Faculty feel left out in new meal plan system

BY CYDNEY LONG
The George-Anne contributor

Starting this fall, Lakeside and Landrum will offer all-access dining, which has stirred up unsavory responses from many Georgia Southern University faculty members.

In previous years, faculty and staff could go into Lakeside and grab a single cup of coffee or a bowl of cereal à la carte. If they want to do this in the fall, they will have to pay at least $8.50 each time they enter one of the dining halls.

While determining the type of meal plan to establish, Eagle Dining Services only surveyed students and did not include faculty and staff.

Without surveying faculty or staff, Eagle Dining Services would not know if more staff would purchase food when they have to pay more for a cup of coffee, Clara Krug, a professor in the department of foreign languages, said.

“Given the number of faculty and staff, See MEAL PLAN, Page 9

Offense struggles in eight-game skid

BY COLIN RITSICK
The George-Anne staff

One month ago the Georgia Southern University baseball team had just beaten the No. 11 Georgia Institute of Technology and was the top-ranked team in the Southern Conference.

Oh, how one month can change things.

The Eagles (21-19, 10-11 SoCon) have now lost eight games in a row and have dropped to sixth place in the conference.

In its 66-year history, GSU baseball has dropped eight straight only three times, this season and two separate times during the 1999 season.

During the month of March, GSU won 14 of its 19 games and carried a .279 batting average. So far during the month of April, the team has lost 10 of 13. During this eight-game losing streak the Eagles have a combined .221 batting average.

What is more alarming than the sheer lack of hits is the number of times that GSU has struck out. The Eagles have See OFFENSE, Page 21
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Local resident robbed at gunpoint

BY CYDNEY LONG
The George-Anne contributor

A resident of Eagle Villas Suites was robbed at gunpoint around midnight Tuesday, according to a news release by Statesboro Police Department.

The resident told officers that she let four black males, only one of which she knew by an alias, into her apartment, according to the news release.

The resident cooperated and no injuries were reported, according to the news release.

The resident was shown a photo and identified the suspect she knew by an alias.

The Statesboro Police Department has posted a picture of the suspect on their Facebook page. Anyone with information is urged to contact Detective Kevin Wadley at the Statesboro Police Department.
Our View

GSU shouldn’t stop at the top

In last Thursday’s edition of The George-Anne, we reported on the Board of Regents’ approval of the green fee. In the latest edition we reported that the Princeton Review had named Georgia Southern University one of its top 322 colleges in the field of sustainability, making us a national leader in lessening our environmental impact.

The green fee will be split into four parts: supporting sustainable efforts, promoting green lifestyles on campus, improving sustainability curriculum and environmental education, and hiring new personnel for the Center for Sustainability. The money gathered from the fee will be used to retrofit buildings with sustainable technology and bring experts and speakers to GSU.

The inclusion of GSU in the Princeton Review’s list shows that nation that we are at the forefront of sustainability research, development and implementation. It is a prestigious honor and will bring GSU to the attention of those in the field.

Princeton’s recognition of GSU as a leader in the field should not stop us from continuing to pursue further achievement. It would be easy to maintain the same level of excellence and to go no further, but that would be a mistake.

Perhaps, instead of putting some of the money from the fee into educating other students, it could be used to do something that would directly affect the school’s sustainable infrastructures, such as installing solar panels or reflective roof tiles. We encourage GSU to keep improving the school’s green aspects and to add new environmentally friendly features to campus and its structures.

Homework can change the world

As students, we often think that the work we do is pointless and unnecessary. We have to take tests and quizzes that we have no idea we had and half the time we don’t even pass the ones we knew we had. But what if a bit of class work you did changed the world? For that perspective, let’s look at Thomas Herndon.

Herndon is a graduate student at UMass Amherst and he managed to flip the economic world upside down by simply reading an Excel sheet. Harvard economists Carmen Reinhardt and Kenneth Rogoff, two of the most respected economists in the field, published a widely cited paper in 2010 that showed that there is a precipitous drop in GDP growth once debt reaches 90% of a country’s GDP. The Reinhardt-Rogoff paper has been cited by many economists and other data that their research is based off of. After some time, the two economists relented and Herndon was given the data. Much to his surprise, the two authors had committed a simple spreadsheet error.

Reinhardt and Rogoff failed to extend the equation to the last five countries in their data set, significantly skewing the results. They also used only one year of data collected from New Zealand, which happened to be a very bad year for the country.

Next time you are assigned to do research or a research project for a class, remember that your discoveries can dramatically change the field that you are researching. For Herndon, his discovery might influence the policy that governments enact in the face of rising debt. So don’t forget to do your homework, you might make the news.

Farmer is a senior political science and international studies major from Thomasville. He is the current Copy Editor and former Opinions Editor.
Universal background checks need to be seriously considered

The NRA has succeeded in protecting our 2nd Amendment rights from intrusive universal background checks. We all know universal background checks were just a plan in Barack Obama’s hidden agenda to take all our guns away. Do you hear how stupid that sounds? First off, the NRA leadership is one of the most hypocritical and politically motivated groups in the United States. The NRA leadership, which is comprised of corporatist, D.C. establishment lobbyists, has repeatedly spoken out against measures that a majority of Americans, even a majority of NRA members, support, such as universal background checks for gun sales. Over 90 percent of Americans favored universal background checks to sell a gun and 85 percent of NRA members also agreed with the measure as well.

You see, the NRA leadership has become the lap dog for the gun companies. They’re scared you all into believing President Obama is working to take your guns and any legislation created by him or the Democrats is a ploy to get all the guns. That’s ignorance. So you all go out and buy every gun on the shelves to make sure Obama has to pry it out of your hands. The gun companies happily accept the new business and reward NRA Vice President Wayne LaPierre with a hefty monetary reward for stirring up the waters.

To be honest, I am shocked you hardcore NRA members aren’t outraged by your NRA membership. They have proven that they really don’t give a damn about you or what you think the 2nd Amendment means. They just want you to keep buying guns, but they aren’t going to say that, so they make sure you’re scared enough to go do it on your own.

And some of you new NRA members are much like the NRA leadership. You just affiliate with the NRA for politics, to make a political statement for all your buddies.

