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Future of south campus remains questionable

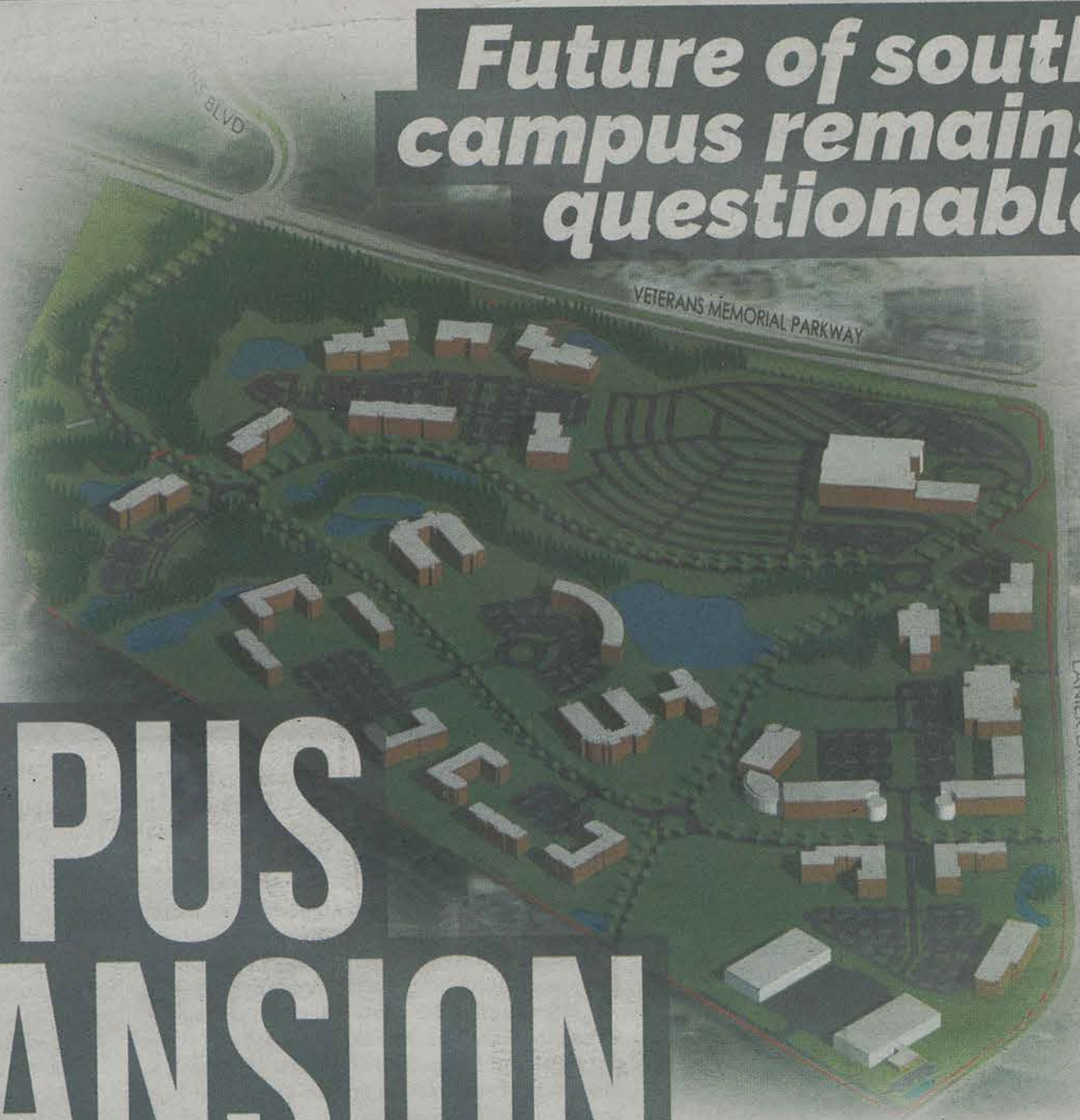


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SOFTBALL SWEEPS APP STATE **Page 13**

**Eagles
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Sun Belt**



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Tuesday



High: 78°
Low: 61°

Wednesday



High: 70°
Low: 56°

Thursday



High: 68°
Low: 52°

Friday



High: 71°
Low: 53°

It's going to rain! No more sun after a week of shine, it's all clouds with temperatures remaining low at 70 degrees. Spring fever is wearing off and final sweats are showing up.

Weather Bar

GEORGIA CITY TO CONSIDER DECRIMINALIZATION OF MARIJUANA POSSESSION



By Gabe Thomas

The DeKalb county city of Clarkston is looking to become the first Georgia city to decriminalize marijuana.

According to the Atlanta Journal Constitution, the Public Safety committee in Clarkston is meeting this month to discuss whether to make marijuana possession of less than an ounce a citation only offense, similar to normal traffic violations.

A similar effort in Athens failed to gain traction late last year when the city attorney came to the conclusion that state laws that make the possession of any amount of marijuana a misdemeanor offense overrule local laws.

Clarkston mayor Ted Terry said the city is prepared to argue it has "concurrent jurisdiction" with the state over low-level drug offenses. Concurrent jurisdiction, when two courts share a jurisdiction, would give the city the right to pick where those accused of having less than an ounce of marijuana are tried.

By Gabe Thomas

According to the Savannah Morning News is reporting that an effort to ban alcohol in Tybee Island for the month of April did not pass.

The motion that would have banned alcohol consumption in public areas such as beaches, parks, parking lots, walkways and sidewalks failed to pass on first reading. The proposal is aimed at limiting the drinking by underage attendees of the unofficial event Orange Crush that is scheduled to take place at Tybee the weekend of April 15 and April 16 as well as the influx of students on Spring Break that Tybee experienced this year.

Councilwoman Wanda Doyle said the time to pass a measure had come and gone. According to Doyle, a committee after the Orange Crush event last year recommended that an ordinance banning open air consumption be passed.

"For whatever reason, it was never discussed," Doyle said. "We are a week and a half out of Orange Crush, and if don't have our plans in place by now, shame on us."

According to Savannah Morning News, the city has made preparations to handle the influx of people that are expected for Orange Crush.

Tybee is bringing in officers from other places to help with crowd control as well as supplying decals for locals so they can have better access to their neighborhoods.

While the ban is not passed for now, there is still a chance that it could be revisited later. Tybee Police Chief Bob Bryson told Savannah Morning News that a ban is something he would support.

"Do we have the laws in place now and enough ordinances to take care of what we need to do? Yes. We do," Bryson said. "We have plenty of things in place now... But we can't do this every weekend... [An open air consumption ban] would definitely help as far as an enforcement issue."

