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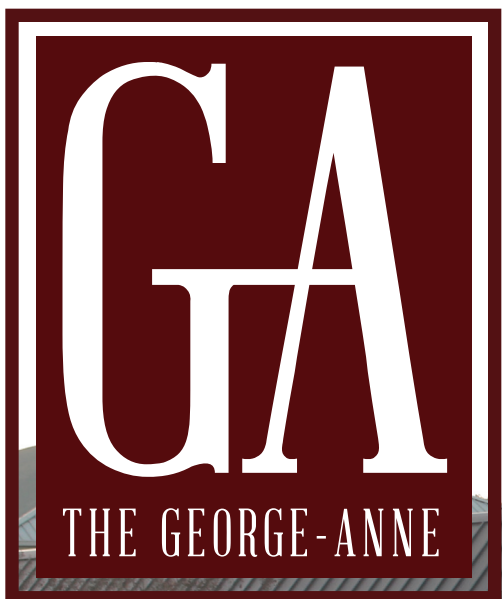


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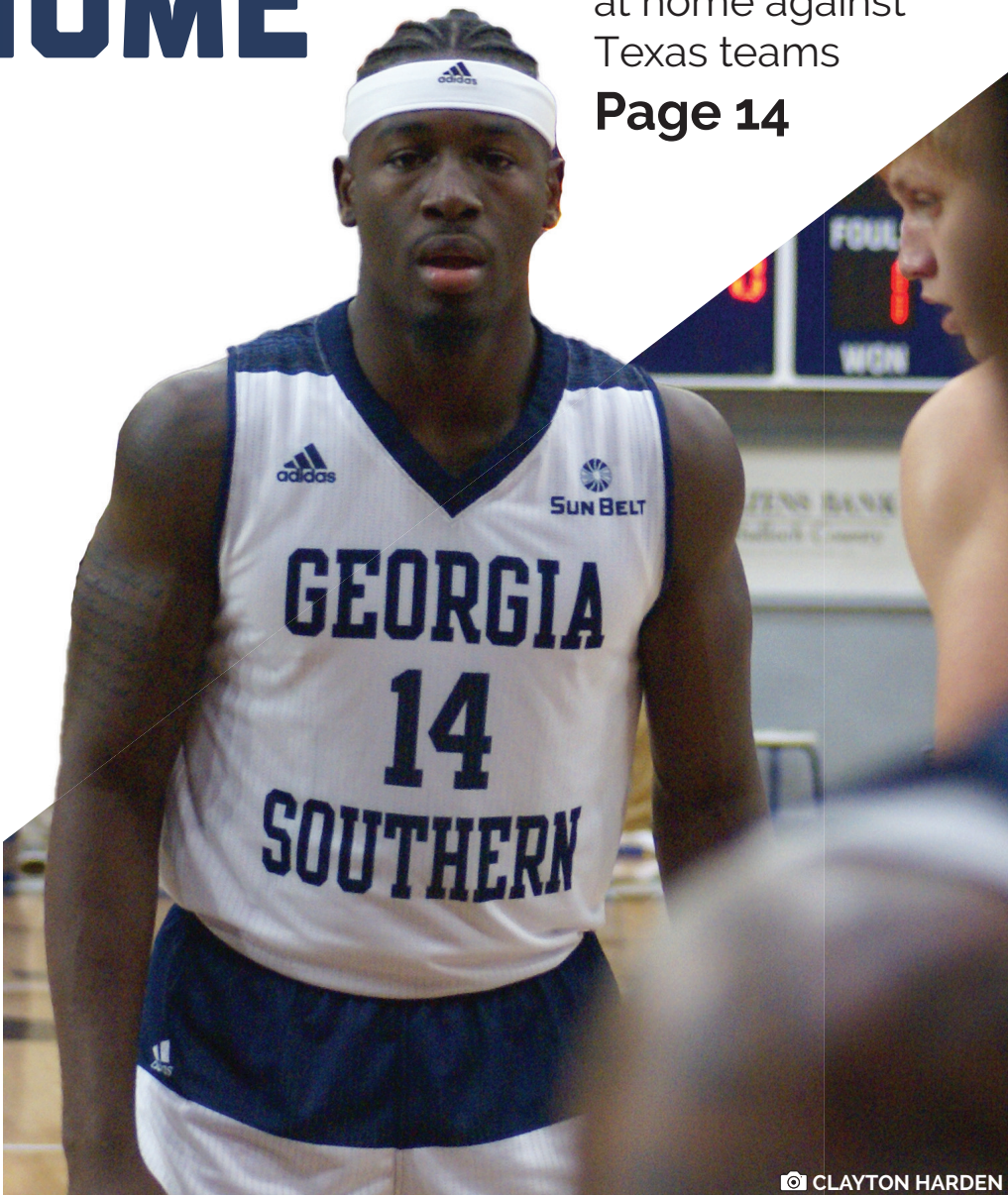
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



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Weather Bar

As the month is drawing to a close, we're enjoying a period of mild weather. Stay dry this weekend Eagles!

Statesboro celebrates second annual WOMEN'S MARCH

BY MATTHEW ENFINGER
The George-Anne staff

Marchers took to the streets of downtown Statesboro on Sunday, Jan. 20 to participate in the second annual Women's March along with many marching groups across the country.

