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# THE GEORGE-ANNE

## Now they're gone!

Senior recreation major Dave Richter celebrates his victory in the "Battle of the Bone" wing-eating contest Wednesday. Contestants were timed as they polished off 20 wings in the first round. The competition moved into a tie breaker round where Richter practically "sucked the meat off the bones," according to James Kicklighter with Eagle Entertainment. Richter won free wings for his Super Bowl party Sunday.

Nico Adams/STAFF



Budget cuts have not staunched the flow of students to the university, but the number of instructors has decreased in the wake of decreased funding. Professors and students weigh in.

## Too many students, not enough faculty?

Patrick STOKER • guest writer

In recent semesters, Georgia Southern has seen a large increase in enrollment, but at the same time the number of faculty has decreased, resulting in larger class sizes.

Melinda Spencer, Chief of Staff for the Office Academic Affairs of the University System of Georgia, said that as a result of state wide budget cuts, schools have had to cut faculty positions.

Spencer said that recently they have not re-filled positions that have opened up.

"Economic decline has led to many people going back to school, causing growing enrollment," said Spencer, "but at the same time we have had significant budget cuts leading to a decrease in faculty

numbers."

GSU has experienced rising enrollment numbers over the past 10 years. Since 2000, enrollment has increased by nearly 5,000 students.

The fall semester of 2009 saw a large increase in the student to faculty ratio. The number of faculty decreased by nearly 70 between fall 2008 and fall 2009. The University experienced a big jump in enrollment during this period, however.

There were 19,086 students enrolled in fall 2009, an increase of  
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# GSU guests arrive through work

## Planning essential to bringing speakers to campus

James KICKLIGHTER  
guest writer

Why hasn't T-Pain come to Georgia Southern? What about Apple Computer CEO Steve Jobs? These are the kind of questions that the professionals in Student Affairs get every day.

At the end of each big event that comes to campus, there's always a nagging question from students: What's next?

For Jodi Middleton, assistant director of the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, that question is something she asks every day.

"I look at what's hot right now when it comes to current events and hot topics," she said. "Typically, we like to bring people that are leadership focused in the fall and service in the spring. It's a mix of who's hot at the moment and student buzz."

However, just because students and staff at GSU want someone to come to campus doesn't mean that they can. This is a problem that Office of Student Activities Coordinator Beth Freeman knows all too well.

"A few years ago, we were talking about bringing Kelly Clarkson to Paulson Stadium for a concert," she said. "Everyone on her management team was on board except one manager, who thought the venue was too big. He believed if we sold 12,000 seats, we'd still be half empty, ruining an artists' ego."

Soon after, the deal fell through.



Condoleezza Rice and Blake Mycoskie have both come to GSU during the 2009-2010 school year. The Office of Student Activities tried to bring Kelly Clarkson to campus a few years ago, but the plans fell through.

Photo Illustration

Often times it's not just about the venue because the university is more than willing to work with artists, Freeman said. Sometimes it's about GSU's location.

"When you're famous, you expect the best facilities and equipment," she said. "Playing a venue in Atlanta isn't the same as Statesboro. Some won't even consider a performance at a college campus because it's such a different type of show."

Freeman said, "There's a misconception among many that says 'Let's bring 'em! Bring your cousins, uncles, everyone!' The booking process is much more expensive than students think, running

in the high six to low seven figures for a major act.

"It's a very intricate process going from idea, to planning, to getting it, then going outside of the university and working with the booking agents, middle agents, their schedule and us being able to meet their requests. Sometimes, we don't even know why a deal falls through," she said.

There are times that it has nothing to do with the university.

"It's not always an easy process; it takes time," Middleton said. "You don't decide on a speaker and by the end of

the week know they're coming. With Blake Mycoskie, it took two weeks, but Condoleezza Rice was six. We signed her contract in April, and she came in September."

Freeman said, "Really, we've been lucky in the past when we've had big names come. It's one of those situations when the stars align. We really understand what students want and are used to, and we want to give it to them as professionals."

Upcoming speakers at GSU will include Majora Carter, who will be on campus in approximately two weeks, and Bell Hooks, who will be here in March.



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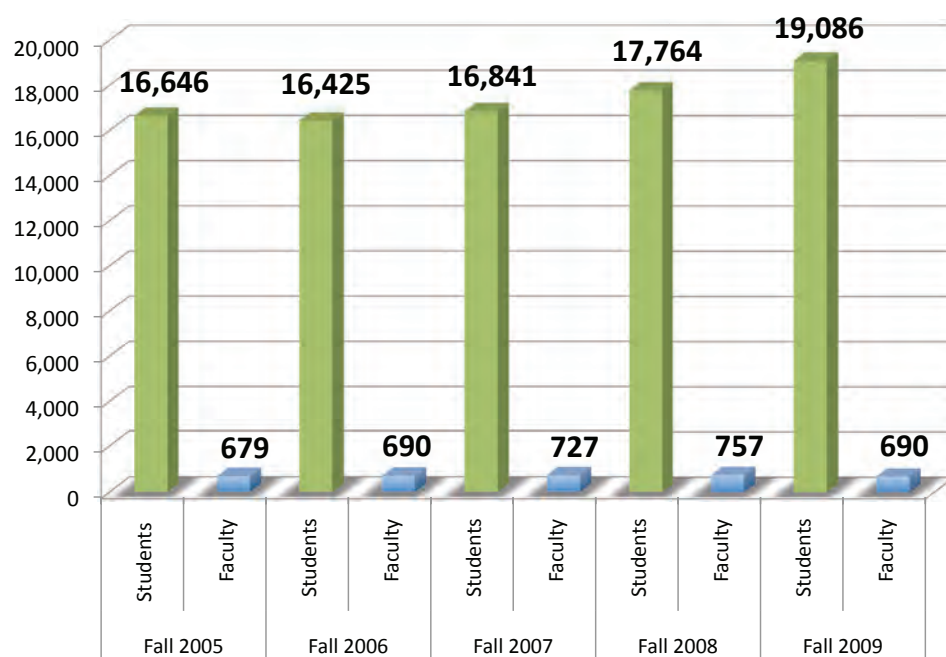
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# University Student and Faculty Numbers

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# RATIOS

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over 1,300 students from the previous fall semester.

The student to faculty ratio increased from 19 to one in fall 2007 to 21 to one in fall 2008.

Michael Moore, Moderator of the Faculty Senate and a professor at Georgia Southern, said that increases in class sizes make it difficult to maintain teaching ability.

Moore said he has seen an increase of about five to seven more students in each of his classes than in past semesters.

"It is hard to expect the same teaching results with increased class sizes," said Moore.

Moore also said that due to rising enrollment many classes have had to add more sections, creating a need for more faculty members to cover them.

Due to the budget cuts, however, many departments are experiencing a shortage of faculty needed to teach

these courses, he added.

Tyson Davis, an instructor in the Communication Arts Department, said that he does not believe that the increase in class sizes is detrimental to a student's learning ability.

"As long as the class does not require significant one-on-one time with students, I don't think the increase has much of an effect on individual students," Davis said.

