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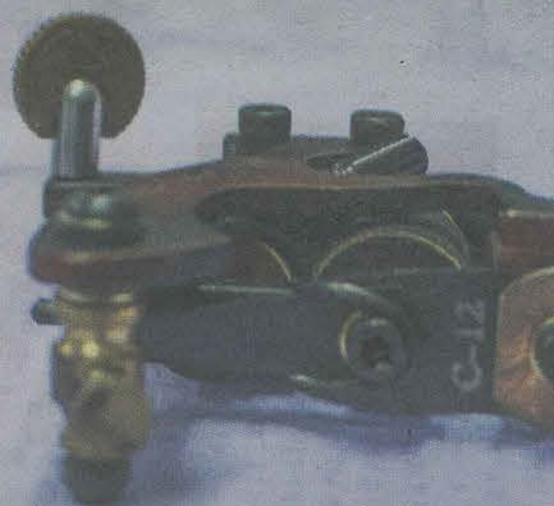
SEXUAL ASSAULT

***Week-long
events aimed
to raise
awareness***

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**Local
studio
redefines
tattoo
shops**



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Thursday



High: 62°
Low: 39°

Friday



High: 61°
Low: 36°

Saturday



High: 65°
Low: 37°

Sunday



High: 72°
Low: 44°

We made it though the rain, time for the shine! It is looking like no clouds and all sun for the weekend with temperatures peaking at only 72 degrees.

Weather Bar

THIS DAY IN BLACK HISTORY

According to blackfacts.com, Rebecca Lee Crumpler became the first black woman to earn a medical doctorate in 1864. She earned the degree from New England Female Medical College and went on to become a nurse in Massachusetts.

She then moved to Richmond Virginia after the Civil war to help take care of freed slaves. She continued her

practice until 1880 and in 1883 she produced a memoir, which was a series of journal entries from her medical practice, according to nlm.nih.gov. This would also be one of the first medical practice books produced by an African American.



ROTC WINS MACARTHUR AWARD

Georgia Southern University's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corp (ROTC) has won the MacArthur Award. Georgia Southern University was one of eight ROTC programs awarded the accolade.

According to news.georgiasouthern.edu, The decision was announced last week by the U.S. Army Cadet Command at Fort Knox, Kentucky. This is Georgia Southern's Eagle Battalion's third time winning the MacArthur Award since 2009.

The award is given to the top ROTC programs from each of the eight brigades.

Georgia Southern's Eagle Battalion is in the 6th Brigade. Within the 6th Brigade The Eagle Battalion had to beat out 39 programs from six states and Puerto Rico.

The award is given on the basis of overall performance, national order of Merit List standings, and cadet retention rate. The MacArthur award is given by the cadet command and the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation.

The Georgia Southern Eagle Battalion has also been recognized recently for having the top nursing program for 2015, highest GPA for mission set 17, and exceeding the contract goal for STEM cadets.



BESTSELLING AUTHOR AND GSU ALMUNA RETURNS TO SOUTHERN

Cassie Beasley will be returning to campus on Wednesday, March 2nd at 7 p.m. to read from her bestselling novel Circus Mirandus.

According to news.georgiasouthern.edu, Beasley graduated from the Writing and Linguistics department, and soon afterwards published Circus Mirandus in 2015. The book's target audience is for middle schoolers but can be enjoyed by all age ranges.

The book stars Micah Tuttle, a fifth grader, who is on a quest to find the mysterious Lightbender who promised his Grandpa Ephraim a miracle. The book follows Micah and Jenny's, his equally brave friend, on their quest to find not only the Lightbender but also the Circus Mirandus.

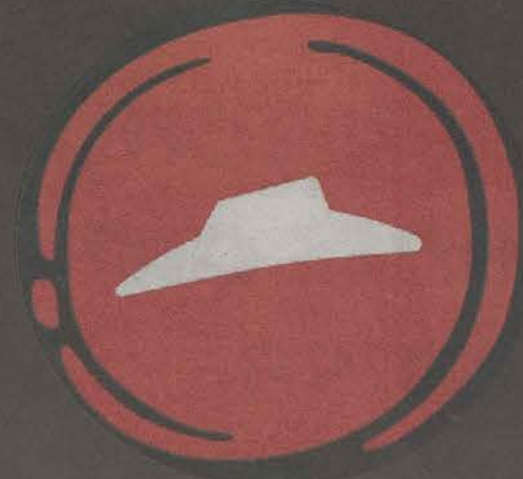
Beasley will be reading the excerpt at the Information Technology Building in room 1005. The reading will be free and open to the public. If you enjoy the reading of the excerpt, then you will be able to purchase the book at the event.



WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

The Circle took an inside look at wheelchair basketball and spoke with the players about the game.

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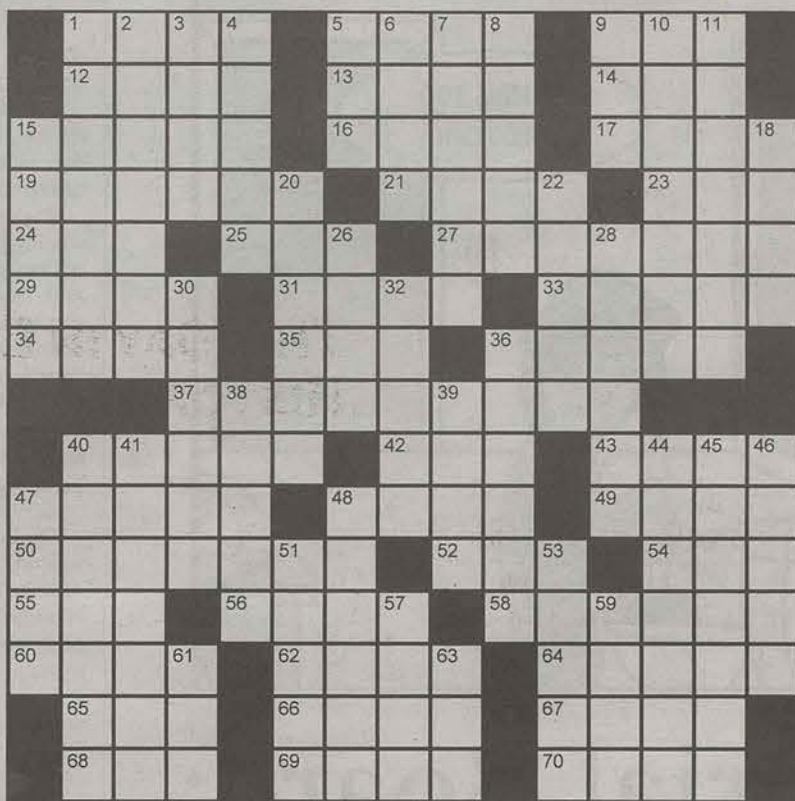
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The George-Anne 2/25/16 Crossword

