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Russell suspended after arrest at bars

BY JENNIFER CURINGTON
The George-Anne staff

A few hours after the Eagles had a heartbreaking loss against Appalachian State University, senior defensive tackle Brent Russell (66) was arrested outside of Rude Rudy’s, leading to his indefinite suspension from the team.

Russell was charged with disorderly conduct and obstruction of a law enforcement officer at 1:17 a.m. after a fight broke out and he refused to comply with an officer’s order to leave, according to Georgia Southern University Department of Public Safety’s incident report.

As a result, Russell has been suspended from the team until head football coach Jeff Monken sees fit.

“I place a set of parameters of much of which involves community service. It’s self-reflection time. He cares about football. That kid loves football and not being at football practice hurts him,” Monken said. “But, when you get in trouble and you represent the entire program, as all of our guys do and I do, there’s expectations that our guys have for conduct that the common guy doesn’t have…”

According to the incident report written by Sgt. Tyrone McBride:

McBride arrived at the scene when a member of Statesboro Police Department requested assistance for crowd control in University Plaza’s parking lot.

As officers tried to break up the fight, individuals tried to prevent officers from obtaining the offenders. Russell was one of the individuals asked to leave the area by police. Russell refused to leave after instructed to do so by McBride.

After McBride asked him to leave multiple times and informed Russell he would be arrested if he did not comply, Russell continued to curse loudly and not comply.

“That is some fucking bullshit. She fucking hit him first,” Russell yelled repeatedly in reference to the fight that initiated the arrival of police.

Russell did not heed McBride’s warning that he would be detained if he did not comply.

McBride proceeded to arrest and charge Russell with disorderly conduct and obstruction of a law enforcement officer.

As Russell was escorted to McBride’s vehicle he yelled, “This is a bullshit charge!” multiple times.

Russell was transported to Bulloch County Sheriff’s Office for housing and will be referred to GSU’s Office of Judicial Affairs.

Russell was searched before and after transports and no contraband was found on his person, according to the report.

Monken said Russell feels ashamed of his actions and that Monken plans to punish him in a way that is appropriate to the incident.

“We’ve got 20,000 students on this campus and sometimes kids this age do dumb things, and I’ve got 125 of those guys, and I wish all of them would always make good decisions and never do dumb things. He’s not the first one to do something dumb, he’s not the first one I’ve suspended, and he probably won’t be the last, unfortunately,” Monken said.

“He got in trouble. He did something stupid, and I know he’s remorseful for it. He’s ashamed, he knows what he did was wrong, and Ima punish him, and I try to always punish appropriately, and I think what I have in store is an appropriate punishment,” Monken said.

GSU Department of Public Safety was unavailable for comment by press time.

Rude Rudy’s phone went unanswered on Monday.
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Police Beat

Thursday, Nov. 1

- An officer took an incident report for found property at University Plaza.
- Officers responded to South Pines in reference to three suspicious persons checking doorknobs to apartments. Trey Ramone Brewton, 19, was arrested and charged with criminal trespass. One of the two other persons was judiciously referred and the other banned from GSU property.
- An officer took an incident report for found property at the Russell Union.
- An officer took an incident report for lost/mislaid property at Chick-fil-A.
- Officers responded to the RAC fields in reference to an injured person. EMS was notified, responded and transported the injured person.
- Officers responded to the Center for Arts and Theater in reference to a fire alarm. Statesboro Fire Department and maintenance were notified and responded. The building was checked with no problems found. Maintenance advised the system might have malfunctioned due to the weather.

Friday, Nov. 2

- An officer took an incident report for lost/mislaid property at the Russell Union.
- An officer took an incident report for found property at the Russell Union.
- An officer conducted a traffic stop on Savannah Avenue. The driver, Maureen Magrowski Lerma, 53, was arrested and charged with DUI refusal, passing in a no passing zone, headlights required and driving on the wrong side of the road.

Saturday, Nov. 3

- Officers conducted a traffic stop on Fair Road. The driver was issued a citation for seat belt violation.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop on Akins Boulevard. The driver of the vehicle was escorted to the Performing Arts Center.
- An officer issued a parking citation for improper parking at Allen E. Paulson Stadium. The improperly parked vehicle was towed.
- An officer took an incident report for found property at Paulson Stadium.
- An officer took an incident report for lost/mislaid property at the Math/Physics building.
- An officer took an incident report for found property at University Villas.
- Officers responded to the University Book Store in reference to a disorderly person. The disorderly person was assisted and left the bookstore.
- An officer took an incident report for found property in Lot 42.
- An officer made contact with an intoxicated subject at Paulson Stadium. The subject was judicially referred.
- An officer discovered two subjects drinking alcoholic beverages in Paulson Stadium. The two subjects were escorted from the stadium. One of the subjects was judicially referred.
- An officer responded to the Zeta Tau Alpha house on Olympic Boulevard in reference to a burglar alarm. A resident accidentally set off the alarm.
- Officers responded to Freedom's Landing in reference to a drug complaint. Further action will be taken at a later date.
- Officers responded to Southern Courtyard in reference to a fight. Two occupants were arrested and charged with simple battery.