Amy Gerring, a sophomore Child and Development major, said that she has noticed a small increase in class sizes in comparison to previous semesters, making it frustrating when seeking help. She added that she believes smaller class sizes allow for a better learning experience.

"They allow more interaction with the professor and help to create a better learning environment," Gerring said.

The College of Business Administration had 3,424 students and 96 faculty members in fall 2008, meaning that there was approximately one faculty member for every 36

students.

"With large class sizes, professors have to be more creative," said Ron Shiffler, Dean of COBA.

Shiffler said that large class sizes do not tend to be a problem until students' junior and senior years, when they enter upper division classes.

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences had 3,675 students and 252 faculty in fall 2008, meaning that there roughly was one faculty member for every 14 students.

Michael Smith, Dean of CLASS, said that many of the majors are studio-based and must have smaller class sizes.

"Many of the classes in the college require more interaction with students and must be smaller," he said.

Spencer said that she expects student-to-faculty ratios to return to where they were before the budget cuts once the economy begins to stabilize.

Spencer said, "Education of students remains our primary concern."

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## Our View

## Large scale. Small feel?

For some students, it's getting harder to find a desk in a classroom.

From 2005 to 2009, fall enrollment at GSU rose by 2,440 students to a total of 19,086 this past fall.

In the same time period, the number of faculty members spiked to 757 in fall 2008 before falling to 690 in fall 2009.

If maintaining the image as Georgia's large-scale, small feel research university is important to GSU's officials, something needs to be done to increase the faculty pool.

The small feel is lost when a student finds himself sitting in an auditorium with 200 of his "closest" friends.

It's much more conducive to one's educational experience when one can sit in a classroom and participate in discussions where the teacher knows your name.

These large classes offer no great benefit to faculty members either.

All it means spending more time grading more papers as opposed to preparing material

for lectures or discussions.

It leads to learning with less critical thinking because it's easier to teach based on recall with a large number of students.

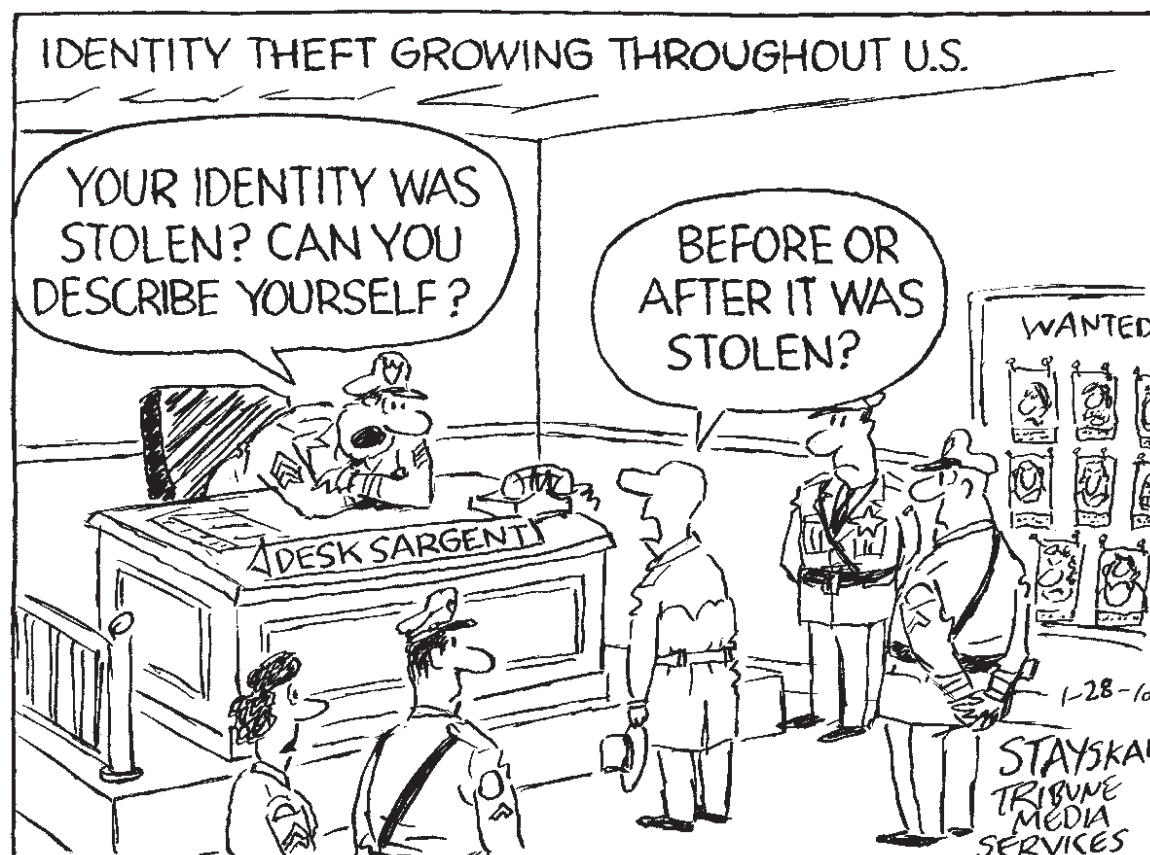
According to GSU's Fact Book, the student to faculty ratio for 2008 was 21 to one. In 2007, this ratio was 19 to one.

If GSU begins to lose the small feel that is marketed toward incoming students, the university could find students looking elsewhere to continue their education.

Also, if we begin to have too many students in the classroom and education quality suffers due to that, everything the university has worked for -- national rankings included -- will suffer.

Faculty searches may be underway in some departments, but more positions need to be created in order to offer the classes that students need to get a quality education, and to offer them on a smaller scale.

This time, let's not think big.



## Job fund too little, too late?

In a press event in New Hampshire, President Obama called for \$30 billion of returned TARP funds from bigger banks to be put towards a lending fund for smaller banks to go to small businesses, a suggestion that was immediately criticized by Republicans who want to put the money towards paying off the deficit. In my opinion, the move was the right one to make last year, and it's just not enough to help out right now.

Since the initial bailouts back in Bush's last year, and even more so in the ones done by Obama of banks and auto companies, a big criticism has been that the money would have been better served going to help out people and smaller businesses in the first place, such as creating a personal debt relief fund. Personally, while I dislike needless government spending, If the government had

been required to give money to any private person or group, it should have been to the people, either directly or indirectly through a small bank fund like Obama is suggesting.

Artificially propping up bigger institutions may stop the initial trouble, but it doesn't always treat the cause of the problems; banks took most of the year to get back to earlier lending levels, thus preventing the money from truly being introduced to the economy. Individuals could have used the money to help



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pay off the debts that they had mounting, especially the foreclosures which dominated the national attention when the first TARP was passed. Small businesses could have paid their debts and redesigned themselves to take on extra workers, nipping the growth of unemployment in the bud. Trying to boost money available for "job creation" now could be helpful to fighting unemployment, but it would have seemed more sincere if it had been at least Obama's first policy move. Of course, Bush was partly to blame for this mess, as well; even I can admit that. The first TARP was his policy, after all. However, many of the people who passed it through Congress are still there today, making the problem a bipartisan one. Until someone takes account for the first round of failures, I'm not sure I want to trust my money to another scheme.

