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ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING ON CAMPUS BY CHRISTOPHER CARTER

After the tragic events in mind. If you are in a secure place, Oregon on the 1st of this month school shootings are once again at the forefront of the national conversation. The Georgia Southern Department of Public Safety is for faculty, staff and students.

This training is meant to prepare the university community for any horrible possibilities. Preparedness is the best defense against the next one of these events.

Active shooter training for civilians is done on request. Officers from the Department of Public Safety will meet with individuals seeking this training and teach them how to be prepared and how to act in an active shooter scenario.

If you ever find yourself in an active shooter situation immediately find a secure area. Either hide or if you are absolutely sure it is safe, run. If you are indoors lock and barricade the door, but try to have an exit in

keep calm and guiet. Contact campus police or call 911. Fight back against the perpetrator only as a last resort.

The training is comprehensive providing active shooter training but the application is not an exact science. It is meant to layout your options and let you know which is best for any given scenario. Chief of Police for Georgia Southern, Lauren McCullough said "...the biggest thing that we're trying to get across to people is that there is more than one option and which option you choose depends on your personal preferences and your situation, so we cannot tell you absolutely what your choice must be; what we can do is teach you what your options are, and how to best make that decision."

> These incidents are very real and very scary but being ready could save your life. If you are interested in the training contact the department of Public Safety.

REFLECTORGSU.COM by Ashley Mattison

Being ProActi ve

ProActiVe is a student organization that stands for equality for all while raising awareness of the social and racial injustices in the world and on campus. In March of 2013, eleven Georgia Southern University students went to Selma, Alabama for an alternative spring break to work with the Freedom Foundation. Their goal was to learn about the racial and educational inequalities in Selma. During the weeklong trip, activities for the group included learning about Selma and its role in the Civil Rights Movement, helping reconstruct the Tepper's building RATCo (Random Acts of Theatre Company), and volunteering in low-income schools and neighborhoods.

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COMEDIAN SET TO ROCK GEORGIA SOUTHERN

During Homecoming Week, Comedian Tony Rock will be Simeon Ike performing at Hanner Fiedlhouse. Doors open at 6 for this 7 p.m. event on Tuesday October 13.

Tony Rock is the younger brother of Chris Rock. He is currently the host of Russell Simmons, "All Def Comedy Live," and the "Apollo

Live." Rock is also known for his television acting roles in shows

By such as "Everybody Hates Chris," and "All of Us." He is most notably

known on the big screen as an actor in the movie, "Hitch," starring Will Smith.

Rocks' career has spanned fifteen years and in these years, he has established himself as one of the most versatile funny men in the entertainment business.

This event is free with Eagle ID.

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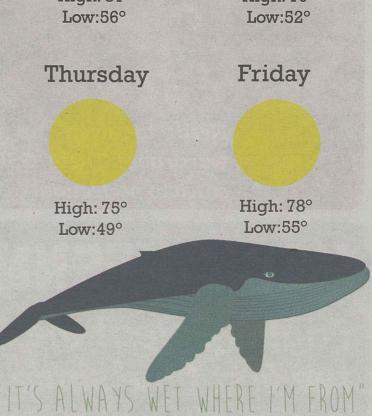
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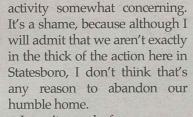
EMPTY NESTERS



IAN LEONARD

lan is a sophomore writing and linguistics major from Johns Creek Ga.

Walking around campus on the weekends, sometimes it's hard to imagine we go to a school that boasts a substantial population of over 20,000 students. As a matter of fact, there are some places on campus you can visit and not see another soul, except for the occasional duck or stray cat. Now of course I wouldn't expect the campus to be as jam packed as it is during the week, however I find the near total absence of student



I can't speak for everyone, however this issue came to my attention when I started noticing that many of my friends and classmates were leaving nearly every weekend. At first I thought that maybe he was an outlier, however I began to notice more and more students making Boro external plans each weekend.

This weekend I understand. With no game at Paulson last Saturday, and the current decline of Statesboro's nightlife (Shenanigans recently becoming 21 and up certainly didn't help) I could understand if some students wanted to take advantage of the seeming lack of events to visit friends and family. However, I've noticed that many students will leave regardless of what's going on. It seems like they leave because they can, not because they actually even need too.

As I mentioned before, many students leave to visit with friends and family. Of course family is important, and it's always nice to stay in touch with old friends, but a part of growing up is recognizing that sometimes things change. It's only natural after all, if you go from seeing someone everyday, to going to school hundreds of miles apart, that relationship is going to suffer. I'm not saying you can't remain friends with your old high school buddies, just that if you frequently leave campus just to see them, you may miss out on great opportunities to make new friends or experience new things here on campus. I miss my best friends dearly, but I know that it would be just plain unreasonable for me to leave every weekend to visit, despite how much I miss them.

Now obviously during football season, our weekend retention rate spikes, even those who aren't that concerned with sports tend to stick around for the social aspects of game day. While this is great, I think it's important to note that there are

plenty of other reasons to stay in Statesboro besides good old fashioned football. There are plenty of other events constantly running on campus, athletic or otherwise. If you need to find a reason to stay on campus, amount of space the error occupied all you need to do is look for one. The softball and volleyball teams especially could benefit from more student support.

