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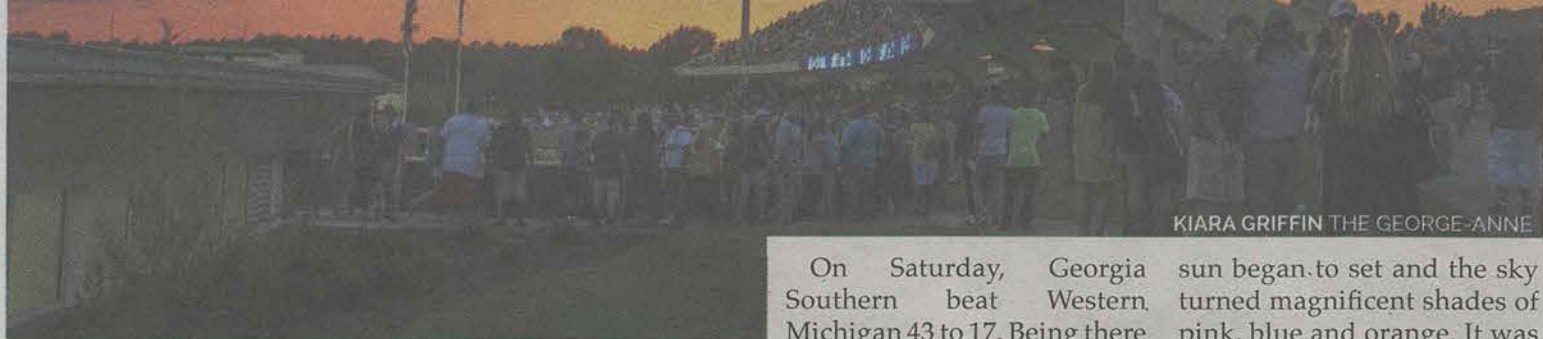
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FALL WEATHER TEASES GSU

Confused about how to handle the
ever-changing Statesboro weather?
Take our flowchart quiz on **page 5**

GAME DAY EXPERIENCE

BY CHRISTOPHER CARTER



KIARA GRIFFIN THE GEORGE-ANNE

App Update - Companion Never Walk Alone

BY CAITLYN OLIVER
The George-Anne staff

Ever been walking home alone one night and felt unsafe? University of Michigan students created an app that will keep someone with you while you travel to make sure your safe the entire way.

Companion, an app available for android and iOs, lets you plug in your destination and how you're getting there and add people to be your "companion" as you travel. They don't need the app for you to select them and you'll get a confirmation message when they have agreed to be your Companion.

After you select a destination, the app gives you an estimated time of arrival and a map of the area.



When you feel uncomfortable, but not enough to call the police, you can anonymously report those areas by pressing the "I'm nervous" button. Another button will allow you to actually call the police if you feel threatened and will double check the emergency to prevent pocket dials.

<http://www.companionapp.io>

On Saturday, Georgia Southern beat Western Michigan 43 to 17. Being there was something special. There were multiple interceptions by Georgia Southern. Matt Brieda and L.A. Ramsby made electrifying break aways and runs.

Before kick off, there was tailgating, good food and good times all around. Then we packed into Paulson Stadium in anticipation of the deafening roar and of handing Western Michigan their comeuppance. Roar we did and comeuppance we did give. At some point the

sun began to set and the sky turned magnificent shades of pink, blue and orange. It was as if we were all a part of a work of art.

Yards were given and yards were taken. Once it was all over, and we came out rightfully on top, there was a due amount of celebration that took place. We did it up big all night in a manner worthy of Georgia Southern. As the night went on, the temperature began to cool off and it began to feel like fall on the day of our first home football game. It was perfect.

SPORTS SHORTS

-Women's Volleyball lost both games Friday against Tennessee State (1-3) and Winthrop (1-3), but beat Chicago State 3-1 Saturday.

-Woman's Soccer defeated Alabama State Friday, 10-2.

-Men's Soccer lost to South Florida, 1-2.

-Men's Golf won the title at the Invitational at the Ocean Course on Saturday.

WEATHER BAR

Wednesday



High: 78°
Low: 66°

Thursday



High: 83°
Low: 64°

Friday



High: 86°
Low: 65°



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Have opinions? The George-Anne wants to hear them! We want you to be in our focus group. Food will be provided.

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Why I Choose to be a Christian

by Emily Arnold

Let's start with an important fact: I am a Christian.

This means I believe in an omniscient God, who is the only god, who made all that we see and even more that we don't see. I also believe that this God sent His one and only perfect son, Jesus, to die a brutal death as a sacrifice for human race's sin so we can spend eternity with Him in heaven that I also believe exists... spiritually, at least. Becoming a Christian is simply truly repenting for your sins and accepting that Jesus Christ's death is enough to save you.

Visit thereflectorgsu.com to read the rest of this article.



DRUG AND ALCOHOL VIOLATION FEES INCREASED

BY KURT HANLON
The George-Anne staff

The Dean of Students Office increased fines and fees associated with campus alcohol and drug violations last Tuesday. Fines for first and second alcohol violations as well as the first drug violation have increased by \$50 dollars, while fees for two of the related mandatory educational courses have increased by \$25.

The Code of Conduct includes several instances that are considered alcohol violations, including underage drinking, drunk driving and possessing or drinking alcohol in public areas on campus. Drug violations include possessing, using and selling drugs, as well as possessing items commonly associated with drug use, such as bongs, bowls and "homemade" smoking devices.

Georgia Southern relies on a three strike policy when it comes to alcohol violations. A first offense results in a \$150 fine, three months disciplinary probation and enrollment in a \$50 Alcohol Skills Training

Program (ASTP). A violation during the probationary period could result in suspension or even expulsion from the university. A second offense results in a \$200 fine, a \$100 ASTP course, and a six month probation. A third violation may also result in suspension or expulsion.

