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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS

## Baker protest sign raises eyebrows

By Ally Rakoczy  
Staff Writer

Many students were in an uproar after signs reading "Bring Back the Triple Option" and "Fire Sam Baker" were confiscated from students at the Homecoming game on Saturday. Georgia Southern fan sites blew up with accusations of first amendment violations, censorship and pokes at Sam Baker, GSU's athletic director.

Walt Austin, a history graduate student at GSU, witnessed the situation.

"[The students] came up right where I was under the Section K sign. Not too long after that, Sam Baker went over and talked to them really briefly, maybe two, two and a half minutes," said Austin.

However, according to Baker, it was all a big misunderstanding.

"It was a miscommunication is what it was," said Baker. "The young men were holding a sign and I went over and gave them my business card and said 'Call me.'"

Anytime somebody is upset with our program I like to sit down and talk to them...I didn't realize that it kind of turned into the perfect storm," said Baker.

According to Austin, shortly after the students' encounter with Baker, university police walked over and confiscated the signage.

"We asked [the police] why they took the signs, and they said they were told to take them over the radio," said Austin. "When we asked them why, they told us they couldn't tell us who told them to take them down or why."

"This was definitely one of the lowest experiences in my Georgia Southern career," he said.

Soon after the signs were taken, there was an announcement over the PA system declaring that people with signs could either put them away or be escorted out.

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Keith Warburg/Photo Illustration

## Stepping Up Student Voting

Officials work to get students as involved in SGA elections as Homecoming

By Rachel E. Cason • Staff writer

**V**oting for Homecoming began on Monday, Nov. 9 and ended the following Wednesday. Beth Freeman, with the office of student activities, said that by the end of the first night, 2,600 votes had been cast. The next night, the number of cast votes took a cut to 1,715. On the last day for voting the number tapered off to just 1,534 votes.

The total number of votes for student government as of the election's conclusion in April 2009 was 1,738 votes, roughly 10 percent of the student population at the time. Justin Little, vice president for academic affairs with the Student Government Association, said that the reason he thinks that more than three times as many people vote for Homecoming as do for student government is that, "students aren't aware of SGA elections or involvement...[because] there hasn't been a large campaign to attract students."

Josh Martin, the new SGA publicity coordinator, said, "They [Homecoming and SGA elections] are two completely different things. Everyone is interested in Homecoming and everyone knows what it is."

Martin said that this year, he is

undertaking the much-needed job of raising awareness about what SGA is and what it does.

He said that he plans to focus his efforts at social networking site involvement. He plans to put SGA on popular sites such as Facebook and Twitter, hopefully to help students see where SGA is involved on campus because, he said, these sites are "where students seem to be."

He also said that he has been attending meetings for the various branches of the SGA, and one of the things he has seen that students seem to want is something like the town hall meetings starting next semester that would give students a place to air grievances with the people who would be able to affect the required changes.

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In 2009, spring SGA elections drew approximately 1,738 votes. Last week, 5,849 students cast their votes for Homecoming.



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Read a roundup of Homecoming competition results.

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### Three-Day Forecast



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# New campus recycling program to begin in 2010

By Kelsey Sorrell  
Staff writer

Georgia Southern plans to begin a new Recycling Awareness Program, also known as RAP, in the year 2010.

The purpose of the new program is for student volunteers to go out into the university community and teach students and professors the importance of recycling. The volunteers will educate the community on GSU's recycling services and tell them what to recycle, as well as how to recycle.

Monique Dipple, the environmental sustainability manager for the Department of Environmental Safety, decided to start this new program.

"Basically, RAP is designed to improve the recycling program at GSU. We want to educate the new students, professors and staff in the various services we have to

offer. Each student is partnered up with someone after attending a brief training program, and they receive a spreadsheet telling them what their specific jobs are. Also, the students receive credit hours through the Office of Student Leadership," she said.

"This new program gives students the opportunity to learn, allows them to interact with the campus community, helps to improve recycling and the environment and it's a great way to make new friends," she said. "It's just a great way to give students a way to give back to the university at no cost."

Senior Jamie Randolph and sophomore Crystal Hardy are two members of the Green Team on campus.

"Randolph did a great job working with us," Dipple said. "She gave tours to locate new bins on campus and has been very helpful in many sustainable areas. She is graduating in December, and I will be sad to see her go, but she has been working with Crystal in order to make an easier transition. Crystal is our new intern, and she likes recycling and really wants to improve it. This is a great program for her to work with."

GSU currently has more than 700 recycle bins inside the buildings on campus along with three full-time recycling employees. The products that can be recycled on campus include paper, plastic #1, aluminum cans,

ink cartridges, cell phones, cooking oil, motor oil and batteries. Each staff member of GSU can also place a work order requesting an Eagle Box. Eagle Boxes hold any product that can be recycled and easily fits under a desk next to a trash can, according to Dipple.

"Many people don't know these things exist on campus," she said. "So that's why the point of this new program is to teach the campus community that these things do exist, and we need to teach them how to use it."

Junior Ben McKeeman, a geography major, thinks that this new program will help make students more aware.

"I think it's a good idea, especially now that they have recycling rooms in Centennial," he said. "However, they should have made it available to all the dorms sooner, there were none in Eagle Village my freshman year."

