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CHOCOLATE RUN TO BUILD A HOMELESS SHELTER THIS WEEKEND

Registration is currently open for Open Hearts Community Mission’s 4th Annual Chocolate Run. The event will take place at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20, in the RAC Pavilion. The event is held to benefit the construction of a 30-bed homeless shelter by Open Hearts Community Mission. This 30-bed homeless shelter has a definitive purpose, as outlined on its website: “to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, restore the downtrodden and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

According to the Statesboro Herald, Reverend Jim Lewis, executive director of Open Hearts Community Mission, along with board of directors chairman, Debra Mobley are spearheading the construction of the homeless shelter. Open Hearts Community Mission is attempting to surpass the total of $32,000 raised at last year’s Chocolate Run.

The Chocolate Run offsets some costs for the shelter as well citizens and donors in the Bulloch community. “The community has been so generous with donations and support - churches, individuals, civic groups.” Mobley said. “Because of the generous community, when the building is completed, it will be debt free.”

Registration for the Chocolate Run will close on the day of the event. For more information on the Chocolate Run and to register, go to www.thesweetestrace.com.

EMPowering Women Series: Mind, Body, and Soul

The Empowering Southern Women Spring 2016 series will focus on three important aspects of women: Mind, Body, and Soul. The main point of this series is to make women feel more confident and happy.

The Division of Continuing Education will be hosting their first series at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center:

- The first series will take place on February 25 at 6:00 pm. This series will focus on the Soul. There will be two speakers, Susanne Jackson and Jill Johns. Jackson is the owner of Your Power Yoga and will speak about the health benefits of yoga and meditation.
- The second series will focus on the Body and will take place on April 14 at 6:00 pm. Statesboro’s own Biggest Loser participant Yonische Grandson will be the main speaker. A fitness expert, Velvet Woody will talk about the foods we put in our bodies.
- The last series will take place on June 23 at 6:00 pm and will focus on the Mind. Michelle Martin will talk about leadership, work/life balance, and wellness.

You can register for the complete series on the Georgia Southern website for a discounted price of $124.95 or register individually for $49.00 each.

STATESBORO NOW A MINOR LEAGUE CITY

“It’s an honor having a professional player such as Perez for our coach,” Oscar Gutierrez, forward player, said. “He’s played for some of the best teams such as Real Madrid and Santa Maria Pilas.”

To make the announcement, Perez was announced as the first head coach of the team last December at a press conference in Savannah, Ga.

Weather Bar

It will be a cloudy weekend which sadly means more humidity is heading our way. So keep the jacket off and the shades on.

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This Day in Black History

Huey P. Newton was born yesterday, Feb. 17. He is the founder of the Black Panther Party, which was formed in 1966. At its peak, the party had 2,000 members. In 1971, he changed the party’s manifesto to include nonviolence, aiming to provide a service to the black community.

According to blackleaks.com, Newton received a Ph.D in 1980 from the University of California for social philosophy. However, after much pressure from the government the Black Panthers were disbanded in 1983, and seven years later he was found shot dead in the streets.

In the Feb. 11 issue, the information provided by Kerry Greenstein in the article “Can students and teachers actually date?” was incorrect. The policy very clearly states “any romantic relationship with a student is strictly prohibited.”

