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It will be mostly sunny all weekend with some scattered clouds. The temperatures will be lower, but if you own an extra jacket it is a perfect weekend to walk around River Street with that special someone.

**Can Students and Teachers Actually Date?**

From high school consent cases to crazy college busts, there is just as much controversy surrounding student-teacher scandals as drugs or violence.

The question is whether there's ever a point where it becomes acceptable for a college student to date a teacher. When it comes to the subject of love, some can argue that factors such as age or occupation should be unconditional.

Referring to the university's policy system and guidelines, Associate Dean of Students Kerry Greenstein, said that student-teacher relationships in college shouldn't be an issue as long as school professionalism and legalities aren't tampered with.

"It's only advised not to date your professor; it's not mandated," Greenstein said. "I don't see a problem as long as things such as grades and learning aren't affected in the relationship."

Different schools have different systems and policies. Some universities may allow students to engage with their class instructors outside of class while some encourage students only to see instructors who don't teach a class they are currently enrolled in as the university doesn't want personal, outside relations to affect grading and other class-related matters.

GSU's rival school Georgia State University, in fact, enforces a policy where instructors, including grad and teaching assistants, must only be in contact with current students through telephone, messaging and scheduled office visits in regards to academic-related matters.

"The topic can be argued endlessly, but at the end of the day, love is love," Ally Craig, freshman sociology major, said.

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Are our editors actually dateable? In the spirit of the romantic season, we've created a video showcasing if our editors have what it takes to be significant-other material.

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Georgia Southern University's Health Center is currently in the process of becoming more inclusive to LGBTQ students on campus. The center has a plethora of plans that they hope to be able to complete before the Fall 2016 semester begins.

"We will be updating our intake form questions related to gender identity, developing a way to sensitively steer and direct LGBTQ patients to specific providers in Health Services, and continuing to increase our staff's comfort level and level of professionalism when interacting with all of our patients," Brian DeLoach PhD., Medical Director for GSU Student Health Services, said.

Along with the list above, the health center will be identifying and developing referral sources for LGBTQ students who have needs that exceed the scope of a primary care student health center and establishing ways for transgender/transiting patients, under the care of a private physician, to have some of their labs and medication administered at the center. Speciality care can be a challenge in a semi-rural area like Statesboro, especially for transgender or transitioning patients, because there are very few medical providers in our area and in the Southeast who are providing gender reassignment surgery and hormonal manipulation for transgender patients," DeLoach said.

The process of the center becoming more inclusive did not begin recently. It has been an ongoing mission for several years, ever since a large portion of the staff participated in Safe Space training, a type of training designed to help individuals become more supportive of the LGBTQ community.

The issue was reignited lately when DeLoach was approached by a student with specific concerns regarding inclusiveness for a particular group.

"I was contacted several weeks ago by a student who expressed some concerns specifically related to our inclusiveness pertaining to transgender/transiting individuals. I followed up with that student shortly after being contacted by them and the student and I were able to sit down and discuss those concerns," DeLoach said. "The student and I plan to meet regularly over the next several months to review our progress as we work to improve the clinical experience.

As the plans begin to roll out, the health center will be adding information on their website and the Online Student Health portal. In addition, the coordinator of Health Education and Promotion will be reaching out to various groups on campus like the Gay Straight Alliance to share the inclusiveness message. The center will also be working on a plan to include information for LGBTQ students about LGBTQ healthcare in their promotional information.

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"I think it’s a little bit of a waste because the biscuits are going to be smaller than the regular ones. I'm not going to be smaller than the regular ones. I'm not going to buy their significant other anything for Valentine's Day events. Some students feel it isn’t necessary.

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However, there are some mixed feelings about Friday’s events. Some students feel it isn’t necessary.

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Rekindle your love: GSU romantic traditions

BY BAILEY ADCOCK
The George-Anne staff

Traditions run rampant here on the Georgia Southern campus. From Gus to Freedom’s Flight to the Watermelon Cutting, GSU students, faculty and alumni have a wide variety of activities to take part in.