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Across

- 1 Chess ending
- 5 Plumb crazy
- 9 "Tarzan" extra
- 12 Mideast hot spot
- 13 Unappetizing food
- 14 Calif. airport
- 15 Bye word
- 16 ____-pointe (ballet position)
- 17 Ancient Andean
- 19 Right-leaning?
- 21 Rotated
- 23 Lance
- 24 Checkers color
- 25 Debate position
- 27 Middle Eastern domain
- 29 Coastal raptors
- 31 Jewish calendar month
- 33 Clarified butters
- 34 Old World duck
- 35 Be sick
- 36 Out in front
- 37 Firebugs
- 40 Get clean
- 42 "That's ____!"
- 43 Condo, e.g.
- 47 Questionable
- 48 Cantatrice's offering
- 49 Kind of lily
- 50 Tackle
- 52 Antenna holder
- 54 Safari sight
- 55 Mangy mutt
- 56 Dollar rival
- 58 12th President of the United States
- 60 Dubai dignitary



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| 62 In perfect condition | 5 Hallucinogen | 38 Limerick |
| 64 Nobility | 6 Corrida cries | 39 Pelvic parts |
| 65 Tokyo, once | 7 Force | 40 Pitch or tar, e.g. |
| 66 Insurable item | 8 Poppy product | 41 On a horse |
| 67 Tempo | 9 ____ Baba | 44 Dereliction |
| 68 After expenses | 10 Hypothetical continent | 45 Brushes aside |
| 69 Kind of alert | 11 Energized | 46 Travel options |
| 70 ____ and sciences | 15 Buenos ____ | 47 Confront |
| | 18 Ripens | 48 Courtyard open to the sky |
| | 20 Fold | 51 Cougars |
| | 22 Dusk to dawn | 53 Paperlike cloth |
| | 26 Hodgepodge | 57 "I'm ____ your tricks!" |
| | 28 Kind of monkey | 59 Orbital period |
| | 30 Wrap | 61 Go bad |
| | 32 Of an arm bone | 63 Dress, maybe |
| | 36 Not on the level | |

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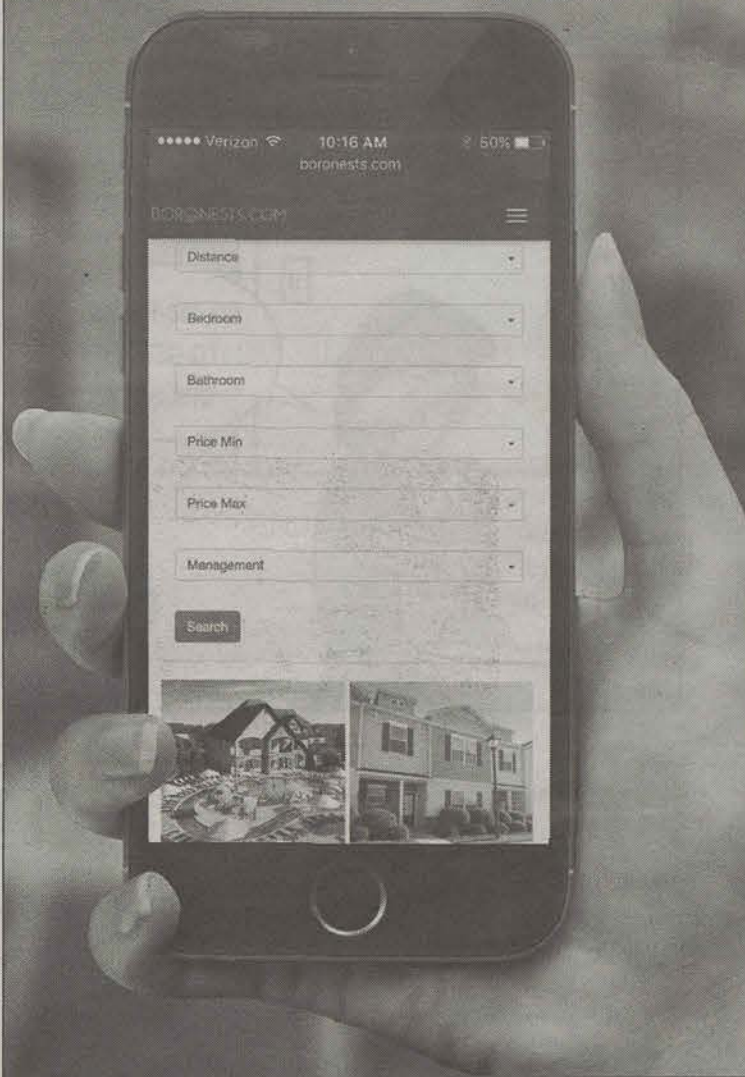
- 1 Student's worry
- 2 Daughter of King Minos
- 3 Old Chinese money
- 4 Outfit

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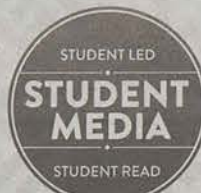
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From the Editorial Board: Concerning campus carry

BY THE GEORGE-ANNE EDITORIAL BOARD

Every so often The George-Anne editorial board will sit down and discuss topics that are affecting the Georgia Southern community. We select these topics based on the potential effect that they have to our campus and students. Recently, the topic of carrying firearms on Georgia campuses has been brought forward by the passing of a new bill in the Georgia State House.

With the passing of House Bill 859, the State House voted to legalize carrying concealed firearms on Georgia college campuses. According to the

Atlanta Journal Constitution, the bill would allow anyone 21 or older with a weapons license to carry a firearm on campus, with the exceptions of dormitories, fraternities and sorority houses and athletic events. The bill was set into motion after a string of robberies at Georgia State University.

