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NAACP Responds

Chapter executives reflect
on demand letter


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BREAKING BARRIERS

GS Alumnus shares unique
experience with their gender
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How to Fix Chapped Lips

BY MARQUETTA GREEN
The Reflector staff

Chapped Lips Syndrome
How many times have you walked out of the house and forgot your lip balm? You are now the next victim of constant dry, chapped lips and are now forced to lick your lips throughout the day. Unfortunately it's even worse to forget it on a cold day. In comparison to other parts of the face, the lips have it rough, literally, so how do you combat this problem? Chapstick to the rescue!

Lip Anatomy
Your lips play very significant roles including, assisting with food sensory, helping with unspoken language and sounds, and even in facial expressions. All of these actions require proper muscle and tissue function of the lips. According to author and "Cosmetic cop", Paula Begoun the lips do have a layer of "skin" like the face, but it is exceptionally thin and transparent, barely covering

the vulnerable mucous membrane underneath.

What Causes Chapped lips?
According to WebMD.com, "lips have minimal to no sebaceous glands and zero sweat or oil glands, and water loss on the lips is three to ten times higher than other parts of the face or body!" Your lips are almost always exposed to elements including climate and weather changes. There may also be other health issues such as lack of certain vitamins or water intake that may contribute to extremely or consistently chapped lips. Using matte lipsticks, long-wearing lip paints (especially in dry or cold climates) or lip plumpers that contain irritants such as capsicum pepper, menthol, menthoxypropanediol, ginger or mint oils, can also lead to chapped lips.

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Can We Please Talk About Glenn Beck?

ALEYNA RENTZ

Rentz is a senior English and writing and linguistics major. This is a guest column.

The Times They Are A-Changin’

As a fiction writer, I like a good, compelling character, someone grappling with internal struggle—Aeneas, torn between his duty to the Gods and his own hopelessness. Hamlet, paralyzed by his conflicting feelings for his mother.

Glenn Beck, Fox News exile and right wing conspiracy theorist, who has recently found himself at odds with the empire of false journalism and fear-mongering he helped create.

If you aren’t familiar with the name, Glenn Beck is the former host of his own show on Fox News, the source from which your more radically conservative relatives probably got all their political beliefs.

He’s essentially everyone’s racist uncle at Thanksgiving: his sweater and button down combos and subtle paunch give him a deceptively huggable appearance until he launches into a conspiratorial rant about Obama’s ties to terrorist organizations.

But every racist uncle eventually wears down, maybe because he had too many helpings of sweet potatoes or pumpkin pie. In Glenn Beck’s case, too much of something orange also did him in—Donald Trump.

A Jester Becomes A Critic

Beck has vocally criticized Trump ever since he first started his campaign and, in light of Trump’s presidency, is pushing even harder against him, a sharp pivot in Beck’s politics I find weirdly fascinating.

In a recent interview, Beck told Anderson Cooper that Steve Bannon, Trump’s terrifying pick for chief strategist, is the “champion of white supremacists,” an accurate statement, given the horrific levels of xenophobia and racism displayed on Bannon’s alt-right news website, Breitbart.

Even better, he told the New Yorker that he considers Trump “dangerously unhinged.” When Glenn Beck calls you “dangerously unhinged,” then you know you have a problem.

If Beck’s sudden appeal to rationality is the result of some spiritual transformation, then perhaps Obama is his savior. Once a harsh critic of the

President, Beck recently said, “Obama made me a better man.”

Even crazier, Beck supports Black Lives Matter, his reason being, “There are things unique to the African-American experience that I cannot relate to,” he said. “I had to listen to them.”

Doomsday Prep

Yet his website still pushes stories with such nauseating headlines as “How the Obama Years Stunted Millennial Growth,” paired with a photo of Obama’s tear-streaked face.

“But seriously, I applaud any public figure who isn’t afraid to recant their old political positions and admit to being wrong, and I hope Beck’s path to repentance, however winding it may be, is prescient of a new trend in right-wing journalism.”