Sunday, Nov. 4

- Officers assisted Statesboro Police at University Plaza with an incident. Georgia Southern Police arrested Brent William Russell, 23, and charged him with disorderly conduct and obstruction - misdemeanor.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop on Robin Hood Trail. The driver of the vehicle Daniel Ray Russell, 24, was arrested and charged with DUI and failure to obey a traffic control device.
- An officer met with a victim at East Georgia Regional Medical Center Emergency Room in reference to a battery that occurred at the Sigma Chi house on Olympic Boulevard. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.
- Officers responded to Freedom's Landing in reference to a domestic dispute. One of the parties involved had left the scene prior to the officer's arrival.
- Officers assisted the Statesboro Police with an incident at The Cove at Southern. Georgia Southern Police arrested Cleon Andre Stainrod, 22, and charged him with disorderly conduct, possession of marijuana - less than 1 ounce, possession of a drug related object and obstruction.

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Early voting a success, but voting not over

The Georgia Southern University student body is to be commended on its voting during the early voting period during the last week of October. 1,932 people came out to the polling station in the Russell Union ballroom, despite the late notification that a voting station would be set up. We at The George-Anne are happy that the joint effort between partisan opponents, the Young Democrats and College Republicans, resulted in such a success for the student body and faculty members who chose to utilize the early voting opportunity. We hope that the effort to make voting easier for students not only continues and grows at our school, but the efforts spread to other institutions of higher learning in Georgia as well.

However, the election process is not over yet. Today is the final day to exercise your right to vote in these elections. It continues to be important for all eligible students to voice their opinions and views through the voting process. The George-Anne hopes that student turnout for this election remains as high as it was in 2008. Our democracy works best with higher participation from all citizens, and students are no exception.

Whether you have already chosen whom to vote for with the early voting set up and absentee ballot or you are voting today, your vote is important and we urge you to cast it.

Guess what? We’re going to be fine

After too many months of endless campaigning, we will finally find out who our president will be for the next four years. Many people are nervous, worried and all kinds of other adjectives about what the results of this election have in store for the good ole’ US of A. There are concerns about voting machines being owned by Romney’s kid and voting machines designed to make it tougher to hit one candidate’s name than the other on touch screen. The left and right are crying out that someone’s trying to steal the election, and somewhere George Washington is rolling in his grave.

Well even if someone does rob this country out of its rightful commander-in-chief like the refs at the App. State game robbed the Eagles of a win (#17 was out of bounds, and Jackson got sacked for a safety. I’ll say that ’til I die), I think the nation will be in pretty good hands. We apparently have a “clear choice” about whom we should vote for president, though I’m not exactly what the choice is in regards to foreign policy. Should Governor Romney gain the White House, the biggest difference would be that the presidential basketball court and brewery would get a lot less use. Though, if he wants to donate those, I can think of a certain columnist who would love to have them. Could he completely revamp the national economy by using Paul Ryan’s budget plan and doing that whole Social Security voucher thingy? Maybe, but only if it passes what’s looking like should be a Democratic Senate.

If President Obama earns a second term, it will be interesting to see how his agenda comes through. He’s repeated many of the same ideas from his previous election this time around, ignoring the fact he didn’t actually get around to doing some things. “Cough” Immigration reform “Cough.”

Most of the things Americans are afraid of won’t come to fruition, that they are just extravagant projections based on the barest shreds of facts. Let’s all face tomorrow with our heads up and look at the bright future ahead of us. No matter which candidate wins, we’ll be fine. That doesn’t mean I won’t be upset if my guy loses, if I was punching bleachers on Saturday for an Eagles loss, I know I’ll react similarly if my guy loses. If you’re wondering though, I voted for the guy with an “O” in his last name.

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From the Left

The numbers do not lie

From the latest poll data released last Friday, poll aggregators have overwhelmingly predicted Obama as the favorite. Nate Silver predicts an 83.7 percent chance of an Obama reelection. Sam Wang predicts 318 electoral votes for Obama. Electoral-vote.com predicts Obama with 281 electoral votes (not assigning Colorado, Florida or Virginia to either candidate). Drew Lintzer predicts 332 electoral votes for Obama, and Pollster predicts 303 electoral votes for Obama.

The swing state that will likely have the biggest impact on deciding this election will be Ohio. Out of the last twelve polls that have come out of Ohio from different sources, 11 show Obama with the lead while one shows a tie. While it is important to recognize that sampling methods inherently produce some inaccuracy—anyone who has taken a statistics class should know that. It is also important to recognize the significance of the general trend and that Obama’s lead over Romney lies outside the margin of error. Though it is not impossible for Romney to win Ohio, the aggregate sampling data against Romney reveals that to win the polls must have been statistically biased against him.

