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# STILL STRIDING

Lexi Murry's story of survival and standing tall

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## FEEDING FRENZY

Dining services offers promotion for returning students

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Spring Game moved to Paulson Stadium



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Thursday



High: 66°  
Low: 52°

Friday



High: 65°  
Low: 52°

Saturday



High: 74°  
Low: 50°

It is still looking to be a week full of rain, with the potential of it clearing up on Sunday. Temperatures are peaking at 77 degrees, and hopefully the sun will roll in to give hope before finals week.

## Weather Bar

## CORRECTION

In the April 12 issue, Danielle L. Smith was misquoted in the article 'Studying overseas.' Smith has not studied European Education and was quoted several times when a paraphrase should have been used. In addition Botswana is not in South Africa. The George Anne regrets these errors.

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## #HAWKWATCH ONE WEEK IN



PHOTO COURTESY OF GSU HAWK CAM

By DJ Fullmer

It has been a full week since the Red-Shoulder Hawk Cam has been live, and so far two out of the three eggs have hatched.

The first egg hatched on April 6 and the bird's sibling hatched the next day on April 7.

"My guess would be that the third egg will not hatch. There is no way of knowing why the third egg might not hatch, that's just nature taking its course," Scott Courdin, the Curator of the Wildlife Center, said through an email.

Courdin also explained how the hawks arrived at the wildlife center. "The hawks are not part of any wildlife center display, they are completely wild. They have been coming back and using the same nest for several years," Courdin said.

This means the camera was set up in preparation of the hawks returning, and has not been touched at all in order to not to disturb the wildlife. According to the live feed's stats, the babies will be dependent on the mom for up to 19 weeks, but they will leave the nest in around 45 days.

"The birds are wild, so once the young have fledged, they will be taken care of their parents for a short time. Once they have reached a certain age, they will be on their own. We have no control of what they do or where they go," Courdin said.

The live stream allows the public to watch nature happen in real time, and gives us an insight on the breeding habits of local wildlife.

## BLUE AND WHITE GAME TO BE PLAYED AT PAULSON

By Chris Carter

The Blue and White exhibition will take place on Saturday April 16. The game is a scrimmage type game played at Paulson to show off Georgia Southern Football.

Die hard Georgia Southern fans will make their way to Paulson Stadium to see the standing of their Eagles.

There will be additional activities before the game. For the kids ages 7 to 12, there will be a Punt, Pass and Kick competition from 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.. For the adults, there will be the 3rd annual Spring Football Tailgate Cook-Off from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

After the game, the championship ring ceremony for the GoDaddy bowl win will occur. The players will be honored with rings for their bowl game win and fans are invited to stay and watch. After the ceremony there will be an autograph opportunity with the players. A limited number of spring football posters will be available at the signing but fans are encouraged to bring their own items to be autographed.

The game starts at noon and admission is free.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF THECIRCLEGSU.COM

The Circle asked Georgia Southern professors to decipher Rihanna's "Work".





# Finding calm in the chaos

Originally published on Reflector Community



**JULIA FECHTER**

Fechter is a freshman multimedia journalism major from Statesboro, Ga.

By now, most of us have had to grapple with either a paper, a midterm, or a project and countless homework assignments. Many of us have had to deal with multiple midterms or projects at once. When you have all of that schoolwork to do, on top of attending classes, a job, membership in student organizations, friends, a romantic relationship...day to day life becomes a constant stream of business.

Sometimes, it is hard to catch a break, so you have to create breaks for yourself. However, it can be difficult to relax when all you are thinking about are the tasks you have to finish after resuming your routine. How, then, do you disrupt what

seems to be set in stone?

Resting is as important, if not more so, than being active. When we rest, we can recharge and be more prepared for whatever we do next. If we are not giving our minds and bodies a break, then we will have a harder time being the best people that we can be. That is why it is so, so important for us to take care of ourselves.

The first step to taking care of oneself is to make time for it. Often times, we skip a meal, or stay up until the wee hours of the morning to finish an assignment. Then, we pay the price for it when we cannot focus in class, feel ill, emotionally distraught, or cannot do quality work at our job. There are many ways our bodies can rest, but some ways are crucial for our health.

Most importantly, we have to make time for sleeping and eating. How we eat not only nourishes (or deprives) our brains, but it also impacts our mood and response to stress. Hence, the "hangry" emotions that we may feel from time to time.

In addition to eating, sleeping is also linked to improved cognitive abilities. Likewise, lack of sleep also impacts our mood and immune system. We need to give our bodies the time to

rest and repair from the day's activities. As well, we need to give our bodies a way to release tension and emotions. Exercise proves key here.

Sometimes, working out can seem like another item to add to our list of things to get done. Moving and challenging our bodies in an intentional way helps us become stronger, though. That strength will come in handy when weathering the daily demands that life puts on our bodies.

Part of resting for me is recognizing potentially harmful mindsets or ways of thinking about my life and changing those mindsets. Many of these ways of thinking can contribute to the overall mindset or feeling of constant business.

