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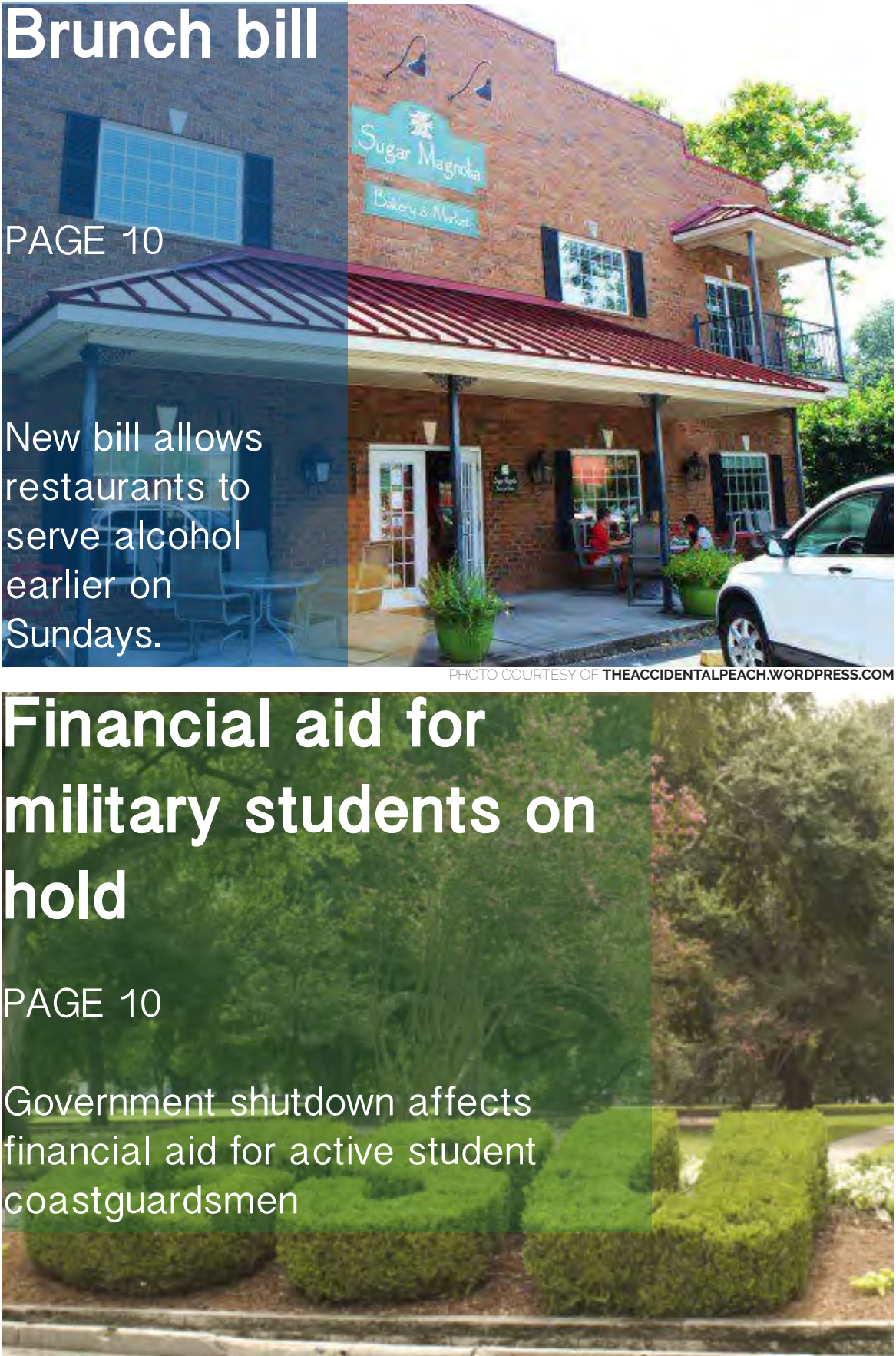
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Students share their opinions on the changes to Georgia Southern's commencement ceremony.
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EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS

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OSA: SPRING 2019 STUDENT ORG FAIR

Students will be able to meet with representatives of various student organizations to find out more information on those student organizations

Thursday, Jan. 24 at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Russell Union Rotunda

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UPB MOVIE: VENOM

Looking for fun on a Friday night? Join the University Programming Board for our monthly Friday movie series.

Friday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Russell Union Theater

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OSA: SOLD SERIES

Topic: "Professionally Marketing Your Leadership Experience"
This series is an excellent way for student organizations to train their next leaders.

Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 5:30 p.m.
Williams Center Multipurpose Room

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WINGZ & WATERCOLORS

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There will be amazing artwork and amazing refreshments.

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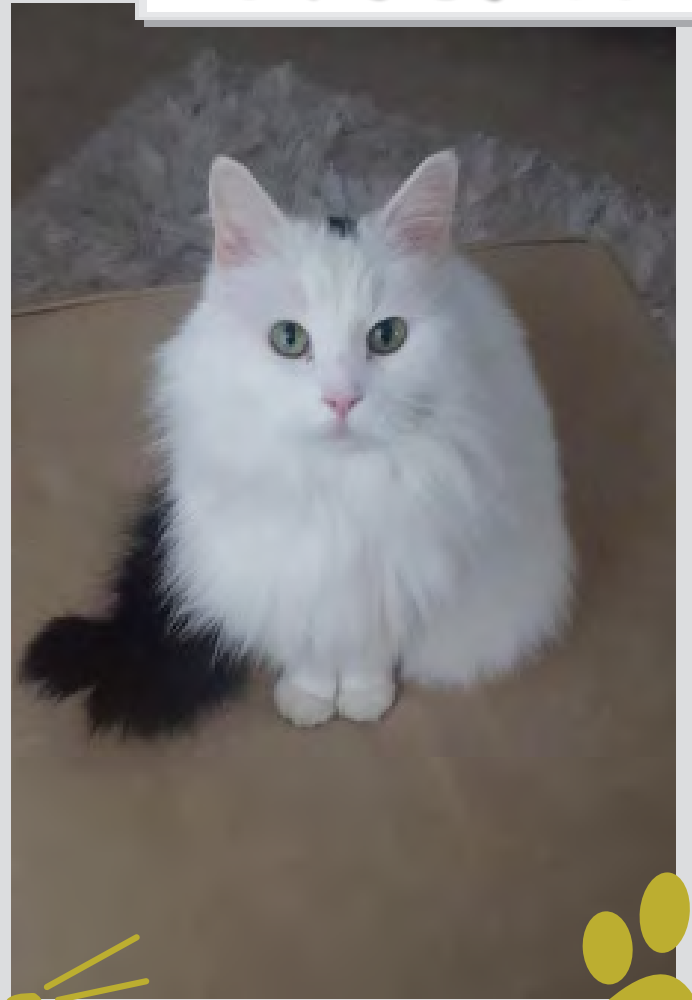


