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GA ARTS FEST

THE GEORGE-ANNE NO MORE

After 30 years, event to be discontinued

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TAHIR DAUDIER THE GEORGE-ANNE

SHOWDOWN IN ATLANTA

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GUN SAFETY FOR DUMMIES

*The importance
of shooting
education*

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Tuesday



**High: 48°
Low: 27°**

Wednesday



**High: 56°
Low: 42°**

Thursday



**High: 61°
Low: 47°**

Friday



**High: 63°
Low: 39°**

It is going to be a mostly cloudy week with the highest temperature being 63 degrees on Friday. It is perfect weather to snuggle up with that new textbook and try to start the semester off right. This weekend starts with a storm but check back Thursday to see if it will stay that way.

Weather Bar

HOVERBOARDS BANNED ACROSS SEVERAL GEORGIA COLLEGE CAMPUSES

by DJ Fullmer

It came as a shock to see that hoverboards would be banned on Georgia Southern campus before students came back from winter break. However the Atlanta Journal-Constitution (AJC) reports that this ban has been implemented across several different campuses.

The University System of Georgia has allowed the individual universities to make their own judgments on the self-balancing motorized vehicles. So as the Consumer Product Safety Commission investigated claims of the boards erupting in flames and falling concerns, many universities have come out and decided to ban them all together.

According to the AJC, here are the universities who have made bans:

- Armstrong State University
- Augusta University
- Columbus State University
- Fort Valley State University
- Georgia Gwinnett College
- Georgia Southern University
- Georgia State University
- Georgia Tech (advises against uses them, but banned them from use in campus buildings)
- Kennesaw State University
- University of Georgia (cannot use in residence halls, but can around campus)
- University of North Georgia

Savannah College of Art and Design, in an interesting judgment, classifies hoverboards as skateboards and other similar modes of transportation so hoverboards are not banned.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN NURSING STUDENTS MEMORIALIZED AT CAPITOL

by Chris Carter

The Georgia Southern nursing students who were killed on I-16 were memorialized on the first day of the 2016 legislative session.

The first day of the new legislative session started on Monday January 11.

The death of these Georgia Southern nursing students has garnered a great amount of attention, with major legislation being passed through the US congress.

Governor Nathan Deal, Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle, the family of the victims and survivors of the crash, Megan Richards and Brittany McDaniel were present.

According to the Atlanta Journal Constitution Emily McGuire, President of Georgia Southern University Student Nurses' Association said, "The silver linings of this dark cloud are definitely Megan Richards and Brittney McDaniel."

The ceremony also included a candle lighting and the opportunity to offer memorial gifts to the victims family.

STATESBORO IS A SEMIFINALIST IN AMERICA'S BEST COMMUNITIES

by DJ Fullmer

On January 13, 2016, Frontier Communities announced the 15 semifinalists for the competition and Statesboro is included in those 15.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (AJC) explains that the competition started with 50 communities selected from 135 applicants for the three year long competition.

The next stage for the 15 semifinalists is to attend the America's Best Communities Summit in April; there they will explain their plans and eight will be chosen to receive \$100,000 to start their plan.

If Statesboro's plan makes the largest impact they will win first prize and will receive \$3 million. If they win second place it would be \$2 million and third place is awarded \$1 million.

According to the AJC, the plan for Statesboro is called the "Blue Mile" which will connect Georgia Southern University to Downtown Statesboro.

America's Best Community is sponsored by Frontier Communications, DISH, CoBank and the Weather Channel with the ultimate goal of bringing life back into small towns and cities across America.



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REFLECTORGSU.COM

by Julia Fechter

Meet the new Career Development Specialist for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS), Theresa Duggar.

Tell us a little bit about yourself:

TD: I grew up outside of Chicago, Illinois and moved to Georgia for college. I recently worked in the College of Education as a graduate academic advisor, but have experience in student activities and residential life.

Why are you excited to work with Career Services? CLASS students specifically.

TD: Career Services provides an excellent support for students as they move through their time at Georgia Southern and after graduation. I am even more excited to work with CLASS students, they are well-rounded in their curriculum and can offer a lot to employers and graduate schools. I am excited to connect the dots for students, they graduate with amazing experiences but can sometimes get tongue tied when trying to make them relevant to a job search.

What advice do you have for students?