America Recycles Day, a national event that occurs annually on Nov. 15, took place on Sunday this year. This year was its 12th year as a recognized national recycling day.

Dipple ran a booth in the Russell Union starting on Wednesday of last week and is continuing through Wednesday of this week.

At the booth, students can learn facts on the environment and how much of the planet that can be saved

by recycling, reserving water and saving energy. All students also have the chance to learn how to sign up in order to get involved with green activities.

"The main point of having the booth this week is to teach students sustainability. If everyone just watches they way they use their resources, meaning turning off water when they brush their teeth, taking care of leaky faucets and toilets, saving electricity, using reusable bags instead of plastic ones and walking to class, then it eventually becomes a lifestyle and, therefore, makes it sustainable," she said.

Dipple plans to host a torch passing ceremony on Wednesday morning prior to taking down the stand for America Recycles Day in which Randolph will pass the torch to Hardy. The ceremony will signal the end of Randolph's internship and the beginning of Hardy's as the green team continues to spread the word of recycling.

"I just hope this new program in 2010 will educate the campus community on the importance of recycling and how much can be saved," Dipple said. "As my motto goes, 'Green it! Mean it! Do it!'"

For more information, visit the America Recycles Day booth in the Russell Union either today or tomorrow to receive more facts on recycling and to learn how to get involved with the Green Team on campus.

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## Organizations shine during week of celebration

### ■ Banner Winners

1st Video Gamers Alliance; 2nd Southern Ambassadors; 3rd United Student Honors Association

### ■ Paint the Campus Winners

1st Residence Hall Association; 2nd Pi Kappa Alpha and Zeta Tau Alpha; 3rd Alpha Omicron Pi and Sigma Nu

### ■ Freak Show Winners

1st Pi Kappa Alpha and Zeta Tau Alpha; 2nd Theater South; 3rd Alpha Delta Pi

### ■ Sculpt It Winners

1st Residence Hall Association

### ■ Doo-Dah Step Show Winners

1st Euphoria; 2nd Pi Kappa Alpha and Zeta Tau Alpha

# Homecoming Spotlight



Rob Eakins/STAFF

The float created by the First Baptist Christian Ministry is pulled by two clowns around Sweetheart Circle last Friday during the Homecoming Parade.

Left: Students Brooke Boatright and Dominique Cunningham pose on the field after being named Homecoming King and Queen.

### ■ Tailgating Winners

1st Kappa Delta Kappa Sigma; 2nd Phi Mu and Kappa Pi Alpha; 3rd Student Media

### ■ Biggest Fan Winners

1st Baptist Collegiate Ministry; 2nd Pi Kappa Alpha and Zeta Tau Alpha; 3rd Sigma Nu and Alpha

### ■ Parade Winners

Walking Banner Winners: 1st Circle K; 2nd Video Gamers Alliance; 3rd Southern Anachronists

### ■ Krazy Car Winners

1st Baptist Christian Ministry; 2nd Independent Arts Movement and Swing Cats; 3rd Video Gamers Alliance

### ■ Float Winners

1st Baptist Christian Ministry; 2nd Sage; 3rd KKG and DTD

### ■ Spirit Winners

Overall-Kappa Delta Kappa Sigma; Greek-Pi Kappa Alpha and Zeta Tau Alpha; Non-Greek-Student Government Association; Legacy-Kappa Delta Kappa Sigma; Departmental-Campus Recreation and Intramurals

### ■ Homecoming Court Winners

**Freshmen:** Duke Robert Roberts; Duchess Kinsley Mallard

**Sophomore:** Duke Mason Turk; Duchess Kathryn Lanier

**Junior:** Duke Garrett Venable; Duchess Lauren Holley

■ Homecoming King Dominique Cunningham

■ Homecoming Queen Brooke Boatright

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The George-Anne  
Tuesday, November 17, 2009

## Our View: Why value homecoming court more than SGA?

In the Homecoming elections this past week, 5,849 students total voted for the Georgia Southern Homecoming king and queen. This is over three times the number of students (1,738) who cast their votes for the past year's Student Government Association elections.

With numbers like these, we have to ask: Why? With so many students and student organizations on campus, why is it that students feel that voting for king and queen is so much more important than voting for SGA?

The executive board and the senators on SGA are the student representatives of this campus. These are the people who vote on where money for student organizations go, so if student organizations need funding for projects, SGA is there to delegate out that funding.

The SGA also acts as the only student voice during certain critical campus decisions. For example, past SGA President Brandon Cook was the only student representative on the search committee during the past presidential search held by GSU.

SGA is the representation of the student body. They are one of the first places that staff and faculty members go to for issues involving students.

What is it that the Homecoming king and queen do for the students that makes voting for them so much more important than the student voice?

Granted, these two individuals do have a lot to be proud of for being selected, and we extend our congratulations to Dominique Cunningham and Brooke Boatright.

However, students need to start looking at what is important to this campus. Students should match the number of votes cast towards Homecoming to those of the SGA elections.

With over 19,000 students on campus, there should be more voting going on. Ask yourself, which vote counts more? Who carries your voice to the administration of GSU?

Take pride in your campus. Vote for the SGA representatives and Homecoming. Make your voice heard on this campus. It's more important than people seem to think it is.

