Snooky’s to close

Local hangout to be replaced by drug store

BY TAYLOR COOPER
The George-Anne staff

Snooky’s closing Feb. 18, to be replaced by CVS

Snooky’s, a locally owned restaurant, will be closing down on Feb. 18 after 41 years of operation and will be replaced by a CVS Pharmacy.

“I’ve been at this for 41 years. I knew one day that it would have to end. I’ll be 65 soon, and I just feel like it’s time,” Bruce Yawn, owner of Snooky’s, said. “I regularly have children of people who were here in the seventies.”

Yawn said that he worked at a Minute Mart down the road after he graduated from the University of Georgia in 1969, until he opened Snooky’s in 1971, buying out the take-out chicken restaurant that had previously been there.

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Multicultural Student Center’s Consuela Ward leaving GSU

BY TJ JACKSON
The George-Anne staff

Dr. Consuela Ward, Ph.D. in curriculum studies and director of the Multicultural Student Center will be leaving Georgia Southern University on Feb. 17 to pursue a career at Georgia Institute of Technology.

Ward has been at GSU for seven-and-a-half years, ever since coming during Hurricane Charlie in August 2004. Ward will be a Human Resources Business Partner for Culture and Inclusion at Georgia Tech in Atlanta. Ward graduated from GSU with her doctorate in May 2011.

“The amount of professional and educational cloth that I have been afforded during my time here has been a phenomenal experience,” Ward said. “The one thing about being a diversity educator is helping people to see life from different lenses.”

One of Ward’s proudest accomplishments at GSU has been the development of multicultural diversity calendars and the faculty incorporating it into their academic curriculums.

“Students started coming to our programs, not just because they thought they were great programs, but the faculty found academic value in them and so it became a part of the campus culture,” Ward said. “I actually partner with faculty at times to actually execute some of these programs.”

The diversity calendar celebrates and informs faculty and students about different cultures.

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FIGHTING FURMAN

Eric Ferguson (3) battles for a rebound on Monday night. At press time, the game was tied at 34. For full coverage, check thegeorgeanne.com.
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- Officers issued one traffic citation, one traffic warning, assisted one motorist, responded to one injured person report, assisted another agency, responded to one alarm and investigated one accident.
- A counterfeit $20 bill was discovered at Deal Hall.
- A drug complaint was reported at Eagle Village.
- A drug complaint was reported at Centennial Place.

Tuesday, Jan. 31
- Officers issued five traffic citations, seven traffic warnings, assisted four motorists, responded to one injured person call and one sick person call.
- Someone spray painted some letters on a GSU golf cart near Anderson Hall.

Wednesday, Feb. 1
- Officers issued seven traffic citations, six traffic warnings and assisted six motorists.
- Roya Nicole James-McLean, 18, was charged with simple assault.
- Shadah F. Anderson, 18, was charged with simple assault.

Thursday, Feb. 2
- Officers issued 13 traffic citations, eight traffic warnings, assisted three motorists and responded to two alarms.
- A phone was taken from the RAC.
- Chimdi Nnameka Ojibe, 17, was charged with theft by taking.
- Stephen Wesley Rodgers, 23, was charged with pedestrian under the influence and obstruction of an officer.
- Jeffrey Michael Shirling, 20, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and possession of a false I.D.

Friday, Feb. 3
- Officers issued one traffic citation, four traffic warnings and assisted four motorists.

Saturday, Feb. 4
- Officers issued two traffic citations, three traffic warnings, assisted one motorist and responded to one alarm.
- A drug complaint was reported at Southern Pines.
- An alcohol violation was reported at Eagle Village.
- Steven Craig Beall, 25, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.
- Thomas Jordan Wesse, 18, Martinez, was charged with simple battery, criminal trespass, underage possession of alcohol, obstruction of an officer and possession of a false I.D.
- Joshua Aaron Frazier, 17, was charged with driving with suspended license.

Sunday, Feb. 5
- Officers issued four traffic warnings and assisted two motorists.
- A vehicle was keyed at the RAC.
- Jehan Lamar Calhoun, 18, Hinesville, was charged with wanted person.
- Wayne Robert Knittle, 18, was charged with DUI, underage possession of alcohol, possession of a controlled substance, original container required and giving false information to an officer.
- Arin Ray Dhanani, 19, was charged with underage possession of alcohol, public drunk and possession of a false I.D.
Our View

A set process is necessary for criminal charges

Since last semester, we have been covering the investigation and felony charge of theft by deception that has been placed against Randall McClure, who stepped down from his position as writing and linguistics chair after an audit revealed misspent funds.

McClure is still teaching online classes this semester.

In recent weeks, we have also been covering the charge of animal cruelty against GSU biology professor Lance Durden.

Durden is still employed by the university. According to President Keel, “We have no plans to do anything with his employment at this time, pending the full investigation of exactly what happened.”

