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Wolves prepare for Season Opener



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With only days remaining before the 2017 football season kicks off, the Wolves are working hard on the field in preparation. New football head coach, David Dean was able to take on this important role by creating a strong bond with his team right away. “It has been going as good as I could ever hope it to be,” said Dean. “The players are high character guys and the coaching staff has helped make the transition as smooth as possible.”

The Wolves have held two scrimmage games in University Stadium looking to improve their game come time to face Fort Valley State. “The team is practicing hard each day and they are getting a little tired of hitting each other,” said Dean. “It will be good for us to get into game week in the days leading up to Fort Valley.”

Coach Dean sees a strong team throughout weekly training and scrimmages. After the

last scrimmage game, Dean has already noticed areas the team is improving in. Defense made a stand during the scrimmage by making yards tough to come by for the offense. There were big plays made on the other side of the ball as well with sophomore QB Willie Candler hooking up with sophomore WR John Hurst for a 49-yard touchdown. Junior RB Perry Seldon also made an explosive play breaking off for a 65-yard touchdown run. The team’s hard work they have put in this preseason is proving they are game time ready.

Hosting their first game against the team from Perry, GA, the Wolves are anticipating this season opener with Fort Valley State. This will be the first ever matchup between the two teams so studying their game plan is crucial for the team’s preparation. “It is tough to say what stands out with us from them when studying their game given the amount of new players both teams have,” said Dean.

With each team having their share of

young new players, this could result in a competitive fight. Sam Gregg remains the offensive coordinator of the team keeping them familiar with last year’s successful strategies so they can continue to capitalize on the play calling.

There’s no doubt the UWG community is ready for football season to finally be underway. The energy surrounding campus is resonating to the players and coaches helping fuel their excitement for the Thursday night kick off. Coach Dean and his wolves feed off the fans eagerness and are bringing that energy with them wherever they go. “The team chemistry is strong with this group,” said Dean. “They seem to care about each other and practices are very high energy.”

This family bond within the team makes Coach Dean highly confident in what the season has in store. This togetherness and spark has been a proven factor in the Wolves past success and Dean sees this as a huge advantage going forward. The season sets off 7:00 p.m. this Thursday at University Stadium.

What’s the Soup?

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Carroll County Soup Kitchen volunteers have spent the last several days awaiting and preparing for their next event for the community. During the full last week of every month, the Carroll County Soup Kitchen opens its doors with the help of willing volunteers, donations from individuals and the support of surrounding Carroll County businesses. For the volunteers, the last week of every month is known as Soup Kitchen Week.

Soup kitchens provide hot meals for many people who might only have one meal throughout the day. Soup kitchens give people who might have to make a choice between paying rent and buying groceries a helping hand. People come to volunteer at soup kitchens as a part of a fraternity or sorority, a part of a church group or even a part of mandated community service. Volunteers show up wanting to make a

difference in their community. Even local businesses play a role in the mission to help keep the flow at the Carroll County Soup Kitchen going with their donations and fundraising.

Although the managers and owners of surrounding businesses might not show up in a hairnet to pass out food, the businesses themselves do much by donating. “Carroll County, we are blessed,” said Val Morris, a kitchen manager at the Carroll County Soup Kitchen.

Publix, Kroger, Pilgrim’s Pride, Empty Bowl’s Ministry and churches from all around the county are among some of the soup kitchen’s supporters. These businesses donate food from their own stores whether it is meat, bread or canned items etc. The generosity of the community surpasses food. An example of this includes a monetary donation that allowed the organization to buy the vans they are currently driving. When the organization was looking for this new transportation, they received a ‘buy two, get one free’ deal. These vans play an essential part in the soup kitchen’s mission. Since everyone

cannot make it to the kitchen, the vans are used to make deliveries every day during Soup Kitchen Week which benefits more families at the end of the day.

“Soup Kitchen Week is totally different from what we do on Mondays and Thursdays,” said Morris. “We don’t give out the sandwiches or do the home deliveries. We only serve home-cooked food and play bingo during those days,” Morris continued. “Now at the end of each day during the last week, we package the remaining food and give it to either the men’s shelter or the women’s shelter.”

Volunteers aren’t limited to only one task when they arrive, some drive the vans while others cook the food. Other volunteers package the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches while someone else arranges for bingo. There were over 200 volunteers last month and each played equally important roles.

“I was so impressed with all of the different ministries,” said Morris. “I knew that I wanted to be here.”