There are only two chances when it comes to drug violations, and the punishment relies heavily on the amount and type of drug. Possessing less than one ounce of marijuana will result in a \$200 fine, six months disciplinary probation and a \$50 drug education course. A second violation will result in suspension for a minimum of one semester, regardless of the amount of time between incidents. Any violation dealing with more than one ounce of marijuana or the possession of any other drug

is punishable by a full year suspension from the university.

Fees and fines may be waived if a student is found to qualify for the Amnesty Policy. The policy provides amnesty from conduct violation fees to

educational and support options will be explored.

"We don't want any student to be in a situation where they feel they can't get help, and it turns into a dire situation where they end up losing their life," says Dr. Mark Whitesel, Associate Dean and Director of Student Conduct. Whitesel stresses that this policy is only for life threatening situations. "The spirit is to get people to call for help when they really need it," he says. "It can't be about other things, like 'I got arrested' or something."

Amnesty may also be granted to victims of a crime that take place while the victim is in violation of a policy. "Say that you were consuming alcohol or used some kind of drug, and you were the victim of a theft, or property damage or sexual assault," says Whitesel. "We don't want anything that's

going to stand in someone's way by violation of the code from reporting that."

Part of the Amnesty policy includes a Safe Harbor rule, which allows students who think they may have an addiction problem the ability to confidentially admit this to University officials without fear of punishment.

The decision to increase the fines was not a sudden decision. "Drugs and alcohol are a prevalent issue that all University conduct offices address," says Whitesel. "This summer...we looked at a number of institutions across the country...to see where we fell and we determined we were in the lower middle [range of alcohol and drug violation fees]. We found an opportunity to place a deterrent to help students make better choices."

Other events, such as freshman Michael Gatto's death last fall also led to the decision. "Whenever something like that happens," says Whitesel, "everybody kind of raises their awareness and says 'Hey there may be some issues here, and what can we do?'"

FIRST OFFENSE ALCOHOL VIOLATION

\$150.00 fine (formerly \$100.00)
\$50.00 fee for educational course (stayed the same)

SECOND OFFENSE ALCOHOL VIOLATION

\$200.00 fine (formerly \$150.00)
\$50.00 fee for educational course (formerly \$25.00)

FIRST OFFENSE OF DRUGS (MARIJUANA LESS THAN AN OUNCE)

\$200.00 fine (formerly \$150.00)
\$50.00 fee for educational course (formerly \$25.00)

students who are in desperate need of help, and also provides amnesty to those who call help for another student. However, those involved will have to attend a meeting, where

East Georgia Regional Hospital donates to nursing students memorial fund

BY TIFFANY SKINNER
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University has received a gift from East Georgia Regional Medical Center toward the School of Nursing Students' Memorial Fund established in memory of the five nursing students who lost their lives in a tragic accident on April 22, 2015.

East Georgia Medical Center donated \$ 41,670 to the Nursing program. This is the largest monetary gift the University has ever received. \$25,000 of the corporate donation was a gift from the hospital. The rest of the money, which in total in was \$16, 670, was kindly raised by the hospital's leadership, Board of Trustees, physicians and employees. Achievements to commemorate the lives of the beloved nursing students through a gift to the scholarship fund were led



by Bob Bigley, CEO of East Georgia Regional Medical

"The loss of life is tragic. Certainly the loss of five nursing students and the injury of two others impacted all of us in the medical community. We all thought long and hard on how to recognize these individuals

and the contributions they were going to make in caring for others. We all agreed that providing a lasting tribute for their chosen profession as the most appropriate way to honor them, their profession and those that will follow," said Bigley.

Since then with the help of

family, friends, and supporters all over the country they have been successful in raising \$90,000. After reaching their goal of \$125,000 the University will fund five \$1,000 scholarships to students in the Nursing program each year.

"The nursing program gives out several scholarships, but

I don't receive any. It would be great if I could qualify and be chosen to receive this new scholarship because the program is very expensive," Mark Bernadel, junior nursing student, said.

Georgia Southern University's School of Nursing is fully accredited by the Georgia Board of Nursing and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Individuals interested in helping to reach the \$125,000 goal through a contribution to the scholarship fund are encouraged to visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/nursing.

"The support we have received from the medical community and friends of the University following the tragedy will enable us to perpetually remember these remarkable young ladies while making a difference in the lives students dedicated to caring for others for generations to come," Interim President Jean E. Bartels, said.

New fabrications lab opens in spring

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BY OZZIE BUNBURY
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Next spring, Georgia Southern is set to open up one of the first fabrication labs in Georgia. The lab is a small-scale workshop offering personal digital fabrication to students and local businesses.

"The fab lab will contain technological equipment such as a 3D printer and plasma cutters," said Dr. Dominique Halaby, the Director of the Fabrication Lab project. "Plasma cutting is a process

that cuts through electrically conductive materials by means of a hotjet of accelerated plasma. It can melt materials like steel, aluminum, brass and copper."

Dr. Halaby also wants to use the facilities as an opportunity to support local businesses and entrepreneurs. The Fabrication Lab will be similar to Startup Sauna, a Finish non-profit that helps accelerate startup business development by introducing experienced serial entrepreneurs, investors and

media members to budding entrepreneurs.

"Everything is about jobs. Anything to do with business, that is also what the Georgia Southern Fab Lab will be about when it opens spring next year," said Dr. Halaby. "Think BIG. One More Time. The development of this program isn't just about us, its about Statesboro as a whole. Being in a larger classification of business growth and creation. We want people to think it's possible, think big. We can do the things we expect to only see out of Atlanta, right here in

Georgia Southern."