We understand the concept of “innocent until proven guilty,” and agree with it in principle. However, we also believe that there needs to be a process in place in the event of a faculty member being charged with a crime, not simply one for after a verdict.

The recent charges against McClure and Durden highlight the need for a process that will also ensure that students’ interests are protected in the case of violent criminal charges or if a professor is unable to effectively teach while being charged with a crime.

We understand our obligation to assume innocence, but the university needs to have a set process in place for the sake of consistency and so students and other faculty can avoid worry when criminal charges are made.

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From the left

Planned Parenthood essential

There has been a lot of buzz recently about Planned Parenthood. This is likely due to the publicity drawn by the Susan G. Komen Foundation's decision to continue funding breast cancer screenings at Planned Parenthood offices nationwide.

The initial decision was to withdraw funding from the wrongly demonized organization, likely in a political move. There is so much anger and hate spewed at Planned Parenthood because it offers abortions at its offices.

While this is true, abortions are one of the least used services it offers. Most of what Planned Parenthood does is birth control and sex education, trying to reduce the number of abortions by educating and protecting the youth from unplanned pregnancies.

Still, many people overlook the fact that Planned Parenthood offers so many services, and focus solely on the fact it is performing abortions and instantly have that strong negative association with the organization. This prevents people from even having an informed discussion on whether the Komen Foundation should continue giving money to Planned Parenthood or not.

The Komen Foundation folded under pressure from Republican decision makers and almost let that pressure hurt an organization that is trying to help people. Because it offers one service that some people oppose — mainly on a religious level — people seem to overlook the cancer and STD screenings the organization offers.

People seem to forget that Planned Parenthood also offers birth control and sex education services. It does more work to prevent unwanted pregnancy it does terminating pregnancies, and that needs to be realized.

This is an argument that will never be won by either side. It should be an easy decision, but it will always be a battle. Roe V. Wade legalized abortion, which should have ended the discussion. Women have the right to attain these services as they see fit. Is it right?

While you may oppose, you are not in their situation. For some people, this is their only choice.

The right to picket and protest abortion is as solid as the right these women have to make their own decision.

What should really be focused on is increasing the quality and quantity of sex education in our schools. If children are aware of the consequences of their sexual behavior, this could lead to decreased numbers in abortions, unplanned pregnancies and STDs. Before we scrutinize Planned Parenthood for what the media depicts it as, we should look at all the good it does.

Roherts is a senior public relations major from Warner Robins, Ga.

From the right

Komen should not give in

Last week, breast cancer awareness charity Susan G. Komen Foundation decided to revoke its contributions to Planned Parenthood, citing the reason being that parts of the services offered by the group didn't fit with Komen's ever-changing standards and views on how its resources should be used for women's health.

This caused a huge uproar and caused Komen to not only lose a lot of funding, but also its spine. Earlier this week, the foundation reneged on its campaign and sent out an apology for the action and sent a sizable, yet unknown, donation to Planned Parenthood.

It really didn't matter though. Planned Parenthood received not only some of the largest donations to date from groups angry at the cancer awareness giant, but also, Komen will have to blemish to deal with for the unforeseeable future.

I personally don't see why Komen decided to lose all credibility by going back on its belief. If the foundation didn't feel like Planned Parenthood is worthy of its donations, then it shouldn't get them.

Those donations should go to help the one in eight women who need it to fight this ugly and deadly disease, so they don't become like the other 34,000 women who lost their lives to it last year. If people want to have their money go to "family planning services," one option being abortion, then they need to donate to Planned Parenthood directly.

Personally, I'm more upset that Obamacare is trying to force its will on religion-based healthcare providers, namely those of the Catholic Church and its charities, by threatening to pull their federal funding if they don't provide services that are in direct opposition of their beliefs.

According to House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi in a press conference, "If a medical facility does not comply with the law to supply FDA-approved contraception, including those that induce abortions, by August of next year their federal funding will be taken away."

Forcing Catholics to take on these new mandates would be in direct conflict with their spiritual teachings and conflict with their First Amendment rights for freedom of religion.

The law would also require that people of the Catholic faith purchase federal health insurance, which would pay for sterilizations and artificial contraceptives, including those which induce abortions.

I understand that, under the current legal system, women have the right to choose what they do with their bodies, but by the same token, shouldn't women have the choice not to pay for and support something they find morally reprehensible?

Chapin is a senior political science major from Roswell, Ga.
Letters to the Editor

Sweetheart Circle stop is a bad idea

Dear Editor,

I do not think that there should be a bus stop added at Sanford Hall. Having lived at Sanford previously, I know that there is plenty of time to make it between classes without a bus. Even from the Chemistry building, you can make it easily in 10 minutes. Our campus is not big at all, and I do not think that it needs a large bus system.

I also think that having a bus rolling around Sweetheart Circle would detract from the tranquility. It’s great to sit on Sweetheart Circle and have a quiet afternoon away from all the hustle and bustle of the rest of campus. If a bus stop was added, it should be added by the Hanner Fieldhouse or the Library. Then, the bus system would not ruin the serenity of Sweetheart Circle and people who felt they couldn’t make it to class would be able to.

