City Council moves closer to redistricting

By PATRICK STOKER
George-Anne staff

During a regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday night, Statesboro City Council voted unanimously approving a first reading of the proposed district map, which would split the Georgia Southern University student population into separate districts.

The Council must have a second vote during its next meeting, which is scheduled for July 6 at 9 a.m. The map would then require submission to the Department of Justice, which must approve the proposal before it can be made official.

The proposed districts would split the GSU student population amongst three different districts, which includes districts 3, 4 and 5. The current map places the majority of those students in District 4.

This was the Department of Community Development’s third attempt at configuring a map since it began working on the project in April. The two previous attempts were rejected by the council, which requested further deliberation before making a decision.

The new districts were necessary following the release of the 2010 Census data, which revealed uneven population numbers in the five voting districts.

Federal law requires each district to maintain relatively even populations in order to allow for fair elections.

“The primary changes were driven from the changes in population we’ve had in Statesboro,”

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Student loan offers alternative funding

By JAIME MCNAIR
George-Anne contributor

As of Monday of this week, students attending Georgia universities will be able to apply for the Student Access Loan Program – the new low-interest loan that was designed in 2008 and put in place to serve as a stopgap for any student who needs financial help.

The program not only benefits students whose scholarship was affected by the recent changes to the HOPE scholarship, but also those students who are not eligible to receive HOPE.

The Georgia General Assembly set aside $20 million for the program, which is designed to be a last resort. Students will be eligible for the loan only after they have exhausted all other forms of financial aid.

For instance, the Georgia Student Finance Commission, which offers the loan, will check that each applicant selected has applied for the 2012 FAFSA. If the student has not applied, they are immediately ineligible for the new Student Access Loan.

“Applicants are acceptance based on need as well as merit,” said Tracy Ireland, director of postsecondary student and school services for GSFC.

“Once we stop taking applications, a computer will randomly select people from the listing.”

Students are required to apply for themselves rather than having their parents complete the application. Failure to do so would result in the dismissal of their application.

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said Michael Graves, staff attorney. “The primary significant changes were in the southern portion of the city where all the students are residing, which have caused there to be necessary changes in the council districts.”

Graves said that as GSU’s student population has increased, it has resulted in unbalanced districts.

“Some districts have to shrink and some districts have to be enlarged to account for the growth in the City of Statesboro,” he said. “There’s a significant reduction in Councilman [John] Riggs’ district and that is primarily based upon extreme density of student housing.

Currently, Riggs’ district contains the majority of the GSU student population.

With the Statesboro general elections set to take place in November, the council hoped to implement the new districts prior to that date, however, it failed to meet its goal of finalizing the map by June 29. The map would require approval of the Justice Department before Aug. 29 in order for the proposed districts to take effect for the upcoming election.

The Justice Department reserves a 60 day time frame to make a decision on the proposal, which could result in a decision not being made in time to be implemented for the upcoming elections.

“We will request that [the Department of Justice] do an expedited review, but I doubt that they will,” said Mandi Cody, director of community development. “It is my understanding that [the DOJ] are swamped with these sorts of requests, but we will certainly do everything that we can to put our request package together and submit it as soon as possible after the second meeting.”

Despite widespread criticism among GSU students following the last redistricting in 2007, no students voiced any concerns at the meeting or at the public forum that preceded.

Riggs said the Statesboro population rose from approximately 20,000 to 28,000 residents from 2000 to 2010 and nearly 90 percent of that growth was a result of the increase in GSU’s student population.

“I had to give up about 2,500 students to make it equal,” he said. “All it’s doing is really just spreading the student population out more.”

Riggs said the proposed districts could benefit GSU students.

He said, “They have, certainly, a bigger voice now.”

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University Police receives grant

UP will use the grant money to purchase new equipment

By KEN COLYER
George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University Department of Public Safety was recently awarded a $10,000 grant, which is intended to go toward the purchase of new equipment to aid in traffic enforcement and officer safety.

“It’s the first time we’ve ever gotten a grant,” said Mike Russell, director of Public Safety. “Last year, we were number one in the state and number one in the nation in our category, so we won some money for equipment there, but it’s the first actual grant.”

The grant is funded through the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, which places restrictions on how the department was allowed to spend the money.

“The two big ticket items were the video units for the patrol cars,” said Russell.

The grant was also used to purchase two in-car video systems for traffic enforcement, which are considered to be state-of-the-art and record both audio and video. The new systems are scheduled to be installed next month.

“It is really going to allow us to document things at traffic stops,” said Russell. “It’s going to be a check and balance system for maintaining professionalism, it doesn’t pick and choose what it records; it just records.”

It also went toward the purchase of a second set of batteries for officer’s radios. Over time the overall lifespan of a battery shortens as it develops a “memory” and the battery dies much faster.

“The way we were doing it before, every officer only had the battery in their radio, if it went dead they didn’t have communications and they had to come back [to the Public Safety office] to get a battery out of the charger banks and that just wasn’t working,” said Russell.

Russell said the grant will benefit not only the department, but the students as well.

“This grant allows us to purchase equipment that we would otherwise not have been able to purchase,” he said in a press release. “This is a win-win-win. It’s a win for Georgia, Georgia Southern University and for our students.”

GSU named an eco-friendly campus

By JESSIE REESE
George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University was recently named one of the nations top eco-friendly campuses in “The Princeton Review’s guide to 311 Green Colleges.”

This was the first time GSU was named to the annual list, which is open to any school that wishes to apply. The Princeton Review sends out a list of questions to colleges and universities each year.

The survey included questions about the college’s sustainability-related policies, practices and programs. Schools that applied had to score an 80 or above to make the list.

The review highlighted many aspects that made GSU eco-friendly.

