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Time to vote

Elections give students chance to use voices

Info, compiled by Kelsey DECKER, Charles MINSHEW & Kelsey SORRELL

Governor Candidates

Nathan Deal (R): Was under investigation for possible violation of House rules.

Roy Barnes (D): Changed the state flag design during last gubernatorial term.


Senator Candidates

Johnny Isakson (R): Incumbent. One of the original authors of the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act.


Chuck Donovan (L): Endorsed by the Tea Party; supports limited, not large, government.

House District 12 Candidates

John Barrow (D): Incumbent. Voted against Obama’s health care plan and has served since 2004.

Ray McKinney (R): Endorsed by Sarah Palin and priority issue is energy. Worked in nuclear energy.

Monds and Donovan photos from campaign sites
Other photos from RealClearPolitics.com

Places to vote in the Boro

- William James Educational Complex Lunchroom
  Address: 150 Williams Rd.
- Pittmann Park United Methodist Church
  Address: 1102 Fair Rd.
- Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church – Social Hall
  Address: 4 South Zetterower

Student dies after game at RAC

Keith WARBURG & Patrick STOKER

The Dean of Students has confirmed that a student has died following an intramural game at the RAC last Wednesday evening.

Twenty-year-old Alexander Pace of Oxford, Ga. died after collapsing at the RAC, according to the Dean of Students office.

Pace came out of the game and reported feeling ill as he made his way to the bench.

He collapsed soon after, according to witnesses.

Emergency services were phoned, and CRI staff and athletic trainers administered First Aid procedures, according to university spokesperson Betsy Nolen.

Pace was transported by EMS to East Georgia Regional Medical Center, where he was later pronounced dead, according to Nolen.

Chuck Francis, deputy coroner of Bulloch County said Pace died of congenital heart defect, which was probably something he had his whole life and didn’t know about.

Francis said his family would not have known about it unless they would have tested previously. However, Pace had no family history of heart problems.

Nolen said the university offers its “heartfelt condolences” to the family and friends of Pace.
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Your Student Activity Fees @ Work
Wachovia converges to Wells Fargo
Merge deemed beneficial to GSU community

Colleen McNALLY
staff writer

The conversion of the Wachovia name to Wells Fargo was celebrated at the 422 Northside Drive store location last Tuesday with an official unveiling of the new sign and a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the remodeled interior.

Ronald Shiffler, dean of the College of Business Administration, attended the event and said this is a good merger for many reasons and will be beneficial to the Georgia Southern community.

"Wachovia was an East Coast operation, while Wells Fargo was more of a West Coast banking giant," said Shiffler. "The combination of the two banks now provides coast to coast seamless banking for clients.

"The country needs more large commercial banks because they give clients access to better products," he said.

For example, one of the new products available to students is the College Combo Account, which includes a "Save As You Go" account that automatically saves a dollar each night for overdraft protection.

Other benefits include free online banking and bill pay, including mobile banking with optional alerts to the student's phone when funds are low.

Other features from Wachovia are still available and improved under the Wells Fargo name, such as the Way2Save option, which automatically transfers a dollar into savings when a client uses his debit card. This option has been improved to now allow deposits directly into this account, a feature not available before.

Shiffler also said he sees other ways this merger can help students, although maybe not immediately.

"My guess is that students need debit cards and cash now. They probably don't need the other products and services that are offered, but they can establish a relationship, and work to achieve preferred customer status. It's a good idea not to bounce around with banks," he said.

The benefits are not only for clients, but also for prospective employees.

"Part of my job as dean is making sure that students have jobs. I talk to every company I can. I was at the ceremony because I'm important to maintain good relationships," said Shiffler.

At the other end of this mutual relationship is Linda Jordan, assistant vice president and store manager of the Northside Drive location.

"Eight percent of our teller staff are GSU graduates," said Jordan. Jordan said she also hopes to work with GSU students outside of their store location.

She said, "Wells Fargo likes to give presentations for students and offer knowledge on credit areas and normal record keeping."

University Store book thief caught

Patrick STOKER
staff writer

Ryan William Pech, 21, was charged with felony shoplifting after stealing several textbooks and selling them back to the University Store over a period of about a month, said Sgt. Christopher McBride.

"The book store noticed that [Pech] had sold a bunch of books back within a short period of time so they started to watch him more closely, and that's when they were able to see what was going on," said McBride.

He said, "They would go back and check their video footage and they would see him back in the textbook area stealing books."

