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JOSE ANTONIO VARGAS



**Award-
winner
speaks on
race and
immigration**

PHOTO COURTESY OF JONATHAN YU

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and documentarian Jose Antonio Vargas will come to Georgia Southern on Tuesday, February 2 from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Vargas will be speaking to attendees about immigration issues and his experiences as an undocumented immigrant living in America.

"We talked about Jose Antonio Vargas in one of my classes so I'm really excited to see him speak and hear his views on immigration," MaKayla Hayes, freshman hospitality management major, said. **STORY CONTINUES ON PAGE 4**

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Women's Tennis
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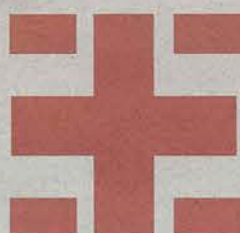


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**Terrorist
attacks
raise study
abroad
concerns**



**Dr. Van Buren Hospital to be
memorialized in Statesboro**

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Thursday



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Friday



**High: 63°
Low: 35°**

Saturday



**High: 68°
Low: 39°**

Sunday



**High: 72°
Low: 47°**

Once Thursday ends, it looks like it's time for some fun in the sun; throw the books in a corner of your room and stretch your legs this weekend.

Weather Bar

VAN BUREN HOSPITAL IN TALKS FOR PRESERVATION



PHOTO COURTESY OF STATESBORO HERALD

by Simeon Ike
It might not seem like it, but the old, structurally unstable white house on 38 Elm Street in downtown Statesboro was once Van Buren Hospital.

According to the Statesboro Herald, Statesboro's first black physician, Dr. Van Buren, opened the hospital in 1918 as a way to serve the entire community during the flu epidemic of World War I.

Candra E. Teshome, department clerk for Statesboro's Planning and Development Department, recently became interested in the history of the building after it was identified as a dilapidated structure in need of improvement.

Eric Short, a Code Compliance Officer, initially came across the building, and informed Teshome that, in his opinion, preservation would be better than destroying the building.

Teshome and Short were not the only people who had interest in the building. The building's owner, Glennera Martin and Design 5 Studio Professor Amy Boyett also showed interest. Boyett and her class recently took measurements of the site.

The Van Buren Hospital has a chance to be listed under the National Registry of Historic places along with several historic structures on the surrounding streets. Due to its structure the building could not make it into the registry alone.

Owner Martin would like to keep the house as private property, but she would also like it renovated and repaired.

GEORGIA GOVERNOR PROPOSES FUNDING FOR EDUCATING STATE INMATES

Georgia Governor Nathan Deal has introduced a new program to help prison inmates receive an education while incarcerated.

According to the Statesboro Herald, Deal asked Georgia lawmakers to establish two charter schools at state prison facilities. Deal's goal is to allow prisoners to acquire an actual high school diploma instead of a G.E.D. certificate or other job training that is currently available in prisons.

Deal's proposal also asked lawmakers to allow \$1.3 million in state funding for job-training at prisons that will be provided by the state's technical college system.

Deal said on Tuesday that giving prisoners the opportunity to attain an education and acquire job skills will make them more marketable to employers upon release. Deal's belief is this will help keep prisoners from re-entering the penal system.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN TO HOST FAMOUS JOURNALISTS

by Chris Carter
Georgia Southern will host Ted Koppel, Mara Liasson and Eugene Robinson; they will be discussing "2016 Elections: Voting as an Informed Citizen" on Wednesday, March 23 at 7 p.m. at Hanner Fieldhouse.



Ted Koppel is world renown, having covered many major events including President John F. Kennedy's funeral, Martin Luther King Jr.'s civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery and being the first journalist to interview Nelson Mandela

upon his release from prison.



Mara Liasson is the national political correspondent for National Public Radio (NPR) and a contributor to FOX news channel.



Eugene Robinson is a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist from The Washington Post.

It will be a panel to discuss the importance of voting and civil responsibility and instill that on the students of Georgia Southern.

It is a part of Georgia Southern's Leadership Lecture Series which has hosted Archie Manning, Laura Bush, Condoleezza Rice and many others.

