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GSU to ban smoking?

SGA and Staff Council move to ban smoking on GSU's campus after two years of planning.

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Provost search continues

Gonzales visits campus in open forum

Charles MINSHEW
web editor in chief

Junius Gonzales, the second candidate for Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, he said that his life experiences as the son of immigrants from Peru coupled with his professional experiences allow him to bring a unique style of leadership to Georgia Southern, if chosen.

Gonzales said, "My experiences — both personal and professional — in three different systems and settings have allowed me to experience different world views and then take those to the next place that I've been."

GSU is not the only place Gonzales, who spoke at a public forum Wednesday afternoon at the Performing Arts Center, is looking for a new position, however.

Just over two weeks ago, on Oct. 4, Gonzales participated in a public forum for a provost search at the University of Texas at El Paso, according to that university's provost search page. That search has not yet yielded a successful candidate.

Gonzales said that his vision for academics at GSU contains a multi-faceted approach.

In his presentation titled "For Students, For Salience," Gonzales said, "Academic affairs will catalyze and lead positive change to ensure every Georgia Southern student's inquiry-centered education is multi-dimensional, rigorous, indelibly engaged and salient for meaningful contributions to 21st century life."

He said that he feels like GSU is a place where meaningful changes can be made in education.

Gonzalez said, "I think that this is the kind of place that can offer an opportunity —not just for me, but for many others — to help make fundamental, rather than incremental advances in the delivery of higher education."

He added that like other industries, "people want things cheaper, faster and better" in higher education.

Gonzales said that there is no "one size fits all" approach to any aspect of academics, including online education at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

"The competing demands issue of needing fiscal sustainability, trying to match the challenges of an underfunded state university or system, blending that with how much extra tuition do you actually get as you increase enrollment," Gonzales said. "We've been having that discussion with not a lot of resolution at a college level because one size does not fit all."

He said that there are some programs where online teaching is not feasible at all.

"I am in support of online learning and distance education with very careful thought about it," Gonzales said. "But would really want to know from content experts what are you potentially sacrificing that could have a negative impact on your department."

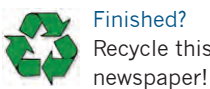
Gonzales said that he is a supporter of hybrid education models for online learning, where students actually step foot in the

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Students show support for GLAAD's Spirit Day



John Jeziorski/STAFF
Jasmine Johnson (left), Victor Derby and many other students wore purple yesterday to show support for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's Spirit Day, which aims to honor the teenagers who have committed suicide recently.



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SGA, Staff Council move forward with tobacco-free initiative

Initiative has been in the making for 2 years; SGA, Council taking action this semester

Stephen RHODES
guest writer

The Student Government Association and the university's Staff Council are prepared to begin a new tobacco-free campus initiative, which has been in the making for over two years, at Georgia Southern.

The initiative will not allow students to smoke cigarettes or chew tobacco on campus property. The Staff Council is working on getting the initiative passed, and if it does, it will draw up the official policy and begin a campaign to educate the student body on the new proposal.

"The Staff Council voted to take on this initiative two years ago and have been diligently working on it since then," said America Minc, a member of the Staff Council. "The change in administration put us on hold for a bit, but we are now back on track."

Minc, who is primarily in charge of running this initiative, met with SGA two weeks ago to bring it up to speed with the Council's plans.

The policy is still awaiting approval from the administration, but when it does come in to effect, it will be a total ban of the use of tobacco products anywhere on campus.

"The Tobacco-Free Campus Initiative's goal is to make Georgia Southern's campus tobacco-free. This means there would be no smoking or chewing tobacco on campus property, no smoking in front of building entrances, no spitting tobacco on the pedestrian, etc.," said Minc.

The main goal of the initiative is not to simply forbid students from smoking, but to increase wellness on campus, creating a respectful environment while on campus, and to educate the student body on the numerous benefits that come with a tobacco-free campus.

Minc said a few of them are savings of labor costs regarding grounds keepers and custodians cleaning up cigarette butts and chewed tobacco, taking away the negative environmental effects caused by smoke and litter that cigarettes and chewing tobacco produce and making sure people who have respiratory ailments are not affected by cigarette smoke.

The policy will not be enforced by cigarette patrolman or tobacco watchdogs, but rather by the student body itself.

"It will mostly be self-governing," said Minc, regarding enforcement of the policy. "Across the country, numerous institutions have gone tobacco-free and most all have had

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America Minc
member of Staff Council

success with a positive approach of education, awareness and creating a respectful culture on campus. There are some universities who take the punitive approach and give citations, but that is not what we are recommending."

Hunter Freeman, a criminal justice major said it did not matter either way regarding GSU's campus becoming smoke-free.

"I don't smoke, and I don't have anything against the people that do, so it wouldn't really effect me if it's passed or not," Freeman.

Victoria Gunnin, a junior graphic design major agrees with Freeman as she said it does not matter either way.

She said, "as a non smoker who lives off campus, it doesn't bother me either way. i can see it becoming a serious problem for those who live on campus though."

Elizabeth Vinson, a senior writing and linguistics major, said she disliked smoking in general, but was not inclined to take away a student's right to do it.

"Even though I hate smelling smoke when I walk by smokers, I think it would be wrong to deny them the right to smoke on campus," said Vinson.

Jaimie Solazzo, a hotel management major, said she was excited about the possibility of the campus going smoke-free.

"I finally will be able to breathe outside of Newton," said Solazzo. "I literally have to walk through a cloud of smoke every time I leave that building."

Jake Patton, an accounting major, said he was upset that the council wanted to outlaw smoking on campus.

"It's ridiculous," said Patton. "I'm not going around blowing smoke in people's faces. I always smoke away from everybody and put my butts in the trash cans."



Photo Illustration

Once the Tobacco-Free Initiative comes into effect, Georgia Southern students may no longer be able to smoke in front of building entrances on campus.



CLASS hosts annual symposium

Colleen McNALLY
staff writer

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences is holding its Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium for the third year in a row.

Since CLASS began the CURIO Symposium three years ago, Nicolas Hoad has participated in the event.

"The first time around, I had the very important task of door holding and lifting the heavy stuff. This year I have been helping plan the event, but I will also present 'The Last War of the Ottoman Empire,' a research paper I recently completed," said Hoad.

The event will begin with opening remarks by Dean Michael Smith in the Music Library on the third floor of the Foy Fine Arts Building at 7 p.m.

Hoad said he first got involved when his roommate Ryan Pickrell, a history major, had the idea to create a research symposium for CLASS students.

"Working with Dr. Olivia Edenfield and many other faculty members, he managed to make his idea a reality. Unlike some bigger

universities, professors at Georgia Southern are accessible and open to helping students with research projects," he said.

Christine Ludowise, the associate dean of CLASS, coordinated this year's event.

"The Symposium is a step in the process of self-discovery. Hopefully students will take the research they present and develop it further — perhaps they'll submit it to a professional conference or take the opportunity to present his or her creative work to an external audience in the community or at a juried show," she said.

Hoad is just one of 15 students scheduled to present. Another returning participant is junior English literature major Francine Koenig. This year Koenig said she is presenting a slideshow that will highlight the main points of an essay she began last April.

The event is divided into three 15-minute sessions and different rooms. Each room will have three presentations, allowing the audience to choose its order of viewing. In addition, there will be Poster Session, displaying the work of Deirdre Haynes, Andrew Horne and Katherine Patrick. A reception

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Nicolas Hoad
CLASS student

planned by the Student Advisory will follow. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend.

Ludowise said she hopes to see the event grow in the years to come.

"We plan to continue the symposium and, with student involvement, develop it into a celebration of undergraduate research across the College. In addition, the CLASS Dean's Office has begun awarding Undergraduate Research and Creativity Grants on a competitive basis," said Ludowise.