Participants met at the Bulloch County Annex at 2 p.m. and marched to the Statesboro Courthouse lawn for a rally highlighting women's success, hardships and goals for the future.

The march began with opening remarks from master of ceremonies Jill Johns.

"This is what democracy looks like," Johns said through a megaphone. "Look around you. This is what democracy looks like and as they said in Los Angeles yesterday, 'Democracy doesn't happen automatically. It demands our action.'"

The local women's march shared the national theme of "Power to the Polls" which

encouraged women to run for local offices and allowed voters to register at the rally.

Marchers chanted in unison as they carried homemade signs down North Main street. A musical performance by Chris and Ashlee Mitchell from Pladd Dot Music began as marchers approached the courthouse lawn.

The rally consisted of poets, speakers and performers including fifth grader Rylee Martindale-Rushing and Statesboro's first lady Adrienne McCollar.

During her speech McCollar announced that she will be running for the school board seat of district four.

Among those in attendance was long time activist and Georgia Southern University Alumna Jan Nordine. Nordine's involvement in historical American social movements includes marching with Dr. Martin Luther

King Jr. and protesting the Vietnam War.

"I didn't believe when I was doing this in the early 60's that I'd still be doing [activism] now," Nordine said. "I'm 71 now and I guess I'll go to my grave doing it but I'm bringing up another generation."

As the last speaker concluded signs and shouts of exclamation remained high. Johns approached the courthouse steps for the event's closing remarks.

"As we've seen this is a very passionate debate that we are all undertaking and it can get heated and uncomfortable and conflict oriented but that is all that the growth is about," Johns said. "So don't be afraid, don't shy away and lean into it and let's continue to have the discussion and the dialogue because our voices matter."

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Members of the Georgia Southern University, Statesboro and Bulloch County community took to the streets for the second annual women's march. The march began at the Bulloch County Annex and ended at the Statesboro Courthouse. lawn.



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YOUR VIEW: Net Neutrality

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ASHLEY JONES

Ashley is a junior journalism major from Augusta, Ga.

In December of 2017, Twitter users went into an internet frenzy after word spread that the Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) was repealing the Net Neutrality law. Cybnauts began making their final goodbyes through Twitter, Facebook and Instagram after hearing that users would be charged a fee for utilizing these social media websites. However, everything that we've been told about repealing Net Neutrality is not all true. News sources such as The New York Times and The Washington Post gave us the idea that the decision to repeal the law was

another step back into a controlled society. Headliners such as "FCC plan would give internet providers power to choose the sites customers see and use" and "FCC is Revving Up to destroy the Internet as We Know It" called for protests, petitions and angry tweets from GS students. What many users failed to do was their own research on the background of the newly repealed law.

What You Need To Know About Net Neutrality

In 2015, activists persuaded the FCC to enact the historic Net Neutrality rules that has been proven to keep the internet free and open allowing you to control your internet experience. Since then, users have been able to share and access information as they pleased, without any interference.

According to savetheinternet.com, On Dec. 14, 2017 former FCC chair and Trump appointee Ajit Pai, who was never a fan of the law, disregarded the popular opinions of millions of Americans and decided to push for the repealing of Net Neutrality. Since word has spread about the change in Internet rules

many called on to Congress to use a "resolution of disapproval" to overturn the FCC's vote to throw away Net Neutrality rules.

According to Chairman Pai, Americans were not living in a digital dystopia until after the FCC seized power. He went on to say that he hopes the FCC will choose to return to the common-sense policies that helped the online world transform to the physical one.

The Monthly Fee to be Noisy

What really had students in an uproar is when word spread that they would no longer be able to access the internet without paying a fee. Although that is partially true it's more so that if you have a provider such as Comcast, Spectrum, AT&T, etc., you would be charged more if you wanted to stream Netflix or another website that's not apart of that said company.

So no you won't be charged a dollar and some change for every Google Search you make, but researchers believe that this will slow down future innovations.

“Most college students don't have the money really to be spending on the Internet. I think it should be kept in place because I really don't trust all these big companies, like



AT&T and Verizon because they go unregulated. It was enacted because AT&T or Verizon started doing something like throttling users or something so it was put in place. The problem is most these companies can finally start doing things like that and start charging more so we do have to put in laws like that and it's just all about regulating those big companies so they don't completely have monopoly.”

Frankie Barry,
Freshman biology major

“I think it's dumb for the government to try to away something like that. Us using the internet is basically like freedom of speech, on social media everyone says



what they feel like they want to say. All the kids stay on the internet, we use it for everything so I feel like it'll affect us with our homework. Even with my friends theiralways on their phones and I even have to tell them to get off their phones but they still stay on it. So I don't feel like we ourselves would limit our internet use so there probably might need to be rules, but I feel like with it being rules it's going to take away like our freedom to say what we want.”

