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A WEEKLY OCCURRENCE BY TOMMY MARTIN

BY: TOMMY MARTIN



STEPS TO BE A GREAT ALLY

**KRISTINA AGBEBIYI**

Agbebiyi is a junior health and promotions major from Kennesaw, Ga. She is a Community Leader and a 2014 SOAR Leader.

I think the first step of allyship is recognizing that a certain community is being oppressed and that you feel the need to do something about it. This step is fairly easy.

The second step is often hard.

This step involves realizing that everything you've been taught about this group of people your whole life has been wrong. Even though it's completely wrong, it's what society as a whole believes and it has been ingrained in you from day one. Also, because society as a whole believes this, you have been afforded many opportunities that

people from this oppressed community have not had access to.

It isn't your fault, and you didn't ask for it, but you still have a privilege that you didn't even realize you had.

This isn't a fun or easy process, and it's almost naive to think that it would be.

The acknowledgment of one's privilege usually comes with a sense of guilt and defensiveness. From one ally to another, I want you to know this:

It is not about you.

It is not the job of the oppressed to provide you emotional support to work through these feelings of guilt and confusion, because they already have enough on their plate. It is also not the job of the oppressed to educate you on your privilege and their life. There are hundreds of years of research and books and movies that can probably aid you on your journey to enlightenment.

So when the oppressed go out of your way to do so, it is a blessing. It is not something that should be taken for granted.

It's a sign that the oppressed think so highly of you, that they did not write you off as another lost cause. They saw the potential within you to rise above what society has taught you and to recognize their humanity.

HAVING A PET IN COLLEGE



ERINN WILLIAMS

@erinairout
Williams is a writing & linguistics and French double major from Winston, Ga. She is the current Opinions Editor of The George-Anne.

October is Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month, and this month I did just that by bringing a sweet little pit bull mix named Eli into my life.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "the pets sharing our world provide love, comfort, and companionship. Pets are not only fun to play with but also important to our lives. Studies have shown that the bond between people and their pets can increase fitness, lower stress, and bring happiness to their owners."

What college student doesn't want

that? If you are thinking about getting a pet in college, here are some steps you should take.

1. CHOOSE THE RIGHT PET

I cannot stress this enough! Some people are dog people, some people are cat people. Some people are better with a bearded dragon or a tree frog. You need to research to find out what pet is best for you, and see if you can afford it. You also need to find a pet that has the right temperament for you. I'm a couch potato, so when I went to the shelter I bypassed all of the high-energy dogs and puppies, and fell in love with an extremely chill one who spends most of his time sleeping or drooling.

2. KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GETTING YOURSELF INTO

Animals are an emotional, physical and (definitely) monetary strain. Plus, they are a lifetime commitment. I can say that all of that has been worth it because I am able to come home to his drooling face, which is a blessing to me in these stressful weeks of work and school. Still, this all has to do with me knowing what I was getting myself

into. I read his tag at the shelter and found out that he was good with children, cats and other dogs plus he was housebroken, then I went back home and researched his breed.

3. PLAN AHEAD

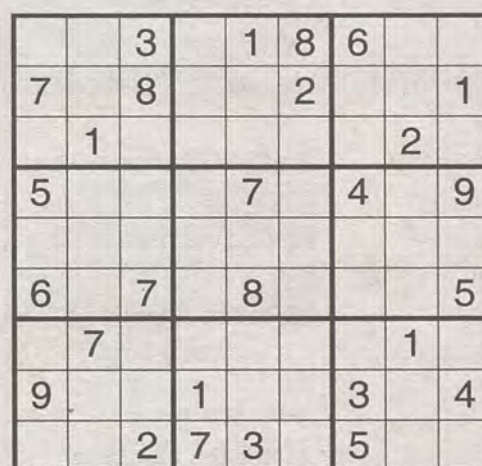
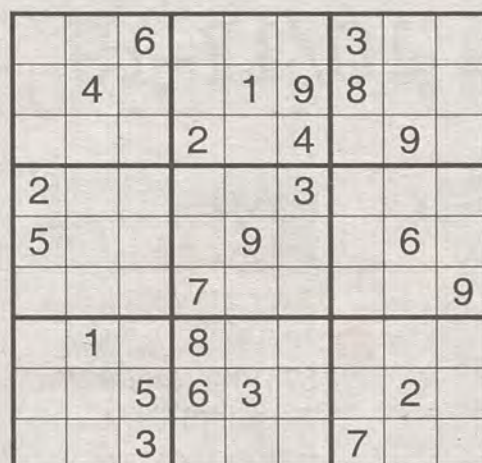
Check with your dorm or apartment management to know what types of pets/breeds you can have. Get your roommate's approval, you don't want a pet to ruin your roommate situation. Budget your money so pet expenses don't break your bank and find a way to budget your time. You are bringing a new living thing into your life and you should be prepared for it.