It said the campus had an “emphasis on renewable energy and environmental science research.”

The review praised GSU’s use of grants for sustainability research and student-Led green projects.

Leege said, “We offer $15,000 each year for people to develop projects that improve sustainability on campus. We have funded a course and funded a bike program where we fix abandoned bikes and students can rent them,” said Lissa Leege, director of sustainability.

The review also highlighted the new buildings that are becoming green. GSU even has some Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design buildings, which include the RAC and the proposed biology building.

“As we build new buildings on campus, we are trying to add green buildings,” said Leege.

GSU is one of a select few schools in the country that requires its students to take an environmental biology class.

“When I go to conferences, most people are truly amazed that our students take that class,” said Leege. “It is very unusual for a university to require it.”

“We also have Labs where students can conduct environmental research, like our renewable energy lab, and our chemistry department has green labs, where they work on [the question of] how to develop products in sustainable ways,” Leege said.

Leege said, the review also highlighted GSU’s employment of a director of sustainability and the student organizations that focus on being green.

“This list puts us on the map for sustainability,” Leege said. “I think it is a great marketing tool as well. It is important to students, and they want to know that their university is committed to the environment.”
Our View

Stand up, be a voice for GSU

The Statesboro City Council discussed an alcohol referendum in a news article last week in which members of the Statesboro community could voice opinions in reference to the sale of alcohol on Sunday.

The article quoted council members asking the public to attend the meeting and voice opinions regarding the subject — either for or against. The council members just wanted to know the public’s view on alcohol being sold in restaurants and stores within the community on Sundays in order to add it to a ballot or not.

Students of Georgia Southern University have previously been barred from voicing their opinions regarding legal and political matters in Statesboro City Council meetings. Now, however, the city council is willing to hear the voice of the student body, as a large portion of the alcohol revenue is generated by it.

Therefore, students should speak up and voice their opinions regarding the potential alcohol sale on Sundays. This is one of the rare times in history students will be able to speak out and they need to show that as a body, they hold merit in Statesboro.

As temporary residents — and even some who stay full time — students should have a voice and the only way to be heard is to find that voice and use it.

So whether a student is for the alcohol sale on Sunday or against it, let the Statesboro City Council members be aware of that opinion and don’t be afraid to stand up for those beliefs.

If students hold the belief that alcohol should not be sold on Sundays for religious reasoning, then they should stand firm and inform council of their opinion.

On the other hand, if students believe that alcohol should be sold on Sundays and want to push for freedom of choice when it comes to purchasing the beverages on any day they choose, then they should let the council be aware.

However, no matter what, have a voice and make it proud. Let Statesboro know that GSU matters.

Our view of football stands

Last week, we published an Our View titled, “Football, no longer an inspiration.” This piece expressed the opinion of The George-Anne’s Board of Opinions.

Although the board recognizes the factual errors in the piece that have been corrected in this week’s edition on page three, we stand behind our opinion; a 2.65 overall GPA is unacceptable for students who serve as role models for the rest of the community and university.

This editorial was based off of facts from a story in The George-Anne’s June 9, 2011 edition. In this story, we reported that the football program lost 4.47 scholarships. A quote from Keith Roughton, associate athletics director for compliance and eligibility and interim director of Student-Athlete Services, was also included in this report. He said, “People need to get it done in the classroom. That’s why we got this scholarship penalty.”

This statement by Roughton partnered with the actual scholarship loss caused the board to see an overlaying problem that evoked very opinionated responses.

It should be mentioned that the team meets the all-men’s average in GPA. However, meeting an average is not what Georgia Southern University is about. We should not strive for mediocrity, especially when it means a 2.65 average.

Another point of contention with this opinion seems to be that the NCAAs APR scores and subsequent loss of scholarships are a result of the 2006-2010 seasons, not the current team. While we recognize this, it must be noted that we can only report data that is available, which does not include the latest season. Our opinion is based on current data only, of course.

The George-Anne was not attacking the football program through this editorial, but pointing out the potential for further improvement.

We support the current football team’s effort to overcome its obstacles and hope that our suggestions for improvement were taken seriously.

Coambes is a writing and linguistics major from Covington, Ga. She is the editor-in-chief of The George-Anne.

No choices leads to re-election

While last week we saw the first real GOP 2012 debate, I’d say it was very unimpressive. I expected there to be more from the debate and for somebody to really set themselves apart as THE candidate for 2012, but that wasn’t the case in my opinion.

Nobody really wowed me at any part in the debate and I feel like if this kind of stagnant performance from the GOP continues, then President Obama can almost be guaranteed another term.

Newt Gingrich helped himself after losing his campaign staff and re-established himself as a contender. However, he continues having problems — now it’s his $1 million credit at Tiffany’s. This may not matter though; as we saw in the Gubernatorial Election last fall, personal fiscal responsibility (or lack thereof) hasn’t been a concern for Georgia voters.

Michele Bachmann, I feel, was quite effective in establishing herself as a threat, letting the nation know that she “will not lead from behind” if elected. She had many memorable quotes supported by facts and won over many hearts with her story of how she and her husband have taken in 23 foster children, as well as having five of their own.

And then, there’s Mitt Romney. Romney has been the GOP frontrunner since 2012 started gaining attention. He is the candidate that every political analyst has raved about, citing that he looks the part, sounds the part and is the best option this year. While focusing on these positives, we may forget that this isn’t his first time trying for a presidential bid. There was also a question raised on his intentions. While he is in life, it was brought up that only a few short years ago, Romney was indeed pro-choice — genuine change, or political move?

While there were some good points made and some campaigns fortified, I don’t see any real competitors for the 2012 presidential race. The recent rise of immigration laws in conservative states and the support they receive from certain GOP candidates could also help President Obama as he seeks to be re-elected.

