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“We know a woman actually comes into the game and writes her own stuff then I feel like people are always claiming she has a ghostwriter because of people like Iggy (Azalea).”

CABRI GORDON
The Circle Staff

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OSA: New Organization Chartering Workshop
Time: March 23 3:30 pm
Location: Russell Union 2042
Looking to start a new student organization this semester? Join us for our LAST New Organization Chartering Workshop of the semester! At this workshop you will learn more about our policies and procedures, benefits to being a registered student organization and how to complete the process. Please note that the student who will serve as the president and one other chartering member must attend the workshop.
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Activist Workshop and Interactive Lecture with Ericka Hart, M.ED
Time: March 23 7:00 pm
Location: Nessmith-Lane Auditorium 1915
Ericka Hart is a Black Queer Femme activist, writer, speaker, sexuality educator, and cancer-warrior with a Master’s of Education in Human Sexuality from Widener University. Ericka’s voice is rooted in leading edge thought around human sexual expression as inextricable to overall human health and its intersections with race, gender, chronic illness and disability. She will be leading an activist workshop for interested students as well as giving an interactive lecture on her work, active, intersectionality, and radical sex positivity.
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Out of the Darkness Campus Walk
Time: March 24 8:30 am, Walk begins 10 am
Location: RAC Pavilion
The Out of the Darkness Campus Walk is designed to engage young adults in the fight to prevent suicide, the 2nd leading cause of death in ages 18-24. The walk is a journey of remembrance, hope, and support that unites a campus and community – a time to acknowledge the ways in which suicide and mental illness have affected our lives and our loved ones.
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YOUR STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE AT WORK
Georgia Southern selects new provost and vice president for academic affairs

Georgia Southern University has selected its new provost and vice president for academic affairs.

President Jaimie Hebert announced via email that Carl L. Reiber, Ph.D., has accepted the position and will be effective July 1. Reiber is currently the senior vice provost at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and has held numerous administrative positions at UNLV including:

• Vice provost for academic affairs
• Director of general education
• Associate dean of the college of sciences
• Director of the school of business
• Chair of the department of biological sciences

Reiber also serves on the Governor’s Committee for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and has experience in large statewide grant management. Reiber also administrates the Nevada State System of Higher Education Nevada Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs STEM grant.

According to academics, georgiasouthern.edu, GS’ provost and vice president for academic affairs serves as the chief academic officer for the University, reporting to the University’s President.

The position also works closely with the President and an extensive group of campus colleagues, guides strategic planning and policy development, promotes campus-wide academic initiatives and defines budgetary and development priorities.

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Georgia Southern biology faculty creates guppy kits to teach evolution

Faculty members of the Georgia Southern University Biology department created a basic kit using guppy fish to teach grade school students about evolution.

Emily Kane, Ph.D., assistant biology professor, was influenced to create the kit after reviewing surveys showing that students have poor understanding of evolution. With help from her fellow colleagues, the idea of self-guided guppy kits that are easy to use became a reality.

“To develop and implement the kits ourselves, it took about two years,” Kane said in an email. “But the activities in the kits were built of those from a previous program that took a graduate student about five years to develop and refine.”

Each of the kits obtains a short video introducing students to the biology of Trinidadian guppies, along with instruction materials to aid student injuries. Students use observations of live guppies to evolve and challenge predictions about vital aspects of evolution such as variation, inheritance, selection and change over time. The results of students applying the scientific method with studies of principles about evolution, allow students to develop scientific illustrations, observe animal behaviors, analyze data, draw conclusions and write the outcome of their results in a journal.

Despite the initial intent of the kits being designed for middle school and high school students, the guppy kits has overtook to the public. The kits has attained national attention and Kane’s work has been featured in the latest issue of The American Biology Teacher.

On a local level, Kane and her students have tested the kits with representatives from the Statesboro Main Street Farmers Market. Right now Kane is focusing on making the kits available here at GS.

“I’ve had many requests from teachers throughout the country who want to adapt the program to their classrooms,” Kane said in an email. “All of our materials for performing the activities are available for free online, but unfortunately I can’t send them live guppies.”

Due to the popularity of the kits Kane is looking into ways to incorporate a means for these classrooms to connect with guppies digitally.

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Did you know

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Your View:

Returning from Spring Break

ASHLEY JONES
Ashley is a junior journalism major from Augusta, Ga.

