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## RENOVATIONS NEAR COMPLETION



Andrew Partain/STAFF

Workers put finishing touches on the Williams Center, installing televisions and audio equipment. **For the full story, see page 8.**

## GSU reacts to death of Osama bin Laden

Fredrick: 'We've cut the head off the snake'

By CHARLES MINSHEW  
Editor-in-chief

Freshman biology major Travis Blanton was only 9 years old in 2001 and doesn't remember the 9/11 attacks that well. After the death of Osama bin Laden Sunday, Blanton feels that it doesn't change much about the attacks.

"I personally don't think [bin Laden's death] helps us move

forward," Blanton said. "Me and my dad kind of talked about it. He's kind of anxious too to see how this war is going to go. Osama's death doesn't really help us move forward. I wasn't waiting for the day for him to be killed, but it's definitely something that opened a new door."

President Barack Obama announced that U.S. forces in Pakistan killed bin Laden, the

leader of al-Qaida and one of the masterminds of the 9/11 attacks, Sunday night.

Blanton said that he was "too young to understand" the events of 9/11, and that when his parents explained what had happened, it became more frightening.

"I had no idea what the World Trade Centers were, what they did [or] how important

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## Gov. Deal signs alcohol bill

By PATRICK STOKER  
Staff reporter

Local city councils will now be able to include a referendum on ballots to allow the sale of alcohol in stores on Sunday after Gov. Nathan Deal signed Senate Bill 10 last Thursday.

The referendum could be seen on ballots in cities with elections as early as November.

Prior to the bill's signing, Georgia was one of only three

states with a complete ban on Sunday alcohol sales in stores.

Currently, Statesboro does not allow Sunday alcohol sales in restaurants, so a vote to include sales in stores would most likely have to follow a vote to allow it in restaurants, said City Councilman John Riggs, who represents Statesboro's 4th District.

"I would want to hear from my constituents on what they think [before a referendum is

included on ballots]," Riggs said.

Riggs said he would not be opposed to including a referendum on the ballot so that voters can voice their opinions.

"I love democracy and I think people should be able to decide on it themselves," he said.

David McDermott, administrative coordinator for GSU's Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs Programs, said he doesn't oppose Sunday alcohol

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# GSU student charged following home invasion

By **PATRICK STOKER**  
Staff reporter

A Georgia Southern University student has been arrested and two other suspects are being sought in connection to a home invasion and armed robbery in Baldwin County, Ga.

GSU student Sehweh Alfie Willie, 19, has been charged with two counts of armed robbery and awaits other charges, said Capt. Brad King of the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office.

King said the other two suspects, whose names have not

been identified; are also Statesboro residents.

The "home invasion style armed robbery" occurred at approximately 9 p.m. on April 28 in Milledgeville, said King. The suspects allegedly held two Georgia College and State University students at gunpoint in their home and stole money and two cell phones from them.

King said the suspects left in a Dodge Charger following the home invasion, but wrecked the vehicle just down the street.

The suspects then car-jacked a resident at gunpoint outside his

house, and left in the victim's Honda Odyssey, said King.

Shortly after stealing the Odyssey, the suspects wrecked it, said King.

The Dodge Charger used in the home invasion was loaned to the suspects by another GSU student.

The Baldwin County Sheriff's Office is working with GSU Police, the Statesboro Police Department and the Bulloch County Sheriff's Office to identify and locate the other two suspects.

Willie is being held in the Baldwin County Correction Center without bond.

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sales in stores, because students can still make responsible decisions regardless of the day.

"Our focus as an office is more on students making responsible decisions and they can still make those decision on Sundays. It's just a matter of the decisions that they're going to make once they purchase it," said McDermott.

McDermott does not think the bill will have much of an impact on students' drinking habits.

"We don't 100 percent know, we'll see, but my gut feeling is that no, it won't have a huge impact," he said.

The bill has led to mixed feelings among GSU students.

Kelly Roberts, a senior psychology major, said she does not

believe including a referendum on ballots will create significant change.

"I think it's okay that they sell alcohol on Sundays. People are going to go buy it on Saturday anyway, so I don't think it's that big of a deal. If people want alcohol, they're going to get it one way or another. It doesn't matter what day it is," she said.

"If I can't buy alcohol on Sunday, then I'll buy it on Saturday. If I can buy it on Sunday, that's great," said Darren Toothaker, a freshman pre-journalism major.