Herman Cain said, “The people that know the most about us up here, they don’t see this as a weak field and neither do I.” I have to disagree with you Candidate Cain; I just don’t see any of these candidates beating President Obama in 2012.

Roberts is a senior public relations major from Warner Robins, Ga. He ran against Alton Standifer for SGA’s presidency in 2011.
Letters to the Editor

SGA, not The George-Anne, responsible for undermining organization

Dear Editor,

I would like to take the time to set the record straight about Mr. Standifer's accusation in the June 24th column that The George-Anne's coverage of the SGA election was biased, “slanderous” and one-sided.

In reality, the coverage was none of those. If Alton is referring to the opinions on pages four and five, those are strictly the opinions of the writers and not of the staff, the division nor the University. If he is referring to the stories and news coverage of the election, there was no spin.

Our staff followed the election from the beginning. We reported the announcement for candidates to run - which was only announced a matter of days before the original deadline. We covered the debate, asked about the lack of a Roberts Ticket on the ballot, and reported the election results.

The staff worked hard to follow the aftermath of the election, which included it being contested by Rob Roberts. However biased that may seem, the result was a legitimate news story. We’re not in the business of looking the other way.

That’s where things got tricky. Our reporters were not allowed into the hearing, the type which had been open under a previous Director of Judicial Affairs.

I, along with current news editor Patrick Stoker, stood outside of the hearing room and requested comments from individuals involved. The graduate assistant in charge of the elections told the two of us that she was too busy to respond after the hearing and that she would wait to include her voice in the conversation.

She never did.

Aside from the example above, what troubles me most is that Standifer suggests The George-Anne was used as a tool to “undermine the progressiveness of the organization and individuals affiliated with the administration.”

In reality, the people who undermined the organization were the ones running it. Even if there was an appearance of one-sidedness in the news section, it stemmed from a lack of communication from the SGA administration.

Constantly, reporters would call for comments on stories concerning SGA. Phone calls and e-mails were made all throughout the days. Even visits to the office during office hours did not bear fruit. Sometimes phone calls weren’t returned until midnight, which is well after our deadline.

There are some fine senators serving the student body on SGA that have the interest of students in mind. However, when more time is spent blaming others for the problems, students can never expect to have the representation they deserve. If students are looking for the best place to express their collective voice, I suggest walking up to the second floor of the Williams Center to the offices of The George-Anne.

Charles Minshew
Editor-in-Chief of The George-Anne 2009-11
GSU Alum ‘11

Football program still inspiring to fans

Dear George-Anne:

I read the editorial about the football team’s grades and how up in arms you are about it. Although I agree that the APR business is a mess and a black eye on our proud school, you might want to get to the real root cause of it. Here’s a hint...it’s not “all due to the team’s grades”. You might want to do a little research and find out that the NCAA’s APR is based on two things: retention of players and continued academic standards. The school gets two points for every player that is still on the team and in good academic standing. If a player leaves the program for any reason it counts one point against the school’s total. If that player leaves and is in bad academic standing the school loses two points. It is also a four year average that runs about a year behind the current academic year. So the real killer of the APR score is that fact that we have had 4 head coaches since 2005 and have lost so many players because of all of the changes. The current scores are counting the losses attributed to the “one who shall remain nameless” and Hatcher years and the absolute revolving door that happened when the types of offense and defense were changed three times in three years. The current score has nothing to do with the current players or coaches. They are not even calculated in the total yet. You can also attribute it to the fact that our illustrious AD was quoted as saying that he didn’t quite understand the APR when it first came out. The problem originally started with scores attributed to Coach Sewak’s teams and we have been playing catch up ever since. Not only that, but the average scores have been rising every year since then as well.

A better editorial would have been to talk about how the administration has screwed up the scores over the past 5 years by having a revolving door of coaches and not giving the program enough academic assistance. “The better editorial would have been how the current players are not only bringing the program out of the doldrums of the last 5 years by making it to the National Semi-Finals last year, but they are also in the process of bringing the program out of the APR hole that the administration and previous coaches have put us in. How about some positive words to the current players and coaches about how they are finally bringing some class back to our proud football tradition to help motivate them to do better instead of crappping on them for something that they had no part in?

Dig a little deeper next time and find the real cause of the problem instead of just taking the easy way and saying the players grades aren’t good enough. Oh, and by the way...when you are digging a little deeper you will realize that they lost 4.47 scholarships, not 4.47 % of their scholarships.

Kevin Jenny
GSU C/O ’94

Dear George-Anne,

I am writing in response to your recent Our View, “Football, no longer an inspiration.” You berated a team that was not deserving of the blame you placed upon them. This is a team that reached the highest ever collective gpa with a 2.65 this past spring and you are bashing them for circumstances that lead to the loss of 4.47 scholarships, that in some ways were completely out of their control, as was explained by Associate AD Keith Roughton in a June 8th article in the George-Anne. If you actually look at the numbers, you would see that more than 30 players achieved a gpa of 3.0 or better and 3 men obtaining a perfect 4.0. Also the team recorded a best ever 2.53 for 2010-11. With the schools male Fall average at 2.58 this past year I would say that they are doing pretty well.

This APR score is based on a four year period and does not completely reflect the teams current situation. With 4 coaching changes in 6 years it is amazing that this new staff has been able to come in and achieve the academic success that they have. As Coach Monken stated on the Georgia Southern football web site, “Academic success is emphasized every day with our players. As a team, they earned the best GPA in the history of our program which is a testament to their hard work in the classroom, in the library and in study hall. I’m so proud of them.” Well Coach so am I, as should all of Eagle Nation.