After discussing the issue together, the majority of our board believes that passing this bill would be unwise, not just for our own community, but for other campuses around Georgia. An increase of firearms in the hands of college students

is a reckless decision that could potentially cause individuals harm. Although the idea of keeping students protected is one that we agree with, we do not believe that this is the way to go about achieving that goal. Considering the emotional fragility of college students, the potential risks of allowing firearms on campus becomes quite apparent.

That being said, there are a few positives of this bill in the big picture. For example, there are carriers that are a danger to those around them but there are also a large majority of carriers that know what they are doing. These individuals,

in the opinion of the board, can help create a barrier and help in times of danger.

Ultimately, in our opinion, the idea of college students having the ability to carry loaded firearms on a crowded campus is quite problematic. There are sure to be less radical ways of ensuring the safety of students than arming them. This bill is a long way from being passed and could evolve as it goes through the proper channels to become a law. Whether you agree with this bill or not, your voice can impact the future of carry laws on college campuses. Write to the state capitol and make your voice heard.

Coexisting changed my life

DEAMBER J PATTERSON

Originally published on the Reflector online

In the beginning, we are I-shaped, molded even, into this one being assigned with morals that are usually passed on to us by our guardians.

During this journey, we are cautioned to never cross the boundaries of separating from the pre-inflicted ideologies.

My nearest and dearest friends are often the ones who jam out at music festivals, let the moment take them on a ride while enhancing their vibes with the toxins of this world. Four years into this college jungle and I have yet to step foot into these trips they travel.

These moments were never the moments I wanted, but I grew fond of the free spirited people.

Same time, same place. It took me a while and of course there's ample intervals to improve this concept of coexisting. Or basically being able to live and unite with so many people even though we may not share the same values.

I want to start out by saying, every single time I've chosen peace the effects were nothing short of positive and self-sustaining. I often hear about the separation of families and friends simply, yet harshly, because of the differences on politics and more deeply, religious views.

What's right to put into our bodies? What's right to take out?

The order in which things go have always kept me stumbling.

It took me a while to realize that more than one thing has its place on earth, and me turning down the millionth cigarette doesn't make me better than anyone else.

So I clutched toward the insanely deep conversations I've had with friends who may not know what they want, but are aware of what they don't want. The atheist that I may never understand. My male friends with male lovers. My persistently angry father. Conflict exists but you do not have to live in it, and letting peace win does not mean that you've surrendered to someone else's mindset.

Coexisting constantly alarms me of improvement, purpose and the development of new relationships. It's brought peace into my life and my God if you've

never felt peace you're missing out on an enriched world. When I started to view everything and everyone as "important," I began to appreciate more. I myself am able to receive and digest judgement because now looking from the inside out, I understand where judgement comes from. I understand that fear and taking risk can be scary. Taking people under your wing and making them yours opens the door for labeling and categorization.

There's an overflow of people who need connections with others who will simply love them and experience this life that we all have. I'm always overwhelmed with gratefulness to be able to live this way. Coexisting and loving without constraints has completely changed my life.

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Counseling Center hosts Sexual Assault Awareness Week

BY BLAKELEY BARTEE
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), Sexual Assault Student Educators (SASE) and the Counseling Center will team up to host the annual Sexual Assault Awareness Week starting on Feb. 29 until March 4.

Sexual Assault Awareness Week begins with the Clothesline Project, a national movement that honors and supports victims of violence and sexual assault, and concludes with the "Take Back the Night" march and the "End the Violence" rally on Thursday, March 3.

According to Jodi Caldwell, GSU counselor and chair of SART, the Sexual Assault Awareness Week will take place alongside University Wellness's Safe Spring Break Awareness Week.

"One of the highest times of risk for sexual assault for students is during Spring Break, so we made the decision at Georgia Southern to have our awareness campaign before the students went on Spring Break," Caldwell said.

Carmen Gray, senior English major and president of SASE, emphasized the importance of speaking openly about sex and sexual assault.

"Sex is something that we don't talk about largely as a

culture, so when you don't talk about something that's so big—a big thing that's a part of everyone's lives, things happen that shouldn't happen. People don't know what's the right way to go about things, and people get hurt. Sexual assault happens," Gray said.

Caldwell feels it's time to talk about sexual assault cases, so that nobody is afraid to step in and prevent it.

"Our goal in raising awareness is to hopefully reduce instances of sexual violence, and also to reduce the stigma attached to those who have experience sexual violence, and to increase people's empathy and skills for being good bystanders, for stepping in when they do see dangerous situations," Caldwell said.

According to Suzanne Shurling, a graduate assistant for SART and a certified victim's advocate, the Clothesline Project will be located at the RAC and the Russell Union rotunda. Victims of sexual violence may share their stories by writing or drawing on T-shirts, which will be hung on a clothesline.

"[The Clothesline Project is] an effort to not only get the story out there so students know that this is an issue, but also to show students who maybe haven't spoken to anybody about their assault yet that they're not alone, that there are supporters on campus," Shurling said.

Shurling said there will

be a counselor present at the Clothesline Project table throughout the event, for those who may be triggered by the stories presented on the clotheslines.

Thursday's "Take Back the Night" march begins at 7 p.m. and will take place at the bookstore plaza. Both victims and supporters of victims are welcome to attend.

"[We march because] we should not be afraid to walk alone after dark, so we're bringing attention to that issue," Shurling said.

Immediately following the "Take Back the Night" march, the final event, the "End the Violence" rally, will take place at 8 p.m. The rally will include candlelight vigil featuring an open mic where victims may share their stories, according to Shurling.

"I've been doing [Sexual Assault Awareness Week] on this campus for [sixteen years]," Caldwell said. "Every year, we've had at least one victim decide, on their own, to come up and share their story. And many times, they've never told anybody. They'll say that

Each T-shirt color at the Clothesline Project represents a different type of violence a victim has experienced. Here are their meanings, according to the University Wellness website:

White: victim died due to violence	Blue or Green: survivors of incest and sexual abuse
Yellow or Beige: battered or assaulted victims	Purple or Lavender: victims attacked because of sexual orientation
Pink, Orange, and Red: survivors of rape and sexual assault	Black: victims attacked for political reasons

they haven't told their best friend, they haven't told their mom and dad, or their clergy member. Those can all be very empowering efforts for the victim to feel like they're starting to regain some sense of control."