You can also find bizarre advertisements for “My Patriot Supply” soup, a brand presumably dedicated to preparing people for the apocalypse, featuring a bowl of beef stew superimposed over a smiling Glenn Beck.

I don’t understand any of this, especially the soup. Beck is clearly going through something right now, and I’m just glad I get to witness it.

But seriously, I applaud any public figure who isn’t afraid to recant their old political positions and admit to being wrong, and I hope Beck’s path to repentance, however winding it may be, is prescient of a new trend in right-wing journalism.

Faux News

If Megyn Kelly’s recent rise to feminist icon serves an indicator of anything, then perhaps we can look forward to a whole host of Fox News anchors dunking themselves in the river of factual reporting and emerging with clean souls.

This is wishful thinking, of course, but it helps that figures who have the trust of a wide republican audience are criticizing Donald Trump. In order to make sure he doesn’t more or less destroy the country in the next four years, we need voices of opposition coming from Trump’s own party.

What we also have to remember, though, is that without people like Beck and Kelly, Trump’s rise to power would not have been possible. If he learned his campaigning strategies from anywhere, it was probably from too many late nights in Trump Tower letting people like Fox News’s Sean Hannity scream at him from his plasma-screen.

Trump isn’t alone in his ignorance, though, as a recent study conducted by Stanford University suggests that most students can’t differentiate between real and fake news, which is kind of a problem since this entire campaign season was inundated with nothing but false journalism spread by biased Fox News pundits, naïve Facebook users, and Russian propagandists alike.

As college students, it’s on us to prove the Stanford study wrong, to learn how to preserve our own intelligence in a society that many journalists are calling “post-truth.”

Get your news from reputable sources—for example, you know The New York Times is a good source because Trump has openly criticized it for being unfair. Read multiple articles to make sure you aren’t receiving someone’s narrow-minded viewpoint. Do yourself a favor by blocking your computer’s access to Breitbart and muting Fox News.

Glenn Beck himself admitted that “We’ve made everything into a game show.” Maybe this makes for good entertainment, but it’s dangerous when we can no longer separate the unreal from reality.

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GS NAACP responds to one-year anniversary of demands

BY TAISHA WHITE
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University chapter of the NAACP responded Monday about whether or not any of their demands from their letter released last year had been met.

Before Thanksgiving break, the university released a statement to the George Anne, speaking about their quest to creating a more diverse campus and how they plan on assessing the demands released by the GS NAACP last year.

Recap

Last November, a former GS student released a post on Facebook, threatening the Black Lives Matter movement and students of GS if they were to ever partake in such event.

The posting caused major backlash and commotion on the GS campus and social media. This eventually led to the release of demands set by the NAACP.

The demands were created to build a more diverse and safe campus environment for all students, especially minorities.

NAACP Response

Despite initially receiving negative comments and a mixed response, the GS NAACP feels that some of their demands have been met.

As of now, no new demands will be added to the list until the current demands have been met, resolved and discussed, but the NAACP feels that the discussion will be an on-going process.

"The transition of power within the university and changing of executive committees within the Georgia Southern University NAACP

has affected the ability for the demands to be implemented or discussed," Shaneka Spikes, vice-president of the GS NAACP, said.

Spikes believes that the NAACP has had challenges since the release of the demands due to numerous changes.

"The executive board for the NAACP is currently working on ways to implement the demands in a way that is noninvasive to the administration of the University," Spikes said.

Joshua Farara, president of the GS NAACP chapter,

feels even though there have not been any public racial or discriminatory issues on display since the comments last November, the NAACP will continue to promote fairness across campus.

"Our concern is maintain this level of equality," Farara said. "We will continue to inform students on the ideals that the NAACP stands for and the issues concerning justice and equality."

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Joshua Farara

President of the GS NAACP chapter

STATESBORO DURING THE HOLIDAYS

BY TAISHA WHITE
The George-Anne staff

With winter break right around the corner, many students are gearing up to head home for the holidays, but for some students, heading home may not be an option.

