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Sustainable Agriculture

Former GS employee and
local chef expnds farm

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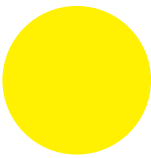
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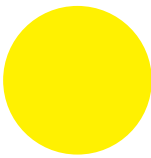


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Weather Bar

It looks like the cool weather we enjoyed this past weekend was just a tease. It does look like we'll enjoy pleasant temperatures for the App State game this Thursday.



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The Circle staff decided to battle it out in a
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THE HALLOWEEN PUNCHLINE



BY MICHELLE PRATT

The Reflector staff

Whether you are hosting a Halloween party or attending one, you must never forget to bring the punch. Sweet drinks, with a kick, are perfect to settle the inner child in you. These list of punches are the perfect mix between spooky and tasty.

ALCOHOLIC PUNCHES

Bobbin' for Apples Punch
2 1/2 cups apple vodka
1 1/4 cup apple schnapps
6 cups lemon-lime soda
Frozen red apples
4 red apples (sliced)

In a large punchbowl, combine the vodka, schnapps and soda. Float frozen apples in the punch and have a bowl of fresh sliced apples on the side for garnish. For a spookier punch, add Halloween edible candy to punch such as

gummy worms, fake bugs or candy vampire fangs.

NON ALCOHOLIC PUNCHES

Orange Pumpkin Punch
1 pumpkin
1/2 gallon orange sherbet
1 gallon orange juice
1 liter ginger ale

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AN INTRO TO THIRD PARTY CANDIDATES



DEVIN CONWAY

Conway is a junior journalism major from Manchester, New Hampshire.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE 8TH OF NOVEMBER

After nearly a year of entertaining debates, heated personal exchanges and shocking discoveries, the 2016 U.S. presidential race is finally coming to an end.

In just two weeks from today, our next president will be selected by the American people.

Although this may seem like a frightening prospect to many voters, the choice comes down to just two candidates: Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton.

Of course there are always third party options, but in the entire history of American politics, a third party candidate has never come close to winning the general election.

2016 THIRD PARTY CANDIDATES

Many state ballots will

include Gary Johnson, the Libertarian candidate, Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate and Evan McMullin, an Independent candidate who didn't actually enter the race until August.

Gary Johnson has made headlines with his lack of knowledge in regard to the most basic aspects of U.S. foreign policy.

When asked during an interview how he would handle the humanitarian crisis in Aleppo, Syria, he then asked the interviewer, "What's Aleppo?"

A few weeks later, during another interview, Johnson was asked to name a foreign leader that he respects, and he couldn't come up with a single name.

He laughed it off before saying that he was having another Aleppo moment.

Johnson was later asked about this lack of knowledge, and he actually tried to spin his ignorance into a positive thing for his campaign, saying he would be unable to attack a foreign country that he couldn't find on a map.

Jill Stein, on the other hand, is running a campaign that essentially combines the rhetoric of Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders.

She heavily emphasizes the impact of income inequality, the importance of developing alternative forms of energy, replacing NAFTA and other trade deals that she believes are harmful to the

American people and ending the two-party system that has dominated our political process for centuries.

She has made headlines with her bipartisan attacks on both Trump and Clinton, but it seems as though she has shifted her focus to Clinton, presumably because there's a lot of potential overlap in their respective voter bases.

THE CURIOUS CASE OF EVAN MCMULLIN

Most voters are at least aware of Johnson and Stein's campaigns, although they may not know where they stand on the issues.

Evan McMullin is in an entirely different situation. He is relatively unknown to the majority of the American electorate, but in one of the most interesting developments in this election cycle, he is actually polling at a higher percentage for an individual state than either Johnson or Stein.

According to a recent Rasmussen poll, Evan McMullin is polling at an astounding 29 percent in Utah. Donald Trump still leads Utah polls with 30 percent, and Hillary Clinton is in a close third at 28 percent.

The only rational explanation for McMullin's success in Utah, considering the national polls that place him at only one to two percent support across the entire country, is his Mormon faith.

According to a 2008 Pew

Research poll, nearly 60 percent of the Utah population are practicing members of The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints, which is a Christian denomination that practices what is informally referred to as Mormonism.

Much like Evangelical conservatives, the Mormon voter base is committed to finding a candidate that directly represents their religious values, which helps to explain why Mitt Romney, who also practices the Mormon faith, was able to dominate the state of Utah in the 2012 U.S. presidential election.

COMING UP SHORT

McMullin represents nothing more than an opportunity to spoil a major party's chances at winning a single state, and in reality, pretty much shows the furthest extent to which a third party candidate can actually affect an election.

The best third party performance in a presidential election came from Teddy Roosevelt in 1912, when he left the Republican Party and still managed to get 27.4% of the vote.

Third party candidates offer frustrated voters a chance to rebel against the traditional two-party system and the candidates that represent them, but, as history has shown, they rarely if ever have a legitimate chance at winning the presidency.

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Q & A President Hebert reflects on Hurricane Matthew



President Hebert is on the field at the Georgia Tech game. Hebert paid close attention to Hurricane Matthew developments.