SPORTS SHORTS

-The baseball team played a three game series against UL Lafayette this weekend, losing twice, 2-6 on Friday and 9-13 on Sunday and winning once on Saturday 3-2.

-Women's Tennis went back and forth this weekend; winning 4-3 against Troy on Saturday and losing 2-4 against Appalachian State on Sunday.

-Men's Tennis won their only game this weekend on Saturday 4-0 against ABAC.

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A Home for Gamers

The Southern Collegiate Gaming Association (SCG) is a group on campus for engaging in eSports. eSports, or electronic sports, are games that incorporate real-time strategy, fighting, first-person shooting, and multiplayer online battle arenas. Popular eSports games include League of Legends, Hearthstone, and Call of Duty.

Read more about this student group at <http://reflectorgsu.com/a-home-for-gamers/>

Feeling burnt out? Light a new fire



MACY HOLLOWAY

Holloway is a senior writing and linguistics major from Columbus, Ga.

"No, it's not exactly a bang my head against the wall, pull out my fingernails bored." I tell my soon-to-be former boss of my current predicament over Chili's margaritas this past weekend. "It's more like, like I'm doing the work and I'm watching the newer people smile and laugh and learn all that stuff I learned two years ago and I just all of the sudden realize that, that probably won't happen again for me here."

Now you have to realize that my current boss just gets me in a way that not many employers ever have or will. So when I storm into the office once a month and say crazy things like, "No, Jeff I can't ask them again because they won't want to do it because they don't see the underlying value in covering something like this...and literally, I'm just here, trying to let the message speak and dance with all of these gorgeous, flowering organizations on campus, but they- they're over in some cinder block building somewhere yelling about ads and page views!"

I hadn't until very recently ever noticed how relaxed I actually am about life, issues and deadlines--I know, probably a bit surprising for someone who's worked in the journalism industry for the past three years; but hey, I'm a Writing major. So while

my decision to leave Student Media for my last semester of college wasn't a surprise to me, it was to my friends.

Personally, I don't think it's healthy to remain stagnant in a job that doesn't fulfill you, and I feel like over the past three years each of my jobs has been able to do that so far. But as soon as I felt that seeping feeling of 'maybe I could be doing something more,' I made a choice.

I'm a big believer in finding inspiration wherever you are and I felt like maybe taking this chance and being away from the honeycomb of friends and noise I've been surrounded by since I first stepped on campus is the best way to say goodbye.

This shouldn't be a choice you let anyone else make for you, when you're walking down the pedestrian, watching the sun shine through your fingertips and listening to your favorite song--that's when you make your choice.

Ask yourself, what do I want to be doing for the next six months with my time? What have I been wanting to accomplish? Because now I can finally stop all the long-winded procrastination and just start living the creative adult life I've been daydreaming about as I rewatch episodes of Bob's Burgers and hope to God that one day I'll be as fulfilled with everyday life as Gene.

It may be scary and your friends may try to talk you out of it, but give it a week. Once you start thinking about all of the possible things you could do with your free time--being able to read again, write that book, make that short film or tackle that project you know is going to be kick ass--explaining yourself almost seems meaningless because who wouldn't want this kind of time?

So if even for a second you begin to feel burnt out, take a walk, and try to think about the sort of fire you really want to start.

Feminism is not a bad word



SKYLER BLACK

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

Here are a few facts about myself. I am 22 years old, I was born in Oklahoma, I am male and I am whole heartedly a feminist and no, that isn't a bad word. Why am I required to state it in such a way? Well that, my friends, is what is troubling with America.

We are a country of opportunity and prosperity as long as you are a white male. As a white male, I see my privilege and try to use it to reach out to topics that are brushed to the side. Trust me when I say this; I am fully aware that the United States has improved drastically in the department of equality. Women are gaining more rights that should have been given to them from the beginning of time. But people are so terrified of calling themselves feminists because certain people have given the word a negative connotation, that the progress has been moving at a snail's pace.

The word itself stands for equality. It does not stand for a gender being better than the other. It does not stand for hating males. Feminism stands for the advocacy of women's rights on the grounds of political, social and economic equality to men. Sadly, it is so much harder for people to wrap their heads around because of the way this country was created. We are a patriarchal society that laughs as

women, who are literally our equals, struggle to gain a stable foothold in the fight for rights, and I say down with the patriarchy.

In a country where the leading presidential candidate has body shamed, talked down to and utterly mistreated women, it is not surprising that the hardships are still here. The wage gap is one such issue that exists which baffles me. According to a Congressional report, the gender pay gap is the widest in rural states such as Louisiana, Utah and West Virginia. Furthermore, statistics from the US Census Bureau stated that for Georgia women working full-time, year-round, their median earnings were 78 percent that of men's.

In 2010, Women comprised 47 percent of the total US labor force; that is a number that is going nowhere but up in the upcoming years. With that being said, how is it that we as a society deem it acceptable to pay women in the same occupations less than men? Is there some countrywide understanding that is lost to me about how women in the workforce are not as efficient? Well, that understanding is incorrect. According to an experiment by an independent research consultancy known as the Ponemon Institute, women tend to work harder and longer than men. As a man in the workforce, I can testify that, in my case, the majority of women work harder than I do.

Our nation needs to understand that every citizen within it is equal in his or her own way. With the majority of working class men believing that they deserve more, we must work to change the attitude of new workers developing careers in the upcoming years. We must also remove the negative stigma behind the word feminist. Without the new generation's help, our society is doomed to repeat the mistakes of the former.

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South Campus Conceptual Master Plan shows potential for future expansion

BY BLAKELEY BARTEE AND TAISHA WHITE
The George-Anne staff and contributor

On the 208 acres of undeveloped land owned by Georgia Southern University, located south of Veterans Memorial Parkway and west of Lanier Drive, the university is currently building a warehouse as part of the South Campus Conceptual Master Plan.

The South Campus Conceptual Master Plan is a document that represents potential development on the 208 acres of land. According to Robert Whitaker, GSU vice president for business and finance, the master plan, which includes several academic and housing facilities, serves to project needed development as the university grows in the future.

"We developed the master plan that you see out there on our website with basically just taking a stab at what we would need as we continue to grow for the next twenty years, thirty years, so you're really looking far out in the future to try to develop what is just a conceptual design," Whitaker said. "What you see out there may never happen. What you see will change."

The warehouse, an \$8 million project funded by the university's internal funds, will serve as a storage unit for the university.

"The warehouse will hold procurement... There will be an archives-type repository which will be federally-approved at a certain level, so we can take some of our museum artifacts and put [them] out there... [they] will be in an enclosure that is more appropriate for those kinds of museum artifacts, and we'll also just have a lot of general storage space," Whitaker said.