Correction

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Spread and cover designed by Alex Smith
The last few years have been political ideology for decades. A platform for social and controversial to say the least, the music industry would start two of the biggest stars in the nation during Black History month, when it is brought up. The world has been graced by music that runs rampant across the nation. A crudely depicted while at the Grammy Awards, the music industry has shown us, once again, it can be used to send a message. Celebrities have been using their fame as a tool to promote social issues and ideas that Kendrick is telling the world is not a fad that is going away. In fact, they are shown things that should open our eyes. The message is that racism is not a new idea that is surprising people when it is brought up. The final image that the audience is left with is a silhouetted Kendrick standing in front of a stark white image of Africa with the word "Compton" written in the center. The purpose of both of these performances is to create this conversation with America about the inequality that runs rampant across the nation. A quote from Victor Hugo, a French poet, states that music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent. But sadly, a large population believes that these performances were racist and wanted to organize rallies against Beyoncé and Kendrick. I am genuinely terrified when the people of this world cannot understand that these topics need to be brought up. We are meant to create a community where the members within can voice their opinions and not be created into pariahs. These celebrities are trying to bring the voices of millions forward for the face of America. Beyoncé and Kendrick chose the date and venues of these performances for a specific purpose. They were aware that the eyes of America would be watching these televised events. Super Bowl 50 drew in 111.9 million viewers on television according to CNN while the Grammys drew in 24.9 million viewers according to deadline.com. Two of the biggest celebrities in the nation were able to show millions of people around the world a message that was bigger than the songs themselves. People seem to not understand that the Black Lives Matter movement is not a fad that is going away. These movements do not need to go away. In fact, they are necessary to continue conversations that America is desperately lacking. Celebrities are not the only people who can start the conversation. We can make the change in our own society if we just understand the issues and address them.

Queen Beyoncé & Kendrick

Employing fame to promote social issues

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

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Bigshow's Burgers and Bar permanently closed

After three years, Bigshow’s has closed. The sports bar was well known for its wide selection of burgers.

BY BAILEY ADCOCK
The George-Anne staff

Statesboro favorite, Bigshow’s Burgers and Bar, has officially closed its doors. Bigshow’s was known for their burgers, claiming to have “the best burgers in the ‘Boro.”

Bigshow’s was considered a local version of Hooter’s with a friendly female wait staff, special activities and musical performances. Students across Georgia Southern’s campus are shocked by the news.

“I was disappointed because it was the only place within walking distance that I could go relax, get a burger, and play trivia with my friends,” Russell Land, freshman finance and economics major, said.

The establishment featured trivia on Monday nights, beer pong on Tuesdays, poker on Wednesdays, open mic night on Thursdays and live local bands on Friday and Saturday nights.

“They also had a wing challenge I wanted to try, but I won’t get to do that,” Land said. Bigshow’s opened originally in January 2013 at their first location on Brampton Avenue. The restaurant and bar was a hit when it first opened.

“I don’t know if it had to do with the fact that it was just like a new restaurant in town that everybody wanted to try, or if it was just because we were a burger joint that served beer and it was a female-only wait staff,” Jessie Frary, GSU alum and former Bigshow’s waitress, said.

Bigshow’s not only featured a lengthy menu of burgers and other classic bar food, the bar was fully stocked with a wide range of beers and liquors.

Though Bigshow’s had their loyal student fan base, some people were not happy with their service in the past few months. Former managers were unwilling to give relevant comments about why the restaurant closed down, but online reviews show that there was much to be desired at the restaurant.

A few of the more recent reviews retrieved from Yelp say "this restaurant is a nightmare" and "you’re better off going to the McDonald’s down the road."

The closing of Bigshow’s follows the closing of many other local favorites. Fuzzy’s Taco Shop closed at the end of last year, as well as Hungry Howie’s Pizza.

Though these restaurants have shut down their business, their closing opens up the chance for more restaurants to possibly come into town in the future.

BY MADISON REYNOLDS
Flash Foods coming to Fair Road

Developers are constructing a new Flash Foods on Fair Road between Popeye's and Heritage Bank. Construction is being done by the Solid Rock Company, a construction company out of Jesup, Ga.

This will be the second Flash Foods in Statesboro, with the other located at the corner of Main Street and Veteran's Memorial Parkway. Flash Foods is known to many students as having some of the cheapest gas in town. As of Tuesday, Feb. 16, the Flash Foods on Main St. was only charging about $1.69 per gallon of regular fuel.

"I like Flash Foods. I like cheap and convenient gas," Rachel Parker, junior childhood and family development major, said.

The new location on Fair Road will be closer for most Georgia Southern students.

"I feel like it will make cheap gas more convenient so I don't have to drive all the way across town," Jessica Browning, sophomore childhood and family development major, said.

Like many gas stations around town, Flash Foods has a few loyalty programs you can take part in.

Their Go Blue payment card, a franchise credit card, allows cardholders to save 5 cents per gallon and receive 2 percent cash back on purchases made within the store.

