time.

Will YOU break for Social Justice?

Spring Alternative Break for Social Justice

## Apply for Student Support Services

**Time:** Thursday, January 14th at 2:00pm - Tuesday, January 19th at 2:00pm - Wednesday, January 20th at 5:00pm

**Location:** Russell Union RM 2054

Student Support Services (SSS) is a federally funded program through the U.S. Department of Education that provides comprehensive services to first-generation students, limited income students, and students with disabilities. The primary goal of SSS is to help transition, retain, and graduate college students. Applications are currently available under the "How to Apply" tab at [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/EOP](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/EOP).

Contact Information: (912) 478-8746 or [SSS@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:SSS@georgiasouthern.edu).

## JANUARY 14TH

### UPB Presents: UnPlugged - Winter Wonderland Edition

**Time:** Thursday, January 14th at 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? 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](mailto:upb@georgiasouthern.edu) at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

Contact Information: [UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu](mailto:UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu)

## JANUARY 18TH

### Serve on MLK Day 2016

**Time:** January 18, 2016

Sponsored by: The Multicultural Student Center, The Office of Leadership and Community Engagement, and University Housing. The 2016 MLK Day of Service is almost here and Americans across the country are rolling up their sleeves in service. Are you ready to get out and serve? Join other Georgia Southern students and community members in remembering the legacy of Dr. King by serving the Statesboro community. Learn about service opportunities in Statesboro, meet new people, experience YOUR community firsthand, and celebrate Dr. King!

Sign up to volunteer! Registration is now open! It's first come, first serve, so register now while there are still spots open! Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. Register and for more information visit [tiny.cc/BoroDayOn](http://tiny.cc/BoroDayOn).

## JANUARY 19TH

### Spring 2016 Boro Browse

**Time:** Tuesday, January 19th at 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Location:** Russell Union Rotunda & Commons

New to campus? Come out and "browse the Boro" in one stop! The Boro Browse is an interactive event that allows local businesses and Georgia Southern University departments to promote their services and build relationships with new and returning students. The event also provides a way to learn about available job opportunities with Georgia Southern University students. GSU departments and Statesboro area businesses that are interested in participating may register on the Office of Student Activities website at: <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/student-activities/>

- Registration will open at 8:00am on Monday, December 14th
- Registration will close at 5:00pm on Tuesday, January 12th

\*Note: In the event of inclement weather, the Spring 2016 Boro Browse will be held in the Russell Union Ballroom.

Contact Information: Kendra Ritter at [KRitter@GeorgiaSouthern.edu](mailto:KRitter@GeorgiaSouthern.edu)

## JANUARY 20TH

### Student Organization Fair

**Time:** Wednesday, January 20th at 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Location:** Russell Union

Interested in getting involved in a student organization but not sure which one? Come to the Student Organization Fair. With over 200 registered student organizations to choose from, you're sure to find something that piques your interest! Student organizations must be active and in good standing to participate. Orgs must also register via MyInvolvement.

- Registration will open: Tuesday December 15 at 8:00am
- Registration will close: Wednesday, January 13th at 5:00pm

Contact Information: Kristen Van Noord at [Kvannoord@GeorgiaSouthern.edu](mailto:Kvannoord@GeorgiaSouthern.edu)

## YOUR STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES AT WORK

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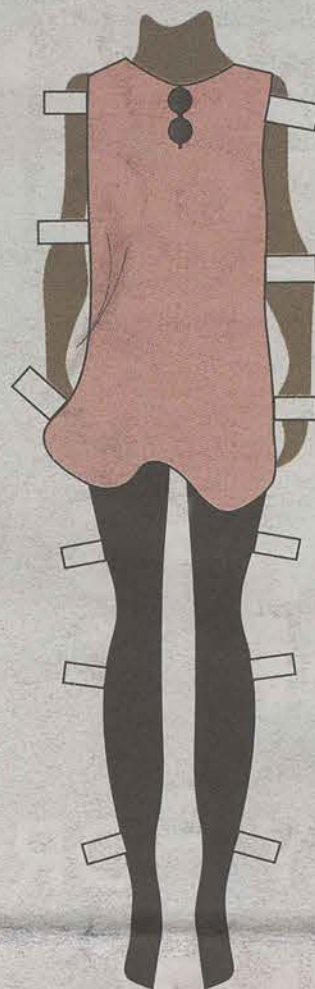
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## Everyday Fashion Do's & Don'ts

BY RICKY VEASLEY AND RACHEL KELSO

The George-Anne staff



### Women's Do's:

- Wear nude colored undergarments when wearing anything white, light or sheer.
- Utilize multiple prints and patterns in one outfit. Play around with size, colors and themes to create a super unique and gorgeous look.
- Be adventurous! Fashion is about having fun and creating looks that make you feel the most confident and stylish.

