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National Census Day • April 1

Officials: Census could affect grants

Campus officials urge students to participate

Shannon STUART
guest writer

April 1 is National Census Day, and as the United States Census Bureau prepares census forms for delivery, Georgia Southern staff members are planning efforts to get more students, faculty and community members involved.

"Filling out the U.S. census is really a civic duty," Associate Vice President for Strategic Research and Analysis Jayne Perkins Brown said.

The U.S. census is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years.

The data collected from the census helps to determine multiple factors, such as how many seats each state will hold in the House of Representatives.

The information can also help to provide more funding to communities through hospitals, job training centers, road repairs, emergency services and schools.

Perkins Brown is leading efforts to ensure GSU students, faculty, staff and local Bulloch County residents complete the census form.

"The results in the census could make Georgia Southern eligible for more federal

grants as they are based on size," she said.

Bulloch County has seen tremendous growth in size and population since the last U.S. census of 2000. GSU alone has gained nearly 5,000 more students in enrollment.

During the month of March, census forms will be delivered to every household in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

The census forms are completed on a household basis, meaning one form is completed for each home, not each resident, and the GSU staff is planning multiple efforts to get students involved and provide help with filling out the forms.

"We are still in the planning stage," Brown said, "but we are considering a host of initiatives."

For on-campus residents, forms will be delivered throughout each dorm and resident hall, and staff will be able to assist with any questions about the census.

Off-campus residents should receive census forms in the mail, but various on-campus locations such as the library and Russell Union will have additional forms for students who do not receive them.

Brown said special presentations can be arranged for any on-campus sorority, fraternity or group wanting to host an informative session.



The 10 Census Questions

- 1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment or mobile home on April 1, 2010?
- 2. Were there any additional people staying here April 1, 2010 that you did not include in question 1?
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- 7. What is Person 1's age and date of birth?
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- 10. Does Person 1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else?



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AASU student still missing

Marshall Hooks and Nathan HARTSELL
web editor in chief and managing editor

Georgia Southern University Police are assisting in the search for an Armstrong Atlantic State University student who has been reported missing.

Bryce Tarter, 19, was last seen Jan. 31 on the Armstrong Atlantic State University campus in Savannah.

His family will be at Wal-Mart today from 12-3 p.m., and anyone who wants to volunteer and pass out flyers around Statesboro is welcome to go. Volunteers are being asked to wear yellow.

According to his family, he had been in Statesboro at a party the night before.

After arriving back at AASU around 5 a.m., Tarter drove off in his white 2000 Nissan Frontier truck with Maine license plate 9447 QD.

An Atlanta Braves "A" logo is on the back driver's window and an Atlanta Falcons logo is on the back passenger's window.



Bryce Tarter, 19, was last seen on Jan. 31 at a party in Statesboro. His family will be at Wal-Mart today to pass out flyers to get the word out.

According to the Web site established by his family, it is believed he was heading home to Guyton and has not been seen or heard from since.

Tarter's father, Blake, said that there were no security cameras in the AASU parking lot where Bryce is said to have left, although security cameras from Abercorn Street are

being reviewed.

Blake went on to say, "When we find the truck, we will find Bryce."

A Facebook page has also been created to try and help locate Tarter.

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Out & About in the BORO

Hiring administration, not teachers?

GSU seeking administration despite large class numbers

Rachel CASON
guest writer

According to the minutes of an October faculty meeting, "Plans are currently underway at Georgia Southern to create a new position of Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness. This position will deal with the campus-wide assessment and evaluation process as it relates to SACS accreditation guidelines and the USG."

Gary Means, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said, "The main responsibility of this position is to manage the information and data, working with the individual colleges and departments, that is needed to maintain [Southern Association of Colleges and Schools] accreditation for the University."

According to history professor Kathleen Comerford, SACS is an organization in charge of accreditation decisions in colleges and schools in the south.

She said, "Colleges, universities or schools which lose their accreditation may lose their ability to grant degrees."

While Means said, "This is a critical position especially for the upcoming five year interim SACS report," some faculty members seemed less sure.

Comerford said, "I have no doubt that any problems identified

by the prior SACS report require a great deal of attention; however, I find it ironic to discuss 'institutional effectiveness' in a context of decreased effectiveness."

As was reported in the Feb. 4 issue of The George-Anne, some faculty members feel that there are too many students for too few faculty.

Some faculty have expressed concerns that classes are getting bigger, and faculty members who leave or retire from GSU are not being replaced, even with the growing student body.

"Increased class size means less effective teaching," Comerford said. "We do not have enough time to spend with students because we have too many students. In 10 and a half years, my upper-division classes have increased in size from an average of about 10-12 to an average of 25."

Means said that he feels this position is important because it will "work with the individual departments that have specific program accreditations to have the data and information needed for that accreditation."

However, Comerford said, "The job description for the new position talks about assessment instruments, etc. which means more effective ways of measuring learning."

"What the faculty I know want instead is more effective ways of shepherding learning, meaning

that we do not want to see class size increase dramatically," she said. "We will never get to know students that way, and therefore have a much harder time supporting their learning efforts. We will not know what they need from us."

She said that she understands why the Provost's office is creating this position, but that she thinks this is not necessarily the wisest way to go about being more effective.

Comerford also said that she knows how important it is for students to be able to get the classes they need during the semester in which they need them.

"When students can't get into classes ... because there are too few faculty, that means they can't graduate," she said. "More time and money spent on campus is more than just an inconvenience. It's a significant dent in the family economy. It's a loss in the workforce."

Clifton Price, president of the Georgia Southern chapter of the American Association of University Professors, said, "Many faculty are unaware of the decisions that led to the creation of the position for associate vice president of institutional effectiveness. Faculty at Georgia Southern University are specialists in their respective fields and should remain involved in the assessment process."

Students can contact the Provost's office at (912) 478-5258.

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Our View

Where is the love?

Walking into Wal-Mart any time from about mid-January to Feb. 14 is an automatic eyesore.

It does not matter whether you are Valentine's Day fan or a Valentine's cynic, the sheer amount of cards, chocolates, candy and stuffed animals that adorn the front area is excessively overwhelming.

It makes for a good marketing strategy, though -- everyone feels compelled to buy something simply because it's just so "in your face."

And that, Georgia Southern, is the great problem with Valentine's Day: It's no longer about the love.

Valentine's Day today has become nothing more than Hallmark's single most profitable time of the entire year.

That means that, for individuals, consumption of material items is a key factor.

It's commonplace to give your girlfriend flowers and chocolate, maybe an expensive piece of jewelry if you've been

dating long enough, but if you just say, "I love you, happy Valentine's Day," chances are you won't have the greatest day ever -- unless you take her out to an expensive restaurant to make up for it, but even then it's just more consumption!

Now, of course this isn't the way everyone is. Some people prefer to not celebrate at all or just celebrate by enjoying time with friends or a significant other.

That's the kind of thing we should get back to, instead of expressing love through material items, especially when the presents tend to be along the same lines year after year.

Also, expressing feelings for others should not be contained to one day out of 365. Perhaps one's happiness would be increased overall if the feeling of Valentine's Day is expressed regularly.

But how will you spend Valentine's Day? Do you think the holiday has lost significance as we've reached a time when material items?

