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# THE GEORGE-ANNE

## Does the dining plan measure up?

Eagle Dining Services officials say students save nearly 20 percent by using the plan

Derek JOYCE  
staff writer

Every semester, students have to consider whether or not to purchase a dining plan.

They have to think about whether they have enough money to pay for the dining plan, whether they'll use all of their meals, and if they would rather cook for themselves.

"We feel like we had to do something to add more value," said Jeffrey Yawn, the director of Eagle Dining Services. "Of course, the campus requires that all freshmen have [dining plans], but we want to be much more than that. We want students to retain dining plans because it is something of value to them."

The value of a dining plan can vary from its cash equivalent.

For a 19-meal plan, multiplying the number of meals per week by the 16 weeks in the spring semester and dividing the \$1,415 price tag by these 304 meals produces a payment of only \$4.66 for a \$7.22 cash value.

On a 3-meal plan, the \$312 price tag is divided by the 48 meals paid for in the spring semester and produces a total of \$6.50 for the \$7.22 cash value of a dining plan.

Based on cash value alone, purchasing a dining plan is cheaper than buying all your meals with cash.

Dining plans also provide a discount on all food services provided on campus.

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Nico Adams/STAFF

An employee at Chick-fil-A swipes a student's Eagle ID Monday. Eagle Dining Services officials say that students save money by using services such as the dining plan and Eagle Express at on-campus locations. For officials views on a 24-hour dining location, turn to page seven.

Georgia Southern's Dining Plan by the Numbers

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Cash value of a dining plan.

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Meals that a student has in spring semester if a 19-meal per week plan is purchased.

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# 'Once Upon a Blaqshion' models take center stage



Participants flaunted their fashion sense in the Black Student Alliance's "Once Upon a Blaqshion" Saturday at the Performing Arts Center. Deborah Inskeep/STAFF

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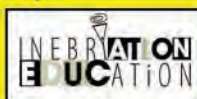
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# Professor exits 'stage left'

Kelsey SORRELL  
staff writer

Gary Dartt, Georgia Southern professor, stage designer, director and mentor, will officially retire at the end of this academic term.

Dartt served as a theatre professor for the department of communication arts and directed and worked the technical aspects of various plays throughout his 12-year GSU career.

"I'm not sad [to retire]," he said. "I expect to continue to see and enjoy; it's time to step aside and let other people do the job."

Dartt's classes include technical courses, lighting, costume design, rehearsal and performance, stage makeup and—as of last semester—acting for cinema and props design.

He came to GSU in 1988 after working at Fordham University.

"I was extremely positive when I came from New York City," said Dartt. "It was slow getting things going because there was a turnover in directorship for the theatre program. But through hard work with students, we became a high-quality theatre program which attracted more faculty."

According to Dartt, some of his students have continued on to receive their doctorate degrees and teach theatre at other universities around the country, which, he said, is his greatest reward in teaching.

"He's always been a fun guy," said J.D. Lane, a senior theatre major who has taken several of Dartt's



Brandilyn Brown/STAFF

**Theatre Professor Gary Dartt** observes students Ashley Quinn (far left), Eric Carter and Anastasia James during his puppetry class.

classes. "He's a fun teacher with a lot of experience and stories of those experiences. He's a good friend as well as a teacher to many of us, too. I'll definitely miss him."

Dartt said that his teaching styles differ from that of other professors.

"I am more old-school," he said. "I teach theatre the way it was in the Renaissance—it was the way I was taught. Technology does improve new ways of doing things, but I'm the old-school guy."

Dartt said the only negative aspect to his career is that "you have to plod along sometimes and it seems like you're not making progress because of economic downturns, but inevitably, it turns around."

But "the collegiality of the atmosphere and supportiveness of

the department," he said, is positive.

"He [Dartt] is a great teacher because he has a lot of knowledge about everything, and he is a great set designer because he creates huge, ambitious sets," said Laura Lamelas, a senior theatre major. "It's going to be hard to find a teacher that does as many things as Gary does."

Dartt said, "I think GSU is a school right on the cusp of doing great things. Theatre should be a part of life we're passing on to generations of students coming through here, not the partying or other activities they're involved in. It's the knowledge they take away from here, the work of art."