While later events, such as the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event on March 31, are meant to educate the public on sexual assault, Sexual Assault Awareness Week also serves to support and empower victims.

"All of the initiatives that we engage in are efforts to

help empower the victim, to assist their healing process," Caldwell said. "The clothesline project gives them a platform to have a voice where they may not have felt safe having a voice before. The Take Back the Night March is a visible sign of community support for those who have experienced that kind of victimization. The rally to end sexual violence very literally gives victims an opportunity to publicly share their experience."

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GSU's planetarium presents 'Back to the Moon for Good'



"Back to the Moon for Good" has won multiple awards and has a runtime of 24 minutes. The event is free and open to the public.

BY TANDRA SMITH AND TAISHA WHITE
The George-Anne staff and contributor

Actor Tim Allen lends his voice as narrator of the movie, 'Back to The Moon for Good,' which will be presented at Georgia Southern's planetarium located in the Math and Physics Building on Feb. 26 beginning at 6 p.m. with multiple showings until 9 p.m.

Back to the Moon for Good goes into a space exploration race between numerous teams as they try to successfully

calculate and land a robot on the moon, travel 500 feet and send back pictures/data of the moon to Earth for a \$30 million prize.

The movie, which was created by Google Lunar Xprize, has teams that have 90 percent of its costs privately funded. All teams have to keep their funds low to provide cheaper space explorations in the future.

"The first half of it will be

Back to the Moon for Good, which will be the main planetarium show," Dillion Marcy, planetarium assistant, said. "Then I am going to be doing a short, overall look at the space race itself. How we began back in the early 1900s to where we are right now and the major things in between."

One student is excited about the event happening at the planetarium because she feels it will answer her numerous questions about the moon.

"I like watching movies about space and the moon,

but I have heard numerous theories about the moon itself," Elon Ross, junior information technology major, said. "One theory I am curious about is that if the moon were to vanish, [would] life on Earth do the same?"

Claudia Rodriguez, senior geology major, believes that students should take an interest in learning about the moon and should become more informed about what is going on in the world.

"There is a disconnection between people and space,"

Rodriguez said. "So I think that it is important for people to take the time and learn about what is happening in space. This is also great for those who are interested in developing a career in this type of field. The foundation has been set for space exploration. There just needs to be more people involved."

The planetarium plans on showcasing two more films this semester.

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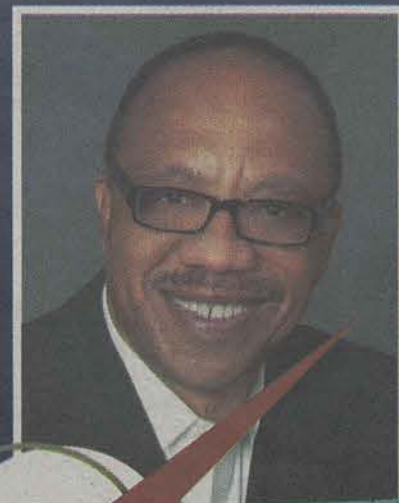
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YOUR STUDENT ACTIVITY
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Velvet Rose

Not your average tattoo parlor

Velvet Rose is located in downtown Statesboro. The tattoo parlor strives to create a comfortable and professional atmosphere.

BY TOM BARSZCZ
The George-Anne contributor

Those of you who have been in tattoo shops before know that they all share a certain, sometimes intimidating image. There's loud head-banging music playing in the background, the walls are covered with dark designs and the artists may not be giving off the friendliest vibes. Not all tattoo shops choose to perpetuate this off-putting stereotype. Statesboro just became home to such a shop called Velvet Rose.

The humble little shop opened its doors on September 1, 2015 and lies in the Simmons Shopping Center, right off of North Main Street. It is owned by Mark Simmons, a truly

unique, self-taught artist. He is accompanied by his wife, Jean Simmons, the piercer and secretary of Velvet Rose and Daniel Weinberger, a highly skilled tattoo artist and former Georgia Southern University student.

The inside of Velvet is very subtle. There are no pictures of tattoos on the walls, no poster boards of "flash" tattoo designs and no discouraging decorations you'd typically find at other tattoo shops, which Mark Simmons described as "demonic shit." Nope, Velvet Rose has a few books of Simmons and Weinberger's sketches, several portraits of Marilyn Monroe, a few framed publications featuring Simmons and one TV, which is always playing something random.

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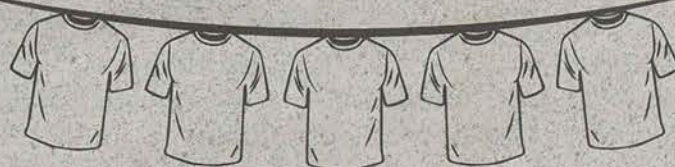
sexual assault & safe spring break week



Monday, February 29 - Thursday, March 3

Clothesline Project

9AM - 5PM, RAC & Russell Union



Tuesday, March 1st

Protect the Skin You're In

4PM, Williams Center Multipurpose Room

DUI Simulator

3 - 9PM, Near Centennial Place

Mardi Gras Madness

6 - 9PM, Georgia Avenue (In front of Dining Commons)

Wednesday, March 2nd

Welcome to the Party

7PM, Russell Union Theatre

Thursday, March 3rd

Take Back the Night March

7PM, Bookstore Plaza

End the Violence Rally

8PM, Rotunda

For more detailed information on the week's events, please visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/wellness



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

FEBRUARY 25TH

● UPB: Mr. GSU Scholarship Pageant Informational Session

Time: Wednesday, February 24th & Thursday, February 25th
6:00 - 7:30 pm

Location: Russell Union 2052

Mr. GSU attends traditional and community events and represents the student body in all that he does. Anyone that is interested in participating, must attend at least ONE information session (no exceptions) and submit an application.