Benaissa Joseph,
Sophmore public health major



“It's a power grab by the companies that control all of the media

in general like Comcast and other service providers as well to make the internet more like cable, because right now TV viewers have been declining in preference for online media like Netflix, YouTube, etc., so to supplement that and keep their shareholders happy they want to basically make internet more expensive while not having to update the infrastructure. One easy way to do this is to introduce packaging so that people will pay what they want without realizing that they're paying more for it. It was an Obama-Era thing, before we didn't really need it before, because the effect of the internet was just starting to like really explode into what it is now. If you limit the number of outlets people can get their information from, its only going to get worse, that's just the cherry on top. I am definitely for Net Neutrality, it's a much better system that gives all the sites equal access to all sites rather than preferential access to some sites, and also I don't want to pay for it,”

Nathan Johnson,
Senior chemistry major

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**Due to the nature of a currently ongoing investigation, some names in this article have been altered at the request of the subjects in an effort to keep their identities private. Jocelyn and Riley are the altered names.*

BY IAN LEONARD

The George-Anne staff

Joel Wright, Director of the Title IX Office, made note of seemingly rising tensions between faculty members within the Foreign Languages Department (FLD) in October of 2016, according to a Title IX report.

"There appears to be great tension amongst the faculty members of the Department of Foreign Languages," Wright said in a Title IX harassment report. "It appears that the majority of the tension revolves around the promoting of the ACTFL [American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages] standards on oral proficiency."

While Wright attributed the strained environment to upcoming proficiency exams at the time, there are some within the FLD who pin the blame on the department chair, Eric Kartchner.

Since joining the department 10 years ago, Kartchner has been the subject of at least three separate Title IX harassment investigations and three grievances, according to documents obtained from the university by The George-Anne. Complaints range from discrimination to retaliation, all of which, with the exception of one anonymous complainant, were reported by women.

So far, every complaint lodged against Kartchner has been dismissed by the university, according to documents obtained from GS. However, the most recent complaint is currently being investigated by the University System of Georgia.

Background and Complaints

Kartchner came to GS in the summer of 2008, after serving as an associate professor at Colorado State University - Pueblo.

Kartchner has received a number of complaints, specifically for his treatment of women in the department. One complaint filed by Riley*, a former employee of Kartchner, claims she was subjected to harassment until she resigned under threat of termination only six months after she was hired.

According to the complaint filed by Riley, Kartchner would constantly engage in behavior and actions that made her uncomfortable.

"Dr. Kartchner would not allow [Riley] to excuse herself to go to the restroom without permission," according to the Title IX report. "Dr. Kartchner repeatedly criticized the way [Riley] smelled, indicating he could fire her simply for the way she smelled."

Riley alleged that the harassment was primarily due to her gender and that the behavior Kartchner subjected her to was demoralizing, abusive and, in some cases, intimidating, according to a Title IX report. In the same report, she described one encounter with Kartchner in which he used a lesson from the bible to chastise her.

"These Bible lessons worried [Riley], making her feel as if she needed to tell someone but she was too afraid to do so," according to the report. "[One lesson] in particular discussed the death of one who had misbehaved. [Riley] felt threatened."

She asserted throughout the report that she feared coming forward with her experience due to Kartchner's close relationship with his immediate superior, Curtis Ricker, Ph.D, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS).

"Dr. Kartchner repeatedly told [Riley] that Dean Curtis Ricker did not care when or if he came in at all and that he could do whatever he wanted because he knew the dean 'had his back,'" according to the Title IX report. "[Riley] was afraid to come forward about the harassment, belittling and hostile work environment because she felt that no action would be taken because of the previous comments made by Dr. Kartchner in regards to his close relationship with Dr. Curtis Ricker."

Despite her claims, the official Title IX report found that there was insufficient evidence to support that Kartchner had indeed violated university policy regarding harassment in this instance.

Jocelyn, another member of the department, called in a report to the Georgia Southern University Triage Committee over her concerns about Kartchner. According to the report, Jocelyn

told investigators about inappropriate behavior she claims to have seen Kartchner engage in on a faculty trip to the Yangtze River in China.

"During a trip to China with other faculty, [Kartchner] asked one female tour guide if she ever had an abortion," according to the Triage Committee report. "Several women felt they needed to be protected from [Kartchner] during his inappropriate dancing on a cruise boat on the Yangtze River."

The Triage Committee closed the case in April of 2017, stating that the Title IX Office had already investigated these allegations. This fact was confirmed by Michelle Haberland, professor of history, who also attended the trip and claims to have witnessed the same inappropriate behavior committed by Kartchner.

"When we were in China, we had tour guides that would take the [faculty members] around in buses, and the tour guides were generally young Chinese women," Haberland said in a phone interview with The George-Anne. "And Dr. Kartchner, with one woman, I watched them as we got onto the bus, and he sat down next to the tour guide, and I heard him ask her, out of nowhere, 'have you ever had an abortion?' And it seemed inappropriate."

Haberland said that she was interviewed by Joel Wright, Director of the Title IX Office, concerning this incident and relayed the same information to him, but has not since been involved.

Retaliation

Jocelyn agrees that Kartchner has subjected her and many other women of the department to behavior that constitutes harassment, stating that she noticed the behavior immediately.

Jocelyn believes that Ricker's relationship with Kartchner has made it even more difficult for some women in the department to feel safe coming forward with these accusations.

"It's a nightmare," Jocelyn said. "When we have an issue, we have a proper chain of command we must follow, and of course you first go to your immediate supervisor,

Kartchner's former employee claims that Kartchner:

- Required her to ask permission to use the restroom
- Criticized the way she smelled
- Chastised her with Bible lessons
- Told her the dean "had his back"

and [Kartchner] is my immediate supervisor, so I can't go to him. His immediate supervisor is [Ricker], and I've been to [Ricker] on so many occasions, and his famous words to me are 'trust me.' He said 'trust me' so many times, and then, I realized that I could not trust him."