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# Black history is everybody's history

It is easy to forget that it's February and thus, Black History Month. Perhaps it's the fact that I'm busier now that I'm in graduate school, but that fact has slipped my mind far too many times since the month began. It may also be that the event, which I remember so vividly as a youngster in elementary and middle school, isn't highlighted as much in college.

There are several reasons for this, and they aren't negative. Now more than ever, teachers are trying to teach black history to students in American history courses, both in high school and in college. While there's a long way to go in terms of teaching that history, not to mention the history of so many other groups of Americans, right, it's a step in the right direction.

Beyond that, the Multicultural Student Center has done a good job of not just having events celebrating black history during February, but having them spread throughout the academic year. This is a worthy model to follow, as it makes sure no group feels left out once that certain part of the year set aside to celebrate their heritage is over.

It's tempting to think that, with the election of Barack Obama, the need to celebrate black history is over. After all, once you have a black president,



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what else is there really to talk about? Doesn't that prove that all Americans are being celebrated and cherished for their diversity?

Putting aside the issue of whether or not race is still an important factor in American life -- I think it still is -- black history is something that I celebrate every day of the year. From a young age, I was brought up with black history books and taught stories outside the classroom that told me so much more about my own heritage. I devoured books such as a three-volume set of encyclopedias released by Ebony magazine in 1971 that my grandmother gave to me, or the book "Bloods" given to me by my dad only about a decade ago, that covers the Vietnam War from the standpoint of the black soldier.

I hope that you also take the time to look into your own heritage, if you haven't done so already. One of my fondest dreams is to trace my

ancestry back to Africa and find out exactly where my ancestors came from. Whether I'm able to do that or not, I feel that my own life, and the lives of so many students here at Georgia Southern, are a testament to that history. After all, so many blacks, whites, and members of other groups protested, suffered, and even died for the simple proposition that black Americans be treated the same as other Americans before the law.

Black Americans aren't the only group on campus whose history involves overcoming prejudice and injustice, but the sufferings of black slaves and later of blacks as second-class citizens under Jim Crow provides one of the saddest examples of the hypocrisy of the American Dream up until far too recently. For far too many Americans, even before the economy began to struggle, that dream was still being deferred.

Please celebrate black history. Not just because it's February, but because it's an exciting story of perseverance and heroism. When you're done there, learn about other groups in American society. But before you do any of that, look into your own heritage. After understanding yourself, you can begin to appreciate the magnificent vibrancy of American culture.

## I'll just keep telling myself 'I think I can'

I'm 21 years old. and I've never worn contacts before in my life. However, when I'm working with film equipment, I've found that wearing glasses can get in the way.

It's not that I'm blind, but I have astigmatism in my eye, which should be corrected with eyewear over the next few years. When I visited the friendly folks over at College Optical Express in Centennial Place, I figured that the contact thing would be a piece of cake. Boy, was I wrong.

It's just a little piece of flexible, plastiquesque product. The thing should be able to just pop on my eye and stay there. But no, it has to pop back, flex on, flex off,

and drop to the ground several times before I ever get it to stay on my finger. I have narrow eyes, and my top eyelashes get in the way.

They say it's as easy as riding a bike or tying your shoes. Eventually it's supposed to come naturally to you. But until that day comes, it really stinks to try and figure it out.



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

I guess it feels the same way as you prepare to graduate. I'm waiting to hear back from graduate schools while applying to jobs at the same time, because who really knows where we'll all end up in this economy. But until you get out there and actually do it, you leave your comfort zone kicking and screaming, scared to make the next step.

So today, I'm going to go back to College Optical Express and try again. It may take a few minutes, hours, or even a few days. But eventually, when the connection is made, I'll say I knew I could all along.

If only life could work that way.



## Weekly Poll at GADaily.com

Who do you think will win Super Bowl XLIV?

- Indianapolis Colts **44.3%**
- New Orleans Saints **37.7%**
- I don't care. **9.8%**
- I don't like football. **8.2%**

For next week's poll question, visit [GADaily.com](http://GADaily.com).



## Man on the Street

The G-A staff takes to the Pedestrium to get the student, faculty and staff's take on things.

**Do you feel like you get what you need from your professors? Why or why not?**



"Yes, most of my professors are very flexible with their meeting times even though they have set office hours. They are always willing to meet with you outside of that time."

**Jeremy Edmond**  
marketing, junior



"Yes, they explain things in details and you can always contact them through e-mail. They're always there for you."

**Mofi Oke**  
international studies, freshman



"Yes, because I'm a construction major, it's hard for us to learn it unless we get out in the field, so they always expose us to the materials."

**Grayson Flowers**  
construction, senior



"Sometimes, but I have a professor that thinks that we should have learned everything in high school."

**Kylie Klumpp**  
computer science, freshman





# WEEKLY BUZZ

## Thursday, February 4th

### Leadership Week

12:30 P.M. - Leadership Lunch Discussion, Russell Union 2080

4:00 P.M. - GSU Real World: Carl Program, Russell Union 2040

7:30 P.M. - An Evening with Langston Hughes, Averitt Center

## Friday, February 5th

### Leadership Week

Traditions Council Applications due, Office of Student Activities

7 & 9 P.M. - Eagle Entertainment Movie: Law Abiding Citizen, Russell Union Theater

7:30 P.M. - An Evening with Langston Hughes, Averitt Center

## Saturday, February 6th

8:00 A.M. - University Open House, RAC

7:00 P.M. - RHA Movie Night: Michael Jackson's This Is It, Watson Hall

## Sunday, February 7th

10:00 A.M. - New Member Institute: Anti-Hazing

6:00 P.M. - Eagle Entertainment Super Bowl Bash, Russell Union Ballroom

## Monday, February 8th

7:30 P.M. - Gay-Straight Alliance meeting, Russell Union 2044

5:30 P.M. - Leadership Workshop, Russell Union 2041

7:30 P.M. - Sex & Chocolate: Rainbow Edition, Russell Union 2044

## Tuesday, February 9th

Intramural Inner Tube Water Polo Entries due, RAC Member Services

7:00 P.M. - World Unity Jazz Ensemble under the leadership of Phil Morrison and Keith Williams, Performing Arts Center

7:00 P.M. - GSU Unplugged, Starbucks

7:00 P.M. - Community Conversation: The Fairy Tale Romance - Fact or Fiction, Kennedy Multipurpose Room

## Wednesday, February 10th

7:00 P.M. - You Can Have Your Cake..., Russell Union Commons

10:00 A.M. - Life After College: Tips & Tools to Jumpstart Your Career!, Russell Union Rooms 2080, 2084, & 2044



# Super Bowl party in Union Sunday

No ID required for event; kicks off at 6 p.m.

Jeff HARRISON  
guest writer

February means it's time for the annual clash of the two NFL powerhouses that have outdueled and outlasted competition over the course of their 16-week regular season and playoff games.

On Sunday, the culmination of the teams' effort will grant them a place on the largest stage sports has to offer, and football fans will celebrate.

Eagle Entertainment will host its annual Super Bowl party Sunday beginning at 6 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.

For Georgia Southern students not in the market to buy \$500 tickets or travel over 500 miles south to Miami, the free event offers a welcome consolation.