The Fabrication Lab will be designed with an eye for being green like many other buildings on campus. The building will include glass wall cubicles, exposed ceilings and a fresh vegetable garden which will grow along the wall outside. The building is also designed with students in mind, by including an entrepreneurial lounge for local business people and students to relax and discuss potential business ideas.



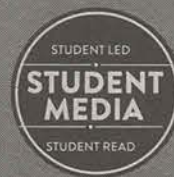
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THE REEL GSU FILM COMPETITION

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FALL IN THE BORO

DEALING WITH STATESBORO WEATHER: A FLOW CHART

BY MATT SOWELL
The George-Anne staff

You feel that? That ever so slight chill in the air that promises fall is on its way?

Don't trust it. Statesboro weather is about as reliable as "Netflix and chill." It's why most college students have trust issues. You can either embrace your denial and wear flannel next week when it's ninety degrees again, or accept defeat and wear shorts when the temperature drops to the mid-thirties the day after it's ninety. We at The George-Anne care about you and want you to get the most out of this "almost fall" weather we're experiencing. We present to you a handy flow chart so that you can better plan your fall here in the 'Boro.

**START HERE:
OH BOY!
IT'S FALL,
IT'S...**

HOT:

Denial. You want it to be fall but it's just not. In fact, it's probably 100% humidity. Put on your jeans, and flannel, when you walk outside you realize that yesterday's temperatures were just a cruel spirited joke by the weather gods. Screw it; this is fall and dammit, it's going to be a great day. Next you:

COLD:

Open your window, get dressed listening to fallish music, whatever that is, and grab a pumpkin spice latte. Put on your jeans and flannel, it's going to be a great day! Obviously, you walk to class because this weather is so fetch. But you're faced with a dilemma; **do you:**

WALK TO CLASS:

Wow, you're still in denial that fall just is not a thing here aren't you? You walk to class and get sweaty, I'm talking frat guy at a football game sweaty. It's rank, but you're persistent. It's time for coffee, that's what you do in the fall, you go to Starbucks and order your Pumpkin Spice Latte, **but is it a:**

FRAPPUCCINO:

Started at the bottom now we here. At least it taste like fall, right? You accept that you're probably just going to have to wear shorts for the next few weeks. You can look at your fall Pinterest board while in an air conditioned room. It's fine, it's going to be okay, just stay strong okay? You **CAN** even.

RIDE THE BUS TO CLASS:

You've accepted your fate and it ends here. You get a little sweaty on the bus but you know what? You're going to be fine. This is Statesboro, it'll be cold in a few weeks. Accept defeat and venture through your day.

HOT DRINK:

The leaves may not be red, but your face sure is. You've sweated through your flannel and smile like a maniac as you pass your friends. "I just love fall, omg don't you just love fall?" you say as tears stream down your face. You flash a broken smile and go lay in sweetheart circle. You bake to a nice medium rare where you'll be served to the campus geese.

GO:

Going to class on a day like today? Really? Ah well, at least you won't miss anything. Gaze out the window and take in the beautiful fall weather, look at all of your friends frolicking freely on the pedestrian. This is college, isn't it great? Start day dreaming about jack-o-lanterns, pumpkin pie, and hay rides. Man oh man is this going to be a great semester. Doodle fall things instead of taking notes. Class ends and you walk outside, **but do you:**

SKIP CLASS:

Yeah, this weather is great and all, and sweetheart circle is the place to be on cool-crisp days, but should you have really done that? I mean we're on week four, school is just now getting real. That's right, the anxiety is creeping in. Sip that pumpkin spice latte and pretend like God doesn't see you skipping that econ class, there was probably a quiz today. You failed, failed I tell you.

LIVE IN DENIAL:

You go to Starbucks and order another pumpkin spice latte as a hot drink.

ACCEPT THE WEATHER:

Holy cow, it's like nine thousand degrees out, what happened to the nice fall weather from this morning? It's going to be okay though, the weather here is as unreliable as being able to get on a bus from Forrest Drive at four o'clock. It's going to be cool soon child, accept the cards that were dealt to you.



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RESOURCES BEFORE THE MID-SEMESTER CRISIS HITS

BY ARAYA JACKSON
The George-Anne staff

Dear Student,

Though it may still be early in the semester, I know what you're thinking: "How am I going to keep up with class, clubs, social life, studying and still try to sleep for maybe a solid four hours?!" Fear no more young soul, for here I've provided you with a little list of some resources Georgia Southern offers to help you maximize your learning experience. Whether you need help with choosing classes, essays and papers, or computer trouble, there is a center with professional help waiting for you.

Please note that the University offers more than just the following.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

What, you think you're just going to wing your classes and take what you want? Not exactly. Students have academic advisors specific to their majors who are there

to help plan out the future. Whenever you need guidance choosing what classes to take, have questions about different majors and minors or need to stress your values and goals, your advisor is there. To make an appointment, go to 'GradesFirst' in your MyGeorgiaSouthern account. Academic Success Center-Need a tutor? Of course you do. Located on the second floor of Cone Hall lies your student-center facility dedicated to your academic success. This is your place for campus tutoring in a wide array of subjects, study skill workshops for tips in class and college related topics, one-on-one consultations with a specialist and testing services.

"I should have definitely used the tutor sessions for my math much more than I actually did," Nicholas Giusto, senior multimedia communications major, said.

WRITING CENTER

Ever experienced that moment when you think you've written an award-worthy paper, but then your professor gives it back with a

fat 'ole C on the front? If this has happened to you, or if you simply need a second, more educated opinion than your roommates, then you need to visit the Writing Center.

