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# THE GEORGE-ANNE

## Jabbawockeez to wow campus

Popular dance group to come to campus April 8; student dance groups to open

Matt MAUNEY • special assignments editor

The Jabbawockeez, an all-male hip-hop dance group and inaugural winners of MTV's America's Best Dance Crew, will perform at Hanner Fieldhouse Thursday, April 8 at 7 p.m.

The show, sponsored by Eagle Entertainment, will give some students a fun and unique opportunity, according to Eagle Entertainment President Paul Tenzel.

Tenzel said, "The students are going to be extremely excited about this event. It gives students the opportunity to perform alongside a nationally recognized group."

The four student dance organizations on campus, along with the winners of last Fall's Doo-Dah Step Competition, will be invited to open for the Jabbawockeez, providing a great opportunity for local acts to show off their talents.

"What makes this program special is that it was completely formed from a student perspective. Therefore I know the outcome will be something truly remarkable," said Tenzel. "I feel that this is just one more step towards the recognition

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## Keel: Proposed cuts 'devastating'

Cuts are 'worse-case scenario,' implications are far-reaching

Charles MINSHEW • editor in chief

Under a plan submitted by Georgia Southern administrators to the University System of Georgia, GSU would eliminate the ROTC and Nursing programs as well as face the possibility of moving to Division II Athletics if forced to lose \$15 million in state appropriations.

In announcements Thursday and Monday, GSU President Brooks Keel told faculty, staff and students about the proposed cuts, although he did not name specific programs or departments that would be cut. He told the GSU community that these cuts would

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only be made in a "worse-case scenario."

Over the past week, the Georgia Legislature has asked the USG to prepare a \$300 million reduction from its Fiscal Year 2011 budget. This proposed cut is in addition

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# Spring break safety

## Events to prepare students for vacation

Kelsey SORRELL  
staff writer

Health Services, in partnership with University Housing, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, the Office of Public Safety, the University Store, the Alcohol Education Task Force and College Optical Express, is offering Spring Break Safety Awareness Week, which consists of events that take place on campus.

The events are available to all students Monday through Thursday of this week.

"Awareness Week teaches students to be aware of their behavior and to make healthy choices while on spring break," said La'Shanda Johnson, assistant director of health education and promotion, "whether the choices are in regards to alcohol, drinking and driving, personal safety or sexual activity."

She said that students should go to become more educated in situations they would not normally have thought they would be in.

"I tried to hit on every different aspect of what could possibly happen on spring break," said Johnson.

Tonight in the Russell Union Ballroom at 7 p.m. is the Fight Back on Spring Break program, which has a speaker that will teach personal safety and self-defense to students. Also, there will be free first-come-first-serve T-shirts for students who attend the event.

The annual Sex on the Beach program takes place Wednesday in the Russell Union from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Students can confidentially get tested for HIV, chlamydia and gonorrhea.

The results for the HIV test will be ready in 20 minutes, and the results for the STD tests will be ready next Monday.

Also on Wednesday will be Hall Crawl for students living in residence halls from 5-8 p.m., where students can experience a sober twist on barhopping. Students will need to travel to each hall and get a signature from that hall saying they tried that hall's mocktail in order to enter the contest to win a pair of designer sunglasses from College Optical Express.

Finally, Spring Bling will be Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at the Russell Union bus stop, where students can participate in activities that involve a sober time. There will be games and prizes for students as well as dancing. There will also be food catered by Georgia Southern Catering Services and mocktails.

### La'Shanda Johnson's Spring Break Travel Tips

▲ Talk to whoever you are going with and get each other's emergency contact information. Have a plan before you actually get there and give hotel information to your parents.

▲ Make sure you have money.

▲ If you plan to leave the country, know the language. If you don't know the language, know how to communicate in a basic way.

▲ Read about the weather, crime rates, and areas to stay away from and be aware of where you are going. The most important part is to know the laws because what may be custom here may not be custom somewhere else, and you may get arrested.

▲ Make sure you stock up on your prescriptions. If they do not mix with alcohol — do not drink. If your prescriptions can be abused by others, keep them in a safe place.

Johnson tries to change the events up a little from year to year, but still keeps some of the events standard such as the HIV testing and — as of last year — the STD testing. However, this year is the first year for the Spring Bling event.

"I will incorporate it into a yearly thing if it goes fairly well," she said. "I think the music will attract a lot of people for sure."

In the past, an estimated total of 1,000 students showed up to each event with up to 700 students attending speeches in the PAC.

Junior interior design major Cory Morgan plans to go to Florida this year for her spring break. She said she is aware of the dangers that come with spring break and plans to take certain precautions while on her trip.

The precautions she plans to follow include "don't go anywhere by yourself, have a cell phone at all times, not to drink, just basic things like that," she said.

Johnson said, "The most important thing is to think in the worst case scenario. Think of what could possibly happen, and take steps to avoid those things."



## Run for your life, humans!

Zombies attacked all week, claiming lives of humans and capturing them for their own side of the Zombies vs. Humans game currently taking place on campus. The game ends Saturday and the winning side will take all.

Brandilyn Brown/STAFF

## THRU OUR LENS

### Students extend reach to community

**Left:** Students Mario Hulett Prez, left, Shaveeka McCarty, Gerald Robinson, RaTasha LeShoure, Mario Fosque and Cameron Muhammad participate in TRIO day Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010. They picked up trash around the roads surrounding Harveys off of Northside Drive for an hour in the cold weather and aided in the construction of a Habitat for Humanity house.

Jessenia Martinez/STAFF



### SAAW ends with Take Back the Night

**Right:** Dr. Jodi Caldwell moderates the second annual "Take Back the Night" walk. The walk finished at the rotunda by candlelight. Several females spoke of their own experiences with rape and molestation. Adrenaline Show Choir also performed for the second year in a row. This event wrapped up the Sexual Assault Awareness Week on campus.

Nico Adams/STAFF





# On-campus jobs provide unique benefits compared to off campus

Kelsey SORRELL  
staff writer

The Office of Human Resources offers students the benefits of working on campus rather than working in jobs that are available within the Statesboro community.