So no, I don’t misunderstand the new NRA, I know exactly who they are. The problem is many of you “proud card-carrying members of the NRA” quite simply do not.

GSU needs to broaden its speakers

Last semester Georgia Southern hosted a speaker to come give a presentation to the students of the university. His name was Tim Wise. His motive? To teach the impressionable students of Georgia Southern about something he calls “white privilege.” The main gist of his white privilege theory is that no matter what happens in society, we as white people are free from any sort of stereotype that could give some form of negative connotation towards our race as a whole. He has openly stated in almost all of his essays that he writes how much he despises campus conservatives and Republicans alike because of how we “hear no evil.”

Here is some food for thought: by outing the white race as privileged, or advantaged does he not further divide them? Mr. Wise continues to “educate” others by condemning Republicans calling them “colorblind pixies who throw peanuts at black people.” Oh but he doesn’t stop there, he continues to preach that when conservatives make arguments against taking advantage of welfare benefits that we as disgusting republicans are obviously implying that these people are those of color. Well just to clear the air, Republicans recognize that people of all races take advantage of welfare benefits. We don’t care what color they are; we care about the fact that people take advantage of a system meant to help those in desperate need. Race is not relevant in such discussion.

Tim Wise is not educational; his motives are like those of any other politician. He wants people to agree with a liberal agenda, the only difference is because he doesn’t run for public office and calls himself an essayist, and author or an “educator,” he gets away with these things that those kept under a close watch would not. He alienates the black race as a whole and uses those tactics to push them toward a liberal stance. His key is racial solidarity, grouping African Americans as if they should all think the same way.

As much as the left around this campus preaches diversity it appears they only like diversity if it agrees with their own beliefs. Rather than bring a man who claims to teach antiracism with his own racist claims, why not work to host an African-American conservative to come speak as to why they chose the views they have? There are plenty of other ways to educate students.

Wise is a freshman political science major from Griffin. He is involved in the Young Democrats and has worked on political campaigns in Griffin and Statesboro.

Religious freedom shouldn’t override others’ well-being

On Tuesday I wrote an article about religious tolerance and being careful not to insult someone’s beliefs simply because they may differ from your own or the one in your community. Today I want to discuss why it may be necessary in some cases to question the actions of others based on faith. Of course, I should say that judgments should be made on a case-by-case basis and the entirety of a religion should not be criticized for the actions of a couple individuals.

In the news there has been a story about a fundamentalist Christian couple, Herbert and Catherine Schaible, who are in trouble for the death of another child. The couple had been on probation following the death of their toddler four years ago and now another son has died at just 8 months old. What’s controversial about these cases is that each time the couple decided against modern medical treatment for their boys and opted for prayer and faith-healing. The couple was going to be jailed after the first child’s death, but because they had seven other children to take care of they were sentenced to 10 years’ probation instead.

I advocate freedom of religion, but not when it encroaches on someone else’s rights or well-being. This couple was a danger to children, but they were taught to rely only on faith healing through their particular church. I can’t believe that even after the death of their son they continued to use the same method on another child. This is negligence and abuse, and I fear for all of the children that have been in their care. I believe that if they didn’t learn their lessons, which obviously they haven’t, they should be charged more harshly and courts should be very wary of allowing children to be in their home.

Their beliefs brought death to their children who would have probably recovered fine had they been properly treated by a medical doctor. Friends of the Schaibles say the couple is distraught, but they believed they were being good parents. They still don’t see what they did as wrong, and for that they will always be a danger to children.

Pulley is a junior English major from Florence, S. C. She is also the vice-president of the international club.

Mutimer is a senior construction management major from Augusta. He is involved in the College Republicans and has worked on political campaigns in Augusta.
We need to break up with oil

April 20 marked the three-year anniversary of the BP oil spill. On this date, Florida joined Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana in the list of states seeking damages for the disaster. In an odd irony, the Arkansas oil spill occurred just a few weeks before. The BP and Arkansas oil spills are landmark examples of the far reaching, long lasting effects of an oil spill.

The media gives much attention to the toxic substance used to disperse petroleum, Corexit, a substance used to clean up oil spills pose a problem. Corexit, a substance used to disperse petroleum, has caused nausea, diarrhea, bloody stools, cognitive issues and peeling rashes for some of the cleanup workers.

You may say we should figure out ways to prevent oil spills through better technology. Instead of wasting efforts to figure out how to prevent spills, why don’t we stop unearthing and transporting the toxic substance for good? The time, money and research would be better used to create green technology and energy sources.

Rellying on fossil fuels like oil has thrown up numerous red flags, yet our society refuses to commit to better alternatives. It’s like the girl we all know who keeps going back to the same piece of crap guy and won’t consider better options no matter how many times he proves he is a terrible boyfriend. Let’s all move on. It’s time to break up with oil.

Exxon craftily found a loophole that exempts them from having to pay taxes into the fund that cleans up oil spills like these. Exxon is saying they will pay for the cleanup anyway. Believe when you see it, they never paid the full amount awarded in court for the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. Even the substances used to clean up oil spills pose a problem. Corexit, a substance used to disperse petroleum, has caused nausea, diarrhea, bloody stools, cognitive issues and peeling rashes for some of the cleanup workers.

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To submit a Letter to the Editor, please send a letter with your name, hometown, major and academic year of no more than 350 words to letters@georgiasouthern.edu
THURSDAY 4.25.2013

7 P.M.
BOULDERING NIGHT OUT
SOUTHERN ADVENTURES CENTER
This event is open to all ranges of experience, whether you are an experienced climber or a first timer. Participate in the event and get the chance to win prizes while enjoying some free food! The theme for this event is “Another Day at the Office” (Button ups, fancy pants, coffee mugs, etc.) Best dressed may receive a prize as well.

10 P.M. - 1 A.M.
A NIGHT AT THE CLUBHOUSE
HACKER'S CLUBHOUSE
Join at the University Programming Board for a night of FREE mini golf, laser tag and bowling at Hacker's Clubhouse. Don't forget to bring your Eagle ID.

FRIDAY 4.26.2013

6 - 8 P.M.
THROWBACK NIGHT: A GOOFY MOVIE
RUSSELL UNION THEATER
The University Programming Board sponsors a weekly movie series every Friday in the Russell Union Theater. You can enjoy the newest, hottest and most popular pre-home releases for FREE with concessions going for as little as $1.00 each, you can't beat the value of UPB Cinema. Don't forget to bring your Eagle ID.