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Owner: Carmella Williams,
junior psychology major

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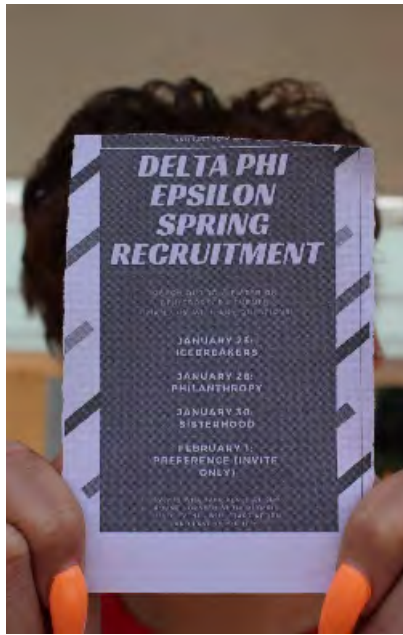


@SeenAtSouthern

Our photographers went out on campus and snapped some photos depicting life at Georgia Southern. Come back every week or follow our Twitter, @SeenAtSouthern, to see if you have been spotted!



ALEXA CURTIS/staff
Delta Phi Epsilon held a recruitment event where interested ladies could meet the sisters and learn about their organization & philanthropy.



LAUREN SABIA/staff
Studying abroad is an amazing opportunity to learn more about yourself, another culture, and the rest of the world. The study abroad fair happened on Jan. 22 at the Russell Union.



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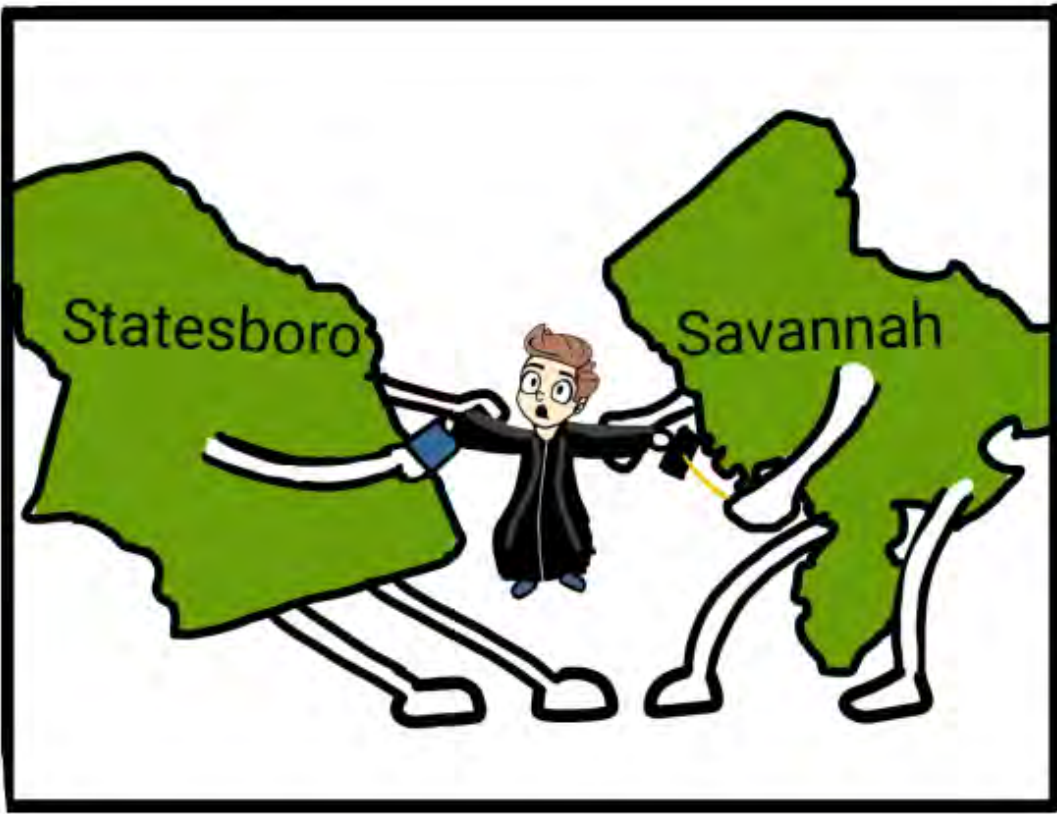
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The restaurant formerly known as El Jalapeno has been rebranded as Baja Boro.

Read about why the name and ownership of the local restaurant has changed at The Reflector website at reflectorgsu.com.



SINDI PATANI/staff



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Up is Down 2

Comic by Chase Taylor

Pay Disparity Among Georgia Southern



**BY SHIANN SIVELL
AND BRENDAN WARD**
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University had 152 faculty members classified as professor in 2017, and while they all hold the same position at the university, many do not receive equal pay for a variety of reasons.

One major factor that plays into this imbalance of pay includes job market prospects in the economy and recessions, said professor of operations management Mark Hanna, who had the highest earned salary at GS for 2017.

"Salaries, to a degree, are driven by the [hiring] market at the time of hire," Hanna said.

Hanna said that this ultimately means that when certain professions, such as engineers, are more in-demand in the hiring market economy, those within the profession will receive a hiring salary compared to professions that are low in demand.

Highest paid professors

According to Open Georgia, 14 of the top 20 highest paid professors at GS in 2017, are professors in the College of Business. The average yearly

salary for these professors was \$150,270.

Of the remaining six professors, two are in the College of Education, two are in the College of Science and Mathematics and the other two are in College of Health and Human Sciences and the College of Engineering and Computing Sciences.

Hanna added that another factor that plays into the imbalance of salaries is an inability for certain positions to remain stable when the economy fluctuates.

"Pay raises in certain positions have not been able to keep up with the market," Hanna said. "As [the positions] get a pay raise, the market has moved the new higher salaries up closer so that there's a compression between senior salaries and new salaries."