Paul Michaud, the chief human resources officer, said that a major benefit of working on campus rather than working out in the community is that students can have flexible schedules.

"Parents like that our student jobs are safe and convenient," he said. "All our jobs are usually within the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. with no weekends, and the most they can work is 25 hours.

"We also work around their schedule and understand if they can't make it to work because of an exam," he said.

Senior biology major Asa Renfroe works at Snackers in the Russell Union and likes working on campus.

"I like it because they do care about your schedule, where off campus you have to go into work," she said. "They [off campus] don't care if you have a test the next day, but here [on campus], you can call in and it'll be fine, they won't question you or anything."

Freshman education major Morgan Ennis works at Starbucks on campus and agreed with Renfroe.

"I like it here because I like the

"They [off campus] don't care if you have a test the next day, but here, you can call in, and it'll be fine..."

**Asa Renfroe**  
senior biology major

staff and the managers and it's close to everything and I also meet a lot of people my age," she said. "They're very flexible [with class schedules] and extracurricular activities regarding school."

There are approximately 2,000 student employees on campus currently, but that can change daily.

In most cases, students who work for one of these jobs tend to stay in that position until they choose to leave.

"People graduate or leave, so we need to hire new employees, but most of the time it is continuous," Michaud said. "Departments like to hire students that will be there for a while, which students seem to like that better too.

"It is our intent to keep students here as long as possible, assuming they are a good employee," he said.

Some jobs on campus, however, do come to an end for a student, such as the work study programs that are paid for by the federal government with a pre-set amount of money.

In a work-study program, students can only hold that position until they receive that set amount of money. However, students can still apply for other jobs around campus once they have completed their program.

According to Michaud, the fact that students cannot be furloughed is another advantage of working on campus.

He said that anyone making below \$24,218 is exempted from furlough, as well as anyone funded partially or completely, anyone on H1B Visa, anyone on a grant or any public safety employees.

Therefore, all student jobs are exempted from furlough unless they currently hold a full-time job on campus.

"Students would not have met the salary of \$24,218," he said. "Casual labor, if they work 35 hours or above would be furloughed, unless they fell under \$24,218, so as a result, students who work 10-15 hours [maximum of 25 per week for students] would never reach that threshold and would not be affected."

He said that institutional or work study students definitely would not be affected by the furloughs.

"On-campus jobs are a great selling point to parents for our school," he said. "I know every university has work study and institutional programs, but we try to get as much as we can."

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## Our View

## Losing more than money

What in the world are the Georgia legislators doing? Asking the University System of Georgia to cut \$300 million from its already trimmed budget is an atrocity!

An additional \$14.7 million cut from our budget is devastating even before one knows what the effects of the cut will be.

What the legislators are doing, however, is changing the landscape of education at Georgia Southern.

The university has prided itself on providing a student centered environment and large-scale opportunities for many years. With the loss of this funding will come a loss of identity. The intimacy that Georgia Southern is known for will be lost.

Now is not the time for students to sit and wait for an outcome. It is time for all of us to make our voices heard. Do whatever you can to let legislators know that students will not let their education be compromised.

No university should have to

sacrifice its identity because of a budget crisis. Along with the loss of identity comes the possible loss of over 200 positions.

What can we do as concerned students? It's simple. Start letter-writing parties, call your state representatives, flood their inboxes with e-mails, remember the ballot box and tell everyone you know about the injustice that GSU is suffering.

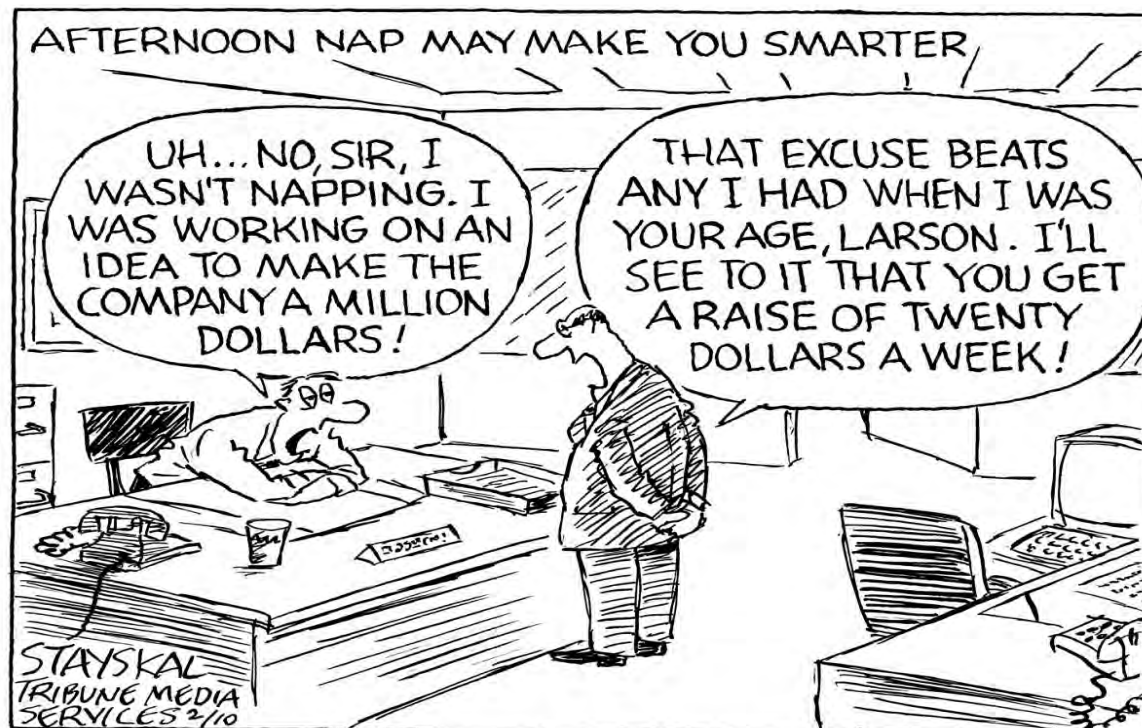
One of the big questions remain. How did the government manage to mismanage so much money that this even became a problem?