"SNOWMAGGEDON" SHUTS DOWN the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



The way debate oughta be

Tuesday morning, I was invited onto the Watchtower as a guest. For those who don't know, it's a political radio show on Tuesdays and Thursdays on the Buzz. One of the hosts, Charles Feagan, invited me to join him and his co-host to discuss current events for an hour.

We all had different political views, and we expressed ourselves to each other and to those who were listening that morning. There wasn't any yelling or personal attacks, but there was discussion, communication, and even some laughs. We were passionate, but we were civil about it.

I'm not saying that it's always going to be that way between people who disagree -- some topics are going to be personal -- but it's proof that not everything doesn't have to be a war of attrition. Look at Congress

today -- up until now, the Democrats have kept cameras out of the health care debates to the point that even C-SPAN and Obama have had to weigh in on the matter. Without the eye of the media directly on the debate, there is no guarantee that both sides are being heard, which in turn leads to the name-calling and insults that can characterize Washington politics. The Republicans have had their fair share of problems with openness, also, and both sides have



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their strikes when it comes to the insult lobbing.

I know that civility won't suddenly solve all the problems -- I know I'm too stubborn to change many of my view points -- but sometimes all that we need is a bit of common courtesy. Even when you control absolutely everything in a political body, as the Democrats did briefly, it never hurts to make the discussion as civil as possible. Maybe someone on the other side will have an idea that everyone will like if you just listen. It also helps build goodwill for when you aren't in control.

All debates can be spirited. Voices can be raised. There can be emotion involved. But it also can be sensible, and people can actually talk to each other. When did we lose that in politics?

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Students do make a difference

In recent weeks, Georgia Southern students have banded together to raise money and items to send to Haiti. Within a day of the massive earthquake hitting the tiny, impoverished nation, GSU students had already set up Facebook events to show when bake sales were being held, when clothes were being gathered, and when charity events were being staged.

If you know anything about the students who attend GSU, then this should come as no surprise to you at all. For years, students have made sure to do their best to give as much as possible when tragedy strikes anywhere in the world.

2004's tsunami was my first recollection of GSU students banding together to donate items for charity. Although the tragedy occurred half a world away, students in Statesboro still felt they could make some sort of difference. That's the true, wholesome spirit of the average college student: a belief that you, one person, can make a difference in a world full of apathetic and distressed people.

Hurricane Katrina's devastation in 2005 rallied GSU students to once again make a difference in a troubled world. In this case, the situation was not as far away as South Asia, but far closer to home. The response to these

events showed an awareness for national and international issues beyond what a student is doing that night, or what's due for the next day's classes.

Student groups, such as the GSU chapter of Amnesty International or GSU STAND, have been around for years. Such organizations spread awareness of problems such as genocide in Darfur or human rights violations elsewhere. Again, students in these and other groups don't worry about the fact that they don't know the people they're helping; they simply want to make a difference on behalf of their fellow human beings.

Stereotypes about college students have changed over the decades. For the 1960s, Americans began to think of practically all college students as protesting everything, from civil rights to Vietnam to the times of final exams. Students in the 1980s were seen as the opposite: self-centered and being the



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embodiment of the "Me Generation", not caring about the world around them.

In recent years, college students are seen only worrying about the latest gossip on Facebook or Twitter. As usual, though, stereotypes ignore the complexities of the groups that they parody. During the 1960s, not all students protested, nor did they all protest on the same side. In the 1980s, many students stayed involved in a variety of causes, from protesting Apartheid in South Africa to campaigning for a freeze on the deployment of nuclear weapons. The 2008 campaign showed that, when rallied and politically aware, students of the present day also get active and involved in their communities. While that was in the cause of a partisan political process, the natural disasters mentioned show that students are also passionate about helping others.

With all the issues facing Americans today, it is encouraging that with the most recent situation in Haiti, students forgot all about their own concerns and have tried to make a difference for the broken island nation. In a world that seems much bleaker than it has for a long time, the optimism of GSU students shows that the problems of our nation can and will turn around.

You're playing like Betty White out there!

For those of us who aren't athletically inclined, the Super Bowl presents an opportunity to see some of the best advertising ideas of the year from Madison Avenue. Of course, many of these advertisements kick off larger campaigns, so whatever they showcase tend to be things we have to live with the entire year.

Well folks, I've got news for you. If the Super Bowl ads were any indication of the ideas advertisers have in mind for this year, it's going to be a long one. What happened to the iconic figures of the yesteryear, even a decade ago? Generally, all I saw were recycled ideas. Even the eTrade babies were new, because the ones from last year grew older.

The much-hyped Tim Tebow ad

played more like Mormon spot, and Bud Light only had one really successful advertisement with the Bud Light house. The LOST spoof? The Budweiser bridge? They're okay, but not anything to write home about.

You've got to wonder why there isn't much creativity in an economic downturn. If anything, I'd expect people to be improving their creative output, to make their work stand out in a sea of



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recession.

Yet all we saw from the Super Bowl was complacency.

I think if you go back and look at history, our entertainment has largely defined each decade. Looking at the past ten years, the biggest films were popcorn flicks, projects that didn't require much thought. For the most part, that reflected the national mood, as we craved an escape from the trying times.

Today, a lot of people aren't willing to take risks, because they're scared of the consequences, such as the next stock market crash or the next bank foreclosure. But if we ever expect our economy to get going again, we've got to take a chance; we've got to take a risk.

No matter how you look at it, you're playing like Betty White out there!



Weekly Poll at GADaily.com

With the new recruiting class, how well do you think the Georgia Southern football team will do this season?

- We will finally have a winning season **67.8%**
- Another losing season **18.6%**
- I don't care **13.6%**
- We are sure to go undefeated **0%**

For next week's poll question, visit 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.

What are you doing for Valentine's Day?



"I'm going home to be with my family on my daddy's birthday."

Cardia Foster
early childhood education, junior



"Nothing, because it's just not a big deal to me."

Natalie Jennette
spanish, sophomore



"Sleeping."

Ayana Moore
journalism, freshman



"I'll be going to Florida to see my girlfriend. She goes to college there."

Joshua Kuckuck
business administration, sophomore



WEEKLY BUZZ

Ongoing

Deadline to register for Dining for Success is on Friday, February 12th at 5:00 P.M.
- \$20 refundable registration fee is required. Register at Career Services in the Williams Center.

Thursday, February 11th

2:00 P.M. HOPE for Finances- Financial Wellness, Russell Union 2047
6:00 P.M. Cultural Bias in the Media- Open Forum, Russell Union 2047
7:30 P.M. Concert of Irish Music, Performing Arts Center

Friday, February 12th

7:00 & 9:00 P.M Eagle Entertainment Movie: NewMoon, Russell Union Theatre

Monday, February 15th

VALUES Week

8:00 A.M. CRI Job Fair
7:15 P.M. "O'HORTEN", \$3 (Cash Only), Russell Union Theatre
7:30 P.M. Gay-Straight Alliance, Russell Union 2044
February 15 - March 7 CRI Job Fair, Various Campus Locations

Tuesday, February 16th

5:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. New Student Organization Chartering Workshop, Russell Union 2084
5:00 P.M. - 5:50 P.M. Top Ten Study Tips, Cone Hall
5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. OSLCE: Leadership Workshop, Russell Union 2041
6:00 P.M. - 6:50 P.M. Note Taking in Lectures, Cone Hall
7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. GSU UNplugged, Russell Union Starbucks
8:00 P.M. Mardi Gras, Russell Union Commons

Wednesday, February 17th

11:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Blood Drive, Russell Union Ballroom
4:00 P.M. - 4:50 P.M. Reading Effectively, Cone Hall
5:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. New Student Organization Chartering Workshop, Russell Union 2084
5:00 P.M. - 5:50 P.M. Preparing for Exams, Cone Hall
6:00 P.M. - 6:50 P.M. Take Control of Your Academic Future, Cone Hall
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Top Gun Professional Development



NAACP celebrates this week at GSU

Amanda STALEY
guest writer

This week the Georgia Southern NAACP chapter is celebrating NAACP Week.