SATURDAY 4.27.2013

11 A.M. - 12 P.M.
BASEBALL VS MACON STATE
RAC BASEBALL FIELD

12:30 - 1:30 P.M.
SOFTBALL VS MACON STATE,
RAC SOFTBALL FIELD
Join us at the RAC fields to watch the club sports baseball and softball teams play their final home games of the spring semester against Macon State. Visit Club Sports at http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/club-sports/.

10 A.M.
ARCHERY
RAC FIELDS
Watch the “Final Showdown Shoot” as our Club Sports archery team shows off their skills. Check out the calendar at http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/club-sports/schedule-of-events/.

SUNDAY 4.28.2013

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 5.1.2013

8 - 10 P.M.
INNER TUBE WATER POLO FREE PLAY
THE RAC
Splash around the pool with a friendly game of water polo! Don't worry if you are not a good swimmer because a nifty inner tube will keep you afloat during all the action.

8 P.M.
ADVENTURE MOVIE SERIES
THE RAC
Come to the RAC and watch a movie with the Southern Adventures team! Enjoy free popcorn and other snacks as well! The movie will be posted soon at www.georgiasouthern.edu/cru.

TUESDAY 4.30.2013

6 P.M.
CLUB SPORTS COUNCIL
The Club Sports council will be meeting on this date at 6 p.m. For more information visit http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/club-sports/.

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.
UNPLUGGED
RUSSELL UNION COMMONS
The University Programming Board invites you to our weekly UNplugged Series! Looking for something fun to do on campus? Want to watch some live performers? Maybe even want to try out that new song of yours? Georgia Southern UNplugged is a coffeeshouse series/Open Mic Night held in the Russell Union Commons. Come see the talented students of Georgia Southern showcase their skills. Free Starbucks coffee for attendees. Don't forget to bring your Eagle ID.

If you would like to become an official for basketball, come out to our clinic in the seminar room at the RAC on this date. If you make it through the first clinic, there will be another on Wednesday and Thursday that you must attend.
GSU community to discuss human rights issues
Weekend conference to feature South Sudan Ambassador as keynote speaker

BY LILLY MCCANN
The George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University Student Abolitionist Movement will host a Human Rights Conference this weekend with the South Sudan Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Akec Khoc, as the keynote speaker.

The conference costs $10 and will be in the Russell Union, starting at 7 p.m. on Friday and will be from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday. Registration is available leading up to the day of the event.

Women's rights, specifically involving human trafficking, will be the main focus of the conference, along with children's rights, gay rights and minority rights.

"Human trafficking is a huge issue in women's rights because of lack of education and vulnerability to exploitation," Zach McGalliard, president of SAM, said.

The conference is about awareness, Claire Torrell, vice president of SAM, said.

"We wanted a conference that would be more diverse with a lot of different issues," Shauntay Harris, vice president of the African Student Association, said. "We've incorporated organizations such as Invisible Children, SAM and ASA and picked issues relevant to each organization."

Friday, attendees will be able to meet the keynote speaker as well as the other organizations, students, professors and special guests that will be involved in the conference.

"I'm excited that the South Sudan Ambassador is coming. My first year in the model African Union, I represented South Sudan, which at the time had a lot of human rights violations happening. I was able to speak with him about his experience with his country," Harris said.

The networking at the conference and interaction among organizations is invaluable, Torrell said.

The morning panel on Saturday was organized by Amnesty International and includes several individuals with opposing beliefs and perspectives.

"There is going to be tons of information. It's not like a conference where you just listen and learn. It's the opportunity to put your opinions out there, share your knowledge and really learn something," Torrell said.

"We want to raise the dialogue and address every facet, belief and perspective on these issues," Torrell said.

Invisible Children will show a short documentary that will be discussed during one of the breakout sessions.

"I'm so excited about the speakers. I don't know nearly enough about minority rights. We have speakers talking about children's rights, LGBT rights and women's rights. Let's hear it, let's go, I want to learn," Torrell said.

Universal Unitarian Reverend Jane Page will speak on behalf of LGBTQ Rights around the world and Dr. Lori Ami will discuss women's rights and trafficking with a focus on the demand side.

Adam Hazlip, graduate assistant in the Center for Multicultural Studies, will present on Mass Incarceration for Minority Rights.

There will be an online petition people can sign that will be sent to the Obama Administration as a follow-up to a petition last year that resulted in over 80,000 signatures, McGalliard said.

Students can register online at the Multicultural Student Center's website or at SAM's table that will be set up at the Russell Union from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. everyday. The first 20 people to register receive a free t-shirt.

The price of registration will cover a Caribbean Feast Friday night, breakfast and a McAllister's lunch on Saturday.

"Every issue is important, we need each other. We are the next generation of students that will be able to change these things," Torrell said.

Taylor Critchlow contributed to this report.

The Human Rights Conference will be held this Friday and Saturday in the Russell Union and will discuss topics such as women's rights, LGBTQ rights and children's rights.
GSU receives honor for community service

BY MADISON ROESEL
The George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University received recognition in the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

“This award recognizes the dedication of our students, faculty and staff to invest their lives in this community,” Dr. Todd Deal, director of the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, said in a news release.

The data from the 2011 to 2012 academic year revealed more than 3,900 students engaged in nearly 369,000 hours, or more than 15,000 days, of community service, according to a news release.

“Our students definitely have a heart for investing their lives through service. I can say that I have never seen a university student body with such a dedication to service,” Deal said in a news release.

This is the first time GSU has applied for and been recognized with the award, Wendy Denton, assistant director for Service Learning, said.

“There is an application process that all universities and colleges are welcome to pursue. They have a certain set of pretty hard questions and data that you turn in and you tell stories about three different example programs that your university participates in,” Denton said.

The application includes a lot of different numbers that we have to calculate and tabulate, Veena Shankar, graduate assistant for service learning, said.

“The tricky part was collecting the data. We didn’t collect anything close to what the university actually produces. We collected what we could and we still won so that’s cool,” Denton said.