Other students, however, oppose the change.

John Sweat, a junior middle grades education major, said he does not support including a referendum

on the ballot because of his religious beliefs.

"I know it would be good for the economy here, but I'm a Christian, so I think it's against my views and I think maybe they should just allow it during the week and not on Sundays," said Sweat.

Both Riggs and McDermott said they believe students' views towards including a referendum on Statesboro's ballot should be heard and taken into consideration.

"I'm not sure the community is going to respond in terms of if they want it or not, but I think the students should be involved in that," said McDermott. "If it's something that they want, then they have every right to vote for it."

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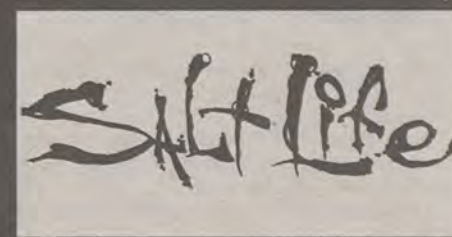
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## Our View

### Giving future engineers another option

Georgia Southern University has recently announced that GSU hopes to open its engineering college in 2012. This will be the second university in Georgia to offer engineering as a major for potential students.

The creation of this college has been over 20 years in the making and is a win-win for all.

Offering engineering as a major makes GSU a more attractive option for individuals who aspire to become engineers. With a full engineering college, these students will receive more support and have a stronger faculty behind them.

Currently, Georgia Technical Institute is the only other university in the state with an engineering college.

This means that in-state students will have another option in Georgia when considering post-secondary education options. Students who may have considered going out-of-state will now have the opportunity to still be awarded HOPE, stay closer to family and friends, and follow the engineering career path.

By providing students with more options, and more support in their educational pursuits, GSU is doing its part to ensure that students will one day provide vital support to the South Georgia economy.

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Marcus Barkley/STAFF

## This is John DiPietro, signing off

It's been a fun two years, but now I must bring my time at The George-Anne, as well as my four years here at Southern, to a close. There are plenty of things and people I don't want to leave behind, but life calls us where it may, and in the words of REO Speedwagon, it's time for me to fly.

When I first started writing this column in the fall of 2009, I was just looking to fulfill the requirements of my Honors education, and my roommate and editor-in-chief, Charles Minshew, told me that they needed extra opinion columnists.

But as time passed, I found myself writing these more, looking forward to sharing my opinions with the thousands of students and faculty members here at GSU, and to all the random individuals who commented or complimented me on my writing. I thank you. You are the ones who made the job worthwhile, and knowing that I was reaching people felt incredible.

It forced me to search for different problems that needed to be resolved, for different things that needed attention. Sometimes this was a difficult task; others, the topics



JOHN DIPIETRO

fell into my lap, oftentimes in the previous issue of The George-Anne.

The job grew on me. It became a regular part of my life. And I'd like to thank all of the editors and staff members who made this possible, especially Shannon Knepp, Katherine Kennedy and Quenton Smith- and, of course, Charles Minshew, for bringing this to my attention in the first place.

I'd also like to thank the professors who have taught me so much, and enlightened me in more ways than I can count. As I mentioned already, thanks to my readers without whom my words would have merely been ink on paper.

This isn't the end of opinionating for me- I plan to incorporate the

skills and tricks I've learned here to my future at the University of Texas and beyond.

But sadly, I must bid the pages of The George-Anne and the loyal and irregular readers of my columns alike, a fond adieu. It's been a great two years of shouting from my soapbox, but now I must step down. If you miss my writings in the paper, take my advice- write the articles yourselves. Send in your own letters to the editor and share your opinion. I know there are people out there who like what I do. Now I pass the torch on to you, and I leave it in your hands to decide what you wish to illuminate, or set ablaze, if your work gets that fervent!

Farewell, my friends, and God bless in whatever endeavors you take on! As for me, I'm off to get my doctorate in Government, and to pursue my dreams of writing. It's been an honor and a privilege, but mostly just a good time.

This is John Di Pietro, Class of 2011, signing off in Statesboro and at Georgia Southern.

*DiPietro is a senior political science major from John's Creek, Ga.*





## Impact of graduates extends

The final days are upon us. Like sitting at the gates of the apocalypse, we can all see the end now. Whether or not that end holds a failing grade, an easy A, or a prayer with thoughts of a \$100 handshake, the result is all the same: it's almost over. For some of us, it really is almost over and for others it's just the end of another year.