Hoad agreed, and encouraged his classmates to get involved.

"I would love to see more students take advantage of this accessibility and engage in research projects that interest them. Go talk to a professor, apply for a grant, and make an awesome project."

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classroom from time to time. He said that campus research resources, including those in the College of Education, could answer questions

about online learning.

He also tackled the issue of faculty wages, noting that salaries at GSU are low.

"They're low here," Gonzales said. "There is discrepancy depending on the fields, et cetera and that's okay."

Gonzales currently serves as the

founding dean of the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences at the University of South Florida. He has held that position since 2008 and since then has also served as the executive director at USF's Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute.

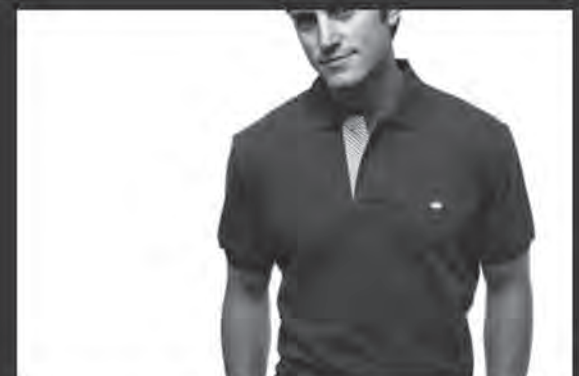
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Our View

An issue as thick as smoke

There's a new initiative at Georgia Southern, and it's aiming to make the campus community healthier. The movement would make it so that students, faculty, staff and anyone else at GSU cannot smoke on school grounds.

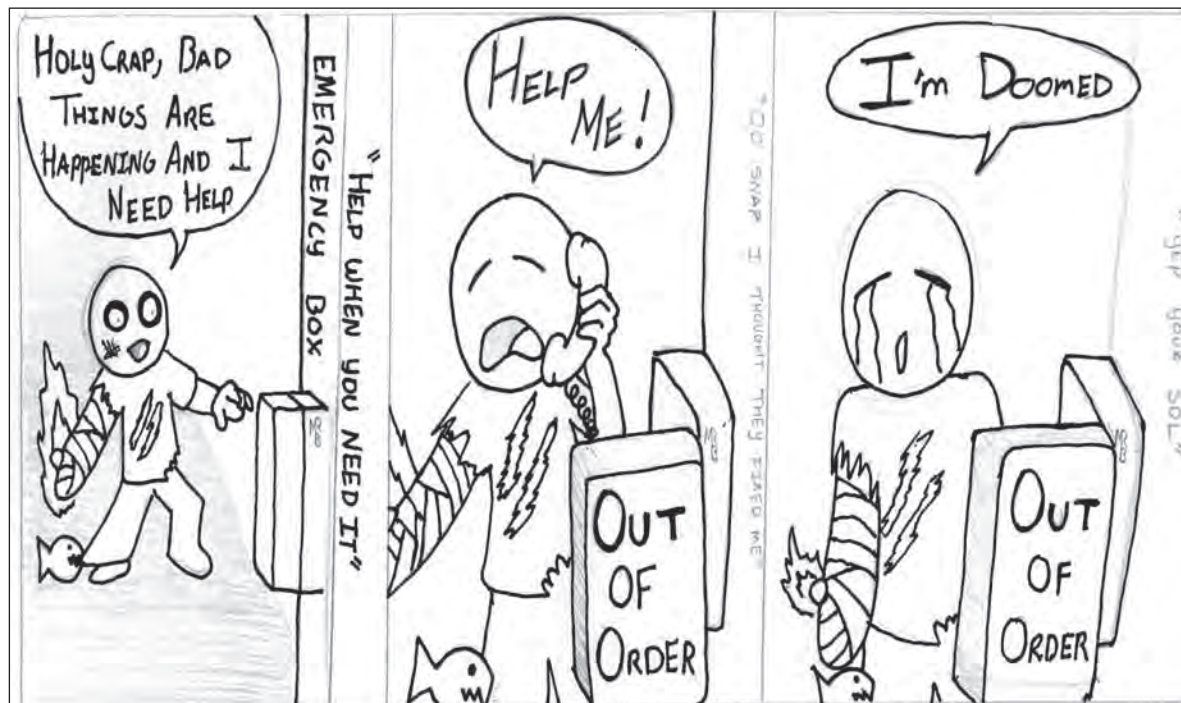
The first thing that needs to be said is "Finally." And it's not because people shouldn't smoke — if you want to smoke, that's your own prerogative — but because if you want to smoke, you shouldn't do it around others. It's their choice to not smoke as much as it is a smoker's choice to smoke. When people smoke at the entrances to buildings and walking down the pedestrian at random, it inhibits others' abilities to avoid it.

However, banning smoking from the entire campus is probably going to make a fair amount of people unhappy. Recognizing that, it is worth putting out there that middle ground is attainable, should a significant portion of the university be opposed to banning smoking entirely.

If there were designated smoking areas, away from buildings and recognizable to the non-smoking people so that they could be avoided, it seems there should be no reason that this could not be a suitable compromise.

By the time we come to GSU, we're adults, and adults are capable of making their own decisions. In that way, it's not fair to dictate what can and cannot be done on campus.

But at the same time, something needs to be done to clear the air for those of us who don't smoke. It's not fair to have to hold one's breath walking out of the buildings through the walkways or to be caught off guard by a cloud of smoke when someone lights up a cigarette walking in front of you.



Marcus Barkley/STAFF

NFL's new rule too restrictive?

As of Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2010, the NFL began enforcing its new, "dangerous hit" rule in order to protect offensive players from malicious hits. After the weekend of concussions that ensued in the NFL, Roger Goodell and his merry band of suits slapped several players with fines up to \$75,000.

The NFL considered linebacker James Harrison's hit on wide receiver Josh Cribbs a week ago legal, and reinforced by Cribbs who tweeted, "I have no bad will towards LB James Harrison. That's what he's suppose to do knock people out [sic], it's what makes him one of the best."

Harrison's Sunday hit on Mohamed Massaquoi, which was egregious and flat out dirty, landed him the 75K fine.

The parameters of the fineable hit have not been determined and are apparently going to be handled the same way a high school beauty pageant is held, by opinion.

Pandora's Box was opened when the NFL reissued its helmet-to-helmet contact rule, a rule that was previously in existence but not enforced, limiting the use of



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the projectile hit, or rather, the use of a player's helmet and body as a means of a dangerous hit.

However, what decides the level and tenacity of the big hit? The crowd and

home viewers are going to react like kids on a playground and erupt for the mega-hit. In fact, it is what people pay to see watching football.

After one weekend of heavy hitting, the NFL has decided to get tough and protect its players, but the rule is not black and white, and there is plenty of wiggle room allotted to the referee.

Players, mostly defensive, around the league are outraged at the fines. Most cannot get over the idea that the NFL is attempting to limit the way they play on defense.

Once a kid signs an NFL or college contract, he knows what he is getting in to. These men are paid to

be gladiators, not ice skaters.

These are massive, mammoth men playing at full speed; two-, three-hundred pound linebackers running faster than segues and attempting dislodge a ball. How can the NFL now step in and tell them to slow it down? The game is what it is, and is at its fastest pace ever.

While protecting players from vicious hits is a requirement of the front office of the NFL, limiting the way these men play is not.

Concussions cause brain damage when suffered enough times, yet the NFL still doesn't acknowledge a link between the two in terms of football. Are they really concerned about their cattle, or just the cash cow?

In a statement after Pittsburgh's game on Sunday, Harrison said he plays to "hurt" people, not "injure" them. This statement is echoed from high school ball to pro, and it's the weapon the defense has in their pocket, the idea that if someone runs their way, their going to get hurt.