It upsets me that in your article you say how these young men should be leaders in the classroom and in the community, while you yourselves are not representing the facts clearly. It is also you that have a responsibility to this campus and community to report to us as best as you possible can. Down grading and miss reporting on a program that is taking every step to achieve success in the class room as well as on the field is not the way to do that.

Steven Haught
Hotel and Restaurant Management ’12
GSU receives $385,000 grant

Concussion research to benefit athletes

By DANIEL FITZGERALD

Georgia-Anne staff

The National Institutes of Health recently awarded a $385,000 grant to Georgia Southern University researchers to study the effects of concussions.

According to the GSU press release, this research is primarily intended to help treat student athletes who suffer from head injuries.

"Our goal is to help determine how long the effects of a concussion persist," Georgia Southern College of Health and Human Sciences faculty member Thomas Buckley said.

The research is intended to explore the effects of a concussion and the damage it causes on the brain.

"If a person returns to risky activity while still suffering the effects of a concussion, they are more likely to suffer another concussion, which will likely be worse and could potentially even be fatal," said Buckley.

"They hope to protect concussion victims and educate others on the effects of concussion.

"We hope that this research leads to a better understanding of how long a person needs in order to fully recover before engaging in activity that could put them at risk for another head injury," said Buckley.

The research specifically focuses on the immediate and long-term effects of concussions. Buckley said that researchers believe multiple concussions can lead to long-term brain problems such as dementia and Alzheimer’s disease.

"We hope this research leads to a better understanding of the recovery process following a concussion so we can reduce these serious long-term consequences," Buckley said.

The study also wants to help benefit athletes with recurring concussions with their findings.

"Concussions are an unfortunate risk of playing sports, but our goal is to help prevent repeated concussions and the associated short and long-term risks from multiple concussions," said Buckley.

Buckley hopes that the family members of athletes will be further educated on concussion effects.

"Parents of young athletes also need to be aware of the dangers and implications of head trauma," said Buckley.

According to the press release, Buckley and his research team at the GSU’s Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies have been working on this research for three years and previously worked with the U.S. Army.

“SOAR and ‘First Night Out’ seems promising because the freshmen seem to be really interested and it has been going well for us,” said Brittany Brown, a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma Sorority, Inc. and a senior criminal justice major.

“We are a community service organization and we do positive things in the community, and we want to get the incoming freshmen involved in the campus and the community.”

Public Relations Student Society of America member and senior journalism major Natalie Demarko said, “Right now the SOAR sessions are hard for us because the freshmen don’t know exactly what we are yet and it is difficult to get their interest.”

Eli Brennan, a senior majoring in chemistry, said, “I saw it is a lot I can get involved with when I come here in the fall,” said Jasmine Mouton, an incoming freshmen pre-nursing major. “I like how all of the organizations were there advertising and helping to get us involved, and it made me a little more excited about coming in the fall.”

The next SOAR session will be held on June 24 for Eagle Incentive Program students.

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In order to be eligible for the new loan, students must graduate from high school with a 2.5 GPA and maintain at least a 2.0 in college.

The program estimates the number of scholarships to be awarded at nearly 6,000 students, but that number depends on the amount of financial aid that is needed by those who are selected at random by the computer.

Each application is randomly assigned a number. After a school has confirmed the amount needed for the student, which will probably be equal to or less than the amount they applied for, we will award the next people in line until the money runs out,” said Ireland.

The maximum award to a student will be $10,000 per year with a limit of $40,000 through their college career, but the expected average is $3,500, said Ireland.

Students must pay off the loan 10 years after graduating, but they must make interest payments, which have a 1 percent rate while in school.

There is also an incentive for those students who intend to teach math, science, technology or engineering in Georgia public schools.

"Members of the General Assembly believe that it is important to promote learning in these areas,” said Ireland. "To encourage the student, payments will be reduced based on the years they work in those fields."

The application deadline is July 15 and students will be notified by email acquired from email address indicated on their FAFSA, HOPE or other grant applications.

The loan is awarded annually, so students must reapply every year and will again be placed on the list to potentially be selected again.
FM Magazine brings style closer to students

By AYANA MOORE
George-Anne staff

Fashion Menagerie Magazine, Georgia Southern University’s very own student fashion publication, has been an evolving project for a little over a year now.

Created by students of the fashion organization, FM, the magazine is a visual display of everything related to the fashion world.

With new plans to expand not only their staff, but also the magazine itself, it looks as though the fashion scene here in Statesboro is in for a revamping.

“We wanted to do something that wasn’t done before,” said junior Rochelle Ham, vice president of FM Magazine. “Everyone can pick it up. Everyone can read it and see that it’s right here in Statesboro.”

President and editor Malia Fredrick has been headlining this project since its beginning in the spring of 2010.

“Myself and Katie Presley made this organization with the idea of having a magazine,” said fashion merchandising major, Fredrick. “We started a newsletter that was free and only gave it to fashion students. It was a brand new organization and not too many people knew about it.”

FM Magazine’s first edition was published in the fall of 2010, followed by the second edition, which was issued this past spring.

With plenty of brainstorming and a great deal of time grew more buzz about the magazine, which was issued this past spring.

“We want to show people what we do and we thought the best idea would be a magazine.”

The magazine itself is comprised of a variety of fashion-oriented articles and boldly colored photo shoots, as well as “do it yourself” projects and more.

“Each issue varies,” said Fredrick. “But at this point, what we try to do is have the standard letter from the editor, two photo shoots - the first photo shoot is from the designer and the spotlight and the second photo shoot is for the bookstore and we feature whatever clothing they have.”

“We do photo shoots to represent forward fashion trends,” said Sanford. “We have pages that represent trends to kind of forecast what people will be wearing. We also have styling advice and the FM Muse.”