There are plenty of events happening not just on campus, but even around town. I've found this to be especially true during the fall. Between Homecoming, numerous holidays, and are urged to exercise caution when plenty of student activities, there's plenty to do. At the end of the day, we're all adults who can make our which they might see in an ad. own decisions; I can't tell you when it is and isn't appropriate for you to leave. That being said, I think we could all stand to try and steele ourselves, and instead of making the comfortable and easy choice of going home, make an effort to find a local alternative.

Did you stay in Stateboro this weekend?

Yes

Do you feel like too many people leave over the weekend?

"Yeah. They always go visit other schools or go home."

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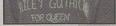
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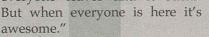
Do you feel like too many people leave over the weekend?

"There are some weekends when everyone leaves and it sucks





McKenzie Ramsdell sophomore public relations major





Erica Richardson senior psycology major



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Did you stay in Stateboro this weekend? No Do you feel like too many people leave over the

weekend?

"Yeah a lot of people leave, especially freshmen. I think it's because they haven't built a community of friends yet."



Shamarcus Hargrove sophomore environmental science

Did you stay in Stateboro this weekend? No

Do you feel like too many people leave over the weekend?

"No. There's always plenty of stuff going on over the weekend."

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UNIVERSITY POLICE HONORED IN GOVERNOR'S CHALLENGE **TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM**

BY KURT HANLON The George-Anne staff

The Office of Public Safety was honored along with more than 25 other state law enforcement agencies at the 15th annual Governor's Challenge awards program. The program recognizes departments in seven categories based on size, as well as several specialty categories for contributions to highway safety around the state.

Southern was Georgia recognized in the Campus and University Police category,

where it took second place, beat only by the University of Georgia's campus police.

Judgement for each department is based on the enforcement and public education efforts the department makes, as well as the difference in traffic incident statistics over the previous year. Departments with lower numbers of accidents and fatalities are judged more favorably.

According to Public Safety Officer Tyrone McBride, the entire state has seen an increase in traffic fatalities for the first time in five years. "We've even felt that here in the eagle nation this year with the nursing students on I-16," says McBride. "So we're not where we want to be, but trying to find ways of getting there."

However, McBride is proud of the department's efforts in educating the public in traffic safety issues, working with the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs to provide drunk driving simulators and Greek life organizations to provide awareness, as well as a new motorcycle safety awareness unit.

"We're trying to reach out

more to educate the student body rather than just pulling people over," says McBride. "We'd rather you do the right thing because somebody told you that's the right thing to do."

The Governor's Challenge program has now been operating for 16 years, with the Office of Public Safety participating for the past 8. "[Our performance] was a little rocky at the beginning," says Officer McBride. "Now I think we have a pretty good grasp on it, and it shows here with our traffic numbers and our level of voluntary compliance."

Even though Georgia Southern took 2nd place this year, the Office of Public Safety is still proud of their achievements, and is always on the lookout for improvements.

"We're always striving to be the best," says University Police Chief Laura McCullough. "However our bottom goal is that every student stays safe. As long as we keep seeing a decrease in fatalities, serious injuries, things like that...that's a win for us."

Georgia Southern Mock Mediation wins big at regional tournament

BY ERINN WILLIAMS The George-Anne staff

Ranked last year as one of the top four undergraduate teams in the world, the Georgia Southern Mock their first competition of this semester last weekend.

At the two-day Regional Mediation Tournament hosted by Brenau University from the Oct.8-9, the club was able and mediation.

Mock Mediation has grown

international studies major, said

After two years of hard work, the Mock Mediation team's dedication has earned them over 50 awards including last spring's big win Mediation Club competed in of 'Top Advocacy Team in the World' at the International Law School Mediation Tournament, where they were the only undergraduate team in the history of the competition that qualified to to bring home 8 more wins compete at finals and beat out across the board in advocacy graduate students from law schools around the world.

Gisele Devot, vice-president



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exponentially this year and was able to take two brand new teams to compete in this regional competition.

since it first began two years ago has made it really interesting to see so many new students try something new and step outside of their comfort zones and do so well while supporting each other. So I'm just really looking forward to seeing how well we do at the rest of the competitions this semester and how we are going to bring that back to the Georgia Southern community," Jessica necessarily awards or trophies, Shanken, president and senior but a learning experience."

and senior communications management major said, "Despite the growing number in accolades, Mock Mediation

"Being in Mock Mediation members can comfortably tell you, it's more than just the material possession of awards but rather the experience they have gained through competing. Students were able to learn first-hand the value of communication, professionalism, and collaboration. This

competition acted as a training tool for new members and each member left competition gaining something; not

PHOTO COURTESY OF DYLAN JOHN The Georgia Southern Mock Mediation Club took home 8 wins in weekend tournament.

The awards included:

- 4 of the top 20 advocates
- 2 of the top 10 individual mediators
- 1 of the top 6 teams in the advocate/client team category
- 1 of the top 6 teams in the mediation team category

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Eagle Techxpo coming to GSU

BY JOZSEF PAPP The George-Anne staff

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The 8th Annual Eagle Techxpo, which showcases the latest technology for the classroom, workplace and home, will be taking place at the IT building on Oct. 16, 2015.

The event will include informative sessions for faculty, staff and students.