Spring Break has long come to an end and many Georgia Southern University students have gone back to their normally scheduled classes. The week long vacation did give students the opportunity to escape from professors, colleagues and assignments. Many undergrads wrapped up the break with St. Patrick’s Day celebrations on Saturday, which may have made the attempt to re-adapt to the normal college life a little more difficult.

Whatever you spent your time off catching up on some much needed shut eye, getting ahead in your classes, or living it up on the beach, your return to that 8 a.m. was likely a real bummer. There were definitely a number of conditions that you may have had to re-adjust to when returning back to campus:

1. The weather - We’re not at the beach anymore, so throw those sandals, shorts and tanks back in your suitcase. Georgia weather can be unpredictable, so rain or shine, be sure to come prepared.

2. Walking to class - The new bus route near Sanford Hall may make this a little easier, but the walk across campus from one class to another is a daily ritual for most college students.

3. The return to a normal schedule - This is nothing like a home cooked meal after returning home from an abundance of Tapingos from Chick-fil-A.

Check out what other fellow Eagles were doing over their Spring Break.

“Over Spring Break, I went to South Florida. I went to the beach, got tan and I hung out with friends. I was out a lot, had a lot of fun and I’m just now kind of getting back. My body is very tired so it was very hard this morning to wake up. Overall, I’m just trying to get back into it and kind of stick out the next seven weeks. My advice would be just to try and get back into [your schedule]. kinda take it slow but definitely get back into it because once we’re done with classes we won’t have to worry as much. So just try and push through it.”

MOLLY MATIS
Junior, communications major

“I went to Atlanta to discuss my internship with people I am supposed to be working for and then I came back here [Statesboro]. I have two jobs [and] I was working all spring break, but I actually got a lot done and accomplished. I didn’t go anywhere or party, but I still had a good spring break. It was much needed. My advice is to just keep going. It’s tough sometimes, but we have work to do and you just gotta keep it moving, don’t stop, because once you stop or you pause, you’re just like ‘I don’t feel like doing this at all.’”

ALLESYA TYUS
Senior, public relations major

“I went back home, which was like a five and a half hour drive. I hung out with some people that I haven’t seen in a while and went out and enjoyed the rest and the sleep not having to do anything specifically. Definitely didn’t study. I didn’t get up until at least one and most of my friends, they go to college back home, so if they didn’t have to work, we didn’t get up until one. Now I have to buckle down because we only have six weeks left. So keep your eye on the prize. I would say, People who are graduating, you only have six weeks and you walk across the stage and you’re out of here. Juniors, we’re not that far and if you take summer classes you’re that much further. I know you enjoyed the break and the rest but I know you have dreams, so don’t let go.”

JANENA WARE
Junior, multimedia film and production major

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March for Our Lives event held at Georgia Southern University

BY THE GEORGE-ANNE NEWS SECTION

The national March for Our Lives event was localized to Statesboro at Georgia Southern University’s campus Saturday afternoon. While the main march was held in Washington D.C., similar marches throughout the nation were held in remembrance for those who died in the Parkland, Florida shooting and to raise awareness of current gun policies.

March for Our Lives

Elisabeth Malloy, senior political science major and event coordinator said she expected about 100 to 150 marchers to attend, but between 220 to 250 marchers showed up to participate in the Statesboro march. The march started at the Rotunda and went down Forest Drive. It then looped back around by the College of Business and headed back up the pedestrian ending at the Rotunda.

Shabi Grant, a Pre-K teacher at Sallie Zetterower Elementary School, shared her thoughts about gun violence as a teacher. “As a teacher, I have 22 kids I’m responsible for,” Grant said. “I would do anything in my power to save their lives even if it meant giving up my own. We need to get some control. I think people really misunderstand what we mean with gun control, by meaning taking guns away completely and that’s not what we want to do. We want to limit who and how people get them.”

During the march, the protesters chanted various phrases including, “Hey, hey, NRA, how many kids did you kill today?” and “No more silence, stop gun violence.”

Pro-gun advocates, like David Jackson, senior theatre major, also attended the march. “I’m pro-gun control and pro-gun,” Jackson said. “Everyone has the right to bear arms in this country, but I believe there needs to be basic regulations such as a licensing mandate and mandatory training.”

Jonathan Copeland, freshman mechanical engineering major, said that he was there to counter protest the march in favor of the second amendment. “Gun control will only disarm the law-abiding,” Copeland said.