Application timeline:

Opened: Tuesday, February 16 at 6:00pm (via MyInvolvement)
Closes: Monday, February 29 at 5:00pm

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Time: February 1st - February 29th

Location: Applications available online at

<http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/multicultural/mentoring/minority-advisement-program-map>

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Contact Information: Ms. Takeshia Brown at
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● MARCH 2ND

SOLD Series Workshop - Conflict: It's Not Always A Bad Thing! Presenter: Lydia Cross

Time: Wednesday, March 2nd. 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Location: Nessmith-Lane Assembly Hall Room 1915

The term conflict generally has a negative connotation, but if managed properly in a group setting, can be a positive thing. This presentation will review group development theory briefly, discuss the emotional and physical effects of conflict on the individual, and discuss methods for resolving personal and group conflict.

Contact Information: Kvannoord@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

YOUR STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES AT WORK

The Weekly Buzz is sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

Simmons is a self-taught artist with 23 years of experience. Starting at the age of 16, he became what is known as a "scratcher", which is a non-professional tattoo artist. Simmons tattooed non-professionally until 2005, when he was hired to apprentice in an Augusta shop called Studio 13. After apprenticeship, he eventually bought Studio 13 and began his career as a legitimate artist to be published in two tattoo magazines: "Skin Art" and "Prick". After several years, Simmons moved on to a different shop in Savannah called Resurrection Ink and soon found his way to Statesboro to open Velvet Rose.

"We just want Statesboro to have a solid tattoo shop," Simmons said. "I decided to open up in Statesboro because the college is right here with 23,000 students that possibly need a badass tattoo."

To Simmons, owning a tattoo shop and being an artist is a great responsibility that he takes very seriously.

"It's a hell of an opportunity and a great pleasure to have someone allow you to tattoo them, to put something on their skin forever... It's your tattoo and it's for life, so we

want to make sure you can wear that shit with pride," Simmons said.

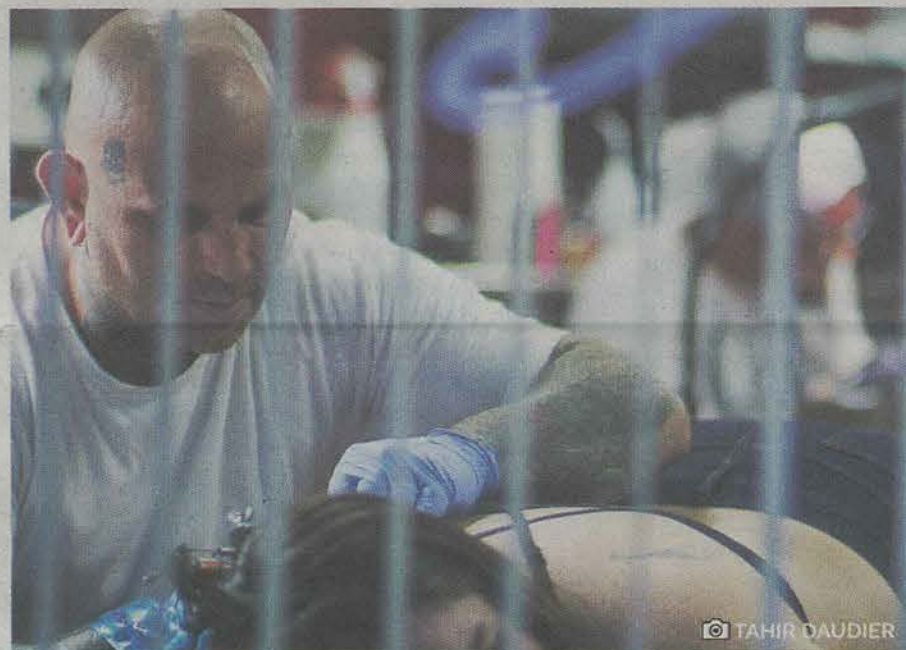
Intimidating is the last word to describe Velvet Rose, and students don't have just Mark and Jean to thank for that. There's also Daniel Weinberger; the third hard-worker behind Velvet Rose. Daniel spent most of his life in Statesboro and even attended GSU in pursuit of a career in the business aspect of the tattoo world, until he realized the artistic direction was most important to him.

"If you think about business too much, it takes away from your artistic nature," Weinberger said.

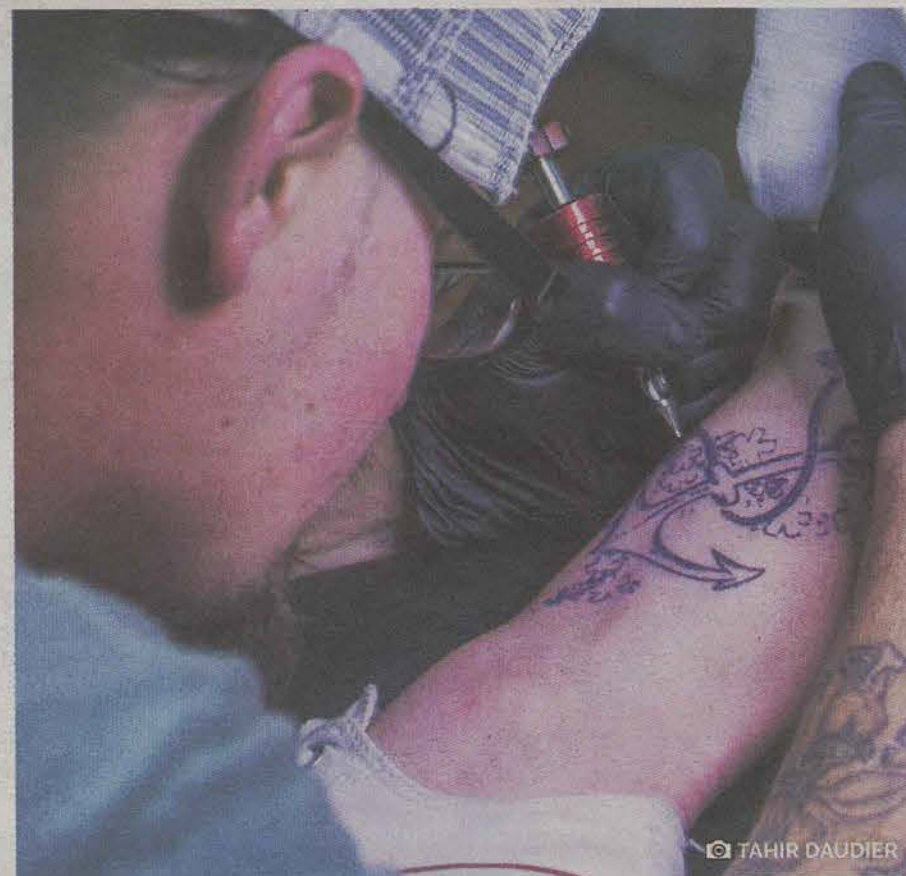
Once Daniel became professional, Mark hired him at Velvet Rose due to his impressive talent and their shared professional philosophies.