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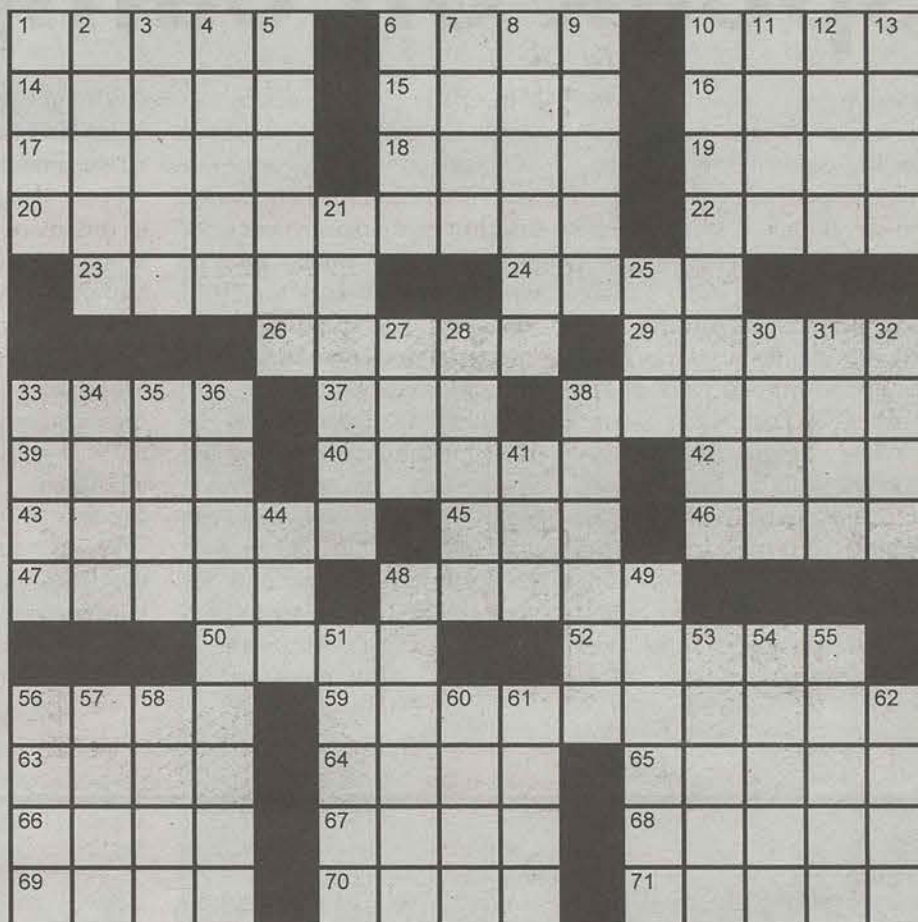
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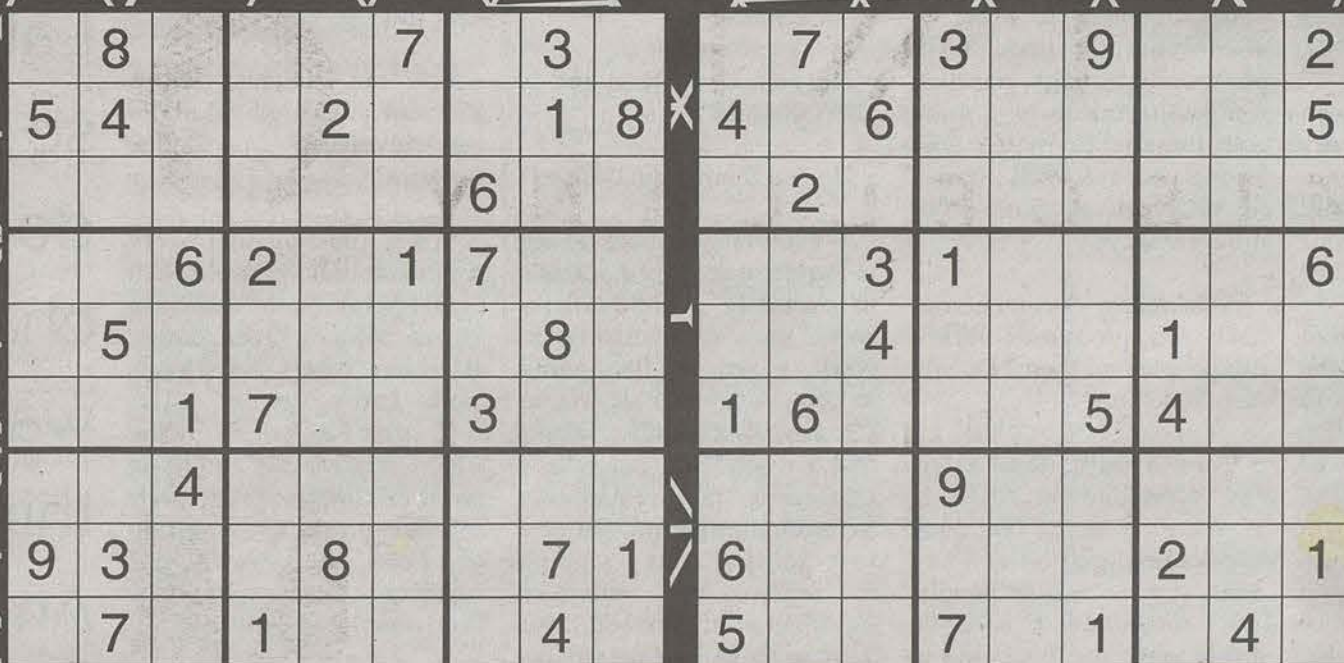


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Pulitzer Prize winner to speak on campus

BY BAILEY ADCOCK
AND JOZSEF PAPP
The George-Anne staff

Jose Antonio Vargas, a native of the Philippines, came to America at 12 years old seeking a better life, a similar story to many undocumented immigrants in the United States. He grew up with his grandparents in Silicon Valley and was unaware of his undocumented status until 16 years old, when he tried to get his driver's license and was told his green card was fake.

He went on to hide his status and pursue every way

possible to assimilate into American culture, focusing on reading, speaking, and writing English perfectly. This led to the development of a love for journalism.

After working for various local newspapers during high school and college, he was given the opportunity to work at The Washington Post.

While working there, Vargas won the Pulitzer Prize as part of a team which covered the Virginia Tech massacre. He has also written ground-breaking articles for various news outlets such as The New Yorker and Rolling Stone.

In 2011, Vargas wrote an article for the New York Times Magazine in which he came out as an undocumented immigrant and documented his experiences. Following this publication, he wrote a second story for TIME Magazine and produced and directed a documentary entitled 'Documented.'

"There are believed to be 11 million undocumented immigrants in the United States. We're not always who you think we are. Some pick your strawberries or care for your children. Some are in high school or college. And some, it turns out, write news articles

you might read," Vargas wrote in his 2011 article My Life as an Undocumented Immigrant.

Spurred by the need to make a difference in the country's immigration system, Vargas founded Define American in April 2011 along with Jehmu Greene, Jake Brewer, and Alicia Menendez. This nonprofit organization aims to change the negativity surrounding immigrants through personal stories.

Vargas has also covered the issue of HIV/AIDS in Washington, D.C. which led to him co-producing and writing for a documentary about the

subject.

Along with being an undocumented immigrant, Vargas had to deal with gaining acceptance as a homosexual in his daily life.