Lowest paid professors

In comparison to the highest paid professors at GS, 20 of GS' lowest paid professors had an average yearly salary of \$51,493 for 2017, according to Open Georgia.

Eleven of the 20 lowest paid professors at GS, are in the College of Arts and Humanities or College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, formerly the

College of Liberal Arts and Social Science.

Those two colleges alone make up 55 percent of the 20 lowest paid professors. Of these 11 professors, six are in the Department of Music while the other five are in the Departments of Art, History, English and Psychology.

Of the other nine lowest paid professors, four are in the College of Sciences and Mathematics, specifically in the Department of Mathematical Sciences with no other professors in the COSM among the 20 lowest paid professors.

Even within the Department of Mathematical Sciences, there is a small disparity among professors with some having a 2017 yearly salary of mid to high \$60,000, while some professors had a salary of \$80,000.

"A lot of our faculty can make more in private industry," Sharon Taylor, chair for the mathematical sciences department said. "They are here because they enjoy teaching and they enjoy doing their research. [The faculty] liked the money, but they're not here for the money, they're here so they can teach and do research."

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Part of the disparity within the department may be due to the fact that Open Georgia counts not only a professor’s 10-month salary, but includes any pay they got for teaching over the summer as well, Taylor said.

Taylor added that another reason for the disparity is a six-year span where the current faculty did not receive any raises.

“There are some discrepancies and that’s mostly because of the six years that we had with no raises,” Taylor said. “So, we were hiring people in at higher salaries and ... the faculty that we had at the time were not getting any

raises.”

Steve Harper, Ph.D., chair for the department of music said that the arts are paid much lower across the board.

One reason for this, said Harper, is due to a disparity in pay that could be caused simply by the compression of the market value of professors.

“In a field like the arts or the humanities where there might not be a lot of difference between an assistant professor and a full professor, you sometimes get what we call compression where somebody at a lower rank makes more money than someone at a higher rank because of where they come in,” Harper said.

Harper added that arts in general are going to be in the lower end of salaries, probably across the country.

“It is also true that a lot of our teaching is one on one, so it is not very efficient,” Harper said.

Professors who have been at a university for a long time will more than likely see a two percent raise in their salaries a year, Harper said.

GS versus the national average

Compared to the national average, GS’ Ph.D. professors salaries are low across the entire university, Hanna said.

“What we see at Georgia Southern is that salaries are

low across [the university] compared to what peers would make in other institutes across the country,” Hanna said.

Hanna added that most public accredited universities with colleges of business have salaries that are below the median even though they are higher on the campuses.

According to the American Association of University Professors, the average salary for a full-time professor at an American university was \$104,820 in 2017. In comparison, the yearly salary for a full-time professor at GS in 2017 was \$82,000.

In 2017, full-time professors at other Georgia universities

made:

An average salary of \$129,800 at the University of Georgia.

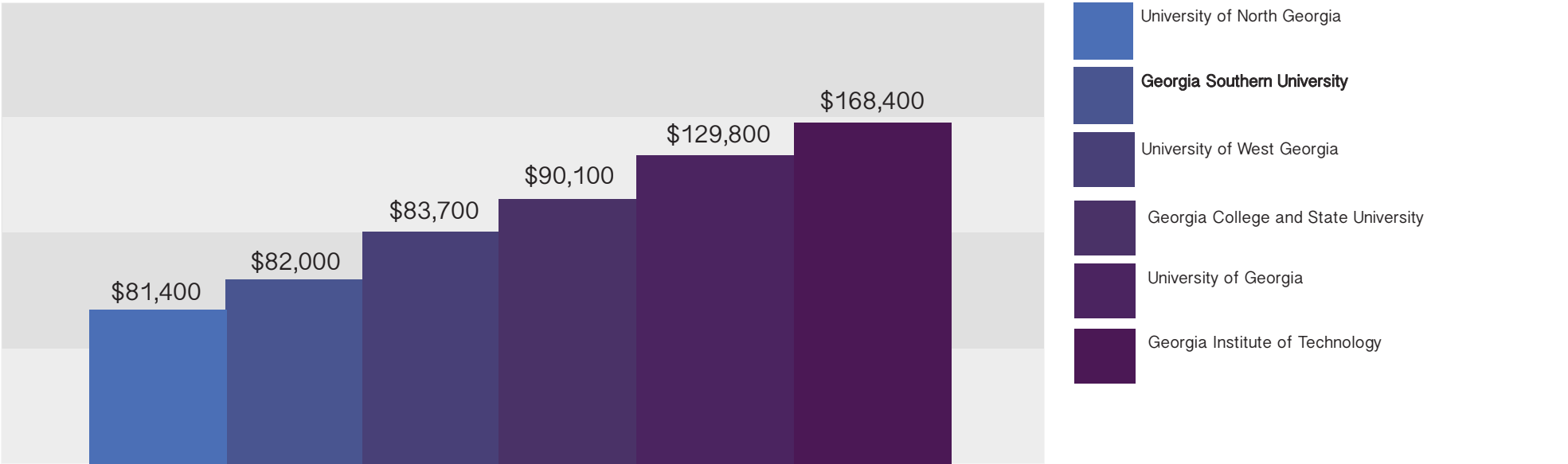
An average salary of \$168,400 at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

An average salary of \$90,100 at Georgia College and State University.

An average salary of \$83,700 in 2017 at University of West Georgia.

The only major Georgia university that had a lower average salary in 2017 was the University of North Georgia with an average salary of \$81,400.

2017 SALALARIES OF PROFESSORS AT GEORGIA UNIVERSITIES



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THE CONNECTION BETWEEN HAZING AND BULLYING



CY TAYLOR

Cy Taylor is a sophomore international studies and Arabic major from Alma, Georgia.

As 2019 begins, hazing remains a problem on college campuses across the country. Recently, investigations of two Georgia Southern University Greek Row fraternities concluded and may lead to years of university suspension. With that being said, hazing has once again become the main topic of discussion at GS.

While gathering information, Francisco Lugo, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life at GS, was interviewed about hazing and its effect on students.

How does the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life define hazing?

"We don't define [hazing]. That is defined under the student code of conduct," Lugo said. "That is really the definition that we go by. In shortened terms, basically anything that puts an individual in a situation where they are physically hurt, emotionally hurt, embarrassed and along that line."

