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

Looking for ways to decorate your room without breaking the bank? Check out the Poster Sale this week, located next to the Tech Corner, from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. to find reasonably priced posters that will add personality to your dorm room or apartment!

The Uncivilized Society: a Fashion Extravaganza is coming up on Jan. 24th at the Williams Center: featuring unique, custom pieces from different designers in a show/expo, as well as music and dance performances.

The Shooting Sports Club here at Georgia Southern searched for potential new members for their club, with members (from left to right) Rebecca Bracken, Anna Bedolosky and Samuel Lowder – at Rotunda.
Opinions

Single people are feeling the pressure from social media

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Social media has put an immense amount of pressure on young people when it comes to dating. It seems like every time we log onto Instagram or Facebook, someone we went to high school with is engaged, already married, or starting a family. Then there’s people like you and me who are single and either feeling relieved that we’re not in that situation, or feeling envious and alone. When we post on social media, we often only show the best moments of our lives, or the lives that we want our followers to believe we’re living. But when someone who is single sees a friend in a happy and loving relationship that can only be confirmed through hashtags and emojis, that’s not what they’re thinking about. They’re thinking about how single they are, and how they wish that would change.

It’s okay to be single, even if everyone you’re following is not. We live in a world where validation comes from likes on Instagram and how many followers you have. The more interesting your life appears through the lens of your followers, the more likes you receive. Whether we like to admit it or not, we all strive for attention and validation online.

We want our friends to like our pictures, and for strangers to think we’re cool. In order to receive the attention we’re all subconsciously striving for, oversharing tends to take place. With this being the case for people our age and younger, we are usually exposed to couples who are seemingly living better lives than we do, or at least we think they are because we’re single and they’re not.

While we sit back and watch as our friends and acquaintances give us unwarranted updates on their love lives, we must remember that being single does not make our own lives, or our Instagram feeds, any less valid. Being in college, or just being young in general, is all about finding yourself and experiencing life for the first time. Some may choose to do so alone, while others choose to bring a significant other along for the ride.

For the people choosing to walk alone, there is nothing wrong with doing just that, no matter what your Instagram might say. There is absolutely nothing wrong with spending some quality time with yourself. You don’t have to be part of a couple to feel fulfilled, both personally and online.

Social media continues to put pressure on the younger generation to find love, and to show our followers that we’ve found it. It’s time to stop letting social media determine when we should be in love. Instead, we should be living our lives as single as we want to be.

Do you have an opinion that needs to be heard?

The George-Anne welcomes letters to the editor and appropriate guest columns. All copy submitted should be 350 words or fewer, typed, and sent via e-mail in Microsoft Word format to gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu. All submissions must be signed and include phone number for verification. GS students should include their academic major, year and hometown. The editors reserve the right to reject any submission and edit submissions for length.

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JUWAN SMITH RESIGNS AS SGA PRESIDENT

BY ASHTON CHRISTIANSON
The George-Anne Staff

STATESBORO — Georgia Southern University’s Student Government Association’s President Juwan Smith resigned. SGA had its first meeting of the semester Wednesday announcing big changes in the administration. With Smith resigning, a new vote will be cast among the Senate body for president, the candidates being the two executive vice presidents of the Statesboro and Armstrong campuses.

Kahria Hadley, junior marketing and economics major, and Spencer DeMink, junior political science major, are the executive vice presidents of the Statesboro and Armstrong campuses respectively. The candidates will need to have a two-thirds majority vote to win the election from the Senate body from each campus. It has yet to be announced when the votes will be held. The George-Anne has reached out to Smith for comment.

OTHER BUSINESS

Hadley proposed to hold an open forum with lawyers to explain legal reasons behind the actions taken by the university after recent events like the book burning incident. “About our book burning incident,” Hadley said, “I really wanted to run [it] by you guys about bringing in other people from the outside.” Hadley said, Hadley wants to bring in Maura Copeland, GS associate vice president for legal affairs, and lawyer Laura Mardz. Her intention is to hold an open forum for all to attend with other student organizations. “Change the atmosphere on campus instead of just blaming one person would be a good idea,” Hadley said.

Student Organization President Mark Kern Hernandez, a graduate student in the Master of Education in Higher Education Administration program, proposed that SGA makes an official position for the GSO president in their administration.

SEARCH FOR ASSOCIATE VP FOR INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE NARROWED DOWN TO THREE

BY ASHTON CHRISTIANSON
The George-Anne Staff

STATESBORO — Georgia Southern University’s search for an associate vice president for inclusive excellence has been narrowed down to three final candidates who have been holding open forums on the Statesboro and Armstrong campuses.

Forums for Tujuan Wilson, whose resume includes a special assistant, external relations, and associate vice president of diversity, equity and inclusion at the University of Iowa, have already passed. Here are the remaining forums:

Jan. 23: Jobi Martinez Candidate Jobi Martinez’s Statesboro visit was Jan. 22. She will be at the Armstrong campus on Jan. 23 in the Armstrong Center Auditorium from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. according to GS Communications and Marketing.

According to Martinez’s resume, she is a visiting special assistant to the president at the University of Houston - Downtown. She has consulted on diversity and inclusion in higher education since 2015.