BY TANDRA SMITH
The George-Anne staff

Hurricane Matthew impacted many people and students in Bulloch and surrounding counties and other states early this October, with our own university president being affected as well.

Now that the hurricane has come and gone, President Hebert reflected on just how well the university, county and state handled the storm, as well as his own personnel.

Q: Does Georgia Southern have a specific plan in place when hurricanes are scheduled to hit the area, such as evacuation plans?

A: We have an emergency management plan. We don't specifically have a hurricane plan.

Usually coastal universities will have a specific hurricane plan. We're in a place where

we are never, hopefully, never ever going to be impacted by storm surge.

We [Statesboro] will have heavy rains with a tropical storm or heavy rains, maybe winds with a hurricane, but we can handle those sorts of things within our usual emergency management plan. So we don't really need to have a separate hurricane initiative because we don't quite have as many impending risks that are specifically associated with hurricanes.

Q: Why was there no Eagle Alert or message sent out to students and parents about the ongoing power outage in on-campus housing on Friday, Saturday, and for few hours on Sunday?

A: [An] Eagle Alert will only be used in situations of imminent danger. We want it to be that way. If we start

to use Eagle Alert for just general notification of non dangerous situations, then people may get a little complacent in reading.

We receive all of our power from Georgia Power, so if we're going to lose power we're at mercy of the power providers. So we don't have estimates.

Other than contacting people who already know you don't have power and saying, 'your power's out', it's a little tough.

When you are in a situation like we were in where there were grids down everywhere, we are second or third on the list. Number one on the list is always your emergency personnel.

Q: How prepared do you believe the university was for the impacts of Hurricane Matthew?

A: I told Chancellor Huckabee I have

been through hurricanes in Louisiana, and been through multiple hurricanes in Texas as an administrator and as a civilian. I have never seen a state handle a hurricane as well as Georgia did in this situation.

I don't mean here just at the university, I mean the state across. The contraflow, the evacuation of Savannah, the coordination between all of the groups with Georgia State patrol, using our facility, Georgia Power using our facility, everyone pitching in and coordinating so that things happened well.

Hebert on releasing early Thursday

For Hurricane Matthew, GS officials had already cancelled classes on Friday, Oct. 7, in anticipation of the storm hitting in the late afternoon. Thursday classes were expected to go on as usual,

but Hebert, at the urging of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), decided to cancel classes after 10:00 a.m.

"It was a last minute decision. We felt very secure in announcing only a Friday cancellation," Hebert said. "That was our intention."

Once Hebert received word that Savannah was going to evacuate, GDOT was contacted.

He was amazed at how students worked together and how the faculty and staff all came together to get things resolved.

"We did it [released early] to be team players with the rest of the state," Hebert said. "I couldn't be prouder of the way that our staff, our students and our faculty responded in this situation. It was really amazing to me."

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PRESIDENT HEBERT

Fall graduation officially moved to Paulson Stadium

BY ERIN MCGUINESS AND
CHYNA JAMES

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University’s December graduation ceremony will be moved from Hanner Fieldhouse to Paulson Stadium, according to an announcement at the Student Government Association (SGA) meeting on Wednesday.

Jacquaya McKenzie, senior art history major, received over 1,000 signatures on a petition she started to move December’s graduation location.

Due to the limited space

accommodations of Hanner Fieldhouse, each graduate was only allotted four tickets for friends and family, while the May graduation ceremony held in Paulson Stadium has no limit on the number of guests per graduate.

SGA worked closely with GS Administration to consider student concerns, evaluate the options and ultimately pass the decision to move graduation.

McKenzie said that many students, herself included, were not aware of the four ticket restriction and that

GS never made a formal announcement to let students know. “It is typical for families of graduates to start booking flights and hotels well in advance,” McKenzie said.

Students expressed their concerns, and SGA listened.

“We were holding the position that students wanted graduation at the stadium, so that was our primary objective. Therefore, during discussion with administration, we addressed the need of having more family and loved ones at graduation and the space

needed for that,” Dylan John, SGA President, said.

While McKenzie will not need any more than four tickets, she was concerned about her peers having enough tickets to accommodate their various family sizes.

“This is literally the best news I’ve heard all day,” Janna Galbreath, senior criminal justice major, said. “I’m so happy that I don’t have to choose four people out of my family to attend graduation because that’s not fair to anyone, especially not to me.”

When asked about the possibility of chilly December weather, McKenzie said that even if it’s a little chilly, she and her friends will bundle up because they’d rather have their families there.

John said, “This decision is significant because the logistics, the prices, have been a challenge and barrier to facilitate graduation at this level in the past, but thankfully we were able to work with administration and get it passed.”

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JACQUAYA MCKENZIE
Senior art history major

Early Voting available on Campus this week

BY MEG ELWOOD

The George-Anne staff

The Dean of Students released an email on Monday stating details about Early Voting on campus. The e-mail is as follows.

Early Voting for all students, faculty, staff members and community members who are registered to vote in Bulloch County will take place this week in the Russell Union Ballroom on the following dates:

- Tuesday, October 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 26

from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- Thursday, October 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please be aware that the Russell Union (and the surrounding area extending to 150 feet beyond the Union) are subject to all rules and regulations placed on polling locations.