The goal of NAACP week is to honor the organization through a series of informative and fun events, with the hope of increasing both awareness and membership.

Jarriell Denson, the president of the GSU chapter, said the timing of the week intentionally coincides with the group's Founders Day. The NAACP was founded 101 years ago on Feb. 12, 1909.

This week is an opportunity to celebrate the organization both on a local and national level. The NAACP chapter at GSU has been active for more than 30 years, and GSU has been celebrating this week for the past decade.

A Time for Love is this year's theme. An event is scheduled for every day of the week, and many events are held in collaboration with other organizations on the campus.

The week kicked off on Monday with a Singles Mingle in coordination with the Minority Advise ment Program.

On Tuesday, the National Council of Negro Women partnered with the NAACP chapter for a Love vs. Money forum.

The group hosted an event on Wednesday called "Art for Autism."

NAACP tries to focus on many different issues including those that sometimes "fly under the radar," said Denson.

Tonight is the Happy Founders Day Cake and Ice Cream event, which will take place in the Russell Union at 7 p.m.

In conjunction with this event will be Hot Topics, an interactive session where attendees will be given an index card upon admission to the event. Any and all questions will be welcome with responses provided by the Georgia Chapter of NAACP.

Friday rounds out the week with NAACP's first Scholarship Ball.

At this event, the organization will be awarding two \$250 scholarships to high school students in Statesboro. This supports part of the group's mission to focus on and reward academics.

"It is a way for us to help out," said Denson.

The close of this week of celebration does not signal the end of NAACP events at GSU for this semester.

On March 6, the organization will host an event called Family Reunion at the RAC fields. Denson said "this is a time for food and fun."

The Art for Autism event held during this week is a preview of a larger event the organization will hold on April 14.

"Art for Autism" will be a musical celebration whose purpose is to raise money and awareness for the national organization Autism Speaks.

"We want this to be different," said Denson.

The Georgia chapter of NAACP is trying to team up with the musical programs at GSU to create an event that will showcase a variety of methods of artistic expression ranging from poetry to modern and classical music, all benefitting autism.

For more information about the NAACP, visit www.NAACP.org or visit NAACP Georgia Southern Chapter on Facebook.

LOCAL BRIEF

SGA amends constitution

Two weeks ago, the Student Government Association Senate approved various new amendments to the Constitution. Some changes were minor while more specific amendments defined the House of Representatives.

The Constitution states that from the time of publication -Feb. 10. - a student has 14 calendar days to petition against the new

changes with the signature of ten percent of the student body who have paid their current semester's activity fee. The new Constitution can be found at www.gsusga.com. The period of petition for these changes will end on Feb. 24, 2010 at 12 a.m.

For more information about the Constitution or questions about the changes, please contact SGA Executive VP Yasmine Enmon at yenmon1-gw@georgiasouthern.edu



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MMA fights away students' stress

Mixed Martial Arts club provides outlet for students through physical activity

Jessenia MARTINEZ
guest writer

Fans of television's mixed martial arts now have the opportunity to participate in it themselves, thanks to Georgia Southern's MMA President Joel Clewis and MMA teacher and graduate student Collin Smith.

MMA consists of a mix of jujitsu, tae kwon do, kickboxing and other forms of martial arts that include weaponry similar to fencing.

The group started out last semester as a jujitsu club, but by mid-semester switched to MMA. Now there are approximately 25 men and women of all different levels of experience.

"You don't have to have any experience to join," said Clewis. "While you're here during the trainings, you will pick up the techniques and progress."

Clewis started as a beginner; he only had

two weeks of training this past summer.

"I came in not knowing anything," he said. "I had anger problems as well and MMA has helped me work my anger and frustration out. I found my place here."

A typical training consists of warm ups and then a more hands-on training that consists of upper-cuts and other self-defense techniques.

The sport may seem like a male-dominated one, but the team has girls as well.

Clewis said, "Girls are welcome. A girl should know how to defend [herself]."

Freshman Kelly Simpson said, "It is the perfect workout, and it helps keep me motivated to improve my health and my training. Perfect for cardio and conditioning."

MMA provides an outlet for built-up emotions, too.

Simpson said, "I started the sport because

a friend invited me to come and vent out my anger. It really helped, and I have been active since."

At the moment, the team has not yet set competitions because of the trainings that still take place during the week.

The MMA club plans on getting some thorough training from outside areas to gain more techniques.

"We will be training in Atlanta with the Team Genesis at least once a month to build ourselves and learn," said Clewis. "We want to be ready when our first competition comes around."

With a contact sport such as MMA, getting an injury every now and then is expected.

Matt Avera, a freshman and active member, said, "I remember coming in and not expecting to come out with a black eye, but I did, and it only motivated me to come

back and learn from what I did wrong."

As with any other contact sport, MMA requires safety gear, including a mouth piece, head guard, shin guards and 16-ounce boxing gloves.

"We expect the people that come in to be dedicated, have inner strength, willingness to learn and get beat," said Clewis. "You cannot come in thinking you are going to win every fight. Expect to lose and come out learning from the loss to get better."

MMA club is still in the process of growing into a wider and more well known team, but expectations are high.

Clewis said, "There is nothing better than to learn about yourself then to fight and test yourself and strength."

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Traditions Council aims to promote GSU spirit this year

Natalie DEMARKO
guest writer

Members of the Traditions Council, a new organization that began last semester, feel that their group has started to make an impression on campus.

"In the coming year, I hope that we can impact the campus and ignite them with the strong passion that we have in GSU," said President Ashleigh Martin.

Charlie Hueber, the director of Student Activities, and Beth Freeman started the Traditions Council, which is designed to preserve, promote and support traditions and school spirit of Georgia Southern University.

The Council is a university-sponsored organization based out of the Office of Student Activities and Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

Martin said, "I decided to apply to be president of [Traditions Council] because I want to see it succeed. I love Georgia Southern, and I love getting people spirited about our school and its history that has made it what it is today."

She said that the organization is new and was just getting started this year. Last semester the council was in charge of preparing Homecoming, the lighting of Sweetheart Circle and Eagle Rallies in order to get students pumped about GSU and its traditions.

This semester, the council elected new officers and is accepting 10 to 15 new members.

"Our goal is not to have more than 40 to 45 members. We want our members to be able to be really involved in TC and to feel like they have a say in what we do besides just voting in meetings."

The council is composed of five officers, president, vice president, membership coordinator, public relations coordinator and homecoming coordinator.

In addition to the officers, there is a program board made up of current students, mostly freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.