Luckily, the city of Statesboro will be providing numerous activities and holiday-filled events in the upcoming days and weeks that will keep anyone busy, as well as entertained while school is out.

Many events and activities are holiday themed and are geared towards the entire community, including the Eagle Creek Brewing Company's Yoga Rave and the Statesboro Youth Chorale and Strings: Winter Showcase, where the choirs of the Youth Chorale will display their musical talents to the city.

Amber Usry, sophomore IT

Events over WINTER BREAK in Statesboro

- **Dec. 12:** Statesboro Youth Chorale and Strings Winter Showcase at 7 p.m. (*Tickets \$10*)
- **Through Dec. 17:** Annual Statesboro Regional Art Association Juried Exhibition
- **Dec. 20:** Yoga Rave at Eagle Creek Brewing Company 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

major, believes the numerous events will be able to give students a variety of options over the winter break.

"There seems to be a lot of

things that can be done over the break," Williams said.

"It's better than staying home and doing nothing all day. People should be able to get

out and see what's available to them."

If you are looking to become immersed in the history of Statesboro, the Statesboro

Convention and Visitor's Bureau has exhibits about the forgotten history of the Spanish in Georgia.

However, if you are not in the holiday spirit but would like to partake in other events, the Averitt Center is currently hosting their Annual Statesboro Regional Art Association Juried Exhibition, where Statesboro Regional Art Association (SRAA) members will participate in an art competition and exhibition.

Ashley Whittemore, marketing coordinator for the Averitt Center, is excited that this year's winter break gives the Statesboro community the opportunity to be part of the festivities.

"There are plenty of holiday inspired things to do over the winter break," Whittemore said. "There is a little something that everyone can enjoy."



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Sweetheart Circle’s annual lighting has been going on for over 5 years. This year’s festivities will begin at 4 p.m. on Thursday.

Lighting of Sweetheart Circle to kick off the holiday season

BY BLAKELEY BARTEE
The George-Anne staff

President Jaimie Hebert will flip the switch Thursday afternoon at his first Lighting of Sweetheart Circle, an annual holiday tradition at Georgia Southern University. The wintry event, scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. and hosted by the University Programming Board (UPB), will include refreshments, music, a snow machine and photo opportunities for the public. While Sweetheart Circle has been a central part of the GS campus for over 100 years, the relatively new holiday tradition was introduced in 2007. Since then, additions such as the snow

machine and the University president’s role in the lighting of the circle have become central to the celebration. The buildings, lampposts and trees of Sweetheart Circle will be draped in lights, wreaths and red bows, according to the traditions page of the GS website. “Each year, students and locals alike gather for traditional holiday treats and seasonal music,” the webpage says. “This winter wonderland extends from the Marvin Pittman Administration Building to the GSU-shaped boxwood plants dressed in sparkling white holiday lights at the campus entrance.”

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

TRANSGENDER ALUMNUS SHARES EXPERIENCE OF TRANSITIONING AS AN ATHLETE

BY JOZSEF PAPP
The George-Anne staff

With the massive amount of content on YouTube, it can be easy to get lost surfing through and watching a lot of videos with little bearing on one's personal life.

However, for Austin Wofford, watching a video on YouTube would change his life forever. Shortly after watching it, he would decide to begin his transition from female to male.

"I stumbled on a video of a guy's transition on YouTube and I had no idea that it was even possible for that to happen," Wofford said. "When I saw that video, it was like the 'aha' moment of my life. I knew that was the missing piece of me, that I needed to pursue that."

Wofford graduated from Georgia Southern in 2015 with a degree in exercise science. During his time at GS, Wofford participated in the track and field team, competing in the shot put, discus and javelin events. Additionally, Wofford was a power forward for the women's basketball team.