We must not be afraid to be able to take the measures that’s going to protect our young people.” - Mayor Jonathan McCollar

Post-march speakers

After the march, five speakers presented speeches and poems advocating for gun control and stronger focus on mental health issues. Malloy started by discussing the reasons the event was held. She then introduced the first speaker, Kannette King.

King, a junior at Statesboro High School, presented a poem drawing comparisons between schools and warzones. “I feel like younger people should be involved [in the march] because we’re directly affected by it,” King said. “We can’t just rely on the older generation.”

The next speaker was Statesboro First Lady Adrienne McCollor who spoke about the current climate of gun control policies. “This not about democratic incidents,” Adrienne McCollor said. “This is not about democratic agendas. This is about life and death. I believe in our second amendment right to bear arms and I’ll protect that right. We will not allow those though who are in opposition to crown our position of gun control by making this a zero sum gain to bear arms. This is about common sense policy making.”

Mayor Jonathan McCollor was also in attendance at the march and later offered his thoughts on the March for Our Lives event. “[Gun violence] is a sombering matter that has been going on for a long time,” Mayor McCollor said. “We’ve lacked the leadership at the legislative, local, and state level. I think too often people forget that we are there to represent the people. We must not be afraid to be able to take the measures that’s going to protect our young people. I’m the first person to protect the second amendment, but at the end of the day we’ve got to use some common sense things to be able to protect our young people and our community.”

After Adrienne McCollor, Young Democrats President Eduardo Delgado, Democrats President Eduardo Delgado,
freshman political science major, spoke. Delgado talked about gun statistics about accidental misfires on school campuses and recent mass shootings.

“They say we are the future of this country,” Delgado said. “We cannot wait for the future. The future is now and we have to change these laws before more of us get killed on these college campuses.”

Lastly, Auzi Dennison, double major in anthropology and political science presented an original poem entitled “The Wrong Side of History.”

“Our nation grieved,” Dennison said in her poem. “They gave their prayers and their tweets. They didn’t want to talk about it.”

Vigil for victims of gun violence

After the speakers, a vigil for victims of gun violence was led by Michael Woody, sophomore history major.

“I have personally written down over 96 names and I was just crying the entire time,” Malloy said.

Woody read names of victims of school shootings as participants placed names of the victims next to candles and lit them. Participants also laid white roses at the base of pictures of victims.

Children marchers

Children participated in the March for Our Lives alongside their parents. Hannah Weaver, 8th grader at Langston Chapel Middle School, talked about her hopes for the next generation.

“It means that we can hopefully create a safer generation,” said Weaver. “Hopefully there will be less accounts of gun violence. We want to make a safer generation.”

Rylee Martindale-Rushing, a 11-year-old 5th grader, shared her thoughts on the event and.

“Well it’s good that we did a march on this with these mass shootings and everything but we still need to get….”

Martindale-Rushing paused and looked to her mother mouthing the words “I don’t know.”

“But we’ve got to do something,” Martindale-Rushing said. “Something, definitely something.”

Statesboro First Lady Adriannne McCollar was one of the speakers to present at the March for Our Lives event.

Marchers carry signs and shout chants while walking down the Georgia Southern University Pedestrium.

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Marchers return to the Rotunda for a vigil to commemorate the lives of victims of gun violence.

Marchers hold various signs wait for the march to begin underneath the Rotunda.

Statesboro Mayor Jonathan McCollar helps light candles at the Rotunda on the Georgia Southern University campus.

Addie Martindale-Rushing, 11, carries a sign that reads “Protect kids not guns” as she chants, “Hey, hey, NRA. How many kids did you kill today?” at the Statesboro March for Our Lives.

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Get to know the 2018 Student Government Association candidates

BY ASHTON CHRISTIANSON

The 2018 Student Government Association elections are around the corner so get to know the candidates for President and Executive Vice President.

Each candidate was asked two questions via email about their platform and why they should be elected. The candidates responses are listed below.

SGA presidential candidates

Macie Joyner

Macie Joyner and Mike Harris will be on the same ticket for voting.

Q: Why should you be the next Student Government Association President?

A: “I believe that I should be your next Georgia Southern President because serving students is my passion. Throughout my three years in Student Government I have been given the opportunity to work in many different capacities. However, these roles are not why I should be your president. If you give me the honor to be your SGA president my main goal would be to serve you. Student’s voices should be heard and concerns should be continued in the conversation.”

Q: What is your platform for this election?