Legislators, here's what you can do for the students of Georgia. Raise taxes on tobacco, cut the pork from the budget, or provide more economic opportunities.

Don't look to the USG to relieve one third of a \$1 billion budget shortfall.

Legislators, these cuts stand the chance of erasing 10 years of progress from GSU. Do you really want to be responsible for that?

Remember: November is sooner than you think.



## Looking for a job? Think about ...

These days, it's no secret that in order to stand out in the job market, you not only have to be the better candidate, you have to be the best. As a graduating senior, I thought I'd share some of the things I've learned that have helped me in my job search. Most of it is common sense, but sometimes the simplest things are the ones we forget.

First, always, always follow up with your contacts. Job searching is like dating. If you find a company you like, you're not going to just say hello and move on, you're going to need to take advantage of the introduction and follow up with them. E-mail is the easiest way, but phone calls work, too.

Secondly, send hand-written thank-you notes. This step is often overlooked as old-fashioned or unnecessary. However, Dr. Shiffler, the dean of the COBA once told me that a thank-you note will take you farther and make you stand out more than anything else. Since then, I've done my best to write them after making key contacts, and they've really been a huge help.

Another thing that I've found to be incredibly important when networking,

especially at any pre-planned event like a career fair, is background research on the company.

If you have time to prepare before you meet a prospective employer, why wouldn't you take that time to look into the company? When you tell a recruiter you don't know anything about their company, you're not only telling him or her that you didn't think it was worth the time, but you also are saying that you're not worth looking into.

One piece of advice that I've never had too much trouble with is always ask questions. If you don't take the time to ask an employer questions, it shows them that you really didn't do your homework and you really don't care about the position. Even if neither of these things is true, that is usually what an employer will take away from that



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situation.

Something else that I've learned along the way that has really helped me -- utilize the knowledge of professors. Every single professor at this school does research in his or her field and has contacts in specific fields of study and industries. They are a huge resource—use them! Many of my professors in COBA have been instrumental to gaining interviews and meeting prospective employers. If they don't have anyone to introduce you to, the least they can do is help you prepare for an interview or go through your resume to customize it for the position. Nine times out of ten, if you take the time to go to them, they'll take the time to give it to you.

These are just a few of the helpful things I've learned throughout my time searching for job and internship opportunities and it is definitely not an exhaustive list. However, just by starting out with some of these key things, I've been able to network and make contacts in industries that really interest me. It's not a definite job offer, but these things almost always lead to a call back.

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## Students take turn around court

Members of GSU's intramural wheelchair basketball teams, The Original Rolling Thunder and the Holy Rollers, competed against each other in a game Friday. Wheelchair basketball is new to GSU this school year. The league is open to both mobility-challenged and able-bodied individuals. Teams are limited to four players, and games take place on half-court size playing field.

Brandilyn Brown/STAFF



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## POLICE BEAT

### Monday, February 22, 2010

▲ Officers issued one traffic citation, issued one traffic warning, assisted eight motorists, assisted one sick person, responded to one alarm and investigated three accidents.  
▲ A cell phone was taken from the Recreation Activity Center.  
▲ A vehicle was keyed at Paulson Stadium.

### Tuesday, February 23, 2010

▲ Officers issued three traffic

citations, issued two traffic warnings, assisted six motorists, responded to one alarm, responded to a drug complaint at Southern Courtyard and investigated two accidents.

▲ A vending machine was damaged at the Newton Building.  
▲ Jarod Christian Houston, 19, Kennedy Hall, was charged with theft by taking.

### Wednesday, February 24, 2010

▲ Officers assisted five motorists,

issued two traffic warnings, issued one traffic citation and worked one accident.

▲ Stephen Lamont Paynes, 26, Chandler Road, Statesboro, was arrested as a wanted person.

### Thursday, February 25, 2010

▲ Officers issued eight parking citations, issued one traffic warning, assisted three motorists and responded to one alarm.

▲ Officers aided one sick person at

the Herty Building.

▲ A complaint of harassment was made at C-Lot.

▲ A vehicle was reported missing at University Plaza; officers assisted the Statesboro Police Department and the vehicle was located a short time later.

▲ Corey M. O'Connell, 19, 410 Georgia Ave., was arrested for underage possession of alcohol and obstruction of a law enforcement officer.

# Hash Run to provide a-'maze'-ing time

Natalie DEMARKO  
guest writer

Eagle Entertainment will sponsor its first Hash Run at Georgia Southern tomorrow.

During a hash, one or more members — known as the “hares” — lay a trail. The rest of the group, known as the “pack” or “hounds,” follows as they encounter obstacles including false trails, short cuts, dead ends or splits on the path. The race is very similar to a maze.

Starting at the Russell Union Rotunda and following a path around campus, everyone from the GSU community is welcome to participate.

Cathryn Wagner, a member of Eagle Entertainment's Programming Board, said, “I couldn't put this event together without our advisor, Sriravong Sriratanakoul. I was struggling to come up with an event proposal, so Swerve told me to think of something I love to do.

“I thought of running, so we used running and added a little more creativity to it. We decided to plan our own Hash Run. I was pretty new to the idea but Swerve explained to me the concept of Hash Runs and I fell in love with the idea,” she said.

Wagner said, “The biggest part of the planning process was deciding where the course was going to be.”

However, after deciding the location, Eagle Entertainment was able to focus on other aspects of the event such as sign-up and medals.

After the race, there will be medals for the top three male and top three female finalists.

The Hash Run will start at 6 p.m. and varies from two to four miles depending upon the path chosen by the runner.

Wagner said, “I am hoping that if all goes well with the Hash Run this year that we will be able to make it an annual event and hopefully make it bigger each year.”

## First Friday draws students downtown

Jeff HARRISON  
guest writer

Friday, March 5, will offer students more than the customary reprieve from school work and an excuse to sleep in.