Beyond the warehouse, there are no building plans for the land south of Veterans Memorial, according to Whitaker. Despite suggestions for a new dining facility and housing on the land, the master plan projects too far into the future to allow current planning.

"The dining facilities we have now are so new, and they are able to handle the volume that we are [seeing] right now," Greg Crawford, director of residential dining,

said. "So, there is really not much planned for the South Campus, that I know of, to open a dining facility, but I know we are still learning about the dining facilities and we have some changes that are to come soon."

Because the land is relatively far from the rest of campus, students will need to be provided transportation from the main campus to the south campus.

"We would have to look to expand our bus transportation system, and we've talked about that... There's a little bit of land strip there that would allow us to sync up with the road directly across from

Aikens Boulevard, and we're about ready to hopefully make that negotiation with the [landowners]," Whitaker said. "If we can make that happen, then we will take Aikens Boulevard and extend it straight on over in there... We would just take our bus route and have it circle around whatever buildings we have out there and come back through the main part of campus."

Notably, the master plan includes the preservation of wetlands. According to Whitaker, the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) requires the conservation of wetlands.

"Our plan works around all those wetlands and allows us to do some small mediation to continue to allow those [wetlands] to exist," Whitaker said. "[Wetlands are] a good example of why we do a Master Plan. We look at the different types of topography. We look at that and say, 'Okay, we can't really place buildings there on top of a wetland, so how do we put things around that so we can protect that?'"

Nicholas Radko, geology lecturer, says that buildings in wetlands are often at greater risk of flooding, and buildings situated on drained wetlands slowly sink into the ground. He also notes the importance

of preserving wetland.

"Preserving wetlands is critical," Radko said in an email. "Wetlands accommodate runoff and floodwaters during storm events. When you put up a ton of buildings and parking lots, [which are] impermeable surfaces, runoff increases, making it even more important to have wetlands. Wetlands will also biologically filter the water. Contaminants in runoff can settle out or be broken down [or] absorbed by organisms, which often makes the water leaving cleaner than it started out. Finally, they encourage biodiversity."

The South Campus conceptual master plan includes academic buildings, dormitories and a dining facility. The model represents a potential development on 208 acres of land currently owned by GSU.

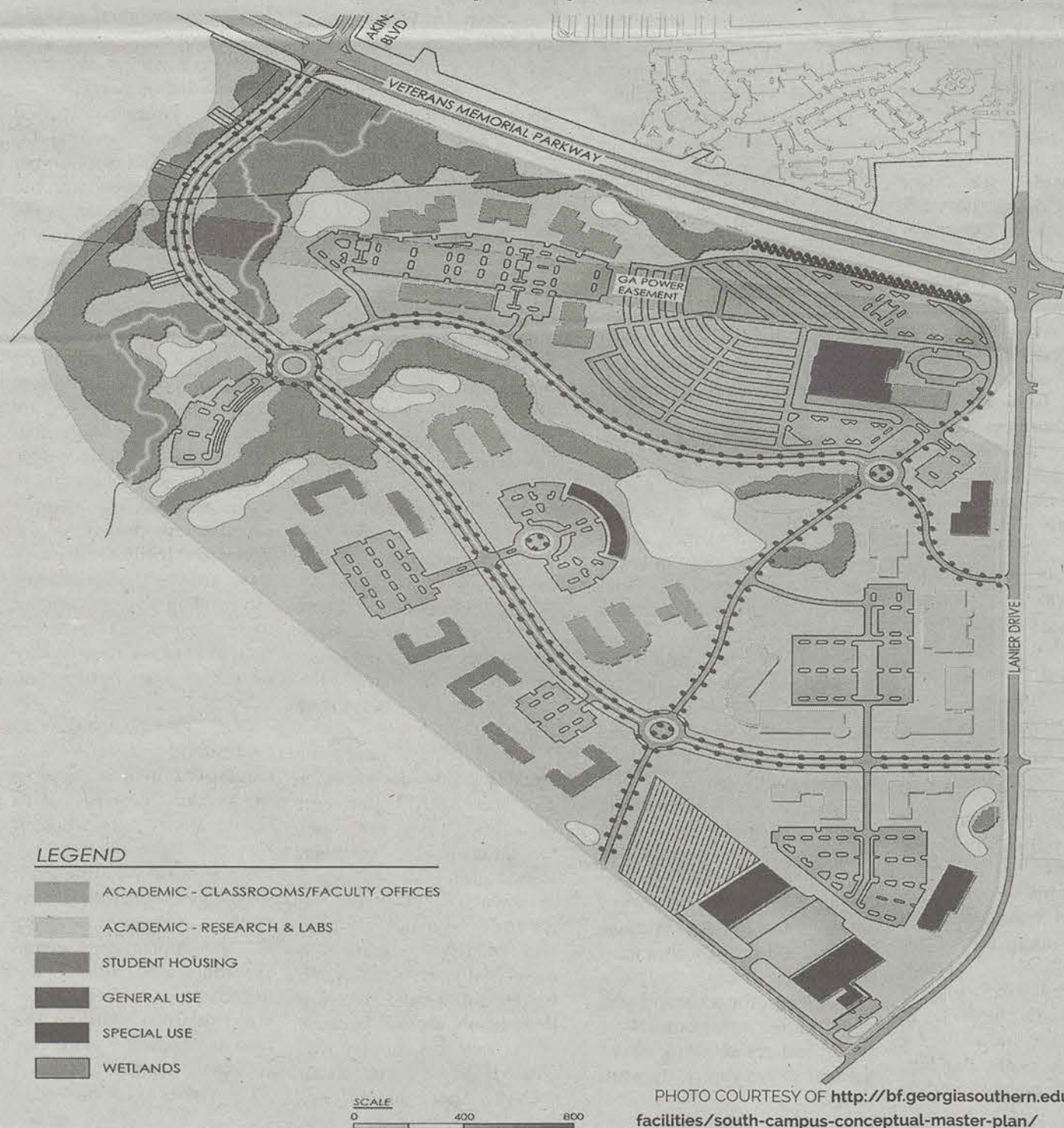


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First annual True Blue Experience event aims to start new tradition

BY TANDRA SMITH AND MARQUETTA GREEN
The George-Anne staff and contributors

Multiple organizations on campus have joined forces in order to create the first annual True Blue Experience event that will be held on Friday, April 15 from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the Paulson Stadium parking lot.

"The True Blue Experience is an event designed to be a tradition that gets all the students on campus together," Cera Weaver, President of GSU's Residence Hall Association, said.

Weaver says that the event is an equal partnership between the Student Government Association, University Programming Board, Fraternity and Sorority Life and RHA. This year's event will have a music fest theme, but next year, the theme could be different.

