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## FINANCIAL AID

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**GOOD**  
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Even if you live under a rock you probably know that Millennials and how they handle money is a big topic these days, especially college students grappling with student debt. Reading words like "budget" and "spend less money" might seem as appealing as spending a Saturday stuck in Club Hendy, but debt is an unavoidable part of life for many students.

According to a 2014 statistic by The Institute for College Access and Success, the average amount of debt for college students in the state of Georgia is \$26,518. This same poll states that 72 percent of Georgia Southern University graduates graduated with debt that same year.

In this edition of Special Publications, you will find a wealth of information

BY TANDRA SMITH  
 The George-Anne staff

According to Collegeboard.org's Trends in Student Aid report, in the 2014-2015 academic year undergraduate students received an average of \$14,210 in financial aid. A majority of the aid came from grants, followed by federal loans, education tax credits and deductions, and Federal Work-Study. Many college students receive financial aid, but don't truly understand what financial aid is, and the various terms that are associated with it.

"There are a lot of rules and regulations that govern financial aid and just the

(see what we did there) about student debt, loans, budgeting and planning from professionals and students alike. Though thinking about financial futures may seem abysmal there are many ways to lessen the negative effects of debt and take control of our own finances.

With the majority of GSU students graduating with debt we at The George-Anne feel as if this edition on student finance would be beneficial. Whether you don't know the difference between an unsubsidized or subsidized loan or you know the ropes and can pinch a penny better than anyone on "Extreme Couponing," you're bound to learn something new from these pages.

complexity of all of them can sometimes make understanding the process difficult," Tracey Mingo, director of the GSU Financial Aid office, said.

Mingo states that the most common financial aid terms that are asked about in the financial aid office are: FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), EFC (Expected Family Contribution), SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress), DL (Direct Loans), FWS (Federal Work Study) and Pell Grant.

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## WORDS TO KNOW:

### FAFSA

stands for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and is how a student becomes eligible for federal loans, grants and work study programs. In the state of Georgia, students are required to fill out FAFSA in order to receive the HOPE Scholarship.

### EFC

or Expected Family Contribution is the amount of money the federal government expects the family to contribute towards a student's education in an academic year.

### SAP

is short for Satisfactory Academic Progress, and is what a student must maintain to keep receiving their financial aid. According to the Registrar's policy, a student must maintain a 2.0 GPA, earn at least 67 percent of the total hours they attempt and not exceed in attempted hours 150% of what it takes to earn one degree.

### DIRECT LOANS

Direct loans, also known as direct lending, simply means that your Stafford loan—both subsidized and unsubsidized loans—are disbursed to the school by the U.S. Department of Education, rather than a bank or other agency.

### FWS

FWS or Federal Work Study, is a program that allows students to work on or off campus to help pay for parts of their education. This program is available to students with financial need and is based on availability of funds.

### PELL GRANT

Finally, a Pell Grant is free money awarded to students with financial need. The amount of the grant is determined by the EFC.

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Though Mingo says these are the top terms students ask about, there are many others that students might not be aware of.

Recently, a financial aid survey was conducted around GSU's campus. A total of 51 students took the survey and were asked a series of questions ranging from their knowledge about various financial aid terms, to what type of financial aid they personally receive and more. According to the survey, capitalization, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), default, Perkins Loan and demonstrated need ranked at the bottom of terms that surveyed students knew. Only 4 percent of students knew what capitalization meant, 9.8 percent for SEOG, 13.7 percent for default, 15.7 percent for both Perkins Loan and demonstrated need.

**CAPITALIZATION** is the practice of adding unpaid interest charges to the loan principal to increase the size of that principal. SEOG, which stands for Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, is available for undergraduates with exceptional financial need.

**DEFAULT** refers to loans. When a loan is in default, the borrower has not paid their regular installment on time, or didn't meet other terms and conditions of the loan. According to the Financial Aid Glossary on the Georgia Southern University Financial Aid page, if you default on a loan, the university, the holder of the loan and the government can take legal action to get the money. This includes garnishing your wages. When you default on a loan, you will become ineligible for future financial aid until the defaulted loan is paid in full or you have made six consecutive on time monthly payments as determined by the holder of the loan.

A **PERKINS LOAN** is a low interest, campus based loan that undergraduates with great financial need can be awarded. The money is first come, first serve, with interest capped at 5 percent. Repayment won't begin until nine months after graduation, or after you fall below half time in school.

Lastly, **DEMONSTRATED NEED** is the difference between total college costs and the family's ability to pay. Essentially, it is the amount of money that the family needs for the student to be able to enroll in college.

It can be hard to remember all of these terms, but Mingo has two tips to help students remember important financial aid terms.

"The most important tip that I can give a student is to read all of the information that they are sent very carefully. Many of their questions can be answered if they read the information. Most information is sent to them via their Georgia Southern e-mail. Checking their financial aid information regularly in their WINGS portal is also very important," Mingo said.

While talking about financial aid, it is almost impossible not to talk about student loan debt. Forbes reports that the average cost of tuition across the United States has been rising faster than inflation for the last three decades. Student loan debt is a huge issue for many college students today. According to an article on saukvalley.com, student loan debt is upward of \$1.32 trillion, which is more than the national debt for credit cards and auto loans.

When asked about how student loan debt will affect them in the future, many students' outlooks were quite negative.

"[It's] probably going to be terrible," Nick Guthrie, sophomore IT major, said. She says that she has no idea how long it will take her to pay off all her loans, but Guthrie does have a plan in place.

"[I'm going] to start with my big ones first. I'm going to pay off what I can while in school before I get out of school. Any bit is helpful," Guthrie said.

Another student said his grandmother is paying for his schooling, so he doesn't have any debt, but he has plenty of friends that do. When asked how student loan debt will affect his friends, he also shared the negative outlook.

"[It will affect them] probably not in a good way, even though GSU is relatively cheap," Angelo Varrone, junior information systems major, said.

Varrone added that after they start their careers, they would likely begin to pay for it.

Finances can be a major source of worry for college students. According to a 2015 survey by the American College Health Association, finances are deemed a major issue among students, with 33.5 percent citing it as a source of stress.



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# Managing debt and dealing with the rest

BY RASHIDA OTUNBA  
The George-Anne staff

You've already taken out loans in order to come to college, so what exactly is the next step when your finances are already in the negatives? When you look at that loan payment in WINGS, the figures might be daunting, but don't get discouraged. The answer is simple: manage the unavoidable, but don't push your limits.

"Try to avoid credit cards as much as possible. My number one rule is use credit cards for emergencies and make sure you can pay them off at the end of the month. If you can consistently not pay off your credit card at the end of the month, there's a problem," Dr. Axel Grossmann, associate professor of finance at Georgia Southern University, said.

And it seems to be a problem for many young Americans. According to a 2013 survey by CreditCards.com, the average American student has a credit card balance of \$499.

Student loans are an unavoidable part of college because, for many, they are a necessary step to get to the next phase of life. However, unwise financial burdens like credit card debt is very much avoidable.

"With your student loans, it's a little bit different because with student loans you hopefully use them just for your education and most of the time we can't

avoid student loans. But credit card debt, to a certain extent, I think some of the debt we put on our credit cards we can avoid," Grossmann said.

So what to do when you have both? Pay it off like a professional.

"Most of the time student debt has a lower interest than the interest people pay on a credit card. What I advise people, I tell them whenever you pay debt make sure you rank your debt with respect to the interest rate you have to pay on it," Grossmann said.

Federal student loans on average carry a lower interest rate than credit cards, meaning that credit card debt should be paid first, followed by student debt, according to the interest rate ranking system.