"The way I look at tattooing is that somebody's giving me a piece of their body for the rest of their life...to say I take tattooing personally is an understatement," Weinberger said.

Simmons is currently working on creating a website that tells a little more about their shop and who they are. In the meantime, for more information about Velvet Rose, check out their Facebook or give them a visit in person.



Mark Simmons during the tattooing process. Being a self-taught artist, Simmons developed his talent for body art over the course of many years.



Daniel Weinberger was a business major at GSU before pursuing his passion for tattooing. He now works beside Simmons and his wife, helping to create unique tattoos for every customer of Velvet Rose.

Which Wine?

Whether it's an elegant dinner party or a night alone, know your wine.

BY ARAYA JACKSON
The George-Anne staff

Wine is a delicacy that can be enjoyed on any day ending with -y. It's a perfect pairing for dinners, get-togethers or maybe you just need to take the edge off a long day.

People tend to look at wine with utmost respect, not just a way to get drunk. NationalDrinkWineDay.org describes the positive benefits of wine such as new friends, reduced risk of heart disease and the enhancement of food and life.

Now, it's usually never the question of whether you drink wine or not, but rather the color you chose – red versus white. Two very distinct types, each perfect for different people and different occasions.

This comparison between the two could go on forever, but let's keep it to a simple satirical five, plus take a look at the basic nutritional facts.

One is not defined as better than another, but simply everyone has their own personalities which correlate with their wine preference. In the end, it's still just wine, which many experts say promotes longevity and carries heart healthy benefits. What more could you ask for from an alcoholic beverage?

So whether you're a red or white person, get together with some of your closest friends tonight and share a glass, because you wouldn't want to let the wine gods down on this glorious holiday. Please enjoy responsibly!

Please remember to drink responsibly

White

- For the bubbly, one-night-stand sipper
- Much easier to pregame with
- Better for fun conversation at the apartment
- Won't stain when your tipsy-self spills on carpet
- Celebrity Drinker: Drake
- One serving (5 OZ) of Barefoot Moscato has 127 calories, 11 grams total carbs and one gram of protein. The alcohol content is nine percent by volume.

Red

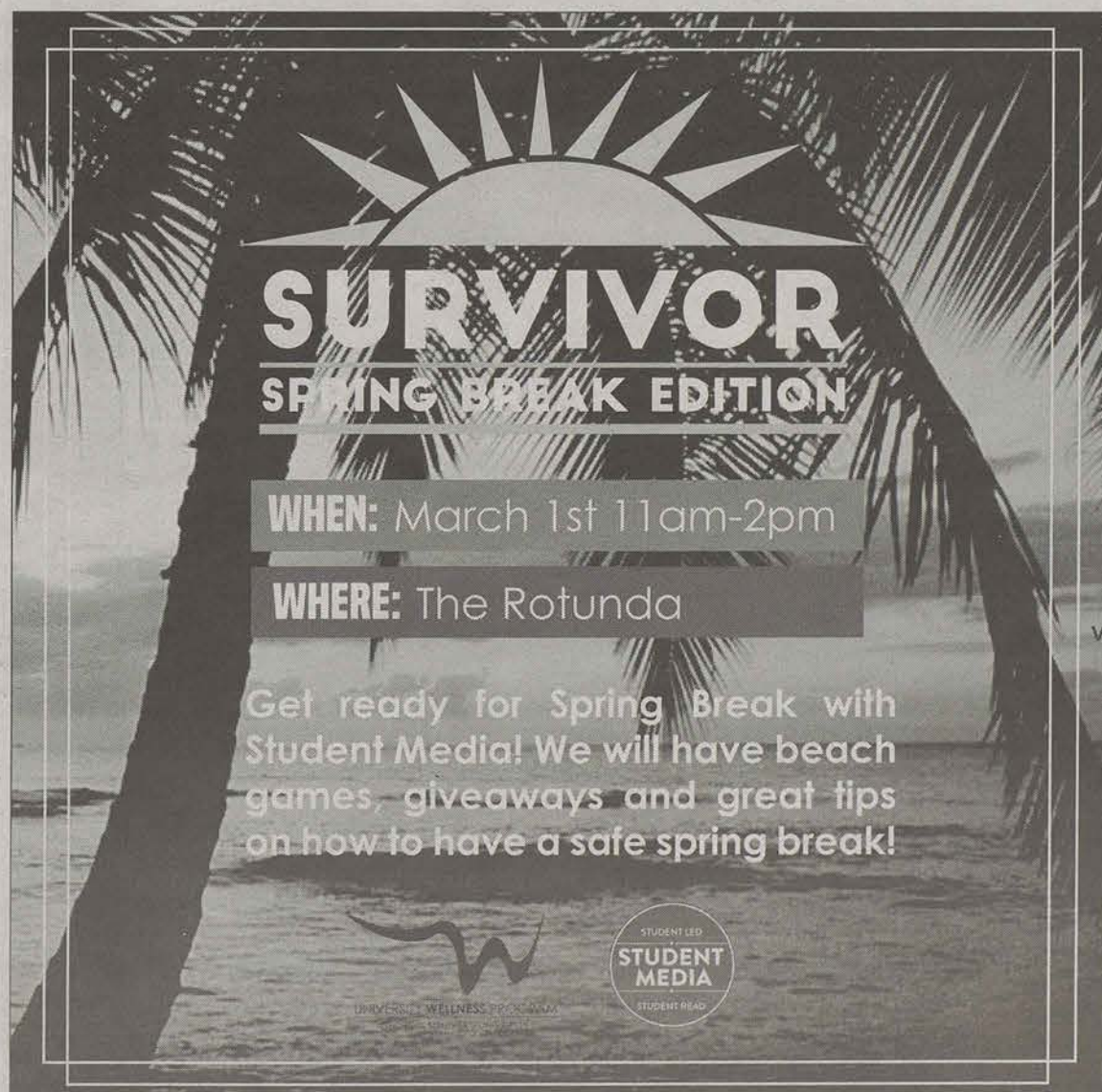
- For the more sophisticated, relationship-type sipper
- Much harsher to pregame with
- Better for drowning your sorrows
- Stains when you throw it on someone
- Celebrity Drinker: Leslie Knope
- One serving (5 OZ) of Barefoot Merlot (because college kids stick to the cheap stuff) has only 120 calories, five grams total carbs and one gram of sugar. The alcohol content is 13 percent by volume.