"Next year we have lots of plans in the works. We're hoping that it's going to encompass a little bit more than just a music festival--having student organization

involvement to really show the diversity that Georgia Southern has to offer," Weaver said.

Brandi Glenn, senior psychology major, will attend the event, but believes it won't be too fancy.

"I will probably attend the event just to see if it's better. It is a music event so they might bring a performer, nothing too fancy," Glenn said.

Some students would have preferred to have a Spring Concert this year but hope this event can replace it.

"I was hoping to have a Spring concert this year but I guess after last year's incident this will probably be something they do instead. Hopefully this will be something other students will enjoy," Ashley Miller, junior psychology major, said.

The office of Fraternity and Sorority Life is involved by having a financial commitment to the event. Francisco Lugo, the director of Fraternity and

Sorority Life, has expressed that it is important that the department gets involved.

"We feel that this [event] highlights what being at Georgia Southern is, being that Greek life makes up 42 percent of the Georgia Southern community. We feel that it is important for us to be at the table when these events occur. That is a True Blue experience," Lugo said.

Besides the financial side, the National Panhellenic Council will also be participating in the event by doing a unity stroll with other members of the Greek life community.

"We've made sure we reached out to the community for people to attend the event and to also give their feedback on the event and what could we do to make it better," Lugo said. "Of all of the different organizations involved, the department feels as though we will have a more diverse way of getting feedback from students."

True Blue Experience Music Fest 2016

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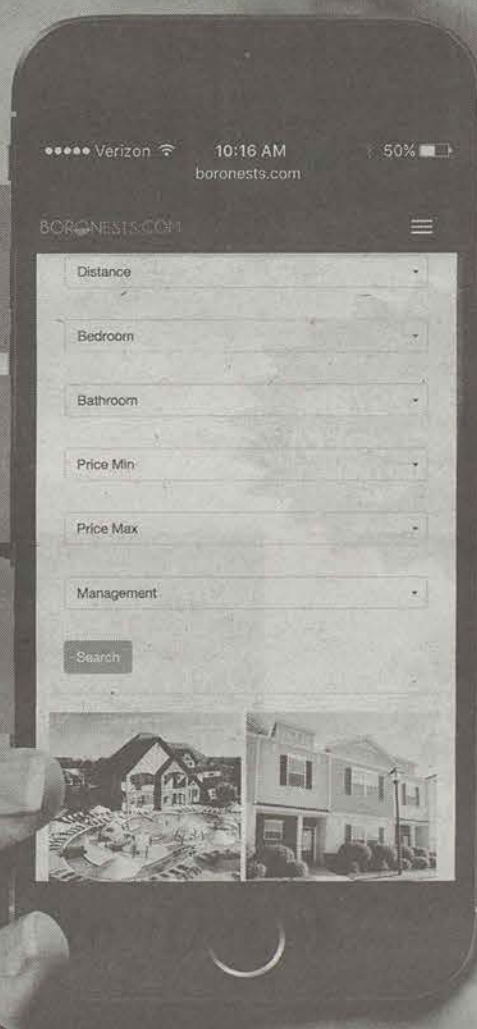
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Sorority chapter returns to GSU



BY ERIN MCGUINESS
The George-Anne contributor

The National Panhellenic Association (PHA) will be bringing Chi Omega to greek life next Fall raising the campus's total to eight. The Nu Kappa chapter will recolonize after their 22 year absence at Georgia Southern.

Nu Kappa was a GSU chapter from 1976-1993 when they decided to dismember their chapter due to low membership and low human resources causing a lull in chapter operations.

The new chapter's August 17 recolonization and recruitment process will be facilitated by a mix of national consultants, headquarter staff and some national volunteers rather than bringing in existing active chapter members because of the time consuming aspect of recruiting.

"Recruiting is a full time job and we are able to train all of our staff members and national consultants to be ready for this type of undertaking," Payton Gartman, National Representative and Director of Extensions for Chi Omega, said.

Chi Omega, also nicknamed Chi Omega, hopes to recruit a member class size consistent with the average chapter size of the existing chapters in 2016 recruitment. They will participate in the first day of formal recruitment - Icebreakers day - on Monday, August 9 as a means of introducing themselves and subsequently drop-out entirely from the recruitment process.

According to Katie Scrudder, PHA Graduate Advisor, the Greek community is stable enough to bring a new chapter to GSU due to an average of 160-180 women withdraw themselves from the recruitment process each year which could equal a good size chapter.

The recruitment process will be open not only to women that went through formal recruitment and did not find their place, but also

for freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in becoming a charter class member and the potential opportunities for immediate leadership opportunities.

"These potential new members will be the founders of the Chi Omega chapter at Georgia Southern, and this gives them a great opportunity for leadership," Elizabeth Christopher, Panhellenic Vice President of Recruitment, said.

Chi Omega is already receiving positive feedback from students as well as the Greek life community after their social media launch and their campus promotion last week.

"For us [Delta Phi Epsilon], it's going to be a big adjustment because we are the smallest sorority as of now so I'm really excited for them," Hannah Watson, freshman biology major said. "I could tell on their faces for recruitment they were really excited for it so I'm all for it, it's just more sisterly love."

Chi Omega was founded on six key purposes: friendship, personal integrity, academic excellence, intellectual pursuits, community and campus involvement, personal and career involvement. Their national philanthropy is a partnership with the Make A Wish America Foundation.

Chi Omega has maintained a lot on Greek Row and has a timeline to break ground in 2018 and have the house ready for recruitment in fall 2019, according to Francisco Lugo, director of fraternity and sorority life.

"I would say that it will be a journey," Gartman said. "It will be a lot of work and time and that's not to be a bad thing or to scare anyone away, but it will take some investment but the more you invest in something, the more worth it it is and the more your heart is in it and you'll carry that for so long and so to start something new it does take that courage and to leave their mark."

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Around 160 students attended the Chi Omega informational meeting on Wednesday. Recruitment will begin on August 9 for the new sorority.