"The sessions available allow attendees to hear some of the exciting things going on here on campus as well as allowing sponsors to showcase their products," Southern lead systems analyst, said. "The session being offered range from Faculty presentations on Folio, IT presentations on the re-design of M y G e o r g i a S o u t h e r n, updates from Apple on OSX and iOS 9, to Mobile solutions from HP."

Walker,

David

Georgia

There will be over 25 vendors present and the public will be able to receive T-shirts, prizes and other goods.

"The main reason for having the vendors / sponsors is to provide a chance for

our students, faculty and staff to meet and network with vendors that have a presence on campus or may be a potential employer for our students in the future," Walker said.

The event will host Swami Chandrasekaran as a keynote speaker. He is an executive architect and technical leader in the IBM Watson CTO Office and will speak in the IT Building in room 1005 at 10:45 a.m. About the "IBM Watson Story".

Being able to have one of the architects of IBM Watson on campus to talk about The Watson Story is a rare opportunity. Not only is IBM doing the keynote address they will have a booth in the vendor/sponsor exhibit area for attendees to come by and find out more about IBM and Watson," Walker said. "We hope that the keynote will be as fascinating to students as the Watson technology is to technology enthusiasts."

In addition, the Techxpo Computer Shootout will take place at the CEIT Atrium for students, faculty, and staff who wish to showcase the computers they have built to the crowd.

"Anyone who wants to show off the beast of a machine they've built at home is welcome to participate," Walker said.

Prizes will be awarded in the CPU Face-off, GPU Showdown and Best in Show categories and will be voted by the crowd. Each contestant will receive a small prize for participated and a chance to win a door prize at the end of the event. Participants are encouraged to sign-up prior to the event.

Eagle Techxpo is free and open to the general public.



C C ANYONE WHO WANTS TO SHOW OFF THE BEAST OF A MACHINE THEY BUILT AT HOME IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE

DAVID WALKER

Georgia Southern University lead System analyst By: Dominique Dailey

We graduate from high school with aspirations of being a doctor, engineer, lawyer or teacher. Sometimes, we get to college and realize "me + Biology Lab 3454 = A BIG NO NO." After your tenth major change you realize it is time for some direction. Whether you are a freshman or a senior, if you are looking to explore different career opportunities, the Office of Career Services has the perfect course for you.

Career Exploration (GSU 2121) is a two-credit hour course designed to provide you with an overall understanding of your career options and help you develop strategies to achieve your career goals. As a student you will complete several unique career assessments designed to explore and confirm future career options. This course will also help you identify steps necessary to gain professional experience and prepare for life after college. Destiney Watson, a senior communications major enrolled in the course last semester and said her overall experience in Career Exploration was phenomenal.

Watson said, "The greatest benefit was being able to evaluate some things that I could do to better to help me attain a great internship and/or career. I have recommended the course to several students. It is a great class for any major and year because you learn what you can do to become an asset in the workforce and the steps necessary to landing that post-grad job/career/internship."

Career Exploration is taught by Jenna Tyson and offered every semester, including summer. If you have questions about the course, please contact her at jmtyson@georgiasouthern.edu.



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Features

JJUJ Claim to Fame

GSU STUDENT WOWS THE MASSES WITH POPULAR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

BY CHERYL NUZUM The George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern now has its very own claim to fame, and she goes by EclecticNistaJR. Junior fashion merchandising major, Jasmine Long, is a YouTube vlogger that reached over 23,000 subscribers this past summer. She describes her channel as being "Natural Hair, Makeup & Fashion" but it's become so much more over the years.

Three years ago, as a senior in high school, Long began posting Outfit of the Day videos to her channel, jazzyfly125. They began garnering attention

so she continued posting, adding in makeup and hair tutorials and putting her own everyday life in them. She solidified her channel by giving it the title E cle cticNistaJR, named after her mother's own company, and adding the 'Jr'.

One might think it's strange to carry a camera around with you all day, talking it to it and filming your friends and family, but Long says she's gotten used to it, as have the people say oh, they're tired of me doing the same old boring thing. I had a script, they would say. So I started doing tag videos and incorporating my family and then with incorporating my family, doing vlogs, and people would just gravitate towards the vlogs and everyday life. From there, I started doing college vlogs, and they loved that just as much."

Long's own claim to fame was a tutorial called "Bleaching Gone Wrong on **Natural Hair**" which she says skyrocketed her



PHOTO COURTESY OF **JASMINE LONG** GSU Student Jasmine Long vlogs regularly about her experience at Southern on her YouTube channel EclecticNistaJra.

the girl that makes YouTube videos!" Long said. "It's really awkward because I don't know how they expect me to act."

Long started her college career at Savannah State University before transferring to Georgia Southern two years later. In one of her videos, she describes GSU as being the first school she's proud to attend.

"The people here are really, really friendly. School pride is awesome. I feel like I'm getting the college experience all the way here."

> While she vlogs regularly about her experiences here at Southern, it's rare to see her filming on campus. "I'm very scared to bring my camera on campus because don't want somebody to steal it or break it so I'm really hesitant about that." She compensates by vlogging in the morning before heading to class.

For three years anything? now, Long has documented multiple hair be fine.' styles and colors, moving from one school to the next, her struggles with depression, her family and friends, and everything about her life. One might think someone would eventually grow tired of it, but not Long. "I have to be honest, I do like the attention and getting praised. I like the editing aspects. Creating a video and being able to manipulate it through editing it. I love editing."