Procrastination is a big one. Putting off responsibilities creates this false idea of rest. Even though I have been saying rest matters, there is a time where you have to face those responsibilities and deal with them. Otherwise, it becomes stressful just thinking about the things you have to get done, instead of actually doing them and going on with your day.

Adversely, you have to realize that yes, there is work to do, but not all of it can be completed in one day. There are only 24 hours in a day.

Some of those hours will be occupied by things like eating, sleeping, and situations that must be addressed immediately. You have to pace yourself and find that balance between procrastination and business.

Closely tied to being too busy is worrying. When you do have one thing after the next on your schedule, thinking about a schedule becomes stressful, when doing so should be beneficial. When you get to that point, you have to just let go of control. You can only do so much to change the outcome of your day. You have to realize that the tasks you consider important may not be important. And, if they are, do what you can do to complete them, but do not fret if everything is not finished.

As college students, we have to be cognizant of our various responsibilities, between school, work, student organizations, relationships and so on. Handling one of these realms, and, usually, most of them simultaneously, can be overwhelming. We have to realize that we are human and can only do so much, realistically.

We are more than our various responsibilities, and we owe it to ourselves to hold rest in as high esteem as being active.

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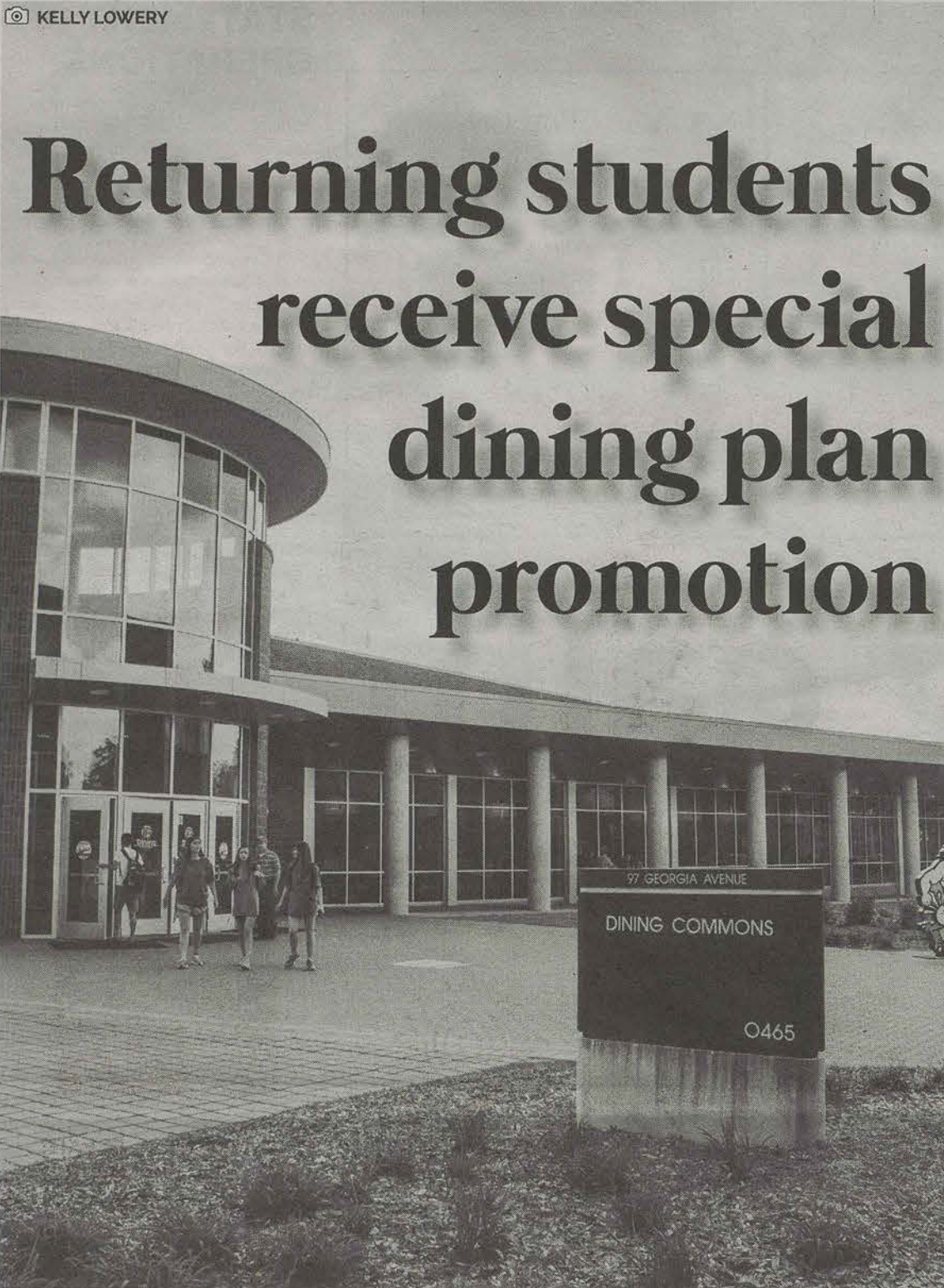
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Incoming freshmen are required to sign-up for a dining plan. The Eagle Unlimited Blue meal plan currently costs \$1,725 while the Gold meal plan costs \$1,825.