### Women's Don'ts:

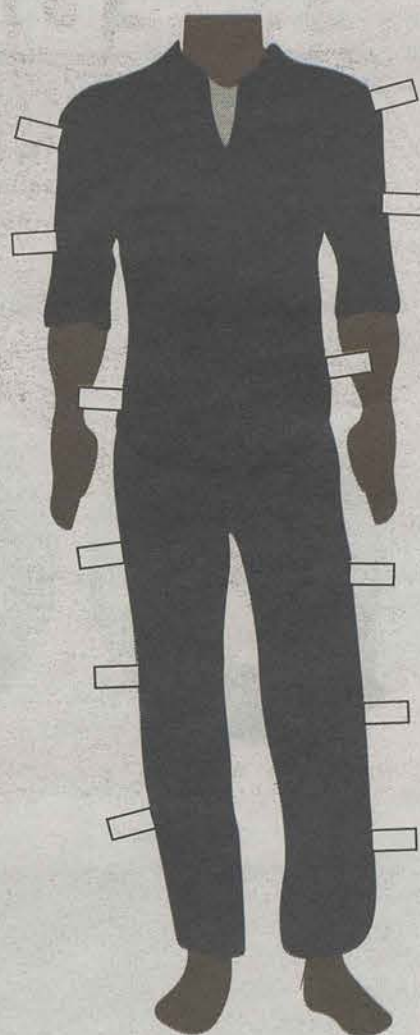
- Assume a piece will fit just because the tag has your size on it. Always try on the garment before you buy it. Better to be safe than sorry.
- Wear a bra with straps while wearing a racer-back tee, anything strapless, or sheer shirts. It throws off your entire look and creates a tacky vibe. Invest in strapless and multi-way bras, they're so worth it.
- Arm yourself with accessories. Pick a few pieces that tie your outfit together, or one larger statement piece if you have a basic look.

### Men's Do's:

- Match the color of your belt and shoes, or make the colors similar to each other if possible.
- Wear clothes that fit your body type. Clothes that are too tight or too loose can look awkward. You want to be comfortable and feel special in the clothes you wear.
- Try different types of jeans. Don't just own one type because the options are endless. There are skinny, slim, straight, regular, bootcut jeans and big and tall jeans.
- SHAVE. Keep your beard, mustache, goatee, nose hairs, ear hairs and sideburns well-groomed.

### Men's Don'ts:

- Wear socks and sandals. Don't even think about doing that to yourself.
- Don't wear dirty shoes. Shoes are the first thing that some people look at and if yours are dirty, then expect to be judged.
- Wear pants that are too small. If your pants are too small, either cuff them up or buy some new ones.
- Be wrinkled. There are tons of life hacks out there to avoid this. Throw your clothes in the dryer with an ice cube on its hottest setting. Place hung clothes on the shower rod when taking a shower. Iron your clothes, or use a wrinkle-removing spray.





# FALLING UP

BY MEG ELWOOD  
The George-Anne staff



"Most of the population are not going to tell you they want to jump out of an airplane, and a smaller percentage are actually going to jump out of airplanes...There is a risk to benefit ratio. I clearly, believe the benefit exceeds the risk."

**CATHY KLOESS**  
Owner of The Jumping Place



"Initially I didn't want to skydive and was kind of coerced by a couple friends, they convinced me to go out and go skydiving one day. That was summer of 2007 and it's been pretty much every single week since then."

**AUSTIN DAVIS**  
diving instructor



"I've always wanted to [skydive], always...I thought 'well, why not do something crazy with your life rather than nothing at all'...The first time was scary, when that door opens, it gets scary. After that, when you jump, everything is just amazing."

**COLIN VAN ANTWERP**  
diver, junior mechanical engineering major



"My favorite part is exiting the airplane, you get that freeness knowing that nothing else in the world matters. It's just you and space."