## Letter to the Editor

### What's worse, conservatives in power or out?

After the 2008 election, the Republican Party was so badly damaged by the previous administration that everybody wanted to know how it would recover. Well a year later, the answer seems to be the more paranoid we can make people, the more they're likely they'll give us their vote. Media figures like Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck and Sarah Palin are the new leaders of conservatives.

People like Beck vehemently oppose health care reform, mainly because it will add to our nation's deficit. But there's a double standard to this: why aren't these same people opposing the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; does that not add to the deficit? Why, all of a sudden, we can't spend money to help sick people suffering with cancer, but if that money is going towards killing people then it's not a problem?

For every 1,000 troops we send, it costs us \$1 billion. With all the money we've spent on these wars, we could have bought every American health insurance.

In 2005, when Bush proposed the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, the Republicans voted

in favor of it. This plan cost somewhere between \$720 billion and \$1.2 trillion. Where was the Tea Party express then? Where were John Boehner and the rest of the GOP out on the steps of the Capitol chanting "kill the bill"? Issues like health care reform are crucial to the wellbeing of Americans, but it seems as though the GOP is more worried about not letting Obama succeed than the 45,000 Americans that die each year because they can't get health care.

The strategy of the Republicans who are in office is to block and vote no to any changes proposed by Obama; changes that an overwhelming majority of Americans voted for. The game plan is to pout with arms folded and turn their back to progress. Then when the mid term elections get here they can point out all the things that Obama didn't do with healthcare and the economy and hope that gets them more votes.

-Kevin Maloney  
Sophomore, Political Science

## Giving thanks this upcoming week



**James Kicklighter** is a senior public relations major from Claxton, Ga. He is a staff columnist for The George-Anne.

The past few weeks have been pretty hectic. Since Halloween, not one day has passed that I haven't worked at least an 18-hour day.

When it becomes a non-stop battery of work, things seem to slur together and pretty soon, it's hard to appreciate everything that is going right in your life. So

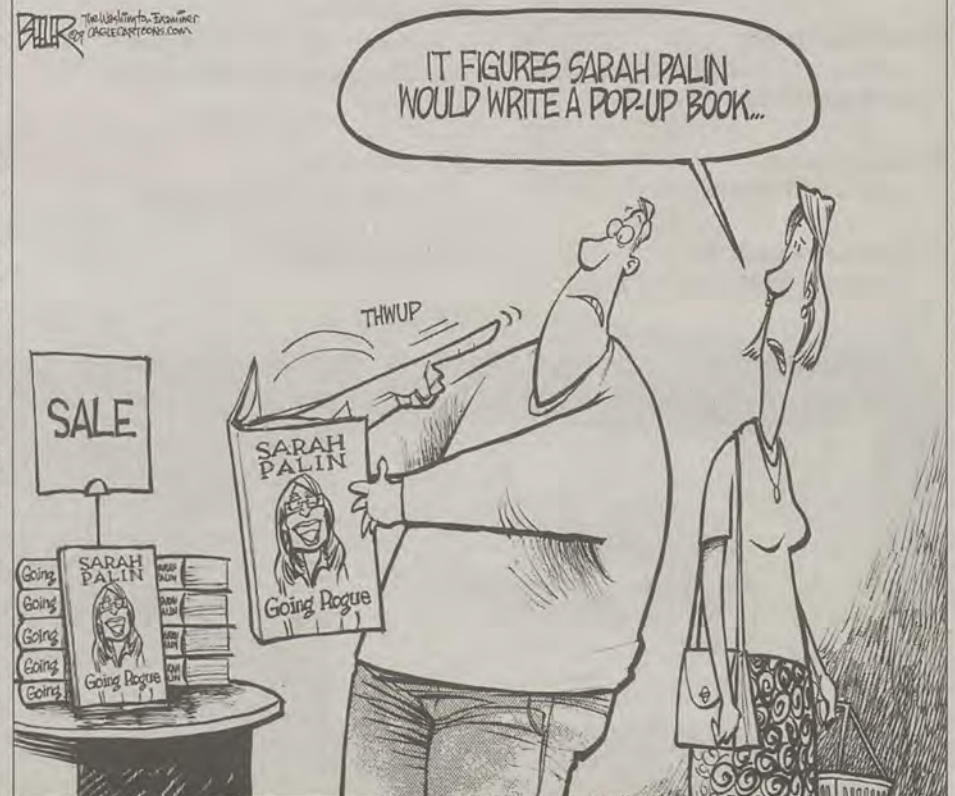
today, when I was thinking about the upcoming Thanksgiving break, the first thing that comes to mind is rest. All of my big, semester-long projects

will be turned in, and most things going on outside of school will be taking a holiday reprieve. While this will not be the case for everyone, it will be a nice break between classes and finals.

Undeniably, we live in difficult times. It's hard to be thankful when we can't find a job or pay for that bill a check was supposed to pay.

Though I can't speak for you, I've got some of the best friends, professors and co-workers that anyone could ask for. The things that I used to enjoy when times were better may have gone away, but the people haven't changed.

There is a distinct privilege in knowing that no matter how crazy things get, in the things I can and cannot control, there is a great circle of people who always make it better. That's something I can believe in.



