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Can We Please Talk About Glenn Beck?

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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, his speech superimposed over a smiling Glenn Beck,Uncle Sam, Uncle Sam. He 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 the light of Trump’s presidency, is pushing it may be, is prescient of a new trend in right-wing journalism.

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.

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. For the rest of us, it’s a wishful thinking, of course, but it helps that figures who have the trust of a whole 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, naive 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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Statesboro during the holidays

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.

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.

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Lighting of Sweetheart Circle to kick off the holiday season

BY BLAKELEY BARTEE

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."
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.
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**AUSTIN WOFFORD**

**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.

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**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.”
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 SeoulSetic.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.

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.
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 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 English major, said.

As for the brutal bludgers, these are replaced by team’s seeker and a junior quidditch team, a and an senior goblin, which are hurled by beaters at their respective opponents.

When a player is struck by the makenble bludgers, the player must return to their team’s hooves before rejoicing the play. The three players stand at varying heights as the players whirl around them tossing a baseball, 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 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.
GS BASKETBALL TEAMS SPEND THANKSGIVING ON THE ROAD

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 65-59.

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 been more efficient in that area.

Koby McEwen played well against Radford, scoring 15 points and grabbing four rebounds and two blocks. He’s been more competitive. The Eagles fell late to unbeaten Alabama, and lost to Clemson by 11 points. However, outside of the IU 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.

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

They lost to IU by 26 points, but the other games were more competitive. The Eagles fell late to unbeaten Alabama, and lost to Clemson by 11 points. However, outside of the IU game, head coach Ike Smith was more encouraged about what the team is going to become.

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TROY, ARKANSAS STATE CAN EARN SHARE OF TITLE IN FINAL GAMES
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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 Arizona State, but Monroe will undoubtedly be looking to keep their neighbors out of the post-season.

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.
Textbook Buyback returns to the University Store on December 5-8!

Sell us your books for a chance to win a $200 textbook gift certificate. Buyback locations are available at Lakeside Dining Commons, Centennial Place, the Forest Drive/Plant Drive bus stop, and always in our main store.

For more information, visit GSUS tore.com.

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HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY WINTER BREAK!

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.