A: “The platform that my administration is standing on across all campuses is one of student empowerment, SGA transparency, and Vision 20/20. Some students do not realize the impact that they can have on Georgia Southern and it is time for them to know. I feel that can best be done through SGA transparency. I strive to have a more welcoming senate and also to potentially have different capacities. However, these are real, and all of them should be addressed and taken seriously. Of these are perceived gaps and some of these are real, but all of them should be addressed and taken seriously. We have to let people know that we are here for their concerns no matter what those concerns are, and show students that the most important part of Student Government Association is the students. I want the opportunity to prove to all students that I am here for them and that this new Georgia Southern University specifically our Student Government Association is here to listen to them and work to improve the quality of all three campuses.”

Jarvis Steele

Jarvis Steele is a senior political science and philosophy double major running for SGA President.

Q: Why should you be the next Student Government Association President?

A: “I understand students and what they are looking for out of this newly consolidated Georgia Southern. We all want pretty much the same thing and that is representation. Students want their voices to be heard and concerns to be addressed and taken seriously. As a senator for SGA, these last two years I have made it a goal of mine to speak to students of all races and ethnicities and I understand this is one of the biggest concerns we have. We need to be more approachable, more user-friendly and more transparent about the resources that we have to offer. Students need to feel comfortable using SGA as a resource itself and understand that we are all here to help not hinder them and their experience here on campus. I am all inclusive and want all students to take ownership of being an Eagle no matter who you are or what you do here. Most importantly, I am good at listening, I have been listening and I am very approachable. Students tell me all the time that they do not understand the purpose of student government and do not feel like they can even speak to the representatives of Student Government that are representing them. I would not know if I hadn’t gone out and spoke to students already. I am aware of the issues that we have and because I am aware of the issues I am enthusiastic about fixing them and optimistic that we can change this culture. I should become the next Student Government President because I am fully aware that I am not qualified to speak to whether or not I should be the next President, it’s not up to me. It’s up to the Students to decide whether or not they trust me and believe in what I stand for.”

Q: What is your platform for this election?

A: “My platform is simply “Bridging the Gap”. Not just the apparent gaps, like the ones between our campuses geographically, but the figurative gaps that have always existed. Like the gap between students and the administration, students and other students, the gap between organizations and SGA, the gap between minorities and the rest of the campus, the gap between Armstrong and Statesboro and many more. Some of these are perceived gaps and some of these are real, but all of them should be addressed and taken seriously. Of these are perceived gaps and some of these are real, but all of them should be addressed and taken seriously. We have to let people know that we are here for their concerns no matter what those concerns are, and show students that the most important part of Student Government Association is the students. I want the opportunity to prove to all students that I am here for them and that this new Georgia Southern University specifically our Student Government Association is here to listen to them and work to improve the quality of all three campuses.”

Marcie Joyner is a junior finance major with an emphasis in real estate and is running for SGA President.

Photo courtesy of Georgia Southern University Student Government Association website

Live streaming of all of our senate meetings. Vision 20/20 is a survey that will be administered across each GS campus and will allow students the opportunity to tell SGA what their main concerns are. The data we receive from this survey will allow us to take bigger steps in those areas where students want to see change. Make sure you vote for in SGA elections through your Georgia Southern email.

Macie Joyner will be running on the same ticket as Executive Vice Presidential candidate Mike Harris.

Q: Why should you be the next SGA presidential candidate? 

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Mike Harris

Q: Why should you be the next Student Government Association Executive Vice President?

A: “I would like the opportunity to be the Executive Vice President of the Student Government Association because I want to continue the work that the current administration has started. I want to ensure that the student body trusts us with their needs and concerns. Consolidation has brought us many opportunities and as Executive Vice President I would take advantage of those opportunities to empower the students for their academic and personal success. Being able to serve in the capacity that the Executive Vice President allows me to better advocate the students that I represent. The Executive Vice President must be a professional, experienced and knowledgeable individual and I believe that I have these qualities and more that will allow me to succeed in this position.”

Q: What is your platform for this election?

A: “My platform for this election is SGA Transparency, Active Advocacy, and Student Empowerment. SGA Transparency is the most important of the three. Students have the right to know what SGA is doing, what events we are having and that we are here for them when they need us. SGA must be open and honest with the students whom we represent so the students can trust us with taking on their concerns and needs. I am pushing Active Advocacy because, as members of SGA, it is imperative that we not only take problems and concerns. Consolidation will allow me to succeed in this position.”

Q: Why should you be the next Student Government Association Executive Vice President?