Correction:

If you spot an error or something that needs clarification, send an e-mail to Kelsey Decker at gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu
HTTP://STUDENTS.GEORGIA-SOUTHERN.EDU/HOMECOMING

HOMECOMING CANDIDATES 2010

QUEEN CANDIDATES

KING CANDIDATES

DUKE CANDIDATES

Chris “Kit” Lowe - GSU College Republicans
Jacob Rainey - Student Government Association
Michael Samiratedu - Delta Tau Delta
Robert A. Roberts - Pi Kappa Alpha/Alpha Omicron Pi

DUCHESS CANDIDATES

Allyson Lumpkin - Student Government Association
Courtney Glenn - Alpha Delta Pi/Kappa Alpha Psi
Jasmine Pollard - Residence Hall Association
Lindsay Culpepper - GSU College Republicans
Sarah Hill - Alpha Omicron Pi/Pi Kappa Alpha
Sarah Michaud - American Marketing Association
Lauren Hagan - Zeta Tau Alpha
Shrioni Hunnell - Kappa Kappa Gamma/Sigma Alpha Epsilon

VOTE ON WINGS NOV. 1-3
Get up and get voting

Where did all these people yelling at pedestrians and raving about ballots suddenly come from? That’s right, it’s that time of year for students pick their representative for this year’s university royalty. This is the time where kings, queens, dukes and duchesses are selected to wave their hand in a humble manner as they are honored to compete for the title which will be etched into the history of Georgia Southern.

Representation is a symbol, it bears greater importance than most things that are written out in black and white. This means that GSU will have to wage a war, a civil war, to batte it out until there is only one. One which will stand as your king or your queen and will radiate the things that you feel are important. They will represent the students.

Whether the students choose the popular guy with the GSU look or the girl who at doesn’t leave a game with her voice, let it be known that the one that will be entitled a part of the royal court will be the choice of the people as that special symbol of GSU.

Listen to each candidate, understand what each considers important, and decide carefully. Bring someone into GSU royalty who will take it seriously and make us proud. Someone who will be intune with the student body and can represent to the fullest. The ballots are open and the time is disappearing. Your voice is the only thing necessary to make sure that the absolute best wins. Apathy will be the silence of voices, and the death of excellence.

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World Series worth watching

We needed this year’s World Series. With the Giants on the cusp of their first world series since moving to San Francisco and the Texas Rangers fighting to stay alive in uncharted waters, baseball provided a World Series worth watching that excluded the power houses.

Everyone got to watch two scrappy teams take down the titans of the game. Both the Phillies and the Yankees found themselves at home this year, and in their place were the Giants and the Rangers, two teams with long histories and no titles.

One of the things that make baseball great is the stories. Tiny bits of subtext adding to the game, players building onto the tradition of the great American pastime. Whether it be the infamous shot heard round the world or, to put it in more relevant phrases, “Fear the Beard,” the diamond offered fans a series that could rival most Fantasy back stories.

It is a fan’s World Series. This year, baseball dealt a new pack of cards and introduced a world series without the Yankees, without Boston, without Philly, and instead introduced the nation to new faces, names, and franchises that can often be forgotten.

Watching “The Freak” be overshadowed by supporting cast members such as Cody Ross, makes the Giants that much better, and also explains the three games to one lead they have on the Rangers.

However, following the come back story that is Josh Hamilton and seeing it unfold alongside the birth of Georgian Buster Posey’s Rookie of the Year performance is like being eight years old again with my older brother teaching me who each of the players in his UpperDeck collection is and why they are awesome.

Sitting in amazement while Cliff Lee and Tim Lincecum, the heads of their respective gun slingers, pitch to near perfection game after game as location becomes a game of inches rather than mistakes and makes the post-season—and in reality the whole season—a pitchers game.

While these two clubs may not have the prestige that the Yankees have earned or the fan base that the Red Sox’s round up every year, they are writing a world series for the ages.

I don’t want San Francisco to win in game five or six, not that I want them to lose. But for the first time in a long time, I don’t want the World Series to be over. Now, that may sound like I don’t like baseball, but nothing could be further from the truth. Simply put, I am watching the Giants v. Rangers matchup the only way baseball can be watched—with excitement and anticipation.

We get to watch a game that doesn’t have a tinge of steroids or a smell a presentation of pomposity. We do get to watch, are two teams each fighting, essentially, for their first world series titles. In other words, we all get to watch players who care, who want to win and who play the game the way it should be played.