## Returning students receive special dining plan promotion

BY BAILEY ADCOCK  
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern Dining Services is offering a special promotion for returning students next year. If students sign up for an Eagle Blue meal plan between now and April 29, these students will receive a free upgrade to the Eagle Gold meal plan.

This promotion is only available for returning students. Incoming freshmen are ineligible.

Students who are upgraded to the Eagle Gold will receive 300 dining dollars and eight guest passes per semester. This is 200 more dining dollars and three more guest passes than students who have Eagle Blue will receive.

"If nothing else, the additional dining dollars alone made the Gold plan worth it," MaKayla Hayes, freshman hospitality management major, said.

The dining plans provide students with unlimited access to both Landrum and Lakeside in addition to the dining dollars which can be used at various locations across campus.

"Landrum is great and all, but I loved being able to go to Starbucks whenever I wanted," Hayes said.

The Eagle Gold meal plan is typically about \$150 more than the Eagle Blue plan, but with this offer it is the same price, saving students about \$300 for the year.

Many returning students opt out on getting a dining plan for their second years, but there are many reasons the

dining plans can be beneficial. The promotion is aimed towards those students returning to campus next year, specially the upperclassmen.

"Not only are we not raising prices, but we're able to do something for our upperclassmen to say thank you for being with us throughout this process. We're going to continue to make changes to make it more exciting to come here," Jeff Yawn, Director of Eagle Dining Services, said.

With this special promotion, Dining Services is hoping to provide some incentive for upperclassmen to sign-up.

"I'm very excited. After three years being in our current building and under our current programs, we put ourselves in a position to where we can have an opportunity to give back," Yawn said.

To sign up for this offer, you can call the Eagle Card Office to speak with someone who will help you sign up. Their number is 912-478-5311.

You can also visit Eagle Card Services located inside Landrum. Representatives are there Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information on signing up for a meal plan and receiving this special offer, you can visit Eagle Dining's Dining Plans and Packages page on the Georgia Southern website.

## New Master of Science in applied geography expected for 2017

BY BLAKELEY BARTEE AND CHYNA JAMES  
The George-Anne staff and contributor

By fall 2017, Georgia Southern University will offer a new program: a Master of Science in applied geography (MS-AG), which, according to georgiasouthern.edu, will provide students the skills to utilize geotechnology, geostatistics and geospatial data in fields including national security, logistics, environmental consulting and location analysis.

"It's great to have new things, and the department is really growing. You're always going to need geographers and geologists, because they both work with how we interact with the world," Jake Lindsey, senior geology major, said.

The only program of its type in the southeast, the MS-AG program will offer the National Geotechnology Security

Foundation Certificate, making GSU the thirteenth university in the United States to offer the certificate, according to Jeffrey Underwood, geography department chair and professor.

"[With geospatial data], if you could intercept terrorist information or terrorist tweets, you would know where they're at, what they're talking about, and probably even the target," Underwood said. "This is used in national security, and so one of the things we've done with this program [is that] we've gotten certification by the [National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency], and we're also going to offer a certificate for anyone, but particularly Department of Defense personnel, who can come here and take a one-year program and become

certified as a national security geotechnology analyst."

While the postgraduate program will teach students applications of geography, a bachelor's degree in geography or geology is not a prerequisite. The first two courses in the MS-AG program will introduce students to geographical thought and theory, according to Underwood.

"What we're looking for is to get people from outside [the geography and geology departments]. We'd love to have business students, political science students, public health students, journalists," Underwood said. "You can think of any major, almost, on this campus that could benefit from [applied geography]."

In the program, students will learn how to use geotechnology that creates algorithms that predict the future geography

of an area. Geotechnology is useful for choosing locations for emergency services or companies, predicting erosion and human development, analyzing voting trends and tracking containers for shipping companies.

Underwood hopes the new major will attract students both nationally and internationally, as the program is one of very few in the United States.

Every faculty member in the geography department, with the addition of Chester Jackson, assistant professor of geology, will teach courses in the MS-AG program, according to Underwood. The department has begun its soft recruitment for faculty, and will begin recruiting in fall of 2016.

"We're excited as everyone else is. The university is excited; I know the dean is excited about it. We're the epicenter of

excitement right now. We really are pleased this is going to happen. We're going to make it work; it should be really great," Underwood said.

With its projected fall 2017 debut, the MS-AG program may arrive just in time for many GSU students to consider returning for their postgraduate studies.

"I think the new major will greatly benefit Georgia Southern and anyone who participates in it. The new program opens up many great opportunities to students here at our school and students from across the nation who could come and study here," Kyle Kuhlman, freshman geology major, said. "I would definitely consider coming back to GSU to participate in the program."



# Annual Relay for Life event to take place at GSU

BY TAISHA WHITE AND GEORGE ANDERSON

The George-Anne contributors

The American Cancer Society and Colleges against Cancer have teamed up to host the 4th annual Relay for Life of Georgia Southern University on April 22-23 at the Erk Russell Park.

"Cancer has no respect of person, age or ethnicity," Chelsea Flowers, president of Relay for Life of GSU, said. "Cancer is something that affects everyone. So it's important that we take the time to bring awareness to this issue."