The NFL needs to protect its players, but don't take away the part of the game that makes it fun to watch and dangerous to play.

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Georgia becoming hotbed for stem cell research debate

Atlanta's Shepherd Center made international news Monday with the announcement that it was hosting the world's first human spinal-injury patient injected with cells derived from human embryonic stem cells.

For some, the use of embryonic cells remains controversial, even though most Americans support such treatments. A Harris Poll released last week found that 72 percent supported the use of embryonic stem cells in research and treatment, while only 12 percent opposed the approach.

Here in Georgia, however, the political consensus doesn't seem quite that strong.

Conservative legislators have made repeated but so far unsuccessful efforts to ban embryonic stem-cell research from the state, a step that would probably do great damage to the state's growing biotech industry.

Roy Barnes, the Democratic nominee for governor, supports research and opposes a legislative ban.

Conservatives like the Republican nominee for governor, Nathan Deal, apparently takes the opposite approach. They argue against the destruction of life to save life.

That is a flawed argument here as Almost all stem-cell lines used in research, including those injected in the Shepherd patient, are derived from donated embryos left over from in vitro fertility treatment; in other words, they did not involve "the creation of life for the purpose of destroying it,"

UGA President Michael Adams echoed these feelings, "I have great respect for the people who have a different viewpoint than I do — especially those who see this on ethical and moral grounds. I'm concerned about life," the university president said. "I'm a dedicated Christian.



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I don't want to see any misuse of this science. But I believe that the good that comes to society far outweighs the negatives.

"I also tell them that, from where I sit, this has the ethical advantage of doing for other people in need what we would want done for ourselves," he said — adding that the possibility of ending diabetes or Parkinson's Disease is too profound to ignore.

For a political junkie like myself, I am left wondering what conservative ideology has to say about the potential for job growth in our state due to biotechnology industry boom.

If more companies and exterior supply companies continue to relocate to our state for this up and coming field, will we stand in our own way to economic prosperity on moral grounds.

Of course, many of these jobs will go only to those who are qualified in the field like doctors and neurosurgeons, but what about more truck drivers, package handlers, nurses, etc. These will be jobs for every day Georgian who desperately need them.

Finally, cuts to our higher education in Georgia must stop! If this industry has any hope of expanding in our state, they must be confident that the legislators under the gold dome are supportive and encouraging of research the likes that goes on at Tech, UGA, Emory and hopefully will spread to include Georgia Southern University.

Compromise everyone can live with

It was brought to my attention by a colleague a story from the AJC blog about how, last year, the Georgia Legislature attempted to pass a law that would've banned all research involving human and animal DNA being co-combined.

This was aimed specifically at stopping embryonic stem cell research, which many on the right (and in religious groups, including the Catholic Church of which I'm a part) equate with abortion.

This came up because steps were taken forward in proving the viability of embryonic stem cells by using animal-based techniques which would've been banned.

It also comes during our poor economy, when some think any job creation is worth any price.

The pro-life crowd, myself included, doesn't accept that, but I've got a compromise to offer that not many people are talking about on either side: adult stem cells.

The bill that was put to the vote and failed was short-sighted because its attempted goal would've stopped a viable path of research. While



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there are ethics involved in any animal research, an outright ban only works if there is one thing it stops.

There are several things that ban would've stopped, and one of them offers

a compromise that can create jobs, advance science, and satisfy pro-life groups. Adult stem cells often get ignored in the discussion because, for a while, they weren't thought to be as efficient as embryonic stem cells. However, they're proving more and more useful than previously thought, and if half the effort from both sides on conducting or blocking embryonic research had been put towards adult cells over the last decade, it's possible that more utility could've been found.

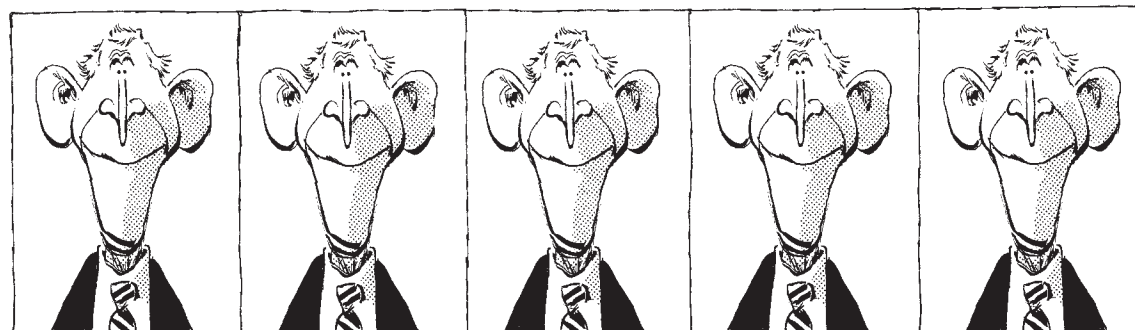
Further, as you may have guessed, adult cells aren't as controversial as

embryonic stem cells. Whatever your stance on the issue, you should realize that many opponents of the research aren't going to be dissuaded, no matter what arguments you try to make. To us, it's a matter of life and death, pure and simple, and I could write a paper supporting it with science alone, not just faith (in fact, I DID write that paper).

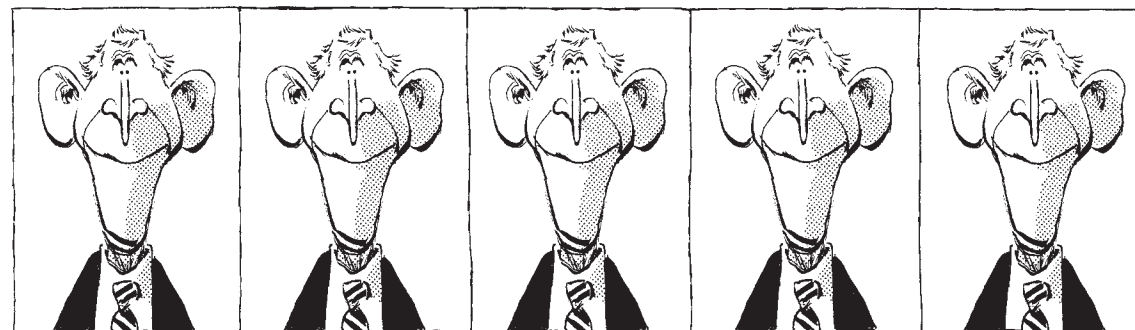
Adult stem cells, on the other hand, are taken from — you guessed it — adults, and in ways that don't kill them. The biggest problem apart from the types of cells they can become is the fact that they're hard to replicate. But again, if more attention from both sides was given to the research, such methods could've been found — and the process would have created more jobs.

It could even lead to creating cells just as versatile as embryonic ones without the destruction of embryos that would normally be required.

So to both sides, I say take some time away from fighting and find the compromise like I did. You may be surprised how easy it might be if you put some thought into it.



BUT, ONE THING STEM CELL RESEARCH MUST AVOID...



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Saturday, October 16, 2010

▲ Officers issued two traffic citations, four traffic warnings, assisted two motorists and responded to one alarm.

▲ Nicholas J. Maillet, 20, Chandler Road, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and disorderly conduct.

▲ Max Ford Frye III, 20, Campus Crossing, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and possession of a false ID.

▲ Alexander Phillip Marsh, 20, Lanier Drive, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

Sunday, October 17, 2010

▲ Officers issued eight traffic citations, eight traffic warnings, assisted three motorists, responded to two alarms, responded to a drug complaint at Centennial Place and a broken window at Brannen Hall.

Monday, October 18, 2010

▲ Officers issued one traffic citation, five traffic warnings, assisted five motorists, responded to one alarm and investigated four accidents.