Vargas's documentary, 'Documented' will be shown on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Engineering and Information Technology Building, Room 1004. It will also be shown on Feb. 1 at 6 p.m. in Russell Union room 2047.

Admission to both the documentary showing and the speech is free.

Below is an interview with Jose Antonio Vargas.

Q&A

What will your talk at Georgia Southern focus on?

"It will focus on immigration and race and the connection between the two."

As a journalist, how would you characterize the media today compared to when you first started?

"The media is less diverse than when I started, which is ironic given that you have so many publishing tools like Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. More people can tell their stories and it's important for the media to try to synthesize and contextualize and make sense of what's going on. Because the media doesn't have enough Blacks, Latinos and Asians in it, I think it's really missing the big story of what is happening to us, as a country."

How has working on different major newspapers around the country influence your view on things and different aspects of your personal and professional life?

"It allowed me different experiences. I was one of the first mainstream reporters to leave an organization like, The Washington Post, to go to a digital organization like, The Huffington Post. It was really useful to understand the change in digital publishing. It just kind of depends on the people that I was surrounded by. What I really learned is that most

of everything I learned from journalism, I've learned from my colleagues and the people I surrounded myself with. That is really important, to work with people that inspire you to be the best at what you do and challenges you. Not just that compliments you, but challenges you and makes you think sharper and try to do better."

After a successful career in journalism, what made you decide to do different documentaries?

"I think the media and everything right now. The new media is in a state of transition and I think the way we think about the media is also changing. I think if you are a journalist, you should be interested in telling stories in all the ways you can tell it, in print, in video, through podcast, in photos and through graphics. I'm just trying to be a more well-rounded journalist, who knows how to tell stories in different platforms and different ways."

How many documentaries have you produced? Where can people find them? Do you plan to do more?

"I have only done three. I've done one on AIDS in Washington D.C., I've done one on immigration and I've done one on white people. Yes, absolutely I will be doing more and it's going to go on emergingus.com."

What is #EmergingUS? What is the primary goal and purpose of this program?

"Emergingus.com is a mix of everything I've been doing. It's the emerging American identity. So much of the way we know about America is mostly from the Black and White prism. This country is so much more Asian, is so much more Latino now, so how does that change the way you think of America? Why is it that white people just get to be white and they don't have to explain where they come from? And immigrants always have to explain where they are from. EmergingUS is going to try to make sense of who we become as a country."

As a fellow immigrant, how do you feel about the current immigration system in the United States?

"Clearly, it's broken and is also outdated."

Do you think it can be fixed?

"Absolutely, but it's going to require our elected officials to actually confidentially work on compromising to work together. It's going to require for the media to actually accurately report and actually find out what's happening and humanizing an issue that people see in a very political way. It's going to require the American public to understand and want to empathize on what is happening."

As an undocumented immigrant, how would you describe your experience in the United States? There was a point last year when you were arrested for being an undocumented immigrant.

"I'm here as an undocumented immigrant. I have also now become an entrepreneur, which is something I never thought I could be, but being undocumented has forced me to become an entrepreneur."

What is Define America? What is the primary goal and purpose of the program?

"The goal of Define America is for our country to better understand who these new Americans are in this country. A new country is being created. What does that look like?"

How can students, faculty, and staff at Georgia Southern get involved in Define America?

"It's a question that every American must grapple with at this point in our history. In an era of Black Lives Matter, at a time which America is more Latino, more Asian, at a time in which white Americans are an emerging racial minority in many parts of the country. The question of how do you define America is in many ways the fundamental question."

How can people get in contact with you? Do you

prefer Twitter, E-mail, Facebook, or another form of communication?

"Twitter and Facebook are really the best ways."

"This country is so much more Asian, is so much more Latino now, so how does that change the way you think of America?"

JOSE ANTONIO VARGAS

LEARNING, NETWORKING AND STAYING SAFE ABROAD

BY DEVIN CONWAY
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University study abroad program offers a wide range of coursework and immersive cultural experiences in four different continents and over twenty countries.

"I've always wanted to study abroad. It seems like an opportunity not only to learn about a different region of the world, but also a chance to understand how others approach their lives and how that affects the way we treat one another," James Wall, senior engineering major, said.

A study of three major universities in the state, by the University System of Georgia, found that 92 percent of students who had participated in study abroad programs were either still enrolled in college or had already graduated, as opposed to just 22 percent for students who had not participated.

The sample size of the study is worth considering, as only about 10 percent of U.S. college graduates participated in study abroad programs, but there is still a significant correlation between enrollment in these programs and a clear path to graduation or at least, remaining enrolled en route to a degree.

As the world transitions into a more inclusive, globalized economy, employers are always on the look out for internationally mindful employees and studying abroad can certainly help lead the way to a well-rounded résumé.

However, there are inherent risks to be considered when visiting another country, and in order to remain safe and secure in a foreign location, student travelers should remain informed and alert to the political and cultural landscapes of their prospective destinations at all times.

Paris, France is the second most popular study abroad destination in the world, and on Nov. 13, 2015, the city suffered the most fatal French tragedy since WWII and the

most deadly in the last decade of European history.

In a series of terrorist attacks, ISIS members killed over 130 people and injured at least 350 more, an atrocity that sent shock waves throughout the French community and the world alike.

The West African country, Burkina Faso, suffered a similar atrocity when a hostage situation ended with 29 fatalities and 56 injuries.

Events such as the large-scale sexual assault on women perpetrated by over 1000 men that occurred across Germany on New Year's Eve raised safety concerns among tourists and German citizens alike.