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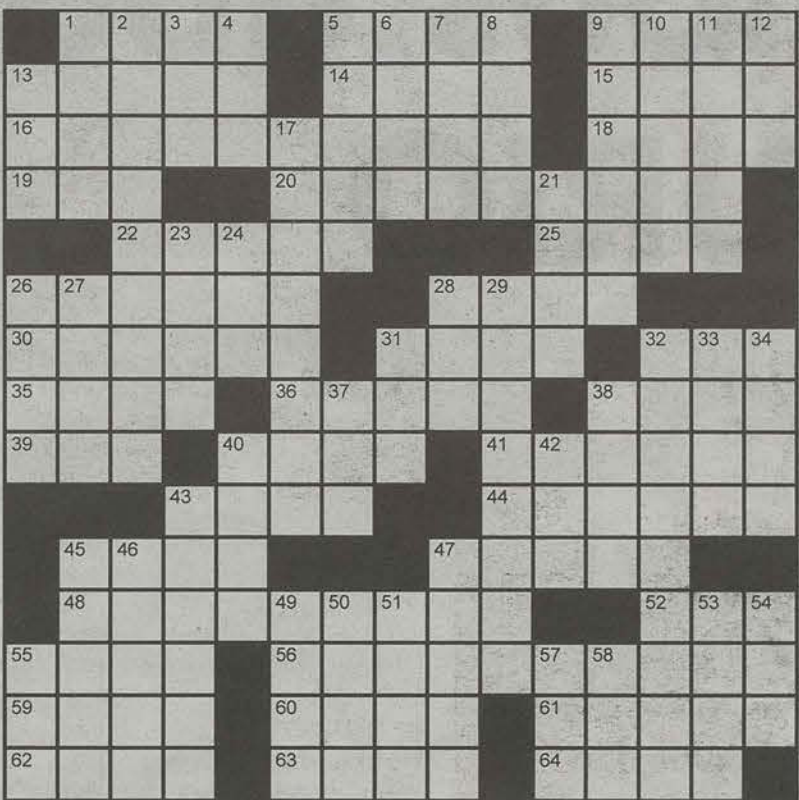
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Get curious about CURIO

Conference highlights student research



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“The great thing about presenting at CURIO is you can take your idea and do whatever you like with it and in doing so you gain personal relationships with professors but also connections for people outside of the University.”

XAVIERIA JEFFERS
senior political science and history major



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“Before this, I thought conducting research like this would be really tough, but once you learn how to do it, it becomes a really interesting learning experience.”

CALEB STILL
junior history major

BY TOM BARSZCZ
The George-Anne contributor

The Center for Undergraduate Research and Intellectual Opportunities, or “CURIO” for short, holds a symposium each year. The event was created by the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) for the division’s undergraduate students to showcase special projects and incredible findings from intensive research they have conducted. There will be a wide variety of projects and research findings that stretch across several different fields of study, from political science studies, to philosophy projects and even a screenplay.

In order to be part of the CURIO symposium, students must write a 250 word proposal of their projects as well as find a GSU faculty member to mentor them throughout the project. The project is then submitted to Christina Abreu Ph.D, who is the lead organizer of this year’s CURIO event. The proposal is looked over by Abreu and a group of faculty members known as the Student Creative Activity & Research Committee. One of the committee members is Dustin Anderson Ph.D, who gave his insight about the importance of CURIO.

“In a lot of ways the symposium is meant to highlight the important things going on in classes that aren’t heard about...we want to make it a celebration of the work students have done more than anything else” Anderson said. “It’s one thing to talk about what CLASS students and faculty can do versus show what they can do.”

Abreu also gave her insight about the event as not only the lead organizer of CURIO, but as a mentor for several students who will be presenting yearlong projects next week.

“We would like to see more students and faculty get involved because we see it as the premiere place for CLASS

undergraduates to share their research and their creative activities...it’s a nice end of the year celebration for students and faculty for all their hard work,” Abreu said.

Caleb Still, a junior history major, is presenting a project on “Young Lords”, a Puerto Rican street gang from Chicago.

“[The gang] attempted to legitimize themselves as a political party in order to better establish Latin American rights...It’s a pretty interesting topic that gets forgotten when talking about the Civil Rights Movement,” Still said.

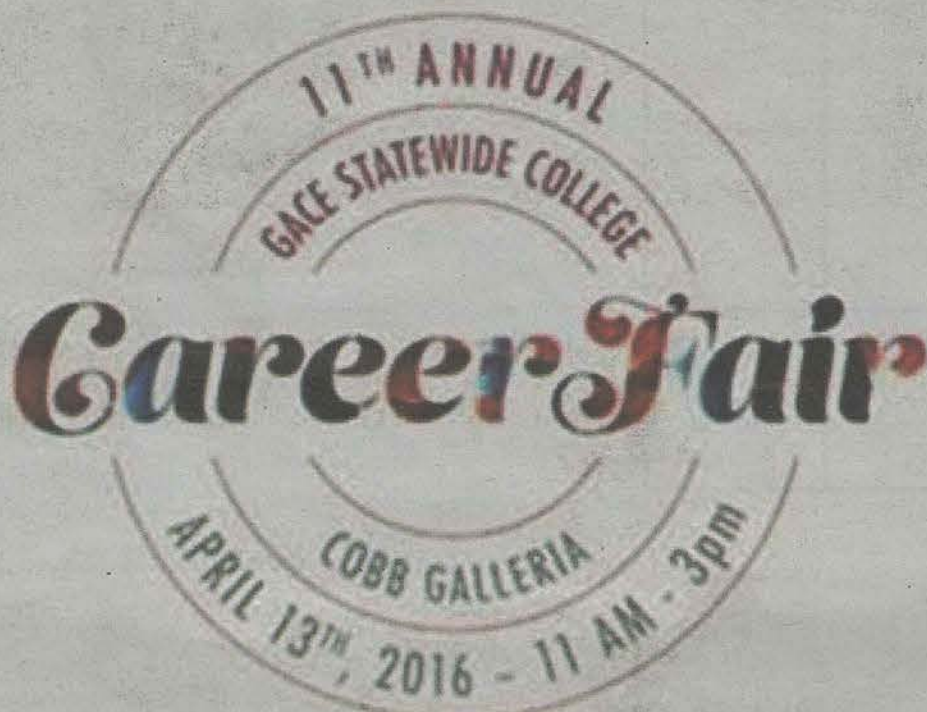
Still explained that in conducting on this research and working with his professor, he gained a whole new perspective

“Before this, I thought conducting research like this would be really tough, but once you learn how to do it, it becomes a really interesting learning experience,” Still said.

Xavieria Jeffers, a senior political science and history major, is presenting her research about the Welfare State in the United States by a comparative analysis of the Welfare State in Great Britain.

“The great thing about presenting at CURIO is you can take your idea and do whatever you like with it and in doing so you gain personal relationships with professors but also connections for people outside of the University,” Jeffers said.

The symposium will take place Thursday, April 19 at 6 p.m. in the Carroll Building. The “poster session” will occur from 6:15-7:00 p.m. wherein some students will be next to their projects presented via poster board. The “concurrent paper sessions” will take place in several different rooms within the Carroll Building from 6:20-8:20 p.m. This part of the event will be more of a showcase style wherein students will be addressing a room and explaining their projects.