The final data submitted includes community service hours from many different departments and programs that the OSLCE communicated with to record a final number of hours, Shankar said.

“We have completed so many hours in terms of work study programs, in terms of practicums, all of these different things were tabulated throughout the Georgia Southern University school system,” Shankar said.

As a part of the application, GSU reported service by its pre-service teachers and nursing students, as well as the community service efforts coordinated through the OSLCE. However, the many hours of service by the Greek organizations were not included, according to a news release.

The Community Liaisons Program, “The Empty Bowl” project during which students produce ceramic bowls that are then filled with chili and sold to raise money for the Statesboro Food Bank, the annual alternative spring break trip to the Bahamas which involved students performing building renovations at the Freeport YMCA and distributing meals through the Red Cross were among the work reported, according to a news release.

“The Community Liaisons program is a program with the goal of bridging the gap between Georgia Southern University and the Statesboro community by having student leaders placed in agencies around the Statesboro community to recruit volunteers for different programs and events and also to implement special projects and programs,” Ryan Keesee, a professor in the department of literature and philosophy, said.

“We have a food system that is basically working like cable television. We can’t just take anything a la carte. We have to buy the eight thousand channels, and that is absolutely absurd,” Senator Secretary Dr. Mark Cyr, a professor in the department of literature and philosophy, said.

“I'll drive off campus before I pay $8.50 for breakfast,” Whelan said.

“By denying us, or changing a ridiculous price, for being able to go in and get a reasonably healthy meal, they are treating us like we aren’t important,” Steirn said.

University President Brooks Keel said that the primary purpose of the two dining halls, Lakeside and Landrum, is to meet the needs of students.

“If they want to serve the students of the dorm community, they should just put dining halls in the dorms,” Steirn said.

The price change inconvenience was not the only issue that faculty had concerning the changes.

“As an FYE professor, we’re often asked to get together with our students so that students get to know at least one professor. A easy thing to do was meet them at Lakeside, and now that option has been taken from us,” Steirn said.

Whelan said that the faculty and staff understand that there are other options such as the Union or the library, but Lakeside was in a central location.
Man accused of cyberstalking college students

BY TRESA BALDAS
Detroit Free Press

A New York man was charged Tuesday in federal court in Detroit with cyber stalking 15 women, telling them he had nude photos of them and threatening to distribute them to their friends and family unless they sent them more naked pictures of themselves.

According to an affidavit filed in U.S. District Court, the defendant, Adam Savader, 21, sent anonymous text messages using Google Voice numbers to 15 women in Detroit; Washington, D.C.; and Long Island, N.Y.

Savader sent some of the victims links to a photo-sharing website where nude pictures of the victims had been posted, the affidavit said.

The FBI learned about the case from Ann Arbor, Mich., police detectives, who had received a complaint last September from a university student stating that she had received threatening messages from a person who had illegally obtained nude photographs of her from her email account.

According to the affidavit, the student had taken six nude photos of herself, uploaded them to her AOL account and intended to send them to her now-ex-boyfriend in England. But she never sent the photos and she never shared them with anyone, nor did she ever give anyone authority to access her AOL account, the affidavit stated.

About a month later, the woman noticed that every time she logged into her AOL account, she was prompted to respond to a security question and had to change her password.

Three months later, she received a text message from someone claiming to be “John Smith” and threatening that he had nude photos of her and that “he would send the nude photos ... to her parents and friends if she did not send him additional photos.”

Smith knew the names of her parents and displayed a Facebook picture of her mother to prove he knew her family, the affidavit said.

The woman provided Ann Arbor detectives with three of her photographs, the affidavit said.

She “pledged her full cooperation and said that if the person was identified, she would like for him to be prosecuted.”

An electronic paper trail led authorities to Savader in Great Neck, N.Y. the same hometown for the college student he allegedly was stalking.

Ann Arbor detectives partnered with FBI agents and discovered that several college women were being stalked.

Savader is in federal custody in New York awaiting extradition to Michigan. He is charged with Internet extortion and cyberstalking in a criminal complaint, although trial cannot be held unless an indictment is handed up.

If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison.
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GSU gamer goes pro

Robbie Switts brings his gaming skills to campus organization

Culture

BY WILLIAM PRICE
The George-Anne staff

The night of May 11, 2012, Robbie Switts stayed up late and even stood up a date for the chance to win an all-expense-paid trip to a national video game tournament. The tournament was organized by the game developer, Blizzard Entertainment, and is hosted in Anaheim, California with a prize pool of $30,000. Switts took the win in the qualifier and was off to California.

“I didn’t think I’d do as well as I did in the qualifier, so I planned to have a date with a girl I just met. Turns out the qualifier lasted until late that night so I completely missed it. Needless to say, she wasn’t too happy,” Switts, professional Starcraft II player, senior marketing and logistics major at Georgia Southern University and the founder of the eSports Association, said.

Starcraft II is a real-time strategy game developed by Blizzard Entertainment. The game has sold over five million copies worldwide and is known for having an incredibly high skill ceiling and difficult-to-master mechanics.

“I’ve always been hyper-competitive in everything, from playing baseball to playing Super Smash Bros. as a kid. It’s always a competition for me, I don’t see why a videogame would be any different,” Switts said.

This past week Switts played in the qualifier for the 2013 edition of the same tournament, the World Championship Series. He placed in the top 64 out of more than 2,000 participants, losing to a professional player from Scotland and barely missing out on qualification.

Switts will have more opportunities to qualify in the coming weeks. Players who qualify are entered in to this year’s World Championship Series doling out a staggering $1.6 million throughout the year.

This tournament and many others like it are part of a new wave of competition called “eSports” or professional gaming, where a player shows his or her skills with a keyboard or controller instead of a bat or ball.

Formerly known as just the Starcraft II Club, the newly formed eSports Association at Southern was founded by Switts with the goal of expanding to more eSport videogame titles like League of Legends, Counter Strike: Global Offensive and DotA2.

Out of more than one million active players in North America, Switts is ranked within the top 200 players for Starcraft II.

“To be that highly ranked in a game that requires so much skill and with so many players is impressive,” Michael Zborowski, officer of the newly formed eSports Association at GSU and junior electrical engineering major, said.