TD: My advice for any student is to get out and experience your intended career field, early. Learning and being a part of where you want to be after graduation can only build your confidence and awareness in the field



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by Julia Fechter

JANUARY CONCERTS

YOUR JANUARY CONCERT GUIDE: Statesboro Edition

Gnat's Landing
470 South Main Street
WHO: THOSE CATS
WHEN: JAN 15

Dingus Magee's
3 Georgia Avenue
WHO: PIANO
WHEN: JAN 21

Bigshow's Burgers
200 Lanier Drive
WHO: SOLOMON'S GHOST
WHEN: JAN 30

The first weeks of the semester can be stressful. Going to a concert (or two) can be a great way to relieve those back-to-school jitters. Here are some of the concerts happening in Statesboro this month, just to give you a taste of the musical diversity that the town has to offer.

Read the rest on Reflectorgsu.com



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

10 A.M. - 2 P.M.



BRANDON WARNOCK | THE GEORGE-ANNE

Fundraising efforts have started to help Nancy Hillis. ALS is responsible for two out of every 100,000 deaths annually.

Local ALS patient seeks community support

BY BAILEY ADCOCK
The George-Anne staff

Fundraising efforts have begun to help Statesboro resident Nancy Hillis, who was diagnosed with ALS in 2012.

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, otherwise known as ALS or Lou Gherig's disease, is a neurologically degenerative disease that slowly takes over a patient's body and makes it almost impossible for them to care for themselves.

According to the ALS Association, approximately 6,400 people in the U.S. are diagnosed with ALS each year, with military veterans being approximately twice as likely to develop the disease.

Before her diagnosis, Hillis was an entertainer. She was a singer, actress and the host of a bed and breakfast in Savannah, which was also the backdrop to the movie 'Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil.'

"She was so active in life before. She hosted weddings and had a national pageant title out of Las

Vegas. She's also a big Georgia Southern fan," Sandra McLeod, close friend of Hillis and resident of Brunswick, said.

Hillis began to see signs of the disease in 2011 when her left foot started to randomly give out. While she battled various illnesses afterwards, doctors decided to test for ALS.

"The paralysis of the disease has now reached to about her midriff and she is on oxygen 24/7," McLeod said.

Friends still describe Hillis as a fighter, but she has to receive daily care to help with her symptoms.

The cost of the care adds up, according to McLeod, and most of the money is coming out of Hillis's pockets.

Eagle Health and Rehabilitation Center, where she is currently staying, allows for Hillis to leave whenever she wants, whether it is to go see her two sons or visit

the doctor's office. However, they only have access to ambulances for transportation, costing Hillis about \$1600 whenever she wants to use them.

Eager to help regain some of Hillis's freedom, McLeod has spearheaded a fundraiser through a website called "Red Basket".

"Red Basket is different from other fundraising sites because we don't charge fees," RaeAnn Knoell, communications specialist for Red Basket, said.

The site is financially supported by an insurance company out of Nebraska called Woodman Life, who handles all expenses that are normally paid for with fees by most fundraising websites.

Because of the support from Woodman Life, every cent of the donations is guaranteed to go straight toward Hillis.

"Most other fundraising sites are self-publishing so there's not

verification. Here at Red Basket, we call to verify that there is a financial need," Knoell said.

McLeod has set the monetary goal at \$5,000. As of January 16, they have only raised \$805.

The paralysis, having reached her midriff, has forced Hillis into getting around via scooter. This has led to a need for a vehicle with scooter access.

"We were hoping we might be able to purchase a used vehicle but we haven't had the response we thought we would. I'd love to be able to give her a little bit of joy in the time she has left," McLeod said.