But, the likelihood of bias has been considered. The 83.7 percent chance of an Obama victory Nate Silver predicted would have been higher, but he lowered it to account for the possible chance of bias. Furthermore, a sampling bias significant enough for Romney to get elected is very unlikely, as polling has historically produced reliable results. Also, Obama has the same odds that the polls are biased against him as Romney does and sampling bias in the past has underestimated Democratic candidates about as much as Republican candidates.

One thing to always warn against in polls is to not pay particular attention to one over another. The aggregation of all the polls provides the most accurate prediction and attributing more value to the poll that favors your candidate is nothing more than wishful thinking and doesn’t reflect what is actually happening.

My swing state predictions:
- Obama: Colorado, Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Wisconsin
- Romney: Florida, North Carolina

Obama: 303 electoral votes

Romney: 281 electoral votes

Markley is a senior geography major from Marietta, Ga.

From Data to Discussions

Despite the Electoral College system, your vote still matters

One interesting thing about our election process is that there is a possibility that President Obama can win the presidency through the Electoral College without winning the popular vote. It is improbable, but possible. Which begs an important question — should the state, as an entity, have more political power than the individual?

The Electoral College, formed in 1787, was designed to give political power to the state in order to compensate for population differences across the country. It makes sense right? Each state is 1/50th of the United States, but some states have a population that is only a small fraction of other states. This was particularly important in the 18th and 19th centuries, when economic climates varied geographically; the south was agricultural and the north was more industrialized. The slave owning states in the south had few eligible voters to represent them. To level the playing field so that everyone’s needs were met equally, the Electoral College was designed.

The problem now is that it is outdated; when you go from state to state you find that things are more or less the same. It also forces elections to be focused on just a handful of states, while other states are taken for granted. Legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin notes that this causes candidates to not just ignore safe states, but pander to others. For example, ethanol subsidies have been important for winning Iowa, a key swing state, so candidates push for those subsidies hoping to gain an edge there. States also have political power both in terms of population from the House and as an entity from the Senate. So, the additional power from the Electoral College that, in certain instances can outweigh the collective decision, is unnecessary.

Does the state itself in 2012 still deserve political representation in elections? Is it worth taking in depths look at, but unfortunately it is politically unfeasible to seriously amend the election process. It is important to know that your vote still matters. Voting is how we speak as a collective and the Electoral College’s decision is based on how the citizens vote. Plus, in the words of a wise professor here at Georgia Southern, voting gives you the right to bitch. Vote and be happy about it.

Bryan is a senior economics major from Fayetteville, Ga.

From the Right

Romney victory imminent

This election has had so many twists and turns in it. The debates have been the October surprise for Romney being able to transcend the attack ads and character assassination done by the Obama administration to show who Romney is both as a man and a political figure.

After those debates, people started to latch on to Mitt Romney as not only an alternative to Obama’s failed policies, but as the real champion of Hope for this country. Because of this, states like Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania have been taken out of the Obama column and have become battleground states.

Ohio, which was all but wrapped up for Obama, is swinging back to Romney. Early and absentee voting in states like Florida, North Carolina and Virginia has been dominantly in Romney’s favor.

All this swing data for Romney after the debates begs one question: Would this election be cinched up for Romney if he had gotten his message out sooner? Had Romney been as clear during the summer and convention, would we be looking at a landslide blowout for the Republicans?

We will never know, but it’s a real possibility. Another thought about this election is that Obama has lost that mythic status he gained in 2008.

Back then, he burst on the scene with the message of “Hope” and “Change” that the country was ready for. This caused two things to happen that aren’t happening this time.

He brought out people who normally don’t vote to come out and take part in that election and those people in turn were so excited that they volunteered to get others to get out in vote in record numbers.

After four years of failed policies and broken promises, Obama’s excitement level crashed and hasn’t recovered giving way for a conservative swell of support.

Both of these things combined are laying the groundwork for a Romney victory.

On a superstitious note, since 1937, every time the Washington Redskins have lost their pre-election day game, the incumbent has lost.

So Mitt Romney should be thanking the Carolina Panthers for the superstitious edge as well.

Chapin is a senior political science major from Roswell, Ga.
This is a time for us to stand united

Today is a great day, for tonight we find out who the Commander in Chief is for the next four years.

Like many of you, this is the first year I was able to vote. Naturally, I am more in tune with politics and the well being of our country than four years ago. That's not to say I feel educated enough to share my beliefs on social media, but throughout this election I've gained a newfound awareness of our country and where we are going.

Quite frankly, I'm scared. I'm not talking about fear regarding the candidates, Iran's nuclear activity or our economy. I'm afraid of Americans.

Never has this united country felt so divided. While our American rights allow us to vote for our leader, there is a fine line between having an educated and express our opinions, there is a fine line between having an educated opinion and having hate.

For example, a Facebook friend explained that Hurricane Sandy was Republican because she destroyed the north. Home girl, Sandy took the lives of over 90 people and left over three million without power. While you think you're cute and witty politically spinning a natural disaster, you're actually just making yourself look like an asshole.