The Averitt Center for the Arts and the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority will again unite for “First Friday Downtown,” an effort to draw students and residents to Statesboro's Main Street.

“First Friday started out as an art gallery crawl once each month, and has developed into a free social gathering event,” said Anita Hall, event coordinator for the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority. “The idea behind the event is to help keep our downtown vibrant, by reminding GSU students and area residents that downtown Statesboro is a great place to eat, shop, and live.”

Doors to local businesses along Main Street will remain open long after usual operating hours, and most will offer special promotions to customers. First Friday will also provide a venue for artists to display and sell work.

“One can enjoy and learn more about

downtown Statesboro and the arts,” said Hall. “The Averitt Art Center always has free art exhibits going on, and most First Fridays feature a performance at the Emma Kelly Theater.”

The event offers Georgia Southern students both an entertaining and unique opportunity to experience much of what the city of Statesboro has to offer.

“Statesboro is an awesome community and Georgia Southern students need to remember they are an important component that gives the town character,” said Patricia Carter, department chair for Georgia Southern's Betty Foy Department of Art.

“Art students who participate in First Friday are very smart. The more people who see your art, comment on your art, buy your art and make you talk about your art, the more you become an experienced professional,” she said.

The university will provide a shuttle service to the event from the Russell Union throughout the evening.

First Friday will commence festivities at 5:30 p.m. and last about three hours.

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- ▲ Campus tours for prospective students and guests
  - ▲ Special recruiting events (e.g. Open Houses, Scholarship Weekends)
  - ▲ High school college day programs and receptions
  - ▲ Alumni programs (e.g. Eagle Club Meetings, President's Skybox, Homecoming)
- Learn more by attending information sessions on Monday, March 8 or Tuesday, March 9 at 6 p.m. in Lewis Hall.
- Applications can be found at <http://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu/southernambassadors>.

### Nominees wanted for Essence Awards

It is time for the 16th Annual Georgia Southern University Essence Awards, which recognize and honor those campus constituents that have contributed to increasing the appreciation of diversity at GSU.

Recognized individuals and organizations are those who have served as leaders in influencing, promoting, and encouraging a campus environment where all are respected regardless of differences.

The Essence Awards Selection Committee will be evaluating organizations and special interest groups for their overall contribution to diversity through service, leadership and commitment to the students of Georgia Southern.

Individuals and groups may nominate themselves. The winners of these nominations will be determined by the Essence Selection Committee, made up of students, faculty and staff.

All groups are encouraged to participate. These items must be submitted on or prior to

March 11, 2010 by 5 p.m. to the Multicultural Student Center, P.O. Box 8068, Russell Union Room 2070, or by e-mail to attachments to [mssc@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:mssc@georgiasouthern.edu).

For more information, contact the Multicultural Student Center at 912-478-5409. Applications are available online at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/multicultural/>.

### Volunteers needed for spring fair

Do you need volunteer hours? Would you like to make a difference in a young student's life? Georgia Southern's Golden Key Club is putting together and running booths for Langston Chapel Elementary School's Spring Fair on April 16 from 2-9 p.m.

The Langston Chapel Elementary School's Parent-Teacher Organization needs volunteers to help organize and operate the booths.

E-mail Dr. Tim Cairney at [tcairney@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:tcairney@georgiasouthern.edu) for instructions on how to get involved.

### Art exhibit winners to be honored Friday

The Center of Art and Theatre will host its semi-annual undergraduate exhibit reception and awards ceremony March 3 in honor of six Georgia Southern students' award-winning artwork.

"The exhibition gives students a sense of competitiveness and pride in their works," said CAT administrative assistant Stephanie Neal, "It has them set goals and to have a professional experience and sense of self-pride."

Over 80 pieces were in competition to be displayed and judged, but only 49 were chosen to compete for one of the six awards.

Prizes vary for each award, ranging from \$100 to \$25. The awards are Best in Show, Exceptional 2D, Exceptional 3D, Juror's Choice, and Faculty Collection Purchase Award, one 2D and one 3D.

Winners are also offered the chance to leave their pieces to have them permanently displayed in the gallery.

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*Southern Ambassadors*

**Attend an Information Session**  
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# ELECTIONS 2010

## WHAT IS SGA?

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3/4: Mandatory Candidate Meeting @ 5 PM in RU 2044

3/10: Executive Candidate Debate @ 5 PM in RU Ballroom

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3/31: Voting ends on WINGS

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4/5: Runoff Election Voting begins (if necessary)

4/7: Runoff Election Voting ends (if necessary)

4/8: Runoff Election results posted outside of Office of Student Activities



## Glamour, glitz take stage

Kelly Vermeil/STAFF

People were turned away at the door of the Russell Union Ballroom due to the excessive number of students that swarmed the GSU Spring Drag Show Thursday night. Five performers took the stage, strutting, dancing and lip synching. As part of the event, students faced off in a strutting competition before intermission. The fourth annual event, held as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week, was hosted by the Gay Straight Alliance.

For more photos, visit GADaily.com.



## Women focus of month, event

Empowerment conference sign-up ends Mar. 19

Kelley NORMAN  
guest writer

The month of March marks the beginning of Women's History Month, which originally began as Women's History Week. The theme this year is Writing Women Back into History.

"Women's History Month is a chance to stop and acknowledge the women who have made contributions to the rights and roles that women have now in American society," Sandra Peacock, the director of women's and gender studies, said.

Peacock also said that the month of March is not the only time that women's contribution to history should be recognized.

"Women's history is important for the same reason that history is important," Peacock said.

She said it's time to move beyond taking a month to celebrate famous women and "mark the incorporation of women more generally into the study of history."

Consuela Ward, the director of the Multicultural Student Center, said the role of women in history is important, but

she does not observe the recognition of women's history in the month of March.

"I believe that when March is over, I'm still a woman," Ward said. She also thinks that it is important to "begin to recognize people every day of the year."

Although the Multicultural Student Center does not officially observe women's history in March, there are events planned for women during the month.

The MSC will host a lecture by bell hooks, called "Cultural Criticism and Transformation," on March 25 in the Russell Union Ballroom at 7 p.m.