Living West

Academic Testing Services earns national Certification

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The University of West Georgia's Testing Services Center has gained national recognition by receiving a National Test Center Certification from the National College Testing Association (NCTA). UWG's Testing Center is the sixth in Georgia to have completed the rigorous application process, and earned an NCTA certification, joining just 159 certified centers in the United States and Canada.

NCTA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of professionalism and quality in the administration of testing services and programs. Throughout the year-long application process, the testing center underwent an intensive self-evaluation, which then got submitted and vetted by four members of the Test Center Certification Committee that work through NCTA.

As part of the student services provided at UWG, the Academic Testing Services works tirelessly to make students' lives easier. The office is run by only two full-time staff members, making this achievement even more impressive.

"This certification is a personal and professional accomplishment because it

means that we have been validated as testing professionals who know what to do and how to do it, and under any circumstance, we can be able to perform our assigned tasks," said Francesca Taylor, director of the Academic Testing Services.

Not only does the office provide testing accommodations for students with documented learning and physical disabilities, but they also serve as a site for students taking proctored eCore and UWG Online exams.

"With UWG and Carrollton's continuous growth, it is an accomplishment in itself to be able to service our institution and community successfully as an office of two full-time staff members and two student assistants," said Curry Prothro, the departmental assistant at the Academic Testing Services. "Our test center's achievement of NCTA's National Test Center Certification is icing on the cake."

In addition to serving

UWG and the local Carrollton community, the testing center also does a good deal of work for non-UWG students, including providing proctoring services for other colleges and national organizations.

"We provide such services as independent studies, for students who attend schools elsewhere but it's more convenient for them to come to us," said Taylor. "We also administer national exams, such as the SAT and ACT."

Part of the application process included arranging a site visit. Taylor selected two university administrators that were knowledgeable of the office.

"I chose Dr. Lisa Adams Somerlot, director of the Department of Counseling Center since one of our primary responsibilities is to provide testing for those students with documented learning and physical disabilities," said Taylor. "I also selected Katie Ross, who is the associate director of Operations for the Admissions office, because we do a lot of testing for the Admissions office in terms of placement testing."

Somerlot's ongoing perception of his center consistently draws nothing but praise.

"We have had a long standing and excellent relationship with the Testing

Center at UWG. Our students with disabilities are successful, in part, because of the Testing Center and their wonderful staff," said Somerlot. "Ms. Taylor and Ms. Prothro are respectful of students and helpful such that many of our students actually enjoy going to the testing center."

The Academic Testing Services office is located in Strozier Hall at UWG's Carrollton Campus. Additional information about the variety of testing services available at the center can be obtained by visiting the center's website at westga.edu/testing or by calling the office at (678) 839-6435.

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UWG 2017 Fall Leadership Development Institute Retreat

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The UWG Leadership Development Institute kicked off the semester with a retreat that actively trained campus leaders to become vital parts in growing this University. With retreats held every 90 days, the University of West Georgia's president, Dr. Kyle Marrero, leads the campus' top chairmen and directors to advance their knowledge and collaborate on skills that will make this University the best in the nation.

As part of the University's Engage West! initiative, an online medium for students and faculty to find information on what is happening at and around UWG, the Leadership Development Institute began their first retreat of the 2017-2018 school year on Friday, Aug. 18 with the theme "Defining and Telling Our Story: The Legacy Year!" The meeting focused on strategic planning, creating a culture of high-performance, and defining success using everyday actions. The goals of this meeting included developing

individual and institutional legacy and building individual legacy statements to guide each member's principles and values. This all-day retreat brought over 100 UWG professors and department-heads to UWG's Campus Center Ballroom.

"Now in the fourth year of 'Engage West! The Legacy Year', sustainability and continued progress toward our stated goals will be reflected in our behaviors and thus hardwired and fully adopted into our processes, expectations of excellence, and accountability," said Dr. Kyle Marrero, UWG President. "To achieve these goals we must define what our legacy will be, effectively communicate our story, and develop and live our individual legacy statement."

With four retreats throughout the school year, each one holds a different purpose with unique objectives and goals. These retreats are viewed as training for this school's top professors and for Dr. Marrero to lead his leaders. The first retreat of this school year began with a speech by Dr. Marrero, "Defining the Legacy Year", followed by a workshop on communication titled "Telling Our Story." The day

continued with other segments that engaged the attendees in the legacy theme. This strong leadership team has sought to use their skills to effect the student body and other faculty members to make this school the best place to work, learn and succeed.