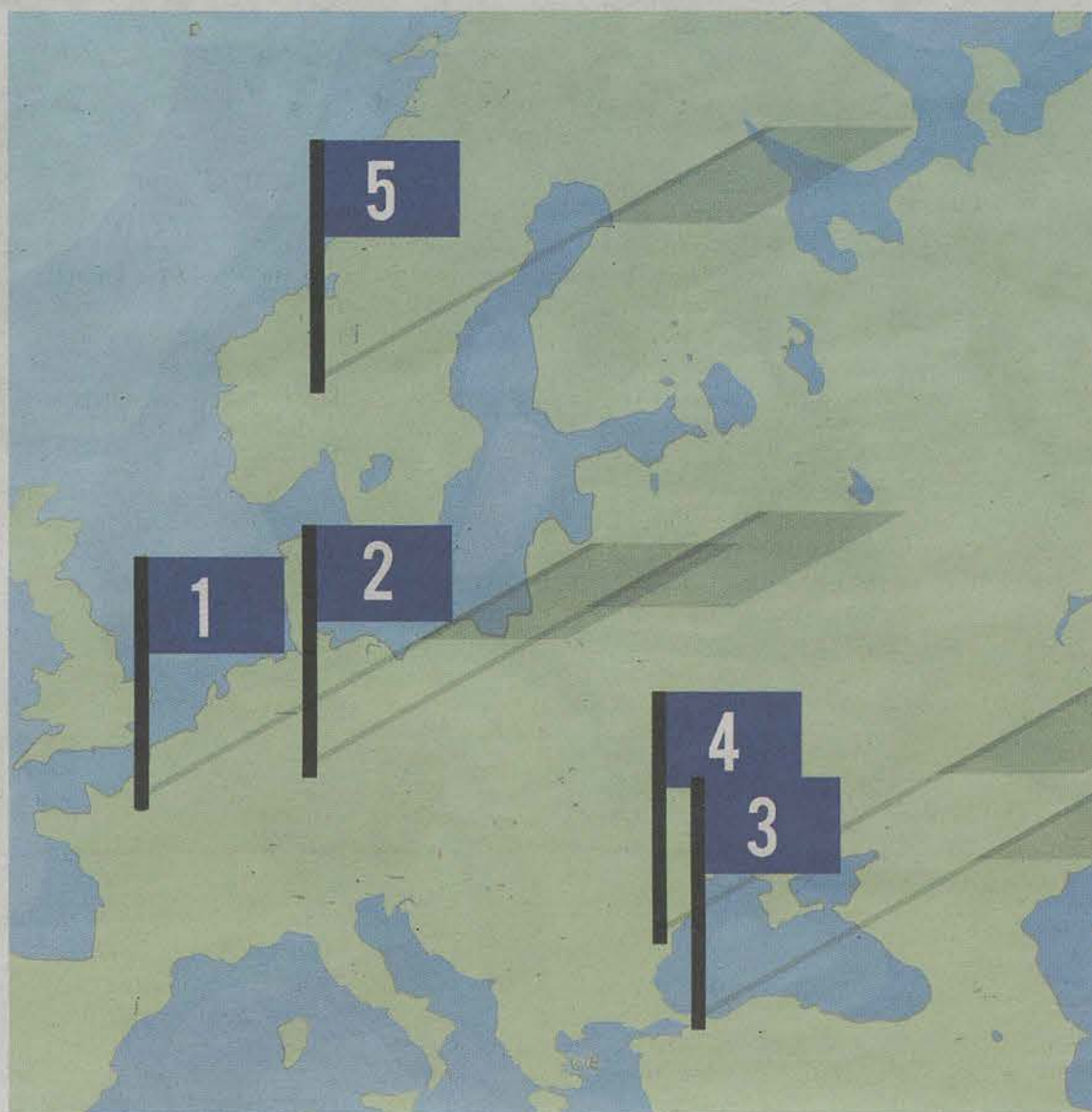
An eerily similar scenario played out nearly five months prior at a feminist concert and rally in Sweden and were widely unreported until the attacks in Germany finally broke headlines.

Although these tragedies and their underlying causes are frightening and the societal implications are certainly worth noting, it's important to consider these events in a historical context and to understand that with our subjection to non-stop news coverage via 24/7 media outlets and social media, the most recent world tragedies are going to be covered perpetually as the tragedies of a decade ago, for the most part, cease to be discussed by the public.

"I think you can be at risk no matter where you are. When these things happen, the news can make you feel like you're in danger all of the time because that's pretty much all they talk about," Taylor Dolsak, undeclared freshman, said.

Those who are interested in studying abroad should keep in mind that irrational levels of fear toward international travel contradicts the entire concept of broadening one's perspective via new and enlightening experiences.

Karen McCurdy, political science professor, said, "How much individual liberty are you willing to give up because you're afraid? Any travel is dangerous. You have to put that worst case scenario out of mind. Otherwise you will never leave the house."



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MIKE HUGHES BUZZER BEATER DOWNS APPALACHIAN STATE

THE EAGLES DEFEATED APP. STATE 101-100 OFF HUGHES'S FOUR-POINT PLAY AS TIME EXPIRED. THE SHOT LANDED AT NUMBER 2 ON SPORTSCENTER'S TOP 10 PLAY.

Mike Hughes finished the game with 19 points and two blocks. He played a team-high 38 minutes.

BY MARQUS WILLIAMS
The George-Anne staff

The Eagles won a big game against rivals App. State with an incredible ESPN Top Ten play by Mike Hughes.

The Eagles were down by three points with less than 10 seconds left. Hughes inbounded the ball to Tookie Brown who raced up the court. Brown passed the ball to Hughes who made the buzzer beater three from deep while getting fouled. He sank the free throw, giving the Eagles the win. Hughes finished the game with 19 points, 3 assists and 2 blocks while Brown led all Eagle scorers with 34 points and 3 assists.