**LOGAN HALL**  
diving instructor

PHOTO COURTESY OF COLIN VAN ANTWERP

The wind sounds like constant thunder. It rushes past, when tiny beings like humans plummet towards the earth's surface at 120 mph. The smell, the sound, the view -- these things you take in as quickly as possible before it's too late. Seconds feel like milliseconds. Never has there been such a better view of the world.

Elwood: "So, what would you say to a newbie? Why should they do this? Why --" Kloess: "Why should you jump out of a perfectly good airplane? Well, the door is open. Just try it once."

Wake up. Shower. Eat breakfast. Get in the car. That morning's destination was different. It was The Jumping Place in Statesboro, one of the four skydiving jump zones in Georgia.

The morning sun crept from the treeline horizon. A few small airplanes sat waiting near hangars for their morning flight. Two were white with touches of red, green and blue along the bodies. The words "SKYDIVE" painted across each of them in large blue

script.

Sit down. Watch a video. Sign life away. Zip up jumpsuit.

With each step, the anxious gut-feeling grew. The plane was smaller than it looked. Two divers, their diving instructors, a cameraman and the pilot himself made it as if the plane were actually a flying sardine can. The propellers began to loudly grumble as they spun, preparing for flight. It began speeding down the runway and suddenly lifted off the ground, shooting straight into the air.

The cabin was filled with the engine's grumbles. Below, Statesboro began to look like a patchwork quilt as the small arrow on the altimeter crept towards 11,000 feet. The drop zone. About 10 minutes went by. The pilot gave a thumbs up. Simple d-clips were snapped together, harnesses were tightened and goggles were put on.

The door opened, wind roared past the plane. The diving instructor scooted

towards the edge of the door. The wind was so strong it turned human legs into those of a rag-doll's.

Cross arms around chest. Place heels on the metal bar...

Front flip.

Suddenly it was like jumping into a bottomless pool with no water. There was no gut drop, no moment of sheer terror, no thought of dying. There was only space. Miles of fresh, bright blue, beautiful space.

It felt as if the surface of the earth was moving up, not that you were falling down.

The dive instructor pulled the parachute. With a strong jerk, everything was silent except for a ringing in your ears. The parachute flapped in the wind as it glided through the atmosphere.

Finally, feet met the ground with a smooth landing. The parachute deflated onto the grass and it was over. Never had the world seemed so large, yet so small. Never had the sky seemed so blue. Never will you feel so alive.



**11,000 FT**

“HOLY CRAP WHO  
THOUGHT THIS  
WAS A GOOD IDEA!”

“IM GOING TO PEE!!!”

“Wait. Is it time? Why  
are you guys all shuffling  
around. I can't really move.”

“Is this real life?!”

“This is amazing! What  
have I been doing  
my whole life?!”

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“Hey look! I can  
see my apartment  
from here!”

“Wow it's hard to  
breathe with all  
of this wind.”

“HOLY SWEET JESUS!  
This is freakin'  
happening!”

“Oh s\*\*t! That  
was a huge jerk.”

“God it's  
cramped  
in here...”

“Holy crap I can do  
freakin' ANYTHING now!  
Woo! Let's go again!”



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12:15-1:00	PILATES		CYCLE 45	VINYASA YOGA	CYCLE 45		
5:30-6:25	CARDIO KICKBOXING	TOTAL BODY BLAST	ZUMBA	HIP HOP JAM	H.I.I.T. FIT		
	CYCLE & CORE	CYCLE 60	CYCLE BOOTCAMP	CYCLE & TONE			
	VINYASA YOGA	VINYASA YOGA	PILATES	POWER YOGA	YIN YOGA		
	AQUA ZUMBA			BARRE & TONE			
6:05-7:00	SB BOOTCAMP	SB BOOTCAMP	SB BOOTCAMP	SB BOOTCAMP			CYCLE & CORE
	BARRE & TONE	INSTRUCTIONAL DANCE					
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7:05-8:00	HIP HOP JAM	ZUMBA	CARDIO KICKBOXING	H.I.I.T. FIT			HIP HOP JAM
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8:30-9:15	TOTAL BODY BLAST	YOGA ABS	HIP HOP JAM				

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## WEATHER LION BY WILL PEEBLES



## 21 AND OVER



**SKYLER BLACK**

Black is a senior writing and linguistics major from Warner Robins, Ga.