"The party is an opportunity for students to come together and watch the Super Bowl with hundreds of their best friends,

on a big screen," said James Kicklighter, public relations coordinator for Eagle Entertainment. "It's arguably the biggest screen in town."

Doors to the event, which is scheduled to end along with the game, will be open to everyone – Colts fans, Saints fans and those affiliated with neither party.

Hot wings, chips, drinks and other foods traditionally tied to the game will be available throughout the evening.

"This year, we are hoping to expand it with more food so students will have an experience to remember," said Kicklighter.

"I'm excited about it," said Nick Reynolds, a sophomore construction major. "I really don't mind who wins, I just want to hang out and eat some free food."

Eagle IDs will not be required, and the event is open to the public. The evening is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. and end at 11 p.m. or upon the game's conclusion.

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# Reusable bags promote going green

The Market at Centennial Place provides cloth bags for eco-friendly shopping

Shannon STUART  
guest writer

Not only is the Market at Centennial Place a convenient one-stop-shop for various grocery items, but it now offers students, faculty and staff reusable shopping bags in an attempt to decrease its carbon footprint.

The bags come free with purchase to students using dining plans at the Market and are available for sale to those not participating in the dining plan program.

"Reusable bags are becoming a common item for everyone to own and, more importantly, use," Georgia Southern SAGE member Jessica Sparrow said. "The campus market is following this trend, but what makes it so more important is the statement that GSU is moving towards becoming a more sustainable campus."

Sparrow said that by introducing reusable bags to campus, the market is showing its dedication to keeping GSU and the community a beautiful place to live.

"These multi-purpose bags are great because not only are they large and carry groceries, but they promote GSU in a



Mallory McLendon/STAFF

The Market at Centennial Place offers reusable bags to promote sustainability on campus.

sustainable light," Sparrow said. "I think GSU has done a tremendous amount to becoming more sustainable.

"Not many schools have a sustainability director, a Center for Sustainability or

recycling program. In addition, this means less plastic bags to the landfill or in the water system," she said.

Sparrow said that she believes the use of reusable bags at the Market is an important

step in sustaining GSU, and she also thinks other on-campus facilities should follow suit.

"First, [you can] save money because less plastic bags will have to be purchased," Sparrow said.

"In addition, 'going green' is a catch phrase that is sweeping the nation. More and more people are aware that our environment is being severely degraded and the consequences that holds for us in the future.

"Prospective students look to see how sustainable a campus is and are they [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design] certified, bike racks, food choices, etc. This small step leads us closer to a more sustainable campus," she said.

According to Sparrow, Bulloch County produces over 84 tons of trash each year, and of that, 35,000 pounds are plastics bags that make up 8 percent of Bulloch County's waste.

"Think about how much plastic bags weigh, and that makes up eight percent of our waste," Sparrow said. "The process to make plastic bags uses an astronomical amount of oil. Carrying around a reusable bag is a simple task people can do to help the environment with minimal constraints on your budget."

## Career options explored at upcoming conference

'Life After College' gives students the chance to prepare for their next step

Ashley RENFROE  
guest writer

The annual "Life After College" conference will provide Georgia Southern students with some helpful tips to jump start their careers.

"Life After College" is sponsored by Career Services and the Campus Life Enrichment Committee.

It will be Wednesday, Feb. 10 in the Russell Union. Students need to register in advance to attend the conference.

The deadline to register is tomorrow. Students can register online at [students.georgiasouthern.edu/career](http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/career) and click on the "Life After College" button.

The event will take place from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. to ensure that every student will have an opportunity to attend.

This is an event that will help soon-to-be graduates prepare for the next step in their life, whether it be graduate school or stepping out into the work force.

"The preparation process for potential employment is one of the first critical steps in building individual confidence," said Michael Washington, a session speaker from Wal-Mart.

Breakout sessions will cover topics that include interviewing skills, resume writing, graduate school planning, and professionalism in the workplace.

The sessions will be led by recruiters brought in from companies such as Target, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Wal-Mart and GEICO, as well as campus departments.

Each session offers tips and tools to help students better themselves and their future career.

"We know that students have class," said Amy Rowell, assistant director of Career Services, "so the sessions are scheduled so that students can still attend."

Students will also have a chance to win cash prizes of up to \$200.

For every breakout session a student attends, they will receive a ticket that will be placed in a drawing that will take place at the

end of the conference.

The more sessions a student attends the better chance they will have of winning.

The keynote speaker is Martin Yate, a New York Times Best Selling author of the "Knock 'Em Dead" books and has been a speaker before at GSU.

Yate will be speaking in the Nessmith-Lane Assembly Hall from 3:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

Washington said that with the help of Yate's books he is able to "instruct both sides of the interview and career planning table."

Yate will lead a presentation on successful job search strategies.

If you have any questions, call Career Services office at (912) 478-5197.

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<b>11am-11:50am</b>	
<b>Session A:</b>	<i>How to Work a Career Fair Panel, Kristen Cassady, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Ryan Jacobsma, Target Stores, Madie Martin, GEICO, RU 2080</i>
<b>Session B:</b>	<i>Financial Planning for your Future, Wayne Skinner, Valic, RU 2084</i>
<b>12pm-12:50pm</b>	
<b>Session A:</b>	<i>Professionalism in the Workplace, Michael Washington, Wal-Mart, RU 2080</i>
<b>Session B:</b>	<i>Résumé Writing, Ryan Jacobsma, Target Stores, RU 2084</i>
<b>Session C:</b>	<i>The Federal Job Search Process, Lisa Holtz, IRS, RU 2044</i>
<b>1pm-1:50pm</b>	
<b>Session A:</b>	<i>Professionalism in the Workplace, Michael Washington, Wal-Mart, RU 2080</i>
<b>Session B:</b>	<i>Interviewing Skills, Madie Martin, GEICO, RU 2084</i>
<b>2pm-2:50pm</b>	
<b>Session A:</b>	<i>Graduate School Planning, Toby Ziglar, Georgia Southern Admissions, RU 2080</i>
<b>Session B:</b>	<i>Job Search Strategies for a Tough Economy, Heather Scarboro Georgia Southern Career Services, RU 2084</i>

**Keynote Speaker Martin Yate: New York Times Best Selling  
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3:30pm and 7:00pm, Nessmith-Lane Assembly Hall  
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# Subway supports Humane Society

Kelsey SORRELL  
staff writer

**Friday, Feb. 5**

**11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

Profits at the Subway on Buckhead Drive will go to the local Humane Society

The Subway on Buckhead Drive will be raising money for the Humane Society in Statesboro and Bulloch County this Friday during Subway's 13th annual Subway Challenge.

From 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 100 percent of all profits will go to the Humane Society.

"Each Subway gets to choose a charity in Statesboro to donate money to, and the one on Buckhead Drive chose us," said Carrie Mitchell, president of the Humane Society. "We are so excited and are really, really thrilled just to be included."

"It would be good to get close to \$3,000," Mitchell said. "We'd be thrilled."

The Humane Society plans to use the money for two divisions.

Half of the money will go to the rescue in order to pay the veterinarian for spaying and neutering the animals them before their adoptions.