Dartt will be directing a 1950s play, "The Visit," that will run April 7-10 in the Performing Arts Center.

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## Our View

## No apple a day?

Eagle Dining Services has, in some areas, stepped up its game. Georgia Southern received two new establishments this school year, and that has provided a welcome break from eatery choices that quickly become more than monotonous.

After all, if a student has a 19-meal per week plan, that's over 400 meals he will eat on campus his freshman year. There is just not that much of a variety on campus, even with the addition of Einstein's. (For the purposes of considering nutritional meals, we will refrain from including Coldstone, as it only serves ice cream.)

If a student could potentially eat close to 1,000 meals before the end of his sophomore year on campus alone, something needs to be done to make that thought sound more appetizing.

Perhaps, for starters, Dining Services could consider doing something of a rotation with the meal choices either every semester or annually.

Landrum, as a prime

example, serves the same lunches and dinners weekly. So maybe you have a favorite "night" there, but still, even that gets old after a few weeks.

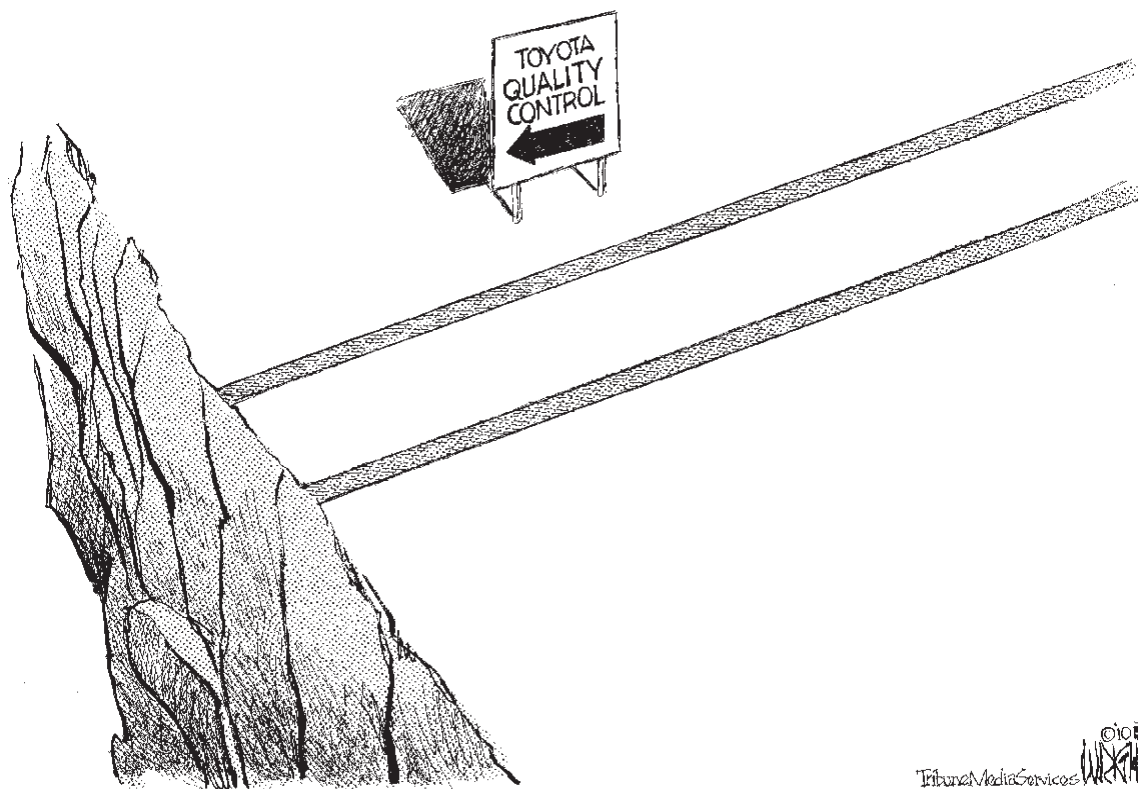
There have to be other themes that the dining planners could develop, even if just the spring and fall had different menus.

The same goes for the concept of chicken fingers. There are, at a minimum, three separate places that serve chicken fingers and fries.