The video of Hughes's shot was picked up and ran by several major sports networks including ESPN, CBSSports, Fox Sports 1, NCAA.com and Sports Illustrated among others.

After the win, the Eagles moved up to the eighth spot in the conference standings putting them in a position to be in the Sun Belt tournament. Only the top eight teams in

the Sun Belt are able to play in the tournament and the Eagles are playing not only for a spot in the tournament, but the best seeding possible.

The next step for the Eagles is to find a way to steal a few games they are not favored in. If the Eagles can manage that and head into the tournament with some momentum, they have the potential to make a surprising run in the tournament as a dark horse.

The Eagles next game on Thursday night will be away from home against Arkansas Little-Rock, the top team in the conference as of now with a 17-2 overall record and a 7-1 conference record. This will be a tough challenge for the Eagles as the Trojans are undefeated at home so far this season.

The Eagles will have to play lights out offensively while also forcing turnovers to disrupt the Trojan offense. Arkansas Little-Rock ranks seventh in the conference in points per game offensively and the Eagles rank third, so defense will likely determine the outcome of the game.

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Quick win for women's tennis puts them at 1-0 for the start of spring

The Eagles competed in their first meet of the spring season on Tuesday afternoon. They defeated South Carolina State 5-2.



BY DERIK WUCHTE
The George-Anne staff

Senior Giulia Riepe and the Eagles took it to the South Carolina State Bulldogs on Tuesday by defeating them 5-2. This marked the first competition play for Southern this spring. With the addition of two new freshmen after fall, the Eagles are able to start on the right path as they look for a big season.

Last season, women's tennis went 10-8. The team had both veteran and novice talent that played at a very high level. For this year, the recipe to success was changed. Southern has a roster of eight players with four of those being freshmen. Two of them saw college competition for their first time on Tuesday.

Tennis is the type of sport where the best team that day is the one that executes better. A team can come with a strong mindset and outplay anyone, despite any factors holding them back. The Eagles had all the right answers for South Carolina State and they were the better team that day. As the season continues, the Eagles will continue competing in their own way as they look for the key to a Sun Belt Championship win.

It was singles that carried the Eagles into victory on the day. Doubles did not get much momentum going for Southern. It was a tough

time finding answers and the Eagles managed only one win from their three teams. The team of Riepe and freshman Emilia Bujan were the only ones to find a victory as they swept Oleksandra Fillippova and Carla Petreanu 6-0.

Singles proved to be a high point as the Eagles pulled out an impressive team victory. Out of the six singles matches, the team earned five wins. It was a well-fought match from South Carolina State, but Southern was able to clinch the win.

Starting the year at the number one singles spot, Riepe was able to defeat Rassif 2-6, 6-2 and 6-3. Following her at the number two spot, Ranzahuer beat Fillippova 6-4, and 6-2. The freshman, Truscott, competed in the number three spot. She was able to pull out a victory over Andjela Vasic 6-1 and 6-2.

Bujan, Southern's other freshman starter, defeated Brown 6-2, 6-4 at the number five spot. Smith at number six earned a win over Petreanu 6-1, 5-7, 6-3.

Savannah College of Art and Design will be Southern's next opponent on Saturday, Jan. 30. The match will take place in Savannah and it will begin at 2 p.m.

The Eagles' next matchup is close by in Savannah against SCAD. They will begin play at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30.

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TOP-RANKED CLASS IN THE SUN BELT KEEPS GROWING

With National Signing Day less than a week away, Tyson Summers and his staff are hard at work nailing down the final additions to the 2016 class.

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX
The George-Anne staff

CADE STEWART

QUICK STATS:

6'4" 280 lbs. D.W. Daniel H.S.

First up in the recruiting recap is an offensive tackle out of South Carolina by the name of Cade Stewart. Hailing from D.W. Daniel High School, the offensive lineman enters the Swoop16 class after receiving offers from Furman, Charlotte, and Presbyterian. Stewart is listed as a three star recruit with an 83% rating on 247 Sports and recently competed in the South Carolina Shrine All-Star game. He will be able to come in and learn behind an offensive line with experience and have the opportunity to add to the best running game in the country.



@BrotherCade

GSU Commit #hailsouthern

RAKEEM HIGHTOWER

QUICK STATS:

6'0" 190 lbs. Colquitt County H.S.

Turning our attention to the defensive side of the ball, we see the highly touted safety commit Rakeem Hightower out of Colquitt County. This is one of the few recruits likely pulled in as the Eagles hired defensive backs coach Jeremy Rowell from Colquitt High. Hightower is listed at an 81% on 247 Sports and has been heavily recruited, receiving offers from most other Sun Belt schools, Western Kentucky, and the University of Kentucky. The incoming safety was the starter for his Colquitt defense that captured its second straight state championship along with being voted as the High School Football National Champions.



@HightowerRakeem

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TODD BRADLEY

QUICK STATS:

5'10" 210 lbs. Valdosta H.S.

Keeping in the defensive mindset, we move to outside linebacker Todd Bradley out of Valdosta. The football program at Valdosta has cranked out top recruits for the last thirty years and this year is no different. Bradley is another three star recruit that received offers from Troy, Georgia State, and FAU.



@Todd_B11

Dab on dem folks TB1 #Swoop16 #229

DREW WILSON

QUICK STATS:

6'4" 285 lbs. Bamberg Ehrhardt H.S.

Wrapping things up, we go back to the offensive line to discuss another South Carolina recruit in Drew Wilson. The 6'4" 285 lb. guard is ranked as a three star recruit and received an 83% on 247 Sports. Wilson is an example of how Georgia Southern has changed the game in the south, as he turned down offers from UGA, UNC and Auburn.



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With National Signing Day less than a week away, Tyson Summers and his staff are hard at work nailing down the final additions to the 2016 class.