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Caribbean Feast is a small restaurant located off of Fair road when heading towards downtown Statesboro. The restaurant offers authentic Caribbean food and students get a discount with their Eagle ID.

BY RACHEL KELSO AND DANYELLE GAINES

The George-Anne staff and contributor

Heading towards downtown Statesboro, off to the side of Fair Road sits a small white hut. Alone in a grassy patch, surrounded by roads on each side, the yellow trim glows in the sun and a warm breeze gently blows the fringed umbrellas covering picnic tables inside of a white picket fence. Caribbean Feast, a restaurant specializing in authentic Caribbean food, opened six years ago by Jocelyn Poole and Noel Wheeler. Poole, who has Jamaican heritage and Wheeler, who was born and raised in Trinidad, use their Caribbean roots for cuisine inspiration.

"People have always enjoyed our food, so when my husband retired he decided he wanted to open a restaurant," Poole said.

Wheeler is a Georgia Southern University alum with degrees in political science and public administration. Although education was and still is very important to him, his true dream was to create and own a restaurant. He and his wife pursued the dream together and opened Caribbean Feast on Jan. 5, 2010.

"I started cooking at the early age of seven and have been told that I can make boiled water taste good," Wheeler said. "I've always enjoyed cooking and consider it a hobby even now with the opening of the restaurant. I also think of it as an art and a very relaxing outlet for me."

Poole has been an employee at GSU since 1992. She is currently the associate department head and assistant professor for the Information Services department. She plans on retiring in November and opening a bigger restaurant

with her husband.

"We plan on expanding, getting a liquor license and possibly bringing family from Trinidad to help out," Poole said.

Poole described her cooking influence as both southern and Caribbean. She grew up living in the deep south, but still celebrated her Caribbean heritage. When she started cooking, she experimented with flavors and dishes that incorporated both a Southern and Caribbean flavor.

The couple believes the healthy ingredients they use, such as cumin, turmeric and ginger are what sets their restaurant apart from others in Statesboro. Some of the beverages are homemade recipes including their sweet mango tea and sorrel juice that feature natural ingredients like hibiscus.

The restaurant is frequently visited by members of the GSU football team. They typically order oxtails, which are the restaurant's most popular dish as well as the most difficult to make on the menu. Coco bread, mango tea and Jamaican beef patties are also very popular amongst students.

"The food and beverages are completely authentic, and the lovely seating area gives the essence of the Caribbean," Tessa Morris, sophomore vocal performance major, said.

She particularly enjoys the jerk pork sandwich. "The meat had so much flavor that it didn't need any sauce, which was a pleasant surprise for me," Morris said.

Caribbean Feast is located at 407 Fair Rd. and offers \$1 off of any dish on the menu for GSU students.



The restaurant has been in its current location for six years. It offers a drive through for quick service as well as outdoor seating.



An employee sits while waiting for customers on a weekday. Along with fresh teas and flavorful dishes, Caribbean Feast also offers beverages like ginger beer and jerk chicken.



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Studying overseas

Planning and benefiting from GSU's study abroad programs

BY SHAWNIA VANDERHORST
The George-Anne contributor

Planning a study abroad trip can be a hard decision to make especially at Georgia Southern. The university offers a wide selection of destinations that can spark anyone's interest of studying in locations only seen in textbooks. Danielle Smith, GSU Interim Director, found her interest in studying abroad at a young age. She traveled to Italy in her early years of college and had such an experience that she chose to go again as a student while she studied European Education. As a faculty member at GSU, Smith traveled with students to Botswana in South Africa.

Through her experience Smith has learned three beneficial traits while

abroad: flexibility, patience and appreciation.

"By dealing with the bus lines, tipping system and people's different style, I learned to be more patient," Smith said. "People can be more blunt than we're used to in the United States."

Every country has cultural differences, Smith described how one must take a step back and take the culture's views into consideration before making any sudden remarks, thus making her more patient. She also learned to appreciate where she traveled by enjoying life in the "now." Smith said it's so easy to get caught up in the scheduling and the rush of the trip that many people forget to just appreciate the moment they're in at that particular time.

Smith believes that her

prior travels and background in study abroad has helped her advance to become the director at GSU.

"I spent eight years in Germany, I have a wealth of experience within different cultures, without this background experience I wouldn't have become the director I am today," Smith said.

From being a student and facilitator on trips she believes that the experience helps her plan the locations of potential trips and figure out the logistics in greater detail.

When choosing a study abroad trip:

1. Find a place that sparks your interest, even if you've been before as a vacation. Studying abroad makes the place seem more real and less tourist like.

2. Choose a trip that coincides with your major, although it will be an experience of a lifetime make sure you can get needed credits to make the trip both beneficial to your personal life but to your academic life as well.

3. These trips are not cheap. Try to start at GoFundMe, fundraiser or have a dependable source of income before signing up because deadlines approach rapidly.