The FM Muse sheds a spotlight on a particular student in the fashion program being recognized for his or her talent and skill.

“To me, it’s kind of planting the foundation to having fashion majors known,” said Ham. “The magazine is something you can see visually and they’re only 50 cents.”

Although the magazine has only produced two issues thus far, Fredrick said that they are planning to come out with autumn, winter, spring and summer editions.

“The grand scheme would be for people to have a better appreciation for what we do,” said Fredrick. “We put a lot of time, effort and resources into this magazine. We do a lot of work…and we want you guys to see that.”

Since many members of FM Magazine’s staff have graduated, the remaining officers are currently looking for people interested to help by providing their words, photography, creativity and insight.

“We’re looking for a blog editor, graphic designer, a cosmetologist and more designers,” said Fredrick.

“We want to reach out to journalism majors as well to write fashion articles,” said Sanford. “We’d like to give an opportunity for people to build themselves and to have somewhere where it’s documented.”

Contact FM Magazine by e-mailing fm.mag.gsu@gmail.com.

Those Cats give a funky fresh feeling to GSU students

By AYANA MOORE
George-Anne staff

Funk and jazz band, Those Cats, livened up the Dingus Magee’s crowd while performing a set recently in tribute to the late godfather of soul, James Brown. The Statesboro-based group opened with the classic Sly and the Family Stone tune, “Thank You,” which set the night off.

Those Cats is made up of drummer, Scott Underwood; keys player, Miles Wiggins; guitarist, Zac Tilson; bassist, Ryan Ray; and vocalist, Trevor Darden. With musical influences ranging from Soulive and James Brown to Bella Fleck and Cee-Lo Green, the group’s ear for funk and soul has been well-tuned.

“I like their energy,” said Darden. “I like that they catch you off guard - they caught me off guard.”

With a funky performance of James Brown’s well-known classics, “I Got the Feelin’,” “Papa Don’t Take No Mess,” and “Get On Up,” Those Cats had the audience leaving their seats and headed to the dance floor almost immediately.

“My favorite part is the collective effort,” said Underwood. “Like making music with a bunch of people and hitting the same marks and making the song work through everyone playing their separate instruments.”

Having formed in August of 2010, the group is still what they call a “newborn baby,” said Ray.

In the future, Those Cats plan to eventually begin playing out of town and performing music with more of their original material.

Shows with their style make for a great and soulful night for anyone looking to enjoy a different kind of music.

“[James Brown] influenced us,” said Underwood. “We wanted to show our appreciation. And his music is really fun to play.”

You can find more about Those Cats by visiting their website, www.thosecats.com.
‘Green Lantern’ is a great green failure

By DANIEL FITZGERALD
George-Anne staff

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“Green Lantern” is an unsalvageable disaster.

Based off of one of DC Comics’ most renowned heroes, “Green Lantern” is about test pilot Hal Jordan and a cosmic-powered ring that can create whatever he imagines; whether to harm or protect.

Green Lantern has decades of adventures and stories, many of which deal with abstract concepts such as “will vs. fear” and many take place in space (especially in recent years).

There is no doubt that a superhero as out-there as Green Lantern could be given a halfway-decent film. “Thor” did it and that movie was about Natalie Portman having the hots for a space Viking.

The script is wrought with cliché lines (done poorly) making all the characters feel like stiff cardboard cutouts.

Hal is probably the only character with an identifiable personality, and while funny at times, ultimately comes off as a pretty pathetic character.

Hal’s entire character arc revolves around facing his fears in the wake of his father’s death, which give us some unintentionally hilarious flashbacks. They’re just awful.

That’s great and all, but we don’t need this “will vs. fear” theme beaten savagely into our skulls.

The film fails to understand the usefulness of subtlety. At least a fourth of the dialogue in the movie addresses this and I lost count of the number of times the characters said the word “fear.”

Modern movie audiences may be a bit jaded by films like “Avatar,” but Green Lantern’s CGI is not just bad by movie CGI standards, it wouldn’t even make the cut for a modern video game cut scene.

Some of the effects in the film were so cheesy and cartoony, the audience actually laughed at them.

The planet of Green Lanterns, Oa, looked great. However, it’s unfortunate they had to blow their CGI budget on one 15 minute scene in the film.

CGI in space: decent. CGI on Earth: laughable. Green Lantern looks like a radioactive asparagus wearing Ryan Reynolds’s goofy smirk during the Earth-based scenes.

The acting was mediocre to say the least, but there were a few surprisingly commendable performances. Reynolds may not have been perfect for the part, but at least he makes Hal Jordan relatable.

Every character that surrounds him is so lifeless and boring it’s impossible not to notice him.

Once Mark Strong’s character Sinestro shows up, you begin to wonder if you are watching an entirely different film. Why? Because Strong is amazing in this movie.

His portrayal of Sinestro is spot-on and the makeup is perfect. It’s just a shame that the few scenes he has are pointless and accomplish nothing other than tickle the fanboys with sequel hints involving his character.

“Green Lantern” takes you on a ride that, despite its predictable twists and turns, will most likely make you “green” in the face (see what I did there) and sick to your stomach by the time it’s over.