As we continue to look into Head Coach Tyson Summer's '#Swoop16' recruiting class, we find the Eagles sitting at 62nd in the FBS and still the leader of the Sun Belt with incoming talent.

With 16 three star recruits heading into the weekend, the Eagles are far ahead of defending Sun Belt Champions, Arkansas State, with 10 three stars for themselves. The Eagles are proving to be a force to be reckoned with around signing day as they continue to poach players from P5 schools, most notably in-state schools like the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech.

We have one more issue before we break down Signing Day on February 3rd. A lot can happen between now and then, but the Eagles will likely finish at the top of the conference. Summers has assembled quite the motley crew of a coaching staff and many questioned how that would effect the recruiting process. If the past few weeks have been any indicator, then the future of Georgia Southern continues to look bright.



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Vacation homes in college are not for the faint of heart



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Once upon a time there was a young sophomore named Lauren (yeah that's me) and she decided that resigning her lease in December 2014 was a great idea.

Fast forward to March 2015: my best friend asks if I want to live with her in a different apartment complex (which is known for being slightly expensive) and of course I say yes and sign the lease for a second apartment; who wouldn't want to live with their best friend, and how hard could it really be to get out of a lease?

Let me tell you guys, it's pretty dang hard.

The first place I had signed with required me to find someone to actually sign over my lease before I was no longer financially responsible for the apartment. I searched for months on Facebook pages and through friends of friends trying to find anyone who would take this apartment off my hands. It eventually became a joke among my friends and we referred to it as "Lauren's vacation home."

Unfortunately, finding a sublesser in a city full of apartment complexes is like

trying to sell an ice cream sundae that only has vanilla ice cream in it. While it isn't terrible, there's an ice cream shop next door that offers first month's free rent and an Apple TV thrown in when you buy the super deluxe sundae.

That year financially was the hardest year of my life. I was already paying the majority of my expenses with some help from my parents, but now I had added on almost \$1,100 worth of rent between two apartments. My parents helped as much as they could, but it's certainly not easy to ask them for \$500 every month so I don't get evicted.

Here's where I went wrong: I acted spontaneously when I really was in a situation that called for rational thinking. Instead of looking into how to break the lease, I went ahead and signed with the apartment that I really wanted to live in. Sure spontaneous decisions can be fun like going to the beach at midnight, but being in two leases simultaneously could have easily been avoided if I took a step back before signing on the dotted line.

During that time when I had two apartments, I could have been saving \$500 per month. That over a 12-month leasing period is \$6,000 which seems unreal even now as I type it out. That \$6,000 could have gone into savings for when I graduate, could have gone towards paying off my student loans, or could have been a sizable payment on a car. Instead, it went toward an apartment that collected dust for 12 months because I was living somewhere else.

The time to finalize apartment plans and sign leases is slowly creeping up. Housing fairs are full of people throwing shirts, koozies, umbrellas, frisbees, food, their first born child and whatever else is within arms reach to just get you to sign with their complex.

Sure, it might be fine to make a sudden decision by signing up for a place with four of your pals and having a great

year. But, it's important to remember that putting in a little extra effort to plan doesn't take much time or pain.

I would suggest first going over a price point with whomever is paying your rent. This part is key because you don't want to stretch your budget, or your parent's budget.

The second thing to do is think about how many people you realistically want to room with. Are you a homebody that enjoys couch time and Netflix? Then you might want to keep the roommate count low so you don't have to worry about always sharing the common area.

Once you figure out how many roommates you want, find people who will be reliable. And in this case I don't mean that they'll take out the trash every day or pay the water bill online; no, reliability here means that you can rely on them to sign the lease with you. There's nothing worse than finding roommates who suddenly back out of signing a lease when April rolls around.

Lastly, ask whatever questions you need to about your lease. We are all in college and still trying to figure out how to match our clothes before a job interview. Unless your parents are lawyers or are in real estate, there's no way you'll know about everything included in your lease.

If you're confused about utilities, ask to have the process explained. If you graduate in December and need to break your lease, make sure you know if you have to have someone sign it over or if you can pay to just break it. And if you have a pet, figure out if there is a pet deposit or monthly fee.

Sure these things might seem obvious, but it's easy to gloss over these steps when you're signing an apartment for the first time. Don't be afraid to ask and ask again about any aspect of your lease or the apartment you are confused about. Happy apartment hunting!

GET IT NITROGENIZED

Would you like some science with that coffee?

BY MEG ELWOOD
The George-Anne staff

Coffee. The fuel which keeps the world from falling apart. To many it's a morning ritual. For others it's an all day, everyday, member of their diet. With so many ways to serve coffee, it's an easy beverage to get crafty with. Starbucks has proven that it can be sweet and salty with caramel lattes, chocolate overload with mocha cappuccinos and so much more, but Three Tree Coffee brewers right here in Statesboro are changing the game and adding a dash of science into their fresh brewed concoctions.

Nitro. Also served as a float.

"The Nitro is our cold-brew, Ethiopian coffee. Cold brew meaning that we let it sit overnight for about nine to 12 hours. We infuse it with nitrogen which gives it a sort of bubbly build," Andrew Ballard, Three Tree barista said. "What we do is we grind the beans and let it sit in water

overnight, so that takes all of the flavor and usually it comes out really dark, even when we use Ethiopian, which is one of our lighter beans from Africa." The Nitro brew is transferred to a keg for the nitrogen blast and is served like freshly brewed beer from a tap. The Nitro Float option includes a nicely sized dollop of vanilla ice cream on top to bring the kid out in all of us.

Served in a small glass with a spoon, the coffee lightly bubbles below the floating layer of ice cream, looking like a warm, fluffy latte. Upon first bite, your tastebuds are greeted by a sweet, icy layer of vanilla ice cream which created a smooth surrounding coffee flavor.