The second half will go toward the spay/neuter program, which offers \$20 spay/neuter fees for pets of college students at Ogeechee Tech and Georgia Southern.

"I have been handing out coupons all week long for a 6-inch sub meal, encouraging people to go, but they can only be used on that day," Mitchell said. "We just want to decrease the overpopulation of animals in the county and euthanizing unnecessarily. We just want people to know that we're here and doing the best we can."

Stephanie Britt, the manager of 806 Buckhead Drive's Subway, chose the Humane Society based on personal preference.

"I have always taken in stray animals growing up and nursed them back to health," she said. "So I chose the Humane Society because it's a great cause that does just that."

Britt decided to sell "puppy paws" to customers who could put their names on for \$1. So far, she said she has raised 576 puppy paws.

"Our goal for this location is to raise at least \$1,200. Last year, we raised \$10,000 total with

all the locations; this year we hope to beat that," she said.

The district manager, according to Britt, has been promoting commercials on the radio station 102.9, encouraging people to eat at their local Subway and donate to the chosen charity this Friday.

Most of the advertising, however, has been spread by word-of-mouth from "charity captains" that work within the actual charity and sell tickets to people who would not normally visit Subway.

"On a normal Friday, we see between 100 and 150 customers between those two hours [11:30a.m. to 1:30p.m.]," Britt said. "This Friday we hope to get more since we sold pre-tickets for \$7, which includes a sandwich, chips and a drink, but only at that time. Along with additional donations and our regular customers, we're hoping for a pretty good turnout that Friday."

The five Subway locations in Statesboro and one in Brooklet are all owned by the same franchise.

For 11 years, during the Subway Challenge, each location raised money for the American Heart Association. That ended last year, however, when the AHA chapter left the Savannah area. Last year, the Subway Challenge in this area raised money for United Way.

This year, each location is participating in a money-raising challenge for a different charity.

"My hopes are to beat last year's sales, and this year, it's a challenge between other stores, so I hope my store blows the other stores out of the water," Britt said. "But I just hope we get a really great turnout to support these charities."



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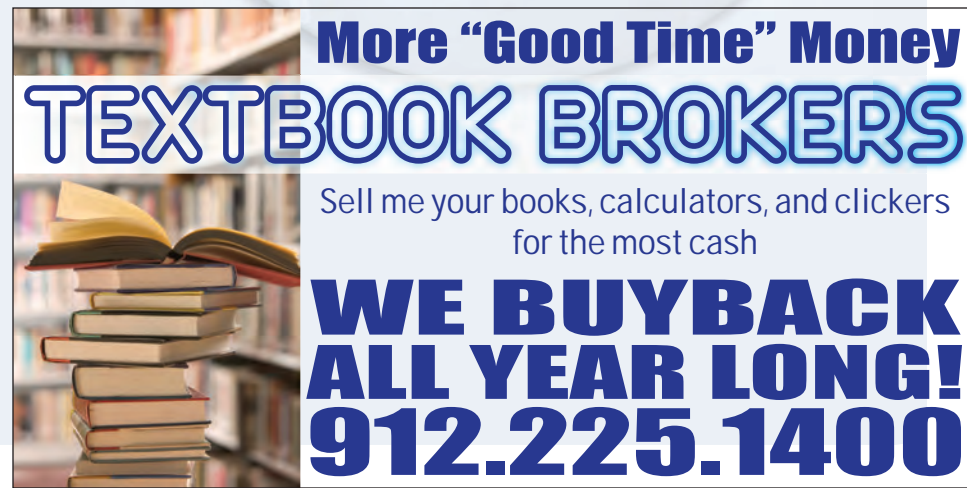
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With Super Bowl XLIV kicking off this Sunday at 6 p.m., some of our staff members have chosen sides to root for. Who will win the title of NFC Champions?

**Keith Warburg**  
Colts 31-27

As a longtime Colts fan, there are two things that bring me great joy: Tom Brady losing and a Manning in the Super Bowl (and what glory it is when those two coincide!).

**Matt Mauney**  
Saints 42-31

My pick is with the Saints because I feel that they are more well-rounded than the Colts. In a game with two potent offenses, normally it's the defense that becomes the difference maker. I believe that as the Colts load the plane back home, they'll be wondering "who dat" just beat us?

**Marshall Hooks**  
Colts 45-17

I have always been a Colts fan, but I lost interest in them after star tailback Edgerrin James was released. Nevertheless, the Colts still have a tough offense that's sure to leave the Saints looking for a prayer.

**Ryan Babula**  
Saints 38-35

Despite the turnovers during the NFC Championship that played to the Saint's benefit, and Manning's ability to turn games around in the 4th quarter, I think that the Saints will pull through. It's going to be close, though.

**Thom Cunningham**  
Saints 38-20

For Reggie Bush's sake, the Saints need to win. Rumors say that if they win, Bush will propose to and move in with fiancée Kim Kardashian before the government can take his illegally acquired house from USC.

**Kelsey Decker**  
Saints 31-27

I honestly don't care about the Super Bowl, but I did want the Jets to beat the Colts. Since the Colts emerged victorious, however, I obviously cannot root for them. There is really no basis on skills or stats here, just reparations that are due.

**Nathan Hartsell**  
Colts 34-28

As a die-hard Colts fan, I have no doubt that this will be the outcome. After watching how the Saints performed last week, this showed the weakness of the offense when they are under pressure. Manning will pick the 25th ranked defense apart. He may struggle in the beginning, but when he figures the defense out, he'll be relentless against them.

**Kathy Kennedy**  
???

The Super Bowl is a football game, right? Who's playing again? Go Eagles!



For the Super Bowl, GSU Head Football coach Jeff Monken suggests serving:

**SHOYU CHICKEN**

**What you need**

Boneless chicken thighs  
Marinade

Equal amounts soy sauce and sugar

1 teaspoon sesame oil per cup of soy/sugar

6 cloves of garlic (minced) per cup of soy/sugar

1 large chunk fresh ginger (minced)

Pinch of red pepper flakes

Black pepper to cover the liquid in pan

**Directions**

1. Lightly simmer all ingredients in pan or pot to dissolve sugar.
2. Cool liquid before using.
3. Separate marinate mix into two containers, one for marinade, one for grilling sauce.
4. Marinate boneless chicken thighs in container overnight in refrigerator.
5. Remove chicken from container and discard rest of marinade. Grill chicken on an open flame until done.
6. Use unused marinade (grilling sauce) to coat chicken while cooking.
7. Garnish with sesame seeds and chopped green onions.
8. Serve over or with white rice.

For more Super Bowl recipes, refer to page 15!\*\*

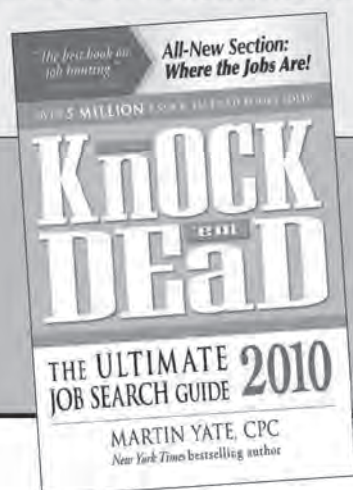
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# I'm sorry, New Orleans

A not-so apathetic look at the Saints' chances this weekend



All special photos

Keith **WARBURG**  
executive editor of student media

I've got to hand it to New Orleans.