It wasn’t the worst superhero movie ever made, but it certainly comes close.
WEEKEND WRAP

GNAT’S LANDING
470 South Main Street (912) 489-8291
HAPPY HOUR 5-7 P.M.
ALL DRINKS AND APPETIZERS HALF OFF
FRIDAY – The Bastard Suns
SATURDAY – $6 pitchers, $0.45 wings, $2 Margaritas
TUESDAY – Trashcan Tuesday, $3 Trashcan Drinks
WEDNESDAY – $2 Margaritas, $0.45 Wings

APPLEBEE’S
804 US Highway 80 East (912) 489-5656
HAPPY HOUR 5-7 P.M.
THURSDAY – Jammin’ Thursday with DJ
$2 Lemon Drops, $3 Margaritas, $3 Long Island, $1 Jello Shots
FRIDAY – Half Price Appetizers and $3 Taps
SATURDAY – Half Price Appetizers and $3 Taps
SUNDAY – Guys’ Night Out, $0.45 Wings
MONDAY – Brew-Haha, $4 Micro-Brews, $1 Jello Shots
TUESDAY – Facebook Tuesdays, $3 Main Street ’Ritas, $3 Brew-tus
WEDNESDAY – Girls’ Night Out, $3 Appetinis, $3 Cosmos, $3 Main Street ’Ritas, $1 Jello Shots

LOCOS GRILL & PUB
91 Briarwood Road (912) 681-2002
HAPPY HOUR 5-7 P.M.
HALF PRICE DRAFT BEER, WINGS OR CHIPS WITH SALSA OR QUESO
THURSDAY – $2 pint night (all draft beers)
FRIDAY – $3 Maker’s Mark and Sangria punch
SATURDAY – $3 Bloody Marys and Eagle Ritas
MONDAY – $5 Bud Light Pitchers
TUESDAY – $2 Kettle One

RETRIEVER’S
1 University Plaza (912) 681-2444
THURSDAY – 9-11 p.m. $1 rum mixed drinks
FRIDAY – 9-11 p.m. $1 tequila sunrise
SATURDAY – $2.25 Miller Lite and Coors Lite
MONDAY – $4.50 Quads
TUESDAY – Retreiver Idol, $2 shots, $4.50 Quads
WEDNESDAY – DJ hurricane’s dance night

RUDE RUDY’S
8 University Plaza (912) 681-7839
THURSDAY – Dance night with D.J. at 9 p.m., Thirsty Thursday with $1 pitchers
FRIDAY – Dance night with D.J. at 9 p.m., $1 pitchers
SATURDAY – Dance night with D.J. at 9 p.m., $1 pitchers

MILLHOUSE
1601 Statesboro Place Circle (912) 871-6474
HAPPY HOUR EVERYDAY $1.99 DRINKS
THURSDAY – Jason White
FRIDAY – Dallas Rogers
SATURDAY – Tall Paul

DOS PRIMOS
200 Lanier Drive (912) 681-1372
HAPPY HOUR 5-7 P.M.
2 FOR 1 SHOTS UNTIL CLOSING
$4.50 MARGARITAS AND $6 BEER PITCHERS
THURSDAY – Beer and Boil 6-9 p.m., DJ Khir at 9:30 p.m.
FRIDAY – Eric Culberson Band at 9 p.m.
SATURDAY – House Party with Soundtalk Science at 9 p.m.

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TUESDAY – $2 Kettle One

KBOB KELLY’S
516 South Main Street (912) 489-3365
THURSDAY – Kareoke at 8 p.m.
SATURDAY – Karaoke, live music at 10 p.m. and Keno
MONDAY – Cornhole tournament, free to enter at 8 p.m.
TUESDAY – Poker Tourney at 7 p.m.

SOUTHERN BILLIARDS
200 Lanier Drive (912) 225-9887
HAPPY HOUR 5-8 P.M.
$1.50 DOMESTIC DRAFTS
Lunch Specials Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Thirty Minutes Free Pool with Lunch Purchase
$1 Well Shots and $2 Well Drinks Thursday-Monday
THURSDAY – Poker Tourney at 7 p.m.
FRIDAY – Trivia Night, $1 Well Shots, $2 Well Drinks
SATURDAY – Poker Tourney at 7 p.m.
MONDAY – 9 Ball Tourney at 7 p.m. with $10 fee
TUESDAY – Poker Tourney at 7 p.m., $0.50 Well Shots, $1 Well Drinks

MOE’S
608 Brannen Street (912) 764-3463
HAPPY HOUR: BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE
$2.50 DOMESTIC, $3 IMPORTS/PREMIUMS

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HAPPY HOUR 5-8 P.M.
THURSDAY – Beer and Boil 6-9 p.m., DJ Khir at 9:30 p.m.
FRIDAY – Eric Culberson Band at 9 p.m.
SATURDAY – House Party with Soundtalk Science at 9 p.m.

"If you are under the age of 21, it is against the law to buy alcoholic beverages."
Eagle Entertainment christens the new Williams Center

By SARAH FONSECA
George-Anne staff

On July 17, approximately 200 summer students enjoyed a pizza dinner and a viewing of “Hall Pass,” courtesy of Eagle Entertainment.

Rather than taking place in the organization’s usual outdoor or Union theater venues, the film was shown behind the familiar pane glass windows of an unlikely location: The Williams Center.

Previously a dining hall, the Williams Center has undergone numerous renovations in previous months with the goal of becoming an alternative space for student activities.

Students in attendance were largely optimistic about what the new space has to offer.

“I really enjoyed the atmosphere that the renovations made,” said senior electrical engineering major Nick Pawlak.

“I love the new technology in the building and the amazing design and furniture. The whole thing looks very modern and perfect for student organizations. I am so excited to see how they use it in the fall,” said senior Stephen Warner, psychology major.

Changes made to the Williams Center include the addition of two kitchen areas, plenty of seating, mosaic walls that double as storage and state-of-the-art audiovisual technology.

“We have two main screens and five 70-inch screens,” said Sriravong Sriratanakoul, activities coordinator.

The Williams Center’s refurbishment was a direct result of a collaboration between Southern’s students and the Office of Student Affairs staff.

Sriratanakoul hopes that this joint effort mirrors the way the area is used.