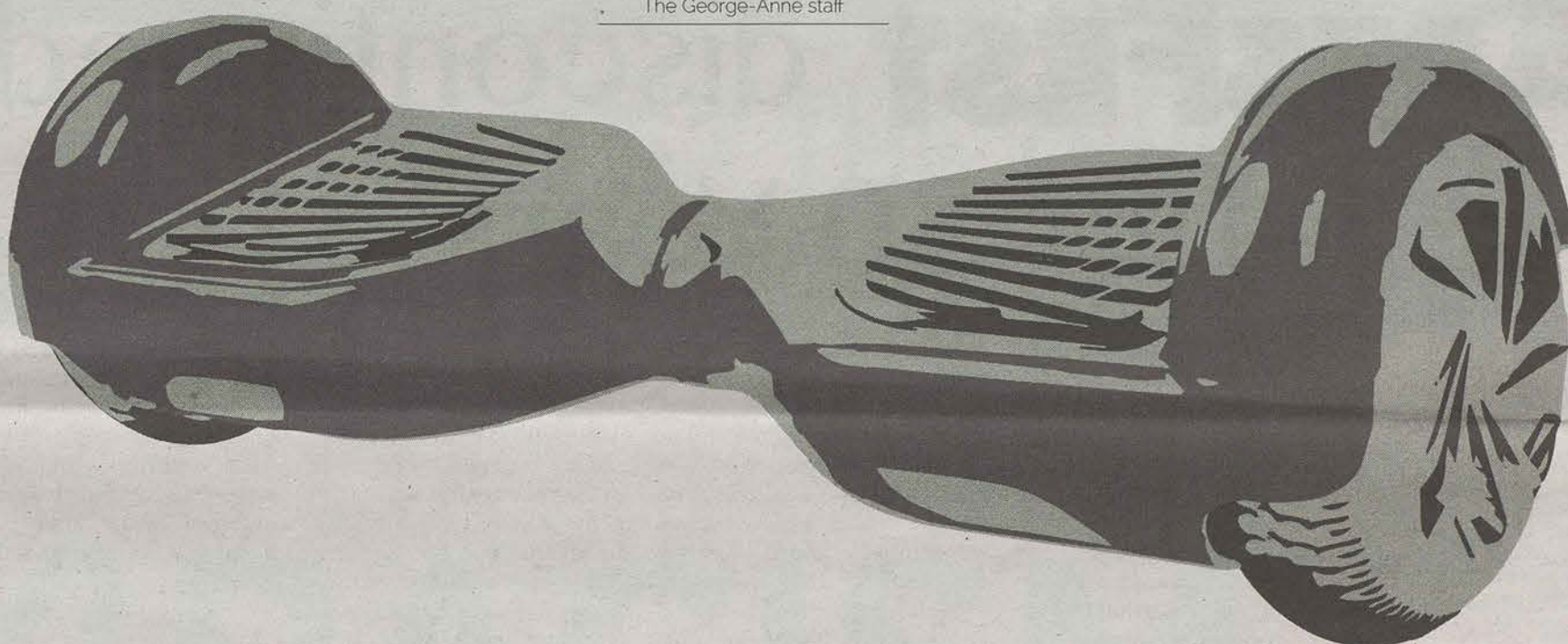
ALS is a disease many know about because of the Ice Bucket Challenge or Stephen Hawking. However some students know of the disease through personal circumstances.

"My great grandmother had it. My mother may have it and my kids may have it," Cassie Warthen, freshman vocal performance major, said. "It

Halt on hoverboards:

Scooters banned for student safety

BY CHANCE SHELTON
The George-Anne staff



The hoverboard, a two-wheeled self-balancing scooter, was officially banned from Georgia Southern's Campus on Jan. 6, 2016.

"Restricting hoverboards on campus is based on our primary goal of safety for all Georgia Southern community members, as, across the country, there have been several fires and injuries linked to hoverboards," Jeanette "Jan" Bond, Associate Vice President of the Office of Marketing and Communication, said.

Students and faculty heard about the ban through an e-mail sent out by the university before classes began in an attempt to make sure students didn't bring them to campus. Resident halls community leaders (CLs) were the first ones to find out about the ban.

"We, [the CLs], heard about [the ban on hoverboards] first, being CLs and stuff, so it was pretty interesting, I think it's probably smart, whether it was a safety concern or something, I think it was probably going to get out of hand," Sierra Moore, sophomore, writing and linguistics major, said.

According to Joy Hoverboards, the number one online retailer for balancing scooters, over 145,000 balancing scooters have been sold.

In regards to the ban, the vehicles have become a part of the student code of conduct and fall specifically under the Motorcycles, Mopeds, and Scooters rules and regulations.

The Dean of Students states on the Parking and Transportation university website that hoverboards are not welcomed, and if an individual is found using one

or has it in their possession, they could find themselves dealing with the conduct board for not following university policy.

Students feel the ban wasn't necessary, but they are glad the university is trying to create a safe environment for learning and walking around campus.

"I personally think it was a smart move because they have been known to catch on fire, or at least until we know more about them," Jason Conyers, junior nutrition major, said.

According to CNN, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is investigating at least 16 reports of hoverboard fires in 12 states.

This campus wide ban will stay in effect until the university decides otherwise.

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Restricting hoverboards on campus is based on our primary goal of safety for all Georgia Southern community members, as, across the country, there have been several fires and injuries linked to hoverboards,”

JAN BOND

Vice President of the Office of Marketing and Communication

PHOTO COURTESY OF BETTY FOY SANDERS DEPARTMENT OF ART
ArtsFest t-shirts are hung outside to dry. The event is being cancelled after three decades.



ARTSFEST discontinued after 30 Years

BY TANDRA SMITH
The George-Anne staff

ArtsFest, an annual community event that encouraged creativity in young children through multiple art mediums, is being discontinued after more than 30 years.