Another friend's post said that Romney's decision to run for president is the core reason the hurricane occurred in the first place. This uneducated posting received a very educated unsubscribe.

Isn't this a time we should stand united?

We may think that a disaster of this magnitude could never happen to us, but I'm sure those without power, a home or a loved one thought that too.

Vile advertisements, slogans and accusations ignited from both parties may be to blame for animosity among voters, but at the end of every debate the candidates shook hands to remind us the value of having an opinion, the significance of setting aside differences and the importance of standing united.

Prove your manliness this November

Men, give your razors a break. The time is here to prove your manliness; it is No Shave November. For boys, this month represents who can grow the manliest beard and who will simply fail and end up with embarrassment by the time the end of the month rolls around.

There are several different ways this month can turn out; the most impressive one of them all is definitely the Grizzly Man Beard. This is the beard that is for only the manliest of men who are not shy. These guys show how manly they are by growing a full head of hair on their face. This is obviously not the first rodeo for these guys, and by the first week of November they already have everyone else beat.

Some guys are limited during this month due to job restraints or lack of hair but they decide that a moustache is the way to go. This is definitely a risky move because a moustache can either be a hit or miss. If you are really ready to take a risk you could try to pull off the Hulk Hogan mustache, but whatever you do, remember the Hitler 'stache is not a good look on anyone.

Some guys are not as fortunate as others, and they end up with a patchwork mess on their face. These guys need to give up while they're ahead. It isn't their fault that they are just incapable of fully growing hair in some places, but that just means that facial hair should be out of the question for them.

Another crowd pleaser is just plain stubble. Guys with stubble look like they don't have a care in the world. If you can't grow a full beard, or don't have the guts for a moustache, you should just stick with some scruff.

Guys the time is now, so go find your manliness and show what you can grow.

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Decision 2012
Students hit the polls to make voices heard

Voting Obama

Mark Silver, Young Democrats

“(Romney) has deviated too far to the right, and he’s out of touch with a lot of Americans. He has failed to spread that gap. He’s gone as far as calling out 47 percent of Americans.”

Katie Casey, junior nutrition major

“I like Obama’s views on women’s rights a lot better. The fact that he supports birth control and pro-choice is really good.”

Professional Opinion

Dr. Richard Pacelle, professor of political science

“I’d say that the student body is more Democratic than Republican and more liberal on social issues, but they also have a libertarian streak.”

“Students are less engaged this year than the past. Last time was an exciting time with an African-American running and the promise of hope and change and that captured students attention.”

Janae Tipton, senior psychology major

“I don’t agree with a lot of Romney’s points about women. He wants to push women back to the pre-voting days. Romney said that students should get as much education as they can afford, not as much as they want.”

Voting Romney

Cody Randall, Young Republicans

“If Obama is re-elected I feel like that would be one of the worst decisions. Obama has spent more money in one term than any other president.”

Lindsay Gribble, freshman marketing major

“(Romney) is going to repeal ObamaCare. When Obama first presented it he said that it wouldn’t be a tax, and it turned out to be a tax.”

Faith Rogers, sophomore business major

“I don’t think Obama has fulfilled his promise of hope and change from four years ago. I feel like we need a businessman to run this country. I feel like he’s going to help our economy heal because he knows how to run a business successfully.”

Not Voting

Calib Lanier, sophomore physics major

“I did not vote mainly because I wasn’t really informed. I had what my parents gave me, but I wasn’t very self-informed, so I felt that I shouldn’t vote until that happens.”

Shannon Kahn, sophomore biology major

“I personally don’t like either candidate. I feel like the vote is choosing between the lesser of two evils. I don’t like the Obamacare policy so the fact that Romney is going to repeal it I like, but I don’t really agree with any of his other ideas.”

BY LAUREN GORLA
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Colleges and Universities National Player of the Year for 2010-2011.

A marred past

The duo’s time at B-CU came to an end after then 20-year-old C.J. was named the suspect in an alleged sexual battery of an 18-year-old women’s basketball player at B-CU. Clifford was subsequently terminated from B-CU for failure to assist in B-CU’s investigation of the incident, according to multiple press accounts at the time. Reed left B-CU a week after his father’s termination.

Now, GSU is taking in the B-CU castoffs after C.J. signed a scholarship agreement in June of this year. "Georgia Southern Men’s Basketball and its athletic department refused to comment," said Jackson said she currently has no concerns for how crowds at away games may react to the Reeds after the high profile media coverage of the incident in 2011.

"I don’t have any concern for that right now because I don’t know, but I think in any sport a good athlete is prepared, a good coach is prepared to handle heckling or anything that might happen. That happens in any strong competition regardless of the circumstances. It’s part of the package sometimes in certain communities."

While at B-CU the Reed duo helped the Tigers win its first regular season Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Championship during the 2010-2011 season. That same year, Coach Reed was awarded MEAC Coach of the Year.