▲ A bicycle was taken from Eagle Village.

▲ Three shirts were taken from the laundry room at Centennial Place.

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Tips toward a life of financial success

Janiessa NORICE
guest writer

Being college students and properly managing money can be considered an oxymoron. To get answers to all these money saving questions, Greg Brock, a professor in economics, recommended that one of the first things a student should do is open a bank account.

He said, "10 percent of families in the U.S. don't have a bank account in their name." Meaning, that when getting checks cashed, they go to places other than a bank.

"My finances are always something that I think about," said junior Contessa Middleton. "I have to be on top of things because I have no other dependants when it comes to getting money."

For situations like these, Brock

recommended that students have some type of financial mentor, someone who they can get advice from for financial stability.

Other options also include joining clubs on campus such as the Economics Club or Students in Free Enterprise.

Both organizations are open to any and all students no matter what major or classification. The importance of both organizations is that they give students the tools they need to be financially successful in the future.

"SIFE assists in personal success skills," said Luke Pittaway, the head of SIFE at GSU.

This organization is an international non-profit organization that works with leaders in business and higher education to mobilize university students to make a difference in their communities while developing the skills to become socially responsible business leaders.

Their mission is "To bring together the

top leaders of today and tomorrow to create a better, more sustainable world through the positive power of business."

Brock said, "Financial success is putting enough money away for retirement in to a bank account, for things like health insurance."

He said today, the average family has about 13 credit cards. In order to be successful with finances, saving is mandatory.

Brock said students have to be aware of the following things, "How many credit cards do you have? What is your debt, also do you have an account in your name?"

He also being a college student is one of the best times to begin saving, especially for retirement, because a student can no longer depend on Social Security.

He also recommends students who plan to attend graduate school save as much as possible because funding is not always available.

GSU professor's 'Bridesicle' wins Hugo Award

Kara AMEREIN
guest writer

William McIntosh, a psychology professor at Georgia Southern, recently received the prestigious Hugo Award for his short story "Bridesicle." The Hugo Award is an international literary award that recognizes outstanding science-fiction writing.

McIntosh likened the Hugo to the Pulitzer Prize for science fiction.

"It is the biggest award," he said.

Readers chose the top five stories/writers to get on the ballot. The World Science Fiction Society members then voted on the winner.

"I was fifth on the ballot," said McIntosh. "I was the dark horse; I just made it."

The Hugo Awards were given last month in Melbourne, Australia at the 55th annual World Science Fiction Convention.

In "Bridesicle," McIntosh combines his previous research on relationships with psychology and science fiction.

Set in the future, the story is about a woman



Photo from GSU
William McIntosh,
Hugo Award winner

who dies in a car accident and has just her brains and head frozen in a cryogenic dating center. The only way she will be restored is if a wealthy man thinks that she will make a good wife for him.

McIntosh said, like his other stories, the idea just came to him.

"Whatever you read, whatever you talk about, you kind of think, could this be a story," he said.

Within "Bridesicle," McIntosh touches on aspects of society such as online dating, mail-order brides and egotism.

McIntosh advised other writers to "just keep writing. It takes awhile to get good."



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Hunger and Homelessness Week wraps up in an 'Unthinkable' way

Kathy-Lee CASSIE
guest writer

The Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement will be hosting The Unthinkable Project as a part of Hunger and Homelessness Week.

The event will be held tomorrow at the RAC Bandshell from 7-9 pm.

The purpose of Hunger and Homelessness Week is to raise awareness about hunger and homelessness, and to get students involved with these issues and learning how they can help.

The project will feature a series of events. There will be the screening of "My Concrete Mattress," a documentary capturing the lives of four homeless people living in Atlanta. It will also include a speaker and live music.

"There will be live music relating to homelessness or what you can do about homelessness and then a speaker," said Heather Jo Harralson, Coordinator of Civic Engagement.

Harralson said that the band performance will comprise of members from the Dash Project, who are responsible for doing the actual Unthinkable Project.

The speaker for the event will also be a member of the Dash Project and will be giving an overall summary of what has been going on for Hunger and Homelessness Week, as well as giving tips as to what students can do to help homelessness.

In terms of the admission, students have three options to choose from. They can bring two canned food items, two articles of clothing or pay \$2.

"We're not trying to gain a profit; we're just

trying to help with the issues of hunger and homelessness in our community. The canned food and money will be donated towards the Statesboro Food bank, and the clothing will be donated to Worn threads," said Harralson.

She said she was approached by Jackson Head, a student on campus who told her about the Unthinkable Project. She decided that this could be a fun way to learn about homelessness rather than being lectured.

"I will be going to the Unthinkable Project," said Kevin Blake, a senior middle grades education major. "I'm going to get a better understanding of the homeless. It would be interesting to see how they live on a day to day basis, especially in Atlanta because that's where I am from."

Harralson said students can get attendance verifications from certain professors for coming to the event.

Justin Curry, a senior community health major said that he will not be able to attend, but would want to.

"I think a lot of students will understand that there is a bigger world out there, and that there are problems in society that they can help with by donating or volunteering. I think it will broaden their minds and their horizons," said Curry.

Students can also get a chance to win some free prizes through the raffle. Each person will get a raffle ticket through admission.

"I just want to have students aware of issues that are evident in our community and the world. And that these issues are very real in the Statesboro community," said Harralson. "I want them to know that we need to do something about these issues, and give every little bit that we can."

Hunger Week Fair today

Events continue throughout the rest of the week

Tiffany LARKIN
true blue editor in chief

The holiday season is getting close, and some Georgia Southern students get into the spirit by helping those less fortunate.

This week, the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement is hosting the annual Hunger and Homelessness Week.

Throughout the week, there will be a variety of events to help raise student awareness about hunger and homelessness.

"It is a chance for organizations to tell other students about their efforts in combating these issues as well as a way for students to get involved," said Heather Jo Harralson, the coordinator of Civic Engagement.

Both student and Statesboro organizations will be contributing to the week's events.

Today, the Hunger and Homelessness Fair will be held at the Russell Union Rotunda from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

As part of the fair, The Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement will be partnering with the Betty Foy Sanders department of art for the Empty Bowl Project.

Students will have the opportunity to pick out a handmade pottery bowl courtesy of Club Mud filled with chili for \$10.

"Students keep the bowls as a reminder of the meal's purpose," said Harralson.

All of the proceeds from the event will go to the Statesboro Food Bank.

"I went last year and the bowls are really cool and original, definitely worth \$10 for that and lunch," said junior Heather Lewis.

It is easy to get caught up in your own

Hunger and Homelessness Week Events on Campus

Thursday

- ▲ Empty Bowl Project: Chili Bowl Sale
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
RU Rotunda
- ▲ Information Fair
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
RU Rotunda
- ▲ Lunch Discussion
12-1 p.m.
RU rm. 2047

Friday

- ▲ Volunteer Opportunity
2-4 p.m.
RU Rotunda
- ▲ The Unthinkable Project
7-9 p.m.
RAC Bandshell

school work and drama, said senior nursing major Katie Zittrouer, so she's "glad that GSU has an event like this to remind us how fortunate we are to be able to eat every day," she said.

The GSU chapter of Habitat for Humanity, Heifer International, Oxfam, Defy Thirst and Freewater organizations will be represented at the fair as well.

The goal of the fair is to showcase organizations that are dedicated to fighting hunger and homelessness issues in our local community and around the world, said Harralson.

She said it's a chance for students to learn ways that they can make a difference locally, nationally and internationally.