The event was hosted by the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art and had taken place on Sweetheart Circle for the last three decades. Many local businesses and organizations in the Statesboro community acted as sponsors.

The event emphasized celebrating the importance of performing and visual arts. Various artists, performers, and other creative minds had an opportunity to showcase their numerous talents and creations at the free public event.

The discontinuation of the event wasn't an easy decision for the art department.

"It's not a decision that [the department] took lightly," Robert Farber, chair of the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art said. "It took months to reach a decision and ultimately we determined that it should be discontinued in its current form."

According to a statement from the department, the scale and scope of ArtsFest had expanded to a point that exceeded the department's capability to effectively manage the event.

In addition, the art

department has moved towards more contemporary theories and practices that address new technology.

Originally, ArtsFest began as a result of a degree that the university no longer offers.

"Many years ago, the department offered a B.S. in Art Education, so that degree was in closer alignment with the mission of ArtsFest," Farber said.

As of right now, there are no plans to continue an ArtsFest like event on Georgia Southern's campus.

Faber had been in talks with a local arts organization and was hopeful that something could've taken the place of the event, but that doesn't seem likely. However, a few alternatives have been suggested.

"The department is talking with the Averitt Arts Center on a different event which would be a fall event and more in alignment with the current mission and the programming of the department," Farber said. "The fall event would focus on contemporary practice art and design, things like that."

Along with working with the Averitt Center for the Arts, the department hopes to create new experiences for high school students in Bulloch County, such as adding a juried scholarship exhibition of student work, plus

opportunities for students to earn college credit through dual enrollment.

Farber has also said that the department has received a few calls from the Statesboro-Bulloch County Parks and Recreation department about having an ArtsFest like event at a different location in the community, but the art department would not be

directly associated with the event at all.

As for the legacy of ArtsFest, Farber believes the event will live on in stories.

"The legacy and the lasting impact are the stories of those who have attended the event and the children that have attended. Those things were very positive for everyone," Farber said.

Reactions about ArtsFest

being discontinued appeared all across social media, with some individuals calling for President Bartels to step in and possibly stop the event from ending, while others posted about their memories of the event under the hashtag, #LongLiveArtsFest.

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:

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THINGS TO #LEAVEIN2015

WE ASKED MEMBERS OF OUR CAMPUS WHAT THEY WANT TO #LEAVEIN2015.

BY FEATURES STAFF
The Georgia Southern staff

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Side chicks. **HOVERBOARDS** **MEEK MILL**
NETFLIX AND CHILL *Bitches*
#GOALS
RACISM
CAITLYN **PRIVILEGE**
DONALD TRUMP
JENNER **THE EGGPLANT**
IGGY AZALEA **EMOJI**
DABBING
Twierking **EXCUSES**
BEING OFFENDED BY EVERYTHING
BLACKOUTS, BECAUSE I'VE HAD SOME PRETTY GNARLY ONES
RELATIONSHIP AND **PEOPLE**
ACADEMIC DRAMA **WHO WASTE**
KYLIE JENNER LIP CRAZE **YOUR TIME.**

THE WORD "FLEEK"
PROCRASTINATION

THE DRESS
SAYING "BLANK IS MY SPIRIT ANIMAL"

THE PET PROJECT: BAILEY

BY ASHLEE GILLEY
The George-Anne staff

The Pet Project is a new biweekly section featuring adoptable cats and dogs of all ages and breeds available in the Statesboro area. All of the animals shown in this section will be from the Humane Society of Statesboro & Bulloch County unless stated otherwise. Help them find a new home.

HOW TO ADOPT

If you are interested in adopting an animal featured in this series you can fill out an application at <http://www.statesborohumane.org/adoptions/>. Scroll to the bottom of the page, click 'apply now', open the PDF, complete the application and email it to borohumane@gmail.com. You can also call them at (912) 681-9393 for any additional information.

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Microchip - A microchip implanted under the animal's skin as a way of identification should the animal ever be lost.

Neutered/Spayed - The animal has had surgery to make sure that it cannot reproduce for population control.

Foster Home - Volunteer families who house and care for the animals while they are waiting to be adopted.



NAME: BAILEY

AGE: 3 YEARS

BREED: BOXER/PIT BULL MIX

GENDER: FEMALE

BIO:

A pup who loves to play and receive all of your attention. Bailey was a last chance dog at the shelter, meaning she was scheduled to be put to sleep, but since being rescued has been living in a foster home. She can handle large groups, is a quick learner when it comes to training, is fully vaccinated, spayed and is already embedded with a microchip.



COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Ahead in
CLASS
JANUARY - FEBRUARY 25

All events are open to the public, and admission is free except where otherwise indicated. For more information, please visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/class.