There will be volunteers throughout the building on each of the three voting days helping to enforce these procedures. We look forward to making this early voting experience a success.

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- X No campaign activities or public opinion polling
- X No campaign literature to include newspapers, booklets, pamphlets, cards, signs, or other written materials
- X No campaign attire including any buttons, hats, pins, t-shirts, etc. referencing a candidate, political party or issue on the ballot
- Televisions designated for public use within the Russell Union will be kept off to avoid political commentary)

Anyone entering the building with any of the above will be asked to remove the item or cover up the printed message.



DOING THE TIME WARP AGAIN



PHOTO COURTESY OF MEGAN BOWEN

Pictured above is last year's Rocky Horror cast. Tickets are \$10 at the door this year.

BY CONRAD GRAHAM

The George-Anne contributor

The Averitt Center for the Arts is bringing the 1970's movie "Rocky Horror Picture Show" to life for the ninth time at the Emma Kelly Theater on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

A shadow cast of about 40 people will be singing, dancing and leading the audience in various racy games as the original 1975 Jim Sharman classic plays in the background.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the pre-show will be a drag race competition that lasts until 8 p.m. Each audience member will receive a prop bag with several items, including condoms, that will be used at different parts of the show.

Noah Prince, junior history major, is volunteering to help with props for the event this year. He went to his first viewing of the live screening "Rocky Horror" last year.

"I wanted to go out [and volunteer] last year but I found out about it too late is pretty much the only reason I didn't participate last year," Prince said. "So, I've wanted to do it since I knew that the Averitt Center did it. It was just a matter of keeping up with the dates."

Audience participation is highly encouraged. Prince said that the production will flop if the audience doesn't participate – the show is a time to let go of inhibitions and have fun.

"Definitely, if you're comfortable, dress up. You don't have to dress scandalously, but dress up as one of the characters. I went as Brad," Prince said. "You can even just do a regular costume, you don't have to do 'Rocky Horror.'"

While the show is for mature audiences only, the cast will respect people's boundaries in no uncertain terms.

"It's just a judgement-free, 'come as you are,' 'get freaky' – it's just a good time for everybody," Prince said. "Just come with an open mind."

Parking is available in a couple lots close to the Averitt Center and throughout downtown Statesboro. Party Elite, a shuttle and party bus company, will be picking attendees up from Aspen Heights, Centennial Place, and The Hamptons at 6:30 pm on the night of each show. Boro D.D. and Party Elite will be available to take attendees home following the show and the after party.

40 East Grill will host an after party going from 11 p.m. to around 2 a.m. The restaurant is located on East Main Street directly across from the Emma Kelly Theater.

Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door if there are any remaining. There are only 359 tickets for each showing.

The Averitt Center is selling tickets online on their website, over the phone at (912) 212-2787 and at their box office from noon to 5:30 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday.

“It's just a judgement-free, 'come as you are,' 'get freaky'. It's just a good time for everybody.”

NOAH PRINCE

Junior history major



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FROM DREAM TO TABLE



Chad Montgomery explained how learning about environmentally-friendly agricultural practices helped him understand nature better. "It made me think on other levels how I could work with nature versus against it," Montgomery said.

4&20 BAKERS OWNER GROWS HIS SUSTAINABLE FARM

BY JULIA FECHTER
The George-Anne staff

You may have noticed him selling his cupcakes at the downtown Statesboro Main Street Farmer's Market. You may have also seen his desserts adorning the display racks at Three Tree Coffee.

Chad Montgomery, local owner of catering and food truck business 4&20 Bakers, is capitalizing on another aspect of his business- his farm.

Montgomery, with the assistance of others, has been working to make his dream of a sustainable farm a reality.

Before Montgomery moved to the Sylvania area in May 2014, he did not think that his vision for his hobby farm would be realized for several years.

He worked as a custodian at Georgia Southern for several months in 2014. Then, he decided to step down from that position to pursue his pastry business and his farm more.

Montgomery renovated his house while working on different aspects of the farm. Over two years later, his work seems to be paying off.

THE FRUIT OF HIS LABORS

Much of what Montgomery grows on the farm is fruit for his pastries. One fruit which he is almost ready to harvest are his dessert pears.

"For winter, these are just going to be just fantastic. They're almost at their peak now," Montgomery said. Within the next month or so, you'll see a lot of pear

bread pudding coming out of the bakery."

A plethora of trees, such as peach, plum, pear and pecan trees, are planted around the farm. There is also a mix of blackberry, black raspberry and blueberry bushes.

Montgomery also created raised beds for his herb garden, including rosemary, ginger and mint.

Insect strips are part of what protects the fruits Montgomery grows.

"When you have native insects and you give them a place to harbor, especially during the wintertime, they help keep out the bugs that are trying to eat your plants and eat your fruit," Montgomery said.

THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE PLOTS

During this semester, GS students have been helping Montgomery with various tasks around his farm.

"I want to have a relationship with the college. I've been working the past few weeks with nutrition interns, and recently now with different environmental biology interns," Montgomery said.