The wind blew cold on her beak early Monday when Goose, 20-year-old aquatics major and president of Kappa Delta Bird, decided it was time for a change. At the last minute, Goose decided to run for Homecoming queen. We tracked her down for a quick interview Monday afternoon to get the details on her last-minute campaign.

Q: So Goose, tell us your platform, what made you want to run for Homecoming queen at the last minute?

A: "You know, I see this year in and year out. I watch students go through their day to day lives and I just think 'man, these kids look drained'. Georgia Southern isn't what it used to be, I literally never get bread crumbs anymore and students run away hiss at them."

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Q: So if you were to win, what would you change on campus? What are your goals?

A: "Goals? I'm a goose. Do any of the other hopefuls tell you their goals? No, they just give you a cookie and say vote for whoever."

Q: Can we expect to see birds handing out cookies then?

A: "You would eat a cookie given to you by a bird? That's kind of sick dude."

Q: So your campaign was very last minute. You didn't put posters up until Monday and other than Yik Yak, people may not know about you. Do you think that's going to affect anything?

A: "Yik Yak is the most trusted news source on campus, I'll be fine "

around her. Now she posts videos the same way a person would keep a scrapbook.

"The first time I ever did a vlog was my freshman year going into college, and I did it for me. I didn't even do it for my viewers to watch. I did it so I could document and I could go back."

As far as her family goes, she said they originally found it strange but they learned to get used to it. "Now to us, it's like home videos," Long said.

Long filled the gap within the fashion and beauty vlogosphere for a young, black female without ever intending too.

"That wasn't the goal at all but I'm open to all ethnicities," she said. "I started it out mainly doing Outfit of the Days in high school. From there, a couple of people would comment and



r did a subscribers.

"I posted a video about bleaching gone wrong and that video has gotten over 2 million views," Long said. "A lot of people started subscribing after that. I really felt like that video was exposure for my channel to help get my name out there. I want to say I had 3,000 when the summer started in May, and from May to now, September, it has grown by 20,000."

After that video, Long noticed a lot more attention focused on her. Random people would recognize her out and about, on campus or even throughout town.

"A lot of people do come up to me and be like, 'Oh, you're She plans to continue posting videos even after graduating next December and breaking into the fashion industry.

You can see Long on YouTube at www.youtube. com/jazzyfly125 or follower her on Twitter and Instagram at @eclecticnistajr or on Snapchat at jazzyfly125. **Q:** Most trusted news source?

A: "You heard me."

Q: Who would you say is your biggest threat in the race?

A: "That sorority who was letting people pet a puppy for votes. I tried to get my girls to get a dog but we don't have hands to hold the leash with, so yeah."

Q: Is there anything you would like to add?

A: "The goose is loose kids, watch out. Write me in or get ready for the bird population to blow up. You thought there was duck poop around Lakeside now? Just wait."

At that moment, Goose made a hissing sound, squawked, and flew into the horizon, unable to answer any more questions.

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EXPAND YOUR CLOSET WITH FMAD STITCH

FEATURES

"SOMETIMES A HEM IS ALL YOU NEED" - AMBER SHELTON

BY MEG ELWOOD The George-Anne staff

The Stitch program originally began last spring semester as an educational simulation created by fashion professor, Rachel Eike, for an Apparel 1 class.

> from a friend and make it new and perfectly wearable again.

"The purpose was to allow students to apply the hem methods they learn in class on actual garments," Eike said.

> It was a challenging, problem solving task which allowed for students to be able to gain experience working with an actual article of clothing, rather than creating something from scratch. It wasn't until

> > semester

they had received notification that their hard work had paid off and thus the Stitch Program was born.

"The program is really set The task was for up like a small business," students to take Eike said. She describes a garment in the program as a good need of an introduction to business alteration management since the students document, take inventory and receive critiques given from an online survey from their campus customers. Each member also has a job, varying from quality control, secretary, PR "brand ambassadors" and assistant managers.

One thing's for sure, they give a student back their closet. The stitchers students, faculty and staff. can work on pants, skirts, shirts, shoes, bags, blankets and can do anything from hemming to fixing a hole, two items at a time and replacing a button or zipper if you have more, which and even fixing a broken they will gladly take, wait sandal or two.

"If it's doable, we will do it," Shelton said. "We want in different ones. Also, at to send out a stellar garment this time they will not be every time."

The Stitch office is located in SHE (School of Human Ecology) building 0212, every Tuesday and Thursday make a "stellar" garment. from 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Turnaround time is a week and everything is free for all

Anyone with a Eagle ID is eligible to use the services.

They ask for no more than until you receive your two garments before bringing accepting lined blazers because of the difficulty level, but after next semester they will gladly take them closest to the IT Building, in after the stitchers have room 1006. They are open learned the proper skills to



fashion when merchandising major, Amber Shelton was a student in Eike's Apparel 1 class and came up with the idea to make the simulation a reality. "I was sure that there were so

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many students walking around campus that had clothes that just didn't work and so they weren't wearing them," Shelton said.