Granted, Chick-Fil-A is sort of a special case, but is the same meal necessary in both Landrum and Lakeside, in addition to who knows where else in the immediate campus vicinity? If things like this were combined, that would make space available for additional types of food.

So congratulations on creating dining plans that are a better value than spending cash for the same thing, but now it's time to take it one step further.

Also, Eagle Dining Services, why is there never any fruit available except for the occasional green apple?



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## Toyota's apology falls short

On Saturday the president of Toyota, Akio Toyoda, issued an apology to its customers concerning the recent recall for faulty accelerators in various models, faults that have led the company's stock to tumble and its consumer confidence levels to plummet in the U.S.

And while Toyoda claimed that "quality is [Toyota's] lifeline", I have to wonder if all these promises and apologies are enough. In a time when corporate social responsibility is under a microscope and consumers are wanting more value out of their purchases, Toyota has dropped the ball and then some. Not only did the carmaker not address the concerns with the accelerators sticking until prompted by numerous complaints, it failed its customers with the one thing that its marketing team has been promoting for years—reliability and quality.

Toyota has dug itself into a deep hole and its competitors, namely Ford and Honda, are picking up the slack

of the former market leader. However, regardless of all the promises to "cooperate sincerely and wholeheartedly" with US regulators, I wonder if cooperation and apologies are enough.

Someone, somewhere in a Toyota plant or dealership knew about these issues long before they started affecting customers. It's impossible that they didn't. So what really should upset people is not only the quality failure of the products, but the failure of trust within a company that has become an integral part of the American driving experience over the past decade. And that issue of trust is at the forefront while the public waits for Toyota to make a move concerning



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over 120 complaints with electronic glitches with Prius braking systems.

So the question begs to be asked: where does disconnect exist between automakers and ethics? In a time rife with bailouts, bankruptcy and an uneasy market, car companies should be stepping up and showing the public that the true value of their brands exists not only with the quality of the cars they make but also the quality of the company and its leadership.

Akio Toyoda waited too long to address the issues and, I believe, that will result in shakier stock prices and an even steeper drop in market share. Only the incredibly brand loyal consumers will remain avid consumers of the brand, because in a time when price, quality and fuel economy are the primary differentiating factors, Toyota can't afford to sidestep responsibility and offer late apologies for issues that, quite frankly, could've been dealt with months ago. It seems that, for Toyota, sorry has come just a little too late.

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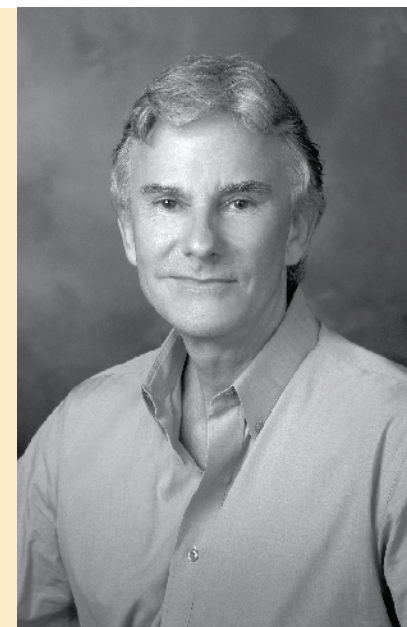
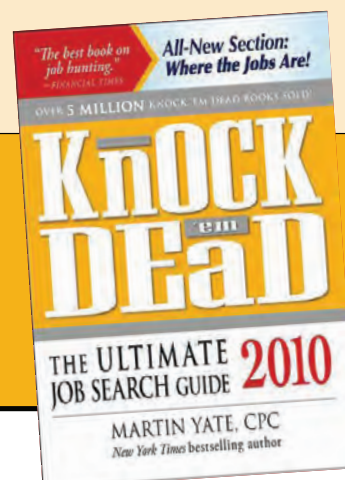
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# DINING

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"There are also extra bonuses to students who simply hold dining plans," said Allison Harper, a marketing coordinator for Dining Services. "We have our sustainability bags at the Market in Centennial. We also have a large student voice who asks us to be more sustainable. In addition, there is the annual Dinner and a Movie every spring and another event is being conceived for the fall. I'd like to see a culinary event, maybe a food show."