A: “In the past, students have been victim to false promises, a lack of representation, a lack of resources, and so much more. The lack of inclusivity and unity on a deeper level within our communities--some of whom have been marginalized based off their level of privilege. Personally, my drive converges at the intersection between passion and drive to get involved in making the changes so many desire to see. Beyond this position, I make it a daily mission to dedicate myself to make a change in the lives of those around me. I hope others will join me in doing the same. Becoming Executive Vice President will allow me to assist in leading this work needed to propel growth on our campus and I’ll lead the only way I know how—by serving, having a desire to inform and inspire students. I want to do my part to help students grow not only academically but in all facets of their lives. I want to be an advocate for my fellow students by working with university administration to meet the growing needs of each individual on our campus and for our current, and future Eagles collectively...never forgetting about those communities on campus that may have been marginalized in the past.

During my time as a senator for the College of Business, I loved and enjoyed the opportunity to interact with students and construct creative solutions to fix their problems and concerns. I would like to be able to continue to do the same for all of Eagle Nation. Despite my emphasis in serving the Statesboro campus, I would also like to do my part in bridging relations with our newest additions to Georgia Southern as well. By the beginning of 2019, I hope students will have seen enough change on campus to be eager to engage and create their own changes for the betterment of both our communities and our University.”

Q: What is your platform for this election?

A: “My platform is Student Growth and Development.”

Mike Harris is a junior marketing major running for SGA Executive Vice President.

Amber Monkou is a junior management major running for SGA Executive Vice President.
Georgia Southern University students come from all walks of life and communities. This melting pot of culture and lifestyles has led to the emergence of clubs and organizations that hope to educate others about these. One organization that takes the family attributes and values is the on-campus Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA). The organization is a student-lead club that seeks to brings together LGBT and straight students to support each other, provide a safe place to socialize and create a platform to fight for racial, gender, LGBTQ+ and economic justice issues. GSA has historically stood for Gay-Straight Alliance, however many chapters have expanded the name beyond the binary Gay-Straight terminology.

“It is an important place on campus to be because it’s one of the only, if not the only, safe spaces for people of the LGBT community to come, feel safe and have a community together so they can connect on their orientation or gender identity or just people that just want to help progress things on campus for them like allies,” Andrew Wiggins, GSA President, said.

20 percent of college students fear for their physical safety due to their gender identity or their perceived sexual orientation according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. The safety of having a group for the LGBT community is paramount to students’ well being. Taylor Neloms, freshman civil engineering major and marketing chair of GSA, emphasizes the importance of the organization.

“GSA is so far the only LGBT organization on campus, so for incoming LGBT freshmen or people who don’t really feel comfortable talking about their sexuality or identity can come to people that are like them while feeling safe and warm like a family when they are away from home,” Neloms said.

Neloms also mentioned that everybody is welcome and that admittance to club events is not based on sexual orientation or identity but instead is focused on coming together to help with the same cause.

One veteran among GSA’s ranks is vice president Ashley Strickland, junior sociology major, who has been apart of GSA since freshman year and has been to every meeting since. Strickland believes it is really important to have a space for LGBTQ+ people to feel included.

“We really try to make GSA and Coffee Talk a very diverse and inclusive space. This year we have been trying to talk about intersectionality because every person in the LGBTQ+ has more identities than just being gay, bisexual, queer, or transgender,” Strickland said.

A recent study performed by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force found that 31 percent of college students feel that their college campuses thoroughly address LGBT issues on campus. One of the core missions of GSA states is to help promote and educate others on these topics. They work with grassroots, youth-led groups.
and other GSA chapters, empowering them to educate their schools and communities, advocate for just policies that protect LGBTQ youth from harassment and violence, and organize in coalition with other youth groups across identity lines to address broader issues of oppression. Wiggins states that he has seen small strides on campus such as unisex bathrooms and plenty of professors and staff members across campus that are safe space trained specifically to help out. He believes these movements are starting small but are able to grow.

GSA has a multitude of opportunities to reach out to the community and hosts many events that are open to all students. Every Monday at 7 p.m. GSA hosts their weekly official meeting which is open to anyone. These meetings serve as a chance to meet the leadership and see what plans the organizations is making. Also every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. GSA hosts Coffee Talk, an open invitation meeting in the Williams Center, that serves as a chance for people of the community to attend and discuss with others about varying topics.