Some of the students recruited to work at the farm are completing their service learning requirements for their environmental biology classes.

"This was different from other volunteering opportunities," Timi Fagbamiye, a freshman engineering major, said. "I haven't really been in this type of environment working. It was just a new

experience, to see what it was like to work composting and whatnot."

Others, like senior outdoor recreation intern, Becca Fogarty have assisted Montgomery through visiting and assisting the farm multiple times.

"It's been nice to see what we've done here actually flourish," Fogarty said. "I helped out with the goats the first time I came here, and then we did a lot of raised bed stuff. When we did all that, that laid the foundation to do more beds as well."

THE SCIENCE OF SUSTAINABILITY

Montgomery gathered several of the ideas he is implementing on his farm from a sustainable farming conference he attended called Growing Power.

"I'm taking those concepts and adapting them to the larger land resources I have on the farm," Montgomery said.

One of those ideas that Montgomery has utilized is composting. He has static compost piles on his farm, as well as compost bins. In one of his bins, he is using soldier flies to compost for him.

"All of my food waste goes into there. These soldier flies break down all the bad stuff in there [the compost bin] and make compost. They work like worms do, which is vermicomposting," Montgomery said. "I'm also working on a tube where they can crawl out and then i'm going to harvest them to feed to my chickens."

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BECCA FOGARTY

Senior outdoor recreation intern



The soldier fly larvae eat the eggshells and plants that are inside the bin, and their excrement can be used as a natural fertilizer. “I’ve never been so excited about maggots and larvae before,” Montgomery said.



Timi Fagbarniye (L) , a freshman engineering major, helps Chad Montgomery (R) feed the goats on the farm. Chad’s father, Joseph Montgomery, has owned and tended to the goats at the farm for 20 years.



Montgomery is growing pecans on his farm. The pecans are one of the ingredients he is harvesting now, along with the dessert pears.

Using the flies as organic feed for his chickens would save Montgomery a significant amount of money on chicken feed. He is working on this process before he purchases chickens later in the year.

Additionally, Montgomery wants to use the practice of aquaponics, raising fish and plants in the same body of water.

He plans on putting fish in the seven acre pond that is on his farm. The fish will deposit waste full of nutrients in the water, and then the pondweed will absorb those nutrients.

Montgomery will then use the nutrient-rich pondweed as part of static compost piles. He thinks that this is a viable alternative to farmers spraying herbicides on their weeds.

“That’s what people are doing, and they don’t realize that goes into your fish, and there’s certain parts per million that you’re going to be eating because that’s where the fish live,” Montgomery said.

MORE THAN CROPS

Montgomery has many fruit trees and bushes growing around his property now, and he intends to add even more.

One way he will do that is by building a high tunnel hoop house. A hoop house is a greenhouse that has rounded plastic over its top and has a long, rectangular shape.

“With the high tunnel, you’re able to extend your seasons longer out of the cold. Because they [the plants] will be in a plastic tube, I’ll be able to adjust the temperature,” Montgomery said.

Montgomery is moving forward on his hoop house initiative as part of a cost-share program. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are coordinating with him to make the greenhouse possible. He hopes to move forward on this initiative over the winter.

People may also be able to purchase Montgomery’s desserts in two additional businesses before the end of the year. The chef currently bakes out of Statesboro restaurant Holiday’s Pizza.

“I work with Holiday’s and Vandy’s [Barbeque]. Our desserts are just getting ready to go into there [Holiday’s and Vandy’s] in November,” Montgomery said.

The chef is not stopping there. He also envisions his farm as place for agritourism in southeast Georgia.

One way Montgomery hopes to draw people out

to the farm is by hosting sustainable farming and cooking workshops. These workshops would cover topics such as composting, gardening and cooking food in the kitchen. He also hopes to reach certain people with these workshops.

“I think any family could benefit from [these workshops] and especially veterans dealing with PTSD...people that are looking for new ways to incorporate their lives and start over,” Montgomery said.

PEACE AND QUIET

Life in Sylvania offers opportunities quite different from what Montgomery was accustomed to in New York.

He has been able to start or plan to start projects on the farm, all while keeping an eye on his father.

“After coming from New York, I’ve paid my dues,” Montgomery said. “I don’t hear people talking on cell phones, throwing bottles, car horns...this is how I’ve always wanted to live.”