Another dining option is the Eagle Express card, which is essentially a debit card; the balance is limited to how much money a student puts on the card.

If used on campus, the cardholder gets a 5 percent discount. The card can also be used on off-campus locations, which have stickers on their windows that show their acceptance of Eagle Express.

"My goal is to hold an Eagle Express Vendors Showcase for all students to bring in Eagle Express vendors from outside and let them set

up in the Russell Union so the students can pass through and see the different things that are offered, maybe try some samples from different restaurants they are not familiar with yet," said Harper.

One concern students have is the current inability to save unused dining plans for another day. Junior Gegina Williams said, "I have only had meal plans the first semester my freshman year. I am not happy that if you do not use a meal plan it does not roll over or that there is not much selection on weekends."

"There is a missed meal factor, which allows us to be more efficient," said Yawn. "We pass along those savings. If we 'rolled' as they say, we would probably have to raise our prices."

"We implemented the 3-plan for upperclassmen that allows them to use them anytime during the week, so we do have that," said Harper.

There used to be a rollover for dining plans, but it caused problems and inefficiency.

"In the past when we had rollover, students would use all of their plans in one day," said Yawn.

Auxiliary Services is not, however, deaf to the voice of the student body.

"Our goal in the very near future is to have it where it rolls within a week, with probably a maximum per day," said Yawn.

Auxiliary Services is required to maintain its own financial responsibility.

"The Board of Regents requires Auxiliary Services as a whole to create a surplus. Because we are self-operational, Eagle Dining and throughout Auxiliary Services are the only things not operated by campus besides the transit system," said Yawn. "We offer this discount not only at our licensed locations, but we incur that cost."

This means that the licensees do not lose money; Eagle Dining pays the difference. The missed meal factor helps cover this cost.

Even though Dining Services is required to make a profit, it feels the need to benefit the students.

"We are one of two universities, if I am not mistaken, with dining plans that is self-operational in the University System of Georgia," said Yawn. "The great thing about that is that we are not paying anyone else. All the surplus that is made goes straight back into campus. Centennial Place and the new dining locations, Cold Stone and Einstein's, were all part of the money we

generated. It is all for the benefit of the students.

"Conversations have already started concerning the renovation of Landrum and Lakeside as well as perhaps another dining facility in the near future. We want to offer dining venues that meet the needs of our students," he said.

While there is some reluctance to use dining plans from those who want to cook, there are many options to suit the needs of all.

"It's kind of a hassle to come back to campus at night trying to use my meal plan because I manage to spend one during the day. What is best for me is to get one so that I can get lunch on campus and take the cash back and use it for groceries," said Sarah D'Amat, a freshman who is switching from a 10-plan to a 5-plan.

"We want to offer great dining experiences," Yawn said. "We changed our name from Food Services to Eagle Dining Services [for] it to be more of a dining experience. We refer to our meal plans now as dining plans. We want to provide great food, great service and great community throughout Eagle Dining."

All complaints or suggestions for Dining Services may be addressed to the Student Government Association.

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# Eat great, just not late

Jessenia MARTINEZ  
guest writer

With the changes to Eagle Dining Services this year, including additions like Einstein Bros. Bagels and Coldstone Creamery, is it possible to add a facility with 24-hour service?

"Students have to show a demand, something, in order to get what they are wanting," said Director of Eagle Dining Services Jeff Yawn. "They would have to show support in it. We are definitely open to the idea of having a facility open 24 hours, but it is up to the students to make the demand for it."

Some students are against the idea.

Sophomore Bianca Miller said, "To have a business open 24 hours a day wouldn't be good on our health or safe to be walking around all hours of the night. Eating late will only lead to weight gain, and I don't think it is a good idea to walk to and from campus at night."

However, other students supported the idea. Junior Melissa McCullough said, "I think

with the schedules we all have with work and class, it would be great to be able to pick up dinner or some groceries at any time. Sometimes we just don't have the time to make it before closing time."

Eagle Dining Services Marketing Director Allison Harper said, "We have tried extending hours for some locations, but in some cases it just did not work. We tried opening Zach's Brews to a later time, but the customer demand declined."