Amazing how all of the problems this year, whether they were catastrophic or minute, have fallen by the wayside.

That fight at the bar, that cheating girlfriend, that failed midterm have all lead us to the same place: a sunny Thursday afternoon with a few minutes of downtime between work and class (or whatever is going on at the precise moment).

The point is, that no matter the situation—Lindsey Lohan bad or Charlie Sheen good—the world keeps on spinning. While we may feel that our dilemmas bring the Earth to a stand still, the fact of the matter is that the world just keeps on spinning with no regard to our own personal crisis.

We have seen various forms of ups and downs this year. Some worse



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than others, such as a few Pokémon spray painters, and all have been weathered for better or for worse. So if the world moves without any thought to the expenses of GSU, then what do we make of the sweet moments we have? Making a final four playoff, does it matter? Winning the regular season conference championship, does it matter?

It matters to the people who are there, and who were there. To the people we impact, day to day or week to week, it matters what we accomplish.

One day some business major here on campus may be impacting more than just a few professors and students, but as for now our impact is small. However, many are taking the steps toward changing that impact to something larger.

As we near the end of the year and people begin to make big or small claims about what they will accomplish within the next five years. Be it the next great American novel or a line of straws that never allow a beverage to get cold, our impact begins to extend out of the nest. Some of us will grow up and some of us will hang around in the daze of college for a few more years.

The reason many people fall by the wayside, and their impact shorten, is because the world keeps on spinning. In college, the goals are short term and easy, well sometimes easy, to meet. Therefore, the impact on day-to-day life is heightened because of the immediate results seen, like hitting the finish line and making the walk.

However, in reality, there are very few of these goals left to be met and the ones that are left often seem insurmountable. The people around us who care enough to help us push the car up the hill and are willing to stick around for the ride, they matter and they help make us matter.

*Vickers is a senior theater and journalism major from Alma, Ga.*

## Senior suggests SGA reorganization

I've resisted this responsibility as long as possible, but as commencement looms I must take this final opportunity to leave a warning to the students. For three years, I tirelessly worked to regain relevance the student voice once had. Just 10 years ago, there was a major student candidate who won a city council election. Just over two decades ago, it was an SGA president who dreamed of a recreation area for the students and sold the idea of paying for it, leading to what we now know as the RAC. This is the same student speaking at the graduate commencement ceremony: Chris Clark, president of the Georgia Chamber of commerce.

While Georgia Southern has been granted a seat at the big boy table on important issues for the first time, our leaders have neglected to use this opportunity to make a statement. While I would not expect one to abuse the power of office, the bully pulpit that comes with leading an organization 20,000 strong must be harnessed. When this is done correctly, I believe the community will find a more unified student body sold on the big ideas of new leadership.

The next five to 10 years will see immense changes. Already in my time here we have seen the RAC expansion, Centennial Place, Eagle Village, the purchase of University Villas, the purchase of Campus Club, renovation of the Foy building, the new Center for Art and Theatre, and countless other projects which serve to further our on-campus experience. After a decade under the leadership of Bruce Grube, the university has welcomed Brooks Keel who brings a grand vision in uncertain times.

Along with a state-funded new Biology building, the administration appears to be moving toward a Paulson Stadium renovation before the 2012 Football Season in addition to Keel's vision of a brand new Hanner Complex seating between 5,000 - 10,000 seats. These are large and expensive dreams and will be



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paid for by students. Along with vision changes will also come many personnel changes, particularly in student affairs. Many administrators are soon leaving for better opportunities elsewhere while many critical positions remain unfilled. Due to these personnel changes, student leaders must be vigilant as ever, as we work around new regulations and directors.

Finally, Student Government must reorganize! For too long the processes and procedures for which the organization governs itself have been forgotten and lost, leading to a breakdown in confidence. If SGA can regain its legitimacy by conducting a full year's worth of business without a secret vote or contested election, it will go a long way to solidifying leverage with university administration and our governing bodies beyond the 'Boro. For an organization that struggles to keep its seats filled, there is a simple solution. When demand goes down, reduce the supply.