Athletes were once thought of being big, muscular guys, but now there are athletes competing in a new field where they compete virtually with a mouse and keyboard, Zborowski said.

“You look at traditional sports fans and often times they can’t play the sport they’re a fan of. A lot of forty-somethings can’t go out and start up a real game of football, but anybody can download a game and play. I think that’s one of the coolest things about eSports is that the fan base can be so involved with the game they watch,” Switts said.

Switts said, “Anybody can pick up a copy of the game and play with the same tools that the pros do. Everyone is on the same playing field. That’s what I love most about competitive gaming.”
**THURSDAY**

**Dingus Magee's**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- 2-for-1 appetizers, well drinks
- $1.50 Domestic bottles
- $2.50 Import and craft beers
- $2 Well vodka drinks
- $1 Shots

**El Sombrero**
- $2.75 12 oz. domestic drafts

**Fuzzy's**
- Happy Hour 3-8 p.m.
- $2 draft beers, small margaritas
- $3 flavored margaritas

**Loco's**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- $2 draft beers
- Live Music at 9 p.m.

**GATA's**
- Happy Hour 5-8 p.m.
- $1.50 Domestic bottles
- $2.50 Import and craft beers
- $2 Well vodka drinks
- $1 Shots

**Millhouse**
- $2 Draft beers, well drinks, house margaritas

**Mellow Mushroom**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- $2.75 Pint drafts
- $3 Wells
- $2 Margaritas

**Gnat's Landing**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m. and 9-11 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

**Dingus Magee's**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- 2-for-1 appetizers, well drinks
- $1.50 Miller Lite, Coors, PBR and High Life
- $2 shots and big beers
- $2.50 bombs
- $3 doubles
- $4.50 quads

**GATA's**
- Happy Hour 5-8 p.m.
- $1.50 Miller Lite, Coors, PBR and High Life
- $2.50 Import and craft beers
- $2.50 bombs
- $3 doubles
- $4.50 quads

**Millhouse**
- $2.50 Sex on the beach

**Mellow Mushroom**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- $2.75 Pint drafts
- $3 Wells
- $2 Margaritas

**Gnat's Landing**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- Live Band

**SUNDAY**

**Dingus Magee's**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- 2-for-1 appetizers, well drinks
- $1.50 Domestic bottles
- $2.50 Import and craft beers
- $2 Well vodka drinks
- $1 Shots

**El Sombrero**
- $2.75 32 oz. domestic drafts

**Fuzzy's**
- Happy Hour 3-8 p.m.
- $2 draft beers, small margaritas
- $1.50 Miller Lite and Miller draft
- $4.50 Premium wells
- $5.50 Super wells

**Loco's**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- $1/2 Wings, $4 drafts
- $6 Miller Lite Pitchers
- Live Music at 9 p.m.

**Applebee's**
- $4.50 Shock tops

**Manny's**
- Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.
- $2 drafts

**South and Vine Public House**
- $3 Wells
- $5 Craft beers
- $4 Bottle beers

**Ruby Tuesday's**
- Happy Hour 9 p.m.-close
- $5 Appetizers, well drinks
- $1 off draft

**The Grill**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- $2.75 Pint drafts
- $3 Wells
- $2 Margaritas

**South and Vine Public House**
- $3 Wells
- $5 Craft beers
- $4 Bottle beers

**Gnat's Landing**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- $1 off draft beers

**40 East Grill**
- $1 off draft beers

**Gata's Landing**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- Live Music

**The Grill**
- Happy Hour 9 p.m.-close
- $3.50 Bud Light and Miller draft
- $4.50 Premium wells
- $5.50 Super wells

**South and Vine Public House**
- $3 Wells
- $5 Craft beers
- $4 Bottle beers

**Gata's**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- 2-for-1 appetizers
- $1 mixed wells

**Fuzzy's**
- Happy Hour All Day
- $2 draft beers, small margaritas
- $3 flavored margaritas

**Manny's**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- $1.50 Domestic bottles
- $2.50 Import and craft beers
- $2 Well vodka drinks
- $1 Shots

**Loco's**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- $2 draft beers
- Live Music at 9 p.m.

**Mellow Mushroom**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- $2.75 Pint drafts
- $3 Wells
- $2 Margaritas

**Gata's Landing**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- Live Band

**South and Vine Public House**
- $3 Wells
- $5 Craft beers
- $4 Bottle beers

**Ruby Tuesday's**
- Happy Hour 9 p.m.-close
- $5 Appetizers, well drinks
- $1 off draft

**Gata's **
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- $1.50 Domestic bottles
- $2.50 Import and craft beers
- $2 Well vodka drinks
- $1 Shots

**Fuzzy's**
- Happy Hour 3-8 p.m.
- $2 draft beers
- Live Music at 9 p.m.

**Manny's**
- Happy Hour All night
- Kids eat free with purchase of an entrée

**South and Vine Public House**
- $3 Wells
- $5 Craft beers
- $4 Bottle beers

**Loco's**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- $1/2 Wings, 3/4 drafts
- $3 Sangria
- Live Music at 9 p.m.

**Fuzzy's**
- Happy Hour All Day
- $2 draft beers, small margaritas
- $3 flavored margaritas

**Mellow Mushroom**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- $2.75 Pint drafts
- $3 Wells
- $2 Margaritas

**Applebee's**
- $2 for $20 meal

**South and Vine Public House**
- $3 Wells
- $5 Craft beers
- $4 Bottle beers

**Gata's Landing**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- Live Music

**The Grill**
- Happy Hour 9 p.m.-close
- $3.50 Bud Light and Miller draft
- $4.50 Premium wells
- $5.50 Super wells

**Gata's Landing**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- Live Music

**South and Vine Public House**
- $3 Wells
- $5 Craft beers
- $4 Bottle beers

**Ruby Tuesday's**
- Happy Hour 9 p.m.-close
- $5 Appetizers, well drinks
- $1 off draft

**Gata's Landing**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- Live Music

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**Mellow Mushroom**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- $2.75 Pint drafts
- $3 Wells
- $2 Margaritas

**Loco's**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- $1/2 Wings, 3/4 drafts
- $3 Sangria
- Live Music at 9 p.m.