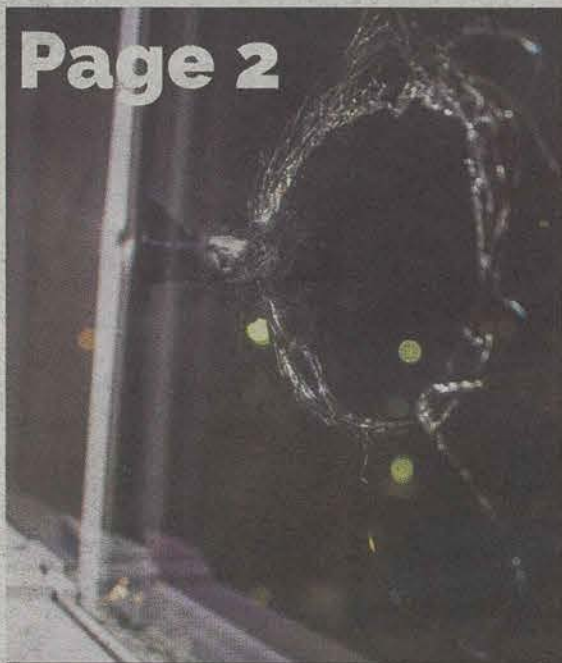
"Stick to your needs. When you get a student loan, make sure you use a student loan for college expenses and if you have money left over, use it for expenses that are really necessary. Because if you can make it through college without too much debt then you can really enjoy your life once you get out of college," Grossmann said.

After the debt is paid off in full, then students can start to save, create a rainy day fund and start saving for future purchases and retirement.

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**Police investigate shots fired at 111 South**

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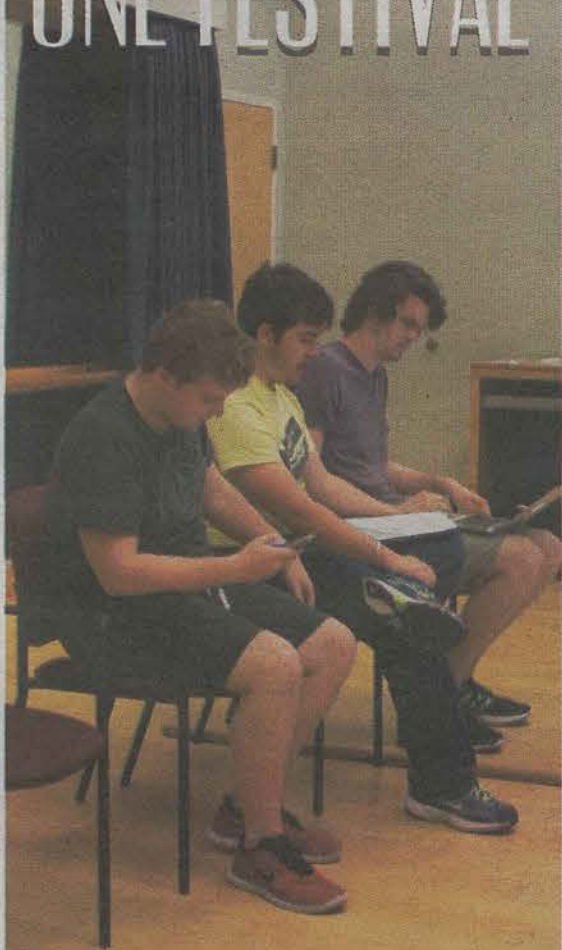
**VOTE**

BY JOZSEF PAPP  
The George-Anne staff

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION** elections begin next week with campaigning currently taking place. Each member of the SGA Executive Board has responsibilities that are specified in the SGA Constitution to help the organization fulfill its mission of serving the student body.

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FIVE PERFORMANCES  
**ONE FESTIVAL**



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**EAGLES GET PHYSICAL**

**Football team dons full pads in third spring practice**

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In a press release on March 30, the Board of Regents Chair Kessel Stelling Jr. and the University System of Georgia (USG) Chancellor Hank Huckaby announced Jaimie Hebert, Ph.D., as the finalist for the GSU presidency.

Hebert is currently the Provost and Vice-President of Academic Affairs at Sam Houston State University.

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High: 84° Low: 67°	High: 78° Low: 51°	High: 76° Low: 49°

It is looking like another rainy weekend, with temperatures peaking at 85 degrees on Thursday. Looks like Georgia is getting ahead of those Spring Showers for the May Flowers.

## SHOTS FIRED AT 111 SOUTH



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By Johnny Lu

A series of gunshots late Monday evening at 111 South led to a number of damaged windows and an investigation surrounding a shooting at the off-campus student housing residence.

Occurring within the perimeter of 111 South's clubhouse and swimming pool, screams were heard immediately after shots were fired, followed by a number of patrons seen running for cover. A number of passageways and areas throughout the apartment complex were temporarily taped off while police and officials ensued protocol.

"Of the shots fired, at least two bullets had made contact with the buildings' structure," Statesboro Criminal Investigations Det. Lt. Winksey said. "We don't have much to say right now, but we're trying our best to update the community as soon as possible."

An apartment in building 22 was one of the apartments caught in the cross-fire around 8

p.m. Monday evening.

Barely aware of the bullet-stricken window himself, 111 South resident and junior middle grades education major Quentin Ladson was just getting home as the incident occurred.

"The police knocked on our door to check on us and asked if we knew there was a bullet hole in our window," Ladson said.

The shell of the bullet that struck Ladson's apartment remains on the debris-covered windowsill as police investigators asked that the occupants cooperatively leave the scene untouched until further investigation has been conducted.

With barely a month elapsed since the shooting at Aspen Heights late February. This will be the second shooting at an off-campus student housing residence in the GSU community this semester.

## DINING COMMONS REPLACES TRACES OF PLACES WITH BREAKFAST STATION

By Blakeley Barte

During the 2016 spring break, Eagle Dining Services replaced the Traces of Places station in the Dining Commons with the Breakfast Club, an all-day breakfast station with made-to-order omelets and hash browns.

According to Greg Crawford, director of residential dining, the decision to change the station was influenced largely by feedback from students.

"[Students] were very interested in us extending our hours of breakfast. We've received several emails and correspondences saying, 'Can you keep it open till 11? Can you keep it open till 12, because of class schedules?'" Crawford said.

## Weather Bar

### DECEASED MAN FOUND IN LAKE BEHIND SOUTHERN DOWNS

By Chris Carter

This past Sunday around 7 a.m. a dead body was found in the lake behind Southern Downs apartments. Officials are as of now not sure whether foul play was involved in the man's death.

His name was Dalen John Nathaniel Smith, 20, and it is unclear whether he was a student at Georgia Southern University or not.

The police were called to the scene when someone noticed Smith's body in the water behind Southern Downs apartments.

Upon arrival Smith's body was recovered and he was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Joiner-Anderson Funeral home sent an obituary to the Statesboro Herald on Tuesday saying Smith's death was an accident but officials are saying it has not been concluded whether foul play was involved in the death. An autopsy must be performed before an official statement is made.

"We've always had breakfast food on Friday, and it became very, very popular."

Bud Fleming, general manager of the Dining Commons, noted that Traces of Places lacked popularity among students.

"Students were just not taking to [Traces of Places] as we had hoped, so our main goal was to listen to the students' feedback. And another thing was, the [Breakfast Club's] equipment fit right in that station," Fleming said.

So far, the Breakfast Club has enjoyed relative popularity in the Dining Commons, according to Fleming and Crawford.

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# A day in the dark

My 24 hour experience without telephones, computers or television.



**SKYLER BLACK**

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

The proper functioning world has been brought up by ever changing technology that shapes the lives of the people in it. More than half of our lives are spent staring at an illuminated screen scrolling, typing and posting whatever we please. Social media has transformed how we interact with each other in leaps and bounds. While I write this, I am using a piece of machinery that has access to all of the information in the world that fits into a small

bag. Being surrounded by this technology changes you as a person and taking a break from it is almost necessary.

Over the weekend, I spent 24 hours without computers, phones, televisions and all other electronics. This was some of the most refreshing time that I have spent lately. Without constant stimulation from frequently checking my phone and images on a television screen, I found it easier to think clearly. So how did I survive this day when the majority of us need to use technology everyday of the week. I will admit, doing this over the weekend made it a little bit easier. The first and hardest thing to get rid of was my telephone. I forced myself to turn it on airplane mode so I would not get any notifications and contact of any kind.