Relay for life is a international walking and running event, where teams and people come together to honor those who have cancer or have succumbed to the disease. The event brings communities together in hopes to bring in awareness and donations, to help find a cure for the disease.

"I feel like it's a good thing to promote so people can understand things they don't have to deal with on a normal day basis," Fred Thomas, senior computer science major, said.

Following this year's theme, Woodstock, all sponsors are asked to decorate their booth in 70's hippie style and those in attendance are encouraged to dress in that manner as well.

Over 20 teams have signed up to fundraise for the event and at the event, already raising over \$4,000.

"The event gives a different atmosphere for students to interact with one another. It brings a lot of families together and gives off a close knit, family type feel," Flowers said.

The event not only brings together students of GSU, but others communities across the city of Statesboro, with each year hosting between 300-600 people.

"It's a good idea, but there are other ways for cancer prevention," Trevor Wright, freshman sports management major, said. "I would promote diet changes and lifestyle changes as well."

Relay for life has been around since 1986 and has raised an estimated \$5 billion.



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Relay for Life generally has a table in the Rotunda throughout the semester. The event has already raised \$4,000.

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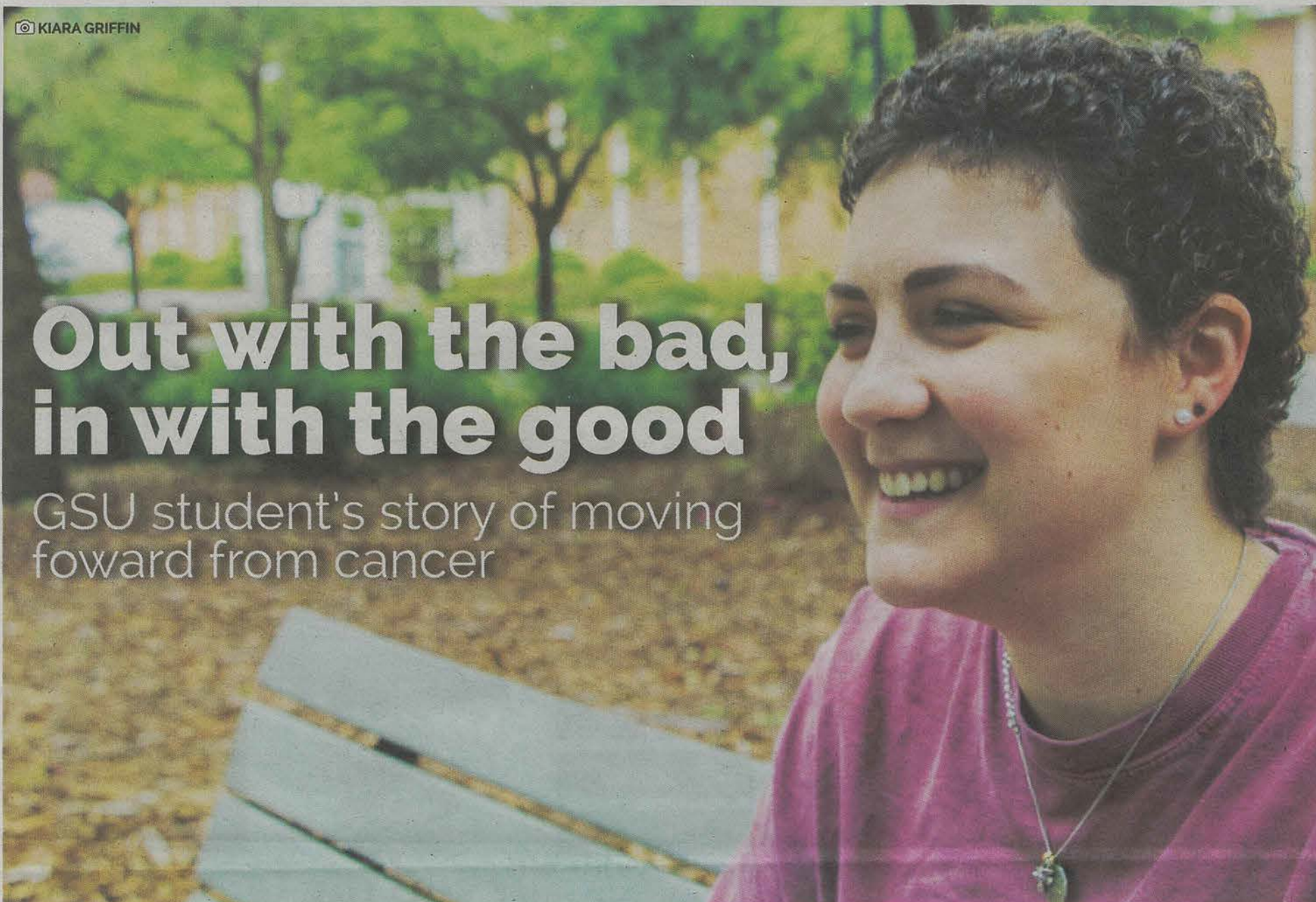
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## Out with the bad, in with the good

GSU student's story of moving  
forward from cancer



Cancer doesn't stop after chemo for Lexi Murry. Her mother kept her laughing because that's what she had to do, keep laughing to find a silver lining somewhere.