When baseball season ends, whether it is in game 5, 6 or 7, all and other baseball fans will be left satisfied. As Martha Stewart would say, “It’s a good thing.”
Enough with the politics, time for action

John DiPietro  

You may think you’re trying to say that the system is broken, but the people in power don’t care about that. If it is broken, it works in their favor. If it works fine, why fix it?

Rather than sit it out, find a candidate you do believe in and cast a vote for them. If enough people vote for a third-party, it’ll shake things up, even if the candidate doesn’t win.

Change requires more than a choice; it requires action.

This isn’t a partisan issue. If it was, I’d be discouraging voting efforts, since in this state the inertia works in favor of the Republicans. But I’m not discouraging anyone.

Everyone should be out there voting, if you haven’t cast one already and you’re eligible – no voter fraud, please and thank you.

There have been enough reminders recently that the election is here – one night, an entire commercial block was devoted to nothing but campaign ads. It’s like a fire alarm – it annoys us, but we can’t ignore it.

I’m not telling you who to vote for — I made one and only one endorsement for a person this time around. I’m telling you to vote for someone that you believe in. Even if they don’t win, you won’t be to blame for it. And if they do take the seat in question, you’ve had a hand in that victory.

For those who have voted already, I promise I’ll have new insights starting Thursday, no matter who wins.

I realize for you, I’m preaching to the choir. But not everyone is a regular attendee at the voting booth, and it’s more important than anything that they speak up through the ballot.

It’s the most important political statement you can make. Make like a Nike ad and just do it.

I would like to think that we of The George-Anne have some of the most loyal and forgiving readers in all of Georgia.

Throughout my experiences as a writer, I have been through many ups and downs. I have grown slowly, becoming more and more confident with myself as well as my community. And I would like to attribute this personal growth to my readers.

If it hadn’t been for some of my peers coming up to me and telling me that they enjoyed my last article, I would never have grown such an appreciation for my readers and my own work. Now every time that I write, it is for my readers and the new readers.

But not every experience with a reader has been all rainbows, sunshine and a pot of gold. Probably the most rewarding and valuable thing that I have gotten from my audience has been their criticism.

You have pushed me, you have demanded excellence in my wit, my delivery and my overall performance. So all of you out there from the one’s who just turned 21, the scrappy soccer guy, the philosophical minds and even the Lakeside employees, I appreciate you and I will continue satisfying all your editorial article needs.

There are several writers out there who don’t show just how much the people that take the time out of their time to read the column really help them and give them the fuel to their inspirations and opinions. But I am here to say that it gives life to my works, they are taken from my mind to the paper and later will be read with fresh eyes time and time again.

So to my diverse and growing followers that have supported me through my transition from a new face on the seen to a paper favorite, I would like to say thank you. Your support has made my experiences that much more special. You have given both me and my work’s life.
Doo Dah Step Show tomorrow

Karyll DENNIS
guest writer

Homecoming is in full effect this week as the football team prepares to score a victory this Saturday against Appalachian State.

As in past years, this Homecoming season is sure to be action-packed with festivities and programs organized by Georgia Southern's Traditions Council.

One of the week's events is the Doo Dah Step Show, a dance and step competition showcasing student dance organizations, fraternities and sororities.

As a member of Dyverzion Dance Team, sophomore Alysia Jackson said she knows first-hand about these rigorous practices.

"Although I won't be performing, I know the other members have been preparing for this show since September with practices nearly every day, often lasting well into the night," she said. "They want to give an unforgettable performance."

Teams will be judged based on several criteria including precision, visual presentation and creativity.

Ensuring the show runs smoothly are hosts Alexa Turpin — Ms. GSU — and Jeremy Hill — Mr. GSU. Emcee of the night will be Carter Walton, assistant director for the Office of Student Activities.

In addition to the dance and step competitions, there will be musical performances by well-known singers, Chris Youngblood and Lajon Caldwell.

Sophomore Tempest Camp recalls her experience as an audience member.

Camp said, "When the candidates are on stage, you can feel the energy in the room building. This is what gets me pumped for homecoming."

Leah Justin, president of Traditions Council and Coordinator of the Doo Dah Step Show said, "With all of the student organization acts and the special performances, the show will be non-stop entertainment and a great event for all of the Georgia Southern campus to attend."