She and Eike knew bringing the program to life was achievable and worked together to make a proposal for the Center of Sustainability last spring. By the end of the semester

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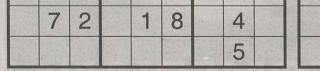
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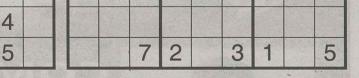
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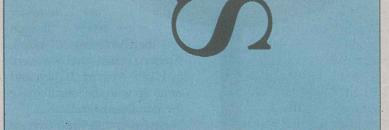
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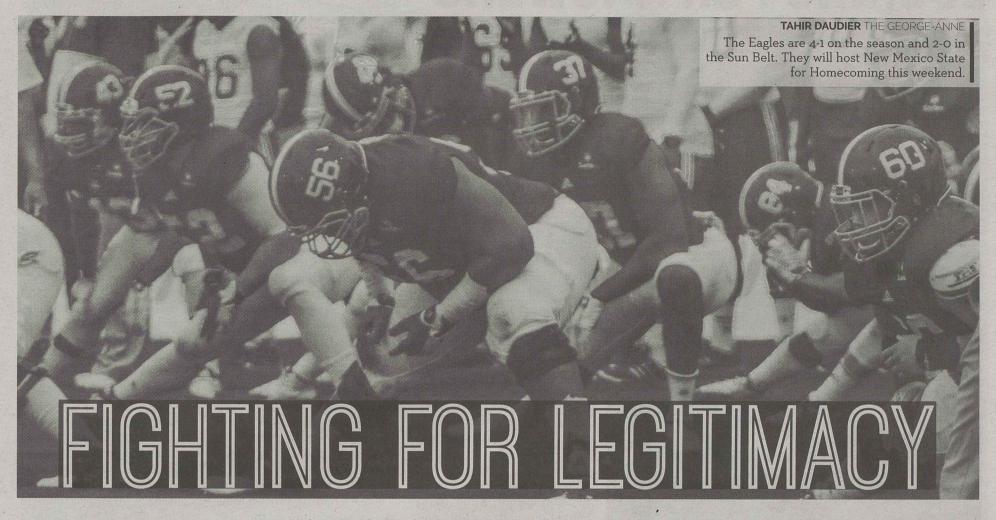




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This season, there are 252 football teams in Division I college football. Georgia Southern along with 127 other teams make up the entire FBS which is the highest a team can go in terms of collegiate athletics. All of these 128 teams play for bowl games, national championships and individual awards, but outside of the usual stable of Top 25 programs, the other teams must fight for something else first before they football elite. They have to fight for legitimacy.

six national championships in FCS (formerly Division I-AA) is enough to give them reputation throughout football. college These national championships mean the world to the Statesboro faithful, and sent chills down the spines of FCS opponents every season. Regardless of Georgia Southern's record that year, FCS schools knew that on any given Saturday they could be beaten by the Eagles. The unfortunate truth is that in the world of FBS football, those prior championships mean nothing. They go the way of old yearbook photos and memories from long ago in the minds of college football fans and those AP members who tally the Top 25 vote each week. Six national championships is more than most colleges in the nation can even dream of achieving, but it is not yet enough.

The struggle for legitimacy really had its beginning as Georgia Southern began when the Eagles trounced the Gators in the Swamp. It was a of their conference opponents can move into the ranks of the stunning loss for Florida at the one by one. The rushing end of a dismal season which attack became one of the most gave the Eagles their first productive in the country taste of FBS notoriety in years. and fans of every team began currently in a fight for However, no one really felt raising an eyebrow at what that the Eagles belonged on was going on in Statesboro,

that Florida was having a bad year and overlooked a weaker opponent. You may have seen the shirts that were sold after the big victory. They didn't say how the Eagles belonged on the field with the Gators, or how they could go toe-to-toe again. The shirts defined the word 'embarrassment' and it was pointed at the University of Florida. The shirt was selfdeprecating, insinuating that we are so beneath you, that to be defeated by us is an embarrassment to your peers, not that we are legitimate.

The fight for legitimacy continued the following season. It was the buffer year between the FCS and FBS, despite playing 11 FBS opponents. With tough losses to Georgia Tech and NC State last year, the Eagles began 1-2 but spirits were high among True Blue fans, and FBS teams began to take notice. Murmurs started in the Sun Belt conference methodically picking off each the field with Florida, more so Georgia. With only two games

left in the season, all of the efforts from the Eagles had culminated in a single vote from the AP polls to be ranked in the Top 25 teams of college football. It may not seem like much, but that was a step on the road to legitimacy. That same week, the team traveled to play the Naval Academy and was crushed in a 52-19 affair that broke the dreams of becoming ranked and taking another step towards legitimacy.

After the lopsided defeat the team rallied. Their final game of the season was against Louisiana Monroe, at home, for the Sun Belt Championship. The Eagles rushed their way to a victory and an undefeated conference championship in the FBS. Despite being told they would not play in a bowl game that year, athletic director Tom Kleinlein and head coach Willie Fritz fought tooth and nail to get their boys into a bowl game. While the Sun Belt championship did leaps and bounds for the program, a bowl to actually achieve. However, game would have been the icing on the legitimacy cake. Now we arrive at the beginning of the season. Many fans, myself included, believe that we have one of the best running backs in the country along with the best offense

in the country. The fight for legitimacy took a harrowing blow in week one against West Virginia as the high powered offense failed to put up a point. As much as I hate to admit it, we did not look like we even belonged on an FBS field that Saturday. Since that loss and topple down the mountain, the Eagles have dug their cleats in the ground and begun driving forward again. Four straight wins, including the first out of conference home win in the history of Eagle football shows that things are headed in the right direction again.