LDI is an effective way to teach leaders at UWG the skills they need to engage and inspire students and to grow both personally and professionally. The LDI retreats are structured to increase

the confidence in UWG's professors and connect our campus leaders for further success. It is very important for this school to have a team of leaders that are all on the same page about how they want to affect this campus. This team of leaders is in the process of advancing their knowledge and skills to become individual leaders of accountability, success and sustainability. This institute was founded on growth and success to ultimately affect each student on this campus.

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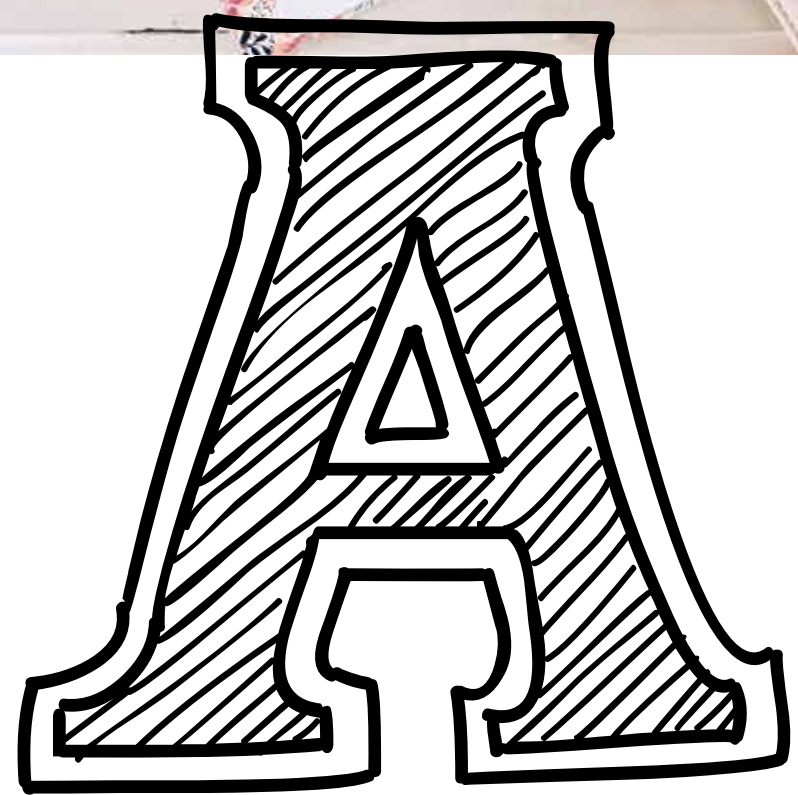
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Collegiate Woman's Answer

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Girl power is making its way to campus as two collegiate women are bringing a brand new chapter to UWG. Her Campus is the number one media brand for women across the world with over 10,000 contributors. Itunu Aromolaran and Farrah Vetrano are following in the footsteps of the world's top college journalists by giving collegiate women of UWG the opportunity to express themselves through writing on topics that interest them most.

Itunu Aromolaran has known about Her Campus for years, but was recently inspired once she found out that she could start her very own chapter at UWG and begin the journey. Aromolaran's passion lies within the fashion and lifestyle industry, as she plans to pursue fashion journalism in her future career. Because UWG does not have a fashion program, Aromolaran's goal through Her Campus is to bring fashion and lifestyle to UWG in a different way.

"I've been blogging since I was in high school, so I found out

about Her Campus through various bloggers," said Aromolaran. "I wanted to start at chapter at West Georgia so other girls, who also want to go into the fashion and lifestyle field, can get experience to put on their resume."

To continue the step by step process, Aromolaran reached out to Farrah Vetrano to help her begin the process of starting a Her Campus chapter at UWG. As a Public Relations concentration and a proud supporter of empowered women in the media industry, Vetrano was immediately intrigued.

"Being an empowered woman and GIRLBOSS in the media industry means supporting and engaging in your passions, lifting each other up and actively expressing our similarities and differences," said Vetrano. "I am super excited to begin this journey with Itunu and start a council that will be able to take on our roles once we graduate. I am confident that this is going to be a success at UWG."

After writing samples were sent in to Her Campus headquarters to determine if UWG could withhold a chapter, Aromolaran and Vetrano then had to receive 100 signatures in one week. With support of several

UWG students, they were able to meet their goal and begin the launch of Her Campus. The two plan on using social media as their main marketing tool and attend on-campus leadership seminars to gain more knowledge on how to lead a successful club.

"Once we receive the official launch date, we plan to create our social media accounts where we will start advertising for the club," said Vetrano. "Her Campus is in the process of creating a website for us and will be sending us promotional tools to get started. In the meantime, Itunu and I will be attending leadership tracks and student organization fairs to learn more about successfully leading a campus club."