Jocelyn expressed disappointment with how the university has continued to handle Kartchner and the reports levied against him. She feels that in the current environment surrounding the FLD, it isn't safe for non-tenured faculty members to safely lodge their complaints.

"I have stood up for myself, but those of my colleagues who this has happened to do not," Jocelyn said. "They also don't have the luxury of tenure that I have. Some are lecturers that only get renewed every year," Jocelyn said. "And so they're employed at [Kartchner]'s whim. If he chooses that they should no longer be employed, he will just simply say, 'I'm not renewing you.'"

University Response

Despite receiving multiple complaints over the course of Kartchner's tenure here at GS, the university maintains that he has yet to breach any harassment policies. Joel Wright, Director of the Title IX Office, believed there may have been some negative emotions in the department, however, he still felt Kartchner wasn't violating harassment policies.

"In light of the investigation outlined above, and taking the facts in the light most favorable to the complaining party, it appears that there may have been an uncomfortable work environment," Wright said, according to a completed Title IX investigation. "However, I do not find that

the actions of [Kartchner] rise to the level of discrimination or harassment based on a protected class."

This sentiment was somewhat echoed in another report, where Wright suggested that there was simply a tense work environment due to upcoming evaluations, according to documents obtained from the university.

There are also members within the department who believe that Kartchner has been a positive force for the university.

"I feel very comfortable and happy working in the Department of Foreign Languages and Dr. Kartchner is a wonderful chair," Olga Amarie, associate professor of French, said in an email.

Wright said that when one person has multiple complaints against them, the complaints may be considered a pattern of behavior that affects disciplinary action.

"When [the appropriate vice president is] making the determination if the respondent has been found responsible for some type of policy violation, and there's a history of this behavior, then that kind of goes in line with our progressive discipline model, so those things would take into account," Wright said. "The discipline would likely graduate on those steps of progressive discipline."

President Jaimie Hebert advises any faculty member, staff member or student who feels they have been subject to harassment to report it to the university.

"I certainly encourage any faculty member, any student [to report it]," Hebert said. "There's a reason that we go through these investigations, and we want an environment in which we can all reach our potential, and everyone deserves that right."

Hebert affirms that GS has a strong

policy regarding harassment and retaliation that adheres to federal policies.

"There are whistleblower policies, federal policies that we're all aware of. In fact, every faculty member and staff member who comes to work here, we go through a training proces," Hebert said. "In that training process, we learn about hostile work environments, what the expectations are with regard to those federal regulations, and we learn about whistleblower policy," Hebert said. "We are trained formally to understand that there should never be retaliation for a person stepping forward, if they feel that their rights in any way shape or form have been violated on campus."

Jocelyn has personally met with Hebert to address her concerns and feels that he has more adequately addressed her problem.

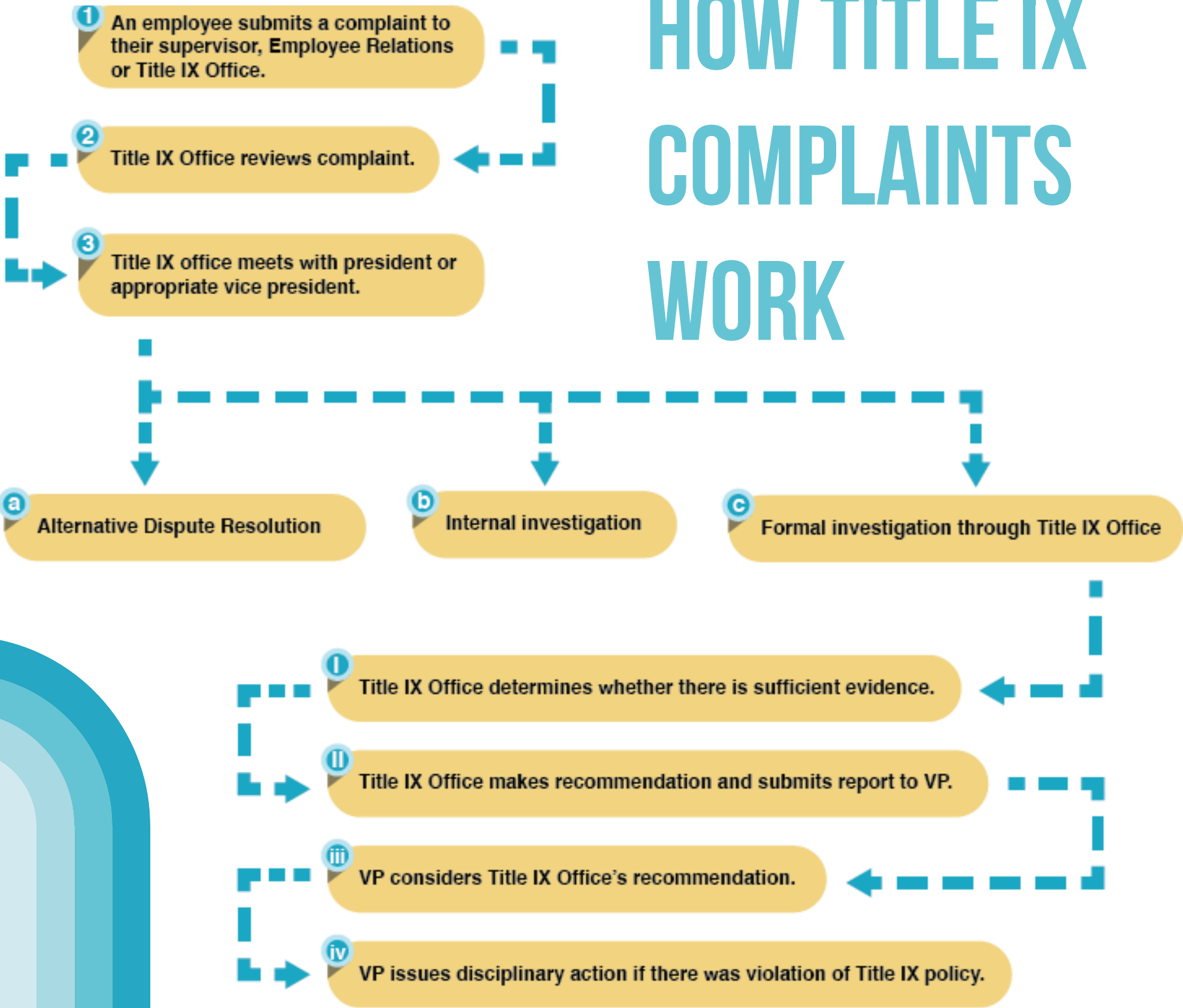
"I was made to understand that [Hebert] was going to look into it, and it was shortly after we met that those phone calls and emails started happening," Jocelyn said. "And for that, I was really grateful." Jocelyn said.