BEGINNING THE TRANSITION

During his time as a member of the basketball team, his trainers suggested that he go to the counseling center on campus. After talking to a therapist in

2014, Wofford would take his first dose of testosterone, a decision that took him a long time to make. This is a process that will continue for the rest of his life.

"Playing on the women's team...I was scared to tell anybody about me wanting to transition, it really got to me psychologically. It was all I can think about," Wofford said. "There was a lot going on internally and then there was kind of a breaking point, when my girlfriend decided to move out of the apartment we were staying in Statesboro."

After beginning the process, Wofford had to tell his family and friends about his decision. The initial reaction was different between both groups.

"Telling my friends, it was really exciting. Most of the time, I couldn't wait to tell people I was transitioning," Wofford said. "I never told my father. He kind of just saw me after a while and [he] was just going with the flow. Telling my mother, I remember speaking with her on a couple of occasions about how I was feeling and what I wanted to do. She didn't understand it."

Wofford's mother was reluctant at first to accept her child as Austin, but she has since gotten on board

and supports him.

"It was a struggle at first for her to get on board, but now she is fine with it. She uses the male pronoun. She says Austin. She calls me her son," Wofford said. "Things have gotten a lot better with her."

The transition from female to male is a part of Austin's story, but now he tries to use his experiences to inspire and educate those around him.



Wofford began his gender transition from female to male in 2014. After talking to a therapist, Austin received his first shot of testosterone.



Wofford, who played power forward from 2010 to 2013, gets ready to fight for the rebound during a game. Wofford played in 18 games averaging 3.4 points per game during the 2012-2013 season.



Austin was a member of the Women's Basketball team from 2010 to 2013. Wofford joined the women's track team and competed in the discus, shot put and the javelin in 2013.

SHARING HIS EXPERIENCE

Even though Wofford graduated in 2015, he still has a big impact on the GS campus. He returns every semester to help Christian Gipson, Ph.D., an assistant professor of sports management, with her social issues in sports class.

Wofford talks to Gipson's class and helps them to better understand those who have transitioned or are in the process of transitioning by using his own experience as an example.

"[Austin] breaks down stereotypes. He starts off talking about his journey and how he got to where he is now, from the reasons he wanted to transition," Gipson said. "How he found out that is even a thing. He also discusses the politically correct terminology. He gives suggestion on things not to ask people who are trans."

Gipson's goal for the class is for her students to open their eyes and be able to acknowledge the controversial topics that are not talked about in sports.

"I want them to be able to recognize that sports are not always fair for all groups of people," Gipson said. "As much as we want to say that it is, we need to be able to identify when it is not fair and try to provide opportunities or kind of be more critical when we hear about stories within sports and not just take everything for face value."

Wofford wants people to understand the difference between sexuality and gender, as well as the fact that a person's change in appearance does not make them less than those around them.

"It's important for [society] to understand that gender and sexuality are two completely different things," Wofford said. "People need to know... we are capable humans that can do what anyone else can do."

OLYMPIC DREAMS

Although Wofford's story began with his transition, Wofford currently has a bigger goal in mind: making it to the 2020 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo in the discus, a sport he fell in love with in high school.

Wofford is hopeful he can make it to the Olympic Games and represent his country in the highest level of sports.

Wofford said, "It's the highest [level] to compete on."

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AUSTIN WOFFORD

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MISTLETOE. LORE AND SPECIAL FEASTS

How international students celebrate the holidays



BY JULIA FECHTER
The George-Anne staff

Ah, winter break. This reprieve from school is marked by Christmas celebrations, as well as celebrations of other notable holidays, like Hanukkah or Kwanzaa.

Americans usually celebrate Christmas by purchasing and exchanging presents, putting up decorations like trees and visiting family and friends.

These are customs which Georgia Southern’s international students also practice, while also retaining their own cultural traditions around the holidays.

AN EMPHASIS ON LOVE

Christmas is not emphasized in South Korea and other East Asian countries to the extent that other holidays are due to the holiday’s Western origins.

As a result, South Korean secular traditions and some of the religious ones have blended with cultural practices already present there to create a unique take on the winter holiday.