1/11-2/12: GALLERY Structural Findings Featuring work from Georgia Southern alumnae Jean Gray Mohs and Lois Harvey, the gallery includes a collection of mixed media work and ceramic sculptures that explore the ideas of structures in material and concept. Artist Talk and Reception Feb. 11 5-7:30 p.m.; University Gallery, Center for Art & Theatre; 912.478.5358

1/20: LECTURE Great Minds Lecture with Patsy Kraeger "Socially Responsible Businesses: Introducing the Benefit Corporation, an Innovation or a Marketing Tool?"; 5:30 p.m.; Russell Union room 2048; 912.478.8597

1/21: CONCERT Guest Artist Didge Evolution 7:30 p.m.; Carol A. Carter Recital Hall; 912.478.5396

1/22: CONCERT Student Chamber Concert 7:30 p.m.; Carol A. Carter Recital Hall; 912.478.5396

1/29-30: FESTIVAL Patti Pace Performance Festival The Patti Pace Performance Festival celebrates disability through performance. "Reflections on the 'Sweet Life': The Vidalia* Onion Oral History & Performance Project" will also be reprised on Jan. 29 at the festival. 912.478.5379

2/2: SPEAKER Jose Antonio Vargas Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas will examine complex immigration

issues and share his personal experiences. Admission is free. 7 p.m.; Performing Arts Center (PAC); 912.478.0739

2/3: CONCERT Guitar Ensemble Recital 7:30 p.m.; Carol A. Carter Recital Hall; 912.478.5396

2/8: CONCERT General Student Recital #1 Performances from Georgia Southern's talented students.; 1:25 p.m.; Carol A. Carter Recital Hall; 912.478.5396

2/9: LECTURE Great Minds Lecture with Chad Posick "Exposed and Vulnerable: The Consequences of Violence and What Schools, Families, and Communities Can Do to Keep Children Healthy."; 5:30 p.m.; Russell Union room 2048; 912.478.8597

2/20: CONCERT Faculty Series Recital Arikka Gregory and David Murray Performance from mezzo-soprano, Arikka Gregory, D.M.A., and pianist, David Murray, D.M.A.; 7:30 p.m.; Carol A. Carter Recital Hall; 912.478.5396

2/22: CONCERT General Student Recital #2 Performances from Georgia Southern's talented students.; 1:25 p.m.; Carol A. Carter Recital Hall; 912.478.5396

2/25: CONCERT Georgia Southern University Wind Symphony Presented by the Department of Music.; 7:30 p.m.; East Georgia College in Swainsboro, Ga.; 912.478.5396

Surviving Syllabus Week

BY ARAYA JACKSON
The George-Anne staff

At the beginning of each semester, we're blessed with a certain little time period known as "Syllabus Week". For many, this is the perfect opportunity to drop/add like crazy, write out months in advance in your planner, and drop a rent payment on textbooks.

For others, this is the time to settle back into your home, catch up with the squad about all the oh-so super interesting things you did over the break, and drown your sorrows at happy hour after you realize you needed that rent payment you just dropped on textbooks.

The major key is balancing a bit of it all.

When students were asked how they feel about last week, I was thrilled to see that most people have their heads on pretty straight.

Hopefully everyone used this grace period to get their lives together for a successful spring semester. If not, I hope your hangover wasn't too bad and your wallet isn't too dusty.



Symone Menefee

sophomore communication studies major

"It helps, but not because they read the syllabus for it. It helps because you get to see how the teachers are and how they speak, how they interact with the students."



Hope Kimberly

junior therapeutic recreation major

"Everything builds up and if you don't manage your time wisely, you're gonna get behind. Even in the beginning."



Jordan Storey

sophomore biology pre-vet major

"Honestly syllabus week is the week when you have to decide if you're gonna actually drop this class or not."



Tookie Brown

freshman sports management major

"It's kinda tough, my syllabus week isn't like most others. The worst part is that I can't go home and take a nap like I want to, I have to go to the classes."



Bazemore Mitchell

senior nutrition and food science major

"You just got to take your time, do it right, and try to have a little fun."



Morgan Gray

sophomore biology pre-vet major

"This is when I figure out how to get to class and what time I need to wake up for it so I can make it."



Lexus Lewis

junior studio art and apparel design major

"It's my favorite because I get to chill. I'm enjoying this right now. But I slowly brace myself and get prepared for my three studio classes this semester."



Sam Muenchen

sophomore marketing and linguistics major

"Obviously I like to get everything organized but I do like to have fun. Like I'm heading to happy hour right now."

