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Thanksgiving is in the air and so are fall temperatures. It looks like we can finally keep those sweaters and sweatshirts hanging in our closet, at least for the first half of the week.

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Opinions

STOP THE STIGMA

ALBANI BERRYHILL
Albani is a freshman communication arts major from Villa Rica, Ga.

"If you go to counseling, you're crazy and weak." Negative, yet common, stigmas like this are associated with counseling and therapy, and the many people in need to not seek help or treatment. Often times, we are taught that if we need therapeutic help, we're crazy, we're weak and we have issues. NEWS FLASH: Everyone's a little crazy, and everyone has issues. Those who deny it are lying to you and themselves.

1 IN 5 US adults will be diagnosed with a mental illness this year.

National Alliance on Mental Illness

Unfortunately, I was originally one of those people who believed the negative stigma associated with therapy. I was the type to think "I can handle it on my own," or "Oh well, I'll get over it eventually." I can't cry in front of people, I can't show any signs of emotional stress, and I have to keep your secrets. That's like having the perfect best friend at your service! Many major issues today are related to a lack of mental health programs or attention towards promoting good mental health. Mental health does not necessarily mean you have a disorder or problematic diagnosis, it simply refers to emotional, psychological and social well-being. Everyone needs to focus on their mental health for their own well-being. By no means am I saying we all need to see therapists and have regular counseling sessions; however, we do need to STOP the negative stigmas associated with therapist and counseling and understand that seeking help is perfectly okay. Society cannot continue to keep judging the ones who do decide to get help, nor judge the process before giving it a chance. Who are you to judge someone for seeking help and bettering their well-being?

The wonderful thing about emotions is that they are temporary. Sure, sometimes you will get sad, but guess what... you'll also be happy! And if you aren't feeling your best, it is perfectly alright to seek professional help along the road to happiness for a quicker, better journey. Although I have not personally been to therapy, I am not opposed to going and would be willing to try. I was taught a quote that states, "You can't pour from an empty cup. Take care of yourself first." How can you expect to give your all and pour yourself into the daily activities of your life, if you yourself are empty? You can't. Take care of yourself. Make your mental health a priority. And lastly... to close this off on a very informal, yet relatable affirmation, "Do you boo boo. Do you!"

YOUNG ADULTS are less likely to use mental health services than older adults.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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A criminal at large, known only as "The Statesboro Sandwich Snatcher," stole a meal directly from the hands of his victim. The perpetrator, though generally nocturnal, committed the crime in the broad daylight of the Georgia Southern University campus. From the video, he appears to be a medium-sized furry mammal. Witnesses identify him as a raccoon. Brandon Williams, junior logistics and marketing major, witnessed the whole event and shared it on Twitter.

After Williams left his class in the Engineering Building, he saw people gathering outside the College of Business Administration Building. "I came out of class through the back door, and as soon as I came outside, everyone was looking and talking and saying 'It’s a raccoon,'" Williams said. "So, I go up a little bit more so I can see him, and I look, and the raccoon was creeping around the table, so I just pulled out my phone instantly and just started recording from there."

The video footage shows the thief climbing up to the table, apparently attracted to the victim's sandwich. "Raccoons are very opportunistic so they go to where the food is," Scott Courdin, GS wildlife curator, said.

The video shows the raccoon measuring up to the sandwich. The thief made a quick grab at the sandwich. For a moment, there seemed to be a tug of war between the beast and the man, the sandwich pulled to either opponent in a brief battle. Finally, the Statesboro Sandwich Swiper won. He quickly fled the scene with half the sandwich in his mouth.

According to livescience.com, raccoons are known to be nocturnal animals. However, Courdin said there are two reasons the critter was out in broad daylight. "One, not likely this time of year, they will be more brazen when they have young that they have to feed," he said. "Also, if they are sick or injured, they will continue to forage through the day so they can sustain themselves."

Courdin said he cannot tell from the video the reason for the creature being awake past his bedtime. He emphasized that raccoons may carry rabies and should be handled with caution. In 2015, there were 1,611 reported rabies cases involving raccoons in the United States, representing 29.4 percent of all wildlife rabies cases in the country, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

"I've dealt with a lot of animals myself," Courdin said. "I would've gotten out of there a lot sooner than that student did... They can bite, and even without rabies, they can do a lot of damage if they were to attack somebody."

Save the sandwich

If the "Statesboro Sandwich Snatcher" or any of his furry accomplices try to steal your food, Courdin encourages students to report the case to the University Police. Courdin also suggests that if an animal starts to approach, take your food and move away before they ever get a chance to grab it. "I know they’re cute and they’re very cool animals. They are very interesting. They’re intelligent, but they can be dangerous," Courdin said.

The George-Anne was unable to identify the victim of this case of sandwich swiping. If this was you, we would enjoy hearing your side of the story. Feel free to contact us at gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu.
Insight into the Senate

HOW TO BECOME AN SGA SENATOR

BY COY KIRKLAND
The George-Anne contributor

The Student Government Association (SGA) of Georgia Southern University serves as a middleman for the administration, faculty and students.