The applications for new membership were due on last Friday. Interviews are taking place this week, and the council will welcome the new members on Monday.

Upcoming Events

Pack the House in Pink

Feb. 17 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
The Russell Union Rotunda

True Blue Beauty

Feb. 18

Student Appreciation Day

Feb. 25

Mr. GSU

Spring 2010

Eagle Camp

August 2010

The officers are looking for students that "love Georgia Southern and have school spirit and pride," Tradition Council Vice President Collin Phillips said.

As for the upcoming events, the Council has new summer program planned for upcoming freshmen that will start in August, Eagle Camp.

The purpose of the camp is to welcome the incoming students and help them create bonds with fellow students as well as learn the traditions of GSU.

Traditions Council has also already started planning Homecoming 2010.

Other events they are planning include a Miss GSU-themed True Blue Beauty on Feb. 18 and a Mr. GSU in the spring.

A Student Appreciation Night will be held during the men's basketball game on Feb. 25. There will be free food and other give aways, and \$500 will be given to the top Greek and non-Greek organization with the most attendance at the game.

The Traditions Council will be supporting Zeta Tau Alpha's Pack the House in Pink philanthropy by throwing a tailgate at the Rotunda from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Feb. 17.

The plan is to raise breast cancer awareness to students.

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Top Left:

Valentine's Day decorations adorn Lakeside.

Photo By: Daniel Fitzgerald/STAFF



Top Right:

The trunk of the oak by the Williams Center at an angle looks like a heart.

Photo By: Brandilyn Brown/STAFF



Bottom:

A couple holds hands as they walk down the pedestrian in front of the library.

Photo By: Mallory McLendon/STAFF

Roses and chocolates
and teddy bears...

OH MY!!

With Feb. 14 around the corner, some of
our staff members divulge their dream
Valentine's Day!

Brandi Brown
Photos editor

An e-mail describing what I should wear and what time I should be ready. Followed by a blindfolded drive to a nice restaurant, where we would have dinner by candlelight. Afterwards, a romantic walk on the beach hand-in-hand as the moon rises.

Thom Cunningham
Sports editor

Any game. Football, baseball, hockey, basketball... anything my date would have to wear a jersey to. I see ladies wearing dresses to sporting events - which is nice - but it's easier sexier to see women in jerseys rather than dresses at games.

Kelsey Decker
News editor

There would have to be an absence of pink and girly things. The day should be simple because I dislike Valentine's Day in principle; I just accept that it should be celebrated. By this, I mean tell your significant other "Happy Valentine's Day!" and leave it at that.

Daniel Fitzgerald
Assignments editor

My ideal Valentine's Day would be one in which both my girlfriend and I forgot it was Valentine's Day entirely and played "Super Mario Brothers" instead.

Lyrics by N'Sync: "(God Must Have Spent) A Little More Time On You"

What are
you listening
to this
Valentine's
Day?

Alli Brenner, our Student media intern, put together a playlist that's sure to fit your romantic mood.

"I'll Be" - Edwin McCain

"She's Everything" - Brad Paisley

"I've Had The Time Of My Life". "Dirty Dancing" Soundtrack

"Kiss From A Rose" - Seal

"Wonderful Tonight" - Eric Clapton

"You and Me" - Lifehouse

"This I Promise You" - N'Sync

"At Last" - Etta James

"How Do I Live" - Trisha Yearwood

"I Will Always Love You" - Whitney Houston

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"My Heart Will Go On" - Celine Dion

"I Don't Wanna Miss A Thing" - Aerosmith

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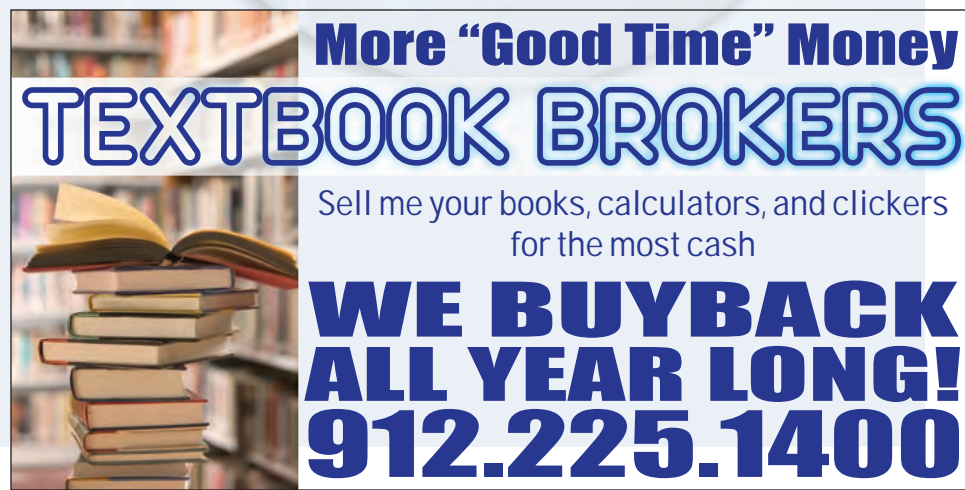
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Dancing, glow sticks and hearts

The Video Gamer's Alliance is hosting a Valentine's Day dance blowout

Derek JOYCE
staff writer

On Saturday, Feb. 13, the Video Gamers Alliance will host the Valentine's Day Dance at the Russell Union Ballroom from 10 p.m.-1 a.m. Valentine's Day.

"The main reason I wanted to do it was to have a function that would be adventurous to a lot of my organization's members," said Earl Van Alstyne, President of VGA, who created the dance. "After that I wanted to expand it to the rest of the

university so that they may experience something that they do not really see in Statesboro: a rave type environment."

The dance will take place at the Russell Union Ballroom from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m. and will be free of charge.

The party will include pink, purple, and red glow sticks, and mocktails. The color choice is to include the Valentine's Day theme.

"You can come and dance if you don't have a valentine, or you can bring a valentine and attend the event together, or if you come alone you may

even leave with a valentine," said Van Alstyne. "It presents the opportunity that you don't have to have somebody to participate in, but doesn't exclude you if you do have somebody."

The two major co-sponsors for the dance are GSU Health Services and Gamesboro. Health Services will have an information booth at the entrance of the event giving out information about STD awareness and safe sex.

Gamesboro is a used video game store in the vicinity of Eagle Clips and Dingus McGee's.

Gamesboro sells games and systems going

all the way back to the NES and also has new, portable versions of the Genesis, Super Nintendo, and Nintendo with wireless controllers and TV hookups. The shop also features fully functional arcade machines.

The deejay for the dance is Ian Grover, an employee of Gamesboro who specializes in electronic music under the alias DJ Do Over.

"The Valentine's Day dance is a rave-style dance. There are negative connotations with a rave that we do not want to have," said Sydney Brittbottoms, the owner and creator of Gamesboro.

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Famed environmentalist to visit GSU

Majora Carter to speak Monday about greening our city's ghetto areas

Aili BRENNER
student media intern

Majora Carter will be speaking at Georgia Southern University Feb. 15 at 7 p.m.

Carter's speech, entitled "Green the Ghetto, and How Much It Won't Cost Us" is part of the Sustainability Seminar Series.