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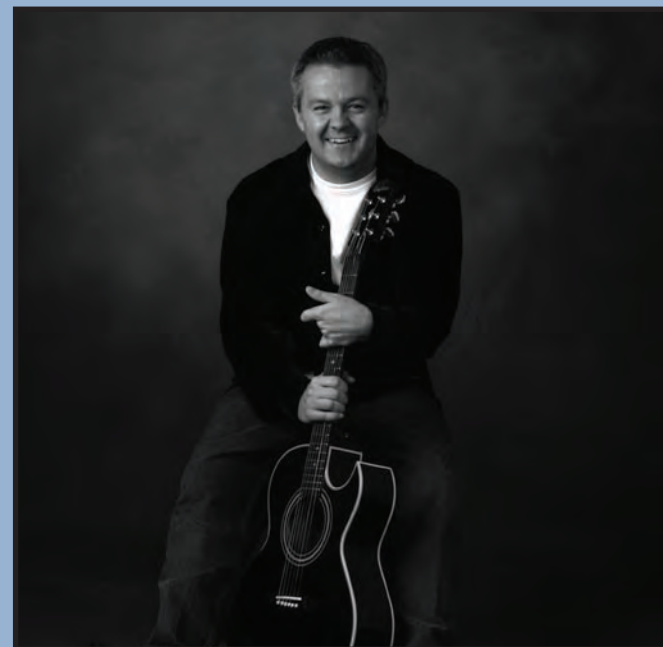
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FEATURED BAND

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Chris Mitchell Band

This is not just your ordinary band, this band has one of the most talented vocalists and guitarists ever to come through Georgia Southern. Not only is he skillful band member, Chris Mitchell is also a GSU guitar instructor. From firsthand experience, this performer has no limit to his musical repertoire, and his band will be playing this Friday at Buffalo's.

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Sonic 4 PS3/Xbox 360



Daniel FITZGERALD
guest writer

The Blue Blur has finally returned to 2D platforming with Sonic the Hedgehog 4: Episode 1, though it seems he lost some steam on the way.

The franchise has suffered enormous losses over the course of the last decade, and while this new installment was a step in the right direction, it appears Sonic Team is still just as incompetent as it was in 2001.

Intended to be the spiritual sequel to the critically acclaimed Sonic 3/Sonic & Knuckles, Sonic 4 does a decent job hitting the nostalgia nerve. Everything from the title screen, to the sound effects, to the enemies, and even the music screams the brand tagline “SEGA!” and triggers fond memories of collecting rings in Greenhill Zone.

Unfortunately a good game cannot support itself on nostalgia alone. This game suffers from a traumatic condition known as “broken”.

The core game play mechanics are sluggish and the design is sloppy. While some hardcore fans might protest the inclusion of the homing jump mechanic (introduced by Sonic Adventure), the main game play mishaps are far removed from any one mechanic.

Speed and momentum are two key factors in any good Sonic platformer. Speed is Sonic. It’s his thing. It’s like a cardboard box to a homeless person. Sonic builds momentum slower than a baby taking its first steps and rarely ever gets the chance to hit top speed. There are ways around this, such as the good old “spin dash,” but that should not be required.

The old Sonic boss battles were pretty silly, but still fun and challenging. It appears Sega agreed and decided to copy/paste a handful of old bosses into its new game. Apparently Dr. Robotnik made a few upgrades this time around, none of which make the fights any more fun, exciting or playable. The first few bosses are a complete joke and really serve no purpose at all. Then, out of nowhere, the final boss appears to inform you he’s not screwing around.

By the time you even know what’s going on Robotnik’s already crushed your soul and fed your tears to his enslaved baby animals. While



Photo from www.sonicthehedgehog4.com

the game gets progressively more challenging, like any good game should, the difficulty curve of the boss fights lacks any and all sensibility.

The level design this time around is hit and miss, but does a good job balancing nostalgic-themed zones and innovation. You have your classic forest/garden zone, your pseudo steam tech gear zone and of course, the carnival zone. While many, if not all of these stages may seem like exact replicas of bygone Sonic stages, there are little tidbits here and there to remind you 1990 was two decades ago. The Carnival Zone this time around sports an interesting card mechanic that rewards you with a ton of extra lives and some interesting “running on magical floating cards” moments. It is also surprisingly more fun than Sonic 3’s Carnival Zone which perplexed gamers for years.

The sound in the game is true to the roots of this aging franchise, but the music in particular hits some snags along the way. While the developers tried to stay true to the spirit and feel of the old games they managed to create one of the oddest game soundtracks I have heard since Super Mario Bros. Wii.

The original Sonic titles, released on the Sega Genesis, presented its music in 16-Bit, a format that is severely outdated but still sounds pretty cool even today. Sonic 4 ignores the old format all together and tries to capture the Genesis feel through modern technology, something that sound plausible in theory, but has yet to work in practice.

As a diehard Sonic fan from the age of three, I really wanted to love this game, but with the condition it’s in that’s just not possible. The game is pretty short as well with only four full zones and seven bonus stages. If you’re a Sonic fan give the demo a try before you fork over your 15 bucks. Better luck next time, Sega.

If you like this, check out:
“Super Mario Bros” and “Kirby’s Epic Yarn”

Dead Rising 2 Xbox 360



Photo from www.deadrising-2.com

Matthew LANE
guest writer

Frank West’s run is over. Now it is Chuck Greene’s turn at bat against these horrific zombies as he tries to solve the case of how this outbreak got started. But this time you are not alone. Chuck has his own daughter to worry about as he moves around Fortune City Mall, and just like last time, there is plenty to do around the mall and several survivors who either want help or need it.

If you played “Dead Rising,” then you will love this sequel. Although the story line feels a bit cheesy in the beginning, it quickly becomes serious, especially when you have Frank’s daughter to protect. There are plenty of survivors that you can help out, but sometimes you will have to do certain things before they’ll follow you.

Saving spots are a lot better in this game than its previous. There could’ve been more, but despite this there are plenty of restrooms to save at if you are in a tight pinch.

Psychopath battles are without a doubt more fun this time, not to mention creepier and more disturbing. In “Dead Rising” you couldn’t help but laugh at most of the psychopaths you met; chainsaw juggling clowns are just too bizarre to be scary.

However, the ones in this sequel are a lot darker and help juxtapose the feeling of laughing at the ridiculous situation Chuck is in at one moment and actually feeling scared whenever you see a survivor who’s completely lost his mind.

I won’t ruin it for you, but if these psychopaths don’t send a shiver down your spine, you’ve been watching too many horror movies.

This game does have minor flaws – loading screens get really aggravating after a while and the horrendous voice acting makes moments that should be scary laugh-out-loud hilarious – but they don’t ruin your fun as you play.

This is one game that’s worth buying, not renting.

If you like this, check out:
“Dead Rising” and “Left 4 Dead 2”

The Dorm Room Diet Diet Book



Photo from www.dormroomdiet.com

Kelsey DECKER
editor in chief

When the first sentence of a book is “Imagine you’re a freshman at Fat U,” immediately I’m a little cautious.

But when the next page compared a day at “Fat U” — zits, no breakfast, fat jeans, candy bars and grogginess — to a day at “Fit U” — clear skin, well-rested, choirs singing as you go to class — I understood what the author was getting at.

Basically, the lifestyle and eating habits of the college student are important factors when it comes to both success and just getting through the day.

“The Dorm Room Diet” aims to be a 10-step program for “achieving and maintaining your new healthy lifestyle,” and I commend them for cutting out two steps of the typical 12-step program.

Now, what I read was just the pre-publication excerpt booklet. I have not read the entire book. However, there are some aspects to this book that are either going to draw in a reader or push her (yes, her) away.

That’s the first thing I noticed about this book: It is specifically targeted towards women. It’s pink with an illustration of the stereotypical beautiful woman — thin, with long, straight hair, plump lips and make-up. She then appeared on every two-page spread in the book, subliminally reinforcing the notion that this is how you want to look.