The Senate membership should be redrawn to reflect enrollment numbers of the major colleges while boosting an At-Large Caucus. Additionally, vice presidents should be retooled to become non-voting cabinet members or bureaucrats who work on specific administrative tasks. Finally, a speaker of the Senate needs to be created to balance out the responsibilities of the president. The position of president has many responsibilities; legislative direction should not be one of them.

Students, WAKE UP, you are the revenue streams with which this system operates and the sooner we realize our power, the better things will be for us.

*Feagain is a senior sociology major from Detroit, Mich.*





# Career Services

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## Sponsor yourself with social media

By Brenda Respress, Graduate Assistant, Office of Career Services

The days of the old hum-drum, post your resume online approach isn't going to cut it for getting a job in this economy. I want to fill you in on a few more simple ways you can use social media to get creative with your job search and improve your chances of finding a career opportunity that suits you. Think of how much time you spend on Facebook. How about reducing the amount

of time you use it for social reasons and increasing the amount of time you use it professionally? Here are some other ways to increase your marketability by just getting online.

YouTube: Use it to promote your skills and abilities. Try posting a video of yourself giving a presentation, discussing current economic issues or other issues related to your major- show how knowledgeable you are.

Facebook is huge, but not many people use it to find a job. How many of

you change your status frequently? Well, how about changing your status to something like, "Hi, I'm a finance major who is seeking an entry level position with a finance firm in any Southeastern state. Does anyone have any leads?" If no one responds, I'll be shocked, but you will have lost nothing. However, if you do get helpful information, you will have done so for free and it would've only taken about 20 seconds of your time.

LinkedIn is a great way

to get to know all about a company. Employers often look students up on Facebook. You can research the employer before you meet them the same way. Use it to connect with employees who already work in the industry you are interested in.

Blogging: Create a blog about your industry. You can show how knowledgeable and passionate you are about your future career. Put your blog URL on your resume to show employers what you know.

Flickr can be used by

students with creative majors to show off your work and portfolios.

Twitter can be used to find out more about a company and to keep up with their current events, or again to market yourself.

The sky is the limit when it comes to opportunities. If you want to land the job of your dreams, don't be afraid to take chances and put in hard work. For more career advice, visit the Take the Plunge blog at [www.brendarespress.blogspot.com](http://www.brendarespress.blogspot.com).

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## College hiring up 21 percent

By Noele Crooks, Career Educator

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers's job outlook spring update survey, employers are predicted to hire around 21 percent more college graduates than last year.

Previous predictions were made at the beginning of the fall semester that only predicted at 13.5 percent increase, but since then the percentage has gone up. In addition to the increase in employers predicted to hire college graduates, there has also been higher recruitment on campus.

About 48 percent of respondents of the survey expected to increase their hiring, which is a big 21 percent increase from the responses

regarding last year's 2010 college graduates.

With the chances of employment greater for this year's graduates, students still need to be prepared to enter the competitive job market. Students are encouraged to participate in mock interviews, learn the ins and outs of LinkedIn, as well as get their resume critiqued by professionals in the Office of Career Services.

For more information about the survey conducted visit [http://www.naceweb.org/s03302011/job\\_outlook/](http://www.naceweb.org/s03302011/job_outlook/). For more information about how to sign up for a mock interview and receive a resume critique contact Career Services at 912-478-5197 or in the Williams Center #1047.

## Graduate celebration

Career Services held a Grad Celebration on Wed. April 20 during the day.





# LinkedIn mistakes to avoid

By Noele Crooks, Career Educator

Many college seniors and graduates are using social media now more than ever to network their way into jobs. It is imperative that students learn how to network on these websites, especially LinkedIn, and to avoid mistakes that can cost them a job.

Not having a professional, personal photo can be detrimental. If you do not have a personal photo on LinkedIn, it shows that you do not use LinkedIn enough, and also decreases your social media credibility.

Since there are many fake LinkedIn profiles on the web, having a personal photo lets employers know that you are real, and serious about the professional social network.

Another thing to remember about your profile picture is that it is professional. You want to seem sophisticated and professional for the work force, and having a picture with your friends, or making a funny face is not appropriate.

LinkedIn profile headline is not branded enough. Be sure to include your professional profile

headline, which is the space that is underneath your name. Don't put your current position and company you are working for in this headline. Instead, market yourself to other companies on how you would like them to see you.