In August 2014, Georgia Southern lost one of its many Eagles. Michael Gatto was in an altercation at Rude Rudy's which turned violent. He was 18 years old. The bar was, at the time, allowing people 18 and older access. With the passing

of House Bill 152, also known as Michael's Law, all bars in the state will be prohibited from letting anyone under 21 into their establishment starting on July 1.

This bill should have been put into place years before this incident occurred. Underage drinking is a national problem that needs to be addressed and dealt with in a serious matter by bars.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, in 2013, around 8.7 million people ages 12 through 20 reported drinking alcohol in the past month. When Michael Gatto was assaulted, the statistics were already there proving that those students under the influence of alcohol were more likely to assault another student who has been drinking. This isn't a new issue and it's sad that it took a



**BRANDON WARNOCK | THE GEORGE-ANNE**

Bubba Love, a bouncer at South City Tavern, compares two forms of identification from Daniel Bernardi, senior business management major. Beginning in July, bars will have to comply with the 21 and over law.

student's death to do anything about it.

My own opinion is not the only viewpoint that matters. Many of the students here have voiced their opinion

about Michael's Law and how it affects them and how it will affect this campus as a whole. I interviewed multiple students, faculty, and members of the GSU community to get their



**Blake Lane**  
assistant minister  
at CCF

Do you think it is a good idea and why?

I do think it's a good idea because I think there needs to be more restrictions on alcohol consumption. I feel like Georgia Southern has a negative reputation about being the alcohol school and underage people always drinking.



**Dale Arnold**  
Music Director  
WVGS 91.9  
The Buzz

Do you think it is a good idea and why?

I disagree. I understand that they are doing it for safety and to prevent underage drinking but at the same time it's like discriminating on age. Just because some people choose to be irresponsible with their IDs and some people choose to break the law, you shouldn't punish everybody for a few people that break the law.

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## EAGLES TAKE THE COURT SEEKING SECOND STRAIGHT WIN

After an OT win over Troy on Saturday, the men's team will look to defend their homecourt against the Ragin' Cajuns

BY MARQUS WILLIAMS  
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern Men's basketball team has had an up and down season as they prepare for the bulk of conference play. They are the youngest team in the country, playing mostly freshman and sophomores while having just one senior on the roster. They are a group that has had to mature sooner rather than later in order to gain some momentum heading into the most important part of the season.

They enter the spring semester at 5-9 overall (1-3 Sun Belt) after just winning their first conference game in overtime against the Troy Trojans 93-88.

"Now that we can get back as we understand how hard we have to practice and everything else, it helps the guys and when you win a game there's more enthusiasm in getting back to

work" Mark Byington, head coach said.

The Eagles are currently ranked 9th out of 11 teams in the conference as they need to at least be in the top eight in order to make it into the Sun Belt tournament and have a chance to place a bid in the NCAA tournament.

The Eagles have the opportunity to make a run in the Sun Belt as the rest of their opponents in the month of January have a combined record of 46-40, with the toughest opponents being Arkansas Little Rock 14-1(4-0) and rival Georgia State 10-3(3-1.) Both contests are away from home where the Eagles haven't been as productive. The month of January will test the Eagles on how far they have come as a team and how much they can separate themselves from other teams in the middle of the pack in the conference.

The Eagles will have to rely

on freshmen Tookie Brown and Ike Smith and sophomore Mike Hughes along with a good supporting cast to lift them to the next level. Brown is sixth in the conference in scoring averaging 17.1 points per game and tied for sixth in assists with 3.5 per game. Smith is 17th in the conference in points per game averaging 12.5 and Hughes is 20th averaging 11.5 per game.

A few key factors in the Eagles success going down the stretch will be finding a defensive identity and how the team holds up from the wear and tear of conference play. Another factor is improving at rebounding and finding that "spark" when adversity hits.

With all the inexperience the Eagles have, they are bound to get better as the season progresses. But finding a true identity for their team will help them go a long way in the



BRANDON WARNOCK | THE GEORGE-ANNE  
Devonte Boykins drives the lane. He is averaging 6.2 points per game this season.

### Men's Basketball Stats

Overall Record

5-9

Sunbelt

1-3

Leading Scorer:  
Tookie Brown  
17.1 points/game

Leading 3pt %:  
Tookie Brown  
38%

Leading Rebounder:  
Ike Smith 5.1 rebounds/game

Steals Leaders:  
Mike Hughes and Tookie Brown  
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## EAGLES GEAR UP FOR SUN BELT PLAY

There is a Blue Out tonight in Hanner for the doubleheader against UL Lafayette. Tip off is at 5pm.