Molly Stough
Sophomore nutrition/food science major
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The George-Anne

Innocent until proven guilty is essential

Dear Editor,

As a group of upper-level science students at Georgia Southern University, we feel it is necessary to respond to Ms. Rachel Mulder’s letter to the editor in The George-Anne (Feb. 2, 2012) concerning the purported ‘dog attacks feral cat’ incident. In her letter, Ms. Mulder stated that Dr. Lance Durden “commanded the killing of a cat.” However, the only two humans present at the scene were Dr. Durden and a GSU police officer. Only they know what transpired during that campus incident and, up to this point, we have not heard both sides of the story. According to the Declaration of Human Rights (1948), people accused of a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty. We suggest that the GSU community allow the legal process to follow its natural course before making unwarranted accusations against one of our own distinguished faculty.

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GATA's transitions with Super Bowl party

BY TAYLOR COOPER
The George-Anne Staff

Buffalo's Café has officially made the transition into GATA's Sports Bar and Grille, celebrating the change with a Super Bowl party Sunday night.

"Today was our inauguration of Buffalo's into GATAs," Jeff Stewart, general manager of GATAs, said. "This is an annual thing, and it will also be GATAs' birthday, I guess."

"So far I've enjoyed it — the game is on, people cheering and the giveaways. It's great," Carlton Hendrix, an undeclared sophomore, said.

At halftime, most of the restaurant turned to the many televisions in the bar area to watch the halftime show.

GATAs is planning to add more televisions so that more people will be able to view them during events.

"We are adding six or seven more TVs, but while we are re-painting the dining room, we haven't been able to hang them yet," Chloe Douglas, a hostess at GATAs, said.

"During the Super Bowl, the bar got crowded, but people didn't want to sit in the dining room because the booths surrounding the two televisions were already full," Douglas said.

The Super Bowl halftime show, performed by Madonna and featuring Nicki Minaj, M.I.A., LMFAO and Cee Lo Green, seemed to catch everyone's attention.

"I freaked me out a little bit," Thomas Bonner, a junior business major said.

"I thought it was cool. Nicki Minaj was bringing it down," Randal Brunson, a graduate student, said.

Not everyone found it interesting, however.

"I stopped paying attention and went back to talking after a minute," Stew Davis, a junior graphic design major, said.

The events of the night included prizes after every quarter of the game, as well as during Budweiser commercials and the first ever GATA Challenge.

"To enter into the giveaway contest, you need to buy a Budweiser. If you buy a bottle, you get one ticket, buy a pitcher, you get more. You take the tickets and bet on what you think the score will be at the end of each quarter. If you guess right, you win," Mike Hall, general manager of GATAs, said.

Among the items in the giveaway were a Budweiser grill, a cooler, tickets to a Pink Floyd concert in Savannah and tickets to a Bad Boys of Rock Concert.

The GATA Challenge is a 20 minute challenge where the contestant has to eat 10 of GATAs hottest wings and then endure the after burn for five minutes.

"We're also doing our first GATA Challenge tonight. You have to eat ten super-hot wings in fifteen minutes, then, let them sit for five minutes without water," Hall said. "If you win, you get your picture up on our wall of fame, and a free t-shirt."

The first winner of the challenge was sophomore business major Adi Vaknin.

"It feels like my mouth is on fire. It's worse than it was when I was eating them," Vaknin said. "If you really like spicy food like I do, then go ahead and try it."

"I honestly didn't expect him to complete it. You could tell he was hurting early on," Hall said.

"Whenever the GATA Challenge started, we had around fifty to seventy-five people pushed up against the stage cheering. That's the kind of thing people go tell their friends about," Hall said.

Overall, the party was a success, Hall said.

"It was a phenomenal success. We had well over two hundred people and we were able to showcase GATAs with great success," Hall said.

"Being Super Bowl Sunday, it was a success, considering it was our first Super Bowl Sunday. We have been open on Sundays since Christmas break because of the Sunday alcohol sales," Douglas said.

The guests agree with the change as well as the event.

"It's been really fun. We had a blast," Gregory Griffin, a nurse at Eastwood Regional Medical Center and GSU alumnus, said.

"The atmosphere was great. No one was afraid to cheer for their team, and the giveaways were cool," Will Ofray, senior English major, said.

"There were plenty of white girls, and that's never a bad thing." Chris Shirley, a senior psychology major said.

"This is just the first day of GATAs, there's plenty more to come," Stewart said.

Hall said, "Changing over has been a slow process, and this was a huge step."

GATA's celebrated its "birthday" on Super Bowl Sunday. This day marked the transition from Buffalo's Southwestern Café to GATA's Sports Bar and Grille.
New park to be built in downtown Statesboro

Director of Development Authority: Park to be ‘activity, family and student friendly’

BY TAYLOR COOPER
The George-Anne staff

A new park will be built downtown that will be both student and family friendly and will serve as Statesboro’s signature park.