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# International Week kicks off with feast at Landrum on Monday

## Diners World Tour will continue with the Holiday Dinner on Thursday from 5-8 p.m.

By Derek Joyce  
Staff Writer

To kick off International Week, an international food selection was served on Monday from 11-2:30 p.m. at Seasons in Landrum. The menu featured a wide variety of foods from around the world including Jamaica, Asia and Africa.

Seasons is a popular buffet-style establishment that keeps a rotating menu with several themes and specials.

"The month of November is our busiest special month of the year," said Bob Miller, the general manager for Landrum.

Specials for November included the French cuisine lunch, the International lunch and the upcoming Holiday Dinner.

"We try to keep up with the trends. Students have changing tastes," said Miller.

During a regular day, Landrum feeds between 1,500 and 2,000 students. On special days such as for the International Week and French Week specials "our attendance is up by 50 to 100 because we have a lot of faculty who like to attend those events. For the Holiday Dinner, we may serve between 250 and 300 people above and beyond our normal totals," Miller said.

The International lunch, known as A Diner's World Tour, is part of Georgia Southern's celebration of International Week, which continues for the rest of this week.

"International Week is recognized nationwide event and is known as International Education

Week," said Angie Threatte, the administrative specialist from the international studies department. The menu used to be derived from international students who would submit their recipes for Landrum's chefs to cook. In recent years, the menu has been up to the chefs.

"I usually give it a broad aspect, get every one of the proteins and every one of the regions of international cuisine," said Wes Holsey, the food operations manager for Landrum.

Reactions for this special menu were mixed depending on the diner's taste and expectations.

"I like the variety. It was different from normal, I like the meatloaf with the raisins," Taylor Brogden said.

"I do not like today's menu. I do not think

it is to Seasons' quality," said Andrew Roberts. "It's pretty good. The potatoes were surprising because they weren't good. My favorite was the teriyaki fried porkchop," said Andrew Waters, a freshman.

The next special meal for Landrum will be the Holiday Dinner on the Thursday, Nov. 19 from 5-8 p.m. The meal will feature turkey breast, pit ham, corn bread, mashed potatoes, mushroom casserole and various cakes and pies.

More specials and surprises are on the way though. "After the first of the year, we are going to restructure the Seasons menu, add some new theme nights, maybe some Cajun and an Indian night. We will add more chicken to the week including baked, not just fried," said Holsey.

## BAKER

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According to Baker, the PA announcement that was made was "ill advised" and was made by a member of his staff who was attempting to defend Baker.

"He made an ill advised announcement and did not check with game management. They would've told him not to make the announcement," said Baker.

Baker went on to add that the officers who confiscated the signs also misunderstood their superiors.

According to Baker, the senior officers stated that as long as there was no profanity on the signage and the signs weren't blocking people's view of the game, they were acceptable.

"When it got back to [Chief Russell], they said give the sign back... that's their prerogative, they can do that," said Baker.

And according to senior political science major Josh Rewis, the officers returned the signs.

"I did get my signs back. One of the security guards told me near the end of the game where the signs were at and that we could get them after the game," said Rewis.

He added that the officers were "very respectful" and that it was obvious they were "just doing what they were told."

"I do plan on calling him today and setting up a meeting so we can discuss things,"

said Rewis.

"I just wanted the young man to know. I finally saw a face with the sign, so I thought 'Hey, he can come down and talk to me,'" said Baker. "To me it shows that he has passion and he wants us to win. Hopefully I'll get a chance to sit down and talk with him."

According to Rewis, he and his fellow sign holder were unaware there was a miscommunication at the time.

"We were not aware that there was a misunderstanding. I'm not sure what happened," said Rewis. "I don't want to ruffle anyone's feathers. The signs ruffled enough feathers... and the whole situation spoke enough for itself," said Rewis.

Rewis went on to add that the reason they had the signs in the first place was simply to show what they thought many people might be feeling about the football program.

"We were just out there and we did that because a lot of fans are unhappy with the direction of the athletic department, mainly the football program," said Rewis. "We decided to take that step and it looked like most people there agreed with it."

According to David Attaway, a senior accounting major and friend of Rewis, the whole situation brought attention to the overall feelings of the fans.

"It does bring attention to the entire situation for something that has been brushed over for a while," said Attaway. "It negatively reflects upon the current staff in the way it was handled and it seems that there was a misunderstanding."

According to Attaway, Baker's reaction

to the PA announcement and the circumstances of the situation was "the first [he'd] heard [about how] the announcement was not authorized by [Baker]."

However, misunderstanding or not, Attaway said the signs pointed to a bigger problem—unhappiness with the football program.

"There needs to be an active position to see some sort of change happen within the program," said Attaway.

Baker acknowledged that GSU's football team has had a rough season.

"Coach Hatcher and his staff are working hard to build the team back up. We're playing with a lot of young players, freshmen and sophomores," said Baker.

He went on to add that the more experience the younger players get and the more time they have training their bodies for the demands of the games in the future, the better the team will perform overall.

"All of the true freshmen haven't been through a spring practice yet. They just had to go play because we needed numbers. It's just one of those things that we're going to have to work through," said Baker. "Anytime we change something it takes time. Our goal is to go out and win."

Baker added that signs are definitely allowed at the games as long as they do not contain profanity or block other people's views.