Jan. 23 and 24: Karen Jones Candidate Karen Jones will be at the Armstrong campus on Jan. 23 in the Russell Union theater from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Jones will be at the Armstrong campus on Jan. 24 in the Armstrong Center Auditorium from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. according to GS Communications and Marketing.

According to Jones’ resume, she has been the chief diversity officer at Buffalo State College since 2012.

WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY TO HOST FIRST GS HACKATHON

BY ALEXIS HAMPTON
The George-Anne Staff

STATESBORO — Women in Technology is hosting Georgia Southern’s first Hackathon, Southern Hacks, in February. The event will be 24 hours from Feb. 28 to 29, allowing students who register to tackle challenging problems using technology, such as creating websites, hardware and more.

“The goal is to form a team with a solution in mind and solve a problem with that solution,” said Shelby Cuaron, Southern Hacks Lead Organizer.

Sponsored by State Farm, Republic National Distributing Company and more, this event will be open to all Georgia students, but GS students will receive special privileges.

“At the end of the event and creating a solution all night long, students will then present on their solution and be judged by professionals in the field.” Cuaron said. “Registered students can win prizes based upon their submitted creations.”

The Widow Maker Collective brings a dream to Georgia Southern

BY DAVIS COBB
The George-Anne Staff

STATESBORO — Georgia Southern University’s Center for Art and Theatre is currently holding an exhibition for multimedia art group The Widow Maker Collective.

“Bedtime Stories” has been on display since Jan. 13 and is the latest collection of the group’s unique art style. An artist talk and reception was held on Jan. 16 to celebrate the exhibit.

A Savannah-based studio, the Collective consists of artists Will Penny, Michael Porten and Britt Spencer, who collaborate on a variety of works that merge traditional art with modern media technology to examine the value of material objects in a world steadily becoming more and more virtual, according to a press release. The artists have made a name for themselves both as a group and on their own, with their individual works being featured at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium and being used as cover art for the Saturday Evening Post and Newsweek.

As a group, they are famous for their installation “Pollinate” at Boston’s Art and Technology Festival Hubweek in Oct. 2017 and brought over 50 thousand visitors to the event.

“The Widow Maker Collective is among the most dynamic and exciting groups of artists not only in the southeast, but along the east coast,” Jason Hoelscher, gallery director of the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art, said in a press release. “I’ve worked with all three artists individually and as a group on-and-off for years now, and their ability to transform any idea or material, from the unusual to the mundane, never ceases to amaze me. Their show, ‘Bedtime Stories’, is sure to be one of the state’s must-see exhibitions for 2020.”

“Bedtime Stories” will be on display at the GS Center for Art and Theatre on the Statesboro campus until Feb. 7.
SPOTTED AT THE MLK DAY PARADE

Bulloch County holds annual parade honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

BY BLAKELEY BARTEE
The George-Anne staff

STATESBORO — Several groups from Bulloch County took part in the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Day Parade in Downtown Statesboro Monday afternoon. Representatives from Georgia Southern University, local schools and churches, the Bulloch Blues Marching Band and more gathered for the procession through North Main Street and ending at Luetta Moore Park.

A group from Georgia Southern University marched in the parade.

One parade float showed photographs of historical and current leaders.

These parade participants held signs with inspirational quotes.

One float portrayed a boxing ring with “Justice” and “Equality” on its posts.

The Bulloch Blues Marching Band performed at the parade.

Music program gets down to business at Georgia Southern

BY DAVIS COBB
The George-Anne staff

SAVANNAH — Georgia Southern University has announced plans to add a new music industry degree under the College of Arts and Humanities. The program will put more focus on music technology and business, with the hope that it will appeal to more students and open a wider path of careers.

“The new program will allow us to connect with a whole new group of potential students.” Steven Harper, chair of the department of music, said. “We have been getting inquiries about a music industry degree for years, but have never before had the resources to make it happen.” Accompanying this new field will be several new courses to help develop this path, including Introduction to Music Industry, Live Sound Reinforcement and Commercial Music Theory.

Harper has stated that the program is not vocational; it is still being proposed under the Bachelor of Arts in Music and only improves on what current music technology and management courses have already built.

Though the degree is open to students of every GS campus, it is only fully available on the Armstrong Campus. Many of its required courses are also available on any campus, though some will be exclusive to Armstrong.

The program is currently awaiting approval from GS and the National Association of Schools of Music. News on the approval status is expected to be released in June.
PLAYERS TO WATCH

GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

ISAIAH CRAWLEY #53

ALEXIS BROWN #4

IKE SMITH #3

AMIRA ATWATER #15

QUAN JACKSON #13

TATUM BARBER #23
PLAYERS TO WATCH
GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

TAYLOR HOSENDOVE, #11
Sophomore guard Taylor Hosendove has been an offensive force and a monster on the glass for the Panthers all season long. She leads the team in scoring with 11.8 points per game and 9.3 rebounds per game. She ranks 16th in the conference in scoring and second in the conference in rebounding. She is also ranked 10th in the conference in field goal percentage.