“We want it to be a place where students can come and get into the downtown area,” Allen Muldrew, director of the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority, said. “We also want to provide a regional venue for activity, family and student friendly. It will be a new place for the farmers’ market and we’ll host a Southern Day, where the president will come and speak.”

“We’re trying to make a signature park for Statesboro, something that gives us an identity and makes us unique, and give a quality-of-life improvement,”Muldrew said.

“We want to have it open to organizations, families and groups, like having a pavilion people could use for meetings,” Muldrew said.

Among other things, the park will feature an amphitheater and fountains, Muldrew said. “We’re looking at parks that have fountains and other decorations, like Rome, and taking cues from them,” Muldrew said. “It’s still in the planning stages. We’ll probably put a group together to get input on landscape and decoration and architecture, and having the farmers market,” Muldrew said.

One of the locations where the park could potentially be built is where the old seafood market now stands, by the railroad track on East Main Street, Muldrew said. Having the park would also help Statesboro’s real estate business, Muldrew said.

“It will help the real estate too, because property around a park is always more valuable,” Muldrew said. “Making this park could also have an effect on downtown. People would want to renovate their building to make them look nicer.”

“We want it to increase quality of life. It also helps if you’ve got businesses looking. When you’re competing with other areas, people look at your quality of life, among other things,” Muldrew said.

Students think the idea is good, but the placement could be better.

“I probably wouldn’t go because it’s downtown — Not a lot to do there. It would be better if they built it closer to campus, especially with all the freshmen that don’t have cars,” Adrian Barnes, a senior history major, said.

“I think it would be a good thing. Any opportunity to socialize is good,” Marco Ossorio, a sophomore business management major, said.

“I feel like the campus has all that, so students wouldn’t necessarily want to go,” Emma Mathews, a senior political science major, said.

“I like the idea, but not the placement,” Jessica Smith, a freshman biology major, said.

Muldrew said “I don’t see any downside to having a park, and the downtown seems to represent your community.”

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Many people of note have eaten at Snooky’s, including Tony Barnhart, Zell Miller, Jimmy Carter, Jim Trussel, Vince Dooley, Erk Russel and Vince Gill, Yawn said.

“When it first started, we had the idea of catering, being on the perimeter of the college,” Yawn said. “I didn’t start out trying to make a lot of money. I wanted to make a difference in the community.”

Yawn was approached by CVS before about buying the restaurant from him.

“CVS has been looking at this property for a while. They want to build a pharmacy here, when they asked me if they could buy it ten years ago, there was no way,” said Yawn.

Students expressed disappointment that this Statesboro landmark will be closing.

“I’ve only been there once or twice. I don’t want to see any businesses close, but in this economy it can’t be helped,” Chaz N., a senior accounting major, said.

“It’s a tradition that we’re losing, but I’m sure he has a good reason for closing,” TJ Holley, a junior political science major, said.

“Going from Snooky’s to a CVS, sucks. It’s a well-known, tradition place,” Zach Smith, a junior IT major, said.

Phillip Stringer, an undeclared sophomore, said, “I feel like it does open new up the area for more business, but it’s not so good for the community.”

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groups throughout the year.

“We no longer celebrate different diversity months or weeks. You’ll see a celebration or acknowledgement of challenges and accomplishments of many different groups throughout the year. You’ll see our programs sprinkled throughout the academic year for a lot of groups,” Ward said.

Christopher Pugh, assistant director of MSC and in charge of Minority Advisement Program will resume Ward’s place as interim director.

Pugh first met Ward when he volunteered for MSC in 2006 while performing in the play, "Montage of Blackness."

“I’ve never had a professional mentor before, so she was my first professional mentor,” Pugh said. “She taught me how to make my work count for something — not only work hard, but to work smart.”

“I teared up a couple of times, I’m not afraid to say that,” Pugh said. “She meant so much to so many people. She deserves a lot. We knew this day was coming, but that does not make it easy to deal with. We’re not looking forward to saying bye to her at all. Dr. Ward means more to people than they realize. She is the world to a lot of students around here.”

Ward has pushed the standard for this university when it comes to programming, Pugh said.

“She has really made everyone really not only believe what she believes in, as far as work ethic and having a purpose in your work, but she believes in them strongly and deeply,” Pugh said.

This will be a great loss for GSU, President Brooks Keel said.

“Dr. Ward cared deeply for our students and her student centered passion will be missed. However, we certainly appreciate that this is an excellent career opportunity for her and we wish her the very best,” Keel said.

Seeing her leave is bittersweet, William Hill, a senior general studies major, said.

“She plays a big role here at GSU. You want to see her succeed, but don’t want to see her go at the same time,” Hill said.

“I’ll miss her,” Kashaunah Sledge, a senior health education and promotion major, said. “I enjoyed having her insight and experience planning the Women’s Empowerment Conference.”