Students interested in bringing a 24-hour service to campus should speak with the Student Government Association or go to the Eagle Dining Services Web site and leave a comment.

"We have to be able to hear our students," said Harper. "The online comment card helps us with making improvements and to know what the students want."

Yawn said, "We value our student body and the service they bring to us. We want to hear all that they have to say."

## POLICE BEAT

### Monday, February 1, 2010

▲ Officers assisted one sick person and investigated one accident.

▲ A window was broken at Eagle Village.

▲ A case of harassment was reported at Physical Plant.

### Tuesday, February 2, 2010

▲ Officers issued four traffic citations, issued two traffic warnings, assisted five motorists and responded to three alarms.

▲ A book bag was taken from the Henderson Library.

### Wednesday, February 3, 2010

▲ Officers assisted one injured person, responded to two drug complaints at Southern Courtyard and investigated six accidents.

▲ Two music stands were taken from the Foy Building.

### Thursday, February 4, 2010

▲ Officers responded to two traffic accidents and one panic alarm call.

▲ Officers responded to a drug

complaint at Centennial Place.

▲ Officers and EMS responded to Eagle Village for an injured person call.

### Friday, February 5, 2010

▲ Officers responded to a loud noise complaint at Eagle Village and responded to two alarms.

### Saturday, February 6, 2010

▲ Officers assisted one injured person at the Recreation Activity Center and investigated two accidents.

▲ Jacob Daniel Byrd, 18, Southern Pines, was charged with DUI and failure to notify owner involving an accident.

### Sunday, February 7, 2010

▲ Austin Bolay, 20, Eagle Landings, was charged with suspended vehicle registration.

▲ Philip James Hammock, 20, Knight Drive, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

▲ Kristina Elizabeth Kutuk, 19, Southern Pines, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and giving false information to an officer.

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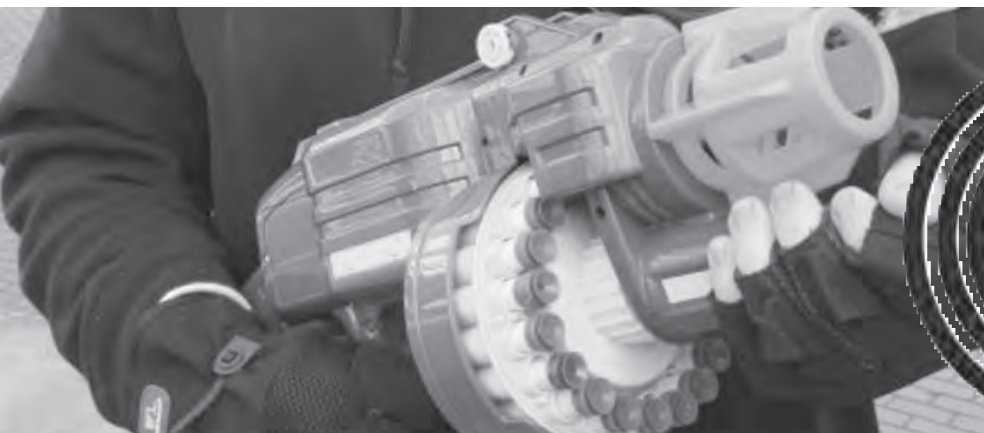
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Nerf guns, balled up socks and bandanas—these are things that make up the Humans vs. Zombies arsenal.

Humans vs. Zombies - a game that originated at Goucher College in 2005 and has since spread to over 200 other colleges - is a mixture of tag, sneak attacks and team missions.

It all starts with an "original zombie" who then attempts to tag others on the human side and turn them into zombies as well.

All humans wear bandana arm-bands, and all zombies wear bandanas around their heads in order to be identified.

According to freshman student Kris Fisher, the idea of getting out there and meeting people was what drew him to the game.

"One reason that I enjoy the game personally is because you meet so many new people," said Fisher.

"It's a lot of fun too. You get exercise and you remember what it was like to be a kid and have fun."

The objective of the game is fairly straightforward. Zombies "hunt" humans - who carry Nerf guns - to try and get as many humans as possible turned into zombies. It's the humans' job to stay human, which is accomplished through missions and meetings on campus.