As Valentine’s Day is fast approaching, romance is on everybody’s mind. Our very own campus has plenty of romantic places and activities to take advantage of.

Sweetheart Circle is one of the most popular romantic traditions here at GSU. The circle got its name from what alumni used to call “Sweetheart Campus.” Alumni and current students alike visit Sweetheart Circle in hopes that the traditional walk around will provide them with some romantic luck in the future. The tradition states that three walks around guarantees that you and your sweetheart will be married.

“Going to Sweetheart Circle seems really romantic to me,” Megan Fromme, sophomore special education major, said.

Lake Wells and Lake Ruby, named after President Guy H. Wells and his wife Ruby, are two more iconic romantic places on campus. President Wells served as the university’s president from 1926 until 1934 and had the lakes put in during his presidency.

Not only do these two lakes have the romantic aspect, but together they also form the shape of the state of Georgia. The fountains in the lakes accurately represent Statesboro and Atlanta in relation to a map of Georgia.

There are plenty of options for things to do on a low-budget, while staying here on campus.

“My girlfriend and I have gone to feed the ducks before. It was romantic and we had a really good time,” Austin Hall, sophomore hospitality management major, said.

While the Lakeside Dining Commons is not open on Sundays, thus eliminating the possibility of a romantic dinner along the lakes, Landrum is still open. After taking your stroll along the lakes, head over to Landrum for a cute, cafeteria-style dinner. For an extra kick of romance, grab some battery-powered candles and a rose or two to spruce up the tables.

If you want to avoid the dining hall all together, fix up a nice and cheap picnic and take your special someone over to Sweetheart Circle. Make sure you grab a nice, comfy blanket and some shades, though, because Sunday is expected to be cool and sunny.

For those looking to be a bit more adventurous, a couple’s trip to the RAC might be right choice.

“Rock climbing, the sauna, spotting each other at the weights, and racquetball... there are a lot of couple’s things to do at the RAC,” Wallace Avin, sophomore psychology major, said.

If you are in need of some last minute gifts, the University Store is open until 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Let the romance run rampant this Valentine’s Day and keep your GSU pride in mind.
Valentine's Day in one word

T he tradition of buying shiny and tasty gifts for significant others and crushes has been around for years. Valentine's Day is a date where candles are purchased, flowers are gathered and chocolate is consumed at an alarming rate.

A large amount of people feel as though the date is simply a money grab for companies. Valentine's Day is much more than that to most people, you have feelings for. Understandingly, that can sway people away from availing of even trying dating. Mostly because as a college student, money is in short supply.

Our marketing and money focused society has created a holiday that is meant to represent love into another marketing plan. According to US News, in 2014, $127.3 billion was spent in retail spending. The amount of money spent on average is around $10.50 per person. This is a ridiculous amount of money spent on a day that was created for a singular purpose which is to celebrate love.

This day is meant to share our feelings in ways we never do normally. I am a big fan of this date but I am a pretty biased, being in a relationship. Let me be clear, I do not believe that spending a large amount of money will affect the way that you feel for someone. But the idea behind the day, I fully agree with. Showing love for others is something that should be done everyday.

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LAST SECOND LOVE NOTES
Quick Valentine's Day cutouts for the Eagle you love

BY THE GEORGE-ANNE STAFF

Are you the fourth floor of the library? Because you leave me speechless.

To: From:

The Gold Route won't be the only thing you're riding tonight.