C.J. averaged 18.8 points per game at B-CU. He finished his career as the Tigers’ all-time assists leader, earning All-MEAC recognition each of his three years as a Tiger. The victim’s lawyer William Wolk could not be reached for comment after multiple phone calls over a weekend period.

Shakeem Holloway contributed to this article.

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Students debate religion in politics issue

BY LAUREN GORLA
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The Religion in Politics: Beyond Left and Right conference was held Friday and Saturday in the Information Technology Building and featured presentations to challenge students to present their stance on religion in an effective way.

“We want to expand the angle of how religion enters into politics and shapes the manner in which we think about our society,” Dr. Hemchand Gossai, religious studies professor, said.

11 students, ranging from freshmen to seniors, presented papers that they had written on the subject of religion in politics on Saturday.

“I think that being presented as a freshman is a doubly good opportunity. Freshmen aren’t nearly as involved in this as upperclassmen because they tend to not be involved in the college campus, so doing this gets you involved,” Spencer Hall, freshmen philosophy major, said.

Hall’s presentation was titled “Evangelical and Catholic Affirmation of the Sanctity of Life and the Endorsement of Mitt Romney.”

Students across Georgia met at GSU this weekend to discuss how religion falls into political situations.

“Christianity is about controlling one’s self while politics is about controlling others. A Christian’s concern is entirely how she as a Christian ought to live. In politics, however one is not concerned with how they as an individual of society ought to live but how they think all members of society ought to live,” Wurd said.

Students attending the conference enjoyed being able to hear ideas from a student perspective and liked being able to ask questions regarding those ideas.

“I think that it creates a dialogue between students and faculty of different backgrounds in a neutral place that allows people to talk about it,” Nadia Vining, senior psychology major, said. “I learned that we have a really diverse faculty from the roundtable discussions.”

“I think (the question and answer sessions) were good as far as bringing different lenses to look at religion in politics through,” Christina Belge, senior public relations major and presenter at the conference, said.

Eight faculty members also participated in the conference in two roundtable discussions. Members included Dr. Michael Moore, department of curriculum, foundations and reading, Dr. Howard Keeley, center for Irish studies, and Dr. Kathleen Comerford, department of history, among others.

In years following, the topic of religion will still be present but another topic besides politics will go along with it mainly because we want to keep it sponsored by the religious studies program, Gossai said.

Gossai said, “Once this is established and we have years under our belt we can say ‘well this is what we expect, but this is brand-new.’”

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BY WILLIAM PEEBLES
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Last night in the Performing Arts Center, freshman vocal performance major Gazzie Fulcher was crowned the 2012 GSU Idol as she showcased her vocal talents in front of a live audience.

A panel of judges consisting of Adam Pulver, graduate student, Ashley Rivera, senior vocal performance major, and Director of GSU's Multicultural Student Center Dorcey Baldwin praised Fulcher as the most vocally talented individual of this year's competitors.

"It was a hard decision to make. All of the competitors were very talented, and it honestly came down to which singer was more versatile," Pulver said.

Fulcher is currently dual-enrolled at East Georgia College and Georgia Southern University and has been singing all her life.

"It is so amazing that I have the opportunity to do this. Singing is just a God-given thing, and this was a very talented group of girls. It is a real honor, and it makes me look to the future even more," Fulcher said.

Of the 14 people that auditioned, seven contestants made it through to last night's live performance. In addition to Fulcher, Christian Chance, Nicola Fairclough, Emily Faz, Emily Hill, Nita Myles and Jill Taylor all performed in front of an audience of students, friends and family.

"I was amazed at the talent level of this group. I commend them for having the courage to step up and perform in front of their peers and to be judged by us," Baldwin said.

The competition opened with all of the contestants singing Christina Aguilera's hit "Stronger." Each of the seven competitors performed their first song, and five were chosen by the judges to proceed to the second round, where they would perform another song. The audience was then encouraged to vote for their favorite contestant during a brief intermission, and the three who received the most votes would go on to the final round.

Members of the audience donated money in the name of their favorite competitor, which went to the United Way.

"United Way is an umbrella corporation, so what we give to them actually ends up going to many different charities. The Boys and Girls Club, Red Cross and even local food banks benefit from this competition," SGA President Dominique Quarles said.

The contestant who received the most votes was given the People's Choice Award. Fulcher also won this award. Christian Chance was named the People's Choice first runner up, and Emily Faz was awarded second runner up.

"It was a lot of fun, and we raised money for the charity. That was the most important thing to me," Chance said.

The final three competitors were asked to sing the same song in the final round to provide an even playing field on which they could be judged. Etta James' "At Last" was selected as the final song to be performed.

Rivera said, "We made our decision based on five crucial aspects of singing. Tempo, pitch, song selection, stage presence and diction were all taken into account, and we think Gazzie demonstrated all of these."

Freshman Gazzie Fulcher receives her first place award in People's Choice Award during the GSU Idol competition held yesterday at the PAC. GSU Idol kicked off the Homecoming week events.
The Doo Dah/Step Show competition is one of the many homecoming events happening this week. It will be held at Hanner Fieldhouse tomorrow Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. Entry to this event is free.