"Most games go on until one side dies off, basically. Some people on different campuses have a time where they set up the whole game along a story line, [but] all the games we're going to do here are until one side wins," explained Fisher.

Just as any other game has rules,

Humans vs. Zombies has rules too.

Zombies aren't allowed to seek out humans while they're sleeping, in academic buildings, in their dorm room, while they're showering or anything else along those lines.

These requirements leave students a good deal of leeway on campus though, as most players can be found "hunting" humans or running from zombies in between classes on campus.

Jacob Wright, a sophomore music education major, served as a moderator to help launch the game at Georgia Southern. The main reason for bringing Humans vs. Zombies to GSU? Fun.

"It was just so much fun whenever Nathan [one of the other moderators] and I played it. We wanted to do something that was a lot of fun," said

Wright.

However, before anyone could begin with the game, the students had to clear everything with GSU's administration.

Wright and the other moderators started by talking to the Director of Judicial Affairs Patrice Buckner.

"We talked to [Assistant] Dean Buckner and she was actually really excited about it," said Wright.

After revamping some of the rules and getting students signed up to play, Wright - along with fellow students Nathan Ellingson and Jordan Screws - are gearing up for a new season of Humans vs. Zombies.

"We set [the start date] up for January 22 [but], what ended up happening was we did sign ups before then and we had about 150 people playing at first and then we kept on playing

and we stopped it last week," explained Wright.

He went on to add that the game got a little bit away from them as they struggled to reconcile the rules with the way the students were playing.

"We didn't really anticipate what was going to happen. We started it off and we were like, 'alright we're here...' [and then] it got to the point where we were trying to change the rules," said Wright.

"It's like that inner kid in you coming back out and it's the last chance you have to run around with nerf guns before you get too many dirty looks," he said.

According to Wright, the new rules should be ready by the end of the month. Students interested in playing can go to the Facebook page, "GSU Humans vs. Zombies."

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7	6	8	9	7	2	9	1	8
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## Quick Hits

▲ GSU announced the Bulloch County Eagle Club Baseball Dinner will be scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. inside the Gene Bishop Field House at Paulson Stadium. Tickets can be purchased at the Office of Alumni Relations for \$15 per person.

▲ GSU swimming & diving was named a Fall Scholar All-American team by the CSCAA for accumulating a team GPA of 3.46.

▲ GSU softball was picked second, behind Chattanooga, in the SoCon coaches preseason poll for the 2010 season.

▲ 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.

▲ Women's tennis split weekend matches, defeating FAU 5-2, but falling to Stetson 6-1.

▲ Men's tennis lost both weekend matches to Troy and UCF, 6-1.

▲ The GSU track & field team will travel to Clemson, S.C. this weekend to compete in the Tiger Paw Invitational.

## News from the Nest

# GSU picked second in SoCon



Former GSU pitcher Kristan Glover (#5) releases a fastball during last season's game against the UNC-Greensboro Spartans. The Eagles took two of three games in the series.

File Photo

## Streetmon earns preseason pitcher of the year while Iduate, Fogle, Side and Smith are named to the preseason All-Conference first and second teams

### GSU News Service

Georgia Southern was picked second behind preseason favorite Chattanooga for the 2010 championship in balloting conducted by the league's head coaches.

GSU's Brianna Streetmon earned preseason pitcher of the year honors and Appalachian State catcher/third baseman Katie Boyd was named preseason player of the year.

Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team or student-athletes.

The Lady Mocs received eight of the possible nine first-place votes and 64 points overall.

Three-time coach of the year Frank Reed returns nine starters, including his three top pitchers, to a team that finished 30-27 in 2009.

GSU, last season's tournament runner-up, was tabbed to finish second in 2010, garnering the final first-place vote and 56 overall points.

The Eagles earned five all-conference team

selections.

Preseason pitcher of the year Streetmon, also the 2009 pitcher of the year, was joined by shortstop Nina Iduate and outfielder Marie Fogle on the first team.

Third baseman Jenny Side and designated player Megan Smith were named to the second team.

Picked to finish third, College of Charleston was represented by three student-athletes on the all-conference team.