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There are three things that will win us legitimacy this season; (1) Going unbeaten in the Sun Belt, as just winning the conference will not be enough. (2) Putting up a fight against Georgia to at least show that we belong. (3) Win a bowl game. These are easy things to write from my living room table in the comfort of my AC, but they are far more difficult I believe if any team can do it, it would be the Eagles. These three things will win the battle for legitimacy this year, but not the war. The fight for legitimacy is a series of long, arduous battles, but this time now is where it is won.

Georgia Southern is legitimacy in the FBS. Many would argue that the Eagle's



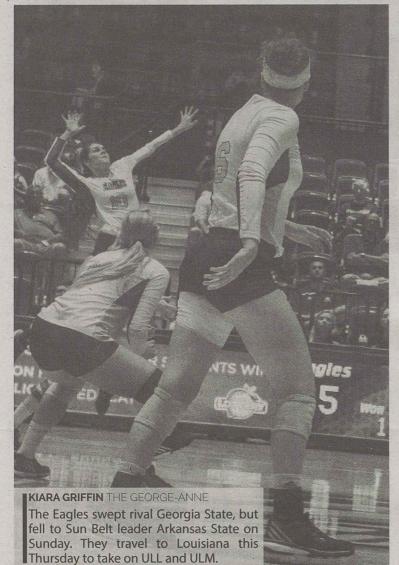
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LOOKING FOR ANSWERS

THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM NOW STANDS 6-13 THIS SEASON AND 1-6 IN THE SUN BELT CONFERENCE. THE EAGLES ARE LOOKING FOR A WAY TO PLAY CONSISTENTLY TO IMPROVE FOR FUTURE MATCHES.

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BY KEITH SMILEY AND KEVIN KENEELY The George-Anne contributors

SPORTS

The Volleyball team competed against Georgia State and Arkansas State last week, going 1-1 in the Sun Belt conference play. The team played confidently to get their win against Georgia State, but they fell short in their disappointing loss to Arkansas State. Georgia Southern moves to 6-13 on the season and 1-6 in conference play.

Georgia State was the first competition on Wednesday, Oct. 7th. Sophomore Catherine Murray recorded eight kills in the win to go along with her nine digs. Georgia Southern was able to snap a six game losing streak as they ended up sweeping Georgia State 25-22, 25-12, 25-17.

Redshirt junior Alex Bleecher finished with 22 digs. Redshirt junior Katie Bange helped out with six kills, four digs and 22 assists.

Freshman Lauren Reichard recorded her first kill of the match to top Georgia State in the first set 25-22. Katie Bange recorded the final kill to help the Eagles win 25-12 in a lopsided second set. Georgia Southern trailed 3-6 early on in the third set before going on a 6-0 run that led to a 25-17 score to close out the match against Georgia State. They scored the final point from an attack error by Georgia State's Deidra Bohannon that led to their victory.

Saturday's game was a

different experience against the Arkansas State Red Wolves as the Eagles looked to extend their Sunbelt Conference winning streak to a season high two games. The Eagles looked strong for most of the match despite losing in straight sets 26-24, 25-19, 25-13.

The Eagles came out explosive against the first place Sun Belt Conference Red Wolves. Georgia Southern knew that winning the first set was very crucial in controlling the outcome of the match.

Down 10-7 early in the match, the Eagles fought off a hard attack by the Red Wolves by winning a very exciting 8th point. An impressive block by Crysten Curry won the set, closing the lead to 10-8. This looked like a game changer for the Eagles, as they managed to score 6 of the next 10 points, tying the game at 14-14.

The Eagles looked as if they would win the first set once they led the Red Wolves 24-21. Despite the lead, the Eagles fell short by giving up 5 straight points to the Red Wolves.

The second set proved to be nearly as exciting as the first, as the Eagles were neck-andneck with the Red Wolves till the end. They looked as if they had regained some momentum early in the second set by taking a 6-5 lead over the Red Wolves. This lead was backed by a couple of early kills by Murray.

"It shows us what we're capable of--what's in this group," said head coach Dustin Wood. "We just have to maintain it through 25, 26, 27 points--no matter how it goes."

Murray ended the day with season highs in nearly every

offensive stat. She had 15 kills, 12 digs, 2 assists, and 15.5 points, all of which were bests for her this season.

During the third set, the Eagles never looked like themselves, committing multiple .attack and service errors. They seemed to have lost their intensiveness midway through the final set, giving the Red Wolves their first double-digit lead of the night. Regardless of the outcome, the Eagles played a very good match and showed their resilience by fighting hard against a very stout Red Wolves team all night.

"We played real well first set. Second set, the wind was kind of knocked from our sails. We were in the set, and then: mentally checked out. But in the third set, we were cooked. We're looking for players who can mentally hang and get the job done."

"Arkansas State is a very good program, but we're capable of being a very good program too. They were more consistent than us tonight."

Georgia Southern is 6-13 overall and 1-6 in Sunbelt Conference play. They look to redeem themselves later this week against the University of Louisiana-Monroe on Thursday, Oct. 15 and the University of Louisiana-Lafayette on Friday, Oct. 16. Both games will be played on the road. The Eagles do not play at home again until Oct. 23 when they host Appalachian State at Hanner Fieldhouse.

