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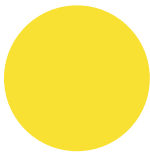
CHRISTOPHER STOKES

Tuesday



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Wednesday



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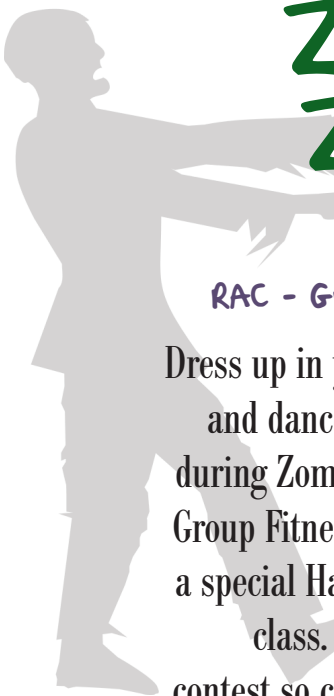
Find contributor Casey Rohlen's list of the best "Spooktober" podcasts at reflectorgsu.com and follow The Reflector on Twitter @ReflectorGSU.

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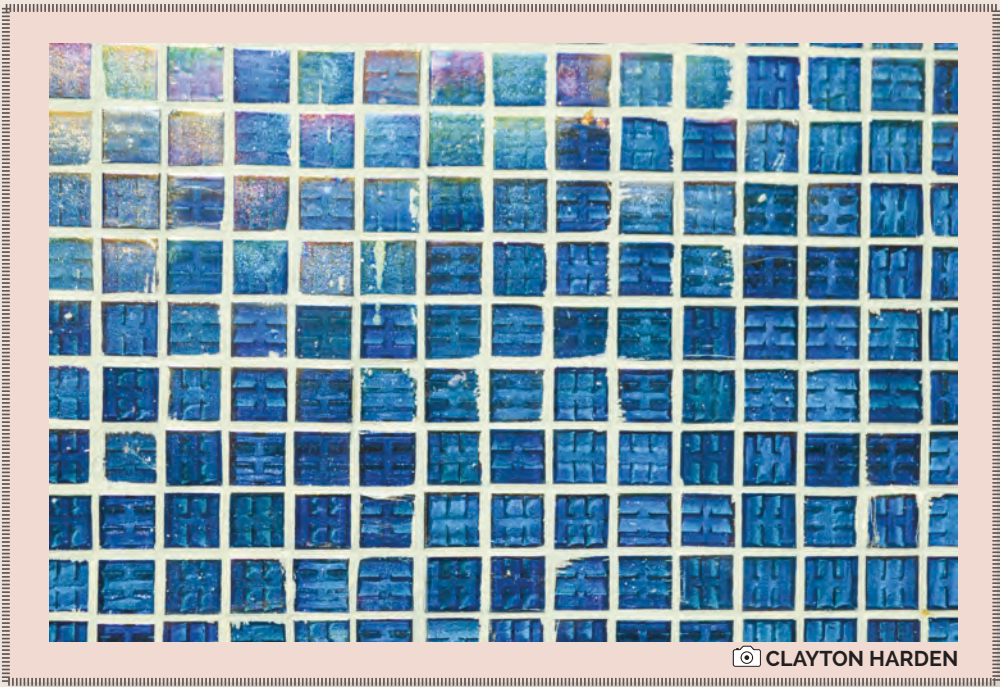
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THE SENSELESS SILENCE OF SONGBIRDS



CHERYL NUZUM

Cheryl is a senior English major from Snellville, Ga.

At ten years old, my father told me to check out a book I had never heard of, much less read, from the local library. He told me it was a novel everyone should read regardless of their age. I would have

to argue with him on that latter point because at ten years old, the gravity of the issues raised in Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* didn't quite resonate with me. I was much more interested in the adventures young Scout got into with her older brother, making up ghost stories and pestering her unconventional neighbors. But I would agree with him on the former point. Everyone should read *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Everyone.

COMMON REASONS THAT *To Kill A Mockingbird* IS BANNED: RACIAL SLURS PROFANITY & POLITICAL CONTENT

Source: American Library Association's Office For Intellectual Freedom

Last week Biloxi, Ms. school systems made the controversial decision to take Harper Lee's acclaimed novel off their eighth grade required reading list due to the language and subject matter of the book. In a statement made to The Sun Herald, vice president of the Biloxi School Board, Kenny Holloway, said "There is some language in the book that makes people uncomfortable and we can teach the same lesson with other books."