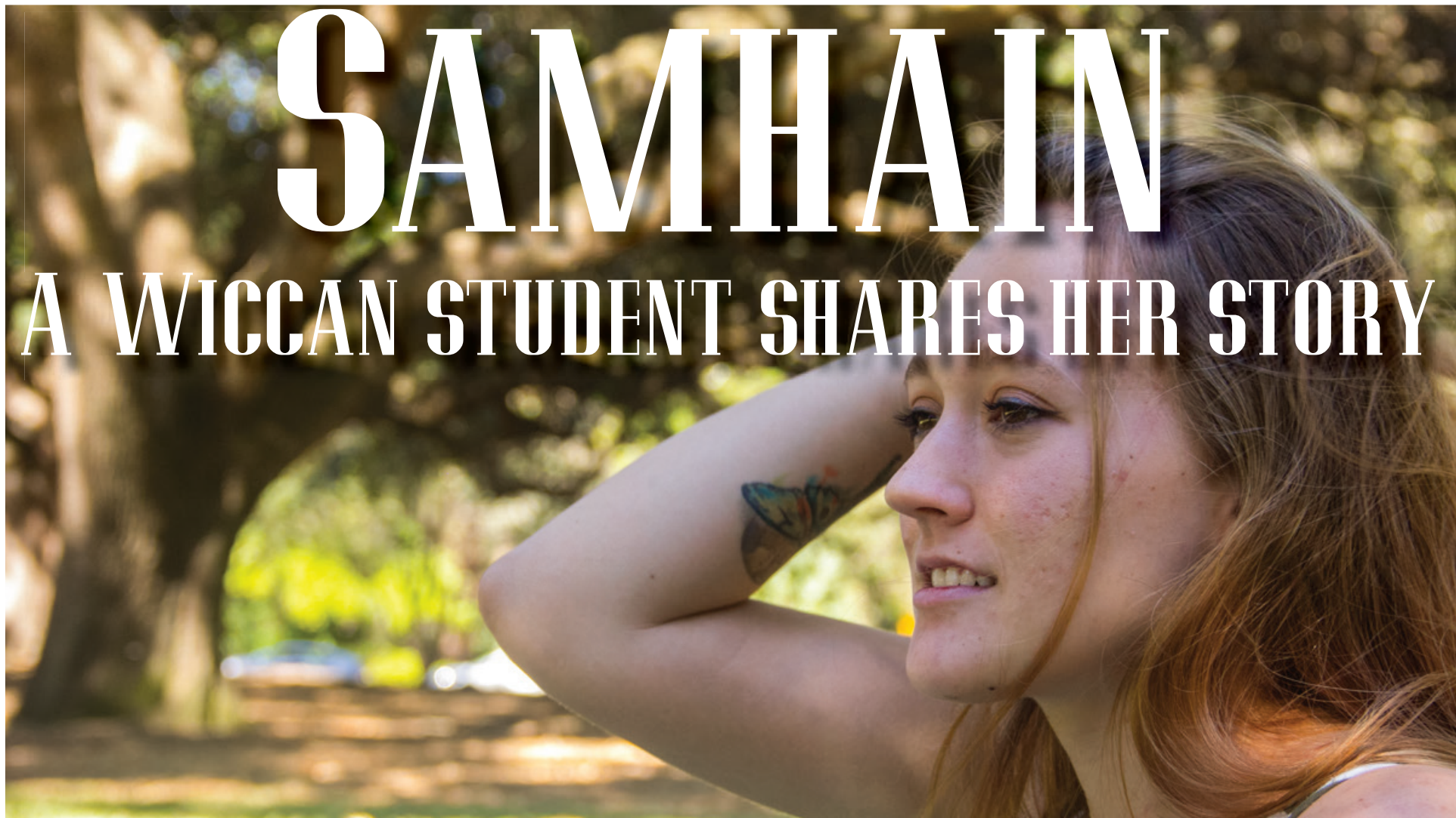
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Paige Peterson, a sophomore writing and linguistics major, described how she celebrates the Wiccan holiday, Samhain. “I like to include friends and family who aren’t necessary Wiccan. For me, the bonfire and the food are the staples of Samhain, as well as spending it with those that are the most important to me,” Peterson said.

BY BLAKELEY BARTEE
The George-Anne staff

Some will celebrate this time of year by placing Jack-o’-Lanterns on their doorsteps and passing out free candy to costume-clad families as the night grows darker.

Others, like sophomore writing and linguistics major Paige Peterson, will choose to celebrate Samhain instead of Halloween.

Samhain is a traditional Wiccan holiday that falls between the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter.

WHAT IS WICCA?

Wicca is a contemporary Pagan religion that encompasses a wide range of beliefs and practices. While some Wiccans believe in a god and goddess, others simply believe in Mother Earth, according to Peterson.

“I would describe [Wicca] as a religion that’s very people and nature based. It’s kind of a wide range of beliefs, but the base of all Wiccans’ beliefs are respect nature and respect people, kind of like the Golden Rule,” Peterson said. “Treat people like you want to be treated, and respect the Earth because it gives us life.”

There is a magical element to Wicca, according to Peterson. Wiccans use natural means to harness positive energies and emotions, including nature-based medicinal practices. Some believe that certain crystals, like rose quartz, can harness energy and be charged with sunlight.

Some Wiccans say they “cast spells” when they harness energies through nature, but Peterson disagrees with the witchcraft label.

“It’s not like you’re waving a wand or anything. It’s just over the years people have... called us ‘witches,’ so we’ve just taken it up in a mocking way, like, ‘Yeah! I’m a

witch! Cool!’” Peterson said. “But it’s all about the way you can harness energies and emotions, [like] mixing ingredients together to treat a wound. There’s elements to it, like willow bark tea helps cramps and pain.”

WHAT IS SAMHAIN?

Wiccans celebrate several holidays every year, including Samhain, Beltane, Yule and Eostar.