They've come back from hurricane devastation - at least partially - and the dilapidation of the Super Dome to make it all the way to the Super Bowl for the first time in team history.

They have a star quarterback picked up in free agency - way to go, Chargers, you got Philip Rivers instead - and a corps of wide receivers that dwarf the rest of the NFC.

Oh, and there's this guy Reggie Bush - maybe you've heard of him - leading one of the most dynamic rushing offenses in the league, whether the stats show it or not.

Too bad they're going to lose.

And yes, I know that the whole country is behind them. SportsCenter's newest commercial is Drew Brees in a Mardi Gras float and everyone's jumping on the Saints bandwagon. Does that mean they deserve to win? Maybe. They sure worked for it.

The Colts worked just as hard. Let's remember that Peyton and company have a rookie running back, two young wide receivers and a first-year head coach in Jim Caldwell.

Also remember that they took that crew 14-0 in the regular season, forgoing the opportunity to

have an undefeated season to rest their players.

And even their backups - that's right, Rex Ryan, the JV team - look great. I'll have you remember that Bill Belichick, or Belicheat - the spelling's optional - showed everyone that an undefeated regular season doesn't really mean anything in the big game.

As a Colts fan for years, I've come to expect greatness. We walked over the Bears in 2007, but we have to remember that the Saints are no Bears.

They have serious defensive threats in Darren Sharper and Tracy Porter, but we've got fantastic receivers in Reggie Wayne and Dallas Clark. And did you see Pierre Garçon chase down Ed Reed to force a fumble against the Ravens? That kid has ridiculous speed.

So here's why the Colts are going to win the Super Bowl. We have the smartest quarterback ever to play the position in Peyton Manning. His success hinges on the speed and awareness of a top-notch receiving corps in Wayne, Clark, Garçon and Collie. Donald Brown, a rookie from UConn, has shown real potential to outshine teammate Joseph Addai - who also won a Super Bowl his rookie year - and make a big difference in Sunday's game.

Overall, I see the game being rather close, with a Colts fourth-quarter comeback to leave the score somewhere in the neighborhood of 31-27.



# And the nominations go to...



## Best Supporting Actress

PENELOPE CRUZ, “Nine”  
VERA FARMIGA, “Up In The Air”  
MAGGIE GYLLENHAAL, “Crazy Heart”  
ANNA KENDRICK, “Up In The Air”  
**MO’NIQUE, “Precious”**

Mo’Nique has pretty much won this. Her acclaimed performance in “Precious” has gained Oscar buzz from the start, and her winning of the Screen Actor’s Guild and Golden Globe awards for Best Supporting actress have sealed this one.

Well done.

Ryan BABULA  
features editor

Feb. 2 marked the official start of Oscar season in Hollywood, with the Academy announcing their nominations for the 2010 Academy Awards.

A notable change in this year’s proceedings is the addition of five films to the Best Picture category, thus giving more films a chance to be recognized. Many will argue that this is merely a publicity stunt on the Academy’s part in an effort to increase ratings for their annual telecast, but either way, it’s great to see a film like “District 9” included with “Inglourious Basterds” and “Up In The Air.”

The ceremony isn’t until Mar. 7, so many can speculate as to which films will be awarded. Below are the nominated films, and my predictions for what will go home with the golden statue.

## Best Picture

AVATAR  
THE BLIND SIDE  
DISTRICT 9  
AN EDUCATION  
**THE HURT LOCKER**  
INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS  
**PRECIOUS**  
A SERIOUS MAN  
UP  
UP IN THE AIR

I feel that while “Up In The Air” is the most deserving of this award, I wouldn’t be surprised if “Precious” or “The Hurt Locker” goes home with the Oscar.

“Avatar” has a chance, but after the Director’s Guild and the Producer’s Guild awards going to “The Hurt Locker,” it’s going to have a much harder time.

## Best Actor

**JEFF BRIDGES, “Crazy Heart”**  
GEORGE CLOONEY, “Up In The Air”  
COLIN FIRTH, “A Single Man”  
MORGAN FREEMAN, “Invictus”  
JEREMY RENNER, “The Hurt Locker”

I’ve yet to see either Bridges’ or Renner’s performances, but I hear they’re both fantastic work. Bridges has been garnering numerous praises for his work in “Crazy Heart,” but Renner might pull through with this one.

Any other year, this would be Freeman’s award. He was absolutely fantastic.

## Best Director

JAMES CAMERON, “Avatar”  
**KATHRYN BIGELOW, “The Hurt Locker”**  
QUENTIN TARANTINO, “Inglourious Basterds”  
LEE DANIELS, “Precious”  
JASON REITMAN, “Up In The Air”

Probably the most controversial of the bunch, as Cameron and Bigelow are ex-spouses. Bigelow will probably take this one home, seeing as how she won the DGA’s top honor for directing.

Her winning would also mark the first time a woman has been given the award. Don’t worry about Cameron, though. His movie crested \$2 billion worldwide.

## Best Actress

**SANDRA BULLOCK, “The Blind Side”**  
HELEN MIRREN, “The Last Station”  
CAREY MULLIGAN, “An Education”  
GABOUREY SIDIBE, “Precious”  
MERYL STREEP, “Julie and Julia”

I had no interest in seeing “The Blind Side,” but audiences loved it and Bullock’s performance has gained a lot of attention since the film’s success.

It could be close between Bullock and Streep but I think popular demand will win out here. Let’s hope that if Bullock wins, her luck doesn’t spill into “The Blind Side”’s chances.



## Best Supporting Actor

MATT DAMON, “Invictus”  
WOODY HARRELSON, “The Messenger”  
CHRISTOPHER PLUMMER, “The Last Station”  
STANLEY TUCCI, “The Lovely Bones”  
**CHRISTOPH WALTZ, “Inglourious Basterds”**

Waltz was stupendous in “Basterds,” and I think he’ll deservedly take home the Best Supporting award after winning the SAG for his performance.

Fantastic work.



# What are you serving at your Super Bowl party?



For the Super Bowl, **Samantha Young**, President of the Student Government Association,

suggests serving:

## KING CAKE

Purchase a box of cinnamon roll mix as well as gold, green, and purple sprinkles.

As for preparing the dough follow the directions on box. Roll out the dough out completely and place the cinnamon and sugar filling generously inside.

Then proceed to make a praline crumble by mixing 1 cup of light brown sugar and 1/2 cup of butter and sprinkle inside. Roll it into a log.

Do not cut. Instead, shape log into ring, Insert one end into the other. Follow box directions for cooking and icing.

Once cooked allow cake to cool and then cover with icing. Lastly sprinkle on the gold, green, and purple sprinkle on top.



For the Super Bowl, **John Riggs**, Statesboro City Councilman for District Four, suggests serving:

## PHILLY CHILI DIP

You take a block of Philadelphia Cream Cheese and spread it over the bottom of a 9" x 9" pan.

Cover that with a can of Hormel Chili (no beans) and top off with shredded cheddar cheese.