**Fuzzy's**
- Happy Hour All Day
- $2 draft beers, small margaritas
- $3 flavored margaritas

**Manny's**
- Happy Hour All night
- Kids eat free with purchase of an entrée

**Chili's**
- 2 for $20 meal

**Mellow Mushroom**
- Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
- $2.75 Pint drafts
- $3 Wells
- $2 Margaritas

**Ruby Tuesday's**
- Happy Hour 9 p.m.-close
- $5 Appetizers, well drinks
- $1 off draft

**South and Vine Public House**
- $3 Wells
- $5 Craft beers
- $4 Bottle beers
Statesboro band records album in Nashville

Music Review ★★★★☆
BY WILL PEEBLES
The George-Anne staff

Statesboro-born folk-pop group Charlie and the Foxtrots are currently in the process of mastering and promoting their debut album, “The Evergreen E.P.,” which is set to release on iTunes in mid-May.

The Foxtrots’ ability to mesh various elements of pop and folk is the band’s strong suit. Vocalist Chas Wilson’s innocent, cutting voice settles comfortably into a warm wrapping of acoustic instruments ranging from mandolin to banjo, giving the album a modern folk flavor that is both uniquely satisfying and very accessible to the listener.

The driving title track “Evergreen Philosophy” highlights the band’s more folky, hoedown-oriented side. A quick tempo allows the bass to set a groove that is difficult to resist. That groove continues into the soaring chorus as Wilson sings: “I will leave this world behind me/And I won’t sigh for the emptiness inside of me.” The bridge features percussive snaps and claps, which add even more catchiness to an already infectious song.

Perhaps the most interesting song on the album is “Meeting the Stone.” On this darker, more mature ballad, the band demonstrates the flexibility of its instruments while stretching the constraints of its genre.

The haunting and melancholic sounds of blues snake their way through the distorted guitars in a way that does not appear on the rest of the album. This song is easily the furthest from the average Foxtrots sound, but it does not disappoint. For a folk band, the Foxtrots are decently suited for alt-rock and blues.

The only downfall of the album is also one of its greatest strengths. Charlie and the Foxtrots are, relatively speaking, a young band. There are times where the spritely, youthful sound fits perfectly, and there are times when it leaves you desiring to know what the band will sound like in five years. The light, jumpy vibe of “Thumping” is a good example. While the song is catchy, its musical innocence can be overbearing at times.

Members of Charlie and the Foxtrots traveled to Nashville to meet with their band mates the weekend of St. Patrick’s Day this year. The band recorded “The Evergreen E.P.” in four days at Shadow Lane Studios with producer Phillip Wolf and is currently preparing for their summer tour of the east coast.

“The Evergreen E.P.” is a well thought out album full of detailed nuances and an undeniably raw and contagious folk-pop sound. The group’s vocal harmonies are tight, and the album’s lyrics reflect the growing process The Foxtrots are going through as individuals. It’s good.
Barbecue to raise funds for comm. arts department

BY GRACE HUSETH
The George-Anne staff

Communication arts students are cooking up ideas to raise money for the department to move to Sanford Hall in 2014.

Students planned "A Taste for Southern," which is a tailgating themed cook-off, to help fund and purchase new cooking equipment for the studios that will be located in the new building.

The cook-off will be held April 27 from 11:30-2:30 p.m. in the parking lot beside the J.I. Clements baseball stadium.

"The tailgating foods will range from hamburgers and hotdogs to apple pies, with one team named Georgia Southern's top chef," Emily Glass, senior public relations major, said.

The cook-off is a challenge between teams of businesses, families, or students to showcase their best tailgating foods and share traditional tailgating dishes.

The department of communication arts will provide tables at the event and Ellis Meat Market will give all contestants a 10 percent discount on meat supplies for the cook-off.

Only judges will get to taste the food. The four judges are Reedi Hawkins, Miss Georgia Southern 2013, Morgan Love, Homecoming Queen 2012, Gordon Hunter, marketing director of Georgia Southern University Athletics and Marvin Sterling, executive chef at Ruth's Chris Steak House in Savannah.

Along with the cooking competition, there will be music provided by 91.9 The Buzz, a raffle, face painting for kids and corn hole. Many local businesses will come out to support the department of communication arts by giving away raffle prizes.

The first place chefs will recreate their winning dish in a 30-minute cooking segment on the show "Statesboro Cooks." The cooking show airs on channel 99 and will be produced by multimedia communication students under the direction of Tyson Davis, multimedia communication professor, Davia Woulard, sponsorship chairman and senior public relations major, said.

"A Taste for Southern" was organized by a team of public relations majors in the department of communication arts.

Walton said, "We are very excited for this event because the communication arts department doesn't have an annual fundraiser event, so we are trying to lay the foundation for future students to make this event even more successful."

UPB gives 'Iron Man 3' tickets

BY ERINN WILLIAMS
The George-Anne contributor

The University Programming Board has rented out two screens at Carmike Cinemas to allow 400 Georgia Southern University students to see a free midnight premier of "Iron Man 3" on May 2.

UPB began handing out free tickets for the "Iron Man 3" movie premier yesterday under the rotunda.

UPB has already handed out 200 tickets, and 100 more will be handed out today, Paige Rahn, vice president of public relations of UPB and junior public relations major, said.

Students can get tickets with their eagle IDs from 12-2 p.m. today on the grass outside the Russell Union and on UPB's social media sites. There will be twitter giveaways for the rest of the tickets.

"We always do our weekly movies, but they're in the union, and they're movies that have been out for probably around a month. We really wanted to bring students a brand new premiere movie, and we thought what better to do than 'Iron Man 3,'" Rahn said.

UPB's free Friday movies on campus have been very popular, but the organization wanted to think outside of the box.

"At the beginning of every year we have our allotted budget through the students activities fees. This was something that did cost a bit more money, but we really thought the students would appreciate doing something like this, and it was a good use of student activity fees," Rahn said.

Milton Dawkins, chairman of the UPB late-night committee, had the idea to rent out the movie theater and provide students with free tickets.

"He is a senior this semester, and he has been with UPB for all of his college career. This year, this semester actually, he finally got the chair position that he wanted. He has had these great ideas for a while. Now that he is actually in a position where he can fulfill those ideas, he really wanted to run with it," Rahn said.