Samhain falls on Halloween, when Wiccans celebrate the end of harvest and the beginning of winter. According to Peterson, Samhain is the beginning of the Wiccan cycle, and traditionally, it is the holiday of the dead.

Many Wiccan hold feasts to celebrate Samhain. Foods served at these feasts include pumpkin pie, cornbread, potatoes and dishes with apples. People who celebrate Samhain also carve pumpkins and build bonfires.

In some respects, Samhain can be considered similar to other proximate holidays celebrating the passing of loved ones.

“A lot of people don’t really look at it this way anymore, but the belief based on the god and the goddess. It’s when the god dies and is reborn the next day, so it’s the day between death and life,” Peterson said. “It’s a way to look back on the people you’ve lost in your life and celebrate their lives... a Wiccan Day of the Dead.”

BEING WICCAN IN THE BIBLE BELT

While Wiccan beliefs are based on older Pagan religions, many people mistake Wiccans for devil-worshippers, according to Peterson.

“People don’t really understand Wicca. I say I’m Wiccan, and they go, ‘Oh! Devil-worshiper!’” Peterson said. “They connect it with Christian values and beliefs and more toward the bad ones, [even though] it’s not connected to Christianity at all.”

For those who condemn or judge Wiccans, Peterson recommends learning more about the religion.

“I’d say to do your research and actually find out what the religion is about,” Peterson said. “There’s even places where Wiccans are based on Christianity. They’re called Christian Wiccans, and they believe in God, but they also believe in energies and things like that.”

Peterson practices Wicca alone, as she has not met any fellow Wiccans in the South. She believes the South may be less religiously accepting than other regions of the United States.

“When I lived in Seattle, [I saw] every religion on every corner. But here, you’ve got it watch where you tread when it comes to religion,” Peterson said. “I think education is a big part of it. If people were raised to accept other people and learn about religions whether or not they accept them, it would be better.”

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EAGLES DEFEAT AGGIES IN TOUGH MATCHUP

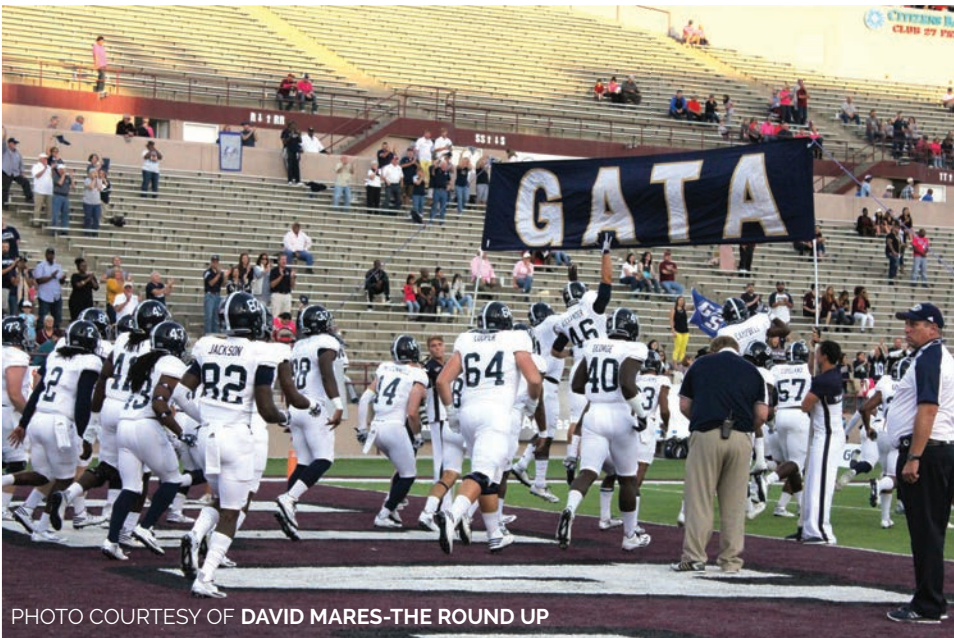


PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID MARES-THE ROUND UP

The Eagles finished off their four game road stretch with a win. They return to Paulson this Thursday night to host Appalachian State.

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX
The George-Anne contributor

It was the last of four straight games on the road for the Eagles as they faced off against the New Mexico State Aggies. After a first half scare, Georgia Southern would end up on top of their Sun Belt opponent, 22-19.

After three quarters, the Aggies had a 12-9 lead and they were hanging on by the skin of their teeth. Eagle kicker Younghoe Koo had been the MVP for his team after hitting three field goals at this point in the game. The Eagles got a huge break when a kickoff following a touchdown was fumbled by the Aggies and picked up by Georgia Southern to start a drive in the red zone.

On the next Aggie possession, a blocked punt gave the Eagles amazing field position yet again. As it tends to, the special teams play made the difference in this game.

OFFENSE

It was an interesting game for the offense. Quarterback Favian Upshaw made the trip but was unable to play due to a hip injury. To keep with the dual-threat quarterback offense, Coach Tyson Summers had true freshman Seth Shuman burn his redshirt and come into the game to assist Kevin Ellison run the offense. Shuman was able to hook up on some well thrown passes to finish the night with 56 yards on four completions with one interception.