He also mentioned an often-overlooked part of the hazing policy that is unique to GS alone, financial hazing. From Lugo's understanding, students were once asked to drive their actives around campus and rack up mileage. Soon after, one of the parents reached out to the university in regard to their child's gas expenses. This situation raised awareness of the financial aspect of hazing and became part of the GS hazing policy soon after.

Why should we be concerned?

For decades, college students have fell victim to absurd initiation procedures in order to be granted membership into various clubs and organizations. The students who are pledging can be forced to partake in unspeakable acts such as excessive alcohol consumption, sleep deprivation, and/or physical abuse. Activities such as these can lead to hospitalization and

in worst case scenarios, death.

According to the National Study of Student Hazing, since 1970, there has been at least one hazing-related death on a U.S. college campus each year. Furthermore, according to Hank Nuwer, Franklin College journalism professor, there have been 40 deaths between 2007 and 2017 alone.

As a result, a number of regulations have been enforced by colleges and universities to target this issue. Additionally, all but six states in the U.S. have established anti-hazing laws with punishments varying from state to state.

The fine line between traditions and hazing

Hazing is often considered a tradition due to certain clubs and organizations participating in initiation procedures for a long period of time. These traditions are most popular among college fraternities and

there are a lot of things to do there such as the high ropes and low ropes. This could have the exact same effect and not be detrimental to the student.

The connection between hazing and bullying

Bullying remains one of the largest issues that students of all ages face. From childhood to adulthood, bullying affects people's lives in a variety of different forms.

The National Centre Against Bullying defines bullying as an individual or a group of people with more power, repeatedly and intentionally causing hurt or harm to another person or group of people who feel helpless to respond. This definition proves that hazing is in fact, a form of bullying.

When a student or group of students is being hazed, they are intentionally being caused harm by a group of individuals looking for a

day, they are very similar and there's a lot of parallel between both actions," Lugo said.

As long as no one is physically harmed, is hazing okay?

The effects of hazing go much further than the physical surface. Hazing can publicly embarrass or emotionally harm someone as well. Even though the act did not harm one's physical body, the damage caused on the inside may go unseen.

"We know that our students are coming into the university setting with more mental health issues," Lugo said. "Again, any act that you think may not affect you because it didn't physically hurt you, but you don't know what that person has gone through in their life that might trigger something that can then be detrimental."

Later in the conversation, Lugo said that there are a couple of students at the moment who are feeling guilt due to things that happened and it has come back to haunt them down the road.

It was also brought up that a student's grades can be affected due to forms of hazing. It will then be twice as hard to get back in good standing with the university. In the end, Lugo summarized his answer in one sentence, "Harm can manifest itself in different ways and I think that is what people do not understand."

Social Media Speaks

A poll was tweeted out by @GAOpinions to see what other's opinions were on a debatable question. 203 people responded. The statistics to that poll are presented in the center.

Conclusion

In the end, the majority of people surveyed believe that hazing is indeed a form of bullying. Through research and speaking with the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, many different aspects of hazing were recognized and used to conduct information for this article.

Students are taught from a young age to speak up against bullying. However, when it comes to students being forced to complete harmful and humiliating tasks, it is often overlooked as signs of bullying. As cases continue, more people are beginning to notice the negative effects that result from hazing. With that being said, it is time that hazing is officially recognized as a form of bullying.

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Student Government Association members approached prior to commencement ceremony change announcement

BY MATTHEW ENFINGER
The George-Anne staff



MATTHEW ENFINGER/staff
Representatives of Georgia Southern University's Student Government Association met with committee members regarding spring 2019 commencement changes prior to Wednesday's announcement. SGA President Jarvis Steele was emailed for clarification on the meeting and SGA's role in the decision but has yet to respond.

Representatives of Georgia Southern University's Student Government Association met with committee members regarding spring 2019 commencement changes prior to Wednesday's announcement.

As mentioned on GS' spring 2019 commencement FAQ page, a committee solicited input from students, faculty and the deans before making a recommendation to the President's Cabinet.

Two members of the committee met with SGA representatives to gather feedback and bring student input back to the committee, John Lester, interim vice president for strategic communications, said.

All SGA minutes from last semester do not mention any discussions or conversations of the possibility of changes to GS' spring 2019 commencement ceremony.

Keyshawn Housey, SGA senator-at-large, said the commencement change was never brought to SGA senators.

"It was my understanding that this was a cost effective measure undertaken by the administration," Housey said. "Unfortunately this was never brought to me or any of the

senators."

Hours later after agreeing to be quoted, Housey asked that his comment not be used due to the fact that he was asked not to speak on the matter as a senator.

SGA President Jarvis Steele was reached for comment via email for clarification on SGA's knowledge of and involvement in the commencement ceremony changes but has not responded. Steele was also asked why Housey was asked not to discuss the matter as an SGA senator.

Students' role in commencement change decision

Members of the committee listed in a proposal document did not include students but only faculty members from GS' three campuses.

Members included:

- Velma Burden, Registrar, Statesboro
- Wallace Brown, Associate Registrar, Statesboro

- Nichole Booker, Assistant Registrar, Armstrong
- Laura Mills, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Armstrong
- Christine Ludowise, Vice Provost, Statesboro
- James Brawner, Mathematics Department Chair, Armstrong
- Allen Amason, Dean, Statesboro
- Patrice Jackson, former Associate Vice President and Dean of Student Services, Statesboro
- Andrew Dies, Dean of Students and Student Affairs Campus Lead, Armstrong
- Amanda Heinz, Community Affairs Coordinator, Armstrong
- Katie Twinning, Associate Vice President for Facilities
- Diana Cone, Vice Provost
- Chris Curtis, Vice President for Armstrong and Liberty Campus Operations
- Amy Ballagh, Vice President for Enrollment Management
- Georj Lewis, Vice President for Student Affairs
- Amy Heaston, Chief of Staff

Documents provide further background on commencement ceremony changes

BY MATTHEW ENFINGER
The George-Anne staff

Documents containing proposals for the spring 2019 commencement ceremony provide background to changes announced on Wednesday.

The decision to have two main ceremonies, a college-specific ceremony and a university-wide ceremony, was made after study of practices at other universities similar to Georgia Southern University's size, according to the university's spring 2019 commencement FAQ page.

The proposals listed in the documents were developed by a committee that first met in June 2018, John Lester, interim vice president for strategic communications, said.

The committee solicited input from students, faculty and the deans before making a recommendation to the President Shelley Nickel's Cabinet, according to the FAQ page.