BY DERIK WUCHTE The George-Anne staff

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junior Giulia prevented two days of plays. Riepe. All The team still saw a number three were of wins on their one day starters last of play. Ranzahuer, Smith, Wagner and Norregaard all came out with wins as the Eagles faced six other college teams in attendance. The ITA Regionals is broken into several regionals around the country. Men's tennis will be playing in the southeast regional on Friday, Oct. 16 to Monday, Oct. 19 in Gainesville. Women's tennis will play in the other southeast regional on Thursday, Oct. 22 to Monday, Oct. 26 in Athens.

Regional Championships for men and women's tennis will be taking place within the next two weeks. It will feature a variety of teams from Division I colleges and be held in various locations in the south, such as Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

Men's tennis will be taking a few players to Gainesville, FL. to compete. Women's tennis will do the same as they head to Athens, GA.

Most of the players from the men's roster have seen competition play this season as the team has took part in tournaments in Charlotte, NC and Macon, GA. Two of the starters from last year, junior Nico de Groof and junior

that prevented them from competing n Charlotte. They were able to return for Macon and see some game time. Both players recorded singles wins on the season and showed solid energy in their debuts.

Senior Ristomatti Lanne and Sophomore Eddie Landin will be heading to Florida for the ITA Regional. Sophomore Joan Carles Alcala and freshman Marvin Spiering will join them. All four players saw competition a few

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for men and women's tennis

weeks ago in Charlotte. They will be back for more in Gainesville.

For women's, the team has three returning players: senior Mary Phillips Smith, senior Francisca Norregaard and

year who saw a lot of playing time. With now them

are junior Mariana Ranzahuer, freshman Paige Christian and freshman Shannon Wagner. At the Elon Fall Invitational and Georgia Southern Fall Invitational this season, all three players earned their first wins as

Georgia Southern Eagles. The Georgia Southern Fall Invitational last weekend was sizing up to be a big weekend for the Eagles, but the weather

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TANDRA SMITH THE GEORGE-ANNE

Troy this Friday for a 7pm kickoff.

The Eagles improved their record to 3-1-1 in the Sun Belt with the win. They will travel to



BY DANIEL WAUGH The George-Anne staff

1ST HALF

On a cloudy Sunday afternoon mixed with light rainfall, the Georgia Southern women's soccer team prepared to go into battle with in-state rival Georgia State University in a match-up that would shift the momentum for both teams in the Sun Belt.

With two players on Georgia State's roster being former Eagles, this game was personal for Georgia Southern, as they wanted to secure a victory and extend their winning streak after coming off a 3-1 victory against Arkansas State.

The opening minutes were an opportunity for the Eagles to take an early advantage. Nora El-Shami scored in the third minute of play giving El-Shami her seventh goal of the season and pushed Georgia Southern to a 1-0 lead.

After back and forth play going into the 13th minute of play, Georgia State retaliated with a goal by Lauren Harriman, and tied the game 1-1.

The Eagles then began to operate and maneuver the ball into scoring position. With the assist from Renee Nance in the 16th minute, El-Shami scored her second goal of the game to give the Eagles a 2-1

Later in the first half, Georgia State player Caitlin Ray scored to make the game 2-2 headed into halftime.

2ND HALF

Both teams started the second half on an aggressive note. Georgia State took plenty of shots early on hoping to connect, but goalkeeper Emily Egan kept them at bay with three saves in the second half.

In the 78th minute of play, Jennifer Wittick scored her 10th goal of the season as she headed a corner kick from El-Shami and gave the Eagles a 3-2 lead.

With less than five minutes left in play, Georgia Southern looked like they were going to win the game, but after a mix of confusion down low in the Eagles goalpost, Caitlin Ray scored to make the game 3-3 and seemingly headed to overtime.

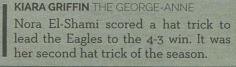
Seconds after the goal, the Eagles charged down field looking to find a way to win the game in the remaining minutes. Wittick was about to score for Georgia Southern, but was tripped up by a defending member of Georgia State, and the referee called a foul, giving the Eagles a penalty kick. Capitalizing off Georgia State's foul, El-Shami scored off the penalty kick, giving the Eagles a 4-3 lead and El-Shami's ninth goal of the year and second hat trick of the season.

"You feel like you lost the game, even though it's level," head coach Brian Dunleavy said."I am so proud of our team's response to that goal, to get the ball forward and into the box. That's what a really good team does."

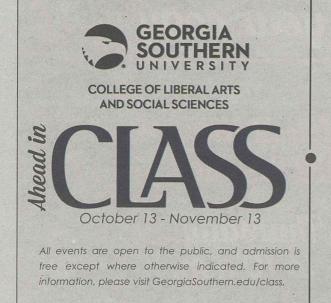
The Eagles victory over Georgia State was their first one agaisnt the rival since 2001. El-Shami finished the game with three goals and an assist, and said that this game was pivotal moving forward in the Sun Belt.

"This game gave everyone a boost in confidence. Everyone's ready to go into the next two games and hopefully dominate in those as well," she said.

Georgia Southern is now 6-6-2 (3-1-1 in Sun Belt) and will look forward to taking on the top two teams in the Sun Belt this weekend. They'll face Troy this Friday at 7 p.m. and the defending conference champions South Alabama on Sunday at 1 p.m. These will be the final two home games of the season.