In the spring of 2018, Vetrano and Aromolaran will graduate from UWG and Her Campus will be passed onto another group of collegiate women who will take on the responsibility of leading successful journalists through writing and standing by what Aromolaran believes defines an empowered woman.

"I think that being an empowered woman in the media industry is way more than being a

GIRLBOSS and running your life/calling the shots," said Aromolaran. "I think it has more to do with how you treat other women in the industry and in general. It means instead of trying to compete with them, we should encourage them, collaborate with them, be inspired by them, and let them motivate us to be the best version of ourselves."

Although Her Campus is only in the beginning stages at UWG, Aromolaran and Vetrano are passionate and excited for what is to come through this significant media outlet for collegiate women. They stand by their love for empowered women in the media industry and are striving to apply that love to women at UWG through Her Campus.

"The media industry allows us as women to open up on the topics we love while uplifting each other through blogging, social media, stories and trials," said Vetrano. "Her Campus is going to serve as that outlet on UWG's campus for all collegiate women. Whether you will be a reader, writer or supporter, you will be a part of our mission to do what we love, write what we love, and support all of the girl bosses on West Georgia's campus."

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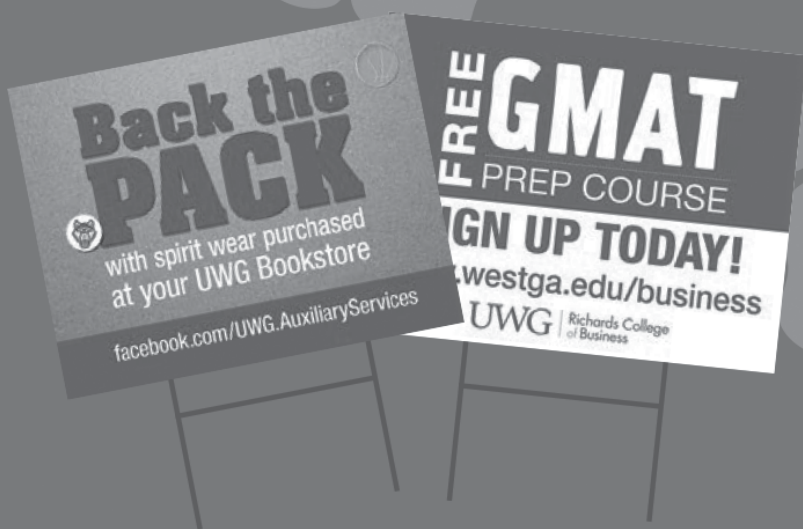


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Daniel Forte

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With Mercedes-Benz stadium getting ready to host regular season sporting events for the Falcons and Atlanta United FC, season ticket holders of both clubs were given exclusive access to take a tour of the stadium before any games were played. The open house, the first event at the venue that was open to the public, allowed fans to experience their seats, the 50 foot high halo video board, the food (and beer) assortment and to simply get a feel for the The Benz without the hustle and bustle of game day.

Fans streamed into the stadium with a look of awe in their

eyes as they gazed upon \$1.5 Billion worth of steel and glass architecture. The concourses are lined with bars, restaurants, video game consoles and even lounge recliners and parlor games like shuffleboard. Seats in the stadium are two inches wider than the Georgia Dome and fans have more space at their feet so they are more comfortable watching the game. There literally hasn't been a single aspect of the fan experience that was overlooked.

But, what about the game itself? Is the stadium too nice to where it will distract fans from the game and take away from their would-be home field advantage? The Falcons old home, The Georgia Dome, was a large shell of a building that lacked many modern

amenities that most stadiums have today except for one thing; that stadium was loud. The Falcons rarely lost a game at home due to the tremendous 'dome field advantage' Falcons fans provided. At the dome, there were no fancy bars, restaurants or video games to play, there was no fancy window looking into the city or massive video board. There was the game, and the game only, and that's what the fans focused on.

Atlanta's expansion soccer franchise, Atlanta United FC, has played its first nine home games at Georgia Tech's Bobby Dodd Stadium before taking their digs and The Benz on Sept. 10. Although a much older stadium than the dome, the same situation was present; fans only had the game to focus on,

and cheered United to have the best home record in MLS for the first half of the season.