"The title encompasses it all," Lissa Leege, the director for the Center for Sustainability as well as a biology professor, said. "She works for the South Bronx by restoring the ghetto and turning it into a park."

According to GSU's website, she founded the non-profit environmental justice solutions corporation Sustainable South Bronx, or SSBx, in 2001.

Her first major project was writing a \$1.25 million Federal Transportation planning grant for the South Bronx Greenway with 11 miles of alternative transport, local economic

development, low-impact storm water management, and recreational space. This led to the first new South Bronx water front park in over 60 years.

Because of successes like this, Carter is well known in the green community.

She has won a MacArthur Genius award for her work in South Bronx, was named one of Essence Magazine's 25 most Influential African-Americans in 2007, as well as being named one of New York Post's Most Influential NYC Women two years in a row.

Even as recently as last week, Carter continues to be recognized: NBC Nightly News named her one of 100 history makers in the making.

"I've taught a number of sustainability courses and her name kept popping up as a leader in environmental justice," said Leege.



Majora Carter

It was because of this notoriety that Georgia Southern invited her to come speak.

"She shows us what we can do; that it's not an impossibility to bring green to the ghetto. One person can inspire people to mobilize to a greater future," Leege said.

Once the decision to bring Carter to GSU was made, the actual process of bringing her here also brought complications.

"I contacted [the people in charge of bringing in speakers] in the summer and hoped for her to come in the fall, but she's coming in the spring which is fine. The wellness program has put the event together and they've done an amazing job with PR," Leege said.

Much like when TOMS Shoes founder Blake Mycoskie visited, some students are being given the chance to meet with Carter.

"During the afternoon we've invited leaders of campus groups to participate in an hour long question and answer discussion. People from SAGE, peace studies, Ogeechee River keeper, people are beautiful, environmental sustainability, wellness ambassadors, and biology grad students are all coming," said Leege.

Besides giving speeches and inspiring students, Majora Carter is a board member of the Wilderness Society, SJF, CERES, and hosts her own radio show entitled "The Promised Land" on Sirius radio.

Funding for this event has been provided by the Center for Sustainability, the University Wellness Program, and the Campus Life Enrichment Committee.

"She can show us how we can be more sustainable here at GSU and in the local community," Leege said. "She's a remarkable speaker who can inspire the audience and she is a great role model for our student body."



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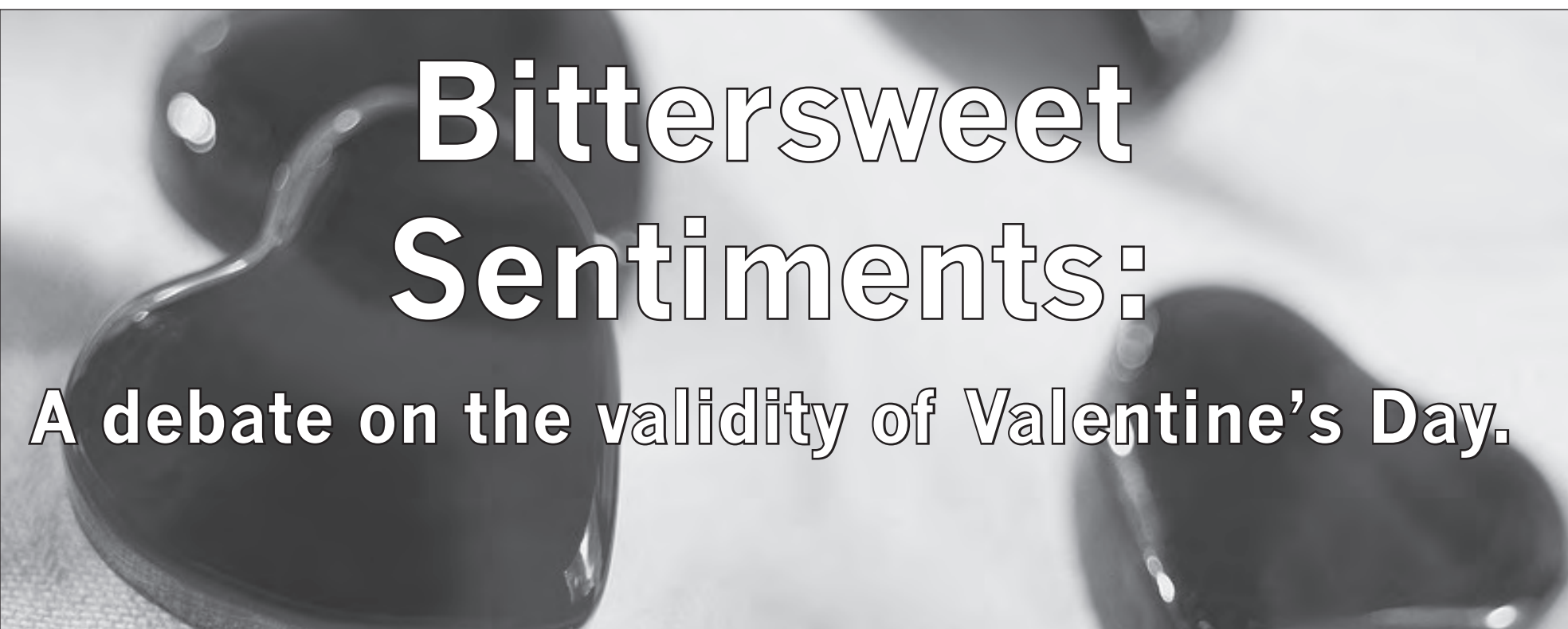




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Bittersweet Sentiments:

A debate on the validity of Valentine's Day.

Table for one

Ryan BABULA
features editor

For many, Valentine's Day is a wonderful time to show one's loved one how much they care via an expensive dinner and a bouquet of red roses. Relationships are reaffirmed and Hallmark runs to the bank with all of the cards they've sold.

Everyone is happy - if only for a single night - and the world can rest easy, painted in hues of red and pink.

On the other hand, Valentine's Day only means one thing to me: rollback sales on candies and sweets.

That's right. I'm not one for celebrating the season of love with flowers and cards, mostly because I have no one to celebrate with. Don't take pity on me, though. I've found other ways to entertain myself during the biggest consumer holiday of the year.

For starters, I like to sleep until noon or one o'clock. I figure that if I miss half of the day, then it's a major win on my part.

As of late, I've become awfully fond of red wine and romantic comedies, so that takes up a good part of my holiday as well. Nothing

makes the time fly like a tall glass of vino and "Love Actually" tugging at my emotions.

Also, I like to take this time to eat a lot, and I mean a lot of chocolate. I'm partial to milk chocolate, as it balances my bitter disposition.

Another thing that makes the day go by is the accompaniment of all my single friends. It's kind of like a little club we have - the Single's Awareness Division. We don't have cards, but we do have witticisms in spades!

Cynicism aside, I don't hold anything against those that celebrate Valentine's Day. If taking this one day to express gratitude to your loved one is your cup of tea, then by all means do it.

All I ask is that this day isn't the only one devoted to expressions of love. Surprises equal happiness, and I hope that the flower companies get good business outside of Feb. 14.

If I wasn't single, my feelings toward Valentine's Day might be a little more saccharine. Until then though, let the red wine flow and the good times roll.

Hallmark may not be getting my business, but Napa Valley probably will.