**BY MEG ELWOOD**  
The George-Anne staff

For college students surviving often means staying up late and making it through finals. For Lexi Murry, surviving took on a whole new meaning when she lost part of her leg to cancer.

"I was always the kid that had the mom with cancer, but I never expected to be the one with cancer, and my mom having to watch," Lexi Murray, senior psychology major and cancer survivor, said.

### 2002 - 2015

Lexi's mother, Heather Murry, survived three different types of cancer. Each appearing five years after the other when she was considered cancer-free. During her third round of cancer in 2012, she went through radiation and chemotherapy treatments. Having three girls in college at the time, Lexi was the closest at Georgia Southern and was always on call in case anything were to happen.

In January 2015, Heather joined the Survivorship

Clinic, wishing to help another woman through the process she had been through time and time again. Little did she know that only three weeks later, that woman was her own daughter, Lexi.

"All of my cancers were tissue related, in the brain, breast, ovary - so I had never had bone cancer, and I think if I had took her experience and all three of mine, I would say that she had it way worse than I did. It's so different but so similar," Heather said.

### 2012 - 2014

Karina Smith, senior marketing major, and Leanne Moore, senior early childhood major, met Lexi through their sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma and quickly became close friends due to her positive attitude and straightforward personality.

"When we went through recruitment, she sat down next to me and started telling me her whole life story, like about how her mom had cancer and really personal information that most people don't tell you. I was kind taken back,

but somehow we became friends," Smith said.

Over the summers, Moore worked as a lifeguard with Lexi at Splash in the Boro. During the end of the summer in 2014, she noticed Lexi's knee was beginning to bother her.

"It started with a dull pain in my leg, I thought it was my knee, and it just got worse and worse. Every time that I would go to work the people at work would always say you need to get it checked out... I couldn't get it checked out until around Valentine's day," Lexi said.

#### FEBRUARY

Feb 18, 2015:  
Tumor was found  
Feb 19, 2015:  
Admitted to CHOA  
Feb 27, 2015:  
Start of chemotherapy

#### APRIL

Early April:  
First of six feeding tubes  
put in  
Late April:  
Georgia Southern KKG's  
25th anniversary

#### JUNE

June 6:  
Carrollton Blood  
Drive in Lexi's honor  
June 11:  
Second round  
of chemotherapy  
post surgery

#### AUGUST

August 25:  
First prosthesis

#### MARCH

March 11, 2015:  
Lexi shaved her head

#### MAY

May 22:  
Rotationplasty  
surgery

#### JULY

Mid July:  
Casted for  
first prosthesis

#### SEPTEMBER

September 13:  
Fell very ill  
September 17:  
Received a day  
off from the  
hospital



## Wednesday February 18, 2015.

Only a few days after her 21st birthday, Lexi went to the doctor for her knee. Like Moore and Smith, Heather was sure that Lexi had a torn ligament from being active. All of the symptoms made sense, but an MRI said otherwise. A mass located in her upper tibia was identified as a tumor, specifically osteosarcoma.

"We (Leanne and Lexi) don't really talk on the phone... we just text all the time, so it was really weird that she was calling me... her tone was shy and quiet, very unlike her normal self," Moore said.

Smith received the call as she was leaving the library that night. "It was weird, she was like 'hey, I have cancer' and I was like 'what - ok what do you mean?'," Smith said. In that moment she wanted to do anything to help Lexi, especially spend as much time as they could with together before she left for the hospital the next day.

## February - May 2015

For the next nine months, Lexi was a patient of Scottish Rite, a children's hospital in Atlanta, Ga. There she underwent three different types of chemotherapy, causing her to lose her hair, drop weight and feel weak for months at a time.

In March, a month into treatment, Smith was able to visit Lexi for the first time. Both Smith and Moore said that it didn't change who Lexi was in their minds to see her in the hospital bed after so long. They were both happy to see she was there and everything was going well.

"She wouldn't remember that you visited, which was my biggest thing, because she forgot that I came. Not on purpose, but she had chemo-brain," Moore said.

Everything that was put into her body was rejected; food,

fluids, even treatment. With so many medical complications, the options for surgery then became risky. In May, when the time for surgery came, Lexi debated between full amputation and rotationplasty. The rotationplasty was chosen due to its minimal limitations after recovery, and in the case of a medical complication, there was an opportunity for full amputation.

"I asked her [Lexi] 'do you want to hide everything that you've been through on the inside or do you want to show people who you are on the outside?' and she said, 'I feel like I don't want to hide anymore, I'm tired of hiding,'" Heather said.

## January 2016, Present

Lexi returned to Georgia Southern spring semester of 2016. Although the chemo is over and the cancer physically removed, her story will continue to stride with her each and everyday.

"I think there's a common misconception that 'oh [cancer] is over when the chemo is over, like no, it's not over yet. I have to wait five years until I'm considered completely cancer free. I would say that I'm a cancer survivor, but not cancer-free," Lexi said.