This year the Doo Dah Step Show is being held at Hanner Fieldhouse on Wednesday. Tickets will be on sale for $5 and can be pre-purchased or bought at the door.
Iron Eagle Challenge held over weekend

Students participated in the Iron Eagle Competition this past Friday. Winners for the competition are as follows: Joseph Sauters and Joseph Richarson (left top) from the Average Joe's took first in the men's. Griffin and Jenny Dickson (left middle) from Team Panache won in the women's and Ashley Stovall and Taylor Lewis (left bottom) of the Hebrews 12:1 win in the Co-Rec area. The costume contest prize went to Stephen Warnier and Stephen Mayfield of the Real Urks (right top).
Southern Sprint for Wellness

This past weekend was a huge weekend for CRI! Both the Iron Eagle Challenge and Southern Sprint for Wellness 5K were held. For more photos, please visit the CRI Facebook page. Search: Campus Recreation and Intramurals.

Race Winner: Dan Ryan (Time 16:50)
Southern Sprint for Wellness Winners:

Males:
- Overall Male Winner: Dan Ryan
- Student Winner: Dan Ryan

Females:
- Overall Female Winner: Ale Kennedy (20:11)
- Student Winner: Megan McCarthy (22:50)

This Week at CRI

**Monday, Nov. 1:**
- Intro To Climbing Clinic, 8-10 p.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 2:**
- Registration Closes: Sports Trivia

**Wednesday, November 3:**
- $10 off massage

**Sunday, Nov. 7:**
- Sunday Funday Pool Games, 6-9 p.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 9**
- Registration Closes:
  - Fall Classic Basketball
Students entered the RAC on Wednesday, October 27 in attempt to make their first big step towards their career. With more than 55 companies and 700 students, the fair was full and busy.

Many students were satisfied with the results of the fair and felt that opportunities may have come their way.

Madison Stanford, Pre-Business Sophomore said that the fair was "successful and everyone was helpful."

Stanford recommended to other students to be outgoing and to make the first move when approaching the employer. While he thought everything went smoothly, he did wish that there were more opportunities for underclassmen such as freshman and sophomores. He suggested having more internship employers for next year.

Kendra Young, Finance Senior, agreed with Stanford. She said she enjoyed the fair and "researching the companies before hand really helped."

Young suggests that future fair participants always dress appropriately and introduce themselves to the employer.

While Stanford and Young were satisfied with the fair, two other students said the event could be improved.

"Most companies have designing sections but they are not here to recruit, so we have to go online," says Alessandra Oviatt, Graphic Design.

Oviatt and Brittany Linares, Graphic Design Senior, suggested to have more variety in future fairs. They believe it would bring more people to the expo.

Although they thought there could be improvement, they did learn something from attending. They learned to maintain good eye-contact and give the employer something to relate to you. Oviatt and Linares also said that students should not wear super short skirts, mumble or pop their knuckles.

A Target representative also gave advice to students.

"Be extremely personable [and] make an impression in the [first] 10 to 15 seconds that you have," says the Target representative.

Also, she advises that students not worry about knowing the answers to everything.

"Many times it is not just about giving the perfect answer, but about how you are giving those answers," says Target.

She recommends paying attention to grammar, annunciation, and which words the student chooses to use.

Students will have additional opportunities to network with employers and search for jobs at the spring Career Fairs held on several days during the month of February 2011.

Written by Amy Dietrich, PR Intern Office of Career Services
Graduate school admission tips

Here are some tips to keep in mind when applying to graduate school:

- Consider applying to several grad schools - your preferred choice plus two or three more. This will improve your chances of getting accepted to at least one college.

- Request application and financial aid forms as soon as possible. It doesn't hurt to have these forms sooner than later so that you know what will be required.

- Visit campuses to see the buildings, classrooms, residences, library and sport facilities. Attend college fairs to talk to the representatives of that school. Make sure the college culture fits you.

- Start preparing your applications package early. Completing application forms, writing personal essays, securing recommenders and obtaining transcripts is time consuming.

- Be aware of academic requirements - depending on the program and school, a specific degree, grade point average and standardized test score may be required.

- Grades. Grades. Grades. The tougher your courses and the better your grades, the more options you'll have for applying to grad school.

- Submit applications, supporting documents and application fees well before the deadline. Most schools will not evaluate an application until all documents and fees have been received.

- Fill in all forms completely. Check for accuracy and clarity. Have someone else check your application for accuracy and clarity.

- Organize your financial records, scholarship submissions and student loan applications.

- Keep a record of all applications for each college, and copies of all relevant forms and documents.

- Applicants from outside the US should start even earlier and be aware of the additional documents you need to submit such as financial documents, health certificates and Visas.