UPB is happy that it is seeing such a big turnout from students and faculty and hope to do more events like this in the future, Dawkins said.

Michelle Peiguson, freshman business management major said, "I appreciate that they are doing this because the struggle is real for college students, and I'm glad my fees are going to something I actually enjoy."

Alanna Navin contributed to this report.

The Buzz List

- Will.i.am has confessed to stealing the beat behind his new song with Chris Brown, insisting it was unintentional. Now we're just waiting for will.i.am to apologize for making bad music.

- Reese Witherspoon was arrested for disorderly conduct last Friday, at one point yelling "Do you know my name?" at the officer. She then called herself Weese Ridderspoo, because "Witherspoon" is hard to say when you're drunk.

- Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino has started shooting his own reality show. Honestly, it's time for him to just accept his place in the land of outdated trends with Harlem Shake videos and "Gangnam Style."

- Barry Bond's home run champion plaque was stolen right off the stadium wall at AT&T ballpark. The sign was removed and replaced with a large asterisk.

- Jenelle Evans, star of "Teen Mom 2" star has been arrested after authorities discovered heroin in her possession. The only thing more absurd than someone so dumb producing offspring is the fact that "Teen Mom 2" exists.

- Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson underwent abdominal surgery Monday after sustaining injuries earlier this month. I'd like to think The Rock beats ailments by smashing them with a folding chair.

- Yes, Kim Kardashian is still pregnant.

Information compiled by Arts & Entertainment Editor Marissa Marth and Arts & Entertainment Chief Alex LaSalle from perezhilton.com and TMZ.com.
Classifieds

Housing

- Looking for 1 male roommate. 4BR/4BTH in Copper Beech. Rent is $410 with utilities. 12 month lease starting May 1st; in Copper Beech. Rent is $420/month. Utilities average less than $50/month. May rent has been paid. Pet friendly. Move in as early as May 12. If interested or would like to see the apartment contact Anna-Marie at 770-546-6560 or at01770@gmail.com.

- Apartment in Campus Crossings that I am looking to sublease for the summer 2013. The rent for May will already be paid and I am willing to negotiate rent costs for the months of June and July. It is a 4 bedroom apartment with your own bathroom, full kitchen, and washer and dryer are in the room. Please let me know ASAP if you are interested! Contact Kaylah Ibidapo 678-612-1087.

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- Summer sublease at The Grove. The entire 2bd/2bt is available. The apartment is very clean and fully furnished. Everything inclusive. $505/month per person. Lease is available May-July 2013 and May rent is free. Please email k00363@georgiasouthern.edu with any questions.

- Summer sublease at The Forum at Statesboro. Amazing amenities! The Forum at Statesboro. Amazing roommates! Call/text and or email Ketonnia 706-201-1035 ka01879@georgiasouthern.edu.

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- Summer 2013 sublease at The Avenue unfurnished 1bd available in a 4bd/2bt. Located 10 mins from the campus. It includes pool, tanning bed, gym, computer lab, theatre, basketball/volleyball court. $399/month (price is neg.) everything included. The room will be available by May 15th. Contact Leatitia at is00398@georgiasouthern.edu.

- Townhouse for Rent. The village at Mill Creek. No roommate for sublease! Rent is $363/month. March rent is already paid for, so its free! Located at 552 E. Main St. Phone: 478-918-5837 Email: ng00515@georgiasouthern.edu Craigslist ad with pictures: http://statesboro.craigslist.org/rent/3657174191.html.

- Summer male sublease available at The Pointe. 4BR/2BT. Two rooms available. $380/month, utilities included. Fully furnished, washer/dryer, great roommates, close to campus. Property included pool, gym, tanning bed, computer lab, basketball/volleyball court. Contact Brian at (706) 369-1860 or bb0163@georgiasouthern.edu.

- Summer 2013 sublease available for a female in Campus Crossings. Located right across from GSU bus stop. The 3-bedroom apartment is cozy with a nice size bedroom and bath with everything inclusive. The space will practically be empty during the summer so no roommates to worry about. Rent will be around $365 for June and July but price is negotiable. Contact Alexis Flen at af02017@georgiasouthern.edu.

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18 Matadors of the 70s
19 Alien-hunting org.
20 Shade-loving plant
21 Pope before Hilarius
22 Game pieces
23 "The Sorrows of Young Werther" author
25 "Birdman of Alcatraz" Robert
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3 League of Women Voters organizer
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5 Enzyme ending
6 Denounced
7 Scanner brand
8 Manhunt initiators, briefly
9 Small, tight group
10 Its internal angles total 720 degrees
11 Marshland tract
12 "Doctor Who" subject
13 Hard to follow
14 She played Spike Lee's girlfriend in "Do the Right Thing"
22 Thing not to miss
23 Gets the jump on
25 Dumps
26 Davos General Mills spokescritter
27 Like home runs nowadays
28 Is short
29 "Rolling in the Deep" singer
30 Lauding pep
31 Reformers' targets
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33 Maintains
34 Shepherd of "The View"
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Eagles aim to turn things around

BY KATIE TOLBERT
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University's softball team (24-25) will return back home for its second-to-last weekend series against the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (33-14).

Although UNCG has a better overall season record, these two teams are very close opponents. GSU is ranked fourth in the Southern Conference while UNCG is ranked third, but they both have a conference record of 10-7. This season both teams have winning records against Samford University and Elon University, and both teams have losing records against Furman University and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Both teams will be coming off of weekend series losses against conference teams and have one more conference weekend series after this matchup. This series is crucial for both teams because it could determine which team will be ranked higher for the SoCon tournament. GSU still has an opportunity to get ahead of UNCG.

UNCG has shown to be slightly stronger up at bat compared to the Eagles lineup, but GSU’s defense is what sets it apart from the Spartans. The Eagles’ pitchers allow fewer runs, commit less errors and post more strikeouts. This weekend series will come down to who is strongest up at bat, along with being strong and errorless in the circle.

This past weekend GSU struggled with fighting back from large deficits, so the Eagles need to limit the amount of runs the Spartans post when they are up at bat. Junior pitcher Sarah Purvis pitched her second straight shutout at the beginning of last weekend’s series. She digressed in performance towards the end of the weekend, but if she can keep up this pitching strength, UNCG might fall to the Eagles’ defense.