Now, I never had the opportunity to meet Ms. Lee prior to her death, but I can imagine that if I ever had the pleasure to meet her for a cup of coffee, the revelation of "I wrote the book to make people feel more comfortable" would have never come up.

If *To Kill a Mockingbird* makes you uncomfortable, then good. If the racial slurs and actions taken by the characters of the novel make you uncomfortable, then good. If you as a reader come to the same slow revelations that Scout as a

character and a young girl come too, then good. The book is still doing its job and you're still a human being. The novel was not meant to make people comfortable. It was meant to reveal the gross racial atrocities of the time. It was meant to wake people up. It forces its reader to recognize the world isn't always just black and white - something society today should probably take note of.

The first time I read the book, I remember being appalled with the jury's final verdict at the end of the trial. A jury convicted a black man with a physical disability that rendered him incapable of committing the crimes of which he was accused - somehow reaching the equivalent of justice for the residents of Maycomb, Al. I remember asking my

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CHERYL NUZUM

parents how they could have made that decision. My mother responded simply, "You have to remember the times."

Ten-year-old Cheryl was searching for a justice that couldn't be found in a generation then. And yet future generations are doomed to repeat the same mistakes without books like *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The banning of books with themes similar to this novel takes away a growing mind's ability to develop senses for things like empathy, morality, justice and right vs wrong. Without those things, what is the point of literature? Sure we can entertain our children with heroic tales of knights defeating dragons but don't we want our children to learn the value of courage and determination along the way? Otherwise our stories become nothing more than just superficial words on a page. Our children learn skills like sentence structure and long division but nothing about what it means to be a part of humanity.

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School of Health and Kinesiology chairperson to leave GS due to consolidation

BY BRETT DANIEL
The George-Anne staff

Katherine Thomas, Ph.D., School of Health and Kinesiology chairperson, is relinquishing her position on June 30, 2018.

Thomas, who became the school's chair a year ago, has decided to open up about her decision to leave.

This decision, she says, is mainly due to Georgia Southern University's ongoing consolidation with Armstrong State University.

Background

Q: Will you detail your job duties as the chairwoman of the School of Health and Kinesiology?

A: "Chairs are responsible for scheduling and assigning classes, managing a budget, evaluation of faculty and staff and completing reports.

In addition, we handle many immediate questions and requests, work with problems and/or appeal for students, faculty and staff. Chairs also recruit, select and encourage faculty.

This is similar across units, although sometimes the work is shared, for example, with assistant chairs."

Q: You previously worked at the University of North Texas. Why did you choose to come to Georgia Southern?

A: "Previous to Georgia Southern, I was at the University of North Texas, Iowa State, Arizona State and Southern University in Baton Rouge. I was a trailing spouse, meaning I followed my husband as he found each new challenging and rewarding position.

He retired as dean at North Texas and I was not ready to retire. I thought I had skills and experience that would be a good fit for a chair's position. I was interested in the challenge, program and faculty development, leadership development and long-range planning.

Georgia Southern has a strong academic reputation and has been recognized for excellence in undergraduate education. A fellow doctoral student is a Georgia Southern graduate who spoke highly of the university as did other professional colleagues.

The position was advertised and seemed interesting to me as it had the right mix of tradition, excellence and potential for growth. In addition, the smaller community was attractive to me."

Consolidation

Q: You became chair of the School of Health and Kinesiology in 2016, and now a year later, you're deciding to relinquish your position because of the consolidation process. Why?

A: "Research suggests that department chairs average about five years in the position and that 65 percent of the department chairs return to faculty. Others move on to administrative positions or different universities.

Chairs are in the position of championing their faculty and programs while mediating the mission, policy and procedures of the university, both challenging and at times stressful.

Chairs make 80 percent of the decisions at a university. Knowing this, I committed to five years at Georgia Southern, stating that I would retire at five years or even earlier if the situation warranted."

My plan was

(a) One year to work with School of Health and Kinesiology goal setting

(b) Three years to advance the programs and the people in the SHK

(c) One year for them to find my replacement while I managed things.

No one knew when I was offered the position in 2016 that the consolidation was imminent. It was simply a matter of timing.

At the six month mark as chair, the consolidation was announced and was rather exciting.

I continue to think that, in the long term, this will be good for both universities, but there will be challenges.