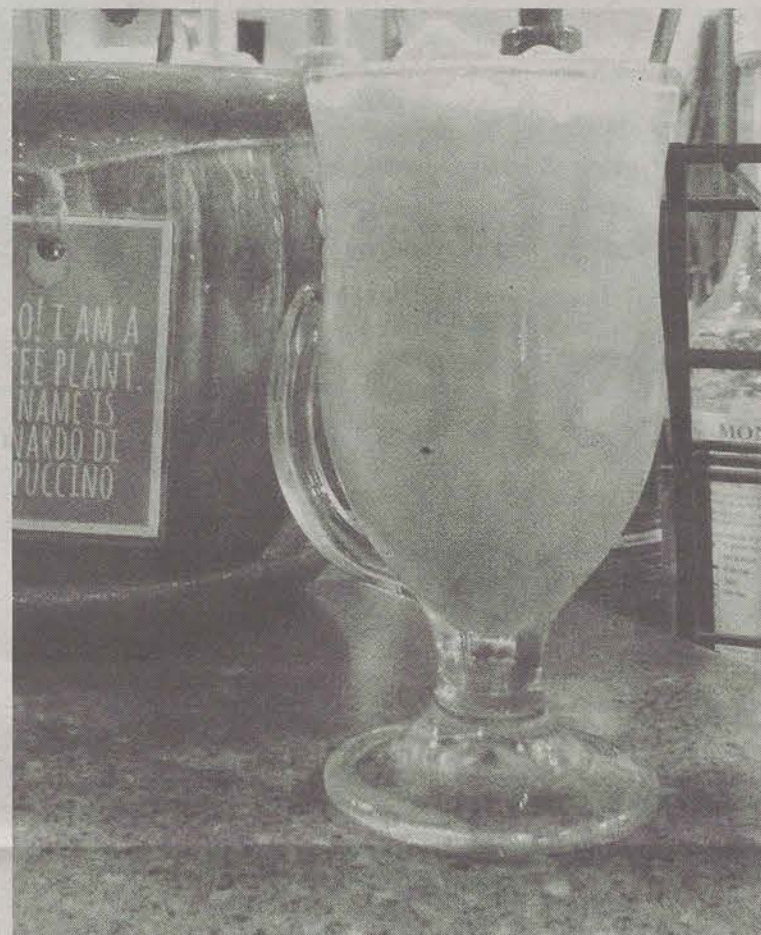
"Over ice cream it was very good. I like the bitter coffee taste, maybe would've liked it to be sweeter as I expected it to be, but it was still good," Austin Coleman, Three Tree

regular and Georgia Southern sophomore political science major, said.

Simply taking a sip of coffee without ice cream reveals it's second flavor. A strong, smoothly bitter, flavor of the Ethiopian coffee makes one think they purchased a large well-priced shot of espresso.

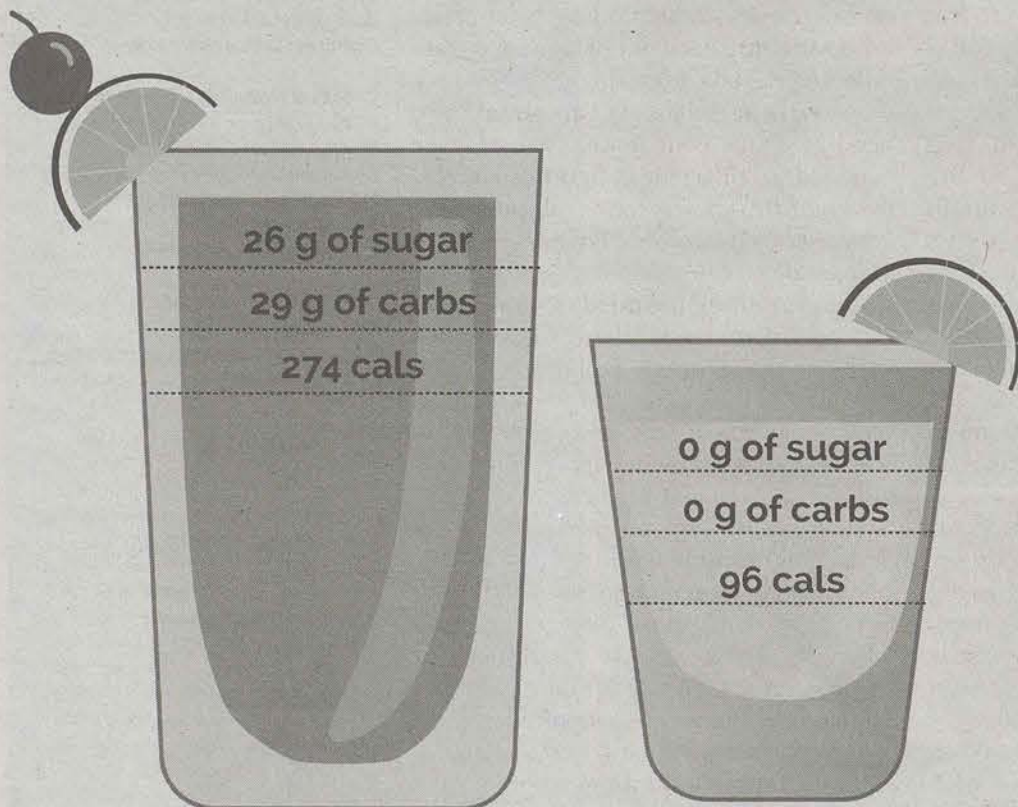
"I love Three Tree's coffee. It's pretty affordable and you can tell it's very fresh since it's so flavorful. It's a perfect amount of smooth and bitter from the coffee bean's flavor," Ryan Burger, a weekly Three Tree customer, said.