"It turned into more than it really was, and I apologize for that. I want people to come to the ball games and have a good time," said Baker.

## VOTE

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Teresa Thompson, vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, said that she thinks the reason for such a big difference in the number of votes received for SGA elections as for Homecoming representatives is, "Homecoming is the event that more students care about and take a greater interest to participate."

Thompson said, "I would say it is a challenge and something we need to continue to provide education of the importance of being involved in who will represent the needs and desires of students with the election of student government leaders. People will get involved when they are passionate about an issue, and we need to work harder to get students passionate about Student Government and, as a result of this passion, have increased voter turnout. It is important to instill this culture of engagement and civic duty with our students now so they carry this on and become good citizens of whatever community they choose to live."

Martin said that in addition to voting in the spring, there are a number of ways for students to get involved in SGA. He said that there are a number of branches with various different time commitments. Housing representatives, he said, have a much smaller time commitment, while the Executive Board has a larger one, as it handles fund requests and meets with the GSU president on a regular basis.

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
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## Spotlight on Student Leaders:

# Dominique Cunningham

By Ally Rakoczy • Staff writer

Rob Eakins/STAFF

Dominique Cunningham is currently a community leader for University Villas and the VP of Alpha Phi Alpha. He most recently won Homecoming king.

## Hard work lands Alpha Phi Alpha member homecoming honor

Dominique Cunningham, a senior business logistics major affectionately known as "Neek" to his friends, is no stranger on Georgia Southern's campus. Perhaps there is no better evidence than his recent crowning as homecoming king this past weekend. However, he didn't earn his crown overnight.

A member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated and a community leader for University Villas, Cunningham has rooted himself in campus involvement from the start.

"I've always been active in my younger years and I felt that college had a broader base and more opportunity to expand out [for involvement]," said Cunningham.

Compared to his high school experience, Cunningham says that college is more open for experiences with all the organizations, clubs and activities

that students can pursue. One of his most meaningful experiences, however, stemmed from his position as a community leader in University Villas.

"[It was] my second year as a community leader and when all my residents came back and were happy to see me, [they] told me how much they learned from me and how they appreciated me," said Cunningham. "It was really cool to know that they appreciated what I did for them their first year."

Like many leaders on campus, Cunningham learned quickly that the more involved he became, the more he had to be aware of his actions. According to Cunningham, becoming a part of Greek life and Alpha Phi Alpha taught him how to be a better role model and how to develop his leadership skills.

"[Being Greek] definitely put me in a larger fishbowl, [because] basically your actions are of

a group. If you did it then everybody did it," said Cunningham.

"It also helped me to develop stronger leadership skills and more of a go-getting attitude," he added.

According to Cunningham, it has also given him more creative freedom to program events and be a hands-on part of his organizations.

With all the programming, however, Cunningham admitted that things have been overwhelming at times, but his passion keeps him going.

"There have been times when I've just wanted to throw everything down, but it all comes down to [doing] what you love to do," said Cunningham. "Regardless of how tired I got from it, I still couldn't take myself away from it all because it's what I love to do."

Though he has encountered his fair number of challenges during his involvement, Cunningham

always seems to find a way to find the positive in the situation.

"In one of the organizations I'm involved in, I had issues with getting my ideas out," said Cunningham. "Sometimes there would be a bias or an immediate negative response to the things that I believed."

However, out of the negative, Cunningham drew a positive.

"In that sense I've learned how to sell my ideas better. That obstacle actually turned into a positive because I've been able to paint a picture for how I want to do things and have others see them that way."

Cunningham's positive outlook extends to his leadership style as well. Coining himself a "hands-on listener," he knows that getting everyone's input is important in an organization, which is one of the things that he said made him successful in his homecoming campaign.

"I'm really hands-on, but I really respond to feedback so that everyone can be a part of what we're doing," said Cunningham.

"I'm not that good of a delegator, but that's something I need to improve on. That's what I did for homecoming and throughout my experience my [delegation] skills have improved but I'm still more of a hands-on person," said Cunningham.

It is Cunningham's ability to stick to what he loves, turn negatives into positives and recognize his own limitations that makes him such an approachable role model on campus.

It seems that his approachable style is one of the reasons that homecoming was a success for Cunningham.

"It was really worth it, because it showed me how much support I had on campus across the board," said Cunningham. "[I] thank everybody who helped me out and definitely couldn't have done this without everyone's support, especially a special thanks to Karen Nowling and Phi Mu and the president of Alpha Phi Alpha."

For Cunningham, however, it's all about branching out and being the best person he can be.

"Never be afraid to meet people and talk to people, and always put your best foot forward," said Cunningham. "Because, in the end, they'll put you forward and help you get to where you need to be."

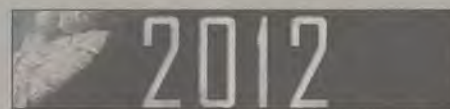
## '2012' is expensive, preposterous fun

By Ryan Babula  
Features editor

"2012" is an utterly bombastic, preposterous and over-the-top disaster epic. It takes every formula, every step and every mechanism of the genre and amps it up to 11.

Destroying monuments isn't enough for Director Roland Emmerich. Here, he destroys the entire world with pomp and circumstance and revels in the carnage he unleashes on mankind.