The consolidation quickly became a distraction that stifled much of our SHK work. A year passed and it was clear that a second year would be devoted to consolidation and longer.

Clearly, this was not consistent with a five-year plan. Further, there have been moments when I was unable to champion our faculty effectively, which was frustrating.

My weaknesses include dealing with issues rather than putting them off, the will to accomplish by finishing tasks and plans and holding integrity as precious.

Predictably, this was problematic during the consolidation.

I recognize there are those who stand in the middle ground with patience.

That is not me."

Q: A Statesboro Herald story mentions that you have an issue with the commuting requirement the consolidation would place on you. Will you tell me a little more about why distance is an important determining factor for your employment?

A: "I believe what I said was the commute confirmed my decision [to leave]. Just before the deadline to apply, approximately three hours, it was announced that the chair's office would be on the Armstrong campus in Savannah.

The expectation was that the chair be on that campus three to five days each week indefinitely. The average would be four days, one hour each way commute, totaling eight hours on average each week spent driving.

The work requires 40 or more hours. To maintain scholarship, more toward 50 hours. In previous positions, I have had to commute. This is not something I enjoyed.

Georgia Southern has a beautiful campus and is located in a small town. No commute necessary. When we recruit new faculty, we sell GS on those and other facts. We want to be certain this situation is what they want."

The future

Q: Where you will go from here and what will you do there?

A: "I have no firm plans. If I wanted to continue to work, I have options, as headhunters (the good kind) have already contacted me about other positions."

Q: Is there anything you'd like to say to your fellow faculty and staff at the School of Health and Kinesiology?

A: "You do good work. You are good people. Help each other. Continue to put students, programs and the university ahead of self. I wish you the best. This will be okay."

Q: Is there anything you'd like to say to the students at the SHK?

A: "Students are facing greater challenges than my generation faced. You are also better prepared to meet those challenges. Squeeze every bit of learning from your education.

I trust you with our future. You are beautiful, hardworking and smart. I am eager to see what you do with our world."

RELATIONSHIP ABUSE: SIGNS, STATISTICS AND SEEKING HELP

BY BLAKELEY BARTEE
The George-Anne staff

College can be the first years of adulthood for many students, adding responsibilities and freedoms previously unknown to their lives. As a result, students may experience their first romantic relationships without their familial support systems right behind them.

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, young adults ages 18 to 24 are at the highest risk for domestic violence. Perhaps awareness of the warning signs of relationship abuse can help young adults assess their situations.

Sometimes, red flags of relationship abuse can be hard to identify. Here is a guide to help.

WHAT IS RELATIONSHIP ABUSE OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

On their website, the National Domestic Violence Hotline defines relationship abuse:

“Domestic violence (also called intimate partner violence (IPV), domestic abuse or relationship abuse) is a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in an intimate relationship.”

Abuse can happen to anyone, regardless of gender, age, sexual orientation or economic background, the hotline states.

According to the hotline, abusive people believe they have a right to control and restrict their partners, and they believe their own priorities and needs should be the priority in the relationship. They abuse to gain and maintain power and control over an intimate partner.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AT GEORGIA SOUTHERN

In 2016, five domestic violence cases and four dating violence cases were reported to the Georgia Southern University police, according to the 2017 Annual Security Report.

The report defines domestic violence as a felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed:

- By a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim;
- By a person with whom the victim shares a child in common;
- By a person who is cohabiting with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
- By a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred, or
- By any person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.

Violence Case reported at Georgia Southern University from 2014 to 2016
Source: 2017 Annual Security Report



Dating violence, the report states, is violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. It includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN GEORGIA AND NATIONWIDE

Found via the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence:

The State of Georgia ranked No. 9 in the country for the rate at which women were killed by men in a 2014 report by the Bureau of Justice Statistics in the US Department of Justice.

One in three women and one in four men in the United States have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner, according to the 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey by the Center for Disease Control.

Intimate partner violence is most common among people ages 18-24, according to the 2014 report by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

RED FLAGS OF ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Jodi Caldwell, Ph.D., is the director of the GS Counseling Center, chair of the Sexual Assault Response Team and a member of the Board of Regents' Violence Against Women Task Force.

Abusive relationships, Caldwell said, are not usually abusive from the beginning.

"Abusive relationships often start where the abusive partner is extremely charming, seems very accommodating, almost sweeps the other partner off their feet," Caldwell said. "And then, it's kind of a slippery slope from there, with the controlling and abusive behavior beginning."