The documents, dated December 2018, state two different options for the spring 2019 commencement ceremony and lists pros and cons of each.

Option 1: College-Based Commencement

Option 1 is label "College-Based Commencement" in which the location of the college ceremony would align with the college's primary campus in either Savannah or Statesboro.

This would include a total of nine ceremonies that would span from May 10 to May 11, according to the proposal. Along with individual college ceremonies, a stand and confer ceremony that would include an estimated 2,750 graduates would occur at Paulson Stadium.

The proposal mentions many pros of this option, including

individual recognition and shorter ceremonies, however it does mention a list of cons including that a graduate's primary campus may differ from the college's primary campus.

According to the proposal, approximately 375 Armstrong Campus graduates, 43 percent on the Armstrong campus, would graduate in Statesboro and approximately 550 Statesboro campus graduates, 33 percent on Statesboro campus, would graduate in Savannah.

Those attending may not be able to, or desire to, attend one of the other college ceremonies, according to the proposal. Families and friends may also have to attend multiple ceremonies or could have conflicts with other ceremonies.

The final noted con specifies that Armstrong's facilities would not be able to accommodate the number of graduates and guests in the largest college, making it necessary to hold the ceremonies at a larger, rented venue.

Pros for the stand and confer ceremony include an observance of tradition specifically "Freedom's Flight" and would require just one speaker. Cons mentioned include that additional expenses would be required for the speaker whose name and cost is to be determined and an estimated cost of \$10,000 for a second location in Statesboro.

All Armstrong and Liberty campus graduates would need to travel to the Statesboro campus for the stand and confer ceremony.

Option 2: Campus-based commencement

Option 2 would be similar to the existing commencement design held by both campuses, according to the proposal.

Graduates would participate in ceremonies on their primary campus and location.

According to the proposal the Statesboro campus would have an indoor graduate ceremony in Hanner Fieldhouse and an outdoor undergraduate ceremony at Paulson Stadium.

The Armstrong Campus ceremony would move to an outdoor ceremony, rain or shine, according to the proposal. An alternative location for the Armstrong Campus would be the Convention Center if the seating plan for the outdoor venue is unacceptable.

Option 2 would include three different ceremonies: a graduate ceremony with an estimated 450 graduates at Hanner Fieldhouse, an undergraduate and graduate ceremony with an estimated 800 graduates at the Armstrong Campus Intramural Fields and an undergraduate ceremony of an estimated 1,500 graduates at Paulson Stadium.

The proposal mentions many pros such as the "wow factor" of the large attendance and the possibility of having a well known speaker, however, it does specifically mention that a con of Option 2 is that it would continue to perpetuate a distinction between two universities following consolidation.

Other cons in Option 2 mention that the graduate ceremony in Hanner is nearing maximum capacity and there would be limited growth for future ceremonies if the graduating class of GS increases.

President's decision

As announced on Wednesday the final decision for the spring 2019 commencement ceremony was Option 1: College-Based Commencement.

SGA holds heated meeting Wednesday



SINDI PATANI/staff
Georgia Southern junior Taylor Davis stands before the panel in her scrubs and shares her frustrations against the recent commencement changes during the Student Government Association meeting Wednesday.



SINDI PATANI/staff
SGA President Jarvis Steele (above) and Dean Adrew Dies (below, left) were pressed for answers Wednesday night regarding the 2019 commencement ceremony that they say will not change.



Read the full recap on thegeorgeanne.com.

I really wish that we could all be united and not have separate graduations. They shouldn't be done at different locations.

Davison Baker
Operations Management

Every GSU student deserves to graduate from Paulson, it means so much to us to walk across the field.

Paulson stadium for one graduation is TRADITION! My parents graduated here and dreamed of me walking across that stage! CHANGE IT BACK!

John Ewald (EE major) Junior

The timing is terrible, but this change isn't unexpected. Next time, give us a lot more notice about such an impactful change.

I believe graduation ~~is~~ should stay at Statesboro campus because lots of time & effort has been put into this campus.

Kadi Surrency Senior business management

I dual enrolled in High school at Armstrong - and ~~never~~ chose to attend GSU ~~at~~ on the Statesboro campus -

NOT ARMSTRONG

I am not graduating from Armstrong.

I think I should graduate from where I went to school.

Georgia Southern ~~Statesboro~~

I want to graduate in Paulson stadium! It is tradition and I want to continue the tradition!!!

-2019 graduate!

I was very disappointed to find out that my commencement is scheduled to be in Savannah. I would like to graduate and walk at my school. My parents already have hotels booked in Statesboro to watch me walk. We should not have to drive to Savannah. I want to walk at Paulson Stadium.

I'm not even graduating and I'm upset! If I went to school on the Statesboro campus then I want to graduate on the Statesboro campus!

Macy Norton - Elementary Education

Keep graduation at Paulson!

They should all graduate in Statesboro

WALK AT

the Stadium

We ~~People~~ push ~~our~~ ourselves to limits unknown to afford ~~make~~ excel in our education.

It is not right to rip away the experience of graduating where all that time & energy was placed. Boo you, Georgia Southern.

If I wanted to graduate in Savannah, I would have chosen the Savannah Campus. I chose to live in Statesboro and this campus for a reason. I love Georgia Southern, the ORIGINAL Georgia Southern.

I think since I worked my butt off at Statesboro campus and this is where I should walk. Keep the tradition of graduating at Paulson alive.

It's terrible

Jacob Burke

Paulson is a symbol of our college experience and should be the landmark to send us off.

I did not pay tens of thousands of dollars to not get to graduate at the campus I put my checks to.

I go to Georgia Southern not Armstrong so I would like to graduate at Georgia Southern in Statesboro. I also don't think it is fair to the families and students to have to pick ~~and who~~ who can and can't come to ^{view} graduation.

Blaine Zenos Garney

Senior Health Ed. & Promotion / Global Health

I think it is extremely inconsiderate to change the dates and location of graduation, as many families have booked flights and hotels from far away for a specific date and time. Some of us have large families we want to walk where we spent our money to go to school. #WeWalkInPaulson

ANTH Major

Not a Fan

This feels rushed and ~~half~~ half-thought out. And in terms of logistics, a lot of families have booked hotels and vacation time and now that has to be changed.