Hooks is mostly known as a feminist thinker, but her writings cover topics including gender, class and race.

The MSC, along with other student organizations, will host the Women's Empowerment Conference on March 27 in the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The conference will focus on topics like networking and strategies for personal and professional growth. The conference fees are \$10 for Georgia Southern University students and \$15 for non-GSU students. The deadline to register is March 19.

## DANCE

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that we have harnessed thus far, and the program will be one of Eagle Entertainment's most memorable of the year."

The show will cost Georgia Southern students \$5 for stand seating and \$10 for floor seating.

Faculty, staff and Statesboro community are also welcome to attend

as a part of general admission, which will cost \$15.

After becoming the first winners of ABDC in March of 2008, the Jabbawockeez have been touring the country. They have also made appearances in national commercials, including spots for Pepsi and Gatorade.

They are known for their high-intensity break dancing style and the white masks that they wear when they perform. Tenzel, who first came up with the

### Dance crew performance

- ▲ When: Thursday, April 8 @ 7 p.m.
- ▲ Where: Hanner Fieldhouse
- ▲ Admission: \$5 for student stand seating; \$10 for student floor seating; \$15 for general admission

idea of bringing the masked dancers to campus, said that the process of doing so was not as easy as he first thought.

"The process was nowhere near as easy as I expected it to be. In order to get started, we had to put together an

in-depth proposal to present to the Vice President's office," said Tenzel.

Sriravong "Swerve" Sriratanakoul, the director of Eagle Entertainment helped Tenzel with this difficult process. "It was something that [Paul] wanted,

so I helped him write up a proposal, and we were approved for funds," said Swerve.

"Dr. Teresa Thompson and Dr. Anne Marie Seifert were also crucial in making this possible through their support for student centered programming," Tenzel said.

The show will act as a prelude to the spring concert that will take place at the end of April. The performer of this year's spring concert will be announced in the coming weeks.



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**Brooks Keel, Georgia Southern president**

‘This is a massive cut by anyone’s imagination. To put this in perspective, this takes us back to 1998 and the budget when we had 14,000 students here. ... If this comes to pass, it sets us back 10 years; a decade in terms of the progress this university has made.’

# CUTS

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\$265 million in cuts already planned. GSU had already planned for \$11 million in reductions for the upcoming fiscal year. With the additional proposed cuts, GSU’s state appropriated funds could drop by a total of \$25 million.

In a letter to Seth Harp, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education and Earl Ehrhart, who chairs the House subcommittee, USG Chancellor Erroll Davis wrote that the administrators of the systems 35 schools submitted proposals that could not include “artificial scenarios” and that “they were specifically instructed not to come forward with any actions that they were not prepared to implement.”

Whether or not these cuts actually happen, however, may not be fully known until April 1, according to Keel.

In a video recorded Monday, Keel said, “If faced with the magnitude of cuts currently being proposed, the Georgia Southern we all know and love today will look dramatically different tomorrow.”

According to an executive summary of the statewide cuts from the USG, however, GSU administrators told the USG that the university could possibly see course offerings reduced by 600 sections, which translates to a loss of 17,400 seats.

“It means larger class sizes,” Keel explained to faculty on Monday. “It means a total rethinking of how we provide education on this campus.”

Clara Krug, a professor of French, said, “I think Dr. Keel made a very good point that if the legislature continues to make deep cuts, it will

change the face of Georgia Southern education for quite a long time.”

Krug said, “I just hope that we can save as many classes and as many faculty and staff positions as possible.”

Student Government Association President Samantha Young wants students to get involved now by contacting state legislators and making their displeasure with the budget cuts known.

“It’s my wish that students just get active and get on the phones,” Young said. “Talk to their legislators and talk to their representatives. I would definitely like a writing campaign.”

Young said that SGA’s offices would be open for students to come in and write letters to their legislators. She also has plans to hand deliver letters to state legislators during Spring Break.

The USG’s executive summary also states that GSU’s “ROTC program, just recently recognized as one of the top programs in the country, would need to be eliminated” and that the Nursing program “would need to be eliminated due to need for part time clinical experienced faculty.” Also at risk, according to the summary are the “Youth at Risk” program and the Model U.N.

Some of the possible cuts detailed by Keel on Friday included the loss of state funding for the university’s Continuing Education program which includes the GSU Museum, the Performing Arts Center, the Wildlife Center and the Botanical Gardens – which would save \$3 million. Keel said that these operations would have to become self-sufficient.

Keel did not specifically mention that tenured faculty positions would be cut, though the executive summary states that “thirty-three tenured faculty positions will be eliminated.” Keel did, however, state that 117 temporary faculty positions and 67

## Proposed Cuts By The Numbers

In the event that \$14.7 million will have to be cut from the university’s budget, GSU administrators are making the following proposals to the University System of Georgia:

**\$2M**

Six more furlough days to be taken in Fiscal Year 2010, starting in July.

**\$3M**

Elimination of state subsidy that is used to support the Division of Continuing Education (GSU Museum, Performing Arts Center, Wildlife Center, Botanical Gardens, Coastal Georgia Center, Brunswick Center and Dublin Center). Keel said that these entities will not be eliminated, but they will have to become self-sufficient.

**\$4M**

Elimination of one-half of all temporary faculty. This equates to 63 full-time temporary faculty and 54 part-time temporary faculty.

**\$2M**

Elimination of 67 staff positions. The number is equivalent to the current number of vacant positions.

**\$1M**

Unspecified cuts to athletics programs.

**\$2.7M**

Consolidation and elimination of academic programs. Keel said that a committee made up of faculty, deans, department chairs and students would determine what programs are cut.

staff positions would be eliminated if these cuts are approved.

GSU Athletics also face the possibility of severe cuts in their budget. The cut of \$1 million is

equivalent to approximately 10 percent of the budget, according to Keel. If the cuts are approved, the athletics program could drastically change.