TAYLOR HENDERSON, #32
Freshman guard Taylor Henderson has really been a key player for the Panthers this year as she has started 12 out of 17 of the games this season. She is second on the team in scoring and 21st in the conference with 10.6 points per game.

JADA LEWIS, #13
Redshirt junior guard Jada Lewis has started every game for the Panthers, having scored double digits points in eight of the 17 games that have been played so far this season. She is the third leading scorer for the Panthers with 10.3 points per game. In the last game against the Eagles, she scored 20 points while shooting 4-8 from three.

KANE WILLIAMS (12)
Starting junior guard Kane Williams averages 13 points per game and has been a solid force on offense. He ranks 16th in the conference in scoring, second in assists and ninth in steals. In last season’s regular season finale against the Eagles, Williams led the team with 23 points and three steals.

COREY ALLEN (11)
Redshirt-junior guard Corey Allen has started all twenty games and leads the team with about 15 points per game. He ranks ninth in the conference in scoring, ninth in field goal percentage and fourth in three-pointers made.

JUSTIN ROBERTS (2)
Redshirt-sophomore guard Justin Roberts averages about 13.6 points per game and leads the team with 36 steals on the season. He has only missed eight free throws the entire season and ranks thirteenth in the conference in scoring.

BY AMANDA ARNOLD AND ELIJAH JACKSON
The Georgia Southern staff
The Georgia Southern VS. Georgia State game is always a game to watch but this year is a little different as both teams are at the bottom of the Sun Belt conference. It will likely be a gritty, tough-nosed matchup, as both teams come in looking for their. The rivalry between the two teams is personal this season, as the Eagles haven’t beaten the Panthers in over four years. Here are the three Panthers to watch for the upcoming matchup.
Women’s basketball hopes to break four year drought to rival at home

BY ELIJAH JACKSON
The Georgia-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern women’s basketball team will take on the Georgia State Panthers in a highly anticipated conference game Saturday afternoon.

The Eagles are currently 5-12 overall and 2-4 in conference play, while the Panthers are 4-13 and 1-5 in conference play.

The Eagles have gone 0-4 in the last four games with losses at home to Troy and South Alabama and losses away from Hanner against Little Rock and Arkansas State.

Similarly, the Panthers in their last four games have gone 0-4 with losses at home to Troy and South Alabama and losses away from home against Little Rock and Arkansas State.

This game is crucial for the Eagles as they had lost both matchups to the Panthers last season and haven’t beaten them since January 19, 2016, when they won 61-50.

The Eagles are led by senior guard Alexis Brown, who averages 11.2 points per game and grabs 4.2 rebounds per game while shooting 36 percent from the 3-point range.

Brown has been in and out of the starting lineup since she became a part of the GS 1,000 points club back in December in a 70-57 win over Wofford.

The Panthers are led by sophomore guard Taylor Hosendove who averages 11.8 points per game and grabs 9.3 rebounds per game while shooting 46 percent from the field.

The Eagles come into the game struggling as a team from 3-point range as they’ve shot about 26 percent from beyond the arc.

The Panthers also come into the game with the same 3-point struggles as they’ve shot about 23% as a team.

The Eagles will also look to stop their turnover problems that have plagued them most of the season where they’ve had over 15 turnovers in 13 out of 17 games.

Tip off is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in Hanner Fieldhouse.

Men’s basketball fights through injury woes as they prepare to take on Georgia State

BY AMANDA ARNOLD
The George-Anne staff

For the Georgia Southern men’s basketball team, Saturday’s home game against rival Georgia State is more than just the biggest home game of the year. It’s about getting revenge on the team that won the conference last season who would go on to the NCAA Tournament.

It’s about beating the team that defeated them twice last season.

The game is crucial to both teams, as both sides hold a 6-3 conference record. They are tied for second place in the East behind Little Rock.

“I feel like we’re still a work in progress and we’re not where we need to be,” Head Coach Mark Byington said. “Hopefully we’re one of those teams that has a great last week in January and pushes through February and I think we have the potential to do that.”

The last time redshirt-guard Ike Smith played the Panthers was in 2018. He scored 16 points in the game and the loss was heartbreakening. It was the conference semi-final game in New Orleans and the Eagles were fighting for a title. They fell short and it was surely a fight to remember.

Both GS and GSU went 1-1 in last weekend’s pair of conference games in Alabama and hope to break this streak and earn a victory point in the rivalry series. GS has been averaging around 76 points a game and are led by Smith and sophomore guard Eljah McCadden. The lineup has seen frequent changes this season due to injury and consistency has been an ongoing issue.

“We’ve had a number of guys get hurt and miss games,” Byington said. “Isaiah Crawley, I think, is one of the best players in this league and he missed four games. We’ve had three games this year where we’ve only seven scholarship players available... As soon as we start getting some momentum, some different things happen.”

Georgia State holds a 13-6 record against GS in the past 19 meetings, but GS has a 27-6 record at home.

The game is expected to be packed and students are advised to arrive early for the 2 p.m. women’s game prior to men’s tip-off around approximately 5 p.m. Doors will open at 1 p.m. and the arena will not be cleared out before the men’s game.

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