Ellison had an excellent game despite taking some truly brutal hits. He finished with 117 rushing yards on 20 carries and completed seven of his eight passes for 101 yards and

two scores. Running backs Wesley Fields and Matt Breida combined for 129 yards on 27 carries.

DEFENSE

We again saw the Eagles get backed up deep into their own territory and then digging in their heels to stop the opposition. The Aggies only managed to score two touchdowns despite 432 yards of total offense.

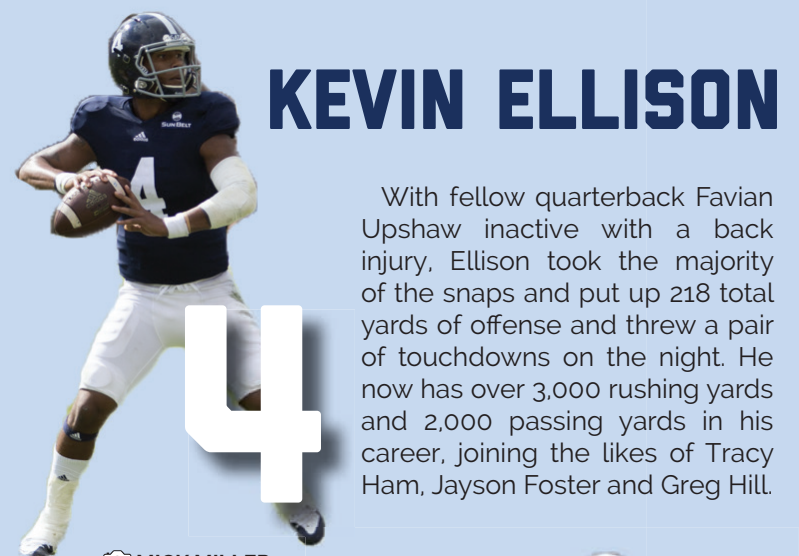
Ironhead Gallon along with Ukeme Eligwe gave their typical stellar performances, combining for 13.5 tackles and two tackles for losses. Sophomore safety Sean Freeman had himself a busy night as he led the team with 7.5 tackles and three pass breakups. Safety Joshua Moon helped clench the game with a fourth quarter interception, giving the Eagles their third takeaway.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The win was just the thing the Eagles needed to get back on the wagon before their biggest game of the year. Snapping the three-game losing streak was crucial as we hope to stay in bowl contention. Two more wins will be needed by the end of the season to qualify for postseason play. Out of the five remaining opponents only two have losing records, this means that every win is crucial to that goal.

On Thursday, the Appalachian State Mountaineers are heading into Statesboro for a contest to be aired on ESPNU. App State is 3-0 in the conference and a victory is key for the Eagles to have a shot at winning the Sun Belt. The historic rivalry will kick off from Paulson at 7:30 p.m.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



KEVIN ELLISON

With fellow quarterback Favian Upshaw inactive with a back injury, Ellison took the majority of the snaps and put up 218 total yards of offense and threw a pair of touchdowns on the night. He now has over 3,000 rushing yards and 2,000 passing yards in his career, joining the likes of Tracy Ham, Jayson Foster and Greg Hill.

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YOUNGHOE KOO

The senior kicker continues to be the most reliable weapon GS has in the red zone. He added three more field goals to stay a perfect 13-13 on the season.

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WHAT THE EAGLES SAID

HEAD COACH TYSON SUMMERS ON THE SPECIAL TEAM'S PERFORMANCE AND KICKOFF RECOVERY

"Special teams continue to be big for us. We were flying, really flying down the field and wind up getting it, and we were able to convert."

SENIOR QUARTERBACK KEVIN ELLISON ON THE SCREEN PASS THAT WENT FOR A TD

"We work it every single day in practice, and I was wondering when we were going to run it in a game. Wes (Fields) did a great job of chipping the linebacker so he didn't kill me and getting to space, and our offensive line did a great job of giving him room."

JUNIOR LINEBACKER CHRIS DELAROSA ON GETTING BACK IN THE WIN COLUMN

"Every game we go into, we expect to win so obviously, it's been frustrating the last three weeks. It feels so great to get the win tonight."



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The Eagles faced Coastal Georgia, UGA and East Georgia in exhibition games this fall. The Eagles are set to start the 2017 season in the spring.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN WIN AGAINST EAST GEORGIA IN SOFTBALL EXHIBITION GAME

BY RYAN REDDING

The George-Anne contributor

The Eagles pull out another exhibition victory, this time against the East Georgia Bobcats, beating them 16-1 in 10 innings.

In this near shutout, the Eagles played both offense and defense to near perfection. Dixie Raley started the game on the mound for the Eagles, in her four innings pitched she gave up no runs and struck out over half the people she faced. To support her, the Eagles bats were electric, scoring seven runs while she was pitching.

In the third inning, the Bobcats put in a new pitcher, the Eagles had her number the entire game. After getting the first batter she faced to pop out, the rest of the night was trouble for her. She proceeded to give up a walk, a double, and then a three-run homerun to Macy Weeks.