As a non-credit alternative, Flash Foods provides customers with a loyalty program called Rewards in a Flash. This program provides frequent customers with discounts and rewards just for being customers. These rewards range from free drinks to cash back to contests and sweepstakes.

Flash Foods features monthly and daily specials on snacks, gas, and other purchases. February's specials include two Java Monsters for $4, Crack Jack'd snack mix two for $4 and all Stride gum flavors are only 99 cents.

On the other hand, their daily deals include two king-sized Hershey's bars for $2.93, Buy 10, Get 1 free beverage clubs and 49 cents money orders.

"I don't have a car so I don't pay attention to the gas prices, but if I could walk to one to get snacks and stuff that'd be great," Megan Moss, freshman accounting major, said.

Construction permits were acquired in November 2015, but no date has been announced for completion.

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JESSICA BROWNING
Sophomore childhood and family development major
The traditional Shakespearean play is reimagined in the 1920s. Both the set and costumes were inspired by the Great Gatsby.

It's Shakespeare like you've never seen before. The Georgia Southern Theatre Department is performing a new rendition of William Shakespeare's famous comedy "Twelfth Night." "Twelfth Night" tells the story of a crash-landed woman tangled up in a complicated and comedic love triangle. However, there's a twist.

"Our production of "Twelfth Night" is taking place in the 1920s and kind of has a New Orleans French Quarter flavor to it," said Gage Crook, director and GSLU alumni.

According to Crook, the change of setting did not greatly affect the show or its content. He did, however, make small adjustments to the productions such as cutting all lines referencing swords due to the more modernized weaponry in the 1920s.

"I thought that it [is] a fun place to set the story," William Leach, sophomore theatre major, said. "The thing I love about William Shakespeare's work is that you can really take it and make it your own and do so much with it."

Leach will be playing Sir Andrew Aguecheek, a rich, cocky and foolish character. "He's a little more modernized weaponry in the 1920s."

Crocket agreed with Leach, admitting that the language barrier is difficult at first for everyone involved.

"For me, the challenge has been making sure I get exposed to the language enough to where I am comfortable with working with it," Crook said. "Shakespeare isn't just Shakespeare like you've never seen before. The admission that the language barriers is difficult at first for everyone involved."

"Ifs a huge challenge to learn a whole different language," he said.

Crook explained how much he enjoys collaborating with actors and designers to create the best show possible. "Just looking at the cultural excesses and things in the 1920s, I think it lends itself really well to "Twelfth Night," he said. "We're right where we need to be."

"Twelfth Night" will be opening Thursday, March 3 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are $6 and all others are $12.

Both the set and costumes are re-interpreting period, can be challenging," Dr. Sarah McCarroll, GSLU theatre professor, said. She is designing the costumes for "Twelfth Night" and explained how she researched other films and theatre pieces from the 1920s era to help inspire her designs.

"I spent some time looking at contemporary re-imaginings of the time period," she said. "For menswear, I looked at a lot from the Robert Redford version [of 'The Great Gatsby.']"

With Shakespearean style, including Elizabethan and complicated pieces, the setting change actually made for a simpler design process with more room for interpretation and creative changes.

"While one may get wrapped up in the endless design possibilities, a designer has one true goal: The most important thing to think about when designing costumes is how you're telling the story of a character with their clothing," McCarroll said. Comedies and tragedies, as she explained, are designed completely different than one another.

The director, designer and cast must all have a common understanding of any revisions to a production in order to give every element of the show a cohesive theme.

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FEBRUARY 18TH

- **UPB: Ms. CSU Scholarship Pageant Informational Session**
  
  **Time:** Tuesday, February 16th, Wednesday, February 17th, Thursday, February 18th 5:00 - 6:30 pm
  
  **Location:** Russell Union 2052
  
  Ms. CSU organizes 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 (no exceptions) and submit an application.
  