"I SHOULD HAVE DEFINITELY USED THE TUTOR SESSIONS FOR MY MATH MUCH MORE THAN I ACTUALLY DID,"

NICK GIUSTO
Senior Multimedia
Communications Major

Students from any course and at any stage in their paper can make an appointment with graduate and undergraduate peer tutors. Alison Shaw, sophomore construction management major, said "I brought my resume to the writing center and they helped me pretty

much fix the setup, work with its presentation and helped me clean it up."

So bring your papers, resumes, or whatever it may be and someone will help you work through it successfully by giving tips and guidance towards completion. The Writing Center is located in room 1119 in the Forest Drive Building.

STUDENT DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

The SDRC's mission is to ensure that all students with qualified disabilities, temporary or permanent, have equal access to all educational opportunities in order to succeed in class. The center currently helps approximately 624 students. If you feel you need any accommodations to maximize your learning experience, contact them today.

CENTER FOR ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

'CATS', for short, is available for students and faculty for technology use, both on and off campus.

There's a helpdesk to provide answers for anything from hardware to how-to-use Folio and Google Apps. They also offer an annual technology conference, Techxpo, to showcase to campus the various technologies at Georgia Southern. They are the perfect place for your technology inquiries!

So there is just some of the awesome resources our university offers! Don't read this thinking that you're too good for any of them, because you won't realize just how helpful they can be until it's too late. Take advantage of the many opportunities you have to succeed and better yourself. All of these facilities are here to prepare you for the outside world, where there won't be a free tutor at hand. Heads up, I'd look into this before the mid-semester crisis hits. Because when it hits, it demolishes.

GSU students respond to: required AlcoholEdu and Haven classes

BY KAT SHUMAN
The George-Anne staff

"As you may already know, The University System of Georgia and Georgia Southern University have partnered with EverFi, whose mission is to help students address critical life skills such as alcohol abuse prevention and sexual assault prevention in higher education institutions across the country. Each year over 700,000 students complete these courses.

As part of our comprehensive prevention program for students, Georgia Southern expects you to complete AlcoholEdu and Haven. This online education will empower you to make well-informed decisions about issues that affect your college years and beyond." - message from the Dean of Students

All Georgia Southern students received this message from the Dean of Students regarding the mandatory online courses that students are now required to take. Below, Georgia Southern students gave their opinions on the impact these programs would have on the Georgia Southern student body.



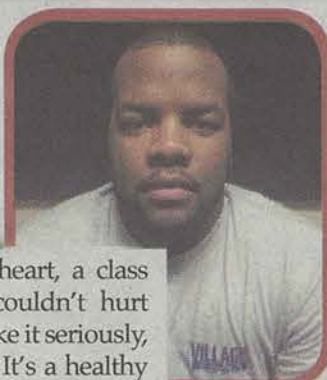
"I feel like these two issues go hand in hand on campus. I do think [the classes] will be effective. Awareness is the best way to prevent problems- particularly with sexual assault. I think the sexual assault course will be more effective; I don't think students will take alcohol education as seriously. I mean, Georgia Southern is known for being a party school."

COLLIN COSBY
FRESHMAN POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR



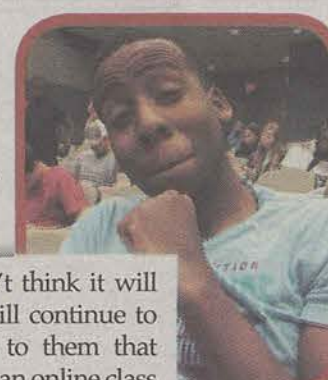
"[Students] need to be responsible. No, these classes aren't going to change anyone's mind. You have to change your own mind. An alcoholic won't change his or her habits because of a class. Alcohol is more tolerated at Georgia Southern. I think the Haven class will be more effective. Hopefully they will help students learn how to protect themselves."

SYDNEY RUSHING
SOPHOMORE ENGLISH MAJOR



"If there's negative intent in your heart, a class won't change that. [The classes] couldn't hurt though. I don't think students will take it seriously, but it should definitely be required. It's a healthy reminder that these are real problems."

MICHAEL MOORE
SENIOR ENGINEERING MAJOR



"As far as AlcoholEdu goes, I don't think it will help at all. People that do drink will continue to drink, unless something happens to them that would make them want to quit, and an online class won't change your lifestyle. I mean, we've all had alcohol and drug classes since we were in middle school, and it's still a problem. I think the Haven class will help women become more aware, so they can keep themselves out of dangerous situations."

JACQUES KNOLTON
JUNIOR CHEMISTRY MAJOR

MINIMUM RAGE

The pitfalls of raising minimum wage



CAITLYN OLIVER

Caitlyn is a junior journalism major from Richmond Hill, Ga.

By this point, most people have heard about raising minimum wage to \$15/hour. Sounds like a fantastic idea right? When you take a closer look it's not quite the best solution to our problems.

McDonald's is already testing out kiosks in their stores in Australia rather than having cashiers. That means that the two or three people that stand there and take your order and greet you when you come in won't be there anymore. And it's a success with the crowd, so what does that mean for those jobs if it's a permanent change? They won't exist because using a kiosk cuts down on the cost since there isn't an employee to pay.

Minimum wage jobs are not meant to be permanent and raising the minimum just removes incentive to move up in life. Yes, moving up is difficult and a lot (I repeat: a lot) of hard work, but people working in McDonald's and Zaxby's shouldn't be making

more than or as much as the people who risk their lives, like our military, policemen, firefighters and paramedics.

So let's look at the numbers for a second. According to GoArmy.com, an active duty soldier in the Army with less than two years of experience gets paid \$18,378 a year, and that number is actually lower the first few months. Firefighters and paramedics start between \$20,000-22,000. If minimum wage is \$15 and that person works a part time job at 28 hours a week, they're making \$21,840 a year.