Table for two

Matt MAUNEY
reflector managing editor

Last Sunday was the Super Bowl. This Sunday marks Valentine's Day.

Talk about a change of pace.

For me, unlike my counterpart Ryan, I am going into this year's V-day in a relationship. I've been dating my current girlfriend for a little over eight months, and this will mark the first Valentine's day for us as a couple.

This Sunday also marks an even more special landmark for the two of us, as it is the first Valentine's day either of us has been in a relationship in several years.

Having spent this holiday single for the past two or three years and now being in a relationship has given me some real perspective about it.

As someone that has spent this day on both ends of the spectrum and as someone that is going into his first non- "single awareness day" in quite some time, I have to admit that I do agree with a lot of the criticism about it.

Relationships are all about respect for one another. This respect should be shown every day of your relationship, not just on the fourteenth

day of February.

However, with that said, it does feel good to have someone on this day.

For couples, this holiday should be about taking some time out of your fast-paced lifestyles to spend with that special someone, not going to fancy dinners and buying a 6 foot tall, heart-carrying stuffed walrus.

Yes, this holiday has turned into a "Hallmark Holiday," but it doesn't have to be. My girlfriend and I are going to spend this weekend together. Since we are in a long distance relationship, however the weekend will not be much different than most weekend visits.

Let me clarify that my girlfriend does not expect or want me to shower her with stuffed bears, jewelry and hearts filled with gamblers' chocolates. She simply wants to spend time with me.

If you're single, this day should just be another day in the week. If you wish to go out and have a good time then more power to you, but you shouldn't let a day created by greeting card companies depress you.

So, to all singles out there: live life, have a great time and please don't hate couples, hate Hallmark.

Calendar

February

Today

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■ Dorothy Allison

- ▲ Where: PAC
- ▲ When: 7 p.m.

■ Celebration of Irish Music

- ▲ Where: PAC
- ▲ When: 7:30 p.m.

■ Free Movie: New Moon

- ▲ Where: Russell Union Theater
- ▲ When: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Saturday

13

■ Hot 8 Brass Band

- ▲ Where: PAC
- ▲ When: 7:30 p.m.

■ Exhibition: Studio Glass from the Schumann Collection

- ▲ Where: Center for Art and Theater
- ▲ When: All Day

Sunday

14

■ Exhibition: Studio Glass from the Schumann Collection

- ▲ Where: Center for Art and Theater
- ▲ When: All Day

■ Exhibition: Observations

- ▲ Where: Center for Art and Theater
- ▲ When: All Day

Monday

15

■ CRI Job Fair

- ▲ Where: RAC
- ▲ When: All day

■ Sustainability Seminar Series:
Majora Carter

- ▲ Where: PAC
- ▲ When: 7 p.m.

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Internet relations

Searching for that significant other with the click of a mouse

Shannon Stuart
guest writer

Whether looking for Mr. Right or Mrs. Right Now, millions of people are leaving traditional dating techniques in the past and turning to the Internet for help finding love.

According to Georgia Southern Psychology Professor William McIntosh, the number of singles looking for love through online dating websites is “increasing very dramatically,” and statistics show that more than 12 million Americans joined online dating Web sites in 2009, causing dating Web sites to be the largest online revenue generators.

Shedding the stigma of desperate singles searching for a glimmer of love, online dating websites no longer carry the social taboo they once did. They are paving a new way into the future of dating.

“It’s an easy way to meet good potential dates,” McIntosh said.

With online dating, singles are more educated about their potential love interests. Instead of waiting through multiple dates and months of wondering, singles are able to learn immediately whether or not someone is compatible with them.

Bringing up subjects such as political viewpoints, religion and children on the first date was once considered dating suicide. However, singles are now able to point, click and learn more about other available singles in minutes.

“The information available allows someone to instantly decide if they are compatible with

someone,” McIntosh said.

Though - according to McIntosh - the benefits of online dating far surpass the negatives, he does encourage those seeking love - especially women - online to be cautious. McIntosh believes women should be more cautious than men when dating online and should adhere to different warnings.

Generally, women’s online dating profiles are honest, with the exception of superficial aspects. Instead of being the 5-foot-8 blonde she claimed to be online, she may be closer to 5 feet, four inches tall.

However, large numbers of married men are using online dating sights and lying about their availability.

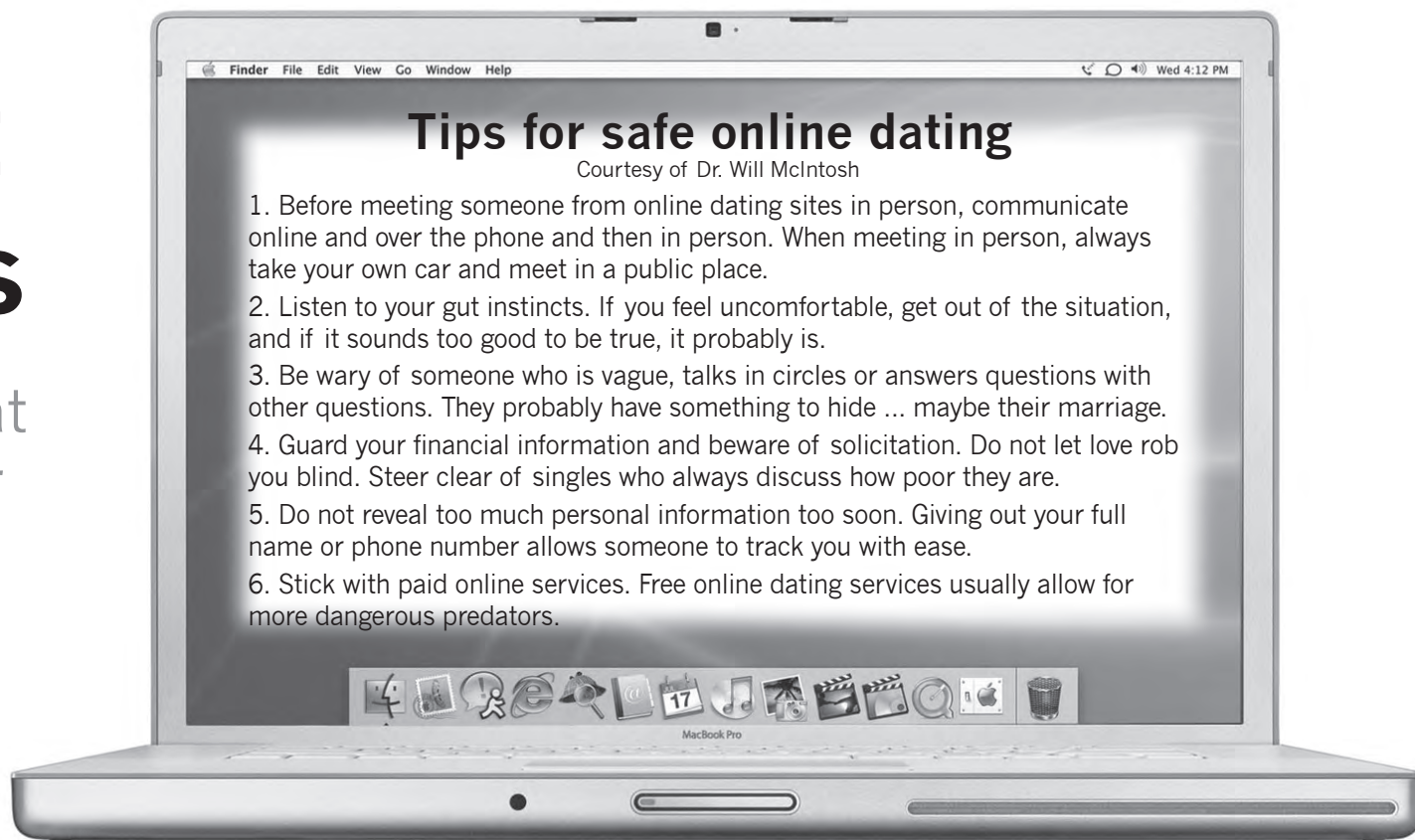
“There is a decent number of married men who use online dating sights and lie about their marital status,” McIntosh said.