When it comes to updating your status, instead of using this like a Facebook status or Twitter post, use it to let employers know where you are in the job market. Let them know if you are looking for a job, wanting to network, etc.

It is encouraged for students to list all their past employments. The

reason for this is because the more companies you list on your LinkedIn opens up more opportunities for people to "link" with you. Also, students are encouraged to have at least three recommendations. These recommendations are needed to make your LinkedIn profile complete, and many job postings on LinkedIn require you to have them as well.

In terms of connections, the more you have the better. Many people have too few connections and are therefore unable to be found on LinkedIn by potential employers. It

is also encouraged that students list at least three websites that employers can view in order to get a better idea about the individual, such as a blog or a Twitter account.

The amount of tips and mistakes to avoid while using LinkedIn are endless. For more information about LinkedIn and how to get started, contact Career Services at 912-478-5197 or in the Williams Center #1047. More mistakes to avoid can also be found at [http://newgradlife.blogspot.com/2009/10/job-openings-new-jobs-job-search-job\\_23.html](http://newgradlife.blogspot.com/2009/10/job-openings-new-jobs-job-search-job_23.html)

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they were. It was a year or two later that I actually understood what they were," Blanton said.

Darin Van Tassell, an assistant professor in the department of political science and the Center for International Studies said bin Laden represents evil for the current generation of students.

Van Tassell said, "Your entire adult life has been shaped by growing up in a very particular society in which if there was a personification of evil, that's who it's personified as. Because the symbolism of that is now gone, that does have some meaning."

Tayo Faminu, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, said that bin Laden's death means nothing to him.

"I could care less about the whole situation. I feel like his death doesn't do much right now," Faminu said.

Van Tassell said that reactions to the death would be different for each person.

"I think the reaction of people will be a complicated one," Van Tassell said.

"I think you'll have many people who see this as a very bad person who died and people don't necessarily see that as a cause for celebration. They sort of acknowledge it and move forward. Others will feel very euphoric about it as if this is a

victory of war. There are elements of both of those reactions that are understandable and probably make a great deal of sense."

Col. George Fredrick, battalion commander for Georgia Southern University's Eagle Battalion said, "It's like what I told my cadets. We've cut the head off the snake, but there will still be a lot of wiggle."

Fredrick said bin Laden's death should provide some closure for people who lost loved ones in the attacks.

"I know personally that the military has been working hard towards this goal," Fredrick said.

"It's not easy to go into a hostile country and fight. We've had two administrations and we finally found what we're looking for."

Van Tassell said that bin Laden's death improves the relationship between the United States and countries throughout the world.

"It only gets enhanced in the short term. The thing to look for is how long the story become about the end of bin Laden," Van Tassell said.

"Does the story change to another retaliatory attack? That remains to be seen."

*Mallory McLendon and Colleen McNally contributed to this report.*

## Williams Center renovation completed

By KEN COLYER

Video editor

The Student Activity Center in the Williams Center is in the final stages of renovation and is projected to open to this summer.

Once opened, groups will have the opportunity to rent the space for student activities, including concerts or banquets.

The new space was specially designed to suit student needs, taking student input into consideration.

Eagle Entertainment President Kai Taylor said that current students had the opportunity to sit in on the design sessions and were included in the decision making process.

"We spent a lot of time in focus groups with students trying to figure out what [students] wanted," said Annemarie

Seifert, associate vice president of student affairs and enrollment management.

The center will feature two kitchen spaces, a stage and moveable furniture. Additionally, the center contains multiple meeting rooms with wall-wide white boards and stools that double as filing cabinets.

Taylor said, "I love the functionality of the space. Everything is multi-purposed."

The building also has a full audio visual suite and a green room for student productions. Many of the walls in the building have televisions and projector screens.

The new space is also expected to contain both Macintosh computers and PCs.

Seifert said, "There's a ton of technology in this space, thanks to the student technical fee."

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## McKinney comes back to GSU, solo

By ARIA GABOL

Assistant arts editor

Matt McKinney, lead vocalist and guitarist of the band "The Incredible Sandwich," will be performing solo at Dingus Magee's tomorrow night.

McKinney is a Georgia Southern University alumni with a musical composition degree.

"For my major, I had to take both guitar and music composition lessons. Carl Purdy and Dr. Michael Braz were great professors. I still admire Dr. Braz for his amazing writing skills. He taught me to be a better writer and think creatively," said McKinney.