Despite such a crucial job in the student community, some students are unaware of the duties and jobs of SGA members. In fact, each college on campus has specialized senators to represent concerns from their designated departments.

Elijah Brown, senior accounting major, and Michael Harris, sophomore marketing major, both enjoy representing the College of Business Administration as SGA senators.

“I really enjoy my job serving my peers. After all, that is the reason I joined Student Government. The executives and senators alike work together to make Georgia Southern a better place for all students,” Harris said.

“It makes me happy knowing that I am taking active steps towards serving students and I know everyone in SGA can say the same.”

How to become a senator

“In the spring, they have open elections, so anyone on campus who fits the requirements can campaign to be a senator, and that basically gives you the guidelines on how to become a senator when to campaign,” Harris said. “Those usually take place the week after spring break ends. Then we have an interview process to fill the remaining seats on the college.”

The only requirement to become an SGA member is a 2.5 GPA or above. Once you are elected, you are sorted into a college based on your major.

Making change on campus

Service has always been a top priority for SGA. For Brown, being part of SGA allowed him to do that.

“I knew I wanted to help make a change on my campus,” Brown said. “By joining Senate, I have that opportunity to do more than any other club on campus.”

Brown said other clubs make a change on campus, just not as much as SGA. Harris also echoed this mission to serve.

“The service part really gets me, because I am a person who loves to help people. Also, I wanted to get involved more, and I felt how more to get involved more than joining one of the top organizations on campus,” Harris said.

Brown encourages any student who wants to make a change on campus to run for office so that they can help make a change in the community. Harris also recommends anyone who wants to make a change to get in contact with SGA so they can guide you along the path to do so.

If students are interested in running for student government, they will have to wait until the spring election cycle, but they are welcome to attend Senate meetings every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. Every meeting gives students the chance to voice their opinions.
CANDIDATE FORUMS FOR NEXT PROVOST ANNOUNCED

BY BLAKELEY BARTEE
The George-Anne staff

Four candidates for the next Georgia Southern University provost and vice president of academic affairs will speak at open forums at the Foy Recital Hall and the Williams Center Multipurpose Room throughout the next month.

As of the time of publication, the candidates are unnamed. Diana Cone, Ph.D., became the interim provost and vice president of academic affairs after Jean Bartels retired this summer.

The forum schedule was announced to the GS community through an email Thursday afternoon from Dean Delana Gajdosik-Nivens, Ph.D., of the College of Science and Technology at Armstrong State University and Dean Allen Amason, Ph.D., of the College of Business Administration at GS.

“The search committee for the position of Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs is pleased to be bringing four candidates to campus to interview for this crucial leadership position. More information, including candidate CVs will be available shortly,” Gajdosik-Nivens and Amason wrote in the email.

Here is the schedule for the candidate forums:

Candidate No. 1- Nov. 16, 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., Foy Recital Hall
Candidate No. 2- Nov. 27, 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., Williams Center, Multi-Purpose Room
Candidate No. 3- Nov. 28, 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., Foy Recital Hall
Candidate No. 4- Dec. 6, 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., Foy Recital Hall

The George-Anne staff
PHOTO COURTESY OF THE OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

Georgia Southern University students, staff and faculty will have the opportunity to attend forums featuring the four candidates for the GS provost and vice president of academic affairs all throughout the months of November and December.
The Georgia House of Representatives is currently considering passing a bill that would ban drivers over the age of 18 from using handheld devices while driving.

Presently, all drivers in the state of Georgia are prohibited from writing, sending and reading text messages while driving, but drivers over the age of 18 (aside from bus drivers) are not forbidden from using handheld devices to make a voice call while driving.

House Bill 163 (HB 163) would change this.

Currently, distracted driving citations warrant a $150 fine. Kathy Clark, mother of Emily Clark, one of the five Georgia Southern nursing students killed by a distracted driver in April of 2015, doesn’t think this is an adequate punishment.

“Our family believes it is going to have to be something similar to driving under the influence,” Clark said.

In Georgia, a driver aged 16 to 20 may have his or her license suspended anywhere from six to 12 months if caught driving under the influence. This is in addition to a $210 fine and a DUI Alcohol and Drug Risk Reduction Program.

A driver aged 21 or over may face a $300 to $1,000 fine, suspension of his or her license for up to one year, a DUI program, community service, possible imprisonment and possible limitations placed on his or her license.

GS Police Chief Laura McCullough said she doesn’t see much of a difference between Georgia’s prohibition on texting and driving and the prohibition on handheld devices as addressed in HB 163.

“If I pull out my phone and make a call, I’ve got to read [text] to find who I’m going to call,” McCullough said. “So, am I violating the law or am I not? In my opinion, there’s a little bit of ambiguity in that.”

Clark believes part of the reason drivers are so prone to distracted driving is the fast-paced world they live in today. She said as soon as people see their phone light up with a notification, they check it out of habit.