Jocelyn has also taken her case to the University System of Georgia, which was confirmed by President Hebert as well.

"There is a current investigation into retaliation that is still pending, where he ranked me on my evaluation as 'does not meet expectations' even though I published a book," Jocelyn said. "I've taken that all the way up through the Provost and the President, and it is currently being reviewed by the Vice Chancellor of Legal Affairs of the University System of Georgia."

*Blakeley Bartee and Jozsef Papp contributed to this article

HOW TITLE IX COMPLAINTS WORK



Georgia Southern addresses Student Government diversity resolution

BY SHIANN SIVELL
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University will establish a Presidential Diversity Advisory Council and more student programs in response to SGA Executive Vice President Valencia Warren’s resolution submitted last semester.

The Georgia Southern Faculty Senate finalized the resolution brought up by Warren in Nov. 2017 to address the disparity of minority students.

The resolution, Warren said, is meant to level the playing field and present resources and opportunities of diversity on all spectrums, and the next steps to conquer these issues are already in place.

Presidential Diversity Advisory Council

The call for GS to assemble a special task force and to institute a chief diversity officer was derived from the fourth request of Warren’s resolution.

A Presidential Diversity Advisory Council comprised of faculty, staff and SGA students is being initialized, Warren said.

The new council will look at diversity issues, addressing concerns during meetings and bringing those concerns directly to President Jaimie Hebert.

Armstrong Campus criminal justice lecturer Maxine Bryant, will serve as associate provost for faculty diversity

and inclusion and chief diversity officer for GS.

Warren said Bryant is working to meet with the GS Human Resource Office to discuss the faculty recruitment of diverse staff as well as training initiatives.

More student programs

Warren said The Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) director Takeshia Brown is working toward creating more programs to address student concerns and needs.

The SGA is planning a sit-down meeting with Bryant and organization leaders housed under the OMA to clarify any misconceptions and answer questions, following a forum with the student body.

Following a Faculty Senate retreat at the end of January, Warren will bring forth new legislation to institute a diversity advisor for the SGA.

Warren said she understands that people want immediate results but implores them to be patient and understanding of the time process.

Warren said, “The foundation has been laid and the school is working hard to create the best possible outcome for all students on the campus as soon as possible.”



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On Nov.28, 2017, SGA Executive Vice-President Valencia Warren proposed a resolution for the university to address and improve campus experiences for minority faculty, staff and students.

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GS to honor Basketball Hall of Famer and Alumnus Fran Florian

BY SHIANN SIVELL
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University will honor men’s basketball Hall of Famer Fran Florian for his school record 60-point game at the Eagles’ at Hanner Fieldhouse on Jan. 27.

The ceremony will take place during halftime of the game against the UT-Arlington as part of the 2018 Basketball Alumni Reunion at 5 p.m.

Florian was inducted into the Georgia Southern Athletics Hall of Fame in 1991 after scoring a total of 1,341 points, with 398 rebounds in 62 games, throughout his student athletic career. His 60-point game remains the largest earned in a single game in GS history.

All former basketball alumni student-athletes, coaches, trainers, equipment managers and their families are invited to the game and are eligible to receive one complimentary ticket for both the men’s and women’s basketball games against UTA.

Additional family tickets can be purchased for \$8 per ticket, which will also include both games.

Reserve tickets at GSEagles.com/ERBAA to receive the promo code for your complimentary and discounted tickets. All tickets will be in the upper reserved section.