Heather describes the aftermath of cancer as a difficult transition that allows one to find their true friends. During the process, many people come together for support, but after the hospital-scene ends, everything is considered back to normal, when in reality, it will never be.

Lexi, her mother Heather and every cancer survivor's journey will continue to live with them, as well as the people around them.

Smith said, "People don't realize just how scary [having cancer] can be. We're never going to know what [Lexi] went through. We can try to be as supportive as we can, but we're still not going to know."

## UNDERSTANDING BONES:

**Flat Bones:** Protect organs. Examples are the skull, breast and ribcage bones.

**Long Bones:** Framework for muscles. Examples are the arm and leg bones.

## IN 2016 THERE WILL BE AN ESTIMATED:

**1.7 million**  
new cancer diagnoses

**3,300 cases**  
of bone cancer

**800 cases**  
of osteosarcoma

**400 cases**  
in children and young  
adults under 20

## DEFINITION

### Osteosarcoma

ah-stee-oh-sar-coma:

A type of cancer that begins in the bones. Due to the aggressive cancer cells, the bone becomes weak and sometimes even soft.

In children and young adults, osteosarcoma usually develops in an area where the bone is growing quickly, such as the ends of "long bones." Most develop around the knee in the lower thigh or upper shin bones.

### Rotationplasty

rotation, plas-tee:

A limb sparing alternative surgical procedure to complete limb amputation.

## SURGERY PROCESS:

1. The cancer infected section of the leg is removed. Separating the distal limb (foot and shin) from the proximal (thigh).
2. The distal limb is rotated 180 degrees and attached to the proximal limb, making the foot face backwards.
3. The ankle then acts as a knee joint when used with a prosthesis.

\*Information compiled from the American Cancer Society

OCTOBER

October 22:  
Final  
chemotherapy

FEBRUARY

February 9:  
Celebrated  
a normal  
birthday  
February 26:  
New  
prosthesis

JANUARY

January 2016:  
Came back to  
school.  
Casted for a  
new prosthesis

PRESENT

Nothing has  
really happened  
since then just a  
normal college  
life. - Lexi



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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.

Contact Information: **Kristen VanNoord** at [kvannoord@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:kvannoord@georgiasouthern.edu)

### UPB Mr. Georgia Southern University Scholarship Pageant

**Time:** Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 pm

**Location:** Russell Union Ballroom

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**Time:** Friday, April 15th from 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Location:** Paulson Stadium Parking Lot

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# THE BUZZ LIST

**KAT SHUMAN**

Features assistant editor



► **1. 1D & the Babygate:** Ever since Louis Tomlinson, member of One Direction, announced that he would be having a child with Briana Jungwirth, Directioners everywhere have been conspiring about whether or not Freddie, Tomlinson's baby, even exists. Why the suspicion you ask; let me explain.

"The Babygate," as it has been named, is based on the theory that Tomlinson, and 1D BABE, Harry Styles, have and are hiding a romantic relationship (AS IF). Anyways, the Babygate is seen as part of the plot to distract people from learning about Larry. So what evidence do they have?

To make a loooooong conspiracy short, a variety of photos and suspicious social media accounts have spurred this conspiracy. Firstly, the babymama, Jungwirth, created her Twitter account only two days before being photographed with Tomlinson for the first time. Coincidence? I think not. Also, one of Tomlinson's photos with his alleged baby, is thought to be photo-shopped as one of Tomlinson's beautiful chest tats is missing from the picture. Is there even a real baby in the picture?

There is A LOT more evidence against Freddie's existence- even his birth certificate validity has been called into question. Believe what you will, and read more about the Babygate online (seriously, this is required reading).

► **2. #BlacRob:** Rob Kardashian and Blac Chyna are engaged. It's not a joke, and my dreams of becoming a Kardashian (Kat-dashian (I know, cute)) are officially over. The couple announced their engagement via Instagram last Tuesday, April 5. I've got to admit, they look pretty adorable, and they're obviously in love/lust (seriously, it's only been three months). Rob's half-sister Kylie Jenner has kept rather silent on the engagement. Jenner's current boyfriend Tyga fathered a child with Chyna, so clearly Kylie isn't all for #BlacRob.

Would you want your ex-boyfriend's babymama to become your half-sister-in-law? Of course not. Others are sure that Kylie is just jealous because she and Tyga are not engaged yet, but Rob and Blac are in their late twenties. Kylie is 18; there is no need for her to rush. #TeamKylie #FreeRob

► **3. American Idol Is FINALLY Over:** This is a celebratory point in the Buzz List. After 15 seasons, (five or six or seven of them long, grueling seasons) American Idol has officially, ended. The 15th winner is Trent Harmon (Mississippi). First runner up was La'Porsha Renae (Mississippi). TBH, you weren't watching it anyways (who was), but at least now you know.