A large amount of activity that I do outside of a computer or television screen is normally limited to my time spent on campus getting from place to place. I was able to change that by starting the day off earlier instead of

staying in bed looking at all of the new information on my Twitter feed. I was able to go running, clean my room, read a book and relax outside. Yes, there were periods of time where I sat wondering if I needed to check up on all of my 'friends' on Facebook and if that one tweet that I sent out go any responses. But I knew that if I caved in, then I would just be proving that social media addiction is a real thing. "If you find that you are becoming so absorbed in social media that you are neglecting work or school, ignoring your family and pets, and withdrawing from people and activities you used to enjoy, you may have a problem," Bradford Health Services said.

I can probably guess what the majority of you are thinking right about now. But what if there was an emergency? Simple solution. Before starting this, I told my parents and significant other what the plan was and that they could contact me through my roommates. The next step was to ensure that I would not

watch any television or use my laptop. After that, it was just trying to find things to replace the time that would normally be spent on technology.

Saturday was a day of productivity and overall recharging. Without being distracted by social media, television shows and video games, I was able to focus on what I needed to do that day. According to MedicalNewsToday.com, one in four people worldwide are connected to some type of social media. One of the largest social media websites, Facebook, has been found in studies to feed anxiety. By relieving myself of this anxiety throughout the day, I felt more energized. Stepping back from technology every once in awhile is a great way to take stock in what is necessary in your life. You are able to look at things with new eyes and take a breath. I take my days one at a time but I refuse to let technology be the most important thing in my life.

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

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Voting begins: April 4, 12:01 a.m.

Voting ends: April 6, 11:59 p.m.

To vote, visit myinvolvement on [my.georgiasouthern.edu](http://my.georgiasouthern.edu)



**President - Charles Glover**

Graduate clinical mental health major

- Official representative of the student body at official university functions
- Serve as the university delegate to the Student Advisory Council of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia
- Oversee the Presidential Advisory Committee
- Power to vote in case of a tie and veto a senate action
- Serve as Parliamentarian in the absence of the Executive Vice-President



**Executive Vice-President - Kaitlin Kidwell**

Junior political science major

- Serve as the presiding officer and President of the Senate
- Act as the interim president in the absence of the president
- Act as president in the case of removal or resignation of the president
- Responsible for upholding Parliamentary procedures during Senate meetings
- Serve as a non-voting member



**Vice-President of Academic Affairs - Errol Spence**

Graduate health policy and management major

- Responsible for overseeing the total development of academic programs
- Oversee the work of all Faculty Senate Standing Committees and SGA
- Attend all Undergraduate Councils and Calendar Committees and serve as the voting member of both committees
- Oversee the SGA's annual scholarship selection process
- Oversee the United Way philanthropy and the Eagles for Eagles initiative



**Vice-President of Finance - Cooper Largent**

Junior information technology major

- In charge of all disbursements and financial operations of SGA
- Oversee expenditures by organizations receiving funding from SGA
- Oversee the Financial Advisory Committee and the Activity Budget Committee
- Make an overall budget report by the first Senate meeting of every month



**Vice-President of Auxiliary Affairs - Adam Clay**

Junior marketing and logistics major

- Liaison for the student body and consult the Director of Auxiliary Services
- Initiate policy and programs that concern all Auxiliary services provided by GSU
- Identify and investigate any University-wide issues pertaining to student life and create legislation to address the issue
- Chair the Auxiliary Services Committee and oversee the Auxiliary Affairs Advisory Committee



**Publicity Coordinator - Kayla Rose**

Public relations major

- Responsible for all of SGA's advertisements, publicity and press releases
- Contact person for media transactions
- Oversee the Marketing Committee
- Appointed by the Elected Executive Officers and affirmed by majority vote of the Senate



**Graduate Assistant - Benjamin Dyer**

Graduate healthcare administration major

- Oversee Shuttle Gus and SGA elections
- Serve as liaison between SGA and the Dean of Students
- Notify members of their absences as well as dismiss members from SGA
- For a full list of the duties of each Executive Board member, check out the SGA 2015-2016 constitution

### SGA Candidates Term 2016-2017

#### Exec Board

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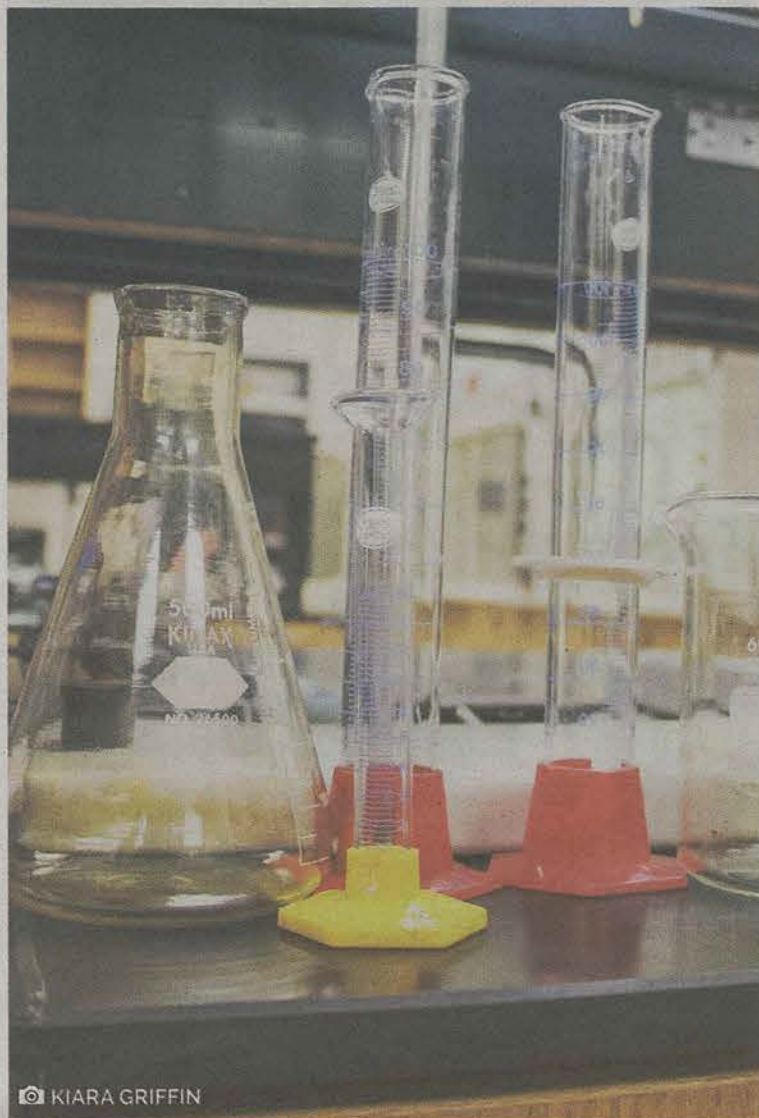
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# New bill to boost STEM student GPAs



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STEM students will be the main beneficiaries of the bill. HB 801 will come into effect Fall 2017.

BY TANDRA SMITH  
The George-Anne staff

Starting in the 2017-2018 academic year, students who take demanding science, technology, engineering and math classes will now receive a half point increase to their final grade. This increase will apply to B, C and D grades.

House Bill 801, also known as the Rambling Wreckification bill, aims to steer more students into taking challenging STEM courses, in the hopes that they will help aid the demand for tech industry workers in the state of Georgia.

Reaction among students and professors has been mixed.

"It might lure a few more students, but I am afraid that we do not really need more STEM graduates. Science is not for everyone, the same way not everyone can be an actor or a dancer," Erika Lakuriqui, lecturer in the math department, said.

Lakuriqui also believes that the only thing that increases will be the number of students that get HOPE, rather than the number of workers Georgia

hopes to gain.

Morgan Finch, freshman biology major, is interested in the new bill as well.