According to Seoulistic.com, a Korean culture and travel site, many of Korea’s holidays have some sort of romantic implications mixed into celebrations. As well, Christmas is primarily recognized on Christmas Eve.

One major difference with Korean Christmas celebrations is with whom many Koreans spend the day. Jinsun Lee, a freshman manufacturing engineering major at GS, explained this concept more.

“Christmas is something celebrated with couples. They date and go out. It is usually cold and a white Christmas,” Lee said.

This may seem odd to those who are used to celebrating Christmas with immediate or extended family. Additionally, while many Koreans may celebrate the holiday by going out with a significant other, they may also choose to spend it with friends.

“I hang out with my friends downtown [in South Korea], not usually at home. We usually spend Christmas with friends or boyfriends...we go to karaoke, drink beer,” Seung Ji Hong, a junior hospitality major, said.

“Usually, I want to spend Christmas with my host family. They invited me, like ‘hey, let’s spend Christmas and have a Christmas meal,’” Ji Hong said.

While many international students opt to celebrate Christmas back in their home countries, Ji Hong will be staying in the U.S. during that time.

THE NIGHTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Denmark, a European country in the Scandinavian region of Europe, hosts many holiday festivities similar to what is practiced in America.

“You have your Christmas tree and your presents. I think the only major difference is that we open our gifts on December 24 in the evening,” Jarl Petersen, a senior international studies major from Denmark, said.

According to Denmark’s official website, some of the Danish customs for Christmas include advent wreaths, calendars and candles to count down to the holiday.

Danish people, like their American counterparts, host Christmas dinners. However, these meals are held on Christmas Eve.

“We eat pork roast for Christmas, usually. Some people do turkey or duck,” Petersen said.

Denmark’s website states that rice pudding is another dish traditionally served at these dinners. It is either served warm as one of the first dishes or cold with cherries in it as a dessert. There is usually an almond in the pudding, and the person who gets the almond portion gets a special present.

Another holiday that Denmark celebrates right before Christmas is St. Lucia Day on Dec. 13.

St. Lucia is the patron saint of light in the Roman Catholic Church. According to legend, Lucia is described as having worn a wreath with candles on her head in order to feed impoverished Christians living in ancient Rome’s catacombs.

“People, girls, get dressed up in white and they do a procession. They give out cookies. You have one girl that gets a crown that she has to wear, and she’s St. Lucia,” Petersen said. “Then you do a sort of procession with all the girls...usually, in schools, you turn out the lights and they march through the school.”

The holiday traditions presented here are just a sample of the traditions observed during December. These practices all have one thing in common-allowing the participants to cherish the ideals, concepts and people important to them.



Jarl Petersen is a senior international studies major at GS. Petersen is from Denmark.



Jinsun Lee, pictured left, is a freshman manufacturing engineering major. Seung Ji Hong, pictured right, is a junior hospitality major. Lee and Ji Hong are from South Korea.

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Quidditch Club competes in first tournament ever



Photo courtesy of LUKE PASHKE

BY LUKE PASHKE

The George-Anne contributor

In the muggle world, there are no flying brooms or a tiny golden ball that can actively evade its seekers. There's no such thing as magical wands or a grand institution somewhere out there that solely serves to educate aspiring witches and wizards.

Despite these concrete obstacles, a group of students at GS managed to start a quidditch club team last semester.

"At first it was kind of like a joke, but then we actually started planning on it and it seemed like a lot of fun, so we made up the constitution, and it just became a thing," Sam Bauer, president of the Quidditch Club and a junior English major, said.

What is Quidditch?

Quidditch, the wildly popular sport of the Harry Potter world, is the wizardry equivalent of a soccer/rugby hybrid. Each team has three hoops to defend with a keeper posted at each. Witches and wizards zoom through the air on flying brooms as they compete to score a large ball, called a quaffle, through the three hoops. Beaters serve as defenders, smacking brutal

balls, called bludgers, in the direction of their opponents with little clubs. Throughout the game, seekers, like Harry Potter himself, patrol the circular field searching for the ever-elusive golden snitch in hopes of catching it.