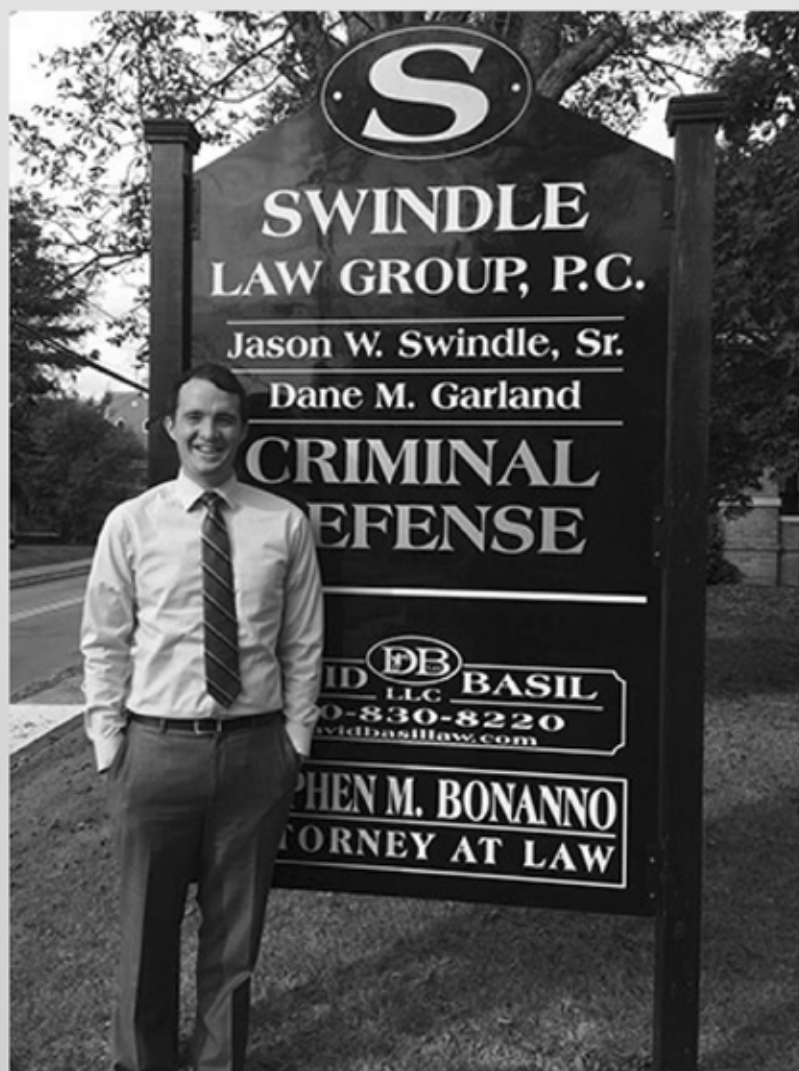
The fans of Atlanta have every right to want to take in the amenities of the new stadium, but make sure it is not at the expense of the home field advantage. Enjoy all of the more than 1,200 beer taps and eat at every restaurant in the stadium. They deserve to stare in awe at the massive Television screen. However, Atlanta fans need to recognize that the team comes first. When the opening whistle blows, fans need to be in their seats early and stay late for their team and not be distracted by any other amenities in the stadium. Then and only then, will the rest of the country recognize Atlanta as a good sports town.





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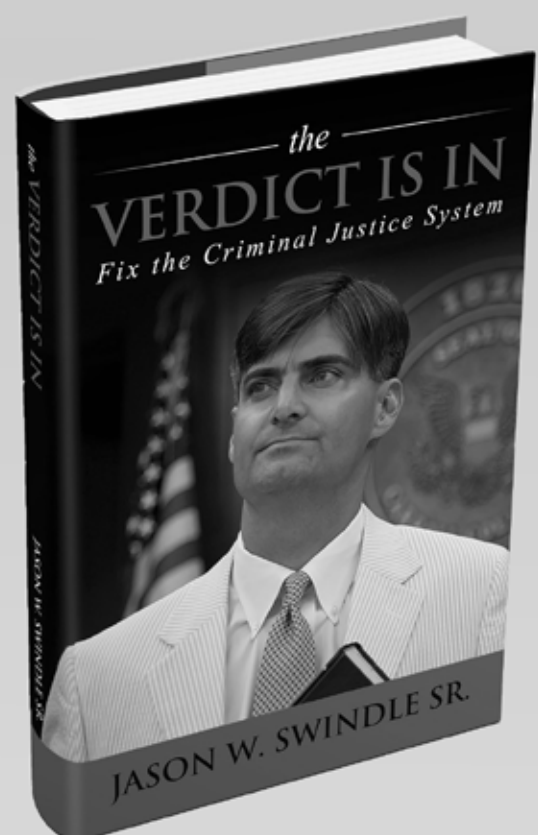
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