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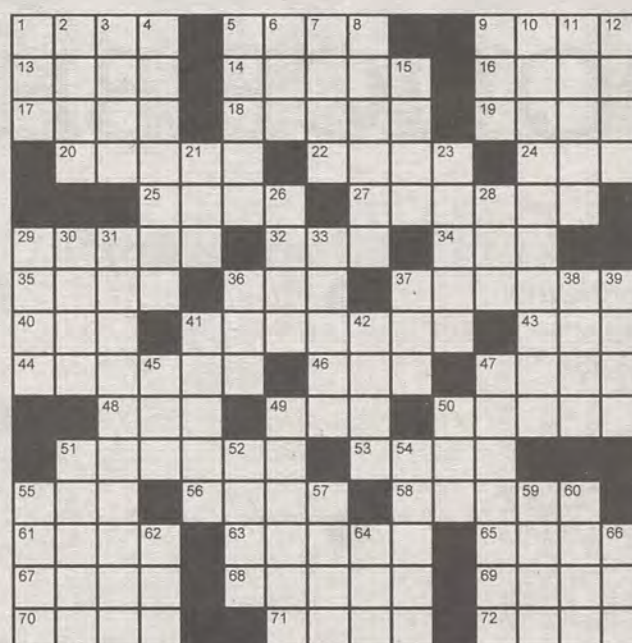
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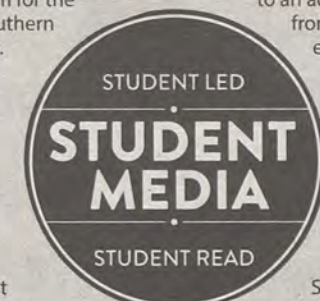
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CAMPUS NEWS BRIEFS



BY EMILY ARNOLD

The George-Anne staff

● Georgia Southern's fraternities will be hosting Greek Street Trick-or-Treat this Wednesday, Oct. 22 from 6-8 p.m. Children and their families can visit Greek Row for this Halloween trick-or-treating tradition.

● Colleges Against Cancer and the American Cancer Society are hosting Blow Out Breast Cancer for Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Wednesday, Oct. 22 starting at 7 p.m. in the Williams Center Multipurpose Center.

● The University Store has restocked the "Southern Not State" t-shirts at \$14.99 for the White Out football game against rival Georgia State University this Saturday at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

● The Residence Hall Association (RHA) is hosting a Resident Student Forum this Monday, Oct. 27, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater. Students that live on-campus can ask questions and share their opinions on various topics regarding on-campus living at the event.

● GSU's music department will present "Opera Breve VI: Fool Me Twice" this Friday, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Carol A. Carter Recital Hall located in the Foy Building.

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underage drinking
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POLICE
INVESTIGATE

SPD investigation into
underage drinking
leads to increased
presence at alcohol-
selling venues

INVESTIGATION
CONCLUDES

SPD confirms there is
a drinking problem
around GSU campus,
police begin to lower
presence at alcohol-
selling establishments

...OR HALF EMPTY?

STATESBORO BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY POLICE PRESENCE

BY CASEY CARGLE

The George-Anne staff

After the death of Michael Gatto, Statesboro residents, Georgia Southern students and parents were calling for action from the city regarding underage drinking.

According to a letter the city of Statesboro's Public Safety Director Wendell Turner sent to the Mayor and City Council on Sept. 29, the city has responded to that call.

The "Alcohol Enforcement Operation," as it is referred to in the letter, was initiated in September and started operations by beginning an "investigation regarding underage drinking primarily focusing on 'on premise consumption' licensee's."

This investigation required an increased law enforcement presence at alcohol-selling venues, which may have negatively affected business at those venues.

"We needed to be able to quantify what the problem was, pin-point where the major problems were and use that information to form a plan moving forward to reduce the instances of underage drinking," Corporal Justin Samples, information officer at the Statesboro Police Department, said.

According to the Alcohol Enforcement Operation, the increased presence was for the purpose of gathering information detailing the amount of underage activity in alcohol-selling establishments. A secondary goal of the investigation was to see if their presence would deter underage

drinkers from purchasing alcohol at these establishments.

The police department's investigation concluded that there is an existing underage drinking problem "focused in and around the GSU campus and primarily from 'on premise consumption licensee's,'" according to the letter.

In the wake of this investigation, traditional alcohol-selling hotspots have seen a noticeable dip in business as police presence was more apparent after Gatto's death.

"The first week I wasn't really affected. After [the Gatto incident] happened, the first time [law enforcement] came out it affected my business literally 12 percent that week," Nathan Queen, owner of Retrievers Sports Bar & Grill, said.

According to Chris Springfield, managing partner of South City Tavern, business was affected by the increased police presence due to the investigation.

"[The police presence] affected business quite a bit, not because of underage drinking, because that shouldn't affect your business at all if you run your business legitimately," Springfield said.

A majority of the 12 percent drop in business was likely due to underage customers avoiding the increased police presence. After that first week of losing business, the police came in every day for the next two weeks, Queen said.