The 10 steps are discussed briefly, and they really aren’t anything that someone who has tried to lose weight hasn’t heard before.

Because this is targeted towards college women, however, there are tips on how to incorporate healthy eating habits into long periods of homework as well as some suggestions for alternatives to on-campus dining.

Ultimately, this was not the book for me, mostly because I don’t have any use for it at all. It’s written for the college student though, and is relatable, so it could benefit those trying to lose weight.

If you like this, check out:
“Dorm Room Diet Work Out” and “U Chic”

Celebrating 12 years of literature

Ayana MOORE
guest writer

Statesboro will be hosting the 12th annual Georgia Literary Festival this weekend. The event is scheduled to be at the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building.

"It is a statewide festival sponsored by the Georgia Center for the Book and the Georgia Humanities Council," said the editor of Statesboro Magazine, Jenny Foss. "They've never been to southeast Georgia so we're very excited that they picked Statesboro."

Twenty-five Georgian authors, whose genres range in everything from fiction and non-fiction, have been invited to the festival.

"The authors that we have selected for the festival are very diverse," said Tim Chapman, executive director of the Averitt Center. "The actual festival gives an array of different types of literature in Georgia."

Events including plays, panel discussions,

ghost tours and book signings will take place at the festival as well.

"It's a wonderful way to meet the authors and to celebrate great literature from our region," said Foss. "We've had great community support. This is a great example of the university and the citizens of Statesboro coming together."

Senior public relations major and Averitt Center intern Lauryn Williams, feels that the festival will "give people a chance to experience literature in a fun way."

Hosting the festival in Statesboro will hopefully bring more attention to Georgia literature and its pertinence in the community.

"Literature gives us a sense of place," said Chapman. "Each type of literature provides a person with knowledge, direction, perspective and history. It also provides us, in the state of Georgia, a sense of who we are as Georgians."

The Georgia Literary Festival encompasses events for all ages and various literature lovers. Former U.S. Senator Max Cleland will be

Schedule of Events

▲ Love at First Bite Reception
Oct. 22 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

▲ Ghost Tours by Lantern Light
Oct. 22 & 29 at 6:30 p.m.

▲ Dracula and Vampires
Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

▲ Dearly Departed
Oct. 22-23 at 7:30 p.m.

headlining the event.

"Reading is one thing that transcends all media. From books to iPads —you have to know how to read," said Foss. "Reading has the power to really change people's lives."

The Buzz List

News from outside the Boro

▲ Sandra Bullock has plans for a new, untitled project along side the director of "The Proposal." More dancing around campfires in the wilderness singing "Get Low"? We can only hope.

▲ James Cameron is thinking of directing a 3D Cleopatra film starring Angelina Jolie, commenting on the fact that Jolie would be "hot" as Cleopatra. Well, James, I have to say that I would indeed agree.

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Dear Tired-of-Running-Late!,

Thank you for your question. I know that this is a question on many students' minds, and as GSU becomes more of a pedestrian campus, more and more students will be walking from one end of campus to the other to get from class to class. Although it may not be easy or ideal, it is possible to make it from class to class in the allotted time, especially with good planning. However, starting this spring semester you will notice a change in the class times. This change will increase the time between classes from 10 to 15 minutes for your Monday, Wednesday, Friday classes. Tuesday and Thursday classes will continue to allow 15 minutes as well. More specific details about the change in class times will be coming out soon, but the additional time should help make it a little easier. Using a bike or skateboard might also help make it easier to get to and from your classes, but if you choose to use either of these methods, please watch your speed and be mindful of those walking on the pedestrian. Otherwise, talk to your professors about the situation and see what they suggest. Finally, when making your schedule for next semester use your time management skills and try to plan accordingly to avoid the problem up front, even if it means taking that 8 a.m. class.

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WEEKLY BUZZ

Today

- 11 a.m. Empty Bowl Project: Chili Bowl Sale, Russell Union
- 11 a.m. Hunger and Homelessness Fair, Russell Union
- 12 p.m. Hunger and Homelessness Lunch Discussion, Russell Union
- 7 p.m. Class CURIO Research Symposium, Foy Building
- 7:30 p.m. Guest Artist, saxophonist Frank Bongiorno, Foy Building

Friday, October 22nd

- All Day Georgia Literary Festival, Nessmith Lane Building
- 8 a.m. Career in Student Affairs Day Registration Deadline, Russell Union
- 11:30 a.m. International Conversation Hour, Russell Union
- 2 p.m. Hunger and Homelessness Volunteer Opportunity, Russell Union Rotunda
- 4 p.m. Soccer, Georgia Southern Women vs. Chattanooga, Soccer/Track Complex
- 7 p.m. The Unthinkable Project, music, discussion and viewing of documentary My Concrete Mattress, RAC
- 7:30 p.m. Guest Artist, tenor Arnold Rawls, Foy Building

Saturday, October 23rd

- All Day Georgia Literary Festival, Nessmith-Lane Building
- 9 a.m. 3rd annual Sustainability Fair and Market, Sea Island Bank parking lot
- 10:30 a.m. Georgia Southern vs. The Citadel Pregame BBQ, Joseph Riley Park
- 7:30 p.m. Guest Artist, tenor Arnold Rawls, Foy Building

Sunday, October 24th

- 11 a.m. Sea Kayaking 101 Clinic, RAC
- 2 p.m. Soccer, Georgia Southern Women vs. Samford, Soccer/Track Complex

Monday, October 25th

- All Day Early Registration for Spring and Summer begins
- 5 p.m. Student Media Recruitment for Sportswriters, Williams Center
- 7 p.m. Haunted Forest, Paulson Stadium

Tuesday, October 26th

- 10 a.m. Intro to Access IV (2007), Henderson Library
- 5:30 p.m. Dining for Success Etiquette Program, Russell Union
- 7 p.m. Spin and a Movie workout and film presentation, RAC
- 7 p.m. Haunted Forest, Paulson Stadium

Wednesday, October 27th

- All Day Wellness Wednesday \$10 off Massage, RAC
- 5:30 p.m. Leadership Workshop Series, Russell Union
- 7 p.m. Haunted Forest, Paulson Stadium
- 7 p.m. Save Second Base breast health awareness with free giveaways, Russell Union



John Jeziorski/STAFF

A night on the street

Mallory MCLENDON
features editor

EDITOR'S NOTE: *This is the first in a series on living in someone else's shoes. Today's installment is on homelessness in honor of Hunger and Homelessness Week.*

Tuesday night, and for only that night, I decided I would see how well I could survive in Statesboro being homeless.

It was completely spur of the moment. I quickly threw a few things in a bag, locked my door and took off into the night. My roommate didn't even notice that I was gone. I didn't tell anyone where I'd gone, not my mom, my friends or my boyfriend. I just disappeared for nine hours.

As I started out, I wasn't really sure what I was doing or where I was going to go. But then I wondered, does anyone out on the streets know where to go? They could have been running from something or forced out of their homes. So, they probably didn't have too much time to plan on what to take or where to go.

So of course, I forgot my jacket. It was after 1 a.m. when I left, and it was getting colder by the second. It was dark and I was alone, a girl in the middle of the street.

I was terrified. What if something happened to me? What if I was attacked? No one knew I was gone. No one would notice until the afternoon.

Of course I've heard about people getting mugged around campus lately, and I was absolutely defenseless.

I had forgotten my wallet and my money on purpose. My phone was stuffed all the way at the bottom of my bag, just in case, but I didn't plan on using it.

So, I had to find a safe place for the night. The only place I could think of open all night was the library. It was honestly the scariest little adventure

I've ever been on. I've never lived in a city, and no matter how many people tell me Statesboro is way too small to be considered one, it is.