MADISON REYNOLDS | THE GEORGE-ANNE

Alexis Sams looks for an open teammate. She leads the team in assists with 2.5 per game.

BY KEITH SMILEY  
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern women's basketball team is gearing up for action in their next 16 games of Sun Belt conference play.

The Eagles opened up conference play over the winter break going 1-3 overall and 1-1 at home. The next five of the remaining sixteen games could be make or break for the eagles. The Eagles are currently on a four-game homestand with two games left to play against UL Lafayette and UL Monroe. Going up against UL Lafayette will be the ultimate test for GSU, as they are the number two team in the division. The key matchup to watch will be GSU guard Angel McGowan who is averaging 18 points in conference play and UL Lafayette leading scorer Keke Veal with 16.6 points per game for the season. The Eagles will be counting on their leading scorer, McGowan, who has been on a tear as of late averaging 20 or more points in the last three of four games.

After the GSU vs Troy game over the break, McGowan gave credit to head coach Kip Drown for her improvement.

"Well coach talked to me about making better decisions and taking what the defense is giving me. I get more confidence in trying to do what I can for my team," Guard McGowan said.

The last game of the four-game stretch should be very interesting going up against UL Monroe. In their first meeting last season the Eagles lost to UL Monroe in overtime and GSU forward Patrice Butler scored 23 points and gathered six rebounds.

Moving forward after UL Monroe the Eagles will be going back on the road to play a game against their rival, the Georgia State Panthers. The Eagles split a pair of games last season against the panthers losing at home in the first meeting 54-82. However, in the second meeting the Eagles finished off their last game of the season to beat State 82-74 in an away game. In that meeting the Eagles had three players in double figures, with guard Angel McGowan scoring a game high 25 points and Patrice Butler added on 21 more points.

Eagles head coach Drown feels confident about his bunch and spoke highly of their

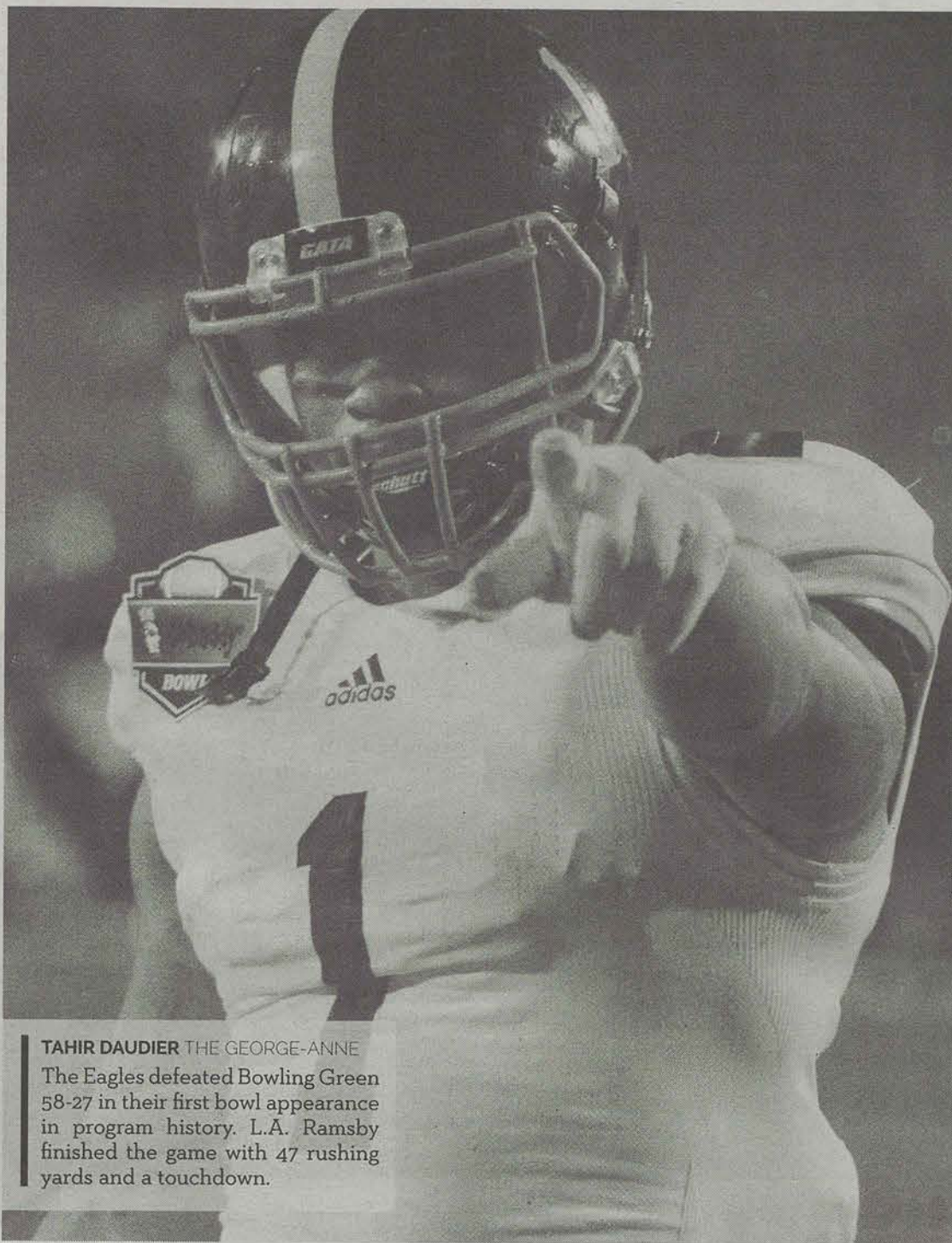
conference play ahead after their Troy game last Saturday.