Unfortunately, we as humans haven't managed to develop flying brooms yet. However, designers of the human-version of quidditch have found a rather odd solution.

"Oh my gosh, running with a broom between your legs. You think it'd be easy, but it's so awkward," Sarah Greenberg, treasurer of the club and a junior accounting major, said.

As for the brutal bludgers, these are replaced by dodgeballs, which are hurled by beaters at their respective opponents.

When a player is struck by the makeshift bludgers, the player must return to their team's hoops before rejoining the play. The three hoops stand at varying heights as the players whiz around them tossing a volleyball, in place of the quaffle, back and forth. Launching the quaffle through the hoops awards a team ten points.

How is it played

Despite originating from a fantasy world, the human-version of quidditch can be just as rough as J.K. Rowling's imaginary sport. Players can pull and grab each other in competition for the ball, and there's no love lost in this exchange.

"It's surprisingly really physical, like you can tackle people in this game and try to take the ball from them," Bauer said.

With one hand clutching their broomstick between their legs, players zoom up and down the field. In the Harry Potter world, seekers zoom around the stadium on their flying brooms during this time, desperately trying to spot and then catch the ever-elusive snitch. The tiny golden ball flutters through the air like a hummingbird and is extremely hard to see and nearly impossible to capture.

The makeshift version of this little magical golden ball is certainly much easier to notice, but may prove equally as hard to corral.

"The snitch isn't a ball, it's a person, unbiased to either team, and they come in at

like the 18th minute, and only the seekers can chase after them," Bauer said.

Seekers are a key component of a team, because they can completely change the fate of a match. If a seeker manages to capture the snitch, their team is awarded 30 points, triple the amount awarded for scoring throughout the game, and the match immediately ends. This opportunity leads to a heated competition between the two seekers and the human snitch.

"Technically, the snitch can do just about whatever he wants to me, and I try to chase him and turn him around somehow to grab the tennis ball from behind him," Josh Manning, the team's seeker and a junior exercise science major, said.

Tournament Time

In their second semester of existence, Bauer and the rest of the team are still in the process of establishing the club. Between recruiting and learning the fundamentals of the sport, this club is still striving for recognition amongst their competitors.

"Florida State reached out to us, and we're going down to them, and they're basically the only school who knows about us right now, so I'd say one of our biggest goals would be establishing relationships with other schools so that we can actually play matches," Bauer said.

This past weekend, the club played in their first tournament ever. After a semester of jumpstarting the club and countless practices, the players were eager to get their feet wet in competition.

However, expectations were measured heading into the day, considering their inexperience, and Bauer believes the tournament was an excellent step in the right direction.

"Our tournament went really well. Even though we didn't win any of our games, we all had a great time and made a lot of friends at other schools," Bauer said.

The club is always welcoming new members, and experience is certainly not required. Quidditch practice is held every Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m. on the RAC fields behind the Bishop Alumni building.

The Quidditch team is on the second semester of existence. The game is originally from the movie and book series, Harry Potter.

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GS BASKETBALL TEAMS SPEND THANKSGIVING ON THE ROAD



The women’s team went 0-4 on their road trip. They look to rebound when they face Mercer on Wednesday.

BY ROBERT GEORGE
The George-Anne staff

While most students went home to celebrate Thanksgiving with plates of turkey and dressing, both Georgia Southern Basketball teams spent their week off from classes traveling across the country to compete in tournaments. Here’s a quick recap of how the men and women’s team did.

MEN’S RECAP

The Eagles went 2-2 over the break, losing their first two games of the Savannah Invitational, but rebounding to take the final two games of the tournament.

In the two losses, the Eagles were in both games until late in the second half, where they let the other teams run away with it. In the 80-67 loss against Mercer, the Bears finished the game on a 25-4 run to seal the win. Similarly, the Eagles let Akron go on late run to close out the game and give the Zips a 75-67 victory.