Safe Haven, a Statesboro emergency safe house for adult and child victims of domestic violence, provides information on abusive relationships on their website. Red flags identified by Safe Haven are as follows.

- Your partner...
- Threatens to kill him /herself
- Constantly criticizes you or makes you fearful to disagree with them
- Control who you see or what you do in a way that interferes with your work, education, or personal life
- Calls you names or belittles you
- Becomes extremely jealous of family and friends
- Says, "I did it for your own good"
- Has a temper that frightens you
- Accuses you of being unfaithful
- Forces you to do things you don't want to sexually
- Monitors your whereabouts at all times
- Questions your parenting skills
- Controls your money
- Tells you what to wear
- Shoves, slaps or punches you
- Hurts your pets
- Breaks things
- Caldwell said victims of relationship abuse often focus on the good parts of their partners, rather than focus on the red flags. A common red flag of

Safe Haven's location is confidential, so if someone needs to go to the shelter, they must call the 24-HOUR CRISIS LINE AT 1-800-33HAVEN

abuse, Caldwell said, is isolation.

"Your partner tries to prevent you from having any independence, whether that's your partner doesn't want you to go out without them, or your partner tells you who you can and can't be friends with," Caldwell said. "Another is your partner tries to isolate you from your support system, so, for whatever reason, may pick fights with your friends or family or just try and convince you not to hang around your friends and family."

Lack of trust from the abusive partner is common, Caldwell said, with concerns about the victim's faithfulness and truthfulness disguised by the

partner caring about the victim.

Physical violence may begin with yelling, then moving to name-calling, aggressive acts disguised as accidents and, finally, to targeted physical violence, according to Caldwell.

"After the violence, there's always... the honeymoon phase," Caldwell said. "That's when your partner is just at their most charming, so the 'I'm so sorry,' the 'that'll never happen again,' 'if you haven't done XYZ, I wouldn't have done this,' 'if you just don't do that, I'll never do whatever it is again,' that kind of behavior, and it just continues to cycle."

power and control.jpg

GENDER AND SEXUAL MINORITY (GSM) RELATIONSHIPS

Abusive partners in GSM relationships use the same tactics to gain power and control as abusive partners in heterosexual relationships, according to the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

According to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey by the CDC, people in the GSM community are at higher risk for a variety of acts of domestic abuse than people in heterosexual relationships.

"[The] same [domestic violence] resources are available to anyone in a GSM community. Safe Haven serves anybody in any kind of a relationship, it doesn't matter what the sexual orientation or gender identity of either of the partners might be," Caldwell said.

OFTEN, PEOPLE WHO TEND TO BE ABUSIVE IN THEIR RELATIONSHIPS CAN BE VERY CHARISMATIC OUTSIDE OF THAT ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP, SO ALSO THE FEAR THAT OTHERS ARE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE THEM."

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Director of the GS Counseling Center, chair of the Sexual Assault Response Team, member of the Board of Regents' Violence Against Women Task Force.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST MEN

Men in heterosexual relationships can be victims of abuse just like anyone else, but for them, there is an added stigma in reporting or seeking help for abuse, according to Caldwell.

"Safe Haven has housed many a male victim of domestic violence as well," Caldwell said. "And it does take that added level of courage for them to come forward, because, reality is they are going to face those [gender] stereotypes as their situation comes to light with their families and friends."

WHY VICTIMS STAY SILENT

Victims of abuse may have difficulty recognizing their dangerous relationships and seeking help. Abusive relationships begin almost normally, slowly descending into abuse, according to Caldwell. Additionally, victims might be concerned no one will believe them.

"Often, people who tend to be abusive in their relationships can be very charismatic outside of that romantic relationship, so also the fear that others are not going to believe them," Caldwell said.