## Make your voices heard

University President Brooks Keel suggests that students, parents, alumni, faculty and staff who wish to express concern or displeasure with the current budget cuts proposed by the Georgia legislature should write their local state representatives. Their contact information can be found at [www.legis.state.ga.us/](http://www.legis.state.ga.us/).

“This will have a devastating effect on our athletics program, and if not addressed through a loyal Eagle Nation – which we’re going to be calling on – it could have a detrimental effect of forcing us out of the [Southern] Conference into Division II,” Keel said.

In his letter to the legislators, Davis also wrote that the “plans should be viewed as informational and not as recommendations for several reasons.” Among his reasons were hopes that the budget would not be reduced by \$300 million and that the cuts would “severely compromise our ability to provide the educated populace that is necessary for the continued success of this state.”

Keel noted in the faculty forum Monday that these cuts could set the progress of the university back by nearly a decade.

“This is a massive cut by anyone’s imagination,” Keel said. “To put this in perspective, this takes us back to 1998 and the budget when we had 14,000 students here. If this does come to pass – and let me emphasize that this is a worse case scenario – if this does come to pass, it sets us back ten years; a decade in terms of the progress this university has made.”

What started as a mission trip turned into much more for one Georgia Southern graduate

# Surviving catastrophe

ALLY RAKOCZY  
staff writer

Amidst the chaos and the rubble of Haiti's recent earthquake, there was an unlikely face. Mary Lauren Veciana, a recent graduate of Georgia Southern, had gone to Haiti for a mission trip just days before the earthquake struck the poverty-ridden country and returned with the story of a lifetime.

The recent fashion merchandising grad and member of Kappa Delta at GSU found herself with a little time in between the end of her internship and the start of her job search in January when she was given the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Haiti with a medical team from her parents' church.

"I had considered traveling after graduation and this seemed like the perfect opportunity because I wasn't in school and had not found a job yet," said Veciana. "It was a complete last minute decision for me to go. I didn't even have a passport the two weeks before we left, but I have no doubt in

my mind that it is where God wanted me during that time."

Fortunately, she received her passport in the mail just two days before she left for Haiti. After arriving in the village of Messailier, located about 20 miles north of Port-au-Prince, she and a team of 13 other people - including nurses, doctors, her father and her cousin - began setting up a makeshift clinic in the Presbyterian Mission compound.

The compound itself was a commanding concrete structure that stood in a circular formation, surrounded by a rickety white fence and guarded 24 hours a day by men armed with guns. Comprised of a church, dormitories, a school, an orphanage and the resident pastor's home, it had little color, with the only departure from the gray cinderblock exterior residing on the orphanage's pastel green walls.

"The buildings were very large, but compact. It's very depressing, very bare, yet it's such a wonderful place," explained Veciana.

Upon arrival, Veciana was struck by the Haitian people, particularly the children.

"From the moment I got there I fell in love with the beautiful children," Veciana said.

It was on Tuesday, Jan. 12 in the afternoon when Veciana's trip became a life-altering experience for not only her, but for the people of Haiti.

"A group of us decided to go on a walk in the village with the little orphans. Little did we know that about 30 minutes into our walk there would be an earthquake that would last under a minute but do more damage than we could have ever imagined," remarked Veciana.

According to Veciana, there was a deep rumbling sound in the distance. While she and the children stood in the middle of the road, she began to see trees rustling, despite the stillness of the air.

Suddenly, Veciana felt the earth begin to move beneath her.

"The ground started shifting horizontally back and forth. Houses in



Photos courtesy of Mary Lauren Veciana

the village were crumbling all around us," said Veciana.

Veciana, unsure what to do, heard the screams of people as they ran from the crumbling shacks.

"Some of them were just yelling out in Creole, and you didn't know what they were saying. Some of them were calling out to God," she reflected.

Grabbing an orphan and running to avoid falling debris, she ran to her father as she tried to make sense of the situation.

"In those seconds I honestly thought that I was going to die in Haiti," said Veciana. "I just expected that [the ground] was going to open up somewhere."

Veciana went on to add that she didn't realize at the time that earthquakes were not commonplace in Haiti and that it was difficult to tell just how catastrophic it had been, because they were miles outside of the epicenter.

"I sort of thought it was something that had happened before. By the way everyone was panicking, though, [I

realized] it hadn't happened before," Veciana said. "I also remember thinking it must've just happened in the little village we were in.

"Once the ground went still, there seemed to be complete silence for a few seconds while everyone took time to process what had just happened," she said.

After Veciana took stock of what had happened, her first priority was to make sure the children she was with got back to the compound safely.

While the homes in the village were completely destroyed, the compound remained intact, as American mission groups had built it with reinforced steel construction within the concrete walls.

Veciana said, "It just goes to show that Haiti has horrible construction. Everything in Port-au-Prince was destroyed, [but] the US Embassy was still standing."

Look out for the Thursday, March 4 edition of The George-Anne for the conclusion of Veciana's harrowing tale, and visit [gadaily.com](http://gadaily.com) for the full story and photos.



# Defending yourself on spring break

## Spring Break Safety Awareness Week sponsors self-defense clinic

Derek JOYCE  
staff writer

The self-defense seminar "Fight Back on Spring Break" will take place in the Russell Union Ballroom today, March 2 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

"The program is designed to give students information about personal safety and self-defense techniques while they are on their spring break vacation," said La'Shanda Johnson, the assistant director of health education and promotion for Health Services.

The event is part of Health Services' Spring Break Safety Awareness Week. T-shirts will be available for the first 200 students to attend.

The event is designed as a holistic system of self defense. "Students will learn about setting boundaries, trusting intuition, being

a bad victim and learning easy and practical self defense moves," according to the press release on the event.

The techniques taught are designed to be simple, effective, and usable by anyone. Matt Ogburn, a former public safety officer for GSU, will act as the "dummy" for the event.

"I think it is important because it will give you insight into situations that you would not normally think would happen. A lot of times, students find themselves in predicaments and later think what they should have done. This will give students the opportunity to think about those situations before they actually happen and to be prepared for them," said Johnson.

Men and women are both welcome to attend the event. For those who have self-defense training, attendance to this program can at least serve as a reminder or supplement to any previous self-defense

training.