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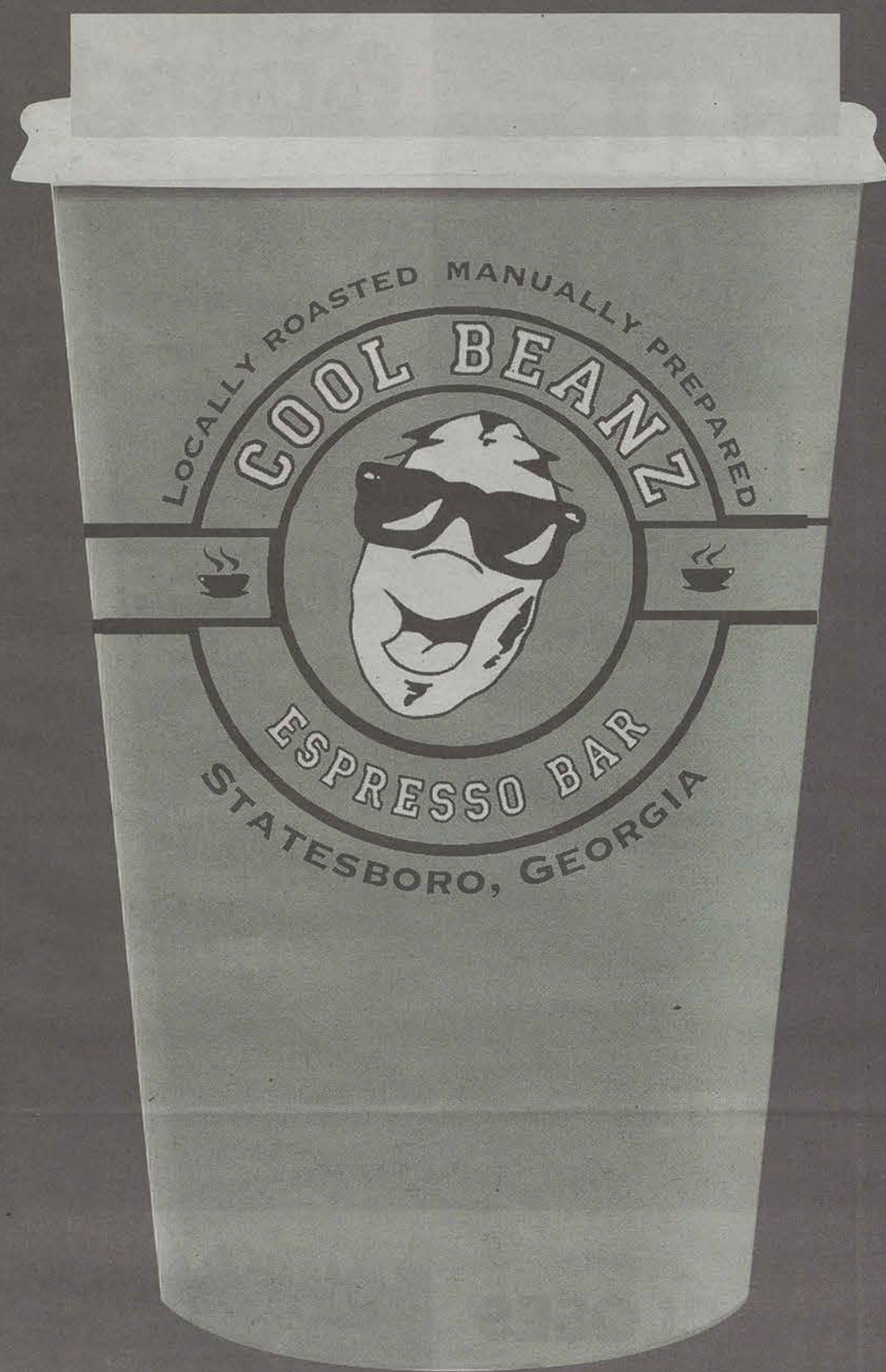
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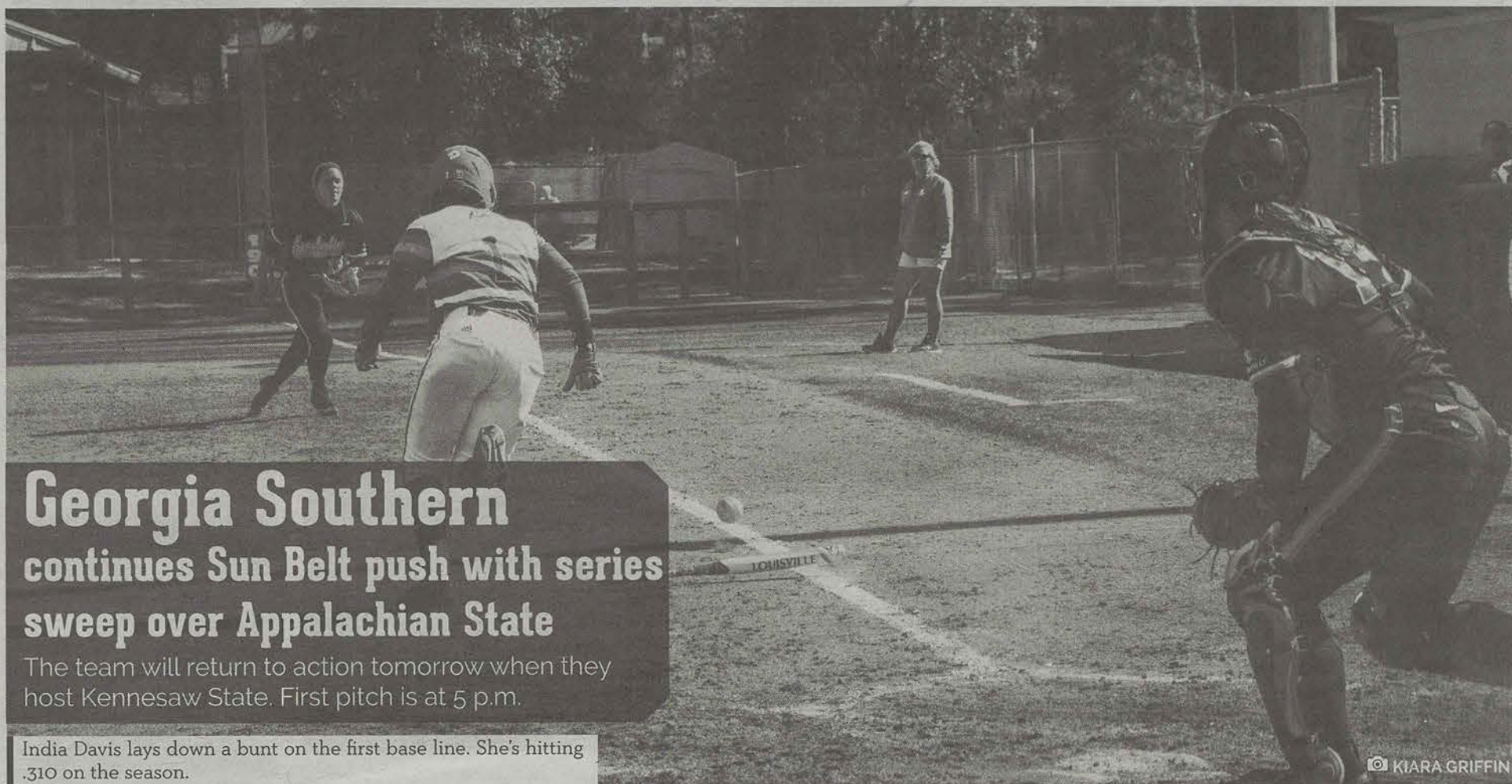
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Georgia Southern continues Sun Belt push with series sweep over Appalachian State

The team will return to action tomorrow when they host Kennesaw State. First pitch is at 5 p.m.

India Davis lays down a bunt on the first base line. She's hitting .310 on the season.

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BY CHRIS SMITH
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern softball team played against conference rival Appalachian State in a three game series this past weekend. GSU came out on top sweeping the Mountaineers in all three games.

Games 1 and 2

Saturday was GSU's alumni day and it featured a double-header between the two teams. The Eagles won both contests by scores of 7-2 and 11-7.

Alumni day is an annual

event where the team honors alumni during the softball games. In the first game of the double-header junior infielder Morgan Robinson recorded her eighth home run of the season. Dixie Raley (16-7) was the pitcher for the first game and she recorded the win for the Eagles. Raley pitched all seven innings, striking out four of the Appalachian State batters in the process.