Despite the online deceivers, the Internet is a hotspot for women looking for love, as the ratio is two men for every woman.

“It’s a buyer’s market for women,” McIntosh said.

The various online dating websites allow singles to get passed uncomfortable topics such as children and religion and make the search for love a little easier.

McIntosh said, “Online dating gives people a much better chance of finding someone tangible.”



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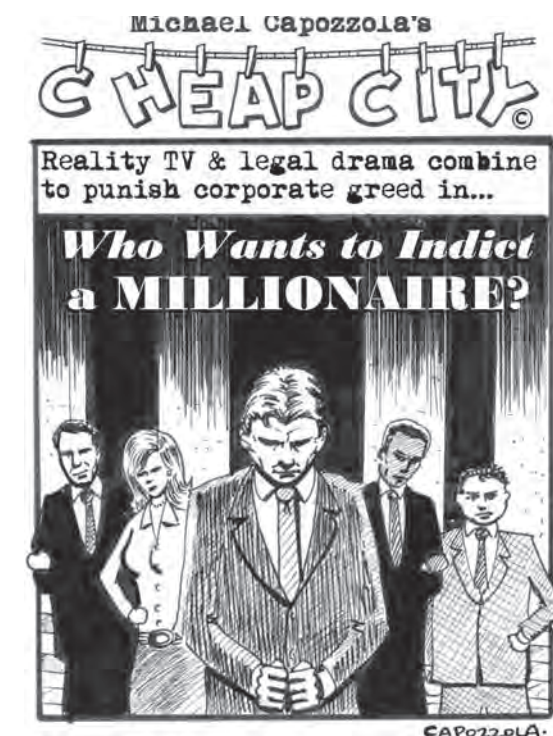
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The End

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 baseball was selected to win the SoCon by SEbaseball.com in the 2010 preseason poll.

▲ Women's tennis will play at home this Saturday against Bethune-Cookman at 9:00 a.m.

▲ 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.

▲ Men's tennis will play Jacksonville at home this Saturday against Jacksonville at noon.

▲ GSU golf will travel to Gainesville this weekend for the Gator Invitational.

▲ Women's basketball travels to College of Charleston on Saturday while men travel to Appalachian State. Tip-offs are scheduled for 2 and 3 p.m.

News from the Nest

Baseball the favorite in SoCon



File Photo

Former GSU catcher Griffin Benedict tags a Wildcat out at home plate during last season's game against Davidson. Benedict was drafted at the end of last year to the San Diego Padres.

GSU News Service

Projected to finish first in the Southern Conference according to SEBaseball.com, Georgia Southern had four players recognized on the all-conference team released today by the site, which specializes in collegiate baseball in the Southeast.

Senior A.J. Wirsberger was named first team and was joined by three others on the second team.

GSU finished second to Elon in regular season competition in 2009, but captured the Southern Conference Tournament title eliminating Elon, 7-2.

Senior infielder Wirsberger was named first-team on the 2010 SEBaseball.com predictions, while infielders Kyle Blackburn and Eric

Phillips and pitcher Matt Murray earned second-team honors.

A senior from Tuscaloosa, Ala., Wirsberger hit .323 appearing in 55 games for the 2009 campaign.

A Preseason First Team All-SoCon and Preseason Third Team All-America, he belted 13 homeruns for second-best on the team and drove in 58 runs.

Wirsberger scored 44 times and is batting .313 in his three-year career with 38 homers and 170 runs batted in.

Blackburn, a senior who hails from Marietta, Ga., was selected as the 2009 Southern Conference Tournament Most Outstanding Player and earned a spot on the All-Tournament team.

Blackburn launched a three-run homer over right field, giving

the Eagles a 3-0 lead in the title game against Elon.

The third homerun of the week for the Eagle, Blackburn closed the season batting .333 with 12 homers. The senior appeared in 36 games in 2009, knocking in 28 runs.

Returning as a sophomore, Phillips appeared in 51 games - starting 48 - in his inaugural season as an Eagle. He batted .333 on the year with 43 runs scored.

The Carrollton, Ga., native achieved success in 75 percent of stolen bases attempted and was named to the Southern Conference All-Freshman Team.

He was also named Second Team Freshman All-America by Ping!Baseball leading the team in hitting against league opponents

with a .413 average.

One of three returning starting pitchers in 2010, Murray was 6-3 with a 4.76 ERA in 2009. He hurled 73.2 innings and struck out 60.

The Spring City, Pa., native struck out a season-high 11 against Furman and was selected to the SoCon All-Freshman Team.

The Eagles, who finished the 2009 season 42-17, will open the 2010 campaign on Friday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. against Tennessee Tech at J.I. Clements Stadium.

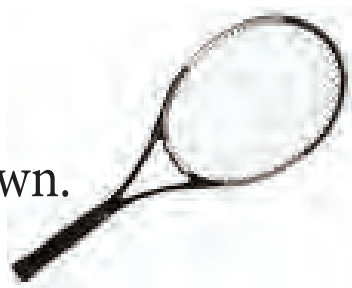
The quest to defend their SoCon title crown will begin March 12 against Appalachian State.

Season and single-game tickets are currently on sale and can be purchased by calling 1-800-GSU-WINS.

Game, Set, Match: Christine Caforio

Eagle tennis player attempts to overcome injuries to get back on the court

“I’ve always been a determined individual. ... I’ve worked too hard for too long to be slowed down. I’m ready to play again.”



Drew CHESHIRE
staff writer

In every sport, there is a single instant where a participant experiences an emotional high. For baseball players, it might be hitting a home run. Scoring a touchdown might do the trick for a football player.

For Christine Caforio, a senior on Georgia Southern’s women’s tennis team, it is getting an ace on a serve.

“Acing the serve is definitely the best feeling when you’re playing tennis,” said Caforio. “It feels great to get that good serve down that your opponent has no chance of returning. It means you’re one more point ahead, and they’re one behind. You’re that much closer to winning the game.”

Caforio has laid down several aces over her career since first picking up a racket at the age of 12.

She starred at Kell High School in Marietta, where she was voted the team MVP and was a team captain all four years.

At the conclusion of her high school career, Caforio was ranked top 10 in the state for 18 and under singles and doubles.

In 2006, her freshman year at GSU, she made an immediate impact on the women’s tennis team as a member of the number one and number two doubles spot.

Over the next few years, Caforio worked tirelessly to perfect her form and technique, especially on her serve.