The Eagles will three games against the Spartans on Saturday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Freshman catcher AJ Hamilton (11) eyes the ball before she swings. Hamilton holds a .205 batting average so far this season.

Sarah Purvis
YEAR: Junior
SPORT: Softball
POSITION: Junior pitcher
NUMBER: 0
FROM: Warner Robins

Q. What is your favorite movie?
A. "For the Love of the Game. It is a great movie."

Q. What is your favorite color?
A. "Blue"

Q. What is your favorite activity to do besides softball?
A. "Playing with my dog"

Q. What is your favorite thing about Georgia Southern?
A. "I love how it's kind of small, and everyone seems to be together instead of being big and spread out."

Q. What is the one thing you miss about home being here at Georgia Southern?
A. "Well, I don't get to see my family as much because we are always leaving, so I miss them."
Eagles hope to break streak against Phoenix

Sophomore infielder Tyler Avera (5) throws a ball to first. Avera tallied six hits in 11 at-bats and three RBIs last weekend in the Eagles' series against WCU.

OFFENSE, from page 1

K'ed up a SoCon leading 363 times, 33 more times than any other team. In the last eight games alone, GSU has struck out 84 times, an average of over 10 per game.

The three players with the most strikeouts in the SoCon are all Eagles. Junior infielder Ben Morgan, senior infielder T.D. Davis and senior outfielder Scooter Williams have struck out 48, 45 and 43 times this year respectively – more than any other players in the SoCon.

On top of a plummeting batting average and the high number of strikeouts, GSU is also suffering from a lack of power at the plate. The Eagles hit 14 balls out in March but had not hit a single one up until Wednesday of last week against Kennesaw State University.

Add it all up, and it equals out to be a team with a sub-.500 SoCon record that includes two sweeps in the past two series.

This upcoming series for the Eagles will be a true test of their offensive firepower and consistency as they take on the Phoenix at J.I. Clements Stadium beginning at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

BY SHAKEEM HOLLOWAY
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University baseball team looks to end its eight-game losing streak beginning with a weekend series against second-ranked Elon University.

Once sitting atop the Southern Conference, the Eagles have dropped to sixth place in the SoCon and currently hold a 10-11 record in the conference after losing their last three conference series. The Phoenix is 14-7 in the conference and has been steady the entire season.

Similar to their matchup with Western Carolina University last weekend, the Eagles will have to keep up with the Phoenix offense in order to win. There are heavy hitters within both lineups, but as of late the Phoenix lineup has been more successful.

Junior infielder Sebastian Gomez, junior catcher Ryan Kinsella and junior shortstop Antonio Alvarez have all played in over 40 games this season, and each player is batting above .300. Although Gomez has 30 RBIs and Alvarez has 28 RBIs, Kinsella is the player to watch in the series.

Kinsella is batting .333 with 56 hits and 56 RBIs. He leads the Phoenix in both categories. Kinsella also leads the SoCon in home runs with 16. Kinsella has 14 multiple RBI games and at one point in the season had a 15-game hitting streak. Currently Kinsella has reached base in 19 games straight, a streak the Eagles will want to end.

In order to combat the Phoenix offense, the top of the lineup will have to start hitting like it was at the beginning of the season.

Junior infielder Ben Morgan is tied for second in the SoCon in stolen bases with 18, but in order to steal more bases Morgan has to get on base more.

Morgan's batting average has dropped well below .300 as he is now hitting .269, also leading the SoCon in strikeouts with 48.

Junior infielder Robbie Dodds and senior first baseman T.D. Davis still pack some power in that Eagles lineup. Two of three Eagles with batting averages over .300, Davis and Dodds combine for 19 doubles, 52 runs scored and 59 RBIs.

An x-factor for the Eagles is sophomore second baseman Tyler Avera who recently has really come on strong for GSU. In last weekend's series versus the WCU Catamounts, Avera recorded six hits in 11 at-bats and three RBIs.

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Golf rallies back for fifth place finish

BY RYAN RAMSEY
The George-Anne contributor

The Georgia Southern University golf team finished in the fifth spot in Southern Conference Championship Tuesday.

"Obviously, it's not the finish we came over here for. We just never seemed to get any mojo going after getting blown off the golf course Sunday," head coach Larry Mays said in a news release.

The Eagles started the tournament on the wrong foot, shooting their worst round of the season, finishing the day with an uncharacteristic 27 over par. Through cold air and harsh winds, the Eagles still remained in the contention for a top-5 finish but ended the day in seventh place.

Round two was much more favorable to the squad as it shot the third-lowest round of the season. The Eagles regained their footing as each player on the team shot below an 80, and junior Will Evans had a second consistent day of golf, shooting two over and tying for 15th place overall in the tournament.

"I was proud of the guys yesterday for coming back with a solid round, but today again, a couple of them got off to bad starts and we couldn't get all five of them playing well at the same time, which is something you have to do if you want to compete against good teams and win tournaments. We didn't putt well this week, and that's something we'll have to work on and clean up," Mays said in a news release.

In the third round, the Eagles played a great day of golf, coming within two strokes of conference rival Appalachian State University that went on to finish fourth. Junior Will Evans would lead the Eagles for the second day shooting a 74, which he also shot on day one of the tournament.

Mays said, "Even though it wasn't the finish we wanted this week, we had a great season with three tournament wins and did enough to expect a NCAA regional bid when they get announced May 6."

SoCon names Wolfes 'Golfer of the Year'

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Sophomore Scott Wolfes was named the Southern Conference Golfer of the Year at the SoCon Championship on Tuesday.

The award should come as no surprise as Wolfes placed in the top 10 in seven tournaments with a first or second place finish five times and finished the season off collecting two tournament victories.

Along with Golfer of the Year, Wolfes was named to the first-team all-conference. At the SoCon Championships this week, Wolfes went from shooting a season-worst 81 on the first day to an impressive 18th overall finish by the end of the tournament.

Wolfes also earned the SoCon Golfer of the Week award two times this season.

The 6'1" business marketing major picked up the clubs and started playing at the age of 10. Now he is looking to broadcast his talent on the national level as the Eagles are hoping for a bid to the NCAA Regional Tournament.
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