Around four years ago, the band members met through mutual friends in Athens, Ga. and since then, they have been playing together. McKinney still tours and plays with the band.

McKinney said, "The Sandwich" has been all over the country and we have performed at Dingus for the past seven or eight years. Being back down here in Statesboro is great. I have really good friends down here, so it is like a homecoming."

Typically performing around or in college towns, "The Incredible Sandwich" also plays in Atlanta and other major cities. The band genre leans toward the heavy rock side



Photo courtesy of Matt McKinney  
Matt McKinney plays guitar and sings for the locally popular band, "The Incredible Sandwich."

and McKinney's solo sound is more of a "loop-end laid back feel and the music tells a lot of stories."

"When I perform with the band, there is raw power behind the songs with the drums and all," said McKinney. "However, when I perform solo, there is a lot more room to explore and a greater sense of freedom. I loop a lot randomly so when it is just me, it is easier to jump around if a change is needed."

McKinney enjoys having the space and time to let the songs develop and become their own. Also, there are good and bad elements to performing with the band and solo.

"The cool thing is that there's more space to make things happen. The bad thing is, if anything cool happens on stage, you're all alone. If the band's behind you, you can celebrate by making eye contact and you just know," said McKinney.

Performing solo every now and then is more of a side project for McKinney. He writes his own music mostly about events that have happened in his life or around him.

McKinney said, "It is all about the bitter sweet moments in life. Those are the stories that fascinate me most."

Matt McKinney is performing tomorrow night at 10. "The Incredible Sandwich" is performing at Dingus Magees Saturday at 10 p.m.

### The Buzz List

■ Osama bin Laden is dead. You know, just in case you haven't seen the news section or looked at a television lately. But don't celebrate yet. He may be dead, but there are still seven horcruxes we must find and destroy! For more sarcastic and/or funny comments on the death of a terrorist, please visit the interwebs and enjoy.



Mallory McLendon

■ The Royal Wedding is FINALLY over. Second greatest news of the weekend. For the first, see above. But, back on topic, I'm pretty sure the British were excited about this wedding simply for the scandals that are bound to come out later. Haters.

■ 'Thor' comes out in three days. It has an opening rating of 95% on rottentomatoes.com and is probably the most talked about superhero movie that I've ever seen. I mean, it has its own official car. And it's Acura, the upscale, lame version of Honda. Be a real American and use Jeep, you Norwegian demigod.

■ Donald Trump demands Osama bin Laden's death certificate. Not really, but that's what Twitter tells me. Fool busted in on his TV show. The red toupee demands blood!

Information compiled by Arts Editor Mallory McLendon from TheHollywoodReporter.com.

## GSU alumni wins at Agnes Scott festival in spring

By SHANNON PATRICK

George-Anne contributor

Agnes Scott College celebrated its 40th Annual Writers' Festival from March 31 to April 1.

Five students from Georgia colleges won this year's competition. The categories include fiction, poetry, personal essays, one-act plays and the newly added song writing category.

A Georgia Southern University writing and linguistics alumna Jen Pirkle, currently a grad student at

GSCU, won in the fiction category.

Brittani Banks, a senior at Agnes Scott, won the top prize in the one-act play category. Joanna Carver, also an Agnes Scott College senior, won in the non-fiction category. Jessica D. Hand, a Georgia State University grad student, won in the poetry category. Roger Sollenberger, a Georgia College & State University grad student, won in the song writing category.

The winners' works were published in the festival's magazine and they were awarded prizes.

The finalists attended a workshop with visiting artists including Jennifer Nettles, song writer from "Sugarland," Danzy Senna, author of *Caucasia*, and Arda Collins, winner of the 2008 Yale Series of Younger Poets prize.

Joanna Carver, from Scottsdale, Ariz., is graduating from Agnes Scott College this spring with a degree in creative writing and English literature.

Carver won in the non-fiction category with, "Something That Doesn't End."

"I was absolutely thrilled to win. It was one of the best experiences I've had at Agnes Scott, and it was so wonderful to look down from the stage and see the teachers who have mentored me for the past four years smiling up at me," said Carver. "It gave me such validation as a writer to be recognized, especially by a festival that I have such high esteem for."