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EAGLES PREPARE FOR REMATCH WITH THE PANTHERS

THE LAST MATCHUP BETWEEN THE TWO SHADES OF BLUE WAS IN THE 2015 SUN BELT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME. THE PANTHERS BESTED THE EAGLES 38-36 TO TAKE THE CONFERENCE TITLE.

BY MARQUS WILLIAMS
The George-Anne staff

The next game for the Eagles will have them facing off against one of our biggest rivals, Georgia State. The Panthers have senior leadership and experience on their team while the Eagles are young and inexperienced in their Sun Belt careers. The Eagles went 1-2 last season against the Panthers winning the first matchup at home and losing on the road and in the Sun Belt Championship. The Panthers are currently (11-4) overall and (4-2) in conference.

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KEVIN WARE
13.0 POINTS/GAME
3.9 REBOUNDS/GAME



PHOTO COURTESY OF GEORGIA STATE

JEREMY HOLLOWELL
15.4 POINTS/GAME
4.4 REBOUNDS/GAME

TOOKIE BROWN
17.0 POINTS/GAME

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TALE OF THE TAPE

BY CHRIS SMITH &
KEITH SMILEY
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MADISON REYNOLDS | THE GEORGE-ANNE STAFF

PATRICE BUTLER, averaged 18 points and 6.5 rebounds in two meetings last season versus GA State as a redshirt sophomore. This season she is the second leading scorer and leading rebounder for the Eagles averaging 12.3 points per game and 5.5 rebounds. Butler will be coming into this game red-hot after a 17 point, nine-rebound performance last Saturday against UL Monroe.



MADISON REYNOLDS | THE GEORGE-ANNE STAFF

ANGEL MCGOWAN is Georgia Southern's leading scorer with 13.9 points per game. McGowan averaged 22.5 points per game and three assists in two meetings last season against GA State. McGowan is capable of scoring in bunches with a season high of 28 points.

MAKEBA PONDER, sophomore guard, tied the schools 3-point shooting record last year making 69 from beyond the arc. In her two games against Georgia Southern last year, Ponder averaged 10.0 points per game. Ponder was shutout in the final game of the season against Georgia Southern in 2015. This year Ponder is averaging 13.0 points per game and leads Georgia State in 3-point field goals made (20).



PHOTO COURTESY OF GEORGIA STATE

ALAYSIA MITCHELL is a junior forward that transferred to Georgia State from Pensacola State. Last year for Pensacola State, she averaged 14.7 points per game alongside 7.8 rebounds per game. This season Alaysia Mitchell is putting up good numbers averaging 9.6 points and 5.8 rebounds per game. Mitchell will be introduced to the Southern vs State rivalry and will have her hands full matching up against Patrice Butler in the paint.

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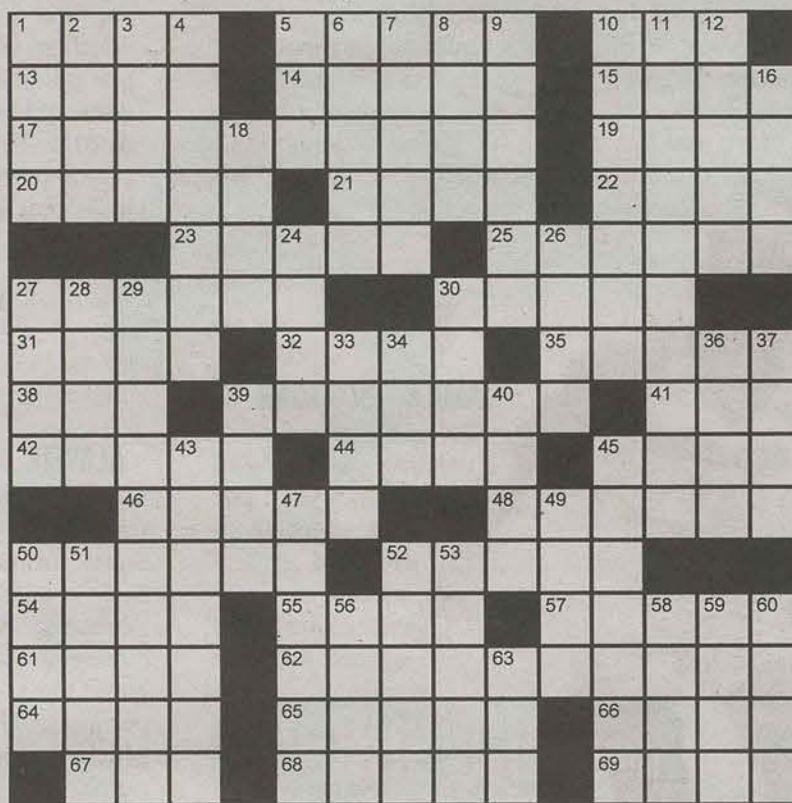
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The George-Anne 1/19/16 Crossword PuzzleJunction.com