For those who do not have self-defense training, it is recommended to join a class when able.

This seminar is an extension of Girls Fight Back, a nation-wide organization that teaches women basic and practical self-defense.

In addition to physical combat techniques, the program teaches mental self-defense in categories such as trusting intuition and how to make oneself less likely to be a victim. Through this program, over 100,000 women in hundreds of schools in the US were taught how to defend themselves.

Erin Weed, creator of GFB, has said in numerous interviews that, "We cannot always rely on our fathers or our boyfriends to protect us. We have to be our own best protection."

GFB has been featured on many news

networks such as NBC, Fox, and CNN. It has also been featured on a variety of talk shows.

The program was created in memory of Weed's murdered friend and sorority sister Shannon McNamara. McNamara chose to fight the man who broke into her house, inspiring the name of the group.

Because she fought back, her assailant was later found and put on death row.

In addition to self-defense seminars, Girls Fight Back has also been published as a book and as a website. The website for the organization is [www.girlsfightback.com](http://www.girlsfightback.com).

The website provides a blog, statistics, crisis hotline numbers, safety videos, and links to self-defense class organizations.

Other events for Spring Break Safety Awareness Week include the "Wet T-shirt Contest" -- which happened on Monday -- and the upcoming "Sex on the Beach," "Hall Crawl" and "Spring Bling" events.

# How's that resolution coming?

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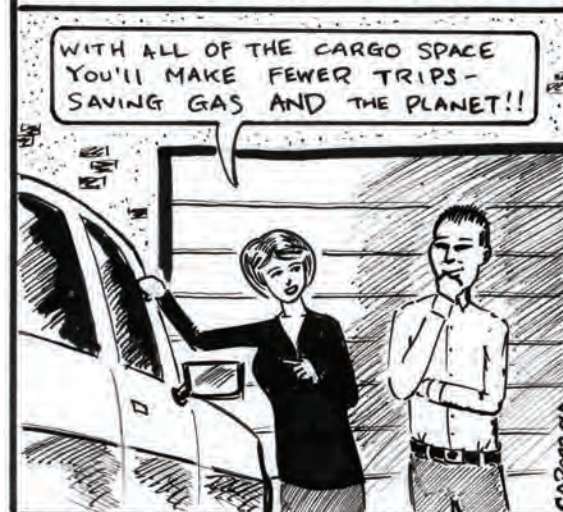
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## Quick Hits

- ▲ GSU women's basketball will place fifth entering the SoCon tournament this weekend in Charlotte, NC.
- ▲ GSU softball won five games this past weekend to win the Florida Gulf Coast Tournament. Opponents included St. Francis, Minnesota, UConn, Villanova and Eastern Michigan.
- ▲ GSU softball will travel to Orlando, FL on Friday, March 5 for the UCF Tournament.
- ▲ GSU golf wraps up the John Hayt Invitational today.
- ▲ GSU baseball took two out of a three-game series against Holy Cross, dropping the Eagles' record to 3-5.
- ▲ GSU baseball will travel to North Florida today for one game beginning at 7 p.m.
- ▲ GSU baseball will host a three-game series against Marshall beginning Friday, March 5 at 7 p.m.
- ▲ GSU men's tennis lost 4-3 to North Florida on Saturday, Feb. 27
- ▲ GSU women's tennis fell to Georgia State and UAB this past weekend, losing both matches 6-1

# Eagles fall to Holy Cross



File Photo

GSU pitcher Dexter Bobo (#7) delivers a pitch during the Eagles' game against Tennessee Tech. The Eagles are now 3-5 after their home series against Holy Cross. GSU will go on the road to face North Florida before returning home for a three-game series versus Marshall.

Dylan THOMPSON  
staff writer

The Georgia Southern baseball team squared off against the Crusaders of Holy Cross in the third and final game of the series at JI Clements Stadium on Monday night. Holy Cross would ride on the back of a great performance from starting pitcher Matt Shapiro to a narrow 3-2 victory.

The Eagles were looking to climb their way back to a .500 record, coming in at 3-4, while Holy Cross were 0-2 on the season. Freshman Chris Beck got the start for the Eagles, and did a serviceable job in the loss.

"We've been looking for guys to step up, and Chris gave us a great performance. We really like the way he competed out there," said manager Rodney Hennon of his freshman starter.

Holy Cross opened the scoring with two runs off of a tricky double to right field. GSU would respond swiftly in their half of the first with an emphatic two run bomb to center field off of the

bat of senior powerhouse Kyle Blackburn.

Both teams would then settle down and dig in defensively, neither scoring a run for the next 4 frames.

The Crusaders were clumsy on defense committing 3 errors in the first 3 innings, but the Eagles could not capitalize.

Action would pick up in the top of the sixth, as Holy Cross would load the bases with no outs, knocking out starter Chris Beck, and bringing in Jake Brown to work out of the jam.

Brown would pitch admirably, forcing an infield fly out on his first pitch before allowing the Crusaders to score one on a sacrifice fly deep to right that proved to be the final difference.

The Eagles would escape the dangerous inning only giving up one run.

Shapiro sat down 12 Eagles in a row at one point as GSU couldn't sustain a rally after their first inning outburst.

"Their guy just pitched a great game. We had some good swings early, but he changed speeds on us and threw strikes. We needed to put more

pressure on him," said Hennon of Shapiro.

In the bottom of the eighth, Shawn Payne broke the dry spell and smacked a double to left center.

Blackburn would draw a walk in the next at bat, finally knocking Shapiro out of the game.

Runners would advance to second and third on a passed ball, but GSU would come up empty handed.

In the bottom of the ninth, the Eagles would mount one last effort for the comeback victory, as Kevin Bowles would walk to begin the inning.

GSU wouldn't be able to do anything with the base runner as Holy Cross walked out with the slim victory, and their only win in the three game series.

The first two games featured plenty of offensive fireworks, but this one was a pitching and defense duel.

"With both sides pitching so well, you have to do the small things," said Hennon.