To: From:

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Weekly Buzz

FEBRUARY 11TH

- UPB Presents: UnPlugged Elements of Love
  Time: Thursday, February 11th. 6:30 - 8:00pm
  Location: Womans Center Multipurpose Room
  The University Programming Board has changed the look of Thursday night in the live CJU weekly Unplugged series. An art show, coffeehouse/Manga-type exhibition 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? The event is free and open to the public. Students, please bring your EagleID. If you need assistance related to access for this event please email upb@georgiasouthern.edu at least 2 weeks prior to the event.
  Contact Information: UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

- SOLD Series Workshop - Confessions of a Depressed Comic
  Time: Thursday, February 11th. 1:00 - 2:00pm
  Location: Russell Union Student Union
  Kevin Green is a writer, comedian and social activist. He is a mental health advocate that has been a part of millions of dollars of fundraising for suicide prevention and is a face of the National Spokesperson for the prestigious Bell Let's Talk campaign. Kevin will be sharing his talents (from 2pm & 8pm). Confessions will be available for mental 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: kvannahard@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

- Diversity Educator Recruitment
  Do you want to make a change and talk about diversity, inclusion, and fairness? Apply to become a Diversity Peer Educator TOMORROW! How do I apply? - If you are interested in becoming a Diversity Peer Educator we applications are now available at https://gse.google.com/. Please submit your application and letter of reference by February 12, 2016.
  Contact Information: John Nuas at dpe@georgiasouthern.edu

FEBRUARY 12TH

- UPB: Mr. CSU Scholarship Pageant Informational Session
  Time: Tuesday, February 16th. 6:00 - 7:00pm
  Location: Russell Union Theater
  Mr. CSU attends traditional and community events and represents the student body in all that he does. Anyone interested in participating must attend at least one information session (to be completed) and an application. Application timeline:
  Opening: Tuesday, February 2nd. 6:00pm (via MyCSU)
  Closing: Monday, February 29th. 5:00pm
  Contact Information: UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

- MADD Victim Impact Panel
  Time: Tuesday, February 16. 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
  Location: College of Engineering and Information Technology Building Auditorium
  The Victim Impact Panel will share personal stories about how their lives have been permanently altered by an impaired driver.
  Contact Information: eudoffice@georgiasouthern.edu or 912-478-0105

FEBRUARY 17TH

- UPB Cinema: The Perfect Guy
  Time: Friday, February 19th. 6:00 - 8:00pm
  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 planning on seeing the film will be shown tickets tonight (from 6pm – 8pm). Concessions will be available for rental cost. Cash sales only. If you need assistance related to access for this event please email UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu.
  Contact Information: UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

- SOLD Series Workshop - Maximizing Your Potential
  Presenter: Emmy Richards
  Time: Wednesday, February 17th. 5:30 - 6:30 pm
  Location: Nessmith-Lane Assembly Hall Room 1915
  Maximizing your true potential is not easy. It takes time, dedication, and hard work. It also requires you to recognize the qualities and traits you possess that will promote success in your personal, life and career. Through this presentation, participants will learn numerous strategies to harness their true potential and be successful in their personal and professional endeavors.
  Contact Information: Kristen Van Noord, kvannoord@georgiasouthern.edu

- Minority Advisees Program
  The Multicultural Student Center is seeking MAP, MEXIT, MAPSES, and MAP SEST for the 2016-17 school year. Application deadline is February 29th. If you're interested please visit http://msc.gsu.edu to apply.

YOUR STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES AT WORK

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App State Mountaineers in the Students Center in Boone, NC fell in shock as three point shot while being three guard from Winston-Salem, N.C. Mike Hughes. The six-foot-three sophomore closed seconds.

Georgia Southern beat the Eagles at George M. Holmes Center and just like that the crowd of football and other programs. It was the passion, the success 5-24 record from last season.

Drown. It surely wasn't the position.

The player who shot the five, four, three two, one fouled by a defender to set up the game-winning free throw for the win. The play ended up at No. 2 on SportsCenter's Top 10. The stats from his freshman season to now have shown his improvement and consistency at GSU. In his freshman season he averaged 7.6 points, 4.9 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game. This season, these averages have jumped to 13.6 points, 4.5 rebounds and 1.6 assists per game. He has developed a strong all-around game that has given the Eagles a steady presence on the court. It's his ability to consistently play at a high level that is invaluable. Hughes described himself as a humble, well-mannered individual who has a cool, calm demeanor both on and off the court. In big-game situations he is not afraid to be the one to take a last-second shot and always believes there's a way to win when down in a game. In post-game press conferences, he's the one that takes more of the responsibility when answering the tough questions after a loss. His leadership qualities have been shown throughout the season as he is one of the more experienced players on the team.