The second part of the double header was an offensive explosion led by Emily Snider. The Eagles were down 3-2 going into the

bottom of the third. Infielder Emily Snider gave the Eagles the lead in the bottom of the third inning after blasting a two-run home run. Kierra Camp started out the mound pitching for the Eagles, but the game was finished by sophomore Heather Felt (1-1). Felt recorded her first win on the season.

Game 3

The Eagles defeated Appalachian State 3-0 on Sunday to finish the sweep of the three game series. Freshman pitcher Dixie

Raley recorded her 16th win on the season. Raley had a spectacular performance, pitching a shutout for the Eagles and recording career high 14 strikeouts. This game was designated as the Purple Game where GSU encouraged attendees to wear purple in support of the Walk to end Alzheimer's and the Alzheimer's Association.

"Anytime you get a sweep in conference it is huge. It puts us where we need to be. Every game that we can win in conference is important. It is really important to get sweeps to keep us where we want to stay," head coach Annie Smith said about the importance of this series.

Raley pitched another complete game and only allowed three hits and gave up three walks in the process. This was an amazing output for Raley, already recording high strikeout numbers.

"That's my dream, to get out there and strike everybody out. Being the pitcher I kind of set the tone for everything. So, when I go out there it's my job to get out there and get people out with strikes so that the defense can work, so we can get wins," Dixie Raley said.

2016 season success

The Eagles have won 23 games so far this season, which nearly doubles their winning total from all of last season. Last year, the Eagles finished 12-39 and finished eighth in the conference. As of now, the Eagles hold the third spot in the conference and are only a few games back of first place. The team has improved in nearly every aspect from last year. The pitching has been better, the defense has improved, and the overall health of the team has been much better.

"We got health would be the first thing. We had a lot of injuries last year, so getting healthy helped. The team has been great. They put everything together and they really bought in to stuff and they worked really hard and they keep things simple. They have a lot to prove and they have a chip on their shoulder," Smith said.

They will return to the diamond on Wednesday, April 13, to continue their homestand. They will be facing off against Kennesaw State University at 5 p.m.

Softball Stats Comparison

	2015	2016 ^{so far}
Record [through April 12]	12-29	23-17
Batting Average	.251	.285
Hits:	331	308
Home Runs:	29	28
Strikeouts:	257	165
Errors	96	62
Team ERA:	5.83	4.00

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The team now sits at 18-14 overall and 7-8 in the Sun Belt. They will play Mercer tonight at 6 p.m.

Eagles drop home series to UL Lafayette

BY KEVIN KENEELY
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern dropped another Sun Belt series at home this past weekend against UL Lafayette as they fell two games to one against the Cajuns.

Coming into the weekend, the Eagles had won back-to-back midweek games against the College of Charleston and Savannah State, putting up an incredible 29 runs in those two games. The team continued to swing the bats well as they put up 14 runs against the Cajuns this weekend.

The Eagles lone win came Saturday night with freshman

Chase Cohen on the mound. Cohen picked up his third win of the season after going six innings with five strikeouts as GSU went on to win 3-2.

Sunday's loss was a tough one as the Eagles were down five runs early but made one of the best comebacks this season to take a 9-7 lead in the sixth inning.

"I like the way we battled back," Head coach Rodney Hennon said. "I thought some of the guys in those middle innings came in out of the bullpen and did a nice job to give us a chance."

The Eagles struggled to hold this lead as they gave up a grand slam in the top

of the eighth inning to give the Cajuns an 11-9 lead, and eventually went on to lose 13-9.

Hennon was not disappointed in his pitching at the end of the game, as he thought Bryon Yelverton threw a great pitch, but Brian Mills played the pitch perfectly and was able to take it deep.

"What I was disappointed in was the way we responded after that. It's still a two run ball game at home and I didn't think our at-bats were very good after they took the lead," Hennon said.

The team needs to be better in those situations according to Hennon, and be able to

keep on competing the same way they were before that grand slam was hit.

"That's something that we've got to improve upon if we want to take it to the next level," Hennon said.

This was the Cajun's first trip to Statesboro to take on the Eagles.

The Eagles will be looking to redeem themselves this week as they host Mercer Tuesday night and then travel to conference foe UT Arlington this weekend.

Georgia Southern's remaining conference schedule

@ UT Arlington 4/15

@ UT Arlington 4/16

@ UT Arlington 4/17

VS Little Rock 4/22

VS Little Rock 4/23

VS Little Rock 4/24

@ UL Monroe 4/29

@ UL Monroe 4/30

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Anchor at the plate

Senior catcher A.J. Hamilton is embracing her farewell season after a long softball career.

BY KEITH SMILEY
The George-Anne staff

As the Georgia Southern softball season has gotten underway, one player stands out above the rest. Her name is A.J. Hamilton, the senior catcher from Tallahassee, Fla. Hamilton is the only senior on the team and she is embracing the role as the leader and role model.

"Every day I need to come out here making sure I'm on my a-game and everyone else is on their a-game," Hamilton said.

Since her freshman season, she has been putting the pieces together for her role as the leader of the team by setting the tone of "take no days off". She started all 63 games in her freshmen season at catcher and since has started in over 170 games.

This season she is second on the team in home runs, but accolades is not what makes her the leader and role model she is. Hamilton puts a lot of pressure on herself to be better and make the team better. GSU head coach Annie Smith

does not try to add pressure on Hamilton, saying the catcher does it by choice.

"She puts a lot of pressure on herself, to be a good leader and that's just the expectations she puts on herself, in that we have in our program to work together," Smith said.

Despite being a role model for her team, she has also embraced being one to her younger brother Evan. Hamilton and her brother could not even go outside and throw the ball together when they were young because she would always be down his back. He looks up to her now and every chance he gets he is asking her to help sharpen his game.

"Now that we're older, I feel he looks up to me a lot when I go back home and when we are in the cages, he would be like 'tell me what you see,'" Hamilton said.

When she goes back home, she calls up her friends from Tallahassee and they get together to get a game of flag football going. This may be something fun to do now for Hamilton but it was



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Hamilton records an out at home plate. She has a .996 fielding percentage and has committed just one error all season.

serious enough when she was younger to learn from it. She gives a lot of credit to this sport with helping her become a leader in softball.

"I learned a lot of things from flag football like being in command and taking orders from coaches and it rolled

into one and one sport helped for the other tremendously," Hamilton said.

Hamilton has helped her teammates by putting pressure on the juniors to be able to lift her back up when she is not doing something right. She hopes that keeping

the juniors grounded they will be prepared for next season.

Hamilton will continue her leadership Wednesday when the softball team hosts Kennesaw State at 5 p.m. on Eagle Field.

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