Then bake it all until the cheese is melted. Mmmmm....



For the Super Bowl, **Georj Lewis**, Dean of Students, suggests serving:

## BEEF AND CHEESE DIP

Take hamburger meat (cooked), and then mix with Velveeta cheese and salsa.

## Have a fun Super Bowl game day dish?

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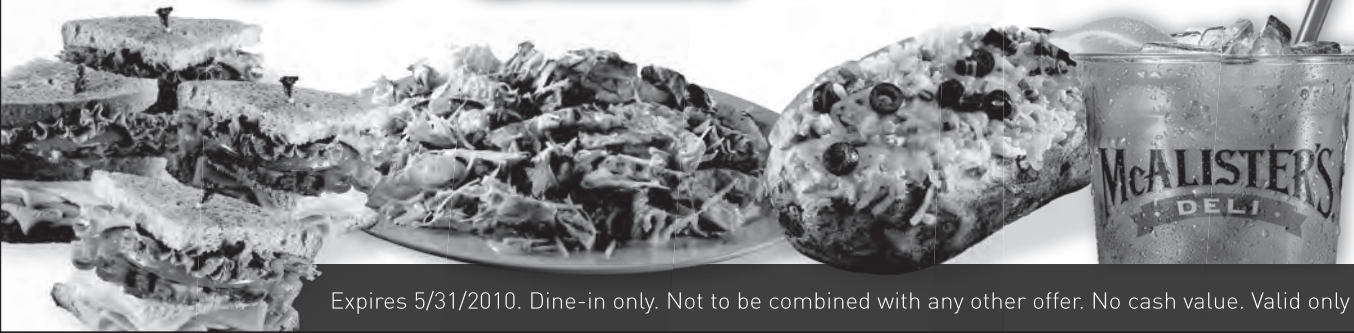
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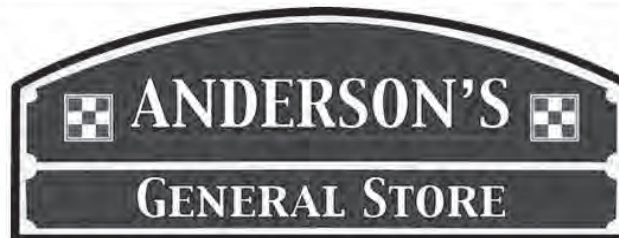
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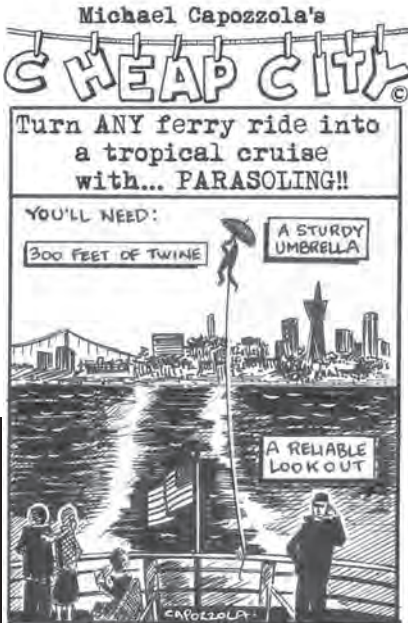
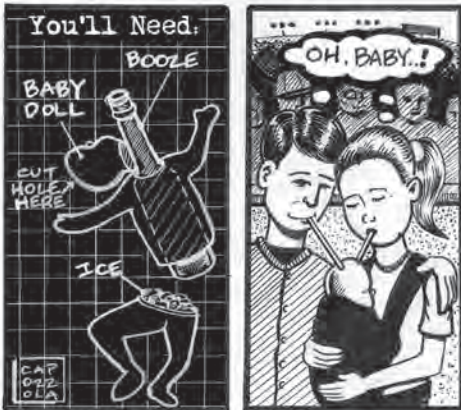
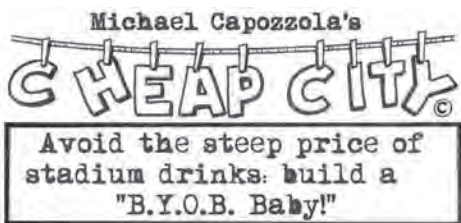
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## Quick Hits

▲ Men's soccer announced it will hold tryouts from Feb. 17-19. Tryouts begin at 2:30 p.m. each day at the practice stadium next to the Herring Pavilion on Fair Road.

▲ GSU baseball had its first official practice on Jan. 29 with the team playing a ten inning intra-squad scrimmage.

▲ Former GSU quarterback Tracy Ham will be inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame sometime in September in Ontario, Canada.

▲ The 3rd Annual Little Eagles Baseball Camp and Meet the Eagles event will take place on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 11:00 a.m. at J.I. Clements Stadium.

▲ GSU football signed 23 recruits during yesterday's National Signing Day.

▲ Men's basketball travels to Cullowhee, N.C. tonight to face Western Carolina. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

▲ Men's tennis heads to Orlando for weekend matches against Troy State and UCF.

▲ Women's tennis has two away matches this weekend at FAU and Stetson.

# Eagles sweep WCU, 62-48



Brandilyn Brown/STAFF

Guard Carolyn Whitney (#4) dribbles the ball down the court during GSU's game Wednesday against Western Carolina. Whitney finished with six points, five assists and two steals.

## GSU defeats Catamounts; conference leader Chattanooga to visit Saturday

Latrice WILLIAMS  
staff writer

The Georgia Southern Women's Basketball team (13-9, 8-5) pulled off back-to-back wins against the Western Carolina Catamounts (3-19, 2-11), marking the second sweep of the season. GSU now leads the series 10-5.

The Eagles' momentum shifted back and forth, but the Catamounts couldn't hold on as GSU walked away with the win, 62-48. Head Coach Rusty Cram is 20-10 against Western Carolina and marked the 43rd time these teams have faced off in program history.

The Eagles were scheduled to play the Catamounts at home back in December, but the game was rescheduled due to severe weather that withheld Western Carolina from being able to travel.

J'Lisia Ogburn led the pack with 18 points, seven rebounds, and one steal. Jamie Navarro finished second with 13 points, two rebounds, and two steals.

WCU won the tip-off but missed their first shot attempt. Navarro and Ogburn made back-to-back

shots in the paint to give the Eagles an early six point lead. GSU came out very strong defensively, and didn't waste anytime putting points on the board.

The Eagles' pressure on the Catamounts took effect on their points in the paint, but didn't stop their buckets from behind arc as Emily Clarke contributed two 3-pointers.

Towards the end of the first half, the Eagles' momentum began to slip as the Catamounts took a one point lead. The Catamounts led at the half 25-24.

Jessica Geiger opened the Eagles' scoring drive for the second half. Ogburn was charged with a foul from her shot block, but quickly got revenge from the penalty with a nice spin around to the basket.

Krista Tate brought the Eagles back by one and from there, GSU marked their territory.

Carolyn Whitney was silent on the night with six points, but Coach Cram does not doubt her playing ability.

"She just wasn't hitting. Some nights you're hot, some nights you're not. She played good defense, but we have other people when she's not getting it

done to step in," said Cram.