After giving up another four runs in the fourth, it seemed as if

things could not get much worse for East Georgia, then the fifth inning happened. In the fifth alone, Southern had six RBI's and three stolen bases. East Georgia on the other hand had a deflection off of the pitcher's glove that went into the outfield, a ball drop right in between the center and left fielder as they could not decide who should catch it, and a wild pitch, all of which resulted in runs. If it were not for a great catch by the Bobcat's right fielder to end the inning, there is no telling how many runs the Eagles could have put up.

In the top of the seventh, the Bobcats cashed in their only run of the night. This came from perhaps the only slip up from the Eagles defense. On a groundball to short, the ball was thrown slightly short to first, resulting in a baserunner that eventually scored. By this time in the game the Eagles were already winning by 15 and this run was nearly irrelevant.

EAGLES SOCCER TAKES CONTROL IN SUN BELT WITH WIN OVER HARTWICK

BY DONALD COE

The George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern was able to get a big home win Saturday night against the Hartwick Hawks 2-1 to go into a tie for first in the Sun Belt.

Hartwick had been the team to beat in the conference the past two years, so this win showed how much growth and improvement the team has made.

The Eagles were able to strike early with the second goal of the season by freshman, Josh Bronstorph after the Hartwick goalie misplayed the ball and gave the freshman an open net to shoot on.

After that, the Eagles were able to stay in control for the entire game dominating the time of possession and keeping

the ball on the Hartwick side of the field.

Midway through the second half, the Eagles were able to strike again with the third goal of the season from sophomore Emil Laursen and solidified control from there on out.

The Eagles just had to hold on and play defense after going up by two. They gave up a goal in the 69 minute, but were able to bear down and finish off the Hawks.

GS is now tied atop the Sun Belt standings with Coastal Carolina with both teams tallying seven points.

GS has a colossal test on the road against the 8th ranked Clemson Tigers on Tuesday, Oct. 25. The next conference test is in Washington D.C. Saturday night, Oct. 29 against the Howard Bisons.



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The Eagles thank their fans who came out to support them. The Eagles currently have an overall record of 7-5-3 (2-0-1 conference record).

SPORTS SHORTS

- *Women's Volleyball* lost against UT Arlington, 1-3, on Friday.
- *Women's Soccer* lost to Arkansas Little Rock, 0-3, on Friday.
- *Women's Volleyball* lost against Texas State, 0-3, on Saturday.
- *Men's Soccer* won against Hartwick, 2-1, on Saturday.
- *Women's Soccer* won against Arkansas State, 2-1, on Sunday.



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The Eagles returned to Hanner after a two-game roadtrip. The Eagles beat Savannah State on Monday, 3-1.

EAGLES VOLLEYBALL STRUGGLED IN WEEKEND MATCHUPS

BY CASEY ROHLEN
The George-Anne contributor

Entering a two-game stretch at Hanner Fieldhouse this past weekend the Georgia Southern Woman’s volleyball team had won four out of their last five matches.

Spirits were high as the Eagles took on a pair of Sun Belt rivals they had never beaten in UT Arlington and Texas State, but unfortunately, the excitement was short-lived.

Friday night’s match against the UT Arlington Mavericks started out favorably for the home team. Carried by the intensity of sophomore Lauren Reichard, the Eagles led by as many as eight points in route to winning the first set 25-18.

In the second set, the Mavericks were able to jump out to an early lead and despite a valiant Eagle comeback, they took the second set 25-18. The third set was largely dominated by UT Arlington, leading by 12 at one point, before winning 25-17. The fourth and final set of the night was characterized by several lead changes and in a thrilling, but ultimately disappointing finish the Mavericks won the set 28-26 and the match 3-1.

Putting Friday’s loss behind them, GS squared off against a red-hot Texas State Bobcats team on Saturday night. In a tight first set which never saw either team lead by more than a few points, the Bobcats were able to edge out the Eagles 25-23.

The second set was marred by a rash of mental errors by the Eagles, giving the Bobcats the advantage and the set 25-20. Following some questionable calls early in the third set, the Bobcats pulled away winning the set 25-18 and the match 3-0.

After the game, GS coach Dustin Wood praised his team’s hard play and chalked the loss up to inconsistent play.

“We outplayed them the first set, but had too many serving errors. I was pretty proud of what the kids did in that first set, then they [Texas State] made adjustments,” Wood said, “We played a little one-dimensional tonight.”

With the two losses this weekend, the Eagles fall to 11-12 overall and 4-4 in the Sun Belt. Georgia Southern plays their final non-conference match of the season at Savannah State on Monday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m.



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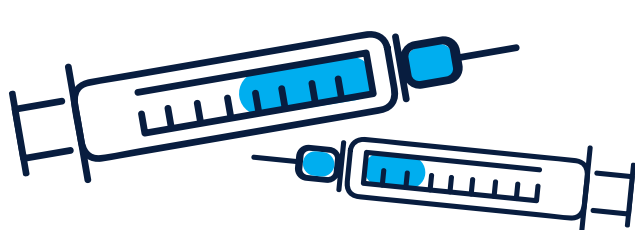
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