“I hope this space becomes a community resource where we can all collaborate - students, staff and alumni - can all collaborate. We have technology here that other ones don’t have,” said Sriratanakoul.

This technology is already being integrated. Prior to the screening of “Hall Pass,” Eagle ID cards were scanned for data purposes.

“The ID scanning is something that we hope to do more at these kinds of events. Along with ensuring that student fees are used for students only, we hope to use the data for assessments of programs and retention purposes. Are the students who attend free on-campus programs graduating?” said Sriratanakoul.

In addition to being the new on-campus hotspot for students, by students, The Williams Center is also the new home of Eagle Entertainment and the Traditions Council.
Monday 6.27.2011 Continued

Group Fitness
Sessions begin for B-Term. Sign up in advance at the RAC.

Tri-Eagle Challenge
RAC
Sessions begin for B-Term. The purpose is to challenge patrons throughout the summer semester. Patrons must complete specific distances of running/walking, cycling and swimming. This is for any student or member of the RAC interested in participating in a Swim, Bike, Run / Walk Cardio Challenge. Second Challenge June 20-July 28 (B Term) Held at the RAC Fitness Center & Pool. Registration is free.

There will be a sign up sheet located at the fitness desk on the cardio deck. Participants may sign up any time throughout B term, but will only receive a prize if they complete the entire challenge by July 28. Structure is as follows: Complete during B-term. Challengers must complete Cycling (100 miles), Walking/ Running (26.2 miles), Swimming (5,000 yards).

Fitness Staff and lifeguards are required to sign off on participant cards after every exercise session. No one else may sign cards. Participant cards must be picked up prior to session and returned to the Fitness Staff daily. Not allowed to be taken home. There will be a designated card box for storage. Please pick-up/return cards to the fitness staff on the Cardio Deck of the fitness center.

Tuesday 6.28.2011 Continued

Intro to Climbing
Southern Adventures

From 5 to 7 p.m. at the Southern Adventures Center. Learn the basics of climbing and everything you need to know to pass the belay test. Our intro clinic is the best way to find out everything about the climbing wall and bouldering cave. Best thing, it’s FREE. Stop by the Southern Adventures Center for details.

WEDNESDAY 6.29.2011

4:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Coping Skills Workshop
GSU Counseling Center

Does it feel like your emotions are running your life? You CAN learn to cope effectively! This workshop will help you to recognize, interpret, understand & manage your emotional reactions to everyday & difficult situations.

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RAC
Receive $10 off a massage at the RAC

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DAY AND TIME TBD

Healthy Bodies Group / Body Image and Eating Concerns Group
GSU Counseling Center

This group is designed for people who would like to improve their self image & confidence as it relates to their physical body. Learn to live each day with intention, without being a hostage to thoughts & feelings about bodies & eating. Also learn ways to reduce distress.

Apply to be on the V.A.L.U.E.S. TEAM!

Interested in civility? Having a positive impact on your peers? Creating fun programs? If so, now is your chance to apply to join the V.A.L.U.E.S. Team! V.A.L.U.E.S. Team applications can be found on the Office of Student Conduct's website: http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/judicial/ Applications are due by August 25, 2011. Questions? Please contact Amy Zieziula, azieziula@georgiasouthern.edu
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Call (912)-484-4763 or (912) 871-4646 for details

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Student Intern

Job Title: Manufacturing Engineer
Company: Make-a-Wish Foundation (GA & AL)
Deadline to Apply: July 9, 2011

Finance Internship - Fall 2011
Job Title: Estimating/Project Mgt. Intern
Company: Brasfield & Gorrie
Deadline to Apply: December 15, 2011

Manufacturing Engineer Internship
Job Title: Manufacturing Engineer Internship
Company: Gulfstream Aerospace
Deadline to Apply: July 9, 2011

Common Resume Blunders

According to Kim Issacs, Monster Resume Expert, there are 10 common resume blunders. The following is a partial list of them:

1. Being Too Focused on Job Duties
2. Using Flowery or General Objective Statement
3. Making Your Resume Too Short or Too Long
4. Using Personal Pronouns
5. Listing Irrelevant Information
6. Not Including Keywords
7. Typos

To read the full article with explanations on the top 10 mistakes, please visit http://career-advice.monster.com/resumes-cover-letters/resume-writing-tips/common-resume-blunders/article.aspx.

The Importance of LinkedIn

By Sarah Dixon, marketing intern

Social and professional networking sites are a major driving force within the job search process and allow interaction between potential employers and job applicants.

LinkedIn allows users to display their own professional profile, as well as post their resume, get recommendations, and join professional groups. Have you ever heard the phrase ‘If you got it, flaunt it?’

Well, LinkedIn is a site that allows you to do just that by displaying your professional credentials. The site also allows you to find new contacts, join professional groups and network with various employers.

If you have a Facebook account and you are looking for an internship or full time job in the near future, you should have a LinkedIn profile. LinkedIn is essentially the professional Facebook.

To begin using LinkedIn to its full potential, you must first build a professional profile. Your profile is a summary of your professional experience, interests and skills designed to attract the attention of significant people such as recruiters, grad school admissions officers and others looking to network.

If your profile is properly created and managed, it can act as a key differentiator in helping you to land your dream job. Here are some tips for creating a profile that works for you.

In order to build a professional student profile, you should start by making a profile headline that is short and memorable. Next, provide a professional photo of yourself to give the viewer a sense of your professional appeal.

Do not be shy when it comes to showing off your education. Be sure to include information such as your major, GPA and any honors or awards received. Also, provide a professional summary statement that resembles the first few paragraphs of your best written cover letter.

Make sure to update your status weekly in order to remain on the radar and enhance your professional image.