Seattle, Wa. enacted a \$15 minimum wage back in March and almost immediately saw the negative effects. Businesses have to make more than they spend to get any kind of profit and a lot of money is

her overtime anymore, lost her 401k and health insurance, wouldn't get paid holidays and had to pay for her own parking. A waitress at the same hotel said she used to be paid \$7 per hour plus tips, which amounted to more than the \$15 per hour she now gets paid. With the wage increase, her tips don't amount to nearly as much so she makes less. She also has to pay for her own parking.

An increased minimum wage means higher prices for products, lower quality products because businesses acquire cheaper materials to cut costs, and customers going elsewhere for lower priced products. And you think bargain hunting now is a struggle. It would only get worse.

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CAITLYN OLIVER

spent in running a business: electricity, paychecks, rent for the building, taxes, and other necessary payments. That means a \$15 minimum wage causes many good private businesses to close their doors and lay off workers. Western Journalism quotes Anthony Anton, president and CEO of Washington Restaurant Association, as saying "It's not a political problem; it's a math problem."

The same Western Journalism article contains an interview with a hotel cleaning woman who said that she didn't get paid for

off and an increase in product prices because companies need to get their profit from somewhere and shipping isn't going to be cheap. It turns into a vicious cycle when you need to make more because you'll be spending more.

It doesn't look like an increase will help anyone.

The United States is supposed to be the Land of Opportunity, not the Land of Handouts. Increasing the minimum wage just means a spike in the unemployment rate because people are going to get laid

Mental health stigma & you

COURTNEY ROSEX

Courtney is a wellness ambassador. This is a guest column.

When many students start college, health and well-being tend to be forgotten when trying to balance schoolwork and a social life. When it becomes apparent that better care is needed for a healthier lifestyle, actions such as eating healthier and becoming more active are taken. Yet what is being done to tend to mental health?

Mental health is just as important to our overall well-being as physical health, but few seem to realize when they are encountering mental health problems. These issues can be written off as "just a bad day" and ignored. In actuality, it may be something that requires more attention and care. It can be very intimidating to ask for help regarding mental health due to feelings such as fear of judgment, embarrassment, and lack of acceptance. These feelings can also be a result of mental health stigma: prejudicial and negative attitudes or discrimination towards an individual due to their mental health status. Many people with mental illnesses have reported experiencing signs of stigma. Judgmental thoughts and attitudes can be very common among society when someone

is noticed for being "different" and many do not even realize the severity of their actions and the lasting impacts they can leave with individuals. It is imperative to know and implement what positive actions can be taken to help those in our community who may be suffering from stigma.

How can we as individuals help? Education on mental health facts is the first step. Take the time to get to know people before making assumptions based off of appearance or hear say. It is also important to remove labels and address people by their names, not their illness. Treat people with the same amount of respect you would like to be treated with. Offer help and support to those in need.

Always remember that YOU have a voice that can make a difference to someone who may be too afraid to speak up for him or herself. At any time, you can stand up against negative and judgmental behavior or stereotypes for a friend, family member, or even a stranger. It is also important to note that there are several ways to seek help on Georgia Southern's campus. If you are dealing with anxiety, depression, or are having trouble handling stress, seek help at the Counseling Center. Remember: seeking help today can lead to a better and brighter tomorrow!

EAGLES BEAT THE BRONCOS

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAU
The George-Anne staff

"This is a tough place to play and we got our butt kicked. This was a royal whooping," Western Michigan Head Coach P.J. Fleck said following the 43-17 lopsided victory for Georgia Southern over the Broncos. Along with a fantastic defensive performance, the Eagle offense truly turned things around 180 degrees to deliver the 'royal whooping'.

Over 23,000 fans packed into Paulson Stadium on the rainy Saturday evening and were treated with seemingly an entirely new and reinvigorated football team. The Eagle offense doubled their productivity from their previous contest by rushing for 413 yards and 5 touchdowns. It was a stunning performance that gave every fan their money's worth who sat through the pregame showers.

The offensive line was simply phenomenal in this performance on Saturday. After the lackluster performance against West Virginia many were expecting the worst from

the rag-tag group of offensive linemen. They came out and silenced all doubters against the Broncos and seemingly put the opposing defensive line on skis. Their push up front freed up huge gains from the backs and many tackles came from the last level of defenders. If this performance is any indication of what the rest of the season has in store, Georgia Southern will be in line for a repeat Sun Belt Championship.

Due to the stellar performance of the offensive line, we got to see the talent of the running backs once again. Redshirt sophomore running back L.A. Ramsby picked up 42 yards on 13 carries and also had a short plunge into the end zone for one of the rushing scores. Ramsby was integral in wearing down the Eagle defense with several tough runs and often left defenders on their backs.

If the future didn't seem bright enough already, Eagle fans got to take a glimpse of what will come from freshman running back Wesley Fields. The true freshman finished

with 82 yards on six carries and had two big runs of 25 and 35 yards to set up a touchdown drive in the first half. Fields showed a great mix of power and speed in route to an impressive breakout performance.

After facing a lot of criticism last week, junior quarterback Favian Upshaw was eager to prove he could handle the role full time. Upshaw wowed fans with several huge runs including a run over 40 yards that would be called back on a holding penalty. At the end of

the night, he finished with 103 yards on 16 carries and was able to avoid any costly turnovers.

While the entire offense had an amazing performance the star of the game was, without a doubt, junior running back Matt Breida. The sensation ran for 174 yards on only 11 carries with four rushing touchdowns. The entire first half he seemed to be just inches from breaking away on a long run and he did not disappoint. Breida was able to tear free for a 70 yard touchdown run to open the second half and

sucked any momentum the Broncos had coming out of the locker room.