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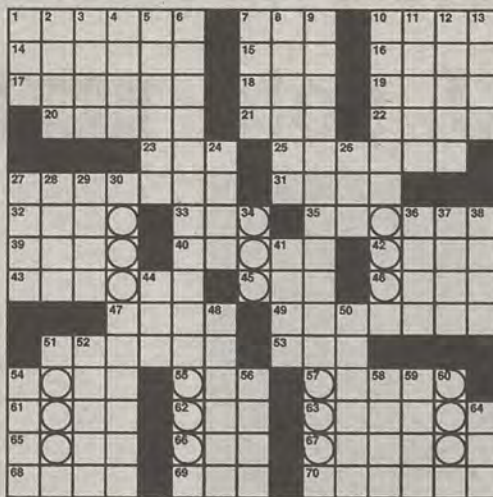
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# Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

## ACROSS

- 1 Schmooze, as with the rich and famous
- 7 Baseball's Cobb et al.
- 10 Fabled loser
- 14 Hooters' hangout
- 15 Kippur
- 16 Quite angry
- 17 Money to burn
- 18 Pi follower
- 19 Musical quality
- 20 Canonized pope known as "The Great"
- 21 Spoken thumbs-up
- 22 Feds concerned with counterfeits
- 23 Top-level URL ender
- 25 Donkey's bray
- 27 "Oopsy!" evoker
- 31 "How silly..."
- 32 State emphatically
- 33 Legendary Bruin
- 35 Words with a sigh
- 39 Bell
- 40 Phantom's rival, in "The Phantom of the Opera"
- 42 Nobel Institute city
- 43 Lay to rest
- 45 NBA's Magic, on scoreboards
- 46 Actress Lena
- 47 Settles the bill
- 49 Fixed charges
- 51 Washington-based warehouse club
- 53 Hubbub
- 54 Pakistani language
- 55 Barbecue morsel
- 57 Less polite
- 61 Dark film genre
- 62 Nickel source
- 63 Cat also known as the dwarf leopard
- 65 Quarterback Flutie
- 66 "the land of the free..."
- 67 "Check that out!"
- 68 Bar buyer's words
- 69 Bar barrel
- 70 Treating maliciously



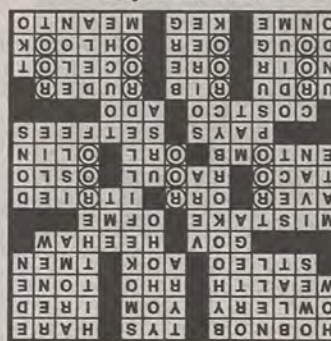
By Jeff Chen

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## DOWN

- 1 In what way
- 2 Hasn't settled yet
- 3 Beginning trumpeter's sound
- 4 "Gimme a Break!" star
- 5 Sandinista Daniel
- 6 In whatever way possible
- 7 Banks with an Emmy
- 8 "...and a bottle of rum!"
- 9 Stereotypical deal-making site
- 10 Was angry to the max
- 11 Odor
- 12 Buy more Time, say
- 13 Site of a 55-Across removal
- 24 Aloe
- 26 911 respondent
- 27 Play or room follower
- 28 Nobelist Pavlov
- 29 Breakaway group
- 30 2007 Iraq War strategy