“She has really left a legacy. I think the school will know when she leaves. You will definitely feel her absence,” Pugh said.

A going-away reception will be held for Ward today from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Room 2000 in the Russell Union. It is open to everyone.
Eagles for Eagles to help students
Southern Legacy creates program to help students financially in emergencies

BY COURTNEY ESCHER
The George-Anne staff

Southern Legacy has created Eagles for Eagles, a program designed to help students in need of financial assistance for emergencies or educational purposes.

The program was created when Southern Legacy realized that Georgia Southern University is under no legal obligation to assist students in need of financial assistance.

“We have been planning to launch Eagles for Eagles since November, and then when that fire happened to the student in ROTC, we were like, ‘Yes. This is what Eagles for Eagles is for — helping students like him in ways that the school can’t,'” Cordero Curry, a senior political science and geography major and president of Southern Legacy, said.

Eagles for Eagles has two parts — one designed to help students dealing with hardship and one designed to help students gain more opportunities in their education, Curry said.

“There are two parts to Eagles for Eagles and I really love them both,” Curry said.

“The first is designed to help students in hardships, like the student in ROTC whose house burnt down recently, it is called the Eagle Care Award,” Curry said.

“The second is Eagle Opportunity, which is designed to help students who want to do unpaid internships, or study abroad, or alternative spring break or something like that,” Curry said.

Eagles for Eagles is designed to help students graduate, no matter what the financial need, Curry said.

“Our main goal is to help students graduate with their degree. So if that means that we have to help them financially just so they can stay in school, then we’ll do it,” Curry said.

“If that means we help a student expand on their degree by helping them do an unpaid internship or study abroad then we’ll do that too,” Curry said.

Eagles for Eagles was simply started by the members of Southern Legacy, Curry said.

“Anyone can create a fund. You just need five hundred dollars. So our members each contributed fifty dollars to create the Eagles for Eagles fund,” Curry said.

Southern Legacy has created funds in the past designed to allow students to see their efforts at work, however students have been confused by the purpose of these funds, Curry said.

“Southern Legacy created ‘A Day for Southern’ so students would have the opportunity to help Georgia Southern in whatever way they wanted. But what happened was, students were getting confused by ‘A Day for Southern’ since they couldn’t see where their funds were going directly. So we created Eagles for Eagles because it’s easier for us and easier for students to understand,” Curry said.

Thus far, Southern Legacy has been raising money solely through friends and acquaintances, Curry said.

“So far, to raise money, our members have been targeting people they know for larger gifts, on a personal level. But on a student organization level, we’ve been trying to get other student leaders to make large gifts, like SGA, Southern Ambassadors, the Leadership Program and CL’s,” Curry said.

Southern Legacy will be taking public donations on campus within the next few weeks, Curry said.

“At the end of February and beginning of March, we’ll have a site on campus where we’ll be collecting smaller gifts, like one dollar or five dollars,” Curry said.

Southern Legacy is looking for volunteers to join and help them raise money for this cause, Curry said.

“We are currently looking for volunteers to help raise money. We meet Tuesday’s at five-thirty in the Williams Center,” Curry said.

Southern Legacy will be raising funds for Eagles for Eagles every spring. Curry is confident that students will accept Eagles for Eagles easier than "A Day for Southern.

Curry encourages students to donate, because Southern Legacy cannot award its funds until it reaches its goal of $14,000.

Southern Legacy will be accepting donations online and in person, Curry said.

“To make a donation, contact Southern Legacy members, or you can go online or you can give on campus during those weeks that we’ll be set up,” Curry said.

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Benefit concert spreads word for Invisible Children

BY JAZMIN DAVIS
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University's Black Student Alliance shed light on a good cause at the Invisible Children benefit concert Friday night. Students came together in the Russell Union Ballroom to witness a performance from their peers and raise awareness. The Invisible Children documentary filmmaking organization fights to take child soldiers in Uganda out of war and educate them for a bright future.

The Lord's Resistance Army and the Government of Uganda have been in a 23-year war that has put their own young citizens in the line of combat. According to their website, the members of Invisible Children "are supporting and equipping a generation ravaged by war so that they can finally know peace."

BSA's philanthropy for this semester is to get the word out about this issue. The group picked up the inspiration for giving back by putting on a concert in hopes of raising funds.

"I feel that it's vital to serve people every way we possibly can," Breana Mitchell, a senior sociology major and member of the BSA executive board, said. "Set up with a 91.9 "The Buzz" table at the left and a band to the right, the show kicked off in low light with a heart-felt slideshow presentation about the history and goals of Invisible Children."

The evening featured eight performances by singers, dancers and rappers, all of who are students at GSU. Performers like Euphoria, The Commotions, and Khrys Dent raised the spirit of the audience as they raised awareness.

"(The performance) was slightly about promotion, but it was definitely for a good cause. I'm always up for charity," Dent, a senior public relations major and rapper, said.