The film is wrought with derivative subplots and campy dialogue, but for what the film promises to



deliver, I found it to be extremely satisfying and very entertaining.

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# Students take up swords

## Fencing Club reaches out to new members, community

By Sarah Gricius  
Guest writer

The Fencing Club was established in 1962 and is a resource for members of the university community to learn and compete in the sport. Joining the club helps promote the sport throughout the southeastern states.

Since fencing tournaments are open to public, the club competes against other schools in the southeast, along with any other participants that want to attend.

In order to be ready for tournaments, fencers attend three-hour practices three times a week. Practices are at Georgia Southern's Recreational Activity Center in the combative studio two.

The most recent tournament, hosted by GSU, was the Halloween Opener on Halloween weekend. Also, the team traveled to Savannah and Bluffton to compete in another tournament last weekend.

Fencing Club Vice President Demetris McNelly said, "The matches are free to watch and we really appreciate spectators to show their support."

Coach Stuart Johnson has been fencing since 1981 and is enthusiastic for more students to try out the sport and attend practices.

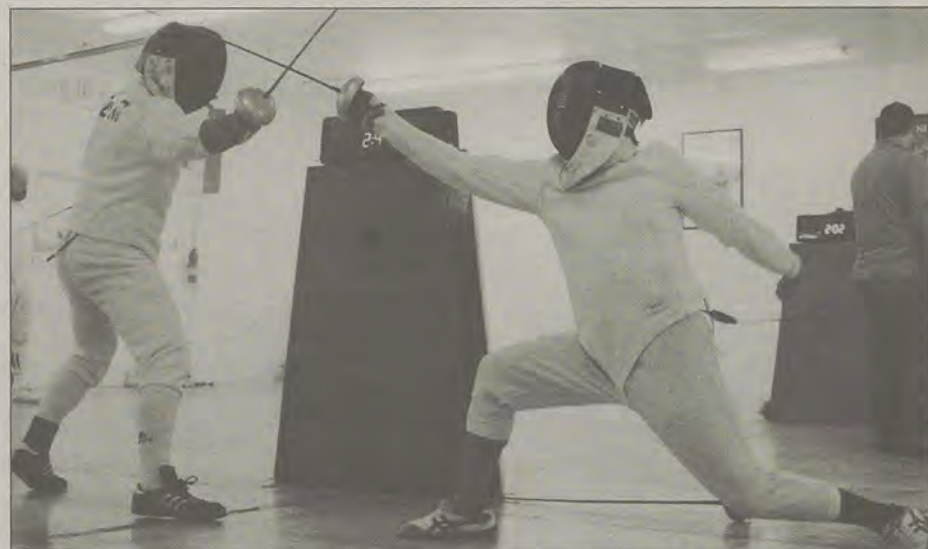
Johnson said, "My obligations as a coach are to teach people the art of fencing and grump at them when they do not show up to practice."

Additionally, there is no experience necessary to join the club, as they take members of all skill levels. Members can receive training relating to the three weapons in fencing.

The first type of sword is called foil, which targets areas in the torso. The second weapon is epee and focuses on hitting the opponents entire body from head to toe, and the third sword is the sabre, which concentrates on the torso and up.

During competition, individuals are hooked up to reels connected to the fencer by body cords, and those will connect to the weapon. A score box keeps tracks the total amount of hits each person received.

For beginners, Johnson said, "Most of the equipment will be provided for the students. But if you are



SPECIAL PHOTO

The Fencing Club fights to earn points and walk away as CRI Club Sport of the Year.

planning on staying with the sport, it is best to buy your own equipment."

Fencing is a sport for people of all ages and body types, but that doesn't mean it's easy. To win at fencing, individuals need to train both mentally and physically.

"Although the sport of fencing can be challenging on your body, especially your lower legs, it is a great stress reliever," said McNelly.

Besides competing, members of the club encourage participation in community service projects and fundraisers. Members have sold pizza on campus to raise money for their transportation fees when traveling to tournaments.

Participation on campus will allow the club to earn CRI points in order to compete for the title of CRI Club Sport of the Year.

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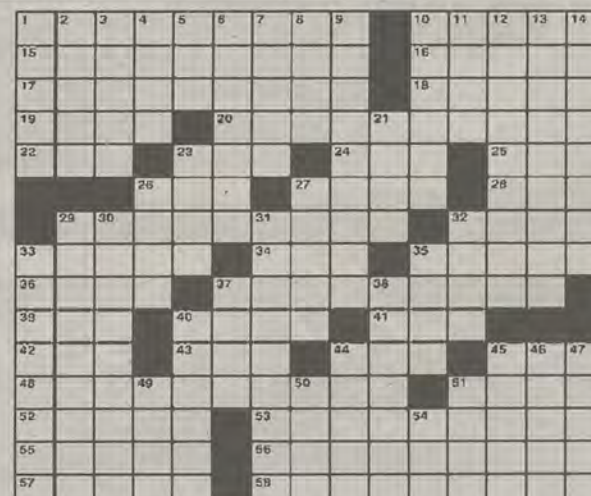
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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 1 Pretax sums, e.g.
- 10 Hero at the Battle of Cabra, 1079
- 15 Blackmailer in "David Copperfield"
- 16 Actress Tea
- 17 They reach very large audiences
- 18 Agreements
- 19 Yucatan years
- 20 Wall Street down time?
- 22 Jailbird
- 23 Trains overhead
- 24 Prof's aides
- 25 Memorable period
- 26 "Love Don't Cost a Thing" singer, familiarly
- 27 City south of Fort Worth
- 28 Former Ger. currency
- 29 Football boot that takes unexpected bounces
- 32 Newsmen Huntley
- 33 Grinch creator
- 34 Bird Down Under
- 35 Poke fun at
- 36 Fail to mention
- 37 Foliage-eating pest
- 39 Lush's sound
- 40 Chatters
- 41 Western alliance: Abbr.
- 42 Luther opponent Johann
- 43 NASDAQ debut
- 44 Shooter
- 45 Closest pal, in texting shorthand
- 48 Product sold below cost to attract customers
- 51 Jezebel's deity
- 52 Flannel shirt pattern
- 53 Booming voice quality
- 55 Carlo
- 56 "Cogito ergo sum" philosopher
- 57 Came to a close