“We’re a little bit out of rhythm right now, and we’re a little bit disjointed,” GS head coach Mark Byington said after the game. “But we were just down three against a really good team, and I’m more encouraged about what we’re going to become.”

However, the Eagles bounced back in the final games and defeated Florida A&M 83-72 and Radford 65-64.

Ike Smith paced the Eagles in the win over FAMU by scoring a career-high 26 points to go along with four rebounds and two blocks. He’s the leading the team in scoring this season about 20 points per game. The sophomore has been more efficient

shooting the ball this season, and has been able to get to the rim at will.

The win over Radford saw the Eagles preserve the 1-point win with a big defensive stand in the final 30 seconds. After Tookie Brown hit the go-ahead layup, the Eagles dug in and forced Radford into a bad shot, which rimmed out as time expired.

“Our guys were really locked in, they communicated well and they did a great job of finding a way to get a stop and win the game,” Byington said.

WOMEN’S RECAP












The Women’s team went winless over the break, dropping games to Clemson, Jacksonville State, Alabama and IUPUI, all of which were on the road.

They lost to IUPUI by 26 points, but the other games were much more competitive. The Eagles fell late to unbeaten Alabama, and lost to Clemson by 11 points. However, outside of the IUPUI game, head coach Kip Drown was proud of the effort and believes the team can continue to improve over the rest of the non-conference schedule.

“I thought we came ready to play, we competed really well and I thought our kids walked in the building and honestly felt like they were going to win the basketball game,” Drown said after the loss to Clemson. “I love that about our preparation, I didn’t have to worry about that at all.”

They play again on Tuesday at 11 a.m. against Mercer in a game which will be attended by students from elementary and middle-schools in this area.

CURRENT 2016 FOOTBALL SUN BELT STANDINGS

CONFERENCE		OVERALL
	APP STATE	7-1
	TROY UNIVERSITY	6-1
	ARKANSAS STATE	6-1
	IDAHO	5-2
	LOUISIANA LAFAYETTE	4-3
	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	3-4
	LOUISIANA MONROE	3-4
	GEORGIA STATE	2-5
	NEW MEXICO STATE	2-5
	SOUTH ALABAMA	1-6
	TEXAS STATE	0-7

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AROUND THE SUN BELT POST-THANKSGIVING

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Since the Sun Belt Conference doesn’t have a traditional championship game, most teams still have one game remaining on their schedules. While the rest of the nation, minus the BIG 12, is having their title game, the Sun Belt will be wrapping up the 2016 season with a full slate of games. Here’s three things to know going into the final week of the season.

APP STATE CLINCHES SHARE OF SUN BELT TITLE

The Mountaineers clinched a share of the title when Arkansas State lost a shocker to UL Lafayette on Saturday. With

that loss, the Red Wolves join the Mountaineers and the Troy Trojans in the one-loss column. The Mountaineers have finished their regular season schedule, and will now wait and see if they will share the title.