In the past two weeks, business has steadily increased for Retrievers, Queen said.

"As long as everyone is willing to work together and everyone is

“By the third week business was horrible. I could have just closed and not opened the whole week, and I would have made about the same amount of money.”

-NATHAN QUEEN

Owner of Retrievers Sports Bar & Grille

willing to do the right thing and everyone is willing to run their business properly, then I think you will see a flourishing hospitality slash nightlife scene growing at the same rate as the college," Springfield said.

According to Corporal Samples, the department has obtained the necessary information to move forward with the operation and patrons should see a drop in police presence.

"The visible presence is not going to happen, I don't think, as often if at all. We are at the beginning stage of what we're wanting to do," Corporal Samples said.

Moving forward, the Alcohol Enforcement Operation will move to its next phases with a plan to stem underage drinking while fostering the growth of a healthy drinking culture for Statesboro.

Springfield said, "I hate it that

it took a tragedy of that magnitude for everyone to wake up and realize there was an issue that needed to be addressed, but I also feel like it is in the best interest of everybody in Statesboro that it is finally being addressed because people need to be able to go out and feel safe. Hopefully that will be the good thing that comes out this."

Want to know more
about the future of
drinking in Statesboro?
Check out an upcoming
edition for more info and
continuing coverage.

*Will Price and Lauren Gorla
contributed to this report.*

A SUSTAINABLE LEADER



Photo Courtesy of Robert George

BY ROBERT GEORGE

The George-Anne contributor

A profile on Dr. Lissa Leege

the No Impact Week, which Dr. Leege describes as a “huge week of sustainability focus.” The idea of the week is to cumulatively reduce your impact on Earth until it’s almost nothing.

Another major goal for Dr. Leege is to educate young children about how to live in a more sustainable way. Georgia Southern has been able to provide students who are teaching these kids about sustainability in everyday after school programs. She thinks it is important that Georgia Southern remain a role model in the community, and programs like this have given the university a chance to connect to the public.

“The younger we start, the more it’s just a habit. It’s not a choice, it’s just something that you do,” Dr. Leege said.

Dr. Leege wants GSU to be the greenest campus it can possibly be. She wants people to realize that there are solutions to solve the environmental problems we face today. She hopes to educate and empower students to live and think in ways that will both limit their impact on the environment and help raise a new generation that will continue sustainable practices.

Dr. Leege paces across the stage, her hands desperately trying to keep up with her words as she speaks about sustainability at Georgia Southern University to the students sitting before her. Her voice wavers at times, more from excitement than nervousness.

She is speaking at an SGA event, telling the students how their “green fees” are being used on campus. She has been the leading force in making Georgia Southern one of the greenest campuses in the country.

But who exactly is Dr. Lissa Leege?

Growing up in South Bend, Ind., science and biology were things that always came easy to her. From a young age, she was always interested in the natural world.


She completed her graduate work at Michigan State University in plant ecology. After a brief job at Ohio State, she saw an opening at Georgia Southern and became excited about the opportunities she would have here, including getting to work with graduate students and having the opportunity to conduct research year round.

She came to Southern in 1997 and was able to convince the Dean to create a Center for Sustainability that would help educate students about sustainability as well as enact programs on campus that would make it a greener place.

She has been the driving force behind many sustainability awareness programs. GSU has been able to hold educational seminars, show environmental documentaries, and a student favorite,

“My hope is that students in all fields will feel empowered to create a more sustainable world – whether they are researching alternative energy, contributing to policy decisions that protect clean water, or simply making sustainable choices in their daily lives. If Georgia Southern creates a culture of sustainability and serves as a role model for the region, we can’t help but give students a great start in solving environmental problems as they become our future leaders and lawmakers, CEO’s and engineers.”


-Dr. Leege



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Which pumpkin spice latte is better?

COMPARING TWO COMPANIES OFFERING THE SAME DRINK

BY MARTINIQUE MCCRORY

The George-Anne staff

Forget calendars, you know it's fall when restaurants start dishing out a favorite seasonal treat: the pumpkin spice latte. McDonald's and Starbucks both offer versions of the fall favorite but with almost a two dollar difference between the two, it causes consumers to ask: Which latte is better? Can students tell the difference between the two?

QUOTES FROM THE PEOPLE WHO GUESSED CORRECTLY:

"This one (Starbucks) tastes stronger."
"McDonald's was a little grainy."
"This (McDonald's) doesn't have as much richness."
"McDonald's tastes like sugar and plastic."
"There's more flavor in Starbucks."