-John St. Lewis
Graphic Design Major

Spring graduation questions answered so far

BY TANDRA SMITH
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University announced changes to its 2019 spring graduations on Jan. 17 in an effort to manage the size and recognition for the graduates. GS will now have two main ceremonies, a college-specific ceremony and a university-wide ceremony. The college-specific ceremonies will take place at various times and locations on both May 10 and 11. A university-wide commencement ceremony will take place on the Statesboro campus on May 11 in Paulson Stadium. The following questions are answered with information from GS’ Spring 2019 Commencement FAQ page.

The main questions, answered

Q: How do I receive my diploma cover?
A: In order to receive your diploma cover, you have to attend the college-specific ceremony, according to the commencement website. The actual diploma will be mailed out six to eight weeks once all degree requirements are completed.

Q: What will the ceremonies be like?
A: According to the commencement website, the college-specific ceremonies will be in a much smaller setting than previous commencements. “New college-specific ceremonies will provide a more intimate setting where each graduate will be recognized individually,” according to the website. “The location of the college-specific ceremonies will align with the College’s primary campus location.” The university-wide ceremony, however, will take place in Paulson Stadium, like previous spring and fall commencements. This ceremony will include all graduates from all of the colleges, as well as a guest commencement speaker. “[The university-wide ceremony] will have the full pomp and circumstance of a traditional ceremony,” according to the website.

Q: Do I need tickets for either graduation?
A: If you are a graduating student, your cap and gown will be your ticket for both ceremonies. Family members and guests will not need a ticket for the university-wide ceremony, according to the

commencement website, but some college-specific ceremonies might.

Q: I’m a graduate student. How does this affect me?
A: Details are still being finalized, according to the website, but ceremonies will differ slightly. “Graduate students will participate in the University-wide ceremony as well as the college-specific ceremony for their major,” according to the commencement website.

Q: Where are the college-specific ceremonies being held? What time and date are they?
A: Individual ceremonies for the College of Education, the Waters College of Health Professions and the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health are scheduled to take place at the Savannah Convention Center. These ceremonies will take place on Friday, May 10 and begin at 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. respectively. The ceremonies for the College of Arts and Humanities, the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, the Parker College of Business, the Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing and the College of Science and Mathematics will be held at Hanner Fieldhouse in Statesboro.

The Parker College of Business, the College of Arts and Humanities and the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences will take place on Friday, May 10 as well, at 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. respectively. The Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing and College of Science and Mathematics ceremonies will take place on Saturday, May 11, at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., respectively.

Q: Who made this decision?
A: According to the commencement website, a committee was created regarding this change. How other colleges and universities across the country held their commencement ceremonies was also studied as well. “A committee solicited input from students, faculty and the deans before making a recommendation to the President’s Cabinet,” according to the website.

Q: I have more questions. Who can I contact?
A: At the moment, there is no particular contact or contacts. A list of contacts will be made available on the commencement website once completed.

GRADUATE
AND
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Spring 2019

Statesboro Campus College Ceremonies

Hanner Fieldhouse

Friday, May 10, 2019

9:30 a.m. – College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

1 p.m. – Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing

4 p.m. – College of Science and Mathematics

Saturday, May 11, 2019

9 a.m. – Campus-wide ceremony for all students

1 p.m. – College of Arts and Humanities

4 p.m. – Parker College of Business

Armstrong Campus College Ceremonies

Savannah Convention Center

Friday, May 10, 2019

9:30 a.m. – Waters College of Health Professions

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Financial aid benefits on hold for active duty coastguard students as government shutdown continues



THE GEORGE-ANNE STAFF

BY SHIANN SIVELL

The George-Anne staff

Active duty Coast Guard students are currently the only students being affected from the government shutdown and their tuition assistance is on hold. The Office of Financial Aid stated in an email that financial aid will not be affected during the government shutdown. Currently, financial aid refunds are still scheduled for Jan. 24. However, students receiving certain military benefits are being affected. Phil Gore, director of military and veterans affairs on the Armstrong Campus, said.

"Across all campuses, we only have four students that are active duty, but then we have 11 active duty spouses or dependents," Gore said.

Bill Gammon, the military and veteran outreach coordinator at Georgia Southern University said

that there are not many active Coast Guard students on the GS Statesboro campus and that the majority are on the Armstrong Campus. Students who are affiliated in other branches of the military have their tuition funded through the Department of Defense. Students who receive GI bill benefits are funded through Veteran Affairs, which are funded through the entire fiscal year and are subsequently not affected by the shutdown, Gore said.

"However the coastguard is not a part of the Department of Defense," Gore said. "They are part of Homeland Security, which is affected by the shutdown. Our Coast Guardsmen are not getting paid right now."

Gore added that on Jan. 9, the Coast Guard suspended its tuition assistance program for active duty Coast Guardsmen until the shutdown is over. Despite the program being cut, Gore said the affected students will still be able to attend classes.

Alternative assistance

Gore said that he has been in contact with several of the organizations in the community that support Armstrong's military community to help the affected students. The Armstrong Campus has been working with Brian Erickson, commanding officer at the US Coast Guard Air Station in Savannah, to direct Coast Guardsmen and their families to the military resource center on Armstrong, Gore said.

"They have a supply kitchen set up on Hunter Airfield where they can go and get food and diapers," Gore said. "They're accepting items there as well for anyone who would like to donate."

Gore said that the biggest need for the Coast Guardsmen and their families are gift and gas cards. Donations can be locally made to the Military Resource Center on the Statesboro Campus at Russell Union 2024 or on the Armstrong Campus at

PAC 113. The office of Military and Veterans Affairs will deliver gifts to Coast Guard Air Station Savannah on their behalf. Donations can also be made by going to the USCG Low Country CPOA Facebook Page.

Government shutdown review

The 2018-2019 shutdown began on Dec. 21, 2018 and, as of Jan. 23, is currently the longest shutdown in U.S. history, lasting 32 days with no end in sight. With issues such as tax refunds delays and furloughed pay affecting thousands of Americans, the uncertainty has reached financial aid offices in several colleges across the US. Universities such as Fresno State in California are having issues submitting IRS tax documents and subsequently must turn in alternative documents to access their aid. President Trump told reporters on Jan. 4 he is prepared to keep the government shut down until an agreement on the U.S.-Mexico border wall is reached.

Sunday "Brunch Bill" impacts Statesboro restaurants

BY ANTHONY BELINFANTE

The George-Anne staff

Restaurants in Statesboro are now able to sell alcohol starting at 11 a.m. on Sundays after the city council approved a new alcohol ordinance, SB 17.