"[The bill] will help a lot of people increase their GPA and keep HOPE. [The bill will] also encourage people to take advanced classes and want to take them," Finch said.

Another student believes that the bill is good because it will get more people involved in STEM.

"[The bill] will keep [students] motivated and scoring higher with their grades and have a good overall GPA," Karla Fonseca, freshman mechanical engineering major, said.

This is the exact sentiment that bill sponsors Representatives Jan Jones, Robert Dickey, Chad Nimmer, Terry Rogers, Jon Burns and Matt Ramsey shared. House Bill 801 was passed on March 22 with a vote of 169-0.

John Stone, assistant professor of analytical chemistry, has mixed feelings about the bill, much like the rest of the campus. Stone adds that students who major in STEM programs know that the classes will be harder.

"I'm also concerned about grade boosting when they have not earned the GPA in a traditional way. We have to be careful to maintain rigor. [These students] will go on to be our doctors and our engineers. You never know what kind of success bills like this will have and [instructors] are always concerned about grade inflation," Stone said.

Stone is more in favor for the grade boosting to occur with high school students, rather than college students, because high students are typically more discouraged by lower grades than college students, who are a bit more mature to handle a low grade.

Alana Bray, freshman early childhood education major, feels that the bill overlooks other hardworking college students.

"I think that [the bill] is awesome for [STEM students] because they deserve it, but so do other hard working college students," Bray said. "I feel like if [lawmakers] pass something like that then they should think about all majors."

## SGA proposes new student fee to expand bus system

BY LAUREN GORLA  
The George-Anne staff

The Student Government Association has created a proposal that, if passed, would expand the university bus system to more locations on campus and in Statesboro.

The fee would add \$3 to the current transportation fee, raising the overall transportation fee to \$58. The new routes would include a bus stop on Sweetheart Circle, an hour longer service for the stadium shuttle route and service to the large Wal-Mart and Statesboro Mall area at least two days a week.

Adam Clay, SGA Vice President of Auxiliary Affairs, has been working on the plan for about a year and sees it as a positive service for students and the community.

"People have always talked about tying in the Statesboro and the Georgia Southern community and I think there's no better way to do that than through this proposal," Clay said. "You are literally putting students into the community."

The expanded system would be exclusively for students, and the current buses would

be used for the routes. A card swipe system would be used on the buses to ensure student safety.

Students can vote 'yes' or 'no' on this proposal by voting in the SGA elections located on MyInvolvement from April 4-6. The survey is intended to be only an exploratory vote to see if students would be interested in this expansion.

"We're not saying [an expanded route] is definitely going to happen, but we want to get data so that students can use their voice to influence change on campus. We can't make any proposals or big changes, especially for fees, without them supporting it," Charles Glover, SGA President, said.

Once the results of the vote are tallied, SGA will decide what steps to take next. If the majority of students vote yes to the fee, the proposal will be presented to the President's board and then possibly move on to the Board of Regents for final approval.

Glover said, "approvals for fees do take time, and even if the students do vote an overwhelming yes, it may take multiple semesters to actually go into effect."

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## GSU's 10th Annual 10-Minute Play Festival Returns



Students practicing and critiquing each other for their performances in the festival. There will be five performances this year, featuring both students and alumni.

**BY RACHEL KELSO**  
The George-Anne staff

It's theatre like you've never seen before. There is no line memorization and no censorship, but there is a time limit: only ten minutes. This year marks the tenth anniversary of Georgia Southern's Annual 10-Minute Play Festival, held by the Theatre and Performance program. The festival is composed of plays written, directed and acted by students themselves.

"It's a way to get student playwrights an opportunity to get their work work-shopped and presented to an audience," Lisa Abbott, associate professor of theatre, said. As the festival's coordinator, she explained that the festival is all about the playwrights' expressing their thoughts, emotions and creativity.

Professional playwrights, alumni and non-theatre faculty members rank each play that is submitted. Each play must meet certain criteria in order to be accepted, which usually amounts to approximately four to 10 plays. Throughout its 10 years of existence, the festival

has had a spike in the number of plays being submitted as well as a rise in students' writing skills.

This year's festival will have five performances that are concert-style readings, meaning that the actors have their scripts in hand during the performance. The plays must first go through an extensive workshop process facilitated by Abbott, which give playwrights the opportunity to hear their play read back and make necessary changes to the dialogue as needed. "The stories are only told through dialogue," Abbot said. "This is a really important part of their process as an artist."

Each of the plays vary in genre, cast size and student experience.

"Being on the other side of the script is a great thing," Khadijah Carter, senior communications studies major and playwright, said. This is Carter's first time writing a play instead of acting in one, but participating in the festival has given her more confidence and has inspired her to pursue more writing.

Carter's play, "Acquittal of Silence," provides a different perspective of the Los Angeles riots in the early 1990s. It has 12

cast members and takes place inside the court room of the Rodney King trial. Carter has taken real transcripts from the hearing and used them in her play.

"My play is about the silence of the protestors and the rioters," Carter said. "I really wanted to give a voice to the rioters and the people who you usually wouldn't see, because sometimes the media can only show one side."

Other plays have much smaller casts, such as "Be Mine," a story of a girl's crush on her closeted gay friend.

"I found that having a smaller play gets to the heart of the story faster," Samantha Harvey, senior writing and linguistics major and playwright, said.

"Sam Harvey is one of my best friends, so I'm pretty excited to be able to bring her hard work to life," Annaliyah Ferguson-Salim, junior theatre major and director, said. This is Ferguson-Salim's first attempt at directing, since she also is typically acting onstage. Now she has been able to see a new side of conveying a play's message. "As an actor you have tunnel vision," Salim said. "As a director you need

to have an omniscient eye over everything, designers and actors alike."

Two plays this year were submitted by alumni, one being Brock Vickers, the current marketing manager of Hedgerow Theatre Company in Rose Valley, Pa. and who is no stranger to the ten-minute plays during his time at GSU. His play, "Blood on the Knockers," is a farce with bits of mystery and comedy thrown in the mix.

"This is the kind of play I enjoy seeing on-stage: fast-paced, nonsensical, and a fun ten minutes," Vickers said.

"Plays are meant to be seen and meant to be played, so when Lisa asked alumni to submit I had a play ready for her in a couple of days," Vickers said. "I also really wanted to write something that my 22-year-old self would have loved to read when I was in college."

The festival will be held on April 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Sanford Hall, room 1002. Audience members will be asked to participate in constructive discussions at the end of the festival for feedback and reviews.



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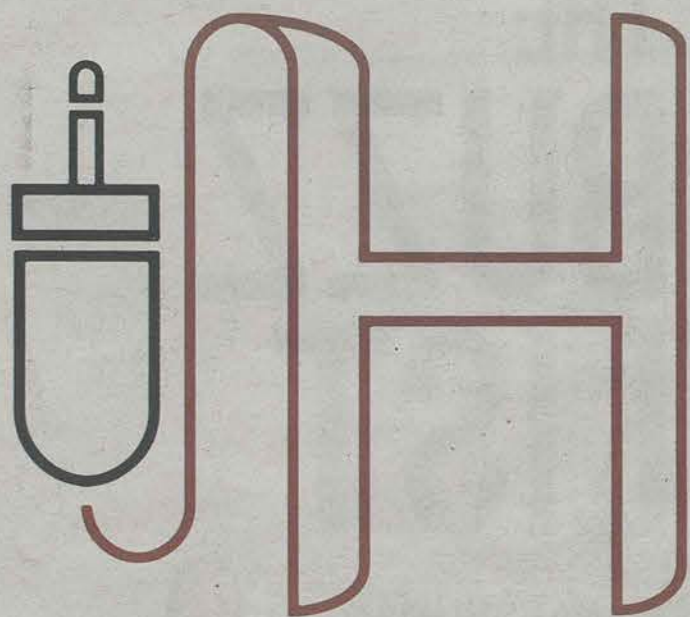
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BY THOMAS BARSZCZ  
The George-Anne contributor

In this ever-changing world we live in, it seems that individuality and originality are hard to discover, especially when it comes to music. Sure, certain artists and sounds are timeless, but often it seems like popular music outlets can't provide anything new or original. Luckily, discovering new artists and sounds is just one click away at handmetheaux.com.