Whitney has tied her season high 17 points in scoring for the fourth time this season.

Tate continues to be a major contributing factor by continuing to score in double-digits and going 24-32 from the free throw line.

Navarro is currently ranked third in the nation and her charity strip shooting average stands at 91.8 percent. Coach Cram acknowledged her outstanding accomplishment.

"I'm extremely proud, that's why at the end of the ball game we want the ball in her hands. She's a pretty cool, calm, and collected kid. She's a player that every coach would love to have on their team," said Cram.

GSU is proving to be a dominant force in the Southern Conference. With all the players healthy, look for the Eagles to make a good run in the postseason.

The Eagles improve their record to 13-0 while competing in Spartanburg.

GSU is on a five game winning streak and looks to continue their winning stance Saturday, Feb. 6, against the Mocs of Chattanooga. Tip off is set for 3 p.m. at Hanner Fieldhouse.



# 23 join Monken's Eagles

## Eagle football addresses needs at quarterback, running back positions to run triple option

Matt MAUNEY  
special assignments editor

College football's National Signing Day is over and done with, and the Eagles and first year Head Coach Jeff Monken announced that 23 standout high school athletes have signed letters of intent with Georgia Southern.

But what does this really mean for Eagle football and, more importantly, Eagle fans.

Here's the facts: Out of the 23 recruits, 13 play offense, nine play defense and one player has experience playing on both sides of the ball.

Perhaps the most important position that had to be addressed this offseason was the Eagle quarterback. With the departure of Chris Hatcher and his shotgun style of offense and the return of the triple option under Monken, the Eagles are very thin at the quarterback spot.

To fill this void, Monken introduced three new recruits at QB. What they lack in size, they make up in speed and athleticism.

"There is a different niche that is available when you are an option team," said Monken. "All the quarterbacks we recruited were recruited by other schools to play other positions. Being an option team gives us that in that we can use for the right kind of kid that wants to play quarterback at the college level, and if they can see themselves fitting into this system then we can find a place for them."

Julian Suber out of Brookwood High School in Lawrenceville might be the most athletic player - not only in the trio of quarterbacks - but perhaps the most athletic player overall in this year's class.

Suber was named the 2009 Gwinnett All-County team at quarterback, although most of his senior season saw him playing at running back.

"We evaluated Julian as a quarterback when I was at Georgia Tech and I knew he would be a good fit for our program," Monken said.

"He's extremely talented and undersized at about 5-9 and 160 pounds soaking wet. He's got a long way to go to fill out physically and get where he needs to be, but he's got a lot of speed and a great ability to make people miss so we're real excited about him as an athlete. We are going to try to start him at quarterback but if he doesn't work out, there are many other positions where we can find a place for him."

The other two recruits at QB are Ezayi Youyoute from Hardee High School in Wauchula, FL and Jerick McKinnon from Sprayberry High School in Marietta.

Youyoute rushed for 1,197 yards and 17

touchdowns as the man behind center in his senior year of high school while McKinnon threw for 1,500 yards and rushed for 1,300 as a senior.

While all three possess solid speed and the ability to break away and make big plays, they are far from the stature of a typical collegiate quarterbacks, with Youyoute being the tallest out of the three, measuring in around six feet and McKinnon and Suber coming in at five feet nine inches each.

When it comes to weight, the three prospects average at just 172 pounds.

On the bright side, one of Eagle football's most notable vertically and sized challenged quarterbacks was one of the best in program history.

Jayson Foster, the 2007 Walter Payton Award winner, was listed at 5-9 and around 170 pounds.

Monken's first recruiting class kept this theme of athletic and undersized recruits for almost every position.

The five running backs in the class average 182 pounds in weight and not one is listed over six feet tall.

However, like the quarterbacks, all five running backs will provide speed and athletic ability to the new option offense.

Among notables at this position is Robert Brown, a 5-11 199 pounds back from Macon who, according to Monken, will likely start at the B-back position this fall. Brown rushed for 1,917 yards as a senior, including almost seven yards a carry.

Aaron Fisher, a short yet stocky back at 5-5 and 188 pounds, gained 177 yards as a senior with 12 touchdowns for Central High school in Tulsa, Okla.

"This is a guy we got real excited about when we saw him on tape. He's a fast player and will bring a lot of speed to our offense," Monken said. "We wanted to get players that ran well and we were willing to sacrifice size for a fast player and this kid fits the bill."

With a triple option offense, the key is to not necessarily be the biggest and strongest up front on the offensive line, but to be the fastest and most athletic.

Monken and his staff were able to stick with this theory with this year's recruits.

Zach Lonas stands out on the list of offensive linemen. Lonas, from Etowah High School in Acworth, was a three-year starter and two-way player at offensive line and defensive tackle under coach Bill Stewart.

"When I was at Georgia Tech, I had a chance to



Nathan Hartsell/STAFF

New Eagle football Head Coach Jeff Monken joins his staff, alumni, students and Eagle fans at Locos Grill and Pub Wednesday night for a celebration of this year's signing class.

take a look at this kid and was really impressed with him," said Monken. "Fortunately, he was available, and I think that physically, he has a chance to come in and play for us at offensive line. That's one of the hardest positions to step in and play as a freshman, but I believe that this kid is physical enough to do so for us."

Defensively, the Eagles added nine recruits, including three defensive backs, a position that,

like quarterback on the opposite side of the ball, the Eagles have some big holes in. GSU lost defensive backs Ronnie Wiggins, Carson Hill and safety and return man Darrell Pasco this year and will be looking for these three recruits to come right in and contribute.

The option is back, the recruits are in, and now only time will tell how the first year of the Monken era will play out.

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## QUARTERBACKS

What they lack in size they make up for in athleticism and speed. Julian Suber from Lawrenceville leads my list at QB because he is a versatile leader that will be able to make plays with his feet and read the corners for the option pitch.

**B**

## RUNNINGBACKS

While the quarterback recruits are impressive, the running backs might be even more notable. Robert Brown from Macon leads here. Brown rushed for 1,917 yards his senior season of H.S. and will likely start at the B-back spot.

**B+**

## RECEIVERS

It wouldn't be very fair of me to rate this position since the triple option rarely utilize wide outs. There are a couple recruits, like Tray Butler from Stockbridge, who played WR in high school, but will likely find themselves as a slot back in college.

**N/A**

## OFFENSIVE LINE

They aren't the trailer bench pressing hogs that you're used to seeing in this category for recent years. However, these guys stand out because of their speed and athleticism. This is a key in a good offensive line on an option team.

**B-**

## DEFENSIVE

Not many standouts here. This is a position that the Eagles are weak at after losing two starters in Markeith Wylie and Harland Bower. The recruits Monken was able to get will have to get thrown into the fire as true freshmen.

**C+**

## LINEBACKERS

I rate this the lowest of the positions based mainly upon the fact that the three signees average in weight at just 200 pounds. Their speed may turn out to make up for this, but it all depends on the defensive scheme they run.

**C-**

## SECONDARY

The Eagles add three players at the secondary position, but in a defensive backfield that lost Darrell Pasco and Ronnie Wiggins, they need help immediately to help All-SoCon freshman Darius Eubanks.

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## OVERALL

**B-**

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