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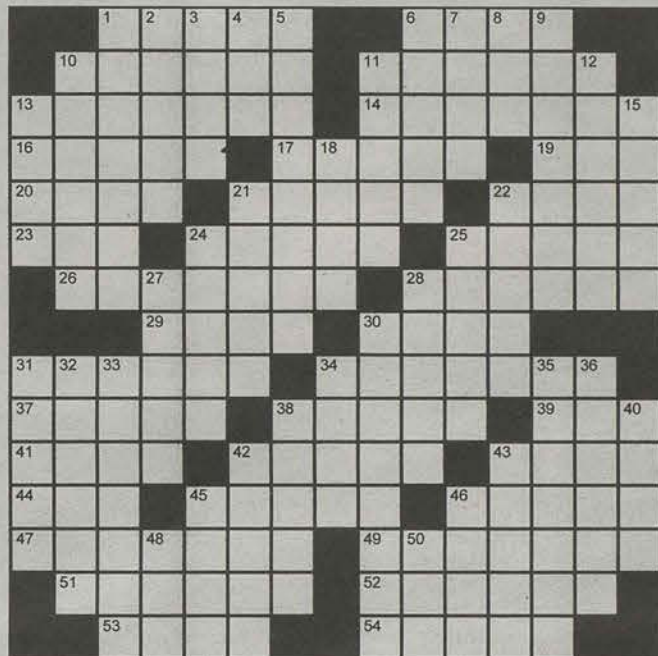
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26 Trap  
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41 Per person  
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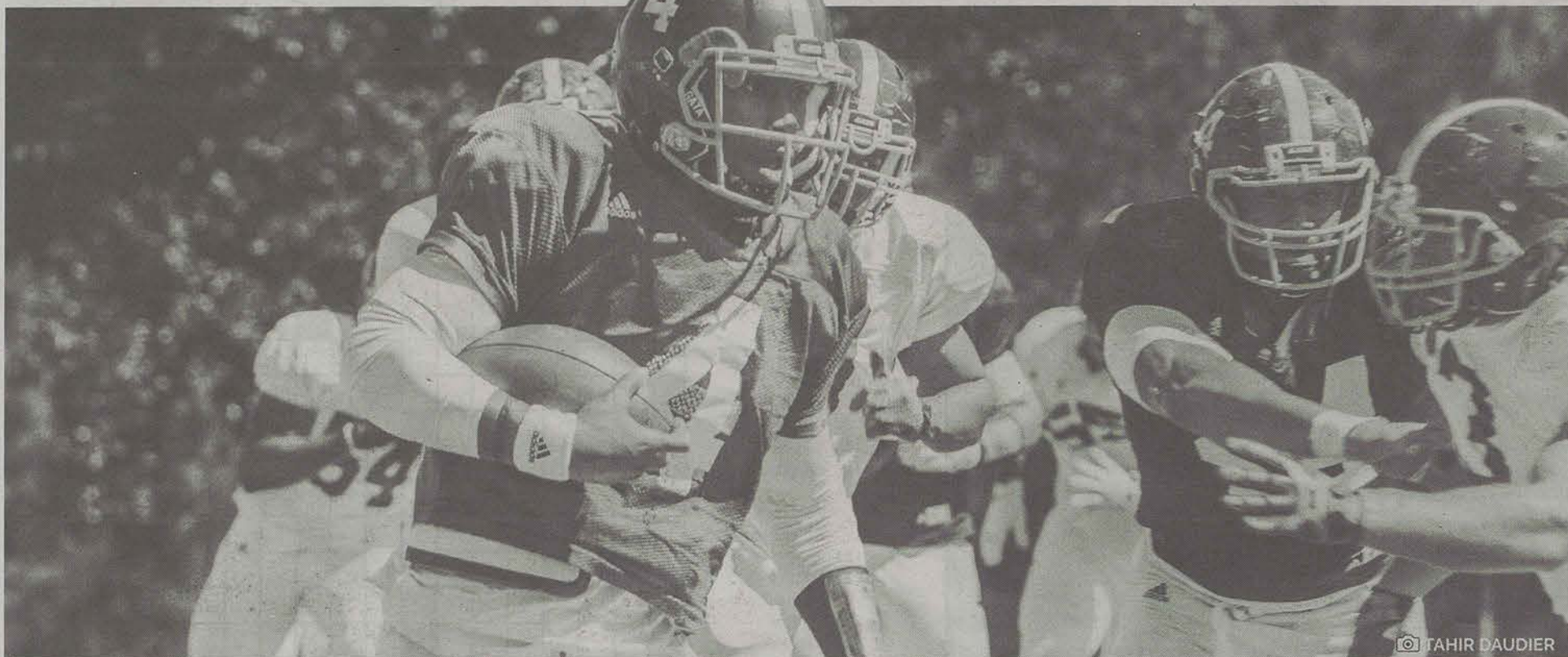
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24 Midge  
25 Mustang  
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Kevin Ellison works on the option in practice. Both Ellison and Favian Upshaw will be the starting quarterbacks for the teams on Saturday.

TAHIR DAUDIER

## 2016 BLUE-WHITE GAME TO BE PLAYED IN PAULSON STADIUM

The game will be played on the newly completed turf field. It will be an inter-squad, full speed scrimmage.

**BY ROBERT GEORGE**  
The George-Anne staff

Most coaches and football programs have a different preference on how to handle their spring game, and Georgia Southern is no exception.