Students get into the game with their Eagle ID and the clear-bag policy will be enforced.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN STUDENT CHIKAMSO ANAYOR ACHU CREATES BOOK-SELLING WEBSITE

BY BLAKELEY BARTEE

The George-Anne staff

Beneath the weight of tuition, fees and living expenses, students may struggle to purchase their textbooks, especially at full prices.

One Georgia Southern University student seeks to help students purchase textbooks at affordable prices through his website, bookex.shop, where students can buy and sell their books directly to students enrolled at the same university.

MEET CHIKAMSO ANAYOR ACHU

Chikamso Anayor Achu, creator of Bookex, is a junior electrical engineering major who grew up in Port Harcourt, Nigeria. He aspires to become an engineer or entrepreneur after he graduates.

Anayor Achu said he created Bookex after thinking about a financial problem students often face.

"The average college students spends about \$1,200 a year on textbooks," Anayor Achu said. "And you think about it, most college students are already deep down, knee-deep in loans and everything. Most college students are struggling to pay."

According to College Board, the average

college student at a four-year university spends about \$1,298 a year on books and supplies.

"People are getting ripped off everyday for their books," Anayor Achu said. "It just kind of came to me that I could solve this problem, because that's what we do with technology. We try to use technology to solve problems."

The best way to solve this problem, Anayor Achu said, was to create a website for people to exchange books on campus.

Anayor Achu started working on the website in May 2017 and completed it in Oct. 2017, but he waited until the payment methods were running smoothly before he released it to the public.

"I didn't want to put out something that wasn't 100 percent or my best, so I made sure it was the best it could be, at least for now... I want people to trust it, first of all," Anayor Achu said.

HOW IT WORKS

Unlike most textbook outlets, Bookex allows students to purchase used books exclusively from fellow students at their university campuses.

On the website, students can sell their

old textbooks to other students on their campus through a bidding system. After someone buys a book, they can use the website's messaging system to choose a safe, public location to meet and receive the book.

Through the bidding system, Anayor Achu said, students can purchase books at prices they can afford. Meanwhile, students can sell their books at fair prices - a feature Anayor Achu believes other buyback outlets lack.

"I've talked to people who've personally bought books for like \$300 and they get like 10 bucks for it [through other outlets], and we all know those books are worth more than that," Anayor Achu said.

THE FUTURE OF BOOKEX

A mobile app for Bookex is in development, Anayor Achu said. Additionally, he is trying to expand to other schools.

In the meantime, he is looking for people to join his team, including marketers, computer programmers and graphic designers.

"I feel like if you're highly motivated, and you think you can help, we can find something for you, like graphic design. We need posters, marketing," Anayor Achu said.

If you are interested in working on Bookex, contact Anayor Achu at bookex@gmail.com.

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THIS PROBLEM.

CHIKAMSO ANAYOR ACHU

Junior electrical engineering major,
creator of Bookex

Chikamso Anayor Achu is the creator of Bookex, an online marketplace for GS students to sell and buy textbooks. Anayor Achu hopes to alleviate woes college students face regarding textbooks.

Spreading Kindness One Rock at a Time

BY JULIA FECHTER
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HOW PEOPLE ARE PROMOTING POSITIVITY WITH ROCKS

They are modest in size yet colorful in appearance. Media outlets such as The Today Show have featured them. These are kindness rocks. Kindness rocks are small rocks painted with inspirational messages, such as quotes from respected public leaders or images based on nature. Megan Murphy, a women’s life coach, started The Kindness Rocks Project at Cape Cod in 2015 to “promote random acts of kindness to unsuspecting recipients,” according to the project’s website.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

There are two main ways you can get involved in The Kindness Rocks Project locally, either as someone who finds or paints the rocks. The project’s main website gives step-by-step instructions on how you can personalize your own “kindness rock”. You can also join several local and regional Facebook groups in order to find out the rocks’ various locations. Statesboro Bulloch (GA) Rocks is the most active local group, with over 1,000 members. Other Facebook groups include Painted Rocks Savannah Ga, Kindness ROCKS Effingham!, as well as kindnessrockssavannah on Instagram.

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BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY
The George-Anne staff

The game was everything one would hope it would be. A back and forth game that had visible and even audible passion from both sides.

Ultimately, junior point guard Tookie Brown's absence proved fatal as the Eagles would lose in Atlanta for the eighth consecutive time.

The first half was a good sign for the Eagles with junior forward Montae Glenn dominating the boards and senior guards Mike Hughes and Jake Allsmiller knocking down threes.

With a lead at halftime, there was a certain nervousness from the GSU fans throughout the Arena.

However, a different team came out of the locker room as the Panthers drained a three pointer and the Eagles missed three consecutive shots in the same possession

before tying the game at 40 with a redshirt freshman guard Quan Jackson nifty layup.

The next five minutes provided a strong offensive neck and neck battle.

“WE RAN OUT OF GAS AND QUIT PLAYING DEFENSE,”

MARK BYINGTON
Men's Basketball Head Coach

Momentum was heavily shifted to GSU's favor with Jeff Thomas knocking down back-to-back three pointers, almost uncontested.

“We ran out of gas and quit playing defense,” Coach Mark Byington admitted.

The 83-66 loss was also largely accredited to the GSU fans.