Euphoria started the line of performances for the evening. After, well known campus organizations like Adrenaline Show Choir and Soul'd Out Campus Choir took the stage. With their collection of voices, the groups reminded the audience of the original purpose for the concert.

"We love doing philanthropy, especially for Invisible Children, because it's something people should know about," Katie Crenshaw, senior early childhood education major and vice president of Adrenaline, said.

The viewers of the show found it to be stimulating. Each of the acts kept students singing and clapping along to the music. Nothing but positive energy resonated the walls of the ballroom that evening.

"They were pretty entertaining. Especially Soul'd Out, I believe they were very motivational," Rai Gethers, sophomore journalism and public relations major who attended the show to support BSA and Invisible Children, said.

The event turned out to be a way to bring entertainment to campus while making GSU students aware of the Invisible Children.
Euphoria dance team to host tryouts

Performing arts

BY KIMEKO MCCOY
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University Euphoria dance team is looking for new talent as it hosts auditions this week.

The dance team has had success in winning competitions such as 2011's Doo/Dah Step show. Made up of students from different backgrounds, Euphoria has high hopes for this year's dancers.

"Our style is similar, with creative twists, but we have two totally different atmospheres," Racqueal Peters, a senior majoring in finance and director of the Euphoria team, said.

Though the teams are similar, Euphoria hopes to break away from the association and make a name for itself here on campus.

"Historically, we're a hip hop crew. We tick, break dance and do isolation," Peters said. The team started from scratch with anyone who was interested, but now the competition is greater. "The bar has been raised," Peters said.

Other members of the dance team enjoy learning new moves and being a part of something they love with other friends and dancers.

Jasmine Ochoa, who is a freshman majoring in nursing, has been dancing with Euphoria and this is her first semester.

"I like it a lot," Ochoa said. "They take time with us. Practice makes perfect."

Other members, like Atolani Quadri, a senior chemistry and biology major, also like the dance team. Quadri has been with the crew for about three semesters and sees it as a great opportunity for everyone.

"I love it. It's a great experience and everyone here is like family," Quadri said.

Though the bar has been raised for this year, the dance crew is still inviting those who are interested to attend tryouts.

"We're looking for anyone who's interested. We're really looking for talent," Peters said.

There are a few requirements for those who try out. All of the participants in the tryouts are taught a routine and expected to be able to replicate it. In addition to this, there is a 30 second to one minute routine that each individual needs to have ready to be judged.

Tryouts are this week, Feb. 7-9, at the RAC in studio 2 at 9 p.m.
The Harlem Renaissance will re-emerge as the Georgia Southern University Multicultural Student Center presents the musical 'Of Ebony Embers.'

The Harlem Renaissance, which serves as inspiration for the musical 'Of Ebony Embers' is a period of time in which black artists, poets and musicians found innovative ways to express themselves through their talents.

"Of Ebony Embers: Vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance" is a music theater work that celebrates and focuses on the lives, history and works of three well-known black poets.

Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen and Claude McKay will be characters portrayed on stage with the help and creative abilities of the painter, muralist and the "Father of Black Art," Aaron Douglas.

Darius Robinson, a second semester graduate assistant and employee at the Multicultural Student Center said, "It's an opportunity for students to get a glimpse at the different music and poetry of the Harlem Renaissance."

This is the second year that the production "Of Ebony Embers" has been presented here at GSU. The Multicultural Student Center has always worked hard to bring diversity events to GSU for students and faculty alike to take part in.

This show which is one that portrays characters that have left their own landmark on American history is no different.

"Of Ebony Embers" ties together the spirit and celebrities of that era with the music of that time period.

It ranges from poets that were inspired by the movement of the Harlem Renaissance, like Hughes, to musical talents that sang their way to the top of the charts during the Jazz Age, such as pianist Duke Ellington, Jelly Roll Morton and other black composers.

Many students in America's educational system have previous knowledge of the Harlem Renaissance and its influences that spread and touched people's lives of various backgrounds. Poets like Hughes, Cullen and McKay are familiar names, but this time it is different.

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Questions remain for SoCon champs

BY COLIN RITSICK
The George-Anne staff

Fans, scouts and even coaches caught their first glimpse of this year's Georgia Southern University baseball team in action this weekend.

The team held three inter-squad scrimmages over the weekend, with the starting position players hitting against the starting pitchers and the second string players hitting against the backup pitchers. This was the first live pitching the team has seen in a real game environment this year.

"It's very important for us to have these scrimmages," head coach Rodney Hennon said. "Today, for instance, we moved some guys around just to try to get a feel for what they can do to try to define some roles before opening day."

Opening weekend for the Eagles will be a three-game home stand beginning Feb. 17 against University of Tennessee-Martin. The defending Southern Conference Champions are aiming to continue the success they experienced last year.

"We are a long way away from that right now, and certainly I think we are capable of doing that, but I think the most important thing is just for us to focus on getting better and trying to be as good as we can be on February seventeenth."