"The aggressiveness is getting better, I think we are competing better and after Arlington game that was my biggest disappointment. We didn't go after them, we didn't play them hard and if we go after them and we come every night and compete with them, we will keep getting better as a basketball team. We're getting better as a basketball team and if you saw us back in November till now, I think everybody will say were improving," Coach Drown said.

Over the next two games, Southern will come up against App State and Little Rock. The Eagles went 0-4 combined against both teams last season, but this season the ball club is different with a new coach and improved players. The numbers show improvement as the eagles are only half way through the season sitting at an overall record of 4-9, 1-3 in conference, and that almost matches their entire record from last seasons 5-24 overall and 2-18 in conference.

The game tonight against UL Lafayette will take place at Hanner Fieldhouse and start at 5 p.m.





**TAHIR DAUDIER THE GEORGE-ANNE**  
The Eagles defeated Bowling Green 58-27 in their first bowl appearance in program history. L.A. Ramsby finished the game with 47 rushing yards and a touchdown.

# A Year to Remember

The Eagles finished 9-4 in the 2015 season. There's a lot to be excited about for the future of Georgia Southern football.



**BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX**  
The George-Anne staff

Classes have begun and everyone is getting back into the swing of college life. We all have something that gives us an escape from the daily grind and if your escape is Eagle football then look no further for your review of one of the best years in the history of Georgia Southern football.

The 13 game journey certainly had its ups and downs, and it was kicked off with a low that had some Eagle fans nervous for the second season in the FBS. Coming off of a Sun Belt championship, expectations were high when the team rolled into Morgantown, West Virginia. The Mountaineers pulled off a 44-0 shutout against Georgia Southern who was missing suspended quarterback Kevin Ellison. It was the perfect storm of circumstances that could break some teams, but the Eagles lived to fight another week.

After the loss, the Eagles experienced a five game winning streak to right the ship. Their

most notable win came over MAC opponent Western Michigan and a 51-31 victory over UL Monroe who gave the team trouble in their final game last season. In the five wins the Eagles outscored their opponents by a total of 135 points and led the country with their lethal rushing attack.

Southern hit a road bump in the middle of their schedule as they faced conference opponent and longtime rival Appalachian State. Beating the Mountaineers is never an easy task, but beating them in North Carolina is about as difficult as it gets. After getting off to a great early drive, the Eagles weren't able to keep up as App State grabbed a 31-13 victory. The loss was their first in the Sun Belt for our Eagles and they needed to rebound again.

Victories over Texas State and Troy eased the pain. The Eagles were able to easily put away both opponents, outscoring them 82-23. With a 7-2 record and blood in the water, the Eagles were on the move to play their biggest game of the

season against soon to be in-state rival, the University of Georgia. The game ended up being one of the most exciting contests of the year as Favian Upshaw stepped in and gave a stunning performance along with a huge special team's play that pushed the Bulldogs into overtime. Even though they couldn't come away with a win, they showed that the nation needed to start paying attention to the little team from Statesboro.