The Citadel rolls into town this weekend and the Eagle offense will be waiting. The 2-0 Bulldogs enter after winning their first two games against Davidson and Western Carolina by a combined score of 97-10. It certainly won't be a chance for Georgia Southern to take a game off but it will give them more opportunities to show off their dominance to the country against their former Southern Conference opponents.



TAHIR DAUDIER THE GEORGE-ANNE
Antonio Glover had three interceptions on the night. The Broncos offense was held to just 252 total yards on offense.



TAHIR DAUDIER THE GEORGE-ANNE
L.A. Ramsby sets up for a cut. The Eagles rushed for 413 yards against the Broncos.

DEFENSE SHOWS OUT

BY ETHAN FLYNN
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The Eagles season opener was a 44-0 loss to West Virginia which made it their first shutout since 1995. Looming overhead, the Eagles' defensive breakdowns quickly turned into determination to improve. Bringing the Broncos of Western Michigan to Paulson Stadium was exactly what the Eagles needed to bounce back. 23,520 fans made it the fourth largest crowd in Paulson Stadium's history.

The Broncos would start the first series of the first quarter on their own 9-yard line. They drove the ball down the field with a steady run game. Broncos' running backs, Jarvion Franklin and Jamauri Bogan, drove the majority of the field. Handling most of the carries was Jarvion Franklin. However, the defense held strong limiting the Broncos to a 34-yard field goal.

The Broncos were under pressure their first series of the second quarter. The Eagles held the Broncos to a three-and-out and on third down Tay Hicklin deflected the pass. "We knew they were going to pass. We knew we needed to apply pressure

to the quarterback," Jamal Johnson said. The Broncos attempted to punt the ball but due to a bad snap that rolled 35 yards into their end zone, giving the Eagles their first safety of the season. It was the first safety since playing Savannah State in 2011.

Taking the field for the third quarter, the Broncos ran the ball once before quarterback Zach Terrell opened up the passing game again. In doing so, Antonio Glover was able to record his second interception of the game. Oddly enough, the pass bounced off the referee's shoulder and into the hands of Glover. The second series consisted mainly of the passing and Terrell seemed to be finding his targets. His main target was Daniel Braverman.

The Broncos later tried to convert a fourth down, but Glover intercepted it, his third of the game. "It feels amazing to redeem myself from last week. As a defense, we're always happy to have turnovers. It wasn't the three interceptions that turned the game around; it was the offense, defense and specialty teams," Glover said about his performance.

At the start of the fourth quarter, the Broncos drove the

ball 55 yards utilizing both the passing and running game their first series. The Eagles held the Broncos until third down when Terrell would pass to Carrington Thompson for a 13-yard touchdown. Terrell would also pass for a two-point conversion to Jeremiah Mullinax. Alex Hanks would kickoff for the Eagles and a fumble was forced by Chris DeLaRosa. James Dean would recover the ball giving the Eagles offense another opportunity to score.

"This might be the best team that's ever come into Paulson Stadium," Coach Fritz said. Prior to playing the Eagles, the Broncos narrowly lost to Michigan State who was the fifth ranked team in the country to begin the season. With that being said, the Eagles' defense played lights out proving their capabilities. The Broncos were limited to 252 total yards on offense and the Eagles capitalized on one forced fumble and three interceptions. There was sound execution at every defensive position eliminating what was the Broncos' potential lethal offense. The Eagles' defense will look to shut down The Citadel this Saturday.

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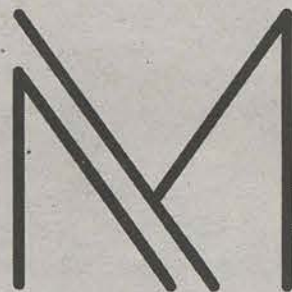
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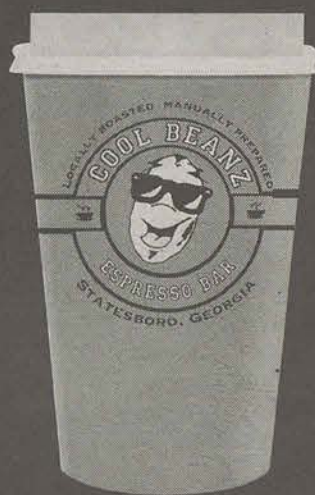
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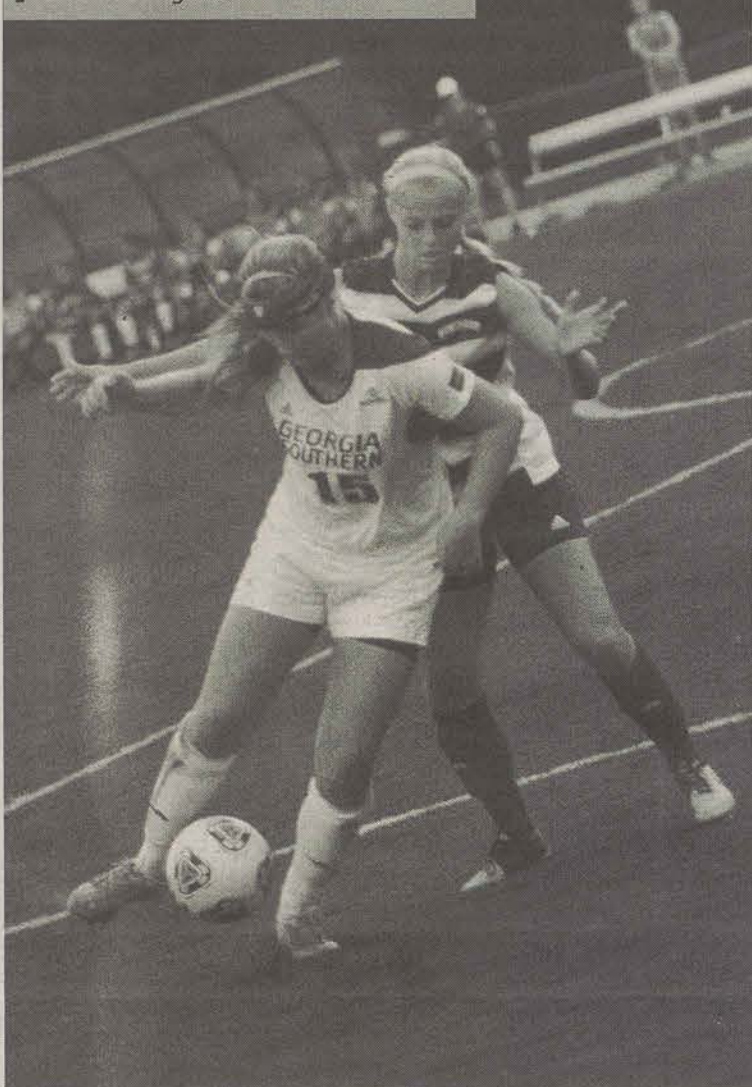
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Eagles make history against Alabama State