Become a part of various groups and show that you are connected with a wide range of people and organizations. The first groups to join are Georgia Southern University Alumni and friends and Georgia Southern University Career Services group.

In addition, it is essential to collect diverse recommendations because it helps build credibility. Some helpful recommendations can come from previous or current professors, advisors or supervisors.

A final way to enhance your profile is by adding a portfolio containing various examples of work you’ve completed such as writing, design work or other accomplishments.

For more information on effectively utilizing LinkedIn to enhance your professional image, please visit www.georgiasouthern.edu/career or http://grads.linkedin.com

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Company: Department of Energy
Deadline to Apply: July 1, 2011

Job Title: Finance Internship - Fall 2011
Company: Make-a-Wish Foundation (GA & AL)
Deadline to Apply: December 31, 2011

Job Title: New Director
Company: WJCL/WTGS TV
Deadline to Apply: July 8, 2011

Job Title: Fall 2011 Internships
Company: Houston Astro’s Baseball Club
Deadline to Apply: August 8, 2011

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Deadline to Apply: December 15, 2011

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To view the detailed job descriptions application instructions or additional postings, log into the Eagle Career Net/NACElink system found at www.georgiasouthern.edu/career.
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Georgia Southern moves up to Division 1-A?

Opinion

By RYAN MILLER
Geoge-Anne contributor

The student population at Georgia Southern University this past year is nearly 20,000 undergraduate and graduate students, and with more students beginning their collegiate careers in the fall, the university is only growing. The influx of students will generate more funds for athletics and more importantly, more fans for the football team. This walks hand-in-hand with the current seating situation within Paulson Stadium and raising questions about whether or not GSU should transfer to a Division 1-A conference.

Currently, Paulson Stadium holds only 18,000 seats for fans, which accounts for families, students and locals from Statesboro. Clearly, it can neither hold the current student population, nor the addition of players and student families and the locals. The decision now stands as to whether to transition to a larger division, meaning playing larger schools within Division 1-A.

There are many costs and benefits that come with reclassifying GSU into a larger division.

There are numerous changes that would have to be in place in order to finance both the team and the new stadium, which could include charging students for tickets and an increase in ticket prices for the general public.

Many of the student fees would also have to increase in order to support the athletic program in the Football Bowl Subdivision. The amount of success the Eagles would have would be initially low, but over the years, it would grow.

These are just a few of the primary issues that should be considered. According to the Georgia Southern Reclassification Analysis written by Mcgee-Geiger, the company stated that the Sun Belt Conference in the Division 1-A FBS would be the best location to place the GSU Eagles.

The Eagles would be leaving the Football Championship Series, which incorporates a post-season tournament; and instead, they would be playing in a conference that allows them to be eligible to qualify for notable bowl games for their post-season if they do well in the regular season.

This would cost GSU more money because they have to cover travel costs for away games and other variables.

This and renovating the stadium to house the students and fans would cause GSU to charge students for tickets instead of them using their student identification cards, yet there are some great benefits that come with moving up into a larger conference and division.

GSU would receive a plethora of benefits from reclassifying into a larger conference like the Sun Belt Conference. Playing in a larger conference would make the university more well-known to the nation and there would be a significant increase in recruitment, not only for football, but also for the other sports at GSU.

Comparatively, undergraduate enrollment would also increase because GSU would become more prominent and notable to the rest of the nation.

Increasing ticket prices and athletic fees would generate a lot more revenue for the university and the Eagles would compete against larger schools, adding to the positive prospect of qualifying for a bowl game.

The Eagles would be playing teams such as the University of Louisiana at Monroe and North Texas University. The Sun Belt is also a conference that GSU could keep up with financially as well because of Statesboro’s small community.

Mcgee-Geiger noted that while at their current financial level, GSU would not succeed in Division 1-A Football; GSU would fare better in the years to come. They even predicted that GSU would be financially ready as soon as 2014, as long as enrollment and interest maintains or increases.

While finances are such a big part of student life both on and off the field, one issue that Mcgee-Geiger and the student population would agree on is that not only do the students have an enormous sense of pride and spirit, but the Statesboro community itself also emanates Eagle pride and spirit, which rivals any school in the Division 1-A conferences.
Intramural Scores

Basketball
- Black Mambas 77, Bs in Some Hs 46
- Taking Our Talents to South Beach 47, Riders on the Hannah Storms 41
- In Yo Face 33, The Crew 66
- MVP 20, Alpha Tau Omega 0
- Nike Select 76, Friends with Benefits 45
- Brick Squad 37, Rio 57
- J In Your Face 38, Monstars 82
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- J In Your Face 25, The Crew 64
- Rio 61, Black Mambas 60

Softball
- Duck 19, Chu Kno Clique 7
- Here We Go 7, RACem Up! 0
- RACem Up!, Balls and Dolls 13
- Honey Nut Ichiro’s 0, Yager Bombers 7
- The Boom Boom Room 11, The Abusement Park 25
- UV Champs 7, Red Hot Chili Whackers 0
- UV Squad 6, Giants 14
- We Appreciate Your Depreciation 8, Our Balls Are Soft But We Are Hard 15
- Ash that Bunt on the Carpet 20, Ricos Roughnecks Strike Back 11
- Grand Slammed Your Mom 7, Rebecca Black 15
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Summer Hours
(May 23 - July 29):
- Mon.-Thurs.: 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- Friday: 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Saturday: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Sun.: 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Intro to belaying clinic
On Tuesday, June 28, Southern Adventures will host its last Intro to Belaying Clinic of the summer. This clinic will cover all the basics to get you started on climbing and belaying at the RAC rock wall, covering safety concerns and techniques. It is offered to both beginners and anyone seeking a belay certification. This clinic is free, so swing by the Southern Adventures Center to sign up!
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