Nicknamed the "Brunch Bill," the ordinance allows restaurants to serve alcohol almost an hour and a half earlier on Sundays. The vote was made in early November, with the bill becoming active almost immediately. "We made it effective upon the mayor's signature," City Attorney Cain Smith said.

The Brunch Bill was passed in March 2018 and signed in May by Governor Nathan Deal. Each city or county in Georgia had to have their own votes to decide whether they wanted to take the bill into effect in their area, according to the Georgia Restaurant Association.

"I think we're seeing more of a shift [in revenue] whereas we did have more between 12:30 [p.m.] and 1 [p.m.], now we're seeing a bit more come in at 11 now that the Brunch Bill has passed," Sugar Magnolia Bakery & Cafe owner Caroline Joyner said.

Some restaurants in the past have been hesitant about opening their doors on Sundays, or have opened later at a time in which alcohol was allowed to be served.

"We were testing the waters for opening Sundays, but no one was coming in," Deanna Moreno, house manager at Chazito's Latin Cuisine said. "I don't know if it was because they didn't know about us or because of the bar situation because we weren't serving alcohol at all." The Brunch Bill does not affect the hours in which stores can sell alcohol on Sundays.

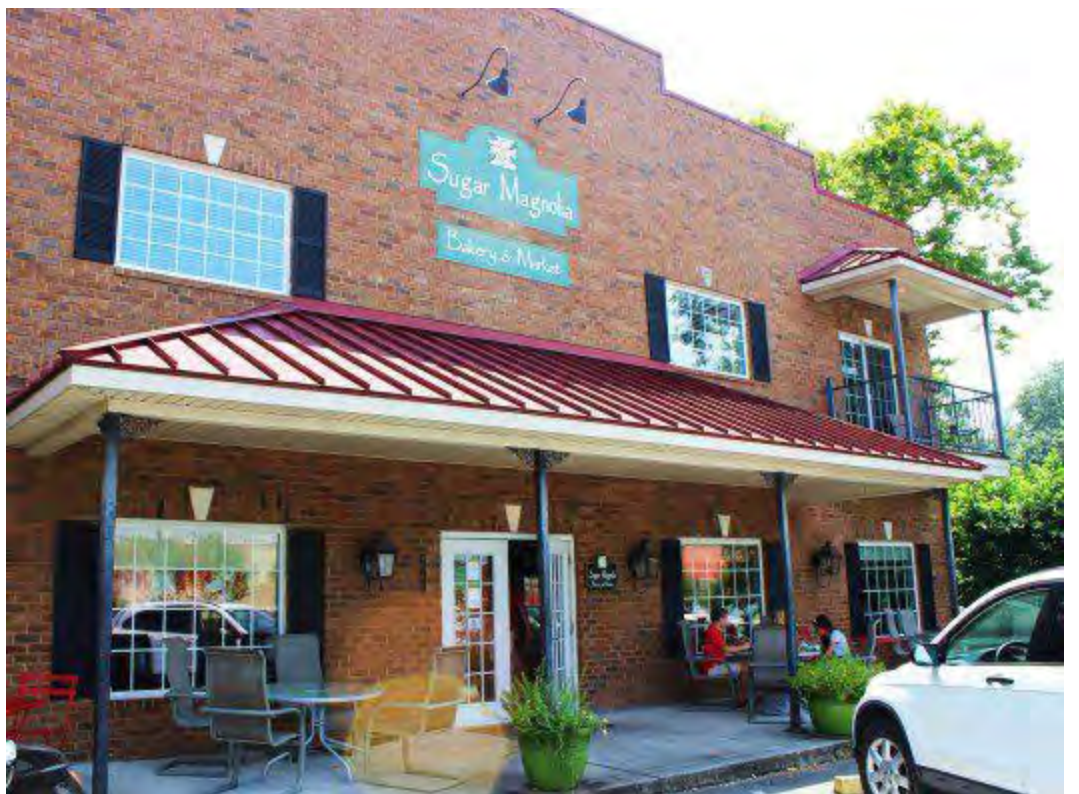


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Sudoku

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column, and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium, and difficult.
By Myles Mellor

Level: Difficult

2	4	7		6				
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				4	9			
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		1	3					
	7					9		

Last Week's Solution:

9	2	8	3	6	7	1	4	5
3	4	1	5	2	8	7	6	9
5	6	7	9	1	4	2	3	8
8	5	2	1	3	9	4	7	6
1	9	4	6	7	2	5	8	3
7	3	6	4	8	5	9	1	2
4	7	3	2	5	6	8	9	1
2	1	9	8	4	3	6	5	7
6	8	5	7	9	1	3	2	4

The George-Anne 1/24/19 Crossword

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Across

- 1 Egg on
- 5 Forest runner
- 8 Toothed tool
- 11 Choir attire
- 12 Caper
- 14 Foal’s mother
- 15 Mayberry sot
- 16 Beat
- 17 Highest point
- 18 Like some threats
- 20 Decide
- 22 “A jealous mistress”:
Emerson
- 25 Boat propellers
- 27 Up-to-the-minute
- 31 Vandykes
- 33 Brunch order
- 35 Bit of parsley
- 36 Watering holes
- 37 Word of support
- 38 Start of something big?
- 40 Military award
- 43 Skater Babilonia
- 46 Hazard
- 48 Elbow
- 52 Risky venture
- 55 Expressing one’s preference
- 56 Angel
- 57 Requirement
- 59 Domestic dog
- 60 Abate
- 61 No-win situations?
- 63 Assist in wrongdoing
- 66 Run ___ of (violate)
- 69 Sinuous dance
- 73 Corn bread
- 74 Power suppliers
- 75 Utah city
- 76 Bunion’s place

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- 77 Black and tan ingredient
- 78 Genesis grandson
- 21 Lassie portrayer
- 22 Tummy muscles
- 23 Gym unit
- 24 La Brea goo
- 26 Drench
- 28 Greek letter
- 29 Shoat cote
- 30 Informal wear
- 32 Glass component
- 34 Conceal
- 36 Uttered
- 39 Smorgasbord
- 41 Battery part
- 42 Groove
- 43 Shamus
- 44 Cigarette’s end
- 45 Rocks, to a bartender
- 47 Cambodian coin
- 49 Party bowlful
- 50 Animal with curved horns
- 51 Pudding ingredient
- 53 Sharp narrow ridge
- 54 Tavern
- 55 Head coverings
- 58 Opus
- 62 Loafer, e.g.
- 63 Quick-witted
- 64 Bleacher bum’s shout
- 65 Compass dir.
- 67 Lobster ___ Diavolo
- 68 Painter’s medium
- 70 Samovar
- 71 Sign of summer
- 72 Morning hrs.