The Georgia State Sports Arena was reportedly sold out and it made a huge difference, especially in the second half.

With just over 11 minutes left in the game, Jordan Tyson went up for a dunk. When he slammed the ball down, the crowd level went up and State's lead was extended to 58-51.

Former Sun Belt freshman of the year and scoring leader D'Marcus Simonds also made it a strong point to rile the crowd up after every dunk, three pointer or timeout.

It was without a doubt the most hostile and loudest environment the Eagles have played in or will play in all season.

“Their crowd gave them the extra boost they needed,” Byington said. “Hopefully our fans get behind (us) in the same way.”

The Eagles will return to Hanner Fieldhouse this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. for a clash with the Texas State Bobcats.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS TO 0-7 IN CONFERENCE PLAY

EAGLES FALL 71-56 AGAINST GSU PANTHERS IN ATLANTA

BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern won the tip-off against Georgia State, the offense had a good possession, and sophomore guard Alexis Brown drained a three-pointer. Everything pointed to it looking like a great afternoon. Then the Panthers scored. Then the Panthers rebounded. Then the Panthers scored. Then the Panthers rebounded.

A game that was fairly competitive in the first quarter turned ugly quickly behind the home team's sharp shooting and forward Francesca Minali's 11 first half rebounds. The Eagles had several opportunities on offense in the first quarter they were unable to capitalize on.

Brown hit another three pointer to make it a 6-4 game early, but then the Eagles started fouling. Several missed shots from both squads resulted in quite an ugly contest.

The second quarter was a totally different beast of a game. GSU came out on fire with long, effective offensive possessions. GS' inability to create offense of their own didn't help the visitor's case. The final four minutes of the 1st half was sheer dominance from the Panthers, ending on a 14-3 scoring run

Second Half

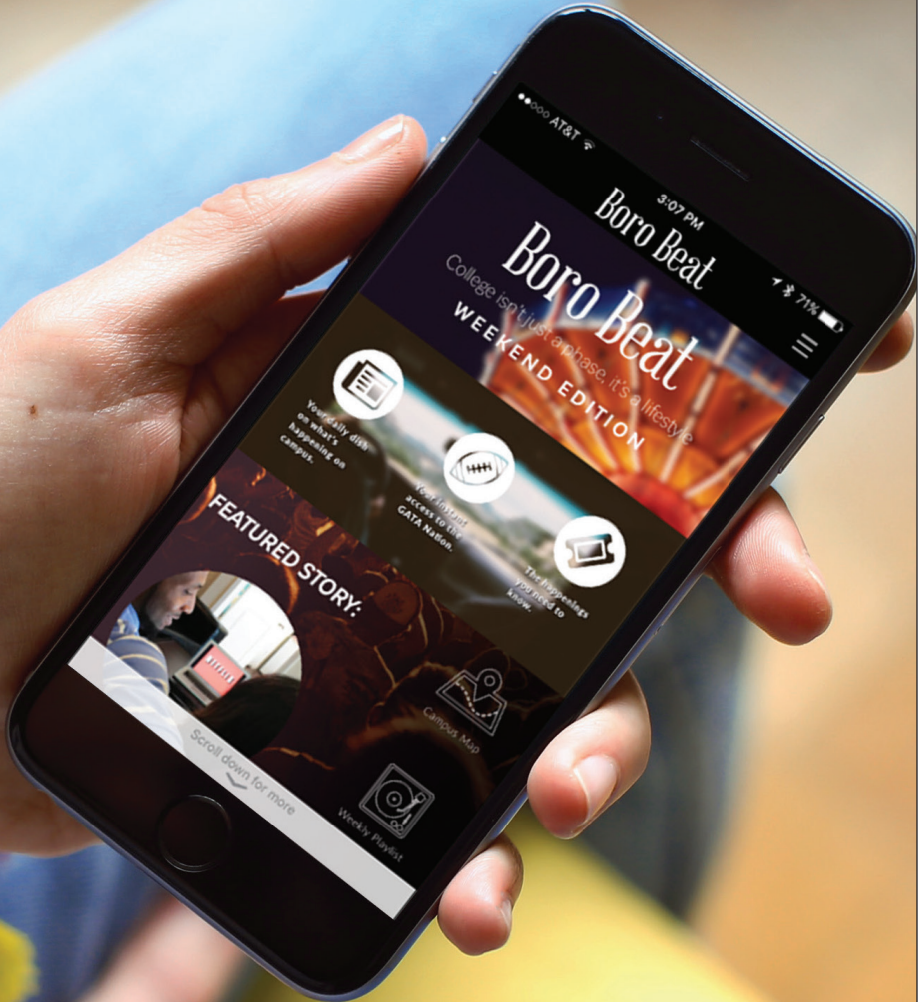
GS started to get back in the game midway through the third, initiating a full-court press. More hope was restored in the fourth with some free throws and senior guard Trellanie English-Lurry knocking down a three. It wouldn't be enough though as things got feisty and the Eagles started relentlessly fouling. The Eagles will return to action this Thursday in Hanner against Texas State. Tip-off is set for 5 p.m.



- 1. Junior guard Rhein Beamon takes a free throw against Georgia State in Atlanta. Beamon finished the game with 7 points.
- 2. Senior guard Alexis Foulks waits for Beamon to take the free-throw. Foulks finished with five points.
- 3. Freshman forward Sarah Moore waits for the free-throw.