“I’m pretty confident with my first and second serves,” said Caforio. “Every time I toss the ball up, I know that I’m going to give them one that they either can’t return, or at least can’t return well.”

Now in her senior year, Caforio has stayed consistent as a member of the top doubles spot on the team, and is in the middle of the singles line up.

This past fall, she teamed up with Alexandra Langmo in doubles at the Brevard Mountain Invitational.

The pair beat doubles partners from Coastal Carolina, Brevard, and UNC Asheville en route to going 3-0 in the match and reaching the final.

At that point, it seemed that her final season at GSU was going off without a hitch.

However, Caforio soon had to face an opponent that she could not beat: surgery.

Over the course of her intense practice and playing schedule, Caforio had torn nearly all of the cartilage in her wrist. By December, the pain had gotten to be too much.

She had already been forced to give up singles play, and now the nagging injury had claimed her doubles game.



Special Photo
Christine Caforio attempts a backhand during one of the Eagles’ home games last season. As a junior, Caforio recorded a 6-5 singles record and a 3-2 doubles record. Melanie Rolle, now a junior, was her doubles partner a majority of last season.

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SoCon Calendar

TODAY

• MEN’S BASKETBALL

Davidson @ Appalachian State - 7 p.m.
Elon @ College of Charleston - 7 p.m.

• WOMEN’S TENNIS

Georgia Southern @ Jacksonville - 2 p.m.

• MEN’S TENNIS

Coastal Carolina @ Wofford - 3 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 12

• SOFTBALL

Chattanooga @ Florida Atlantic - Noon

UNC-Greensboro @ Va. Tech - 12:15 p.m.

Furman @ Charleston Southern - 1 p.m.

• MEN’S TENNIS

Gardner-Webb vs. College of Charleston - 2 p.m.

UNC-Greensboro vs. Maryland - 3 p.m.

Furman vs. UNC-Asheville - 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 13

• MEN’S BASKETBALL

GSU @ Appalachian State - 3 p.m.

Wofford @ Samford - 3 p.m.

The Citadel @ Elon - 6 p.m.

Davidson @ Western Carolina - 7 p.m.

Furman @ Chattanooga - 7:30 p.m.

• WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

GSU @ College of Charleston - 2 p.m.

Western Carolina @ Elon - 2 p.m.

Appalachian State @ Chattanooga - 5 p.m.

Davidson @ Samford - 5 p.m.

• MEN’S TENNIS

Jacksonville @ GSU - Noon

North Florida @ Elon - Noon

Mercer @ Chattanooga - 1 p.m.

Samford @ Troy - 2 p.m.

Appalachian State @ Liberty - 6 p.m.

• WOMEN’S TENNIS

Bethune-Cookman @ GSU - 9 p.m.

Samford @ Memphis - 10 p.m.

Mercer @ Chattanooga - 1 p.m.

Western Carolina @ Charlotte - 2 p.m.

Appalachian State @ NC-Central - TBA

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A Look at Spring Sports



Baseball

GSU baseball will look to defend their SoCon Championship after defeating Elon 7-3 in last year's SoCon title game. Returning starters include A.J. Wirsberger, Dexter Bobo, Eric Phillips and Colin Snow.



Track and Field

The Track and Field team has a running start this season, placing in the top five teams in their first two invitationals. Their first and only home invitational is Saturday, March 27.



Golf

The GSU Golf team has its one and only home tournament March 19-21. This fall they placed in the top five teams in 3 out of 5 tournaments.



Tennis

During the 2010 year, the GSU women's tennis team has competed in two regular season matches against Florida Atlantic and Stetson. The Eagles are 1-1 in those two matches as they travel to Jacksonville today.

Although the men's tennis team is coming off of a 7-0 victory against Bethune-Cookman, the Eagles have dropped four matches this season, and have only taken two.



Basketball

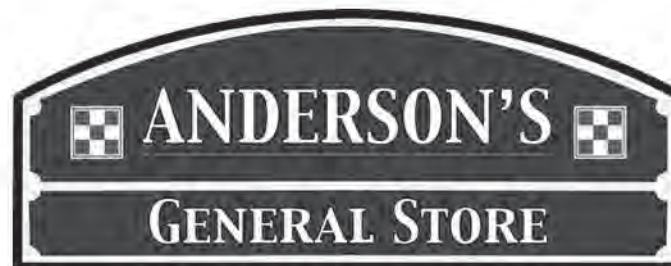
It has been an up-and-down year for the women's basketball team. After winning four games in a row, the Eagles have dropped two straight, both games at home.

The men's basketball team has struggled this season, making a 6-19 record. The good news is that GSU's recruiting class was ranked #1 in the SoCon for next season.

Softball

GSU softball finished second in the SoCon last season, making it their fourth straight trip to the SoCon title game. The season begins Fri., Feb. 19 during the GSU Eagle Classic.

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Special Photo

Christine Caforio enters her senior season as a member of the GSU women's tennis team. The Acworth, Ga., native attended Kell High School and is currently majoring in Sports Management with a minor in Business. Caforio is a recipient of many academic achievements which includes being named a Dean's List honoree, winning a SoCon Academic Award as well as an ITA Academic Award.

CAFORIO

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"It was frustrating," said Caforio. "You work so hard to get to that point in your career, and it's cut short."

Like many other athletes who catch the injury bug, Caforio underwent a successful surgery, and entered the rehabilitation process.

"It was rough," said Caforio of her physical therapy and workouts. "My wrist was so weak that I couldn't even lift a pound. You never realize how hard some things are to do until you're really hindered. It killed me to watch the girls practicing because I wanted to be out there with them so bad."

Caforio found herself without her great passion in life just as she was reaching her peak.

There are numerous ways in which athletes respond to injury.

While some sulk and eventually fade away, others see the light, and make the best of their situation.

For Caforio, the hiatus presented her with

an opportunity to focus on areas other than tennis. Aside from her athletic achievements, Caforio has performed well in the classroom. She is set to graduate in May with a major in sports management, and a minor in business.

"I would really like to get into the business sector of sports, maybe even marketing," said Caforio, who is nearly always a possibility for Dean's List.

In the fall, she was voted a member of GSU's 2009 Homecoming Court. Christine is also an active member of the Statesboro community.

Along with other members of the tennis team, she has helped raise relief money for Haiti, and has volunteered in several soup kitchens. She has also promoted and raised money for many charitable organizations, such as Relay for Life.

"As student athletes, we really try to reach out and play an active role in the community," said Caforio.

To go along with volunteer work, Caforio has also served as a coach and assistant in several tennis clinics around Statesboro. She is also currently working in an internship at Forest Heights Country Club.

Although these activities have rearranged

Caforio's current schedule, they haven't altered her priorities. Getting back to tennis is still at the top of her to-do list.

"Physical therapy has been going great," said Caforio. "I'm able to do some exercises now, and I'm slowly getting back to form."

At one point, it looked like she would be forced to miss the rest of the entire tennis season with the injury. However, a trip to the doctor in a couple weeks may provide the clearance Caforio needs to officially get back on the courts for matches.

This could spell bad news for opponents, as she is confident that she will be cleared to play.

"I've always been a determined individual," said Caforio. "I've worked too hard for too long to be slowed down. I'm ready to play again."

Be sure to check out next week's [George-Anne](#) for a player profile on

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