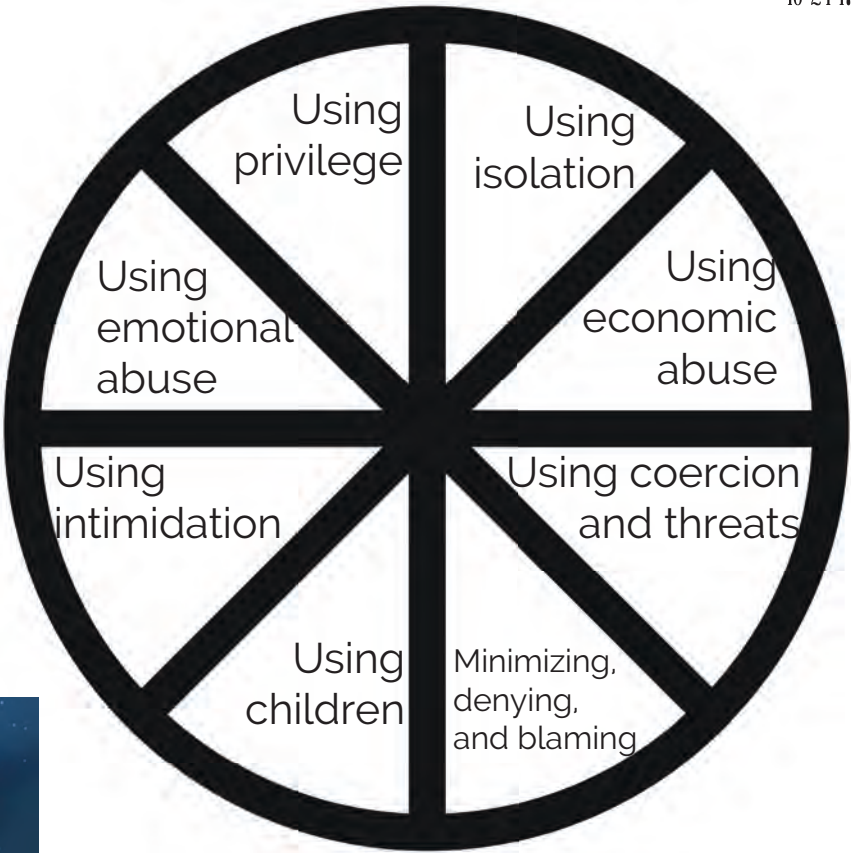
Victims who have been with their partners for a long time may be isolated and separated from their support systems, like their families and friends, Caldwell said. They also might not know about resources for getting help.

Finally, victims of abuse might feel a sense of shame or embarrassment, preventing them from wanting to seek help, Caldwell said, even though they did nothing wrong.

SEEKING HELP

There are resources in the Statesboro community for victims of abuse

Based on the Power and Control Wheel by the National Domestic Violence Hotline



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regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

“At Georgia Southern, the Counseling Center is a great place to turn. It’s confidential, we can let people know what kind of resources are out there at their disposal and help make a plan, if what they want to do is to leave the relationship,” Caldwell said. “They may just want to talk about the relationship. Nobody here’s going to force them to make a decision.”

If someone needs to get out of an abusive relationship quickly, the domestic violence shelter Safe Haven provides housing, food and shelter, and their staff helps victims become independent and get back on their feet, both emotionally and financially.

The shelter also offers translation services and legal advocacy.

Safe Haven’s location is confidential, so if someone needs to go to the shelter, they must call the 24-hour crisis line at 1-800-33HAVEN.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE ABUSIVE BEHAVIORS

Caldwell said that recognizing one’s own abusive behaviors is a huge step, and they should seek counseling to see where that behavior is coming from.

“I believe in change, or I wouldn’t be a therapist, so I think that if they were open to trying to figure out why that controlling or abusive nature comes out, that they could definitely change those dynamics.”

WHAT IF A FRIEND OR A LOVED ONE IS BEING ABUSED?

Safe Haven provides information on how to recognize domestic violence. People who are being abused may receive frequent, harassing phone calls from their partner, dress in clothing to hide bruises or scars or be restricted from seeing family and friends.

If a friend or a loved one is being abused, Caldwell advises to reach out to the victim.

“Definitely approach the person the person and just say, ‘I’m worried about you. If you need help, please call me.’ Or [let them know] you’re here to listen,” Caldwell said. “You may not be met with a warm reception, because sometimes folks are very defensive when they’re in those situations, but ... let them know that you’re there, that you’re concerned for them, provide them with community resources so that they have that information if they ever need it. That’s really the best that you can do.”

TYSON SUMMERS OUT AS GS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

BY THOMAS JILK
The George-Anne staff

According to a Georgia Southern Athletics press release, GS head coach Tyson Summers has been let go.

After going 5-7 last season and starting this year 0-6, Summers was under intense heat from the fan base and donors to the GS athletic foundation.

Multiple donors threatened to cease their contributions to the foundation over the course

of Summers' loss-plagued tenure, according to emails obtained by the George-Anne.