QUOTES FROM PEOPLE WHO GUESSED INCORRECTLY:

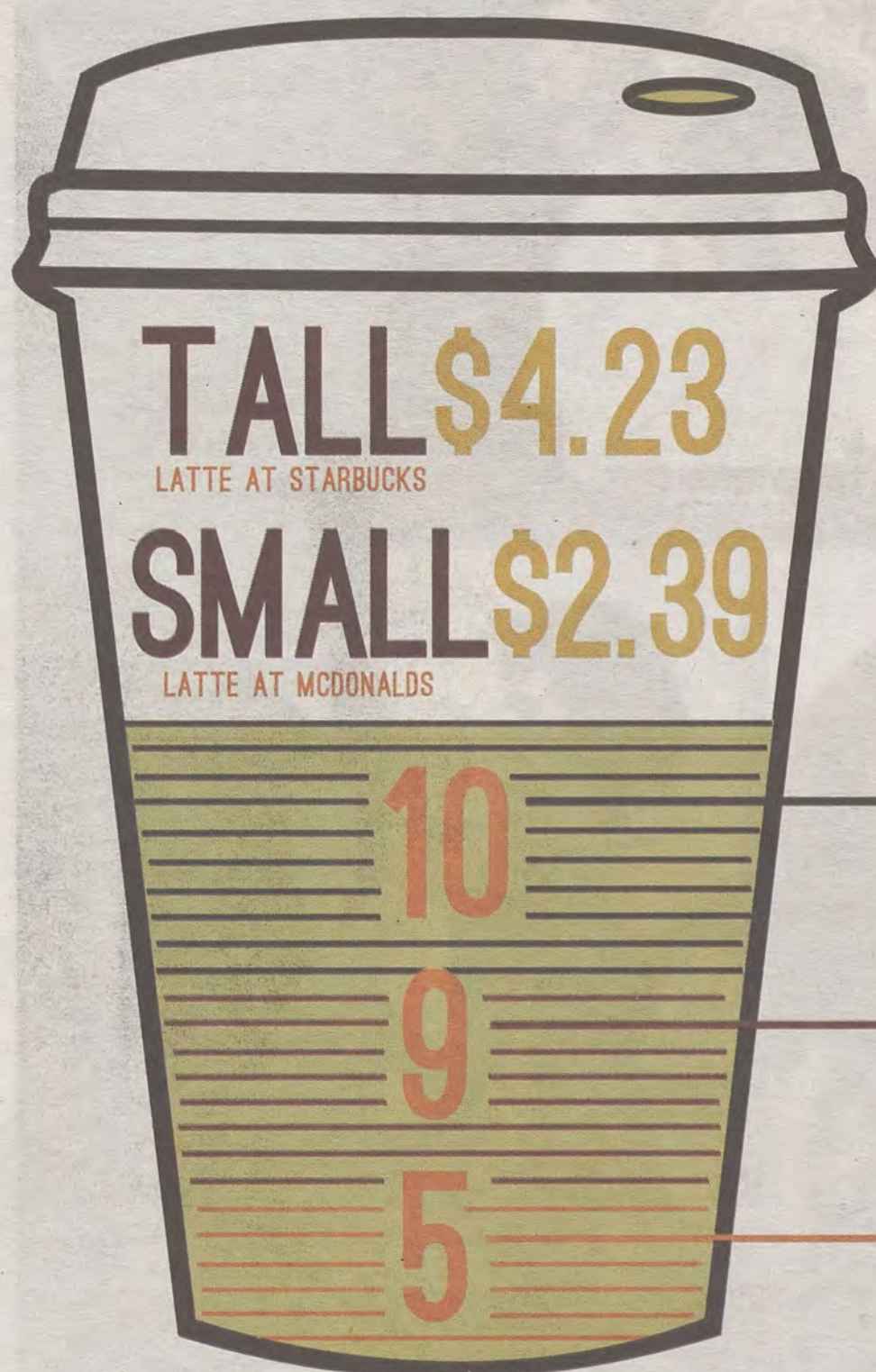
"McDonald's over flavors their stuff."
"McDonald's tends to be sweeter."
"There's a more intense pumpkin flavor in this one (McDonald's)."

Total surveyed: 19 people

**COFFEE DRINKERS GUESSED
THE CORRECT LATTE**

**COFFEE DRINKERS GUESSED
THE WRONG LATTE**

**COFFEE DRINKERS PREFERRED
THE MCDONALD'S LATTE**



'ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW'

TIME WARPS ITS WAY BACK INTO THE 'BORO

BY CONNOR WHITE

The George-Anne staff

Even among cult favorites, few films have become as much of a smashing success as the unfettered and undeniably fun sensation "The Rocky Horror Picture Show". One of the most 'involving' movies ever made, "Rocky Horror" events across the world invite fans and newcomers alike to take part, dressing up as their favorite characters, reenacting their favorite scenes and generally cutting loose for a couple of hours with several hundred new friends.

GSU is no stranger to the phenomenon; its own version has become very popular among students.

This year's show will be on Oct. 29 at the Averitt Center for the Arts. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

Despite essentially being a bizarre movie screening, each event has its own special flair, according to this year's show director, Megan Bowen.

It wouldn't be very entertaining to just make a shadow cast of the show year after year. Each person adds their own thing with new props or a different characterization. The film is bursting with huge personalities, so curious newbies should have no trouble finding surprises, Bowen explained.