Third baseman Kristie Shifflett, the 2009 player of the year, made the first team, while teammates Amber Shifflett, at second base, and Katie Forbes, in the outfield, received second team honors.

Preseason player of the year, Boyd, and Appalachian State were picked to finish fourth in the SoCon.

Boyd garnered the first-team utility player selection, while teammate Sarah Rappe, an

outfielder, was named to the second team.

Coming in at No. 5 was Samford, which is entering its second year in the conference and had two second teamers in pitcher Stephanie Royall and utility player Robyn Harmon.

UNC Greensboro followed at No. 6 with first baseman Alex Emeterio and shortstop Kaitlin Merkt being named to the second team.

Rounding out the preseason poll was No. 7 Furman with one second-team selection, No. 8 Elon also with a second-team representative and No. 9 Western Carolina, which garnered a first-team nod with designated player Amber Hawkins.

GSU begins its season with the Georgia Southern Eagle Classic at Eagle Field Friday, February 19-Sunday, February 21.

The 2010 Southern Conference Softball Championship is scheduled for May 13-14 and will be hosted by the team which finishes with the best league record in the regular season.



# Eagles drop game to Bulldogs, 66-47



Brandilyn Brown/STAFF

GSU guard Jamie Navarro (#5) looks to dish the ball during last night's game against Samford.

## GSU lost their second straight game as they head into College of Charleston on Saturday

Latrice WILLIAMS  
staff writer

The Georgia Southern women's basketball team (13-11, 8-7) were defeated by the Samford Bulldogs (18-7, 12-5), 66-47.

The Eagles move down to sixth place while the Bulldogs remain at the third spot in the Southern Conference.

Head Coach Rusty Cram has yet to beat the Bulldogs, even though this is the fourth meeting between the Eagles and the Bulldogs.

Samford recently joined the SoCon last year.

The Eagles won the tipoff, but a restart was called by the referees, giving the Bulldogs a second opportunity.

Samford suffered from two shot clock violations and turned the ball over to GSU.

J'Lisia Ogburn's first points of the game were stripped away due to an offensive foul.

Samford committed back-to-back fouls, giving the Eagles a fresh 30 seconds on the shot clock and two free throw attempts.

Carolyn Whitney's first shot from behind the arc failed, but Jessica Geiger was there to clean up.

Jamie Navarro's charity stripe points put the Eagles on top by one as the Eagles put up

a good fight defensively.

A steal and shot by Samford gave them a six point lead.

After a foul by the Bulldogs, Ogburn made a smart move to get back to the free throw line.

This narrowed the Eagles' deficit to five, but the Bulldogs stayed in charge with a 35-25 score at the half.

The Eagles and the Bulldogs were tied five times and exchanged leads eight times in the first half alone.

Geiger opened the second half with a nice lay-up, but the Bulldogs took control, adding eight points within the first two minutes.

Whitney hit a shot through a tough crowd, but the Eagles couldn't stop the Bulldogs in the paint or from downtown.

With a little under 12 minutes to play, Samford sat comfortably with a 22 point lead, and continued to shoot with ease.

After the game, head coach Rusty Cram spoke about the team's loss and his mission to find out who on this basketball team wants to continue to be an Eagle.

"I think some people need to do some serious soul searching on why they are here. I am embarrassed for Georgia Southern; I am embarrassed for this program, and the lack of

execution.

"We started out fine, we mixed some things up but I just don't think there are some people here that are serious and have much pride. That's my job though. I'll take the heat because there is no excuse for that," said Cram.

Cram's comments were not to be taken lightly as he explained his plans for the future of his team.

"We will have a mini boot camp these next couple of days and I will find some people that want to be out there," said Cram. "The last five I thought worked

thier butts off, including Janay Wilson."

"We are going to find some heart, and find the people that really don't want to be here. The staff will do some re-evaluating and see who is serious about this and who isn't. The things that we saw from a coach's perspective are very coachable and the kids just didn't execute. That's my fault. I'm going to make that perfectly clear. We just don't have people wanting to score right now and that has me mystified."

The Eagles will look be seeking a victory over the College of Charleston on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 2 p.m.