10/13: CONCERT Piano Area Recital 7:30 p.m.; Foy Building, Carol A. Carter Recital Hall; 912.478.5396

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10/20: LECTURE Dr. Shaheen Lecture Dr. Jack Shaheen will present a lecture entitled "Arab and Muslim Images in U.S. Popular Culture". Dr. Shaheen has served as a film consultant for Hollywood and the CBS News consultant on Middle East affairs.; 6 p.m.; Nessmith-Lane Conference Center; 912.478.5281

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Dr. Ruben Mendoza from California State University, Monterey Bay will present a lecture entitled "Skull Racks, Decapitation Rituals, Human Trophies in Ancient Mesoamerica and Peru"; 6 p.m.; Russell Union, Room 1042A; 912.4478.

10/26: CONCERT Guest Artist Hue Jang The Department of Music presents guest artist Hue Jang, piano.; 7:30 p.m.; Carol A. Carter Recital Hall; 912.478.5396

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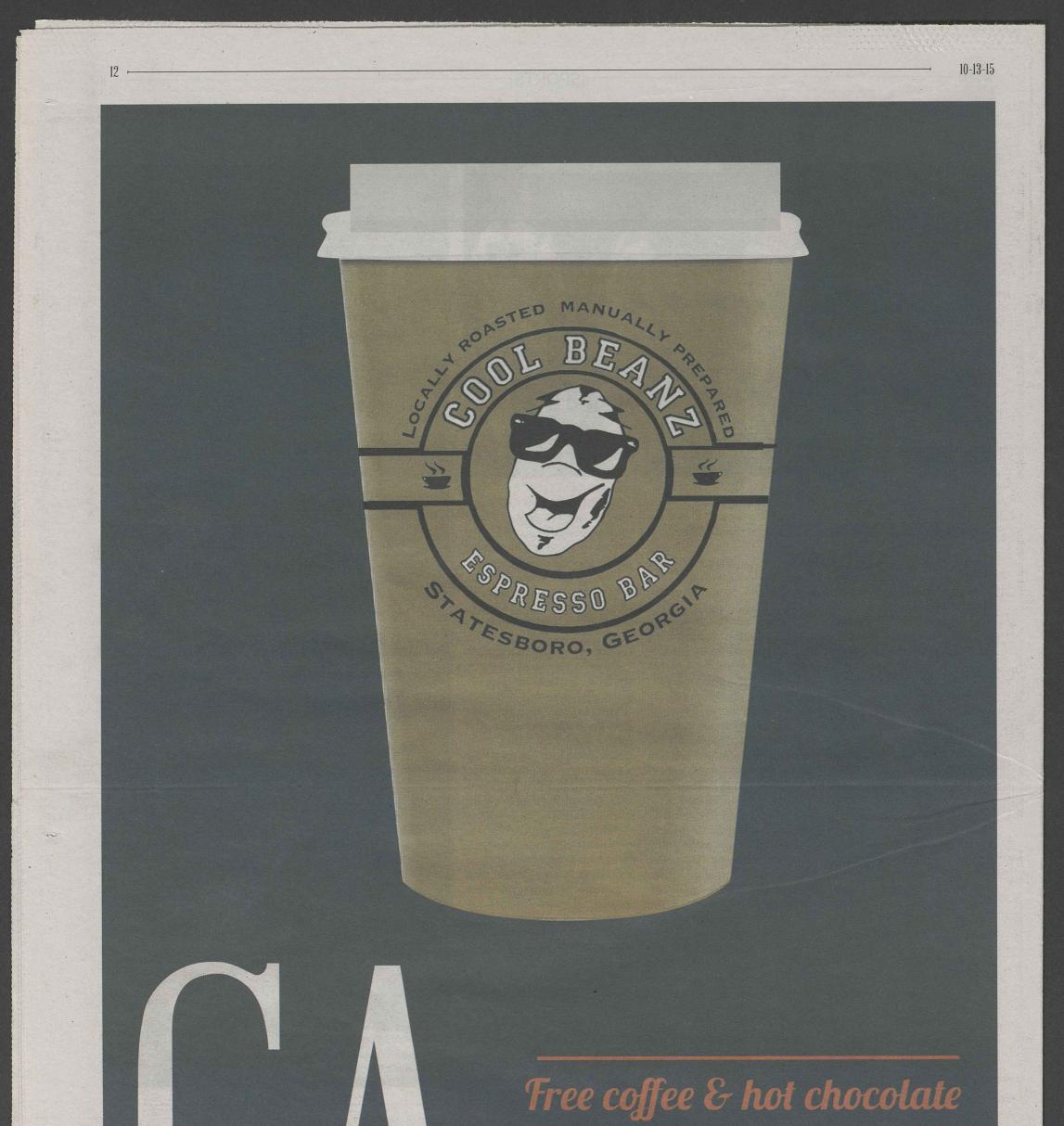
11/11: CONCERT Southern Pride Marching Band The performance will be on the lawn at Pittman Park or inside in the Fellowship Hall if it is raining.; 6 p.m.; Pittman Park at United Methodist Church; 912.478.5396

11/11-18: THEATRE The Mysteries: Creation By Bernie Salins and Nick Rudall Directed by Lisa L. Abbott. A modern version of the medieval mysteries. Family Friendly. Tickets \$6 students, \$12 general admissions.; 7:30 p.m.; Black Box Theatre; 912.478.5379

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