In order for the team to be as good as it can be, it is going to need some younger guys to pull through on the mound. Two of the team's four starters, not to mention the two with the lowest ERAs, Andy Moya and Matt Murray, graduated last year leaving quite a hole in the GSU pitching staff.

Pressure will be placed on younger players like junior Justin Hess and sophomore Will Middour to perform, in addition to the two returning starters, junior Chris Beck and senior Josh Adams.

"We've got a lot of young guys that are going to contribute and have an opportunity to play this year, and the good thing is that we have some veteran guys around that are going to help them adjust to this level of competition. They all have a great work ethic and want to continue to get better," Hennon said.

Some of those veteran players Hennon spoke of include SoCon All-Tournament Team Shortstop Eric Phillips, SoCon All-Tournament Team Designated Hitter Michael Burruss, and Pre-Season All-American Outfielder Victor Roache.

All of the team's players will need to continue to make a big impact, not only with their bats but also in the field. GSU finished last year with impressive defensive statistics but needs to work on its ability to make the plays every time, every game.

When asked what the one thing he has been working on with his team from last year to this year, Hennon simply said, "Consistency."

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The George Southern University baseball team held its first pre-season scrimmage last weekend. Expectations are high for the Eagles, who won the SoCon tournament last season and notched a 7-0 victory over No. 1 Florida as well.

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GSU golf riding momentum into spring season

BY KEVIN GREGAN
The George-Anne staff

The winter is just about over, and for many Georgia Southern University students the spring-like weather here in February is sure to bring up the urge to play golf.

The GSU golf team has felt that urge, and it will be competing in its first golf tournament of the new year in Gainesville, Fla. to show its skills in the Gator Invitational this weekend.

The tournament will be held at the Mark Bostic Golf Course. The 6,701-yard par-70 course is short by professional standards but is still considered a very physically and mentally challenging course.

Even though this tournament will be the first of this semester, it isn't the first of the golf season. The Eagles have already participated in five tournaments last semester.

GSU, as a team, achieved three top-five finishes amongst those five tournaments.

Business major Lewis Gruber is the only senior on the team and he's expected to lead his team to impressive scores throughout the rest of the season.

Gruber has made three top-10 finishes out of the five tournaments so far this season. Last year, he made second place in the Southern Conference tournament with his career low 54-hole round of 208 strokes. This helped the Eagles win the tournament.

As the defending SoCon tournament champions, the Eagles are currently fifth in conference rankings with six tournaments to go.

The head coach of the Eagles, Larry Mays, has been coaching the team for 11 years. During his first year in the 2000-2001 season, he led the team to its first postseason appearance since 1988.

Due to that performance, Mays earned the 2001 "Coach of the Year" award. An award he'd later win for a second time during the 2008-2009 season.

Since starting his tenure at GSU, Mays has led the Eagles to three SoCon championship victories and nine NCAA Regional Championship appearances.

Performances in those regional championships earned the Eagles the chance to play in four NCAA National Championships.

Students will have the chance to cheer for their team here in Statesboro later this season in March at the 33rd annual Schenkel Invitational. Teams in the field include University of Alabama, Auburn University, University of Florida, University of Notre Dame, the University of Mississippi, and University of Kentucky.

Fans can go ‘Loco’ with coach Young on Tuesdays

BY CLINTON HINELY
The George-Anne staff

Every Tuesday night at 7 p.m., fans have an opportunity to ask men's basketball head coach Charlton Young a question concerning the Eagles' recent performances.

At Loco's Grill and Pub, Young will be on-air live with Chris Blair for the "Inside Georgia Southern Basketball" hour-long radio show and is available to answer live audience questions about this year's team.

"It has been great," Young said. "We are very intimate and informative with our fanbase. I think that is important to building the program."

"Our fans are very well informed and pay attention to what is going on," Young said. "and Chris Blair is fabulous, and it's like we are just having a conversation in the locker room or his living room. It really, really works and we have a good time."

For those who cannot attend, the show is on 103.7 The Boomer and available online at www.georgiasoutherneagles.com/ eaglevision, with fans able to submit questions via e-mail at askthecoach@georgiasouthern.edu, Twitter @GaSouthernRadio or phone in at 1-855-478-4040.

"Our faculty, staff and the community have been behind us even when we were having rough times, and I think they see what is coming down the road," Young said. "I am very thankful and appreciative for all the love and support we have gotten since taking on this huge rebuilding process — it really was rebuilding from rock bottom."

There is extra incentive for Student Eagle Club members to attend, as they will receive a 25 percent discount on the night.
Men's basketball

BY CLINTON HINELY
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University men's basketball team went into the half tied with Furman University 34-34.

The Eagles entered the game with a perfect 5-0 home record in the Southern Conference. GSU was looking to maintain its home record and avenge the previous loss this season to the Paladins, losing 54-64 in Timmons Arena on Jan. 19.