These events normally have an overall topic about a current event or experience and then leaves it for the group to discuss and elaborate their own personal feelings. This community approach allows the attendees to form deeper connections and creates a safe environment for them to meet. Also, it is important for people of all sexualities and gender to attend in order for a true understanding of some key issues to take place.

Georgia Southern Health Services provides a multitude of services and accommodations for the LGBTQ+ community.

“We recognize that LGBTQ+ students may have specific concerns or issues that they want to be treated in a sensitive, caring and comfortable environment. We want all students to feel comfortable and not feel that they have to hide their identity to come to a medical appointment,” according to the GS Health Services website.

The Health Center provides full confidentiality for its patients as well as the ability to change your preferred name and gender information. They also provide individualized treatment.

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Freshman civil engineering major, marketing chair of GSA
HOLI

A group of GS students dance in a conga line after the powders have been thrown.

BY BLAKELEY BARTEE

The Statesboro community had the opportunity to celebrate the Holi Festival of Colors at Georgia Southern University’s fourth annual celebration last Thursday evening.

The Holi Festival is an ancient Hindu holiday. According to Time Magazine, Holi marks the celebration of love and the changing seasons, as well as the triumph of good over evil, which correlates symbolically with the passing of winter.

Every year at the GS Holi Festival celebration, participants throw pigmented powders in the air, creating a cloud of many colors. The colors carry their own meanings, according to Time Magazine: red for love and fertility, blue for the Hindu god Krishna, green for new beginnings.

Attendees of the festival were able to place a paint covered hand on a tarp before signing their name, commemorating their time at the event.

More than powder was thrown at Holi. Many participants also throw paint at one another.

After throwing the powder, many people decided to take selfies of them in new colors.
A girl looks at all the options of paint, trying decide what color she should paint her hand.

Groups of friends and family all came out to the annual Holi Festival in front of the Bookstore and The Dining Commons.

A girl with her service dog, all smiles after the powder has flown in the air.

On the count of three, everybody in attendance threw up the powder, coating their white shirts with all sorts of reds, yellows, purples and other colors.
MOVIEPASS

The Cost of a Cheaper Movie Experience

BY JULIA FECHTER

The service has attracted over one million subscribers within the past several months. It costs less than Netflix and it may entice you to start watching more movies.

MoviePass is the subscription-based movie company that offers a monthly plan worth one movie ticket per day, for the price of only one ticket.

The company was founded by a co-founder of Netflix, Mitch Lowe, and it seems to have grown at a more exponential pace than the former (Netflix originally started as a mail-order DVD service).

HOW TO GET IT

As it has grown, MoviePass has renovated its subscription plans in order to appeal to potential customers. Currently, you can purchase a monthly plan for $9.95 a month from MoviePass. In addition, wholesale stores like Costco have been offering one-year MoviePass subscriptions bundled with a Fandor (a streaming service similar to Netflix) subscription. If you are interested in MoviePass and want to use it, you must first sign up on the MoviePass website or app. The company will issue you a card if your indicated address is nearby a theater that offers print and e-ticketing options. When you decide to go see a movie, you may go to your local movie theater and use the app to choose showtime you desire. Once you have done that, you will see the option to check in at the theater.

After doing that, you retrieve your ticket—either by swiping your phone at the theater kiosk or presenting the box office a confirmation code, depending on the theater.

USING MOVIEPASS

Michael Regonald Houston, a junior multimedia film production major and vice-president of Georgia Southern University’s film club, talked about his experience thus far with MoviePass.

Regonald Houston first heard about MoviePass in the fall of 2017, in his Introduction to Film Studies class. He explained that, as a student, he saw 10 movies at a movie theater in 2017. However, Houston has managed to watch most of this year’s Oscar-nominated feature films in January, six to be exact. He reasoned that, since purchasing the $60 Costco package, he has already recouped his money if the average price of a ticket is $10 (it’s $8.97 as of Dec. 2017).

“I think that a $60 flat rate transforms cinema from a luxury to something everyone can and should enjoy,” Houston said.

Additionally, MoviePass does not currently offer subscribers to gift tickets to other people, though Lowe was quoted in Deadline’s Jan. 22, 2018 article “Can MoviePass Impact the Indie Film Biz and Survive in the Long Run?” saying that subsequent versions of the app would include a feature to that effect.

THE BUSINESS MODEL

MoviePass, like Netflix, is a voucher program. It allows someone to buy a subscription that allows them to access one movie a day from month to month.

After customers buy vouchers, MoviePass reimburses theaters for the full costs of the tickets when a MoviePass subscriber uses their voucher.