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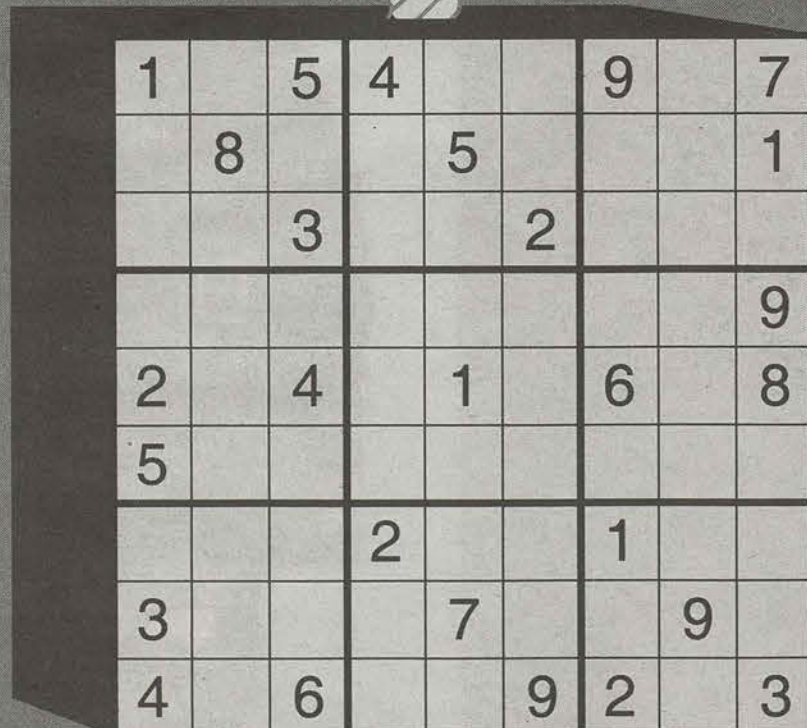
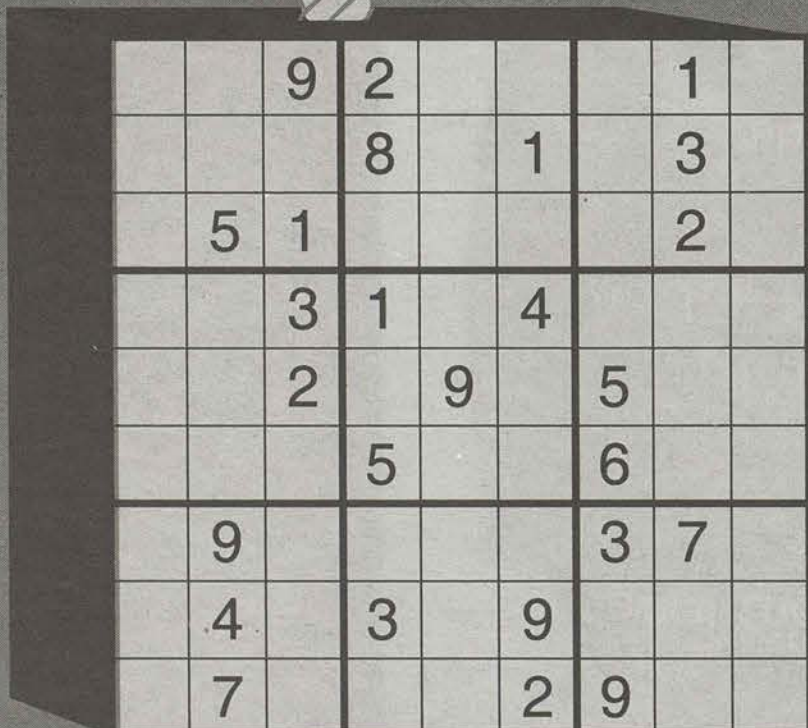


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45 Decomposed
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group, e.g.
56 Attention-getter
58 Test choice
59 Deserve
60 Pampering
places
63 Behold

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2 Creme-filled snack
3 Kind of jet
4 They're loaded
5 Big club
6 Reins in
7 Permeate
8 New Look
designer



Limitless Spending

A government's addiction to money



DEVIN CONAWAY

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As of today, the US National Debt is quickly approaching \$19 trillion, which is actually higher than the annual GDP of the entire country.