GSU student organizations to face off at Doo-Dah Step Show

Student organizations from every corner of campus are coming together this homecoming week for a dance competition like no other at this year's Doo-Dah Step/Dance Competition.

"Doo-Dah and Step Show are definitely a ton of fun for students attending and performing," Laila Abdallah, president of the host organization, University Programming Board, said.

The show will begin at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Hanner Field House. The event will run approximately two hours. This year's event will also be free.

"This event provides a unique opportunity for GSU students to perform on a large scale, where they wouldn't get to normally," Abdallah said.

The competition consists of three parts, the first being Doo-Dah, which is a dance routine performed by non-dance organizations. There will also be a step portion that all organizations are eligible for, as well as the dance segment, where dance organizations will compete against each other. Each competition awards $200 to the winner. The step and Doo-Dah competitions also give $100 to second place and $50 to third.

"Some performances at this year's show will also carry over the superhero homecoming theme and incorporate that into their routines," Abdallah said.

"It's great to see the fun spin on the theme, the organizations are all truly creative," Brittany Bullock, president of Operations & Finance at UPB, said.

Many organizations competing in the Doo-Dah plan on incorporating the superhero theme or storyline to make their performance unique, Bullock said.

Each organization will field a group of six to 12 performers and be allowed five minutes to complete their routine. Each routine will be set to each student organization's personal choice.

"Students are so busy these days, and they still always manage to create extremely unique routines. They make the show," Bullock said.

Abdallah said, "I think anyone attending the event will have a very fun time no matter if you know anything about dance or not. I can't wait."
“1940’s Radio Hour,” which opens tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theater and runs until Nov. 14, features tunes that were popular during WWII. The stage resembles an old radio station.

‘1940’s Radio Hour’ brings wartime pop music to GSU

BY MARISSA MARTIN
The George-Anne Staff

One musician’s passion for music and teaching others will be displayed on stage at the second production of this semester, "1940’s Radio Hour.”

Michael Braz, Black Box Theatre music director and professor emeritus of the music department, worked for Georgia Southern University for 24 years. He will play the piano during the 90 minute theatrical performance with the students he taught singing and instrument lessons.

"Now that I’m ‘retired’ I get to do a lot of things I want to do, like working with musicals,” Braz said.

"Michael is one of the treasures to our community, the first month he really worked through the music for this,” Lisa Abbott, assistant professor of theatre and director of “1940’s Radio Hour,” said.

"1940’s Radio Hour’ will open tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. and will run until Nov. 14. “1940’s Radio Hour,” a production originally written by Walton Jones, will incorporate the audience into the radio station theme experience by allowing them to act as if they are in a live studio broadcast.

The performers act out a scene of a live radio broadcast in the Hotel Astar’s Algonquin Room on Dec. 21, 1942, Abbott said.

“The audience gets to be a part of the performance, like in a live radio broadcast,” Abbott said.

“This performance is technically not a musical but a play with music. In this they are actually doing a variety show. It’s kind of like going to a concert except there is a story behind it,” Abbott said.

Wartime pop music like “Strike Up the Band” and "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy” will be performed during the play, Abbott said.

"Songs like this were used as a morale booster during World War II, and a lot of the songs are about having someone far away,” Abbott said.

The set of the stage resembles what a radio station actually looked like during those times, Abbott said.

Abbott said, "It’s not a high profile radio station, and we tried to be as accurate as possible to what the real thing looked like.”

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**Take It From the Pro**

By: Taylor D. Terrell

**Public Relations/Events Intern**

Author David Maister is widely acknowledged as one of the world’s leading authorities on the management of professional service firms. In 2002, he was identified as one of the top 40 business thinkers in the world. Maister’s tips, adapted from davidmaister.com, may help you on your journey to become a more successful professional:

- The real keys to success are not smarts or qualifications or belonging to a brand-name firm. Rather, success is derived from courage, drive, energy, passion, ambition, enthusiasm, excitement, initiative, discipline, a dream and enough self-confidence to keep trying.

- Be an individual. Find out what your best at, and continue to hone those skills. Knowing more about your strengths and weaknesses may increase your improvement as a young professional.

- What do you want to do with the rest of your life? You’ll be a different person five years from now. Decide what you want to do with the next three years. Throw yourself into it. If it turns out that it’s not for you, you’ll move on. Most careers that look like a logical progression were, in fact, a series of unplanned, opportunistic choices.

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27 Geller Michelle
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33 "Such is life," to Pierre
34 Former Israeli prime minister
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9 Idiom with "as" in the middle
10 River frolicker
11 Words from a digresser
12 Leonid
13 Command to Fido
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Tears mixed with cheers as the team rushed the field in excitement after the Georgia Southern University women’s soccer team claimed the title of Southern Conference champs after knocking off the Furman University Paladins 1-0 (5-4) on Nov. 4.