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Top: Mike Hughes cuts through the defense. His buzzer beater at the end of the first half landed at No. 10 on SportsCenter's Top 10 Plays. **Bottom:** Ike Smith passes out of the double-team. He finished the game with 12 points.

EAGLES HOLD OFF PANTHERS IN FINAL MINUTE TO SEAL WIN

Georgia Southern redeemed their overtime loss in Atlanta with a 54-52 win over Georgia State on Tuesday night. Mike Hughes led the way with 21 points.

BY MARQUS WILLIAMS
The George-Anne staff

The battle for the title "The Real GSU" ended with Georgia Southern defeating Georgia State at home 54-52. Hanner Fieldhouse was electric Tuesday night as the game came down to the wire, something that isn't uncommon when these rivals meet.

The Eagles started off the game with a burst of energy that gave them a 33-27 lead. The first half was capped off with a SportsCenter Top 10 play by Mike Hughes, who hit a 30-foot buzzer beater that perfectly sunk in the basket.

"[Coach Byington] told me to find the ball and find an open spot on the floor. I didn't find the ball, the ball found me so I just tried to make a play and it went in," Hughes said about the shot.

The Panthers held the Eagles close all throughout the second half and at times had the Eagles fans second guessing the outcome of the game. Hope was then revived when Ike Smith hit a 3-pointer to tie the game at 50.

"Lately I've been in a shooting slump, but coach just tells me to keep shooting with confidence and shoot when I'm open and that one

just happened to fall in," Smith said.

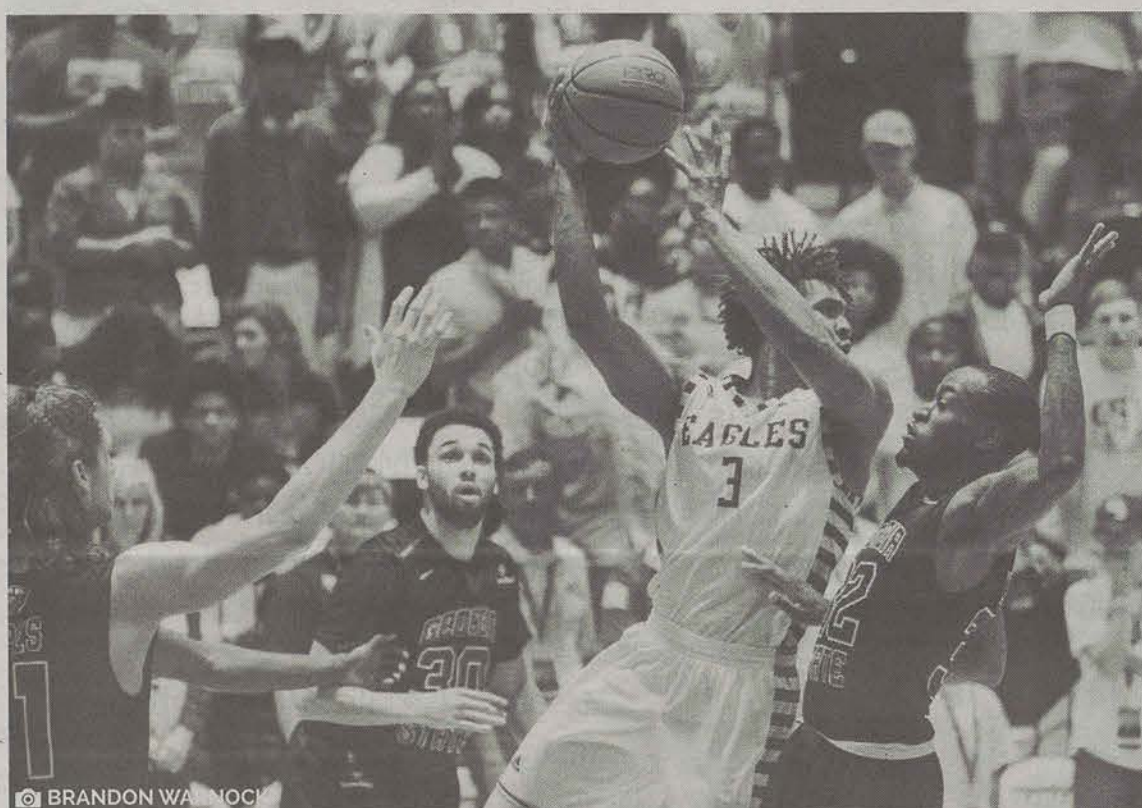
The Panthers had the ball with 1:22 left on the clock, trailing 53-50. Ga State forward T.J. Shippe received a pass in the post and went up for an open dunk. However, Eagle center Coye Simmons emphatically rejected the attempt. The Eagles extended their lead to 54-52 and got a stop on defense to seal the win.

After the game, Byington expressed the importance of the win and how much it meant to his team and fans of Eagles Nation.

"What a great environment," Byington said. "It was a special environment for our guys to play basketball in and to see the students and fans get behind our guys tonight. I don't see us winning without them."

With the win, the Eagles remain in fifth place in the Sun Belt with an overall record of 13-14 and a 9-8 record in the conference. They have three more games left before they start the conference tournament. If they win out they could reach as high as second in the Sun Belt, provided a few teams ahead of them drop a couple of games.

They host Appalachian State tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the final home game of the season.



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THE SUPER BOYKINS BROS.

Devince and Devonte Boykins will play their final home game as teammates tonight against Appalachian State.