I come from a small town in the country, driving down dirt roads with my friends and camping in the woods. Being scared at night there meant you were just afraid of the dark. Here, I was scared of other people.

It was just a huge sigh of relief when I made it to the library, which was absolutely dead when I walked in. So I high tailed it to the third floor and picked out a place to stay for the night. I curled up on a few chairs pushed together and slept for a little while, but it was way too uncomfortable.

By 4 a.m. I was starving. The ramen noodles I had eaten the night before felt like a few years away. I wasn't about to go dumpster diving. I wasn't that crazy yet, thank you very much. So, with no money at all, I was stuck asking for change.

Now, let me tell you, I have a lot of pride, and asking for change from a complete stranger killed me a little inside. But apparently pride isn't a luxury you're allowed out on the streets.

There were only a few people in there at that time of night, but everyone I asked gave me what little change they did have, and I settled for chips from the vending machine.

The hours passed by at an excruciating slow rate. By daybreak, the thing that pressed upon me the most was the solitude. I had begun to wander around on the pedestrian, sitting by the lake and playing with the ducks, completely forgetting about my earlier terror in favor of not being alone and to keep my mind off my hunger.

It wasn't so hard to realize afterwards when I was back in my warm room that people live like this day in and day out, pulled into gangs, into crime, into drugs, so that they can survive. And I only spent a night on campus alone, just a little taste of the homeless life.



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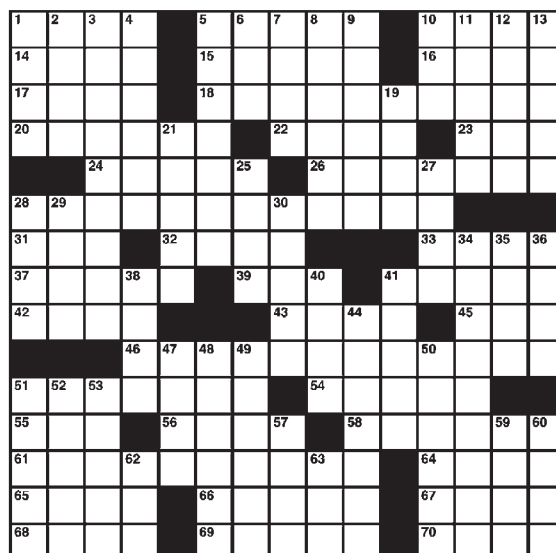
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15 Vague emanations
16 Actor Wilson
17 "Give" or "take," e.g.
18 Engages in fanciful storytelling
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22 Mine access
23 The Beatles' "___ Just Seen a Face"
24 Trap
26 Subjects of wills
28 Bench squad
31 Only defenseman to lead the NHL in scoring
32 Ballpark entrance
33 Watson of Harry Potter films
37 Middle Corleone brother
39 Band booster
41 Carrier renamed in 1997
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43 "___ in Boots"
45 Seventh-century date
46 Connecting idea
51 "Yee-haw!"
54 Prepare to drive
55 K+ or Na+
56 McDonald's symbol
58 Father to many?
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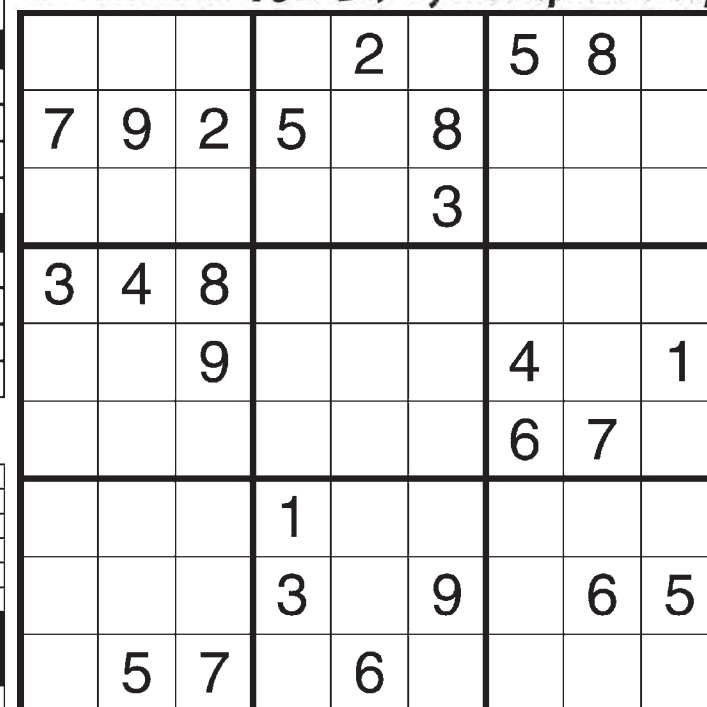
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GAMEDAY MAYDAY



GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLES (3-3) VS. THE CITADEL BULLDOGS (2-5)



Andrew Partain/STAFF

Jaybo Shaw, No. 14, fakes a handoff to Lee Banks, No. 35, the first option of the triple option. The offensive linemen come off the line to create the lanes for the backs to run through.

Rick Spurgeon
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These two teams both want to take one more step toward a winning season. Georgia Southern is currently sitting atop three wins and losses overall and a 1-2 conference record. The Citadel is negative three with a 2-5 overall and no conference wins, at 0-4.

GSU is coming off a disappointing loss to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, 27-35. The Citadel off a 10-39 thrashing from Appalachian State.

It should be interesting to see how the third clash of triple options for the Eagles goes this season. Although The Citadel has shown it can compete earlier in the season, look for the veteran defense of GSU to teach the young Citadel offense what it can do.

The Eagles haven't performed badly this season, out of the three games they lost; it was by six points to BCS contender Navy, two points to Wofford and eight points to the Mocs.

Watch out for the GSU offense to get a lot of running experience against the beat up defense of The Citadel.

With playoff teams to be announced on Nov. 21, there is still a hope to garner enough wins to be on the slate for Monken's Eagles.

Inside the Huddle: The Citadel

Offense

Alex Sellars was named as the second-team tight end after finishing the 2009 season as a first-team media selection and a second-team coaches selection. The senior captain finished last season with 16 receptions for 159 yards and six touchdowns and started in nine games. Dating back to the end of the 2008 season, Sellars had a streak in which seven out of his eight receptions went for a touchdown.

The Citadel has a slew of quarterbacks that have played this season thus far; the starter as of this point is true freshman Matt Thompson with redshirt freshman Sam Martin at backup. True freshman Ben Dupree who had a start as quarterback is now playing at the slotback position.

Defense

Defensive end Erik Clanton and defensive tackle Derek Douglas were named to the 2010 Southern Pigskin Mid-Season All-Southern Conference Team.

Clanton has emerged as the defensive player to watch this season. He ranks first on the team in sacks and tackles for loss, is second in the conference and sixth nationally in sacks with 7.0 for 37 yards. He is also ranked second in the SoCon and seventh in the FCS in tackles for loss with 11 for a total of 50 yards.

Douglas ranks ninth on the team in tackles. However, he is second on the team in tackles for loss with 5.5 for 38 yards, including 3.5 sacks for 31 yards.

Players to watch

The Jerick McKinnon and Tobi Akkiniranye combination should get a chance again after their performance against the Mocs last week.

Around the SoCon

Wofford (5-1) will go to Elon (2-4) and attempt to increase its winning streak to six, as it's only loss of the season was to BCS opponent Ohio in the first game.

Chattanooga (4-2) will be at Furman (4-2), this is a battle of two winning record SoCon teams to see who will bring it out in the last stretch.

Appalachian State (6-0) heads to Cullowhee, N.C. to take on Western Carolina (2-5). The Mountaineers look to continue their undefeated season and tack on another conference win as well.