Down

- 1 Maven
- 2 Deteriorate
- 3 ___-Wan Kenobi
- 4 He loved Lucy
- 5 Unkind look
- 6 20’s dispenser
- 7 Lulu
- 8 Small pouch
- 9 Shirt part
- 10 Diminutive
- 12 World record?
- 13 Most wonderful?
- 14 Photo finish
- 19 Artful move

2,000 point player

Tookie Brown

BY KAITLIN SELLS
The George-Anne staff

Born Augusta, Georgia, went to high school at Morgan County High school in Madison, Georgia.

2015 GHSA 3-A State Player of the year.

Scored more than 3,000 career points in high school.

Was rated as a four-star recruit by ESPN.

Led high school team to state championship.

One of 17 people to earn first-team All-Sun Belt honors in three seasons.

Went into 2018-19 season being tied for 25th on Sun Belt career scoring list and 153 points shy of becoming school's all-time leading scorer in the Division 1 era.

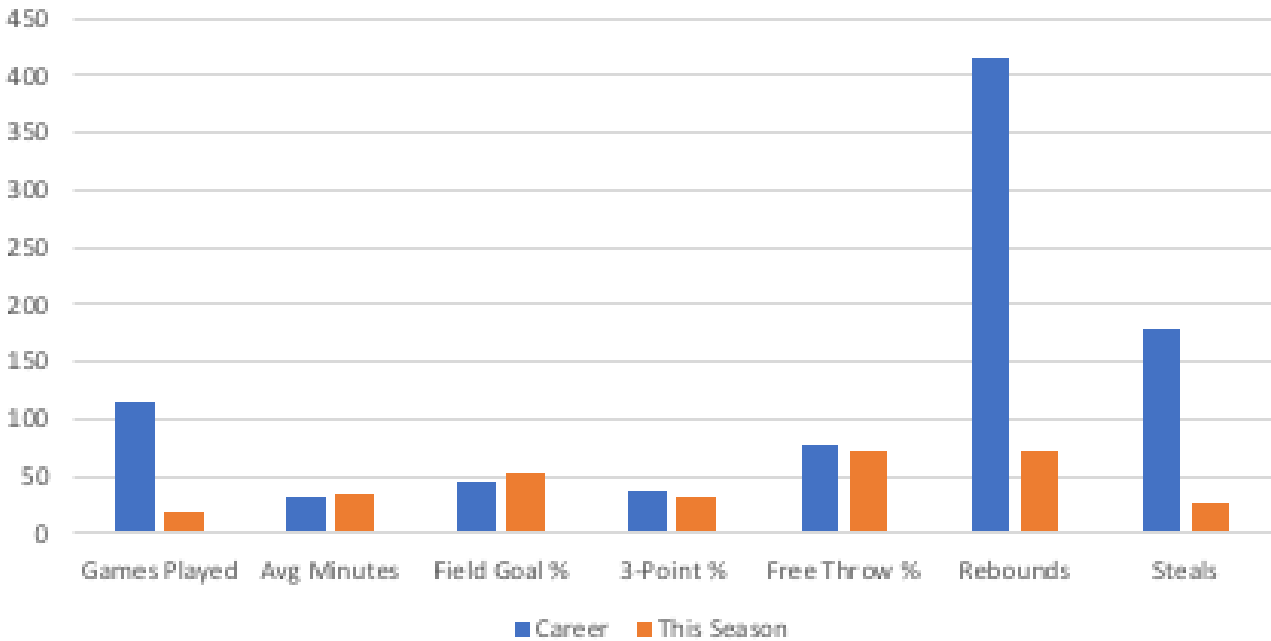
Has a sister on the GS women's basketball team (Alexis Brown, sophomore guard).

Voted Mr. Basketball in state of Georgia as a junior in high school.



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Tookie Brown Statistics



Alexis Brown named women’s basketball Sun Belt Player of the Week

BY BETHANY-GRACE BOWERS

The George-Anne staff

Junior Women’s Basketball player Alexis Brown was named the Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week for the second time this season.

Brown, a junior from Madison, Georgia has had a successful season so far. In the past week, she scored a career high 34 points in the game against Troy, who is first in the Sun Belt. Brown also scored 17 points against South Alabama Saturday.

Her ranking in the conference continues to grow higher as she scores more and

more points per game and her average climbs.

When it comes to rebounds Brown is just as capable. The 5-6 dynamo has scored highs this season in this aspect as well. Her highest score of the season was the last game played which was against South Alabama with 13 buckets.

Brown’s shot percentage has climbed to 85 percent from the free throw line and 61 percent from the three-point range.

Brown’s next game will be played when she travels to the University of Texas at Arlington with the Eagles to play against the Mavericks at 12:30 p.m.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GS ATHLETICS

Junior guard Alexis Brown has started in every game she’s played, totaling at 545 minutes and scoring 290 points on the season.

Eagles fall to Flames in final tuneup before conference championships



MATTHEW FUNK/staff

BY BETHANY-GRACE BOWERS

The George-Anne staff

Liberty University beat out Georgia Southern 31-7 in the diving meet Saturday morning on the Eagles’ campus.

Two events were held on Saturday at the RAC and nine ladies competed in the three meter and one meter events.

Liberty’s Abigail Egolf-Jensen, freshman from Blaine, Minnesota, came in first place in the one meter event with a score of 277.35. Right behind her in second place was fellow teammate Olivia Robinson. The freshman from Friendswood, Texas finished with a score of 276.53.

The Eagles came in third place in the one meter event. Sara Rogers, a sophomore from Jefferson, Georgia,

finished with a score of 263.33. Rogers was less than two points away from earning the score needed to make the NCAA Zone Qualifying meet.

In the three meter event LU swept the podium with Robinson, Jensen, and Lauren Chennault placing.

GS placed fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh in the event with scores very close to each other. In fourth place was sophomore Katie Knight with

a score of 233.4, in fifth was junior Gretchen Mossburg with a score of 206.63, in sixth was Sara Rogers with a score of 205.43 and in seventh was senior Hannah Mudge with a score of 201.90.

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