By Brad Wilber

10/10/09

58 Shrub with fluffy grayish flower clusters

### DOWN

- 1 "Poison" plant
- 2 Seventh planeta
- 3 Plains bovine
- 4 Soviet news agency
- 5 Resistance unit
- 6 Amoebalike movie alien
- 7 Dreaded mosquito
- 8 Darth's daughter
- 9 Title gladiator played by Kirk Douglas
- 10 West Texas city
- 11 Goneril's father
- 12 Old military topper with a turned-up brim
- 13 Fit together
- 14 Repugnance
- 21 Big truck name
- 23 Yale Bowl cheerers
- 26 Equitable
- 27 Timid types
- 29 Long-sentence punctuation
- 30 Marsh hazard

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- 32 CNBC interviewees
- 33 "... on my honor"
- 35 Fed who tracks down money launderers
- 37 Rubberneck
- 38 Exuberant modern compliment
- 40 Word before Age or cage
- 44 Gypsum painting surface
- 45 African language group
- 46 Looks toward
- 47 It's pressed on the campaign trail, with "the"
- 49 Place to build
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## Volleyball sweeps top-ranked Samford in final game

By Dylan Thompson  
Guest writer

It was the final game of the season this Homecoming Saturday at Hanner Field House for the team and lone senior Cristin Haines. On the back of a wave of Homecoming pride and excitement, students packed in to watch their Eagles volleyball team one more time.

Georgia Southern delivered with an emphatic sweep of Samford to cap off the successful season right. GSU topped off the incredible season, a turn around from 10-21 last year to 21-10 this year, narrowly missing the SoCon tournament.

"This season has been a nice foundation for our program," Coach Chad Callihan said after the game.

While Haines will be missed, it's also a reason for optimism, as the Eagles will return most of this successful squad for another run next year.

Haines was honored before the game and put on a show in her final match. It was both a brilliant final stand and a reminder of how much she will be missed.

Callihan got a final glimpse of his libero making digs all over the floor, and leading the Eagles to another victory.

"She is the heart of our team. As far as what we were able to do execution-wise, she came in and was a program-changer," said Callihan. "She has the smallest feet on the team, but she is leaving the biggest shoes to fill. I'm really going to miss her. On and off the court, she has been the epitome of what a student-athlete should be."

Haines showed everyone how much she will be missed with 15 digs for the match, gluing together the defense to shut down a Samford offensive attack.

Following the pre-game festivities, the teams took to the court with the Eagles feeding off the

energy, almost immediately jumping on Samford with four quick points.

Haines and the rest of the team loved the atmosphere for their finale.

"I love the energy and the fan support. It's been great all year," commented Haines.

With the crowd fully behind them, GSU opened up a 9-point lead and never looked back. A Kirby Monson kill gave GSU the first set, 25-16.

The Bulldogs were determined to avoid the fate that so many have run into at Hanner this season and jumped out to an early 6-3 lead of their own.

The Eagles, on a mission for their senior, would put together two different 5-0 runs, one after the game was tied at 10 and another to open up a game clinching 20-11 margin. GSU limited their mistakes and took advantage of some great serving from sophomore Lauren Claybaugh.

The third game followed the same script, seeing Samford come out of the halftime break with a renewed energy and a 5-2 early lead. The Eagles re-grouped behind some stellar defense, including

a couple of crowd-pleasing digs from Haines, the lady of the night.

Clawing back to a 7-all tie, GSU began to light up the score board with a plethora of kills from all over the court. Parker Small finished points well, along with Claybaugh and Bethany Sanford.

Samford would be overwhelmed in the middle of the set and eventually succumb to a 25-19 GSU victory, allowing them to flip their win-loss record from the previous year.

These Eagles are on the rise, but there will always be time to look back and see who helped them soar.

After the game, an overwhelmed Haines was still trying to figure it all out.

"It really hasn't set in yet. Maybe tomorrow, maybe next week, I don't know," Haines said regarding this being her last game.

While she may not be sure of her feelings yet, the student body, her teammates and coaches are.

She was the libero, a leader, and a program builder that the program will view as one of the all time greats.