The final two games of the season included another Sun Belt beat down of South Alabama and a loss to Georgia State. The Panthers game may have upset fans and was seen as an embarrassing mark on the schedule, but the up and coming Panthers are a forced to be reckoned with as they continue to grow as a program. With the regular season out of the way, the Eagles were selected to play in the GoDaddy Bowl for their first ever bowl appearance.

It was one of the most exciting times to be an Eagle, as the True

Blue faithful traveled to Mobile, Alabama or tuned into ESPN to watch their team take on the MAC Champions, Bowling Green. Falcon supporters felt cheated that they should have to play the third ranked Sun Belt team, and that the game would be a cake walk. The game proved to show off the power of the new Sun Belt team as the Eagles set a conference record for most points scored in a bowl game after the 58-27 beat down.

The season was filled with ups and downs, heroic performances, and record breaking. Moving forward, we have a new coaching staff, a more experienced team, and an exciting new schedule and opportunity to take home another conference title and the second straight bowl victory. As we push through the spring semester and offseason, keep an eye on The George-Anne for updates on recruiting and the new coaching staff.





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# Georgia Southern football gets new coaching staff

BY KEVIN KENEELY

The George-Annie staff



Georgia Southern's football team has had to deal with a handful of coaching changes already this offseason, beginning with head coach Willie Fritz leaving for Tulane. Tyson Summers will be the new head coach starting in 2016. Summers has brought on a coaching staff that has plenty of collegiate experience from all over the nation that should be able to keep Georgia Southern's football team moving in the right direction.

## Head Coach: Tyson Summers

Former defensive coordinator for Colorado State under head coach Mike Bobo. Summers started his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Troy, and then was the safety coach at Georgia Southern, after his first stint with Georgia Southern, Summers went on to the University of

Alabama-Birmingham where he started as a linebacker coach and later moved on to coach safeties, right after that he went on to the University of Central Florida where he bounced around as the linebackers coach, safeties coach, co-defensive coordinator, and defensive coordinator.



### Lorenzo Costantini

Defensive Coordinator – Former defensive line coach for the University of Central Florida. Costantini was also responsible for recruiting at the University of Central Florida.



### Rance Gillespie

Co-Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach – Former offensive coordinator for Georgia Southern from 2007-2009 and then after that he became the head coach for Valdosta (GA) High School, where he's been for the past six years, leading them to the playoffs each year.



### David Dean

Co-Offensive Coordinator/Wide-Receiver – Former head coach for Valdosta State, leading them to two National Championships at the Division II level. He finished his tenure at Valdosta State with a .745 winning percentage.

## Additional Hires:

**Pat Bastien** – Linebackers – Former linebacker graduate assistant coach at the University of Central Florida.

**Chris Foster** – Running Backs – Former running backs coach at Maryville (TN) College, where he led one of the most successful rushing attacks in the nation. Before coaching at Maryville (TN) College, Foster was the running backs coach at Appalachian State.

**Jimmy Lindsey** – Defensive Line – Former defensive line/assistant head coach at Furman.

**Allen Mogridge** – Offensive Line – Mogridge has been all over the place, starting as the tight ends/special teams coach for the University of Central Florida, then the offensive line coach for Temple, then back to the University of Central Florida as the H-backs coach for a season and then the offensive line coach the next season.

**Jeremy Rowell** – Defensive Backs – Former high school and college coach, starting at Troy where he was the defensive backs coach, he was later promoted to be the defensive coordinator. The previous three years he has been the defensive backs coach at Colquitt County (GA) High School, where he helped win back-to-back State Championships.

**Dr. Tredell Dorsey** – Director of Strength & Conditioning – Dorsey has spent nine years as a strength & conditioning coach at the collegiate level. Before coming to Georgia Southern he was the strength & conditioning coach at the University of Central Florida, Georgia Tech, Georgia State, Delaware State University, Alabama State University and Cleveland State University.

**Travis Taylor** – Director of Football Operations – Taylor has spent five years at the University of Alabama Birmingham, where he spent his final two seasons as the director of football operations. Most recently Taylor has been the director of football operations at Western Kentucky University as the assistant director of football operations.

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