To assist you with researching graduate school options and learning more about the admissions process, Career Services is hosting the Graduate School Fair on Wednesday, November 10, 9am-1pm in the Russell Union Ballroom.

Representatives from Georgia Southern as well as law schools, medical schools, and other universities will be present to answer student questions.

Please log in to your Eagle Career Net/NACElink account found at www.georgiasouthern.edu/career to view a complete listing of schools attending. You may contact Career Services at 912-478-5197 for any questions you may have.

To view the detailed job description above, to sign up for companies interview on-campus, or to search and apply for other internships, co-ops or full-time positions please log into the Eagle Career Net/NACElink system found at www.georgiasouthern.edu/career.

If you have any questions or need assistance with Eagle Career Net/NACElink, please contact Career Services at 912-478-5197.
**Saturday, October 30**

Southern Sprint 5K * RAC Pavilion * 8 a.m.
Whoa!! Y'all better git up to the Southern Sprint 5K Run for the Ring. The GSU male and female students who hustle to the finish line first win FREE class rings!

Eagle Football vs. Samford * Paulson * 2 p.m.
Come on and saddle up for the game.

Volleyball Student Appreciation Night
Hanner * 7 p.m.
Skedaddle on down to the volleyball appreciation night and see the Eagles kick up a row against Wofford.

**Sunday, October 31**

Free Mini-Golf * Hackers * 7 p.m.
Jump on yer steed and ride on down to free mini-golf sponsored by Eagle Entertainment.

**Monday, November 1**

Paint the Campus * 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Get the cowboys together to see the windows lookin' right as rain with paint in a western theme.

GSU Idol * R.U. Ballroom * 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Come on down for the GSU Idol shindig and watch everyone sing their little hearts out!

**Tuesday, November 2**

Sculpt It for the Hungry * R.U. Rotunda * 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Go get you some canned food and bring it down yonder and make a party sculpture. Food will be given to the State-born Food Bank.

Saloon Night * R.U. Ballroom * 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Get on down to saloon night and play a round of Texas Hold 'em with some tasty wings.

**Wednesday, November 3**

Blood Drive * R.U. Ballroom * 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Pony up and come on down to donate some blood.

Doo-Dah/Step Show * Hanner * 7 p.m.
Ride like the wind on your trusty steed on over to the Doo-Dah/Step show to see some of the best moves this side of the Mason-Dixon Line.

**Thursday, November 4**

Showdown at the R.U. Rotunda * 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Hitch up your tailgate to see who has the most spirited space and the truest and bluest cowboy or cowgirl for the "Big Fan on Campus" competition.

Eagle Rally * R.U. Rotunda * 7 p.m.
Get on out to the Rotunda for a rip roarin' time with the Eagle Nation, Cheerleaders, GUS, and Southern Pride. Announcement of Duke and Duchess.

**Friday, November 5**

Parade and Homecoming Celebration * 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
There will be a funfago of a time with the cowboys, walkin'iyanners, floats, and krazy cars at the Homecoming Parade that will end at Sweetheart Circle where you can really back down at the showdown Homecoming Celebration.

Outdoor Movie * Sweetheart Circle * 7:15 p.m.
Stick around for a good time with an outdoor picture show (Despicable Me). Don't forget a blanket!

**Saturday, November 6**

Eagle Football vs. App. State * Paulson 2 p.m.
Crowning of King and Queen
Pull up your True Blue boot-straps and get on over to the Blue Out game. As our bank roll Eagles pull a quick start on the Mounties. At halftime find out who will be crowned y'all Homecoming King and Queen.
Planning for a new union
TALON leaders measure student interest in new student union

Colleen McNALLY
staff writer

Back in September, a professional committee and student leaders from various organizations on campus attended the Taking Action to Lead Organizations through Networking Retreat, where the idea for a new student union was hatched.

Since the retreat, the TALON group held one meeting. “Right now we’re in the organization process, so there is little being done that people will actually see, but this is a very important step to insure everything gets done right the first time,” said Marcus Walker, a sophomore honors student and president of club baseball.

The meeting with Gene Sherry, director of Campus Recreation and Intramurals, is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Russell Union.

If the TALON committee follows Gene Sherry’s model with collecting money for the project, students will be paying themselves because the state does not fund non academic buildings.

Era Roberts, graduate assistant for the Dean of Students, has been coordinating the communication between the TALON members. “We have briefly discussed it in Senate and think that if there is going to be any new union that it is our job to make sure it’s what the majority wants and to help build momentum of support so the administration see it is what is wanted.”