Handmetheaux.com or HMTA, is the now functioning brainchild of two talented music lovers from Atlanta: Steven Smith and Nathaniel "Nat" Johnson. Smith and Johnson are longtime friends and current UGA students who spend their downtime listening to and discussing different types of music.

"We would listen to music all the time and critique it on a very serious level," Johnson said, "and it got to the point where our friends who were artists would ask us for our opinions about their work because they would take it with high regard."

Artists weren't the only people to seek music advice from the two friends during their downtime.

"Beyond giving advice to upcoming artist friends of ours, we would also get asked by friends to suggest new music for them, based off of their preferred genres," Johnson said.

After a few months of research, Smith and Johnson decided to turn their hobby into a project leading to the creation of the flourishing website that is handmetheaux.com. Smith and Johnson aren't the only creative minds that run HMTA. They have a diverse staff of college students from all over the country, ranging from Washington D.C. to Texas, California to Chicago and even here at Georgia Southern. HMTA is composed of many talented minds who each have their own unique backgrounds in

understanding music.

Tre Smith, a sophomore here at Georgia Southern student, is a writer and promoter for HMTA.

Tre Smith explained what he does for the site and what it means to him.

"I've been coached musically since I was about ten and have been exposed to many different types of music in my life...music has always been a huge influence on me."

Smith said that as a writer for HMTA he doesn't just summarize a song for the reader, but rather breaks a song down to its musical composition and elaborates on what feelings that particular song would evoke for him.

"I give the reader an overview of a song and write what I call an 'emotional opinion'...I express my personal opinions of a song based on how that song has affected me and explain that to the reader, because that's how people listen to music... by finding a sound that helps them feel a certain way," Steven Smith said.

Steven Smith and Johnson, explained as creators how with the talented and diverse team they have, their site does more than just write music reviews. With their influence, they are creating a community of music lovers from college students all over the country.

"I want college students to know what other college students are listening to," Johnson said, "to make a connection between different college cultures and communities." Smith elaborated further on how, "we are college students and we want to help other college students discover new music."

For GSU students looking for the perfect beat for a party, a new playlist for a road trip or any instance of listening to music, check out handmetheaux.com and discover something new. Because as they say on the site, "HMTA will hook you up, you just need to plug in."

# Shut Up and Hand Me the Aux



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"Anyone can just write a music blog but we want to give talented undiscovered artists a voice."

**STEVEN SMITH**

Editor  
co-creator of handmetheaux.com

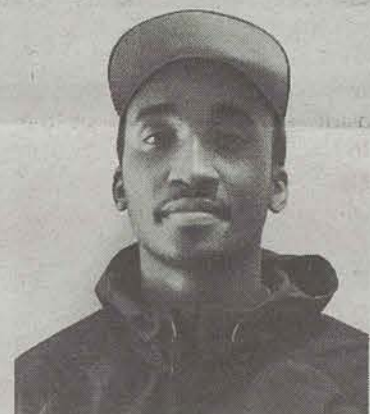


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#### Annual Student Org. Renewal Workshops

**Location:** Russell Union Theatre

Annual Student Organization Renewal Workshop (required for any student organization wishing to obtain Active status for the 2016-2017 academic year). Each organization must send the President and one other student organization officer to ONE of the five (5) organization renewal workshops that are offered in April. We highly recommend that both representatives attend the same workshop together. The Primary Advisor is not required to attend this workshop with the student leaders.

#### Workshop dates & times:

- Friday, April 1st, 3:30-5pm, Russell Union Theatre
- Thursday, April 7th, 5-6:30pm, Russell Union Theatre
- Wednesday, April 13th, 5:30-7pm, Russell Union Theatre
- Tuesday, April 19th, 4pm-5:30pm, Russell Union Theatre
- Monday, April 25th, 6-7:30pm, Russell Union Theatre

Organizations are also required to submit their official renewal request online, via MyInvolvement. Submissions open Friday, April 1st and will close on Friday, April 29th.

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# THE BUZZ LIST

**KAT SHUMAN**

Features assistant editor



▶ **#TBT to 2012:** No matter what Khloe Kardashian is saying, she and Lamar Odom are definitely getting back together, that is, if you don't already consider them back together- (I do). When Odom overdosed in October 2015, Khloe postponed their pending divorce to take care of him. Considering it's March now, (and considering the couple was spotted attending church with other members of the Kardashian family on Easter Sunday) I think it's safe to say the couple won't be splitting anytime soon. I am totally fine with Khloe and Lamar getting back together as long as they don't try to bring back their own TV show "Khloé and Lamar." Let's leave that in 2012 where it belongs.

▶ **Was Kanye serious about his gospel album?:** In February, Kanye West took to Twitter and told the world that his new album, "The Life of Pablo," was going to be a gospel album. Though I have yet to hear it playing at any local churches, Kanye did drop his new single "Ultralight Prayer" on Easter Sunday. Is this the gospel track we've all been waiting for? #Blessed.

▶ **"Dat ass doe":** Justin Bieber's butt is always news. Specifically, his butt gained lots of attention on Friday when Bieber posted a picture on Instagram of him standing naked by a lake with his bare butt visible, in all its splendor. Bieber captioned the picture, you guessed it, "Dat ass doe." Bieber and "dat ass" will be headed to Atlanta, Ga. on April 12 for his Purpose World Tour.

▶ **Wolverine or Aquaman?:** As if having Wolverine for a dad wasn't cool enough, Hugh Jackman's children, Ava, 10, and Oscar, 15, can now boast that their father is a hero on and off the screen. Jackman and his children were spending the day at an Australian beach when Ava and Oscar were caught in a rip tide. Jackman became a real-life super hero and helped rescue his children. Everyone is safe, though it was reported that the actor was quite shaken by the event.

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# Puzzles

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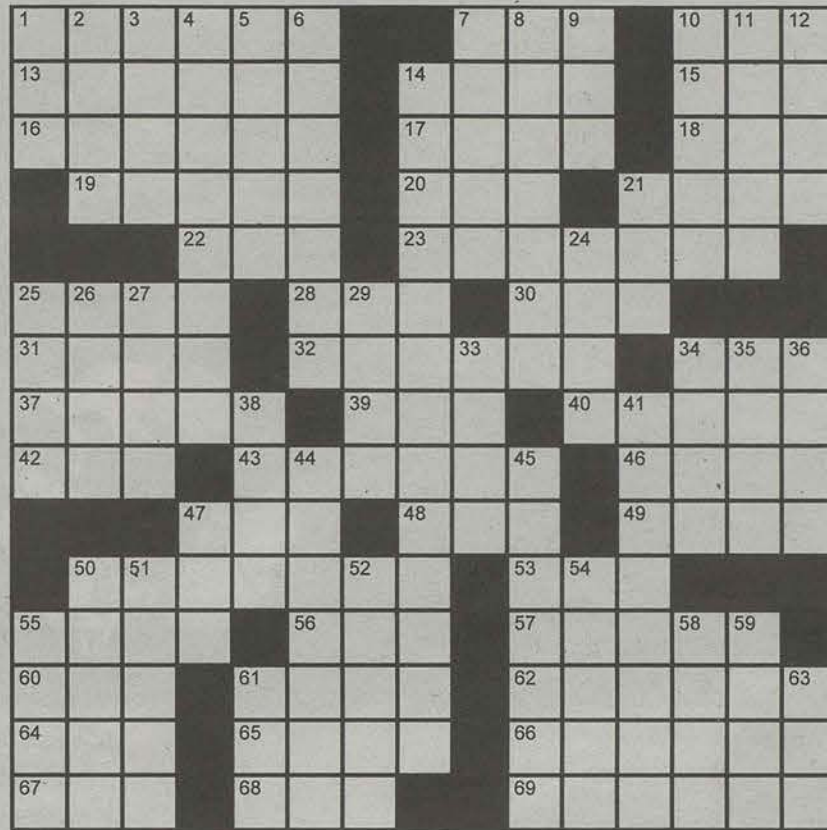
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**Across**