“You never think that something bad can happen to you,” Clark said. “It’s just our human nature.”

HB 163 was introduced by Rep. Betty Price (R) in January and is currently undergoing its second reading. If the bill receives a majority vote after committee discussion, it will move to the Senate for further consideration.

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KATHY CLARK
mother of Emily Clark, one of the five Georgia Southern nursing students killed by a distracted driver

BY BRETT DANIEL
The George-Anne staff

The new legislation is currently in committee.

Currently handheld devices are banned only for bus drivers and drivers under 18.
MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Eagles opened Mark Byington's fifth season as head coach by upsetting Wake Forest, 85-83, in Winston-Salem, N.C. on Friday. Junior Ike Smith eclipsed 1,000 career points in the first half and went on the drain the game-winning free throws.

GS will play its home opener Monday at 7:30 p.m. against 2017 NIT semifinalist Cal State-Bakersfield.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Coach Kip Drown’s Eagles lost to North Carolina A&T, 60-49, in Greensboro, N.C. on Friday night. GS junior Rhein Beamon scored 13 points and grabbed six rebounds in the loss.

The Eagles take on Coastal Georgia at 5 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse on Monday.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Coach Brian Dunleavy’s squad upset No. 3 seed Troy, 2-1, in the first round of the Sun Belt tournament. Senior Sarah Price scored two second-half goals and the Eagles beat a Troy team that had blown them out, 5-0, previously.

The Eagles went on to lose to Coastal Carolina in the second round, ending their season at 8-9-2.

VOLLEYBALL

The Eagles lost to Georgia State, 2-3, in Atlanta on Saturday. The Eagles nearly came back from down two sets, with junior Lauren Reichard leading the way with 13 kills.

Freshman Skylar Ball tallied nine blocks in the match, which was the last of the season for GS.

RIFLE

The women’s rifle team placed third in its final event of the fall, hosted by The Citadel.

Sophomore Courtney Wekley broke the school record in the small bore competition, scoring 575, a part of her career-best 1,159 aggregate score.

CROSS COUNTRY


It was the Eagles' final event of the fall semester.

BY THOMAS JILK

Teams from around the Georgia Southern athletic department were active over the weekend, including the Sun Belt soccer tournaments and men's and women's basketball playing their road openers.
The Georgia Southern men’s basketball team opened its season with an 85-83 road win over ACC foe Wake Forest on Friday in which the Eagles led the Demon Deacons for a total of 37 seconds.

With 3.6 seconds left, GS junior guard Ike Smith was fouled in the act of shooting, and he calmly made both free throws to all but ice the game for the Eagles. Smith had previously nailed a 3-pointer with 1:02 on the clock to tie the game at 83.

Smith’s first field goal of the game pushed him across the 1,000 career point threshold, as he entered the game with 998. Junior guard Tookie Brown led the Eagles in scoring on Friday with 22 points on 8-of-16 shooting. GS head coach Mark Byington told ESPN after the game that Brown was the vocal leader that GS needed to keep the team’s faith that they could pull the upset.

“At every huddle, Tookie Brown told them we were going to win this game,” Byington said.

Smith and senior guard Mike Hughes each added 18 points, and junior forward Montae Glenn scored 14 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, including eight offensive boards. Glenn also blocked two shots.

The Eagles were down by as many as 14 points early in the game, but they cut the Wake Forest lead to six, 46-40 by halftime.

Byington told ESPN the win gives his team confidence going forward because they won’t see a lot of opponents in non-conference or in the Sun Belt with the kind of size and length that Wake Forest possesses.

The Deacons’ Keishawn Woods, a redshirt junior guard, scored 25 points and demonstrated offensive ability that few in the Sun Belt can likely match. Wake’s Doral Moore, a 7-foot-1-inch center, blocked three shots but was otherwise rendered somewhat ineffective by Byington’s small-ball strategy.

The Eagles shot better than 47 percent from the field and 40 percent from 3-point range. They made 10 out of 12 free throws and committed six fewer turnovers than Wake Forest. GS was out-rebounded, 40 to 32, but with the Demon Deacons’ size, the rebound deficit was able to be overcome with superior shooting and ball control.

For a pair of GS seniors, Hughes and forward Coye Simmons, playing and winning in Winston-Salem to open their final season was especially meaningful.

Both Hughes and Simmons played high school basketball at Winston-Salem Prep, so they grew up around Wake Forest and understood the program’s storied history. Hughes hit a 3-pointer with about two minutes left in the game that gave the Eagles their first lead, 80-79. “I had no idea what the score was,” Hughes told GS Athletics’ Marc Gignac. “I just recognized that I was open, and I know my teammates have the confidence in me to take shots.”

After Wake made a jumper to quickly regain the lead, Smith took over and put the game away for GS. Hughes was 5-of-9 from 3-point range in the game. Simmons grabbed four rebounds in 11 minutes of action.

Monday night at Hanner Fieldhouse, the Eagles will open their home non-conference slate with a game against Cal State-Bakersfield at 7:30 p.m.
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