GSU fell behind 10-0 within the first three minutes of the game before it went on a 13-0 run of its own to give the Eagles the lead.

The first half was tightly contested throughout, with each team going through up and down moments. Neither team was able to grab the momentum and sustain a lead. The Paladins shot 48 percent from the floor, with the Eagles not far behind at a 44.8 percent rate. The teams were tight on rebounds, with the Eagles leading that category 16-14. The only statistic remotely different was the Eagles had 10 fouls and Furman only had five.

Willie Powers III led his team with eight points and added four assists. Freshman Jessie Pernell had a solid first half, adding seven points, while sophomore Jelani Hewitt tried to keep his hot streak going. Hewitt is averaging 19 points a game over the past three games. He posted six points in the first half.

As the game was not over by press time, please check thegeorgeanne.com for a full review.

The Eagles took on the Paladins during Monday's Military Appreciation Day double header. Left: Georgia Southern mascot, Gus, pumps up the crowd in his combat fatigues. Center: Junior forward Cameron Baskerville and senior guard Willie Powers III trap a Furman ball handler. Right: Sophomore guard Tre Bussey drives the lane against Furman.
Lady Eagles fall shy of win to Davidson

Women's basketball

BY ANNA WELLS
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University women's basketball team experienced a close loss against Southern Conference opponents Davidson College on Monday's Military Appreciation doubleheader, falling 69-62.

The Lady Eagles came into the contest 3-10 in the Southern Conference, and after experiencing a winning month of January were looking to snap a three-game losing streak. Davidson came into the contest ranked third and a 10-2 record in the SoCon. The Lady Eagles fell to Davidson 48-72 in their last meeting in December and have a 19-21 record against Davidson in the all-time series.

The starting five for GSU were sophomore Danielle Spencer, junior Meredyth Frye, freshman Anna Claire Knight and sophomore Mimi Dubose. Guard Janay Wilson put the Lady Eagles on the board early, but they were unable to capitalize on the momentum and Davidson began to take over.

The Wildcats scored the next nine points, until Dubose went to the arch to give the Lady Eagles three, making the score 7-17 with 13 minutes left in the first half. Sophomore guard Lacie Dowling scored a three-pointer off the bench, putting GSU within 13 points of the Wildcats with five minutes left in the first half. Davidson muscled its way to 18 points in the paint, as opposed to GSU's four. The Lady Eagles were unable to overcome Davidson's tough offense and ended the half 24-43.

The Lady Eagles came in the second half ready to play, holding the Wildcats to four points while GSU was able to score seven during the first five minutes of the second half, cutting Davidson's lead to 16 points. However, Davidson was able to score the next seven points before Frye scored three more points for the Lady Eagles, making the score 34-54 Davidson.

With ten minutes left in the game, the Lady Eagles went on an eight-point scoring streak, including a jumper from Spencer and two free throws from Frye. Dubose scored her fourth three-pointer of the night followed by another from Jordi Cook to bring the Lady Eagles within nine points of the Wildcats with 7:25 left to play.

With two minutes left in the game, the Lady Eagles were down 57-69, until Knight was able to score a layup and bring the Lady Eagles within 10 points of the Wildcats. In the final seconds, Wilson scored the final basket of the night, also her of first three-pointer of the night, making the final score 69-62.

Dubose continued to lead the Lady Eagles in points with 14, and Frye was not far behind her with 11 points.

"I certainly would have loved a win — not happy with a loss by any stretch of the imagination, but at the same time we just took two of the top teams in the conference down to the wire", said head coach Cram.

Lady Eagles overpowered by Wildcats

BY COLIN RITSCK
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University women's basketball team was out-muscled on Monday, scoring only 14 points in the paint.

The Eagles finished the first half with only four points from under the basket. This allowed the Davidson College Wildcats easy access to a head start, getting out to a 28-13 lead after only 10 minutes and 42 seconds had elapsed.

This number wouldn't have necessarily been worthless, if it did not pale in comparison to the Wildcats' number of points in the paint. Davidson opened up the first half with 18 points in the paint.

The Wildcats dominated GSU's defense down low, finishing the game with 30 points in the paint, giving them the edge in the 69-62 victory.

However, in the Eagles' defense, Davidson's two starting post players were much bigger than GSU's — Sarah Davis, a 6'3 junior, and Sophia Aleksandrovic, a 6'4 junior.

GSU rushed too many shots, shooting 37.9 percent from the field, instead of looking down low for assistance.

It seemed like just about every time that the Eagles did get a good look under the basket, the long arms of the Wildcats' tall defenders came from nowhere to swat the ball away.

Monday's game was the first game of the Military Appreciation Double-header which was followed by the men's game against Furman University.

The Eagles will look to bounce back against the Samford University Bulldogs on Saturday at 5 p.m., at Samford.

The Lady Eagles lost to the Bulldogs 53-47 the last time they met in Statesboro on Jan 7.
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