  **Application Timeline:**
  
  **Opens:** Tuesday, February 9th at 6:00pm (via MyVolvolvement)
  
  **Closes:** Monday, February 29th at 5:00pm
  
  **Contact Information:** UPB@georgiasouthern.edu

- **SOLD Series Workshop - I'm Too Busy To Be Mindful! How to Incorporate Mindfulness Into Your Daily Life**
  
  **Time:** Tuesday, February 23rd, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
  
  **Location:** Keswick-Lane Assembly Hall 1915
  
  College students are very busy people! It's easy to become stressed out, annoyed, and anxious when thinking of the ever-growing To Do lists that we all have. Incorporating mindfulness into your life can help you reduce stress, improve your memory, and have fewer relationship issues. Come learn how just 10 minutes a day can help.
  
  **Contact Information:** Kristen Van Noard
  
  Kvannoard@georgiasouthern.edu

FEBRUARY 24TH

- **UPB Presents: 80's Skate Party**
  
  **Time:** Wednesday, February 24th 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
  
  **Location:** Williams Center Multipurpose Room
  
  Join the University Programming Board for the first ever 80's Skate Party! Break out your neon sweatbands, leotards and leg warmers and roller skate the night away with us! The Frozen look developed by Rihanna is everywhere were wearing feathers in our hair only a few years ago, so I'm not ruling anything out.
  
  **Contact Information:** UPB@georgiasouthern.edu

- **Leadership and Civic Engagement Awards**
  
  Recognize and award yourself or a friend, exemplary students and student organizations. Take a moment to complete the appropriate short nomination form for any deserving student leader or student organization. Nominations are due no later than Friday, March 1st by 5:00 PM.
  
  **Contact Information:** randi-bastian@georgiasouthern.edu

- **Academic Success Workshops.**
  
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YOUR STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES AT WORK

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Whether it’s hunting or having her own gun collection, Harley Strickland, the winner of Miss GSU, is proving that there is more to pageant queens than meets the eye.

“I love to hunt and fish,” Strickland said. “If I’m not in classes or pageants I’m out in the woods doing something.”

A lot of time and effort goes into Strickland preparing for a pageant. It includes work outs, interview coaches and watching the news so that she knows what’s going on in the world.

Putting oneself through all of this seems a little odd, but Strickland has her own reasons for participating in pageants. In her youth she was shy and would hide behind her mother, but participating in pageants improved her public speaking and ultimately bought her out of her shell.

She isn’t all business, as explained by her fun tradition before a pageant. “I always have a huge coke before I compete,” Strickland said.

Strickland is also a huge fan of Reba McEntire and her music. She listens to her on the way to interviews and especially likes songs such as “Fancy” and “The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia.”

One of the things she loves the most about competing are the elegant dresses. She works at a gown shop called Frills by Scott.

“I love feeling beautiful in a beautiful gown,” said Strickland.

Strickland wants to help people with the recognition that comes from winning the crown, her personal platform is patients in hospice care. She uses her talent for sewing to make the hospice patients pouches for their walkers, as well as outfits for her dog Ozzy, the morkie.

Strickland shared an anecdote that illustrates why her advice to other competitors is to never give up.

Junior year of high school she competed in the school pageant and didn’t place after messing up an onstage question. To make it even more humiliating, the mother of a fellow competitor was a substitute teacher and made fun of her afterwards in front of the entire class.

Strickland decided to prove this woman wrong.

With practice, she made sure to be ready when the next pageant came along. The following year she not only placed, but also won the title and proved to the woman and herself that she could go above and beyond.
Meet Coach B

Mark Byington is in his third season as head coach for the men’s basketball team.

Favorite Team Growing Up?
“The Chicago Bulls. When used to be a WGN channel where most of the Bulls game would play on TV and me and my mom would sit around and watch Bulls games every night. I also grew up cheering for the Dallas Cowboys.”

Favorite Player?
“Michael Jordan was definitely my favorite athlete growing up.”

Where Did You Play Basketball in College?
“Played at UNC Wilmington. Started for three years and played in two conference championship games and won two regular season championships.”

BY MARCUS WILLIAMS
The George-Anne Staff

Eagles Fight for a Spot in Sun Belt Tournament

The women’s basketball team is currently one game back from the final spot in the tournament. They begin a four-game homestand tonight against Arkansas State.