The Eagles have a road date at North Florida on Tuesday, March 2.

# WVGS gets exclusive softball rights

Matt MAUNEY  
special assignments editor

91.9 the Buzz WVGS, the Georgia Southern student radio station, has been given exclusive rights to broadcast every home GSU softball game for the 2010 season.

Justin Baker, the sports director for The Buzz, first came up with the idea when he heard several complaints that softball did not get enough coverage.

Baker then approached Rose Carter, the sport media relations director for GSU with the idea.

"The whole idea of this was to provide more opportunities for broadcasting students both on the production and information side," said Baker. "We wanted this to be more than just a resume builder. We thought it would give students the opportunity to bring coverage to one of Georgia Southern's up-and-coming sports programs."

Baker is one of several students that switch out as color commentators for home games.

Daniel Sallerson, the Buzz's station director, is bringing the play-by-play for every home matchup.

Sallerson has covered GSU baseball and football in the past but said that calling play-by-play for softball brings a new challenge.

"The hardest thing about covering it is that I've never covered softball before," Sallerson said. "Besides from playing intramurals, I didn't know anything about the sport. So when one of the first games I covered went to extra innings, I was confused of why there was a player that started on second base.

"I found out that in extra innings in softball, that the last out of the last inning gets to start on second," said Sallerson. "It's just a bunch of little rules like that you have to learn as you go."

Both Baker and Sallerson have enjoyed covering the games thus far and feel that having exclusive rights to GSU softball will not only

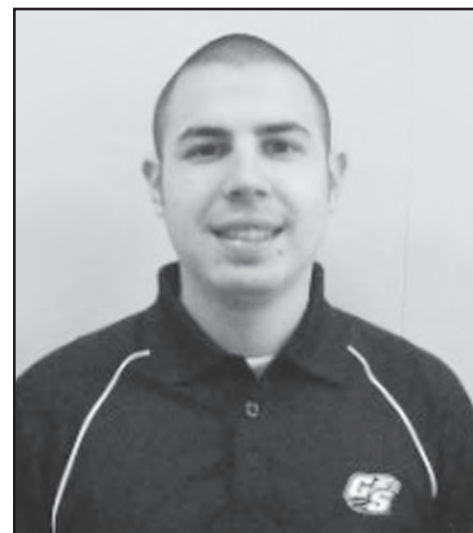
benefit the students, but help the station and the team as well.

"We're very excited to have this opportunity. As a student radio station here, we have never been able to be the only media outlet for one sport," said Sallerson. "This is an opportunity that many campus radio stations across the country don't get."

"Our ultimate goal is to provide an opportunity to students to further their broadcast knowledge and experience and provide them with a real world opportunity," said Baker. "At the same time, we're here to provide Statesboro and Georgia Southern a service, as they are part of our community"

GSU softball (7-5) is currently in the middle of a 19-game road trip and will not return to Statesboro until March 20, when they begin a three game series against Western Carolina.

All three games - as well as every home game for the rest of the Eagles 2010 regular season - can be heard live on 91.9 the Buzz WVGS.



Special photo

WVGS station director Daniel Sallerson announces play-by-play for home GSU softball games. Sallerson has been with the 91.9 the Buzz for almost four years and has commented on GSU baseball and GSU football in the past.

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# A look around at what's happening



Alli Brenner/STAFF

The Holiday's team won the Student Media Pitch-In Softball Invitational on Friday. All proceeds from the event went to the Statesboro Food Bank.



File Photo

The GSU women's basketball team will be competing in the SoCon Tournament this weekend in Charlotte, N.C. The Eagles have the fifth seed in the tournament.



## Results / Calendar



All File Photos

### TUESDAY (3/2)

#### BASEBALL

Dayton @ Furman - 3:00 p.m.  
WCU @ Georgia Tech - 4:00 p.m.  
Holy Cross @ College of Char. - 5:00 p.m.  
Alabama @ Samford - 7:00 p.m.  
GSU @ North Florida - 7:00 p.m.  
UNC-Ash. @ Wofford - 7:00 p.m.

#### SOFTBALL

Furman @ Charlotte - 2:00 p.m.  
Furman @ Charlotte - 5:00 p.m.

#### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Charlotte @ Elon - 2:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY (3/3)

#### MEN'S TENNIS

App. State @ Gardner-Webb - 2:30 p.m.  
Wofford @ Charlotte - 2:30 p.m.  
UT-C @ Jacksonville State - 3:00 p.m.

#### WOMEN'S TENNIS

UT-C @ Jacksonville State - 2:30 p.m.

#### SOFTBALL

St. Bonaventure @ College of Char. - 4:00 p.m.  
St. Bonaventure @ College of Char. - 6:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY (3/4)

#### BASEBALL

The Citadel @ Hawaii - 11:35 p.m.

#### WOMEN'S TENNIS

UNC-Ash. @ WCU - 2:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY (3/5)

#### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Samford @ Georgia State - 2:00 p.m.  
Longwood @ App. State - 2:30 p.m.

#### MEN'S TENNIS

UT-C @ UNC-Greens. - 1:00 p.m.

### BASEBALL

West Virginia @ WCU - 1:00 p.m.  
Bucknell @ Elon - 2:00 p.m.  
Rider @ App. State - 3:00 p.m.  
Ohio @ Furman - 3:00 p.m.  
Army @ UNC-Greens. - 4:00 p.m.  
Alabama @ College of Char. - 6:00 p.m.

### SOFTBALL

App. State @ Maine - 11:00 a.m.  
WCU @ Tennessee - 11:00 a.m.  
Samford @ Creighton - 11:00 a.m.  
UNC-Greens. @ Akron - 11:00 a.m.  
UT-C @ UMass - 12:30 p.m.  
UNC-Greens. @ Howard - 1:00 p.m.  
WCU @ Rhode Island - 1:00 p.m.  
Elon @ Mid. Tennessee - 1:30 p.m.  
UT-C @ Virginia Tech - 3:00 p.m.  
Stetson @ App. State - 4:00 p.m.  
Samford @ Northern Iowa - 5:30 p.m.