“I think something like MoviePass was an eventuality, because cinema has needed some sort of innovation. I don’t think anyone thought that anything like MoviePass would come, but they knew that something would happen,” Regonald Houston said.

As MoviePass was growing in popularity, the company wanted to recoup the funds spent from reimbursing theaters. Specifically, Atlantic’s Jan. 29 article “Is MoviePass Here to Stay?” stated that the company wanted AMC, the United States’ largest movie theater chain, to allot them a $3 portion of their ticket sales revenue.

AMC balked at this, so in retaliation, MoviePass blocked its subscribers from getting tickets at the chain’s ten busiest movie theaters. Regonald Houston sees this response as a wrong move by AMC.

“I think MoviePass is good for cinema, because if people go and see movies more often, it’s only good for film,” Regonald Houston said.

He alluded to the trend of declining movie theater attendance over the past decade, pointing out that MoviePass’s push against movie theater costs was needed.

“I think that MoviePass is doing a push that needed to happen. To speak on individual theaters, most of their revenue comes from concessions, so Moviepass doesn’t affect concessions at all,” Regonald Houston said. “As a matter of fact, because of MoviePass, I am able to take the opportunity cost I would be spending for a ticket and put it towards concessions, which is what matters to a theater.”

As well, Deadline and Marketwatch have reported (and Techcrunch and Slashfilm have quoted) that MoviePass also wants a 20 percent cut of AMC’s concessions sales, though no such deal has been accepted by AMC.

“The sheer volume of revenue they’d [AMC] be losing from 20 percent concessions is a compelling argument, but independent theaters seem to be on board with bringing in more theater-goers via MoviePass,” Regonald Houston added.

As AMC is the country’s largest movie theater chain, he thought that the company is more influential than it may seem.

Regonald Houston said, “They [AMC] hold a lot of power in regards to the value a MoviePass subscription actually holds.”
The George-Anne 3/29/18 Crossword

Across
1 Like Argus
6 Demean
11 List abbe
14 Tunisian money unit
15 Barbaric
16 Goose egg
17 Tomato blight
18 Kind of wave
19 Modern (Prefix)
20 Mark of Cain
22 Cambridge univ.
23 Glow
24 Getaway
27 Once around the track
29 Stone pillar
31 Spectacles of yore
34 Flip side?
35 Stone pillar
40 Happy as a lark
41 Succotash
42 Bank job
43 Ruben neck
44 Capt.'s guess
45 Runs smoothly
46 The March King
47 Disfigure
48 Happy as a lark
49 Goon
50 Necromancers
51 Turner handle
52 Fat or wax
53 Comes down to earth
54 Levels
55 Take the part
56 Like the Kalahari
57 Eustace
58 Come out on top
59 Party bow/valfs
60 Put into
61 Support, with “for”
62 Sixth sense
63 Maternal
64 Related
65 Mistake
66 Jessica's cape
67 Trawler's catch
68 Three fears
69 Store posting,
70 Merchant
71 Reserved
72 Luminous
73 Comes down to earth

Down
1 Drink suffix
2 Jar part
3 Compass dir.
4 Butts into
5 Kind of park
6 Play the part
7 Fedora feature
8 Sound
9 Auto feature
10 Building annex
11 World-weariness
12 Levels
13 Dracula's cape
14 1982 Michener epic
15 Kitchen light
16 Bone cavities
17 Nursery rhyme
18 Boy's girl
19 Trauma cts.
20 Preserve, in a way
21 Kind of park
22 Democratic Republic of the Congo, at one time
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34 Former Yugoslav leader
35 Demonic
36 Village
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38 1944 Gene
39 Tierney classic mystery
40 Sunny spot
41 Jumping over
42 Jumping over
43 Moo, ___ quit pan
44 Duffer's goal
45 Atrophy
46 Einsteinian
47 Harebrained
48 Scent
49 Kit mutt
50 Walks in water
51 Munster natives
52 Spiritual
53 Floral leaf
54 1944 Gene
55 Astra's mistress
56 Former Yugoslav leader
57 Shepherds' locale
58 Drops on blades
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The George-Anne

With a swing of the bat in the second game of the series, sophomore Mason McWhorter hit the ball way back over the centerfield wall to record his first career grand slam.

The grand slam was the highlight of a pretty flawless series against the Mountaineers of App State.