This is why plenty of people are surprised the show is as popular in the South as it is. Traditionally, places like Georgia are pretty conservative, and if some people knew about even half of the show's raucous insanity, their ears would burn for weeks. However, according to director Bowen, that might be why Georgia Southern's show has been filled to capacity year after year.

"It's kind of a rare night," Bowen said. "A chance for you to be a little crazy and where the people around you aren't going to judge you. It's just all in good fun."

Anyone who's even remotely interested should be ready for a full house. Word on the street is that the show in Savannah has been shut down, or at least partially canceled, so many have called Bowen asking for scores of tickets.

"There's been a lot of new interest in it," Bowen said. "It's going to be a good mix between regulars and newcomers."

For anyone looking to throw some rice or toast, sing along to the "Time Warp" or see a one-of-a-kind cinematic experience perfect for Halloween, you can't get a more off-the-wall and fun-filled show than "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."



Photo Courtesy of RockyHorror.com

"Get thrilled, chilled and fulfilled at the annual 'Rocky Horror Picture Show.' This cult classic promises excitement that will leave you shivering with antici-

VIRGIN GUIDE

BY MATT SOWELL

The George-Anne staff

So, you're thinking about going to "Rocky Horror" for the first time? You're probably either going because A) your friend is making you or B) you saw it on "Glee" and thought it was neat. Either way, you're not ready. Never fear! This is your one-stop guide to surviving the absolute pleasures that Frank's castle provides.

◆ Dress up. Dress slutty, dress weird, dress nerdy, just dress up. It adds to the experience. Seriously, you can dress however you want. People will be wearing anything from a Brad Majors costume (Google it) to lingerie that would make Christian Grey proud.

◆ Learn the songs, they're on Spotify. The most important one is the "Time Warp," which is pretty necessary to know when walking in.

◆ Every time someone in the movie says "Brad Majors," yell "asshole" back at the screen. Every time someone says "Janet Weiss", yell "slut." Don't ask questions, just do it.

◆ DO NOT LIE ABOUT BEING A VIRGIN AT THE DOOR. If they ask if you've been before and you haven't, say no. It's a good idea, trust me.

◆ As the song says, "Give yourself over to absolute pleasure". Don't be up-tight. Yes, I know, the guy to your left in fishnets is making you uncomfortable. Yes, you haven't heard this many people yelling bad words since the App State game, but let loose and relax. It's all for fun, by the end of it you'll be in love.



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PIXEL TOUCH,

A NEW MOBILE GAME CREATED BY TWO GSU STUDENTS

BY DERIK WUCHTE

The George-Anne staff

Two students recently joined the latest fad: mobile app creation. Putting their ideas together, they created PixelTouch, a game slated to release in the Apple Store this week.

Tyler Brown, a sophomore electrical engineering major, did the coding for the game and Brook Tesema, a sophomore business major, is responsible for the game's promotion and marketing.

"Tyler came up to me and said he was doing programming," Tesema said. With the trendy way a mobile app can rise to popularity, Tesema saw opportunity in what his friend was doing. "We can push this to the next level," he said.

After getting in touch with a friend of theirs, Tesema and Brown got original music for their game, something that can be uncommon with mobile app games today.

With soundtracks to accompany their game, the two were ready to send their app to the public.

PixelTouch is an easy-to-play app focused on the dynamics of the most successful app games such as Candy Crush Saga, Fruit Ninja and Angry Birds. It allows the user to have experiences of quick and satisfying success while also having noncommittal aspects like limitless plays and immediate new games to keep a person coming back to play it.

"The game is pretty simple. It's made to be fun and not let people put a lot of effort into it," Brown said.

To play PixelTouch, the user needs to touch the advancing blocks that try to reach the designated "safe zone" across the length of the screen. By touching the blocks a certain number of times, the blocks will eventually disappear. The objective is to eliminate all the blocks before a user's number of lives run out.

The game design and user interface are both a product of Brown's creation. PixelTouch is a basic game meant for short periods of entertainment, like most app games today. When asked about the design of mobile app games, Brown explained how much of it is based on the capabilities of the designer.

"It all depends on what operating system you're doing it for and how complex you want your game/application to be," Brown said.

In terms of how successful their app will be, Tesema and Brown are not worried.

"We just try to stay positive," Tesema said. "We're not worried about downloads. If you like playing the game, you can tell someone else, and then they can tell someone else. It's like a domino effect. Our goal is for the users to enjoy themselves."

PixelTouch is expected to be released this week on either Tuesday, Oct. 21 or Thursday, Oct. 23.



Photo Courtesy of Tyler Brown and Brooke Tesema

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Soccer is a Family Affair for Falle



Brandon Warnock | The George-Anne
Junior Georgia Southern
 goalkeeper Jack Falle has
 amassed 62 saves in 22
 games played this season.
 The Lilburn, Ga., native is a
 management major.