The 55-20 loss Saturday to UMass was evidently the final straw for GS to pull the plug on the Summers era.

According to a GS athletics press release, special teams coordinator and assistant head coach Chad Lunsford will serve as interim head coach.

ERIN FORTENBERRY

After the loss to UMass on Saturday, head coach Tyson Summers was relieved of his duties on Sunday. In the same press release, Chad Lunsford, the current assistant head coach, was announced as interim head coach for the Eagles. Here is some more background information on Lunsford.

TIME AT SOUTHERN

The former assistant head coach is no stranger to Statesboro or to Southern football. This is his fifth season working at Georgia Southern, and his ninth working in football overall. Since he joined the staff in 2013 after leaving the Auburn football program, Lunsford has made his way up the ranks in coaching.

Starting out working with wide receivers in 2013, he moved to working with the tight ends and played the role of recruiting coordinator in 2014 and 2015. In the 2016 season he stayed with the tight ends but attached a new title: special teams coordinator, and finally he was named the program's assistant head coach in 2017.

There's no doubt that Lunsford contributed to the Eagle's success in the 2014 and 2015 seasons, with his tight ends providing many yards that gave Southern the lead in FBS in rushing yards per game, and the lead in FBS rushing touchdowns in 2015.

The following year he was named a Broyles Award nominee- an award given to the nation's top assistant coach. Recruitment wise Lunsford ranked near the top in the Sunbelt in 2014 and 2016, and ranked in the top half in 2015. While he was at Auburn he helped with the recruitment process as well, earning them the nation's top recruiting classes in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Chad Lunsford coached the slotbacks from 2003-2005 for the Eagles, one of those slotbacks

CHAD LUNSFORD NAMED INTERIM HEAD COACH

BY KAITLIN SELLS
The George-Anne staff

being Raja Andrews, GS' all-time receptions leader. He then moved to Griffin High School in 2006 where he served as a special education teacher and as the outside linebackers coach, where that football team went 11-2 with a winner percent of .917. Lunsford then bounced to Georgia Military College where he again coached linebackers but also found himself in the position of special teams coordinator.

PLAYING CAREER

Lunsford was also a football player back in his high school days, starting at linebacker for Elbert County High School, and having a record of 20-3 in his junior and senior years. He then went to Georgia College and graduated in 2000 with a degree in biology and a minor in mathematics. Lunsford then went back to school and graduated in 2002 with a Masters of Sport Science degree from the United States Sports Academy.

While he was an undergraduate student he acted as a student assistant coach at Georgia Military college, which is where he had his first exposure to coaching tight ends and later on was hired as the running backs coach. In 2000 Lunsford went defensive, which showed when GMC ranked second nationally in total defense that year. He then got an offer from Appalachian State where he continued to coach the tight ends in 2001 and 2002.

Chad Lunsford married Tiffany Hyde in 2002, and together they have a family of three: Sophie, Rhett and Josie.

As many fans have said, it's Christmas in October, it's the turning point of the football season. Summers' time is over, let's just see if Lunsford can turn things around in time for fall. A national search for a new head coach will begin immediately.

INTERIM HEAD FOOTBALL COACH INTRODUCED AT PRESS CONFERENCE

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Newly appointed interim head football coach Chad Lunsford made a call to Eagle Nation at his first press conference on Monday.

“Show up, ‘cause we’re going to show out,” Lunsford said in one of the many signs of passion shown at the press conference.

TOM KLEINLEIN SPEAKS

Following the announcement of Lunsford’s temporary promotion, a press conference was scheduled for Monday. Athletic Director Tom Kleinlein explained some of the reasoning for moving on from Tyson Summers and promoting Lunsford as interim head coach.

After thanking Summers for his off the field contributions, Kleinlein started looking forward. When asked about why midseason for the firing, it was “to give us time to really attack that first recruiting period”.

Kleinlein made it apparent that he didn’t want to rush things or jump into any rash decisions when selecting a new head coach.

COACH

LUNSFORD SPEAKS

“What an opportunity,” Lunsford said. “I’m very excited to lead the Georgia Southern Eagles.”

Lunsford’s passion for Statesboro, the school and his team was made very evident and he went on to say “very fired up” he was for this new role.

Though he didn’t want to put any game plans or plans with where the team was at in stone, Lunsford said that “the overall morale of the team is good”. The interim head coach handled the fact that this team is 0-6 very well and didn’t stray from that reality.