Last year, Willie Fritz had the team run full speed in a 30-play live session at the annual contest. The rest of the time was spent working on the offense and defense schemes and formations with a mix of starters and subs.

This year, Eagle head coach Tyson Summers will have the team compete in a 100-play live scrimmage. The roster will be split as equally as possible to help create a competitive and evenly matched game. Everything but the quarterbacks will be live.

"We're gonna play a game," Summers said. "That's been the theme of our spring, to

try and do a better job of creating competition."

The full playbook hasn't been installed yet, as both players and coaches are still learning the language and technique on both sides of the ball. The game will be about honing those base formations in a live situation at full speed rather than working on specific schemes and packages.

"We're not going to try and put anything in particular in for the game," Summers said. "We've tried to take our base offense and our base defense and get those things [installed] in 10 days. It's not a game plan mentality, or trying to scheme against each other."

Anytime there are changes in a coaching staff, there will be a learning period where players and coaches will have to adjust. According to Summers, the team's biggest focus for the spring has been

the installation of the new sets, formations and calls. He thinks the team has learned a lot in the time they've had on the practice field.

"I think our players have done a nice job," Summers said. "The intent [of this spring] is to get good against what we're gonna see, what we're gonna face. We've got to do a better job finishing with some things on both sides of the ball, but I think we've come a long way."

Summers and his staff are making a push to get

students to the game this Saturday. It will be the first chance for the students to see the Eagles in action in 2016, and he hopes that they will see an energetic and physical game.

"We wanna take care of our players. There's an awful amount of work that goes into spring practice, and we wanna make it a game-like atmosphere," Summers said. "When I ask the team what gets them motivated for game day, [the answer] is 'students.' The guys like to feel that

whenever there's a big play in the game, it's the students who created it as much as anything. I hope our students understand what a big part of our program they serve."

Festivities will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the Punt, Pass, and Kick event on the field. Students can get free pizza and participate in a Q&A with Summers in the club level above the student section 106 before the game. Pizza will be served at 11:15 a.m.

### BLUE-WHITE GAME SCHEDULE



9:30 AM: PUNT, PASS AND KICK CONTEST (ON THE FIELD)



10:30 AM: TAILGATE COOK-OFF (IN THE PARKING LOT)



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# Senior Rise Lanne reflects on GSU's stellar season



The Finland native has helped guide the team to a 15-5 record this season. They are on a six-match winning streak entering the final weekend of the regular season.

BY DERIK WUCHTE  
The George-Anne staff

It requires extensive effort and endurance to turn a program around. The judge of a team's success can be evaluated on many different scales. If it comes down to regular season wins, men's tennis has nearly doubled their win count from last season. They are 15-5 and looking ahead to their final two matches of the 2015-2016 season. No matter the final result in the Sun Belt Championship, the Eagles have put together a solid season and will have a lot of momentum moving towards the future.

Senior Ristomatti Lanne has been with the team these last two seasons. He and Head Coach Sander Koning have played significant roles in reimagining men's tennis. As the No. 1 spot player for the Eagles for both years, Lanne has been able to see how the team has evolved and gotten to where they are today.

"I think the biggest difference is, last spring, we had to practice hard to get to the fitness level that Coach wanted us to be," Lanne said. "With these players we have now, we had the fall to do that work. Now, we could focus on winning matches and playing matches."

Establishing a tradition of winning is no easy feat. It isn't a two-season process. It is an ongoing cycle of being able to win and being familiar with winning. To continue the type of success men's tennis has had this season, Lanne knows future Eagles will need to be sharp and ready.

"I think keep working hard and improving because improvement that ends the satisfaction," Lanne said. "To be satisfied to the level that we are now. The players need to keep practicing, keep improving and not be happy with what they have now. Just keep striving to be better."

Lanne is the only senior on the singles side for men's tennis. That said, it has still

been his job to head the team at the No. 1 position for the last two seasons. He will still have a fall semester to practice with the team before graduating, but this will be his last opportunity to win with the team this season.

There will be a lot for him to part with his teammates before those final days. But he has an idea of what he will tell them before then.

"For me, I would say to pay attention to small details," Lanne said. "When you pay attention to that kind of titular stuff, you're focused. And then, that goes to practice. That goes to matches. When you're really focused, you should improve. You should get results. And, obviously, enjoy what you're doing because it's a privilege to play college sports. That's what we get to do every day. We don't have to work. We get to spend our days on tennis courts and at the gym. We don't have to go work as a waiter or whatever. We get to do stuff we like to do."

There is a lot left in the season with the upcoming two matches and championship. Men's tennis has a lot riding on their postseason performance in two weeks.

"When we play Georgia State and App State, big rival teams, we want to see people come out," Lanne said. "That's our senior day and also our GATA game. It would be nice to have a lot of support because those matches are probably our top two toughest matches of the season. That support is definitely needed for those two."

This Friday, April 15, GSU will compete against Georgia State at home at 3 p.m. That following Saturday, April 16 will be the team's final regular season competition against Appalachian State. That match will be at 2 p.m. After those two matches, the Sun Belt Championship will be inbound that weekend of April 21 to April 24.



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