Either way you take it, holding the coffee on your tongue releases the light bubbly fizz from nitrogen. Even on a chilly day, this is a coffee to make anyone happy, after all, who doesn't love little bubbles and ice cream?



Rethink your drink

Your beverage could hold more calories than you think



BY ARAYA JACKSON
The George-Anne staff

Attention: All of those Vodka Crans and Tequila Sunrises ARE FULL OF SUGAR. Lord, the sugar, the calories, it's just gross. Sure, your taste buds love the refreshing fruity flavor, but your body will pay the consequences later. And you really wonder where the "Freshman 15" comes from? If you're really trying the healthy route this year, switching up your drink choices should be one of the first changes you make.

This week, we are comparing the seductive Sex On The Beach with a smooth Vodka Soda Lime.

Sex On The Beach holds a

hefty 274 calories, 29 grams of carbs, and 26 grams of sugar per serving. In comparison, the Vodka Soda Lime only has 96 calories, 0 grams of carbs, and 0 grams of sugar per serving.

Sure, the Vodka Soda Lime isn't as tasty, but it is refreshing, and a hell of a lot better for you. Plus, you're staying hydrated with water, which will also help you feel better in the morning.

This is for a standard size drink with house vodka. These results were taken with the Under Armor myfitnesspal, a calorie counter app. Please remember, no matter what you drink, enjoy responsibly.

THE BUZZ LIST

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- ▶ **1. A Backstreet Brawl:** Backstreet BABE, Nick Carter was recently arrested for an alleged bar brawl in Key West, Florida. Nicky released a tweet on Saturday saying, "I am human and at times it can be a struggle to balance a healthy lifestyle. I'm not perfect and for that I am sorry." Don't worry Nick; you'll always be perfect to me.
- ▶ **2. Super Foxx:** Jamie Foxx recently rescued a driver from his crashed truck just seconds before it burst into flames. Though Foxx says he doesn't view his actions as heroic, it's safe to say the rest of the world does. #SuchHumble #SuchHero
- ▶ **3. DISCLAIMER:** 1D fans may need a bottle of wine and / or a box of tissues before reading this piece of gossip. Are Harry Styles and Kendall Jenner rekindling their romance? Styles and Jenner were spotted in St. Bart's earlier this month and were seen at a birthday party together this Saturday. There's no doubt in my mind that they will be official in the near future. I want to boycott #KUWTK, but I know I can't.
- ▶ **4. "Sorry" Singer Is Single:** Now that you're done crying about HENDALL, you can rejoice in knowing that Justin Bieber is single. Despite his recent flings with Kourtney Kardashian and Hailey Baldwin, an insider reports that Bieber is focusing on his new tour and has no intentions of getting into a serious relationship any time soon.

Disclaimer: The Buzz List is a satirical column dedicated to answering Amy Poehler's questions from 'Mean Girls': "What is up? What's the 411? What has everybody been up to? What's the hot gossip? Tell me everything. What have you guys been listening to? What are the cool jams?" It should not be taken seriously in any way. Literally we're making fun of TMZ.

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JANUARY 29TH

UPB Cinema: Self/Less

Time: Friday, January 29th. 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Location: Russell Union Theater

Looking for fun on a Friday night? Join the University Programming Board for their biweekly movie series. This event is free and open to the public. Students please bring your EagleIDs. This movie will be shown twice tonight (6pm and 8pm). Concessions will be available for minimal cost. Cash sales only. If you need assistance, related to access for this event, please email UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu prior to the event. Contact Information: UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

FEBRUARY 3RD

SOLD Series Workshop - Followership: Exploring Roles as Leaders & Followers

Time: Wednesday, February 3rd. 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Location: Nessmith-Lane Assembly Hall Room 1915

Let's face it, most of us want to lead. But the reality is that we are typically in a leadership role 20% of the time and in a followership role the other 80% of the time. So what makes your followers tick when you are leading? What makes you tick when you are in the follower role? Participants will learn about the Seven Paths to Followership and Followership Typology all in an effort to increase our skills as exemplary student leaders.

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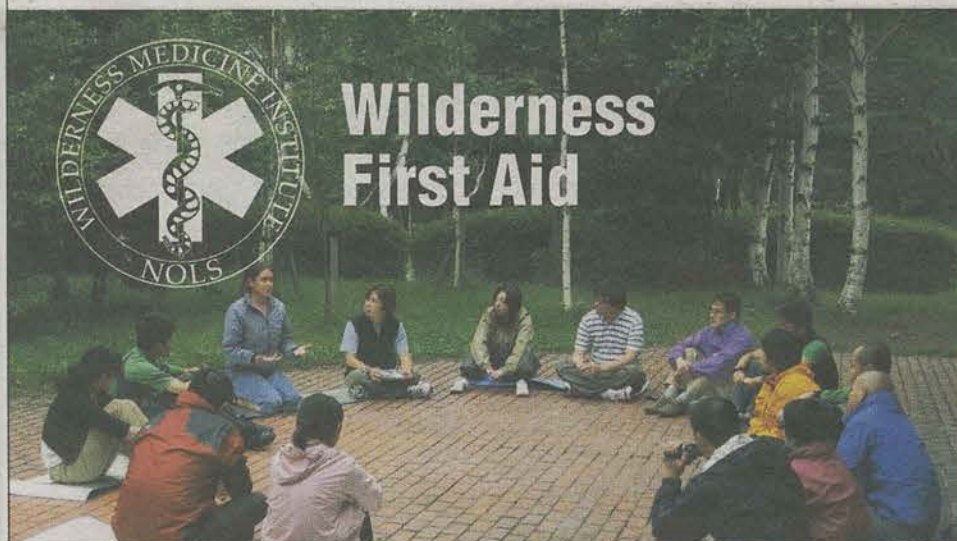


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