His competitive nature as a player is evident from the way he aggressively drives to the basket, hits the boards for rebounds and tries to get his teammates heavily involved on both ends of the floor.

MIKE HUGHES PROVIDES STEADY PRESENCE IN SOPHOMORE SEASON

Hughes is third on the team in scoring with 11.5 points per game this season. The Eagles return to the court tonight at Troy.

MEET MIKE HUGHES

FAVORITE SHOES? “Nike, I really like the Kyrie Irving Collection.”

FAVORITE NBA TEAM AND PLAYER? “I don't have a favorite basketball team but my favorite player is D-Wade (Dwayne Wade).”

BEST 3 POINT SHOOTER? “I don't know. I'm pretty competitive, but Jake and Tookie are probably our two best shooters.”

BEST DUNKER? “That'll be Devince for sure.”

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Georgia Southern softball starts season tonight

The Eagles kick off 2016 action tonight against Mississippi State. The young team will look to get off to a good start in the season opener.

BY ROBERT GEORGE
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University softball team will play its opening game of the 2016 season tonight at 6:30 p.m. against Mississippi State in the Bulldog Kickoff Classic. The Eagles are returning to the diamond after a 2015 campaign where they finished 12-39 overall and 4-20 in the Sun Belt. They are returning five of their top six offensive players and a pair of sophomore pitchers who made a combined 36 appearances as freshmen last season. Fifth-year head coach Annie Smith is excited about starting the season after a strong fall and good spring practice.

“We've had a very good fall, a good offseason,” Smith said. “The team has worked very hard. Made a lot of records in the weight room and they came back (from the break) in shape, so we were able to continue to work hard in the practice time we've had.”

This year's team has one lone senior in catcher, A.J. Hamilton. Hamilton started 51 games last season and tied the team-high for home runs with six. Her experience behind the plate could be crucial for the Eagles this season. She will once again be catching for Kierra Camp and Heather Felt. Camp threw 127 innings and Felt tossed 86 innings as freshmen last season. Coach Smith said that experience will help the young pitchers in 2016.

“IT's immensely important,” Smith said. “We’re gonna give them the ball and they have to get out there and go after it.”

Another important player will be junior outfielder Taylor Rodgers. Rodgers was recently named to the Sun Belt Preseason All-Conference team after going .345 at the plate and collecting 49 hits in just 39 appearances last season, both of which were team-highs. She will likely hit at the top of the lineup for the Eagles and should get on base often for her teammates behind her.

GSU will compete in five non-conference tournaments in the first half of the schedule. They will also travel to Athens to take on the University of Georgia in the annual contest between the two schools.

In addition to the tough non-conference slate, the Eagles will once again have to navigate a difficult Sun Belt schedule, something Coach Smith is excited about.

“It's a tough league. We're in a 5 RPI league. The SoCon was a 14 RPI league. ULL is gonna be solid. They'll probably end up in the top 10. South Alabama is solid. Everyone really is solid. There is no weekend off, and that’s exciting. That’s why we play this game,” Smith said.

These non-conference tournaments are a time for Coach Smith and the rest of the staff to evaluate the team and tinker with some of the lineups and looks. It also can be an indicator of what kind of team they'll have heading into conference play.

“You wanna see how we work together, what are the best lineups going to be, how does everybody fit in, what are their roles gonna be,” Smith said. “You're gonna see a lot of different things trying to nail those things down.”