Devince (left) has stepped into a leadership role in his first season with the team. Devonte (right) has proved himself a reliable option in his sophomore season.

BY ROBERT GEORGE
The George-Anne staff

For Georgia Southern's Devince and Devonte Boykins, tonight will be one of the last chances they will get to step on the court together as teammates on the collegiate level.

For both brothers, it has been a long road getting to this game. Their playing days together started as soon as they were old enough to hold a basketball. Their mom was a three-sport athlete in college, and both of their parents played basketball professionally in Germany. Devonte, the younger of the pair, recalls watching Devince take on his dad in the driveway before he was old enough to play.

"(Basketball) is something that grew on both of us because our whole family played," Devonte said.

The Boykins played on the same high school team for one year at East Rutherford in N.C. Their team won the state championship that year, something that Devince and his teammates had been building toward for four years. He was named MVP of the championship game after scoring 16 points and pulling nine rebounds.

Despite being just a freshman, Devonte was the third-leading scorer on the team and a key piece of the championship run.

"We had worked so hard for it. When my brother came in as a freshman, we (their other teammates) had worked for it and had built up to that point," Devince said.

After graduating from high school, Devince committed to Marshall where he lettered for three years and started 16 games. After his junior season, he decided to transfer and was interested in GSU, partly because that's where his younger brother was playing. Devonte had just completed his freshman season where he played in 25 games.

"The process was challenging," Devince said. "I knew that I wanted to play with my brother again, but ultimately it came from Coach B (Mark Byington) with him accepting me to come here. He was excited about me coming and I told him I was on board."

Coach Byington said he doesn't treat them as brothers, but as individuals. It helps that they play different positions, have different skills sets and have different personalities.

"Devonte is a little more aggressive, a little more outgoing. Devince is an extremely athletic player but a little more quiet," Byington said.

Prior to the final home game of the season tonight, the Boykins reflected on some of their favorite moments together on the court. Devonte recalled a close game when they were in high school.

"It was a tight game. I drove to the hole one time and threw the lob up. He went and got it and just tore the rim down," Devonte said. "I'm not all about scoring and to see him dunk it and see the whole crowd get up, that excites me."

For Devince, he picked a play from this season as his most memorable moment with his brother.

"Mine would be here at Southern," Devince said. "We got a steal at half-court and I got my brother a pass to get his first dunk in his college career. For me to be able to get the assist on his dunk was great."

Tonight is Senior Night for the Eagles. Devince is the lone senior on the Eagles this season. He said that it has been a "different" feeling, being the only senior and a first-year player at GSU.

"This is where you gotta grind it out. Just keep pushing. We know we can compete with any team in the league. I think we have a good chance of winning," Devince said.

The Boykins plan to make their last games memorable as they head into the Sun Belt Tournament.



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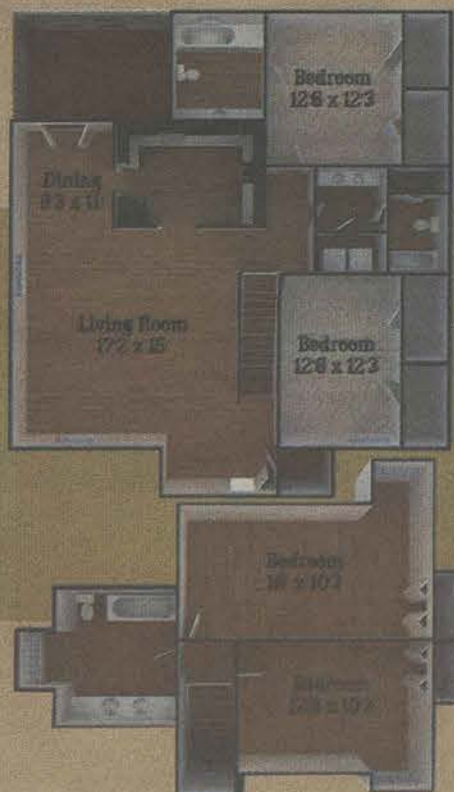
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JONES AND KIRKLAND REFLECT ON CAREERS BEFORE FINAL HOME GAME

Tonight is the final home game of the season for the women's basketball team. Briana Jones and Sierra Kirkland are the only seniors on the team and are looking forward to ending their career at Hanner on a high note.

Jones and Kirkland have played in every game this season. They are also both averaging 2.1 points per game.

BY CHRIS SMITH
The George-Anne staff

Senior night is always a bittersweet moment for student-athletes across the country. College athletes realize that their time of playing the sport that they love so much is ending. For the Georgia Southern women's basketball seniors that moment is here. Senior forwards Briana Jones and Sierra Kirkland are playing in their last game at Hanner Fieldhouse as Georgia Southern Eagles.

Officially, GSU played their senior night game last Saturday against Arkansas at Little Rock. Both Jones and Kirkland, who typically don't start, started the game in celebration of their careers.

"Tonight was a little emotional because it is our senior night and it's starting to hit home that this is it, this is starting to be the end. This game was so intense and everybody played so hard. I am so proud of everybody," Sierra Kirkland said about senior night.

Even though GSU was not able to come away with the win, there were still bright spots for the team. Jones recorded one block and took third place on the all-time list for most shots blocked in GSU women's basketball history.

"I didn't really know that I was that close and that high up in the rankings. I'm not out there trying to swat people's shots, but when they come they come and it is great going

down in history at Georgia Southern on my way out," Jones said about her all-time blocks ranking.

GSU played a hard fought game against Little Rock and it showed. They went toe-to-toe with one of the best teams in the Sun Belt conference. Head coach Kip Drown was happy to see toughness from his players and he was proud of the way his seniors played.

"Those have been very special and as a first year coach you really have to get a buy-in from your players. I think that starts with your seniors and then everybody else hopefully falls in line. From the beginning those two have been very supportive and tremendously accepting of their roles," Drown said about his two seniors.

There was also a ceremony held at half-court for Jones and Kirkland. Both were walked out by family members and were recognized for their hard work, both academically and athletically.

"Senior night is always emotional whether you are the senior or not. It is always sad to see people go, or see people leave the program. I tried my best to not get so emotional today and keep my head in the game," Jones said.

GSU will play their final home game of the season tonight at 5 p.m. against Appalachian State. The game will be televised on ESPN 3.



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