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- 7 Hallucinogen
- 10 Furtive
- 13 Acid neutralizer
- 14 Kind of clef
- 15 Weeder's tool
- 16 Steppes
- 17 Giant great
- 18 \_\_\_ Khan
- 19 Titan
- 20 Referee
- 21 Colored eye part
- 22 Wager
- 23 Evil
- 25 60's hairdo
- 28 Before, before
- 30 Sort
- 31 Dog pest
- 32 Type of stone
- 34 It may be stroked
- 37 Some wedding guests
- 39 Society girl
- 40 Prepare for surgery
- 42 Traffic stopper
- 43 Hot dog
- 46 Debate side
- 47 Beatnik's exclamation
- 48 Kitchen meas.
- 49 Musical symbol
- 50 Ranching activity
- 53 Old World vine
- 55 Hat-tipper's word
- 56 Capt.'s guess
- 57 Miss America topper
- 60 Deluge refuge
- 61 Arab chieftain
- 62 The Scourge of God
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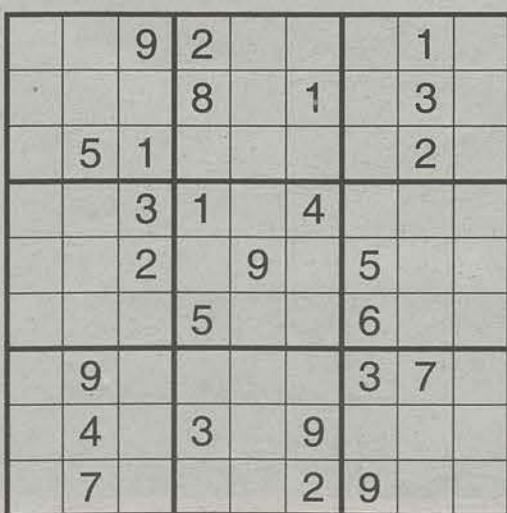


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- 65 Clock sound
- 66 Offended
- 67 Recliner part
- 68 Wood sorrel
- 69 Windbreaks
- 11 Common sense
- 12 Affirmative votes
- 14 Disneyland
- 21 Cartridge contents
- 24 Inn inventory
- 25 Off yonder
- 26 Chimney channel
- 27 Rip apart
- 29 Like a churl
- 33 Bird venerated by ancient Egyptians
- 34 River to Donegal Bay
- 35 Gumption
- 36 Parting words
- 38 Aquatic bird
- 41 Column carved in the shape of a person
- 44 Native
- 45 Tombstone wording
- 47 One parent in the UK
- 50 Less typical
- 51 Loose hemp or jute fiber
- 52 City on the Mohawk
- 54 Aqua \_\_\_
- 55 \_\_\_ fide (in bad faith)
- 58 One year in a trunk
- 59 On the safe side, at sea
- 61 D.D.E.'s command
- 63 Much spam

**Down**

- 1 Twaddle
- 2 Talipot palm leaf
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- 7 Peruvian beast
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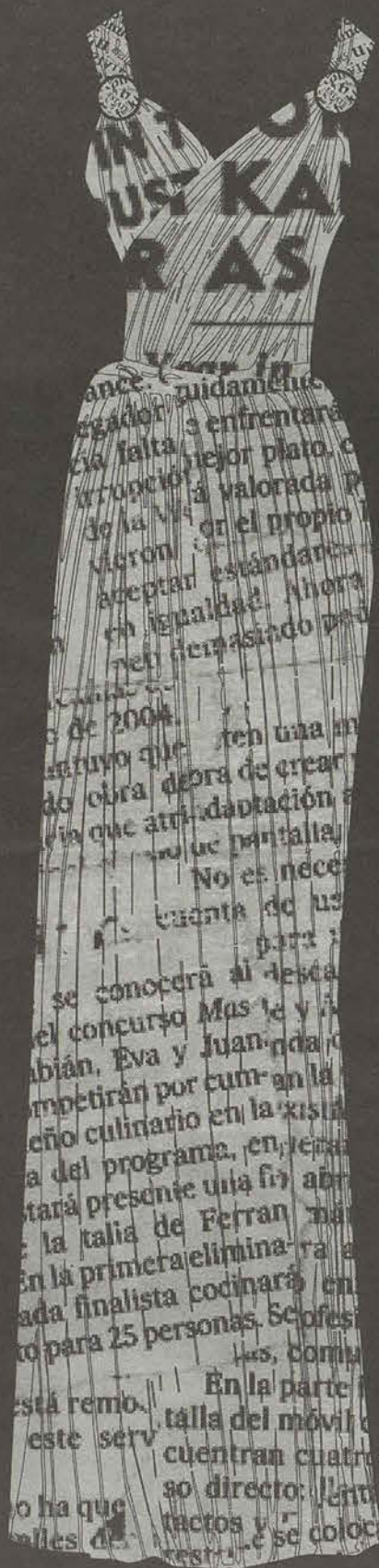
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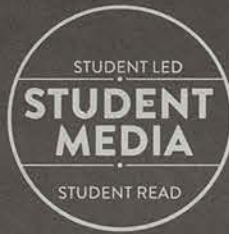


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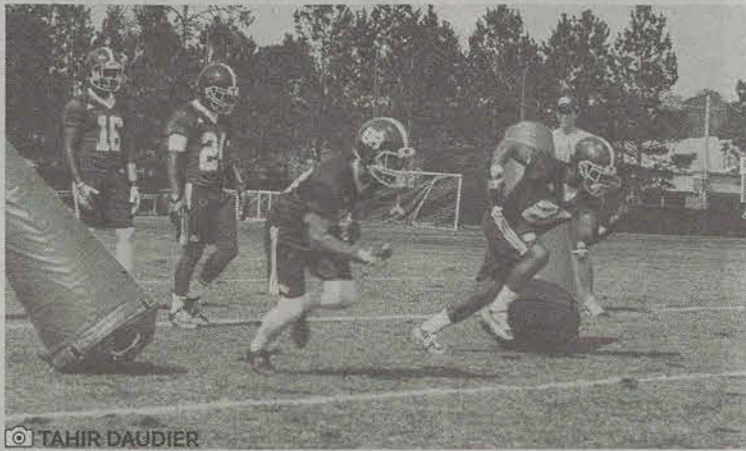
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## EAGLES TURN UP THE INTENSITY IN THIRD SPRING PRACTICE

**Top:** The receivers run routes in their positional drills.  
**Right:** The linemen work on blocking techniques.

**BY MARQUS WILLIAMS  
& KELLY STROJNY**

The George-Anne staff & contributor

The Georgia Southern football team is getting ready for the upcoming fall season with a new mind set and a new head coach. There is a lot of anticipation for the upcoming season with many changes as they bring in new starters and a new head coach.

"We are working hard on fundamentals, getting better day in and day out, and learning the offense and defense," senior linebacker Ironhead Gallon said.

The Eagles are looking to replace several players on the defensive side of the ball. It's a chance for former backups and newer players to make an impact on the field.

"Coach [Lorenzo] Costantini has a good game plan and we are ready to roll in," Gallon said. "The challenge for the defense is coming out and being the top 10 defense in the nation."

Gallon believes the players that fill the starting roles this season will adjust and fit in well as a drop off in talent won't be a problem.