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EAGLES LOOK TO STAY UNDEFEATED AT HOME THIS WEEK

EAGLES ARE CURRENTLY 4TH IN THE SUN BELT, AFTER A LOSS TO GEORGIA STATE

BY KAITLIN SELLS
The George-Anne staff

Following a gut-wrenching loss to Georgia State on the road, the Eagles look to redeem themselves with games against Texas State and UT-Arlington in Hanner, where Georgia Southern is undefeated this season.

TEXAS STATE (13-8;6-2)

Texas State currently looks like a strong competitor for the Eagles statistically with both teams in the top four in the Sun Belt. The Bobcats also look to be an offensive threat, scoring 68.1 points per game and shooting 61.9 percent from the floor. They also have a decent standing

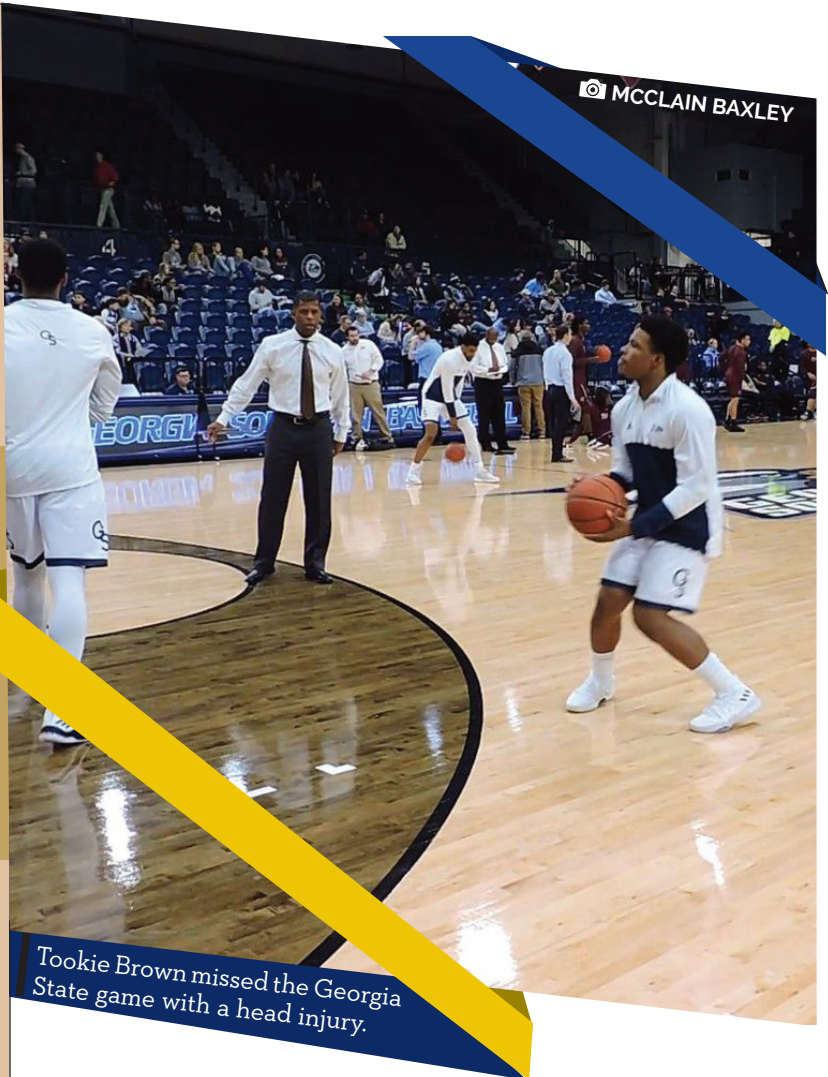
defensively, having a subpar turnover rate of 13.8, and an impressive rebounding rate of 35.6 per game. Texas State also has a few players to watch out for- like Nijal Pearson, who averages 13.9 points per game and six rebounds per game.

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UT-ARLINGTON (13-8;4-4)

While they do not look like that much of a threat due to a .500 conference record, the Mavericks' statistics prove otherwise. The Mavericks average 78 points per game and shoot 45.6 percent from the floor proving them to be a challenge for the Eagles this upcoming Saturday. Another reason GS shouldn't overlook UTA is their defensive game. Although they have a high turnover rate of 15 per game, they have a high rebound rate of 39 per game. Kevin Hervey is definitely a player to watch out for and to cover on the offensive stand point, with 20.7 points per game and shoots about 45 percent from the floor. Defensively he's also a player that might present a threat, as he averages nearly six defensive boards per game. Despite the loss last week, offensively GS stays impressive, shooting 70 percent from the floor and averages 76.4 points per game. Out of the three teams they are also the most impressive statistically standing-with a low rate of 11.8 turnovers per game, and 40.5 rebounds per game. Junior point guard Tookie Brown is also expected to return from his head injury. Both these teams will prove to be a challenge for the Eagles to keep their status of undefeated at Hanner, but if the Eagles show up like we all know they can, they can easily pull out the two wins. Texas State will play Thursday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. and UTA will play Saturday, Jan. 27 at 5:00 p.m.

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