BY EMMA ROSE COLLINS

The George-Anne staff

Jack Falle, the GSU men's soccer team goalkeeper, has been playing soccer almost since the moment he was able to walk, and it's all due to his older sister.

"She started playing, which got me into it. She played forward, which is how I became a keeper."

Falle was three years old when he began playing the game. His father was the vice president/co-owner of the club Falle played at, so he was always around soccer.

"Once I started walking, they put a ball in front of me, and I just started kicking it."

It is evident that Falle's early introduction to soccer has paid off for him. After graduating from Parkview High School in 2011, he committed to play at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he was redshirted. He transferred after his first year.

"I knew Chase Park and a couple of guys here who all knew I had gotten my release. I came down for a visit and loved it, and I've been here ever since."

College soccer players must secure a release to talk to and transfer to another school.

Falle's biggest inspiration and role model has always been his sister, who is four years older.

"She threw me in goal when I was young and basically just pelted the ball at me. I was target practice. It's a true story. Still, to this day, she will shoot on me. She played college soccer, too. It just kinda caught on, and she has supported me ever since."

Falle's sister tries to make every game that she can. His parents attend every one of his games as do many of his friends, giving him a great support system, he said.

Overall, Falle loves the competitiveness and fast-paced movement of the game he has been playing since childhood.

"It's always constant. There's always someone battling for the ball. Even though I'm sitting in the back, I always have to be turned on mentally. You're always moving, always thinking. It's never boring."

Falle admits that balancing the roles of both student and athlete is challenging at times, particularly his first year.

"Freshman year it was [challenging] because you wanna do both. You're trying to figure out your academics. It's gotten a lot easier since. You learn time management very well. Instead of hanging out with friends, you do your homework first."

Being the Eagles goalkeeper certainly hasn't kept Falle from succeeding off the field; he's double majoring in Management and Logistics with a minor in Information Systems.

"My mom's a huge academics person, and my dad's a businessman, so I kinda get pounded from both sides. If you can do one, you can do two."

Falle's sister also pointed out that he was only four classes away from a minor, which prompted him to add that to his transcripts.

Though he saw no action on the Eagles' field last year, Falle has quickly proved himself a valuable asset to the team this season. In the opening week of the season, he was named Sunbelt Defensive Player of the Week and continues to prove his worth between the goalposts.

The Eagles take on Howard on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. in their next home game before heading to Boone, N.C. to take on Appalachian State on Oct. 25.

THE LIFE OF A WALK-ON



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BY TREVOR MCNABOE
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— Daily Routine —

The silence of a Monday morning in rural South Georgia is broken by the sounds of weights being lifted by members of the Georgia Southern football team.

Redshirt junior wide receiver Ed Collins shuffles his way into the weight room at 6:30 a.m., well before the sun has broken the Statesboro skyline.

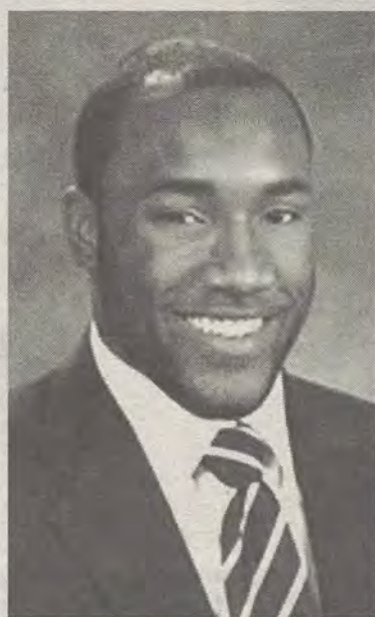
It is the start of what will be a day that includes workouts, classes, meetings and then on top of it all: practice in preparation for in-state opponent Georgia State.

Collins finishes up his morning workout and prepares for his load of classes that, today, will include a pair of classes at 10:10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Right at noon, he will have already completed his daily classes and goes to fill up on some lunch before taking on the second half of football related activities spaced throughout the day.

After a brief intermission from academic classes, he switches over and gets ready for position meetings.

Position meetings start at 2:30



p.m. for Collins, followed by practice that can run as late as 7 p.m. on some days.

After spending over four hours on the field, it's time for Ed to transition back to academics, as he and the rest of the athletes go to Cone Hall for study hours and to complete any homework.

While most people are preparing to go out the bars during the week, football players maintain the balance of academics, athletics and maintaining a social life.

"It's hard, football takes up our entire day from 2-7, then eating dinner afterwards and then going to study hall to get the required hours we need each week, so it's hard to have fun at night."

— Meet Ed Collins —

Collins hails from Brookwood High School in Snellville, Ga. where in his senior season he was part of the 2010 state championship team in 5AAAAA, at the time the highest classification for Georgia.

Although Georgia Southern did not recruit him to play collegiate football, he was set on enrolling at the FCS powerhouse.

In Fall 2011, Ed made the decision to tryout as a walk-on for the football team, then under the tutelage of former head coach Jeff Monken.