The game was intense as both teams failed to capitalize on some scoring opportunities. Furman’s failures were due in large part to the defense of GSU. This win was not only historic for the Eagles as the first ever SoCon title they have claimed, but it was also the first time an eighth-seeded team has claimed the title in the SoCon.

Senior defender Zoe Van Gorder showed why she was named first team all SoCon as she kept SoCon Player of the year freshman forward Stephanie DeVita in check.

When Furman did find scoring chances, junior goalkeeper Katie Merson slammed the door. Merson had six saves, several of them were one on one with DeVita.

Late in the second half Merson dove at a shot by DeVita and got her right hand on it. The ball just barely missed, creeping outside the right post. Merson had been a wall between the pipes with four shutouts the last four games.

The player affectionately known as Oscar to her teammates was named SoCon tournament MVP.

Senior forward Courtney Collins stepped up and went top shelf to get the shootout scoring started. Each team would miss twice but sophomore forward Sydnie Van Curen would get the job done as GSU’s seventh kicker.

After Van Curen handled the championship pressure all eyes in the stadium turned to Furman’s seventh kicker. Merson stood in net as Furman sophomore defender Ali Simpson lined up her shot.

The crowd erupted as the ball bounced off the crossbar and made the Eagles champions.

GSU needed more than the two overtimes used to knock off the Elon University Phoenix on Nov. 2 to dispatch the Paladins. In that game freshman forward Emily Hirano used her head to send GSU to the finals.

Sophomore forward Sydney van Curen (29) dribbles the ball toward the goal. Van Curen scored the winning penalty kick after three rounds of penalty kicks during the Southern Conference tournament finals. This is the first time GSU women’s soccer has ever won a SoCon title.

The Eagles got hot at the perfect time winning its last two regular season games. The team rode that wave of momentum straight to the SoCon championship.

With their improbable championship run GSU became the first eight seed in SoCon tournament history to win the crown. The win also ended a 17 match losing streak to Furman.

GSU will have a chance to continue its record setting season with its first ever NCAA tournament appearance.

The senior quartet of Zoe Van Gorder, Collins, midfielder Carlee Storey and defender Morgan Springer will leave the team with a distinction none of their predecessors can claim, SoCon champs.

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Men’s soccer (6-11-1)
BY ROBERT HUITT
The George-Anne contributor

After falling behind early, the Georgia Southern University men's soccer team rallied to defeat the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Spartans 2-1 in double-overtime.

The Eagles entered this Southern Conference quarterfinal matchup as the fourth seed and was rewarded with a home playoff game against the fifth-seeded Spartans. The game was delayed for two hours because of lightning strikes in the surrounding areas, but the drama on the field made up for any inclement weather that could have happened.

The first half started with three shot attempts from GSU but two were blocked and one sailed wide.

UNCG responded with two shots, one of which was blocked and the other saved by junior goalkeeper Neal Bates.

In the 25th minute, UNCG struck first with a goal from freshman midfielder Lukas Zarges with an assist from junior midfielder Maximilian Schulz. UNCG would take that 1-0 lead into halftime.

During the second half, freshman defender Reed Norton was a one-man assault with five shots on goal himself. UNCG redshirt sophomore goalkeeper Peyton Ford withstood most of the pressure by making six saves.

In the 84th minute, however, sophomore midfielder David Reittinger fouled Norton which earned him a yellow card and gave Norton a penalty kick. Norton made the clutch kick to finally put GSU on the board with a 1-1 score.

Bates made one more save in the 89th minute to send the game into overtime. The overtime period was uneventful with each team only able to put one shot on goal.

The second overtime began with the Eagles missing a shot wide and UNCG missing a shot high.

In the 105th minute, sophomore midfielder David Vargas Masis dribbled into the box, switched to his right foot and sent the Eagles into the SoCon semifinals with a game-winning goal.

After the long weather delay, 30 combined fouls, four combined yellow cards and 105 minutes, the Eagles advanced to the semifinals.

The Eagles will meet the one-seed Elon University on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 5 p.m. All semifinal games will be played at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, N.C.

Sophomore midfielder David Vargas Masis (11) celebrates after scoring the winning goal in the second overtime during the game against UNCG. Eagles defeated UNCG 2-1 and will play their next playoff game on Thursday against number one Elon.

Don't forget to stop by Starbucks at Georgia Southern for great coffee, pastries, sandwiches, parfaits, and fresh fruit cups!

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GSU dominates tennis matches

Women's Tennis

BY THOMAS O’DONNELL
The George-Anne contributor

The Georgia Southern University women's tennis team competed in the Augusta Challenge over the weekend and came out with a dominating performance.

The two-day tournament started Saturday, which was made up of beginning rounds for the doubles competition. The doubles competition finished on Sunday, and there were also several singles matches.

All three doubles teams had perfect performances over the weekend defeating players from Western Carolina University Saturday and Virginia Tech University on Sunday.