“I believe if students rally together and show how badly they want something then the administration will listen,” said Christina Belge, a sophomore public relations major and College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Senator for SGA.

However, Belge said that personally, she does not think a new union should be the school’s top priority. “The people at the retreat are just a small percentage of students who primarily use the union a lot, and I see why they would want one,” she said.

“Honestly, there are so many other buildings that need to be taken into consideration. The Forest Drive building, for one, is infested with ants and is humid and moldy and was only supposed to be temporary. “However, the money that would be funded to the union is totally separate than funding for academic buildings such as Forest Drive,” said Belge. “So it is questionable at least if a student mandate for a new Forest Drive building would be effective in getting funding for it.”
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Storytellers, crossdressers, culture, oh my!

Japanese storyteller Kuniko Yamamoto performed her origami tales last Thursday in the Russell Union Theater. With the use of origami and music, the performer told her story of Japanese history, culture and traditions.

Georgia Southern students performed "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" at the RAC Bandshell and in the Russell Union Ballroom. A special performance by Leer followed the show.

Blue Out Eagle Rally
Thursday, November 4
Russell Union Rotunda 7 p.m.

Wear your Georgia Southern blue and give your Eagles some love as they head into the Blue Out game versus Appalachian State.

Casino And Wings Saloon
Tuesday, November 3
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Russell Union Ballroom

http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/homecoming
Quick Hits

▲ This Saturday is Georgia Southern's Homecoming game against Appalachian State. The game will begin at 2 p.m. at Paulson Stadium.

▲ Hannah Nelson and Lauren Claybaugh finished Saturday night's volleyball match with seven kills, and Sarah Gildersleeve accumulated five block assists. It all came together to sweep Wofford 3-0 (25-20, 25-21, 25-21). The Eagles have won their last eight games.

▲ Six alumni Eagle athletes and one coach belong to Georgia Southern’s hall of fame as of Friday. Tara Chaisson (soccer), Pat Douglas (football), Greg Hill (football), Stacey Scheible (swimming), Jeff Shireman (baseball), and Britta Wilms (tennis) are the newest athlete inductees and Paul Johnson (football) is the newest coach inductee.

▲ Eagle basketball will be playing an exhibition game this Friday following the volleyball match at Hanner. The Eagles will be playing The Citadel, and the game will start at approximately 8:30 p.m.

▲ William Maxwell has been voted “Lineman of the Week.” GSU fans decided Georgia 811 winner; Maxwell received 48.4 percent of the vote.

Playoffs difficult, yet not out of reach

Latrice WILLIAMS
sports editor

The matchup between the Bulldogs and the Eagles was not just a battle between Southern Conference foes.

For Georgia Southern, it was a game that would determine whether or not the team could keep its playoff hopes alive. It will be interesting to see how the Eagles perform against Appalachian State with playoff hopes seemingly out of reach. With a 4-4 record, the likelihood of the team finishing 7-4 is not realistic, but anything is possible.

“There is no way up but up, so we got to keep playing. We have another week to play and that’s a good thing. We have a challenge in front of us, but we’ll be at home and excited to play in front of our own crowd,” said quarterback Jaybo Shaw.

The Eagles are going to need more than just luck to win and qualify for a shot at the playoffs. It would all begin with App. State and Wofford. If the Eagles can find a way to defeat the Mountaineers this Saturday that would be a good start, but the Terriers would have to take a tremendous downfall by losing their last three games of the season, giving them a 7-4 record — tying GSU’s record if it wins the rest of the season. A win over App. State would surely give GSU an advantage over the Terriers, due to App. State’s number-one-in-the-nation ranking.

If the Eagles were to take the title as SoCon champs, they would receive an automatic playoff bid. GSU would most likely face off against a top seed, and this is where things get a little intimidating.

Teams such as William and Mary and Jacksonville State University, who are sitting comfortably in the FCS Polls, are two programs that could be a potential match up if the Eagles manage to tip toe into the post season.

JSU began its season with arguably the biggest college upset of the year; a 49-48 OT win over the University of Mississippi. With a current record of 8-0, they are not the ideal team for GSU to face and have a chance at moving into the second round.

WM gave up a double-digit lead over the Tar Heels, but with only two losses, they would still be a serious threat for GSU.

The road to the championship game will be a long one with some major speed bumps along the way. With the championship game being held in Chattanooga — considered a neutral site — it is pretty safe to say Eagle fans would find any means of transportation to witness what would truly be an epic season.