MADISON REYNOLDS THE GEORGE-ANNE
Junior Jennifer Wittick fights off a defender for the ball. She leads the team with 7 goals on the season.



BY DANIEL WAUGH
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern competed in two games last week against Winthrop University and Alabama State University.

The Eagles started the game with a steady pace and strategic passing throughout the first half. It was gritty back and forth, with both teams fighting for possession.

At the end of the first half, it was a 0-0 game. Georgia Southern's defense was great, allowing no shots on goal from Winthrop.

Going into halftime, Head Coach Brian Dunleavy said that the Eagles were doing enough to stay in the game.

"I think it was an average performance from both teams in the first half," he said.

The second half started just like the first, with great defense from both teams. Then Georgia Southern took control.

In the 60th minute, Junior Jennifer Wittick scored her fourth goal of the season with the assist from both Junior Melinda Lukas and Senior Nora El-Shami, giving the Eagles a 1-0 lead.

Senior Cori Dulmage followed suit in the 81st minute of play with a 2-0

leading goal from an assist by El-Shami.

"I think we showed more of our strengths in the second half," Dunleavy said.

Towards the end of the game, the defense held on and secured the 2-0 victory for the Eagles, allowing only one shot on goal from Winthrop.

At the end of the game, Nora El-Shami reached a milestone. She is now third in career shot attempts in GSU Women's Soccer history.

The Eagles then dominated Alabama State on Friday evening, marching to a 10-2 victory in the lopsided match.

A total of 19 shots were taken from Georgia Southern in the first half of play. In the 15th minute, Jennifer Wittick scored with an assist from Nora El-Shami, giving a 1-0. Three minutes later, the duo of Wittick and El-Shami stuck again, extending the lead by two.

The next minute of play was all offense from El-Shami. She scored back to back goals, one with an assist from Wittick, and the other being a straight shot from 25 yards out.

The first half concluded with a goal from Freshman Hallie Huff, with an assist by Junior Taylor Burns and Senior Jessica Scales, giving the Eagles a 5-0

lead going into halftime.

In the 49th minute, Wittick scored her third goal of the game from a penalty kick, giving Wittick the Hat Trick and her seventh goal of the season.

The 60th minute of play created history for Georgia Southern.

First, Melinda Lukas dribbled around defenders and scored her third goal of the season. Seconds later, El-Shami scored her fifth goal of the season, and her third goal of the game, giving her the Hat Trick. This was the first time in GSU history where two players record hat tricks in the same game.

Jessica Scales almost became the third to record a hat trick, scoring goals in the 70th and 85th minutes of play.

The game ended in with a 10-2 victory from Georgia Southern. They are currently 3-3-1 and are riding high with a three game winning streak.

The Eagles compete in two road games this week against South Florida on Sept. 17th and North Florida on Sept. 20th. South Florida's game takes place in Tampa, FL. at 7 p.m. and North Florida's game is in Jacksonville, FL. at 1 p.m.

Competitive loss for Eagles over the weekend

BY MARQUS WILLIAMS
The George-Anne staff

The Eagles Men's Soccer team faced off against the South Florida Bulls last Friday in a non-conference Georgia-Florida clash. The Eagles lost 2-1 in a game where they were overpowered offensively by the Bulls.

South Florida had 15 shots with nine on target for the game, while the Eagles only produced five shots, all on target. Senior Eagles' goalkeeper Jack Falle managed seven saves on the game, which was a season high for him.

South Florida had goals by Junior Nazeem Bartman in the 33' minute mark, and Senior Brendan Hines-Ike in the 49' minute mark. Though