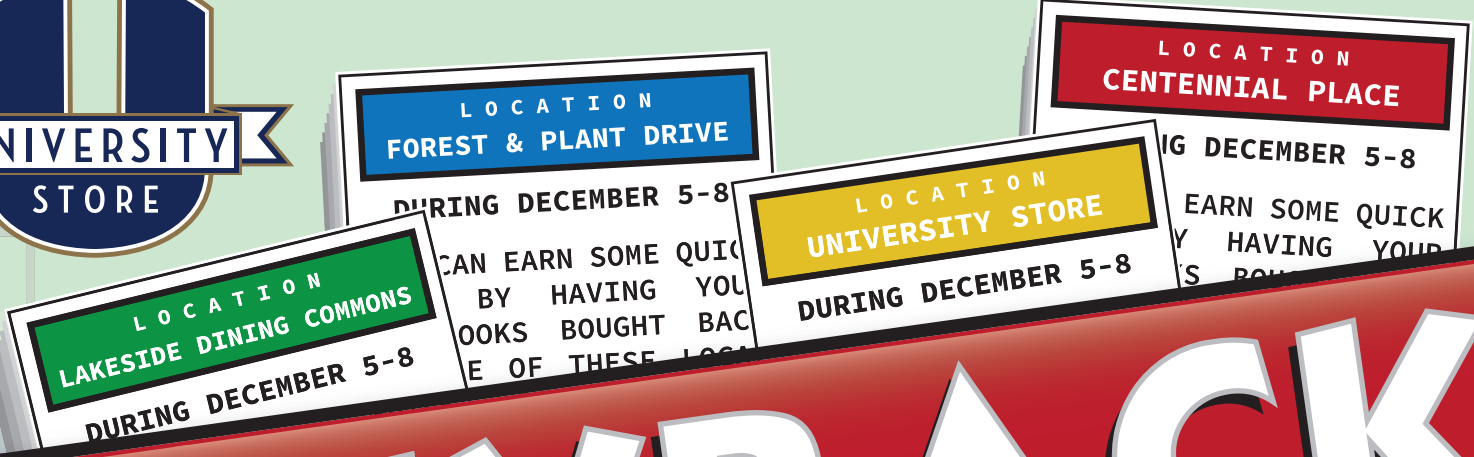
TROY, ARKANSAS STATE CAN EARN SHARE OF TITLE IN FINAL GAMES

The Trojans and the Red Wolves can both still earn a share of the conference championship if they both win this weekend. The Red Wolves will travel to face lowly Texas State, and the Trojans come to Statesboro to take on Georgia Southern on Senior Day. If they both win, they will finish with 7-1 records in the conference.

UL LAFAYETTE, SOUTH ALABAMA PLAY FOR BOWL ELIGIBILITY

The ULL Ragin Cajuns travel to face their bitter rivals in UL Monroe this weekend, and need a win to reach the magic number six. They’re riding high off their stunning win over Arkansas State, but Monroe will undoubtedly be looking to keep their neighbors out of the postseason.

However, the South Alabama situation is weird. The Jaguars have earned just one conference win this season, but went 4-0 in their non-conference slate, giving them five wins. However, a win over New Mexico State this weekend will be enough to get them in the postseason.

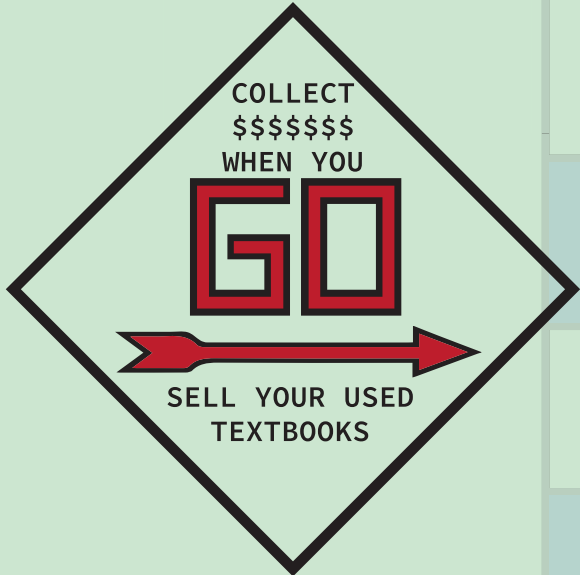



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Residence halls will close for Winter Break on Friday, December 9 at 12:00 p.m.

Residence hall students are required to attend a Winter Break closing floor meeting between November 28 and December 2. Please see your Community Leader for more information.

University Villas, Freedom's Landing and Centennial Place will remain open during the break but residents must sign up for Break Housing. Talk to your Community Leader or go to GSUHousing.com/break.

Residence halls will reopen on Thursday, January 5, 2017.

If you are not returning to Georgia Southern in the spring, you must check out with your Community Leader.