Brandilyn Brown/STAFF

Eagle players Carolyn Whitney (#4) and Samantha Williams (#42) look for a rebound in their loss to Samford.

## Remaining Games

Sat., Feb. 13 @ College of Charleston - 2:00

Mon., Feb. 15 @ Furman - 7:00

Sat., Feb. 20 vs. Wofford - 12:00

Mon., Feb. 22 @ Davidson - 7:00

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## Great game, questionable commercials



### Column

Thom CUNNINGHAM  
sports editor

Another Super Bowl is now in the history books after the New Orleans Saints won their first NFL Championship by defeating the Indianapolis Colts in a game that ultimately came down to one crucial play.

With about five minutes remaining in the game, Colts quarterback Peyton Manning threw an interception that was taken back by Saints defender Tracy Porter for a touchdown.

This play would seal a Saints Super Bowl victory; and for Colts' fans, a disappointing finish to a more than respectable season.

It seemed like Manning had a chance to stop Porter from reaching the endzone, but the four time MVP couldn't catch the quick corner (probably because his forehead slowed him down).

But what's ironic is that the Saints (specifically Tracy Porter) stopped two reliable, proven, legendary quarterbacks from winning in back-to-back games.

Although Porter may have made the play of the game, there was one eye opening, jaw dropping moment that stood out to me.

The move Colts halfback Joseph Addai put on Saints safety Darren Sharper.

Addai ran the ball on a simple dive play, only to break the line of scrimmage and head into the secondary. As Addai approached a waiting Sharper, he put a move on the Pro Bowl safety that made his attempted tackle look like he was stuck in slow motion.

One move left, then another to the right put Sharper on the turf before he even knew that he just nominated himself for ESPN's not top ten list.

Despite Addai making Sharper look like an old man diving into a swimming pool, the Saints played well on all sides of the ball.

Every Saint player made big contributions in order to solidify a New Orleans Saints Super Bowl championship.

Kicker Garrett Hartley connected on three field goals, each from at least 40 yards out. Punter Thomas Morstead had a nice onside kick that teammate Chris Reis was able to recover, giving the Saints possession to start the second half.

Pierre Thomas (to me, the most underrated player in the NFL) and Reggie Bush did an excellent job of picking up yards after the first hit. Not to mention Jonathan Vilma doing a great

job of defending those dangerous slot receivers Indy has.

Apart from the game itself, the Super Bowl is known for its funny, creative commercials that advertisers pay way too much for.

This year's lineup of Super Bowl commercials might have been the worst I have seen up to my twentieth year alive.

There was so much hype behind the Tim Tebow pro-life ad.

For weeks all I heard was how controversial the Tim Tebow ad was going to be and people who are against the pro-life decision were going to boycott the Super Bowl.

And after all that annoying nonsense I had to listen to for two weeks, all he did was tackle the crap out of his own mother and told us to check out his website.

Then I had to watch Mike Ditka and the 'Boost Mobile Shuffle Crew' do a horrific job of dancing and singing.

Not to mention McMahon's shout out to one of his former tight ends wearing a cheetah thong (both weird and awkward).

After almost every commercial, my friends and I caught ourselves staring at each other with confused looks before bursting out laughing because of how little sense most of them made.

Another commercial I found a waste of time viewing was the 'head slapping' that 'apparently' NCIS invented.

Now, I've never seen an episode of NCIS, but if someone continues to slap me in the back of my head instead of greeting me like a normal person, we would probably be throwing bows.

The Bud Light commercial with T-Pain is another honorable mention for commercials I wish disappeared like Sammy Sosa's skin color, but there were few that I actually enjoyed.

I enjoyed the 2010 MVP Bret Favre commercial he did for Sony.

Doritos was the winner for me after a little boy slapped an older man in the face for looking at his mom and touching his chips.

That wasn't the only funny Doritos commercial however, as a dog put an anti-barking collar around some guy's neck in order to eat his Doritos.

Overall, I thought the Super Bowl was a great success.

I didn't catch The Who perform at halftime, but that was by choice (hopefully there was no wardrobe malfunction).

As many of you are probably Falcon fans, watching the Saints win the Lombardi trophy was probably not the best feeling in the world.

But congratulations to Saint fans and to anyone from the New Orleans area.