The Eagles will play five games in the Bulldog Kickoff Classic beginning tonight. They’ll take on Tennessee Tech, Alabama A&M and Houston after the opening game against Mississippi State. First pitch is at 6:30 p.m.
Seniors reflect on time at Georgia Southern

Kylee Parsons and Emma Weisel are two seniors preparing to compete in their last meet at GSU. They shared some of their experiences and memories in the program.

Both of these girls talked about a few moments that stood out in their careers.

"I don't if there is one particular moment that stands out above the others," Weisel said. "But what really made these past four years amazing were the teammates. Having the other divers there to pick you up when you're down and to join in on the celebration of the great moments was the best. Having those people surround you who are there for you and support you in any situation is priceless."

"I think last year at conference when I went a 1:49 in the 200 Free for the first time," Parsons said. "It was the first day of conference so I wasn't expecting it until the third day, so that was pretty exciting."

Both of these girls realize that soon they will have to move on from Georgia Southern and the memories they miss most.

"I think it will be my teammates, just how they made the experience worth it, they will be the thing I miss the most. Divers and swimmers, all of them have each made an impact on me and my career and they are such a great group of girls that I will miss dearly," Weisel said.

"Just to be able to hang out with my team, go to the pool if its nice out and just hang out and do whatever," Parsons said.

They are both still trying to figure out what exactly they are going to do once their swimming careers are over, but they both plan on going home and looking for work this summer.

The team travels to Athens Feb. 17-20 to compete in the CCSA Swimming and Diving Championships.

The Eagles finished the 2015-2016 season with a 5-2 overall record and 4-0 in conference. They have just one meet left on the schedule.
Truscott settles in to life at Georgia Southern

Lindsay Truscott is one of six international students on the women's tennis team. They will play again this weekend in Montgomery, Ala.

By Derek Wuchte

Truscott looks around at a few different colleges before deciding on Georgia Southern University. But once she knew this was the place, it was settled. She wanted to be an Eagle.

"I know I wanted to play college sports," Truscott said. "I emailed a few coaches to see which coaches had scholarships available. When I got to speak to Coach Michelle, it was a sealed deal. I really like Coach Michelle. I also like this college town vibe that's going on. It's sort of what pulled me to Georgia Southern."

Truscott's first ever college matches took place three weeks ago. She played in one doubles match with senior Francisca Norregaard and one singles match. The doubles match resulted in a defeat, but Truscott was able to find success in singles. She defeated Andjela Vasic of South Carolina State by a score of 6-1, 6-2.

This being her first college victory, Truscott felt overwhelmed. The team would go on to win the meet 5-2, making Truscott's day even better.

"I was ecstatic, to be very honest," Truscott said. "It's difficult to explain. It was very nerve-racking as you start. But after, it's a sigh of relief. I think it's something that will stay with me for the rest of my life. My first college win."

There has only been one month since Truscott joined the team. She is on a team composed of four freshmen and the rest being juniors and seniors. They have been accompanying her through the transition of being in America, something she has been thankful for.

"They're really nice girls," Truscott said. "I like all of them a lot. They've been so welcoming and making me feel at home, especially the times I've been homesick. We train really hard. It's nice because we push each other and make sure each one achieves what we want to achieve for the day."

Women's tennis last season was very goal-oriented. They had a lot of objectives in mind as the season went on. This year, the team is different, but still focused. They are still looking ahead, but they will be looking for the perfect mix before the Sun Belt Championship hits in April.

"I want to give my best for the team and do what's best for the team. I'm going to play for Georgia Southern and hopefully it goes well," Truscott said. "Every goal for my match is to play better than my match before and to just give my all. That's hopefully what I can achieve."

The team is 2-1 now. They will be taking on Alabama State this Friday, Feb. 12 in Montgomery, Ala. That will be proceeded by Jacksonville State and Kennesaw State that following Saturday and Sunday. Their next home match will be on Feb. 19.

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By Kelly Lowery

Truscott gears up for a volley. She and the rest of the Eagles will play again this weekend in Montgomery, Ala.