"I didn't want to be done playing football and I thought I could play at the college level. I thought I was good enough. I tried it and was given a chance."

Collins' decision to walk on paid off, as he was told he would be a member of Georgia Southern's football team, to be placed on the practice squad after impressing the

coaching staff during tryouts.

Collins comes from a background of football. His father played semi-professional football, and the topic of football in his family draws a slight laugh from him.

"I wouldn't say that my parents pushed me into playing, they let me play whatever sports I wanted, football was just more of my thing."

"I was just really happy that I was on the team. I didn't realize at the time how much work would go into it."

Collins said, "Yeah, my dad played football back in his day, but it was my decision."

Football is something that Ed and the rest of his family have held dear, watching it and playing from the youth leagues all the way to high school. If you were to look on the Georgia Southern athletic website under Ed Collins' profile, one term comes up multiple times: dedicated.

"That's one of the biggest compliments right there, you can have all the talent in the world, but if you don't work hard and improve you aren't going to go very far, no matter what you're doing."

His hard work and dedication paid off as he was selected by the coaching staff to accompany the team and be a part of the travelling squad to Las Cruces for the New Mexico State game. Upon hearing that, a phone call to the parents was in order to break the news.

"My parents were excited, they would keep telling me that my time was coming soon and to keep working, it was a great feeling."

Every person that plays sports has a time when they cannot play anymore whether it's at 18 or at 40, athletic careers will come to a close.

"I want to play football as long as I am able to, whether it's next year or I can continue on afterwards."

EAGLES RETURN TO HANNER WITH VICTORY

BY JORDAN TONEY

The George-Anne staff

With a win under their belt, the Eagles returned to Hanner Fieldhouse this weekend. It was their first time playing there since Nov. 16 where they beat Appalachian State 3-0. This weekend would be their first conference opponents in Hanner.

UL Monroe (3-0 W):

What do you do when it's your first match back in Hanner? You dominate completely, and that's exactly what the GSU did. With a first set win of 25-13, the Eagles made sure that the Warhawks knew that they weren't playing around. They scored in bunches, and once the Eagles started scoring, it truly was hard to get them to stop.

Georgia Southern also had something that truly wasn't there at Statesboro High and that's homefield advantage. It was quite obvious that the loud crowd noise of Eagle fans was getting into the heads of both the Warhawk players and coaches.

However, it wasn't all fun and games as the last set definitely caused some stress for Eagle fans. There was a point in time during that final third set where the Eagles were only a point away from losing the set and having to move onto a fourth. Cathrine Murray didn't let it happen, though, as she had back to back kills to end the set and match.

UL Lafayette (3-1 W):

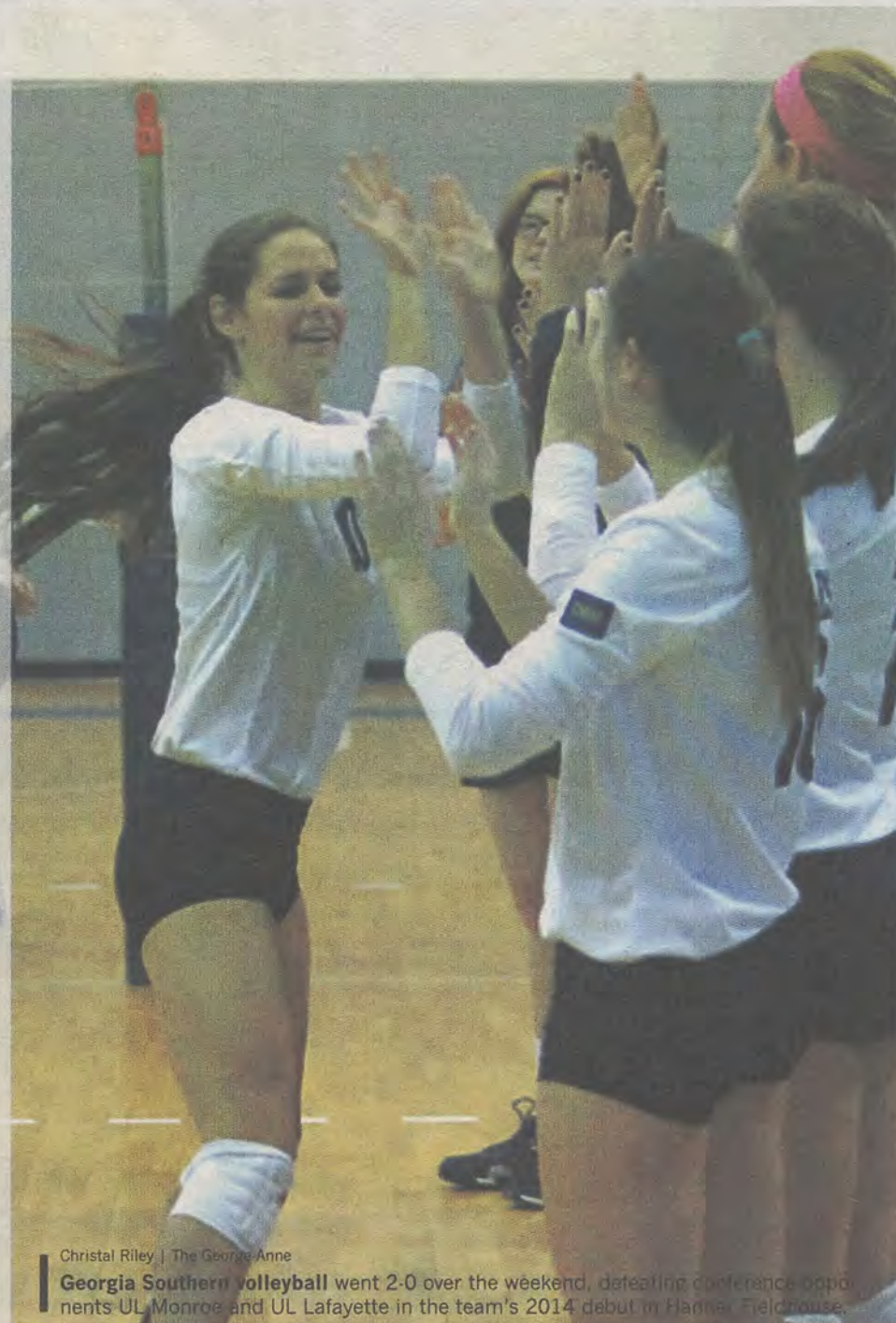
Going into this match, many spectators were unsure if the Eagles were going to be able to keep up with the Ragin' Cajuns with from UL Lafayette. Going into this match, the Ragin' Cajuns were boasting a record of 15-7, with five of those wins being against conference opponents. However, they also had lost their previous two matches including one at Appalachian State.