Of the four games the Eagles lost last season, three of them the defense gave up 30 plus points to their opponents. The Eagles ranked 21st nationally in

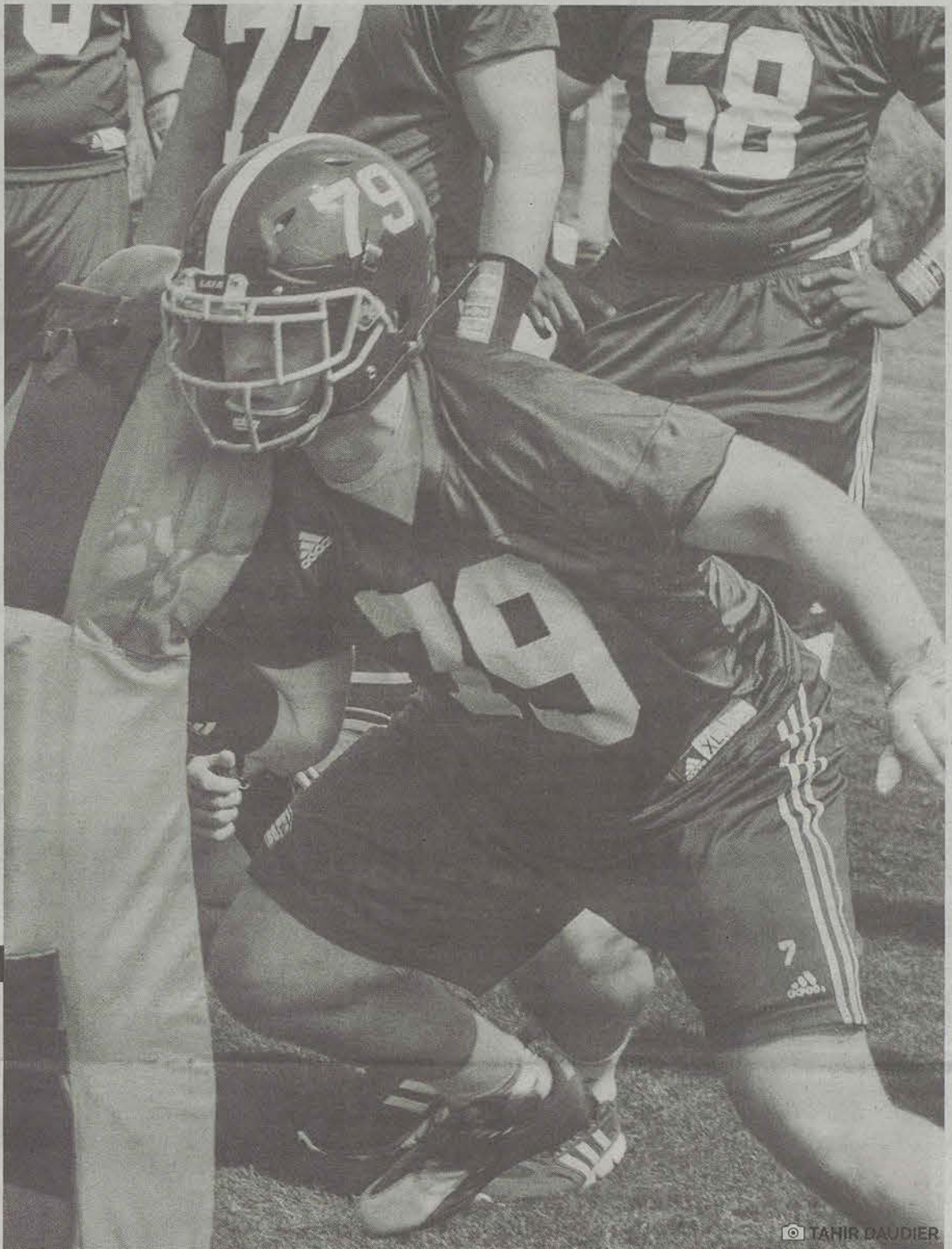
total defense and 41st in points allowed. This team for the upcoming season seems to have confidence that they will be as good as they were last season, if not better.

"We want to push them to be as mentally tough as they can and we want to do that by making a lot of physical demands," head coach Tyson Summers said. "We want them to think when they are tired, push when they are tired, and we want to see who loses when they are tired."

Football fans will be excited to see what all Coach Summers has been working on with the team. There are key position battles across the board at all positions and the coaching staff is wanting to see how everyone performs.

"We are trying to create as much competition as we can," Summers said. "I'm having a lot of fun. I think our coaches are having a lot of fun and I think the kids are at moments. I think we have to continue to build the trust with each individual as we go through it."

The success of the Eagles these past couple of years will have the fans optimistic about the upcoming season. With a strong spring and summer, the Eagles could be in the conversation for a second Sun Belt championship in three years.



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## Eagles continue best season in 15 years with win over Mercer

The Eagles defeated the Mercer Bears on Tuesday afternoon, improving their record to 13-5.

BY DERIK WUCHTE  
The George-Anne staff

Last season, the Mercer Bears beat the Eagles 3-4 after closing out a tiebreaker. The two teams met again on Tuesday for a rematch.

After a decisive doubles point for GSU, the Eagles overcame their opponent to defeat them 5-2. Men's tennis now holds a 13-5 record with a four-match win streak now. The team has been finding success this entire season and they have taken major steps forward since last year.

After a loss to UNCG on March 12, the Eagles have changed up their doubles teams. They are now 3-1 on this cycle of doubles teams with a four game team win streak.

Redshirt junior Daniel Casablanco and senior

Ristomatti Lanne play at the No. 1 team for doubles and won their match 6-0. Junior Christian Kerrigan and freshman Ze Moya hold it up at the No. 2 team and won their match 6-2. Sophomore JC Alcala and sophomore Eddie Landin at the No. 3 earned a 6-2 victory, giving the Eagles a 1-0 lead in the match.

"I feel that today, we came out with energy," sophomore Eddie Landin said. "We were really fired up in the beginning of doubles and throughout the end of doubles. At the beginning of singles, they were out on top of us and we were a little hesitant. But we stayed with what we know: our best strategies and tactics. We went with those, we stayed disciplined, and we won."

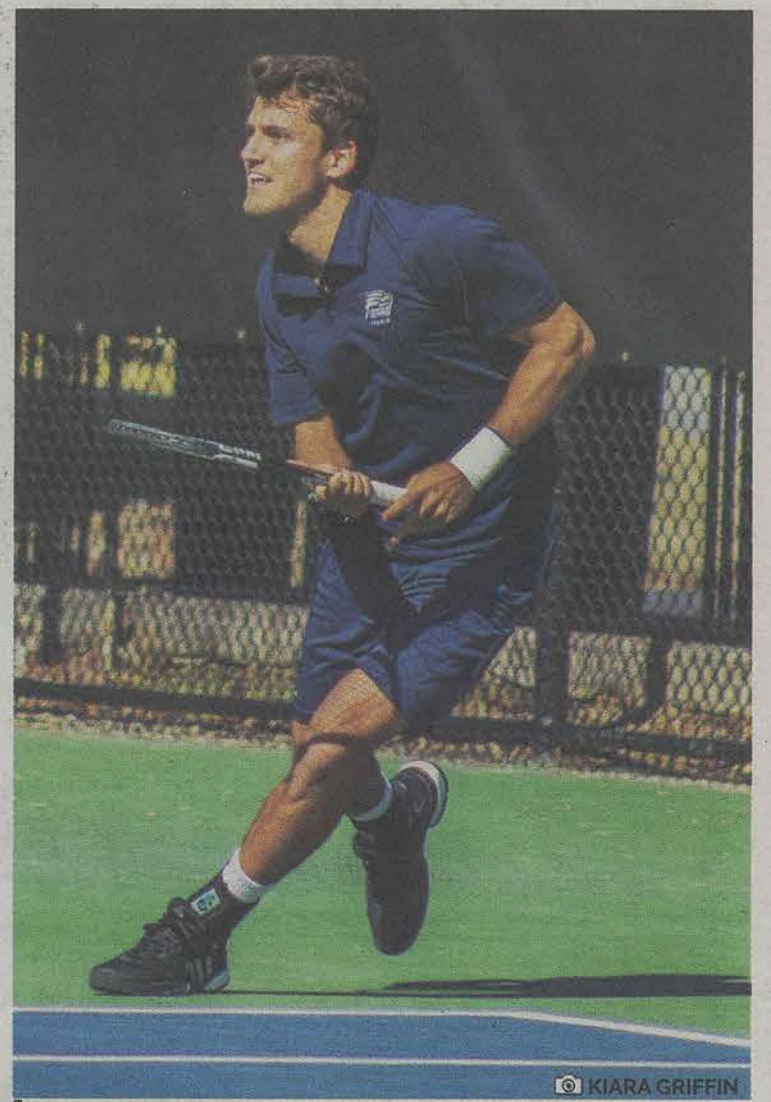
In singles, Landin was the first to find a win for GSU at

the No. 5 spot. Alcala followed with a win in the No. 2 spot. Mercer did get a win at the No. 6, but GSU turned it around with the clinching point when Lanne won his match.