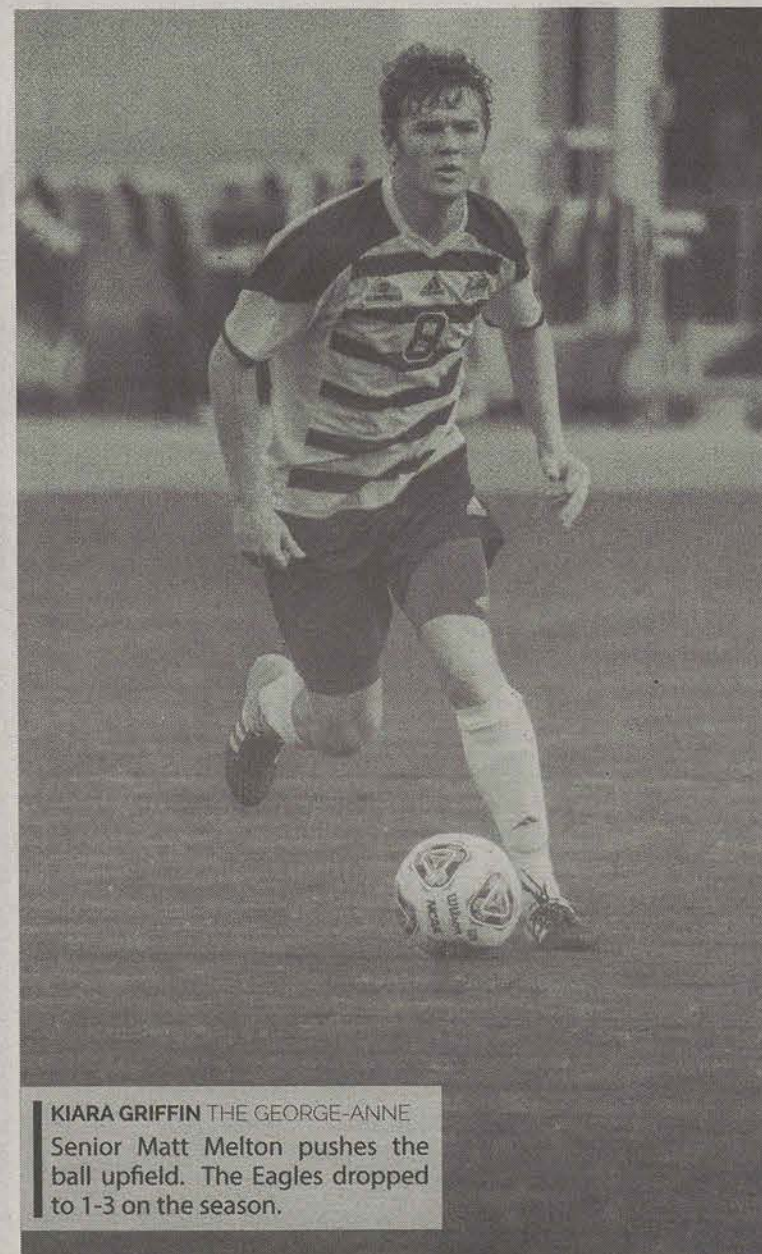
the Eagles did score, it wasn't their own doing as the Bulls' defender, Brandon Riley, mistakenly scored on their own goal in the 51' minute while being pressured by the Eagles' defense.

The game was closer than predicted as South Florida was a heavy favorite in the match-up. Previously this season, they were ranked in the top-25 of NCAA Men's Soccer Rankings. The Bulls are now (3-2-0) with wins over No. 25 ranked Georgetown, Missouri State and Georgia Southern. Their losses come from No. 10 Indiana and No. 2 Notre Dame, which shows why they were considered a tough team to beat. South Florida has been tested and proven this season, showing the Eagles something

they weren't prepared for yet.

The Eagles are now (1-3-0) on the season with losses from Stetson, South Carolina and South Florida. Their one win came from defeating Presbyterian College. Georgia Southern's non-conference slate for the season prepares them for success in their Sun Belt games. The ultimate prize of winning their first ever Sun Belt conference championship and making their first appearance in the NCAA tournament is still within eyesight.

The Eagles' next game is in Nashville, Tennessee against Lipscomb on Friday, Sept. 18 at 8 p.m.



KIARA GRIFFIN THE GEORGE-ANNE
Senior Matt Melton pushes the ball upfield. The Eagles dropped to 1-3 on the season.

Bash in the 'Boro puts Eagles at 4-6



TAHIR DAUDIER THE GEORGE-ANNE
Senior Kat Minnerly sets the ball
for a kill. The Eagles went 1-2 in
the tournament.

BY DERIK WUCHTE
The George-Anne staff

Bash in the 'Boro ended in a 1-2 result for the Eagles. The team found a decisive win against Chicago State, but was unable to win against Tennessee State and Winthrop. Redshirt sophomore Megan Chevalier had an incredible weekend, putting up 50 kills over the two days.

The Eagles played Tennessee State and Winthrop on Friday. In the fourth set of both matches, the games were tied with only a few points left. Both games ended the same way, however: the Eagles could not clutch out the victory.

It was a series of familiar situations leading to their two defeats on Friday. They were able to take the first set in both matches, but went on to lose by a final score of 1-3. There were a lot of momentum shifts in the second and third sets. When the Eagles couldn't capitalize on them, they found themselves slowly falling behind.

Chevalier's 10 kills against Tennessee State and 13 kills against Winthrop made her the leader in stats for the day. Sophomore Ashley Jones followed with 8 kills when the team faced Tennessee State. Freshman Stephanie Spencer and sophomore Cathrine Murray racked up seven kills. In the Winthrop match, redshirt junior

Katie Bange managed to get 10 kills while Spencer earned eight. Redshirt junior Crysten Curry had six kills.

Chicago State was a much better match for the Eagles on Saturday. The team shrugged off whatever hesitancy they had the day before and beat Chicago State 3-1.

Chevalier virtually carried the Eagles on the day with her 27 kills. Spencer got 12 kills, Jones earned 10 kills and freshman Lauren Reichard had 7 kills.

The team looked very sure of themselves that morning. When Chicago State started playing down, the Eagles knew to keep pressing. A 25-16 winning second set for the Eagles and a 25-17 winning fourth set proved how fired up the Eagles were that day. It was a methodical performance of offense and defense that led the Eagles to victory. Everyone on the court played up to their potential and there were no doubts in how the team executed.

Georgia Southern will be busy this week as the team hosts Savannah State at home, in Hanner, on Tuesday, Sept. 15. The game starts at 6:30 p.m. Volleyball will continue competition play on the weekend as they take on Little Rock and the University of Louisiana at Monroe on Friday, Sept. 18 and Saturday, Sept. 19, respectively. Both games will be at home with Little Rock being at 6:30 p.m. and ULM being at 1 p.m.

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