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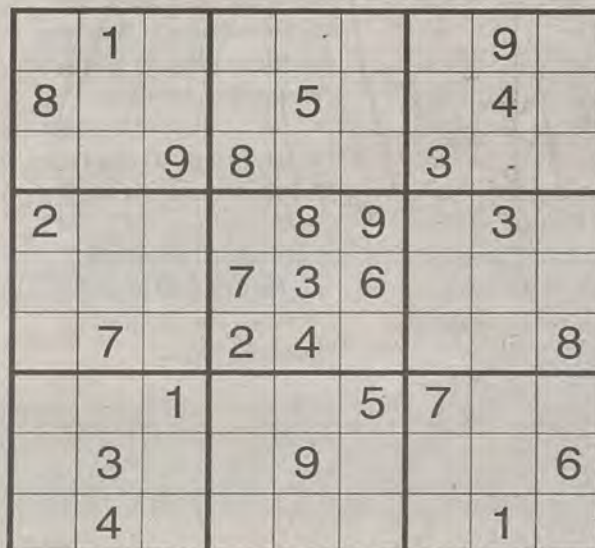
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- 34 Little one hopping across today's puzzle
- 36 Ginger and Mary Ann's home away from home
- 37 Nobelist Wiesel
- 38 Crime bosses
- 41 Major in astronomy?
- 44 Yoga student's roll
- 48 Nighttime bash
- 50 Acknowledgment of a witty rejoinder
- 51 Sing like Bing
- 52 Hatred
- 54 Annual
- 56 North Atlantic hazard
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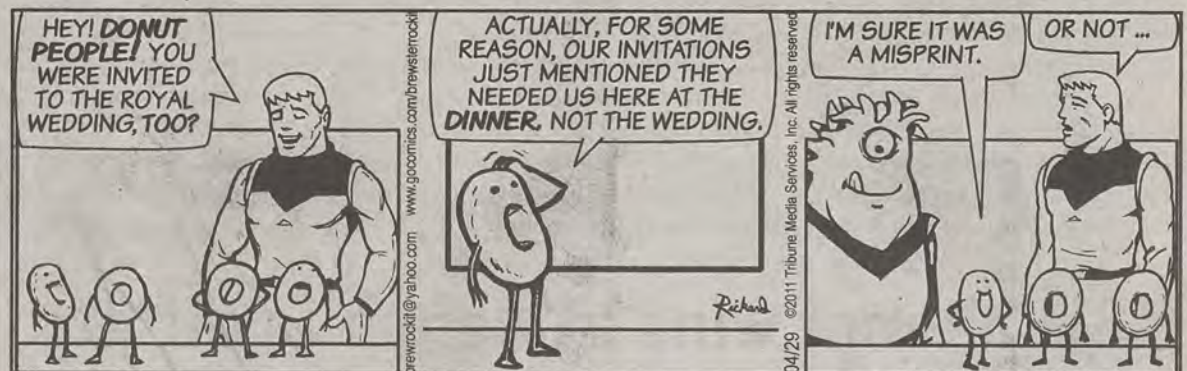
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Mark your calendars! The RAC will soon be switching over to its summer hours schedule.

### Summer Break Hours (May 16 – May 20):

#### Monday-Friday:

6 a.m. – 7 p.m.

#### Saturday and Sunday:

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### Friday, May 6:

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### Saturday, May 7- Sunday May 8

- No Group Fitness Classes

### Monday, May 9:

- Group Fitness Finals Schedule begins (schedule can be found online at [www.georgiasouthern.edu/cri](http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/cri))



## Cheerleaders celebrate championship

### CHEERLEADING

By JAMES FARMER

George-Anne contributor

All year, the cheerleaders focused on the football and basketball teams, but now it's the cheerleaders' turn to be the center of attention.

The Georgia Southern University all-girl cheerleading squad is the latest in the line of the school's national championships. Naturally, the team was very excited about the win at the recognition ceremony on Thursday in the Russell Union Commons.

Head Coach Barry Munkasy said, "I love being a national champion. I tell the kids often, I'm a very bad loser. When we win, it's a very great moment."

The team had less time to prepare for its competition than many of its competitors because the squad

cheers for athletic events as well as competes. Freshman Kelsey Moore noted the short amount of time the team had to learn its routine that would be performed within just a couple of minutes.

"Even though we didn't get our routine until January, we had time to bond as a squad during that period... so I think that helped with the dynamics of our team. It's really about the collaboration of all the girls together when it comes to a winning team," said Moore.

Munkasy believes that cheering at the athletic events gives the girls an advantage at competitions.

"They're at football games, basketball games, and they're in front of people doing appearances. When they go out to do a routine, there is no nervousness. For me, it's the whole package. It makes them a well-rounded cheerleader," said Munkasy.



File Photo

The all-girl cheerleading squad performs its routine at nationals.

He hopes that this win will increase the tryouts for next year's title contender.

Munkasy said, "We won the last national championship, [but] it didn't give us much of a bump. Some of the

kids get intimidated and don't want to try out because we win. You don't necessarily get a bump from [winning the title], although we'd like to. It's a question of now finding kids who want the challenge to repeat."

### The Press Box

What's going on in GSU sports

- The baseball team lost the series to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The Eagles fell to the fourth spot in the Southern Conference. GSU will take on Charleston Southern this Wednesday at 6 p.m.
- The softball team couldn't get past conference leader University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. GSU finished up its regular season 28-27 and is currently ranked third in the Southern Conference.

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