The Eagles got up big in the first set but let the Cajuns cut the lead to two before winning the set 25-22. They dropped the second set with some sloppy play but battled back and dominated the third set. An intense fourth set saw long rallies and great plays from both teams. The Eagles fell behind 24-22, but were able to tie the game with excellent serving and accurate spiking. With the Eagles up 28-27, the Cajuns hit a spike long and the Eagles won the match three sets to one.

The Eagles were led offensively by Murray with 15 kills. Both Jamie DeRatt and Megan Chevalier added 14 kills, and Lea Joseph had five blocks on the afternoon. Kat Minnerly had 50 assists and continues to be the Eagles best setter.

The Eagles continue their homestand Tuesday night when they'll host Savannah State at 6 p.m. for the annual Dig Pink match.

Robert George contributed to this story



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Georgia Southern volleyball went 2-0 over the weekend, defeating conference opponents UL Monroe and UL Lafayette in the team's 2014 debut in Hanner Fieldhouse.

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AROUND THE SUN BELT

BY WILL CHENEY

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UL Lafayette 34

Texas State 10

The Ragin' Cajuns of UL Lafayette racked up 528 yards of offense, 288 of which came on the ground, in the thrashing of Texas State in week eight.

UL Lafayette is set to take on Arkansas State tonight at 8 p.m. on

ESPN2. Texas State's next opponent will be UL Monroe on Saturday.

App State 53

Troy 14

App State earned its first Sun Belt win in program history on Saturday by way of Troy's defense.

The Mountaineers scored 27 unanswered points in the second half, with four different players rushing for at least 80 yards while

outrushing the Trojans 441-79.

Up next for the Mountaineers is Georgia State on Nov. 1 and the Trojans will battle South Alabama in Mobile on Saturday.

Idaho 29

New Mexico State 17

The Vandals earned their first win of the season after jumping on the Aggies with 20 first-half points. With the win, Idaho snaps its 13-game

losing streak (the longest current streak in the FBS).

Up next for the Vandals is Arkansas State in Nov. 1. For New Mexico State, the Texas State Bobcats are on the horizon, also on the first of November.

South Alabama 30

Georgia State 27

Offense was plentiful in this matchup between South Alabama

and Georgia State. Jaguar QB Brandon Bridge amassed 263 all-purpose yards and three touchdowns in the win. South Georgia State QB Nick Arbuckle kept pace with 311 yards and three scores through the air.

Slated next for South Alabama is Troy on Saturday and Georgia State will battle Georgia Southern in the Georgia Dome on Saturday at 2 p.m.

SUNBELT FOOTBALL STANDINGS

SUN BELT	W-L	OVERALL W-L
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	4-0	5-2
ARKANSAS STATE	2-0	4-2
UL LAFAYETTE	2-0	3-3
SOUTH ALABAMA	3-1	4-2
UL MONROE	2-1	3-3
TEXAS STATE	1-1	3-3
APP STATE	1-2	2-5
TROY	1-2	1-6
NEW MEXICO STATE	1-3	2-6
IDAHO	1-4	1-6
GEORGIA STATE	0-4	1-6

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