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# GSU basketball teams tip off seasons with victories



**Left:** GSU forward Rory Spencer follows through on a slam dunk during the Eagles' game on Friday night against Reinhardt.

"I want to thank every student and fan that came out to support us. A crowd of over 3,000 was really good for our guys because they were able to feed off of that."

Bethany Sanford  
Sophomore outside hitter



**Right:** Junior guard Logan Youngblood attempts a jump shot during the women's team game against Brewton-Parker.

**By Latrice Williams**  
Staff writer

Charlton Young opened up his head coaching debut with an astounding 108-59 victory over Reinhardt. To say that Young's entrance was welcoming would be an understatement.

Hanner Field House erupted when he stepped onto the court. Young had emphasized that he wanted to bring the heart and soul back to Hanner Field House.

Years ago, the basketball program could stand toe-to-toe with the football program. Over time, basketball began to take a lack luster feel; but now that C.Y. is back, Georgia Southern is excited to get the field house packed with Eagle fans that remind Young of his days when he used to rule the court.

"My first game here was unbelievable," said Young. "I want to thank every student and fan that came out to support us. A crowd of over 3,000 was really good for our guys because they were able to feed off of that. For about five minutes, I thought I was going to lose my mind. It felt great to be back in Hanner Field House. This crowd reminds me of what it used to be like. It was intense, and the

crowd had a lot of energy. I am ready to get this program back to where it used to be and tonight was just the start."

Guard Willie Powers opened up the series with a scramble to the basket for two points. Rory Spencer opened his stat sheet with a big dunk over two Reinhardt defenders.

"My teammates got me some good looks," said Spencer. "Whenever they saw me wide open they gave me an opportunity, so I took it."

Spencer finished the night with 16 points, eight rebounds, three blocks and one steal.

The Eagles took an early 20-point lead midway through the first half and continued to move the ball effortlessly down the court.

GSU went into the locker room with an outstanding 58-25 lead.

During the second half, complacency set in on the Eagles, which was the message Young told his team not to do during halftime.

"He told us not to get relaxed and to keep playing strong," said Cameron Baskerville.

Baskerville, a freshman, made his debut as a starter, and the experience was more than he could ask for.

"I was definitely ready to get out here and play. Coach gave me the starting position so I knew I needed to come out and perform well." Baskerville had 12 rebounds and nine points.

Reinhardt didn't stand much of a chance against GSU, as they looked and played defeated throughout the entire match-up.

Despite the large lead, the Eagles stayed in foul trouble. Young recognized that area needs improvement, even though his team won by 49 points.

"We have to pay more attention to detail," said Young. "I felt like we came out in the second half and let up a little bit. Reinhardt stepped up defensively and we have to keep playing hard no matter how many points we have."

Johntavious Rucker, a senior who sat out last season due to an injury, had a great performance with 16 points, 10 rebounds and eight steals.

Before the men took court, the GSU women's team conquered their 12th season hope opener with a 96-44 win over Brewton-Parker College.

The Eagles won the tip-off, and Brewton-Parker didn't waste any time getting into foul trouble. Jessica Geiger put two points on the boards off of

her trip to the free-throw line. Carolyn Whitney followed shortly with her first points in the paint.

The Eagles took an early 13-6 lead in the first half due to an impressive start by Whitney, who made her debut after a season ending injury last year. "It felt so good to get back out on the court," said Whitney. "I've been waiting for this moment ever since I got my injury."

Midway through the first half, Brewton-Parker slipped away, allowing the Eagles to obtain a 20 point lead.

"We wanted to come out and play a fast-paced game. The freshmen stepped up big for us and we all played really well together," said Whitney.

The Eagles began to struggle offensively as the Brewton-Parker defense stepped up big with five steals, but the Eagles still managed to walk in the locker room with a 22-point lead.

Senior J'Lisia Ogburn opened the second quarter with a lay-up over two defenders. Ogburn returns as the team's leading scorer with 9.7 points. She finished with 18 points, ten rebounds, two blocks, and four steals.

Brewton-Parker couldn't find a way to put points on the board off of GSU's turnovers.

Janay Wilson, a transfer from Savannah College of Art and Design, made her Eagle debut. Wilson won the prestigious Freshman Player of the Year Award last season at SCAD. She set SCAD's single-season steals record with 116.

Wilson joined the Eagles program after the basketball program at SCAD was discontinued.

"After the basketball team was discontinued, I was looking for a place to play," said Wilson. "Coach Cram got in contact with me and I made the transition here. It's great to see the team playing well together. We have a lot of great chemistry, considering how many newcomers we have. The freshmen played really well. It feels great to have started the season out with a win."

"Janay did an excellent job. Excellent," said head coach Rusty Cram. "She's fast and explosive and she gets the job done."

The Eagles' 96 points didn't come as a surprise to the fans. GSU beat Brewton-Parker last year 93-44, but the nearly 100-point score wasn't a goal of the team's.

"We weren't trying to get 100 points," said Whitney. "We just wanted to play our game and come out with a win."

Whitney's viewpoint of the season is optimistic, but Cram gives up his thoughts from a coach's standpoint. "You can't really read it into how you're going to do in a season. We will take it one game at a time. I like the way the kids played but we still have a long way to go."

Their next game is set for Thursday at Duke.