If the elected officials in charge of balancing the federal budget were to be critiqued in a business-like context, whether in terms of a large corporate structure or even something as simple as balancing a checkbook, they would be subject to mass scrutiny for denying the most basic rule of business: to receive more than you spend (or at least as much as you spend).

As our government continues to spend more than it receives, it must also continue to borrow money in order to make up for those deficits.

The debt accumulated by the U.S. federal government is of grave concern

to the American people because the government hasn't operated with a surplus or even a balanced budget in over 14 years, and this perpetual state of indebtedness is particularly catastrophic when considering the acquired interest on that ever-increasing debt.

In 2015, the fed's final costs totaled \$3.7 trillion while receiving only \$3.3 trillion in return from taxpayers. For a different perspective on the aforementioned interest problem, 6 percent of the budget for the fiscal year was delegated to paying interest on American debt, while only 4 percent of the budget for the fiscal year was delegated to education.

Our politicians were either forced to prioritize paying off interest on debt because of their own financial irresponsibility or they actually believe that education is not important enough to merit a significant portion of the budget.

Government budget plans are proposed to Congress by subcommittees that represent the various public sectors, and their proposals are shoved into intimidating bills (in terms of length) that speak in vague generalities about the state of the economy and the need for fund approval in order for the government to continue to function.

Individual allocations of funds certainly aren't voted on, and in most cases I doubt that they are even reviewed.

According to the Waste Report from the Federal Spending oversight sub

committee, this broken system allowed for U.S. citizens to have almost \$200,000 of taxpayer money granted to a University of Kentucky research team investigating the sexual habits of Japanese quail after cocaine usage (just for the record, the cocaine was given to the birds, not the researchers), \$5.2 million on a study that looked to identify the democratic tendencies of goldfish, \$150,000 on yoga classes for federal employees, \$850,000 on the creation of a televised cricket league in Pakistan (where only .003 percent of the population even has a television), \$15 million to study the effectiveness of golf equipment in space, \$43 million on a gas station in Afghanistan that is equipped with a compressed natural gas that virtually no Afghani cars can run on, and \$158 million over a six year period when a Los Angeles school district used lunch program funds to pay the salaries of government employees not employed by the school district among other significant, non-related purchases.

Whether this reckless behavior is simply a by-product of a consumer culture that encourages frivolous spending over frugality or an ideological rejection of fiscal conservatism by contemporary politics, we have an assumed responsibility, not only as taxpayers, but as citizens as well, to question the decisions of our elected officials, especially something as blatantly essential as basic financial responsibility.

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GUN SAFETY FOR DUMMIES



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Gun violence has been one of the most talked about issues in the 21st century, not only because of the large amount of gun owners in the United States but because of how often it is captured and put on display in social media. According to the ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives), in 2013 the annual production of firearms had jumped up to 10.9 million. To put that in perspective, in 2013, 3.9 million infants were born in the United States. Controversy has been raised from the installation of an indoor gun range near our campus. Even more questions arose when President Obama told America that he would take executive actions to restrict guns.

Personally, I think that having an increase in gun control is not a bad thing mainly because of the drastic increase in gun related deaths. One thing that I do believe is that people should have the ability to own and carry guns. I come from a military

family and was raised to always be respectful of guns and never think of them as toys. Sadly, a large amount of our population does not understand this simple idea. Furthermore, many individuals do not know proper safety when handling a gun.

When the Shooting Sports Education Center (SSEC) was installed, many people thought the idea of having a gun range that close to a campus was a ridiculous notion. The first thought that people outside of the situation, and outside the south, had was that the only reason that we got a gun range was because we are in the south. But in actuality, our women's NCAA rifling team earned the much needed room to practice by setting record after record last Fall semester.

Before coming to Statesboro four years ago, I had no idea the amount of college students that think shooting guns off of their back porch is a good idea. Again, I am a firm believer that people should be able to own guns. That said, I do not think that people who have taken no safety courses and live in houses and apartments with multiple people, who are not their family, should own guns.

This building is something that our campus can benefit from tremendously. I believe that the SSEC is a facility that gives students the ability to learn more than just how to shoot a gun or fire a bow. Using this center can help teach individuals how to approach guns more seriously and in a more cautious way.

Executive Order

1. Require background checks

FBI overhaul of system to be more effective

2. Make our communities safer

The 2017 budget includes funding for 200 new ATF agents

3. Increase mental health treatment

\$500 million investment to increase health care

4. Shape gun safety technology

Department of Defense, Justice, and Homeland Security to sponsor research

BECOME AN APPROVED USER

1.

COMPLETE A SHOOTING EXPERIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

2.

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3.

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