The game stayed deadlocked in the first inning, notching three runs over the top of the seventh. McWhorter went to the offense for the game. Logan Harrell started the scoring frenzy with an RBI single and the Warhawks were able to add two more runs to their lead in the top of the second. GS responded with a run in the bottom of the second with a throwing error to score Searcy, unearned.

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GAME 2- ASU 0, GS 2

Friday night's game was a scoreless affair led by junior RHP Brian Eichhorn.

Eichhorn and Andrew Vaccacio combined for 19 strikeouts, 14 innings and just five hits. The first run of the game came in the second inning by way of a wild pitch and aggressive baserunning from sophomore Mitchell Golden. When Vaccacio turned to try and pick off freshman Christian Avant at first, Golden made way for home plate and made it to make the game 1-0.

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It was in the sixth inning that the Eagles won the series with a five run inning to make it a 9-4 game.

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BY KAITLIN SELLS
The George-Anne staff

The Eagles were able to overcome a three-run deficit ULM put up early in the first inning, answering with a seven-run inning in the bottom of the first.

Key plays in the first inning for the Eagles mainly consisted of two back-to-back home runs from Logan Harrell and Allyssah Mullis. The Eagles were then able to turn around in the second inning and add another run to their lead off of RBI single from Macy Coleman.

With a third-inning grand slam from the Warhawks, ULM was able to put themselves behind the Eagles by only one run. The Eagles were able to answer with another run in the bottom of the fifth putting them up 9-7, but ULM refused to give up as they put up two more runs in the top of the sixth and tied up the game.

The bottom of the sixth broke the tie game with Mullis’ RBI single, followed by Makhí Freeman’s RBI double to put the Eagles up 11-9 and cap the scoring for the game. Pitcher Kaylee Ramos was able to close the game in the top of the seventh and seal the first win of the series for GS.

The Warhawks started game two off with a big second inning, notching three runs over the Eagles because of a bases-loaded walk, a bases-loaded hit by pitch and an RBI single.

GS was quick to answer in the bottom of the third, gaining the lead and adding five runs to the score. Logan Harrell started the scoring frenzy with an RBI double, followed by a two-run double from Mullis and a two-run home run by Hannah Farrell, her eighth of the year.

The next inning was a no-run inning for both teams, but the Warhawks came back in the top of the fifth with three runs putting them back in the lead. The Eagles struggled, having a no-run inning as it seemed that the Eagles would have to take the loss, but Coleman’s hit up the center in the bottom of the seventh made it possible for two runners to reach home plate and for the Eagles to seal the win in walk-off fashion.

GAME 3- ULM 7, GS 5

Eagles looked to have a weekend sweep going into Sunday’s game, but ULM brought their game as this match quickly turned into a battle of the pitchers.

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Georgia Southern Guard

Tookie Brown

Declares for 2018 NBA Draft

By McClain Baxley and Ian Leonard

The George-Anne staff

Eagle Nation got big news from one of the top basketball players in Georgia Southern history on Wednesday.

Three-time first team All-Sun Belt junior guard Tookie Brown, announced on his personal Twitter account that he would be declaring for the 2018 NBA Draft.

“It’s a win and win,” Brown said. “I can come back here, play for Coach Byington and get my degree or I can go pro.”

Brown added that he would not be hiring an agent so that he may retain his eligibility to play with the Eagles.

“I haven’t talked to the scouts,” Brown said with a smile. “I just leave that in Coach B’s hands.”

Head coach Mark Byington had nothing but support for the junior.

“He has my 100 percent backing,” Byington said. “He’s either going to end up in the NBA or he’s going to come back to Georgia Southern and have a chance to be the best basketball player to ever play here.”

Brown makes this announcement coming off another impressive season at GS, where, according to gseagles.com, he averaged 18.9 ppg, 47.1 percent from beyond the arc and was named first team All-Sun Belt.

He was also named a finalist for the Lou Henson award which goes to the best mid-major player in Division I.

“I just wanted to thank my teammates and my coaching staff for helping me get to this place right now,” Brown said when reminiscing that this may have been his last season with the Eagles.

“It’s been great. Everyone in Statesboro is just one big family.”

GS has had five players drafted in the NBA, the most recent being forward Jeff Sanders in 1989 drafted by the Chicago Bulls.

The 2018 NBA Draft begins on June 21.

Tookie Brown has played three seasons at GS. He has been All-Sun Belt for all three years.

STATS

1,718 Total Points

17.9 PPG

3-Point FG .386

FG Percentage .453

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