“Obviously we haven’t gotten results in the win column...we’ve got plenty of time,”

Lunsford said.

Several members of the press questioned about Lunsford’s coaching philosophy and his answer is up there with some of the great answers: “It’s all about trying to make the team unified. We talk about brotherhood around here and playing for one another. It’s not rocket science when you’re playing football.”

Lunsford made it a point to the students and community to continue to support the team. The press conference concluded with a question about is Lunsford sees these last six games as a resume or interview. After asking for permission, he responded, “Dang straight I do.”

As stated by Kleinlein, Coach Lunsford “bleeds blue” and this should be an interesting second half of the season. Eagle fans will be able to see if the mid season switch worked on Saturday as the Eagles travel to Troy looking for their first win of the season.

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 - 2 Neptune's realm
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 - 8 Pulsate
 - 9 Disciplinarian
 - 10 Prune
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 - 12 Thickness
- 15 Assumed name
 - 20 Kernel
 - 22 Cow pasture
 - 24 Mouth piece
 - 26 Bone-chilling
 - 27 Fit for a king
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 - 30 Drivel
 - 32 Opinion follower
 - 33 City near Phoenix
 - 34 Squeeze
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 - 42 Listen up
 - 45 Apex
- 48 Newspaper section
 - 49 Not guzzle
 - 51 Stratego piece
 - 53 Bargain-basement
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BANNER COMPETITION

Winner: **Omega Phi Alpha**
1st Runner-Up: **Alpha Delta Pi & Sigma Chi**
2nd Runner-Up: **Kappa Delta & Alpha Tau Omega**

TRUE BLUE BBQ

Winner: **Alpha Omicron Pi & Alpha Phi Alpha**
1st Runner-Up: **Kappa Alpha Psi**
2nd Runner-Up: **Alpha Delta Pi & Sigma Chi**

BIGGEST FAN ON CAMPUS

Winner: **Alpha Omicron Pi & Alpha Phi Alpha**
1st Runner-Up: **Alpha Delta Pi & Sigma Chi**
2nd Runner-Up: **Kappa Delta & Alpha Tau Omega**

PAINT THE CAMPUS BLUE

Winner: **CEIT Student Services Center**
1st Runner-Up: **Registrar's Office**
2nd Runner-Up: **Office of the Vice President - SAEM**

GSU IDOL

Keandria Hayes, Dyverzion Dance

SIDEWALK

Winner: **Delta Phi Epsilon & Phi Delta Theta**
1st Runner-Up: **Omega Phi Alpha**
2nd Runner-Up: **Alpha Omicron Pi & Alpha Phi Alpha**

DOO-DAH DANCE AND STEP SHOW

Doo-Dah Winner: **Alpha Delta Pi & Sigma Chi**
Doo-Dah 1st Runner-Up: **Alpha Omicron Pi & Alpha Phi Alpha**
Doo-Dah 2nd Runner-Up: **Zeta Tau Alpha**
Dance Winner: **Dyverzion Dance**
Step Winner: **Forte Step**

SCULPT-IT FOR THE FOOD BANK

Winner: **Alpha Delta Pi**
People's Choice: **Alpha Omicron Pi**
Largest Number of Canned Goods: **Kappa Delta**
Total overall cans donated: **3,950**

SCREAMING EAGLES LIP SYNC COMPETITION

Winner: **Alpha Omicron Pi**
1st Runner-Up: **Alpha Delta Pi**
2nd Runner-Up: **Black Student Alliance**

PENNY WARS

Winner: **Zeta Tau Alpha**
Total amount collected overall: **\$1,600**

PARADE

Student Organizations

Float Winner: **Alpha Omicron Pi & Alpha Phi Alpha**
Float 1st Runner-Up: **Alpha Delta Pi & Sigma Chi**
Float 2nd Runner-Up: **Zeta Tau Alpha**
Krazy Car Winner: **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.**
Krazy Car 1st Runner-Up: **Kappa Delta & Alpha Tau Omega**
Krazy Car 2nd Runner-Up: **Society of Automotive Engineers & Eagle Motorsports**

Campus Departments

Float Winner: **Campus Recreation & Intramurals**
Float 1st Runner-Up: **Campus Farmer's Market**

SPIRIT AWARD

Student Organization: **Kappa Delta & Alpha Tau Omega**

LEGACY AWARD

Student Organization: **Alpha Delta Pi & Sigma Chi**

ROYALTY

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