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BY KEVIN KENEELY
The Georgia staff

This Friday, the Georgia Southern University baseball team will travel north to Athens to take on the University of Georgia to open up the 2016 season. It will be a three-game series and will wrap up Sunday afternoon. The seniors will have their winning streak going against UGA as it swept UGA last year and is 7-2 against them over the last three seasons.

UGA had a dismal season last year, finishing 26-28 overall and 10-19 in SEC play giving them a 7th place finish in the SEC East last season. Kellogg said, on the other hand is the 30-27 overall and 18-12 in conference play, giving them a 4th place finish in the Sun Belt. GSU is losing six starting positional players and one of the three starting pitchers they had last season.

Head Coach Rodney Hennon has been making sure his team gets better every day and feels very confident in his team entering the season. He is not worried about the team's upcoming season and feels like these younger guys will be able to step in and contribute to the team's success this season.

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EAGLES COMPETE IN SUN BELT INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Track & Field team will travel to Birmingham, Ala. for the meet. It will run from Feb. 22-23.

BY DERIK WUCHTE

The Sun Belt Indoor Championship will be taking place this coming weekend in Birmingham, Ala. The team has gotten a chance to compete indoors this season, giving them a feel of what to expect. They have returned from the Samford Stand Alone Multi in Birmingham. With the main event of the indoor season approaching, the Eagles are ready to give it their all.

The primary reason for competing at Samford was because of the indoor venue. This will be the same exact track and field used for the Sun Belt Indoor Championship.

Head Coach Kelly Carter knew about the meet. As he explained, although the most wasn’t exclusively Sun Belt competition, it was still an opportunity for the Eagles to compete at the venue. It helped prepare them and acclimatize the team to the location.

With the indoor championship approaching, the team is able to take their past experiences and put them ahead.

"As a whole, I think that everyone is ready. They’re putting their best foot forward," Carter said. "They’ve had chances to go to different places. We’ve gone to Clemson, we’ve gone to Winston-Salem at JDL and they’ve run against some really good competition. They got a chance to see what it’s like and experience that, so I think they’re going to be prepared."

The team has been split across the board with their indoor competitions this season. Since indoor regulations differ from outdoor, not every event is the same for the two. A variety of Eagles have been seeing a lot of competition over the past few weeks.

"I’d say all of them are doing well. Our seniors are doing well. Our freshmen are really happy for," Carter said. "They had a chance to experience Sun Belt for the first time last year and some of them got a chance to see what they were up against. In terms of preparing, different, I can’t say, but they’re ready now. They had a chance to go out there, prepare for this and it gives an opportunity for our underclassmen to see what it takes. They’ve modeled that behavior. I’m excited and looking forward to conference."

Keyiana Harris is a senior who has been an Eagle for four years. She is a normal top-5 placer at competitions. At Samford, she just finished with a sixth place finish in her event of the High Jump.

"I’m really excited for the championship that we have coming up," Harris said. "We’re looking to build on what we’ve been doing so far, this semester and this is just another opportunity for improving individually and focusing overall, as a team. We’re making sure that all the moving parts of our team are each doing what they have to do."

Harris explained, indoor to outdoor can differ greatly, or hardly at all. It normally comes down to track versus field events.

"For me, I’m a high jumper," Harris said. "For high jump, which is a field event, it doesn’t change as much, like indoor to outdoor. But for most events on the track, indoor, it can sometimes be a little more tough. Indoor can be a little tougher with the air and the tighter space, but once you have you run on a couple of tracks indoors, it’s easier to get used to it. We’ve got a couple of meets under our belt so I think we’re ready for our meet in Birmingham."

With her senior status, this will be Harris’ final indoor championship of her career.

"I’ve been doing track since I was eight years old. I’m 22 now so it’s been a really long road. This is going to be my last indoor season ever. It’s weird to think about and I haven’t been able to think about it," Harris said. "I’ve been trying to focus on getting my workouts in and everything like that. We started off, the senior class, as sort of a large group and we’ve dwindled down a little bit. It means a lot to us, who have people contact them. We love the family atmosphere of the university and our girls would love to feel that more also."