Matchup Specs

Georgia Southern

Offense: Triple Option
Rush: Robert Brown (53-233 yards, 2 TDs)
Pass: Jaybo Shaw (35-65-668 yards, 4 TDs)
Rec.: J.J. Wilcox (11-302 yards, 3 TDs)
Defense: Base 4-3
Tackles: Derek Heyden (40 tackles)
Sacks: Brent Russell (4.5-28 yards)
Int.: Laron Scott (1-36 yards)

The Citadel

Offense: Triple Option
Rush: Terrell Dallas (81-490 yards, 5 TDs)
Pass: Matt Thompson (18-52-282 yards, 3 TDs)
Rec.: Domonic Jones (8-127 yards, 2 TDs)
Defense: 4-2-5
Tackles: Rod Harland (36 tackles)
Sacks: Eric Clanton (7.0-37 yards)
Int.: Demetrius Jackson (3-84 yards)

Game weather



High: 78°
Low: 62°
10% chance of precipitation

Quick Hits

▲ Volleyball hits the road for the longest stretch of Southern Conference matches. The Eagles (15-7, 6-1) begin at Davidson, Thursday Oct. 21 before making visits to Western Carolina Oct. 22 and Appalachian State Oct. 24. Match times are slated for 6 p.m. against the Wildcats and Catamounts and 2 p.m. against the Mountaineers.

▲ Men's soccer and Clemson battled through two overtimes, but neither team could score a goal in the extra periods, ending the game 1-1. The Eagles (3-8-2) continue their stretch of road matches as they return to conference play with a 6 p.m. contest at Wofford Saturday, Oct. 23.

▲ Golf capped off its fall competition at the David Toms Intercollegiate finishing in 12th place.

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sports writer
sports feature

It was November 2, 2008. The Tennessee Titans were hosting the Green Bay Packers in an intense, defensive game. Both were in the middle of a tight race in their respective divisions, a testament to how critical the outcome of this game would be. As time began running out, the two teams were at a 16-16 stalemate. On Green Bay's 30-yard line, Tennessee's Coach Jeff Fisher called a time out with four seconds on the clock.

Kicker Rob Bironas attempted a 47-yard field goal and missed, sending the game into overtime. After an impressive defensive drive by Green Bay, their defense was sent right back to the field due to a coin toss. Despite their great play, their efforts went in vain when Bironas kicked a 41-yard field goal to win the game.

What could have been, and arguably should

have been, a classic game in regular season football is now another example that adds to the controversy of the NFL's overtime rules.

In the NFL regular season, the first team to score in overtime wins the game, also known as sudden death. During the playoffs, if the first team to score only scores a field goal, the other team is given a chance to tie or win the game. Though the exceptions made for the playoffs are slightly better, it is the regular season that determines the teams that will make the playoffs. Therefore, it is more ideal to keep the rules fair and equal for both the regular season and the playoffs.

It has been speculated that the NFL should adopt collegiate rules and allow each team a chance to score. In the NCAA, each team receives one possession and starts at the 25-yard line. There is no game clock; however, the play clock is still active. Just as any other possession, a team loses its possession if it scores, fails to gain 10 yards every four downs,

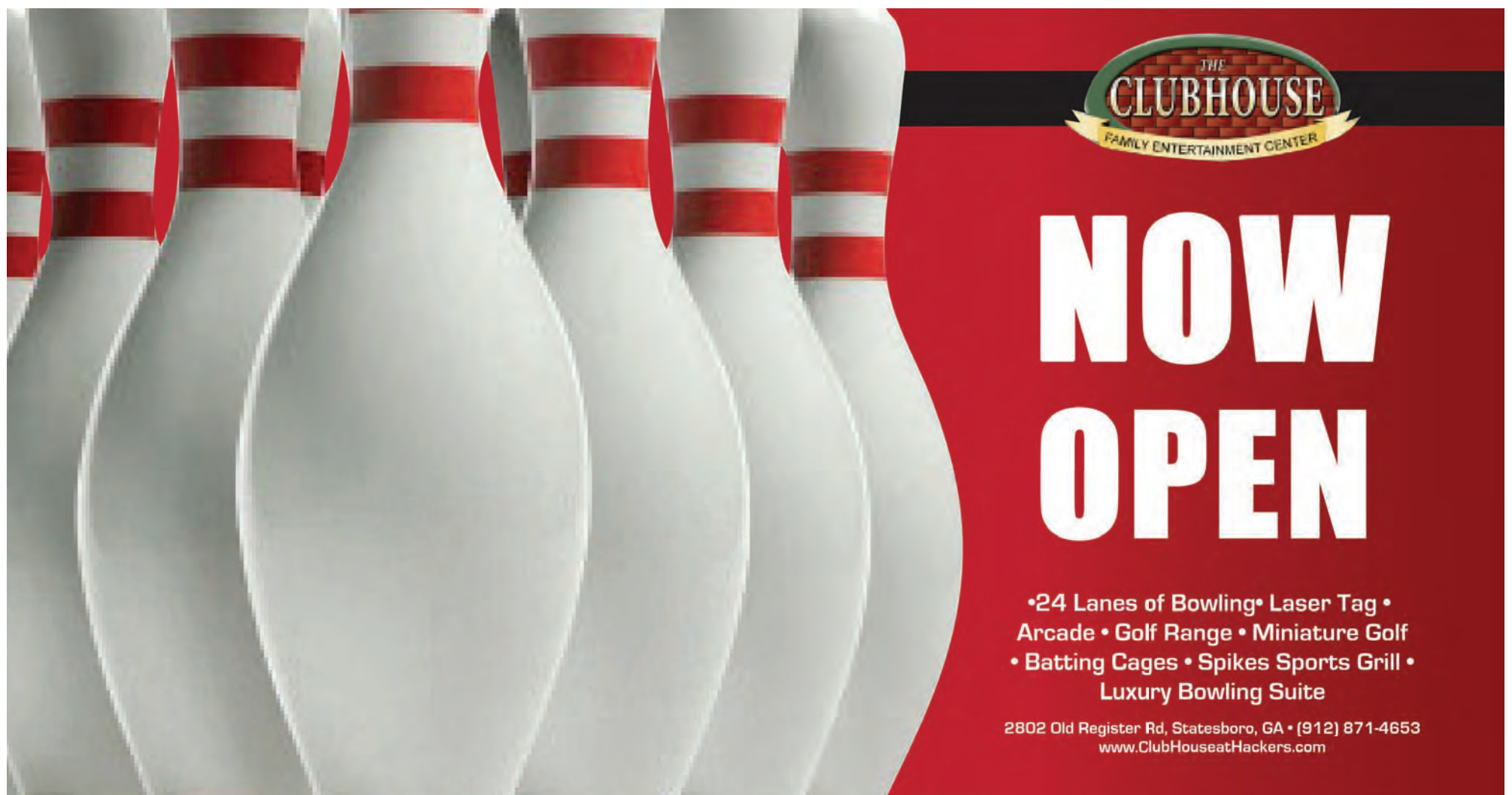
or turns the ball over by fumbling or throwing an interception. If the defensive team scores on a turnover, the game is over.

"I think they should change it to be like college football overtime rules," said Larry Chapman, a GSU senior. "This way, each team gets a chance to score until one messes up."

Brandon Willingham, a GSU senior, had another outlook on the NFL's overtime policy.

"I think both teams should have possession of the ball at least one time in overtime," he said. "If the score is still tied after each team has had possession, it should go to sudden death."

There is always talk about preserving tradition and staying with the old ways. However, in today's society, there is a larger market for sports in general, especially football. The success of the NFL is directly influenced by the success of its superstars. So maybe it's time for the NFL to allow these superstars to rise or fall by themselves, rather than leaving their fate up to a childhood game of heads or tails.



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