Lanne has notched 22 wins on the season, which ties him for the second most in a single season in school history.

"It feels really good," Landin said. "They won in the tiebreaker last year so it was painful to watch. When we came out and beat them this time, it was a really good feeling."

GSU will get to play The Citadel in Charleston, SC this Saturday, April 2. The Eagles will return home to play against Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College that following weekend on Saturday, April 9.



Daniel Casablanco tracks the ball during a match. The Eagles will take on The Citadel this weekend.



Ryan Cleveland records an out at first base. He has a team-high five home runs on the season.

## Georgia Southern hosts Texas State in weekend series

Following the series finale on Sunday, the team will take part in an event to help raise money to fight childhood cancer.

BY STEPHANIE MATZELLE  
The George-Anne contributor

The Georgia Southern Eagles will play host to the Texas State Bobcats this upcoming weekend in the J.I. Clements Stadium. This series is an important one for the Eagles because Texas State and GSU are tied for second place in the Sun Belt.

GSU is going in to the matchup with plenty of momentum, having won seven of their last ten games. The Bobcats are looking to get back on track, as they're in the middle of five-game losing streak.

This matchup will put the Sun Belt's second-ranked offensive team against the best pitching staff. The Bobcats hit .303 as a team and boast six players with a batting average above .300. They also lead the Sun Belt in homeruns with 21 and senior C Tanner Hill is ranked first

in the conference with 8.

GSU leads the conference in pitching with a staff ERA of 3.00. The Eagles have given up the fewest earned runs and second fewest hits in the conference this season. Landon Hughes is ranked third out of all Sun Belt pitchers with a 1.42 ERA.

The Eagles lost the series against Texas State last season at San Marcos. Texas State has a record 15-9 while Georgia Southern has a record of 15-8 so far this season.

They will play at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evening. Their last home game of the series will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoon followed by a fundraiser partnered with Vs. Cancer to help cure childhood cancer.

# STUDENT ORGANIZATION RENEWALS

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BY RASHIDA OTUNBA  
The George-Anne staff

The B word. It's a word you've probably become familiar with. It's what your parents tell you to do when they've gotten sick of your desperate mid-week phone calls. It's what you tell yourself when you have to return that pair of shoes to afford rent because you spent too much moolah at Chick-fil-a. It's one of the least appealing words in the English language right beside "moist": it's budget.

When asked what their most pressing concerns were regarding money, many students admitted that the amount of money that they spent on everyday items seemed excessive and wished they could cut back.

## 1. Use Cash

While going to the Russell Union every week to pull out cash may seem tiresome, you'd be surprised how much money you actually save using physical currency instead of just swiping your debit/credit card everywhere. There's nothing like starting off the day with a wallet full of twenties and ending the week with nothing but change to make you realize you need to re-evaluate your life choices when it comes to making purchases.

## 2. Pack a Lunch

So you've just checked your bank account only to realize that instead of saving for that new Lily Pulitzer planner you've had your eye on since Christmas, you've actually spent 80 percent of your money on Chick-fil-a and Starbucks. While there's nothing wrong with treating yourself from time to time, spending that \$7 on a lunch meal eventually starts adding up.

## 3. Meal Prep

With that being said, haven't we all gone to Wal-Mart and purchased a grocery cart full of food with the full intention of living out our Pinterest fantasies and making healthy Mason jar salads and homemade hummus only to realize that ain't nobody got time for that at 8 a.m. when you were up until midnight studying for an exam the night before?

Don't deny it, you've done it, which is why you might want to consider taking one day of the week to plan out your meals in advance instead of waiting the day of.

## 4. Textbook Buddy Sys-

As we all know, life is rough in these streets, especially when some textbooks cost more than your car note. Know a friend who is going to be taking a class with you? Split the cost of the book rental, alternate weeks or photocopy the chapters at the library. Your student fees at work. (That is, if the book doesn't have an access code. Access codes ruin everything.)

## 5. Make-up Dupes are Your

If you are as addicted to Ulta as Kanye is to Kanye, but your wallet is struggling, then go online and find drugstore makeup dupes to some of the more expensive brands that won't break your bank. It may be a bit hit or miss at first, but makeup gurus and enthusiasts have reviewed many a product on sites like YouTube, Reddit and Pinterest and have found drugstore dupes for nearly every high-end makeup brand.

“ I think a student's biggest budgeting concern is] when you're up late and you get hungry at midnight and you decide to make those late night Cook Out runs, knowing well you can't afford them,” Christian Ray, senior psychology major said. “Make a budget of how much money you can spend a week and if some money rolls over that's great, but don't go over.”

“ [My biggest concern is] definitely food, plus I have a shoes obsession right now, so clothes,” Heidi McClain, freshman graphic design major, said.

“ [My biggest budgeting concern] is buying food to make because it's really hard to make time to make food, so I end up going out and it's not healthy. So I need to learn how to budget my time and money to make food and buy it,” Mary Vanderheyden, junior nutrition and food science major, said.

“ [My biggest concern is] of course eating out. I always wish I could spend more at the grocery store and spend time cooking, for sure. I usually end up grabbing fast food because it's quick, but, you know, that does add up, eating out three times a week,” David Miller, junior multimedia film and production major, said. “ [If I could advise another student] I would say budget your time. Make time to cook at home so it saves that money. Plan ahead during the week and make yourself lunches, spend a few bucks at the grocery store so you spend less out eating,” Miller said.



# FUN WITHOUT THE PRICE TAG

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For the vast majority of people, financing college is not easy. Most people will have to take out loans and be in debt. A college student is going to need to save money wherever they can. That means being frugal with groceries and also trying to save any money you can when it comes to entertaining yourself. There are student discounts for everything from movie tickets to amusement parks but better than cheap is free. So what can a college student do for free? There are a number of things a college student can do to entertain themselves on the Georgia Southern University campus. Here are a few frugal and fun entertainment venues around town:



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The GSU Botanical Garden. GSU's Botanical Garden is located just outside campus and admission is free of charge. The Botanical Garden is full of rare plants that are native to Georgia. There are nature trails, an outdoor classroom and an old preserved farmstead. It's great for a relaxing day with good weather where you just want to go outside and experience a little bit of nature.

2

GSU games. As a GSU student, one can get into GSU sports games for free. GSU football is can't miss fanfare but there are also basketball, baseball, volleyball and other games to spectate. It's not a bad way to spend an afternoon or evening. You get to see some sports action, eat something from the concession stand and show your support for GSU Eagle athletics.

3

The RAC. The RAC is full of possibilities for entertainment. There's swimming, rock climbing, massages and a sauna, plus you can play basketball, soccer or a myriad of other sports in the facility and on the fields. The RAC is paid for by your student fees so, technically, it is not free but you are not paying at the door.

4

The GSU Wildlife Center. Students can see many animals from skunks and opossums to ducks and snakes at the Wildlife Center in addition to seeing GSU's mascot, Freedom.

5

GSU Planetarium. The GSU Planetarium hosts a variety of shows. The GSU Planetarium is located in the Math and Physics building and they showcase various astronomical and terrestrial based visual performances. In addition to this, they also play movies which is quite a visual experience because of the how immersive the planetarium's screen is.