The three teams participated in separate "Flights" both days. Flight A consisted of junior Paola Garrido and sophomore Alexis Prickett. Garrido and Prickett dominated their Western Carolina opponents, Guinn Garcia and Sarah Evans on Friday with a set score of 8-6.

Flight B was made up of senior Natalie Maffett and freshman Stephanie Woods. Maffett and Woods went on to defeat WCU's Julia Paulson and Lucy Schmerhorn. The Eagles once again dominated their opponents with a set score of 8-5.

Prickett competed again in Flight C with sophomore Jordana Klein, and just like the previous two flights GSU was victorious against their WCU opponents Emily Prystawski and Marel Sanchez with a set score of 8-5.

Head coach Amy Bonner was pleased with her team after Saturday's performances.

Junior Paola Garrido and junior Caitlin Kitchen made up Flight A, defeating senior Emily Lauten and freshman Kelly Willford with a set score of 8-6.

Senior Natalie Maffett and freshman Stephanie Woods as well as the sophomore pair Alexis Prickett and Jordana Klein beat their Virginia Tech opponents 8-1 in the B and C flights.

"Doubles was the highlight of the day," Bonner said. "We started the day off strong and carried that momentum into singles."

The Eagles success continued into the singles matches as four out of the five players each won singles matches.

In Flight A of the singles matches, GSU's Paolo Garrido defeated WCU's Sarah Evans 6-4, 6-1. Afterwards, she went on to defeat WCU's Aria Coventry 6-0, 6-3.

Jordana Klein made up Flight B of the singles matches. Klein defeated VTU's Kelly Willford 6-7, 6-2, 6-4. Klein then went on to defeat WCU's Julia Paulson 6-3, 6-0.

Stephanie Woods competed in Flight C of the singles matches defeating WCU's Mariel Sanchez in round one with a set score of 6-2, 6-4. Woods went on to win round two as well defeating WCU's Emily Prystawski 6-2, 6-1.

Flight D was the only flight that caused problems for the Eagles. Caitlin Kitchen lost the first round to VTU's Megan Conley 6-4, 6-2. The second round against Presbyterian College's senior Lindsay Krause was unable to be played due to an injury.

Natalie Maffett finished out the singles competition Sunday, as she also went on to win the day. Maffett defeated VTU's freshman Marshal Temory 6-2, 6-4. Maffett then went on to defeat WCU's sophomore Carrie Johnson 6-2, 6-4.

The Eagles ended out the fall semester on a high note with their performances at the Augusta Challenge. The Eagles pick up again Jan. 27, 2013 against Presbyterian College here at GSU.
Jeschelnik lifts GSU to nine-match win streak

**Volleyball (21-6)**

**BY KATIE TOLBERT**
The George-Anne contributor

Junior outside hitter for the Georgia Southern University volleyball team Nicole Jeschelnik added six kills and six digs in this Saturday's victory over Western Carolina University, and this year alone she has racked up 136 kills, 198 digs and 16 assists for the Eagles.

As a previous soccer player, volleyball was something new and challenging that she decided to take on. Troy Tanner, the Olympic volleyball coach for Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh, encouraged her to take on the sport of volleyball. Tanner convinced Jeschelnik that her height and her particular qualities made her an outstanding potential volleyball player.

"When I came to Georgia Southern, I was what you considered a raw volleyball player. I hadn't had much experience, and I had so much room for improvement," Jeschelnik said.

"I picked Georgia Southern because I knew coach Chad would be an amazing mentor. I knew he knew what he had in mind for me and knew he was going to be able to get that out of me. He's critiqued my passing, my hitting. Everything has just gone tenfold. He was able to turn me into a completely different player, and I am so appreciative of that," Jeschelnik said.

Jeschelnik is positioned as an outside hitter but has contributed to the team's numbers in many other ways. Most matches, Jeschelnik puts up impressive numbers for the offense as well as the defense.

"I love passing. That's one of my favorite things to do, serve-receive and digging, when you can dive out for a ball, and save that point. You know your team is counting on you to do it, and your team believes you can get it, and when you actually get it up, and your team can score the point, it's a really good feeling that you can help out your team," Jeschelnik said.

Some of her best matches this season were against Elon University, recording 19 kills and 16 digs, Appalachian State University, recording 13 kills and 12 digs, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, recording 10 kills and 16 digs, and Samford University, recording eight kills and 19 digs.

"In the match against Samford, we were down 2-0, and Samford was number one in the north. We made just so many errors. We went back to the locker room and said 'we got to pick this up, we got to do it.' As we were walking out of the locker room, we overheard their coach kind of bad talking us, like 'I thought they were going to be better, this is not the Georgia Southern team we thought they were.' We chose that moment, with that comment, to prove them wrong, and from then on everything clicked and everyone was doing what they needed to do. And beating them in the fifth set 15-8 just sealed the deal," Jeschelnik said.

GSU is on its eighth win in a row and will finish out its conference season against Furman University on Friday at 6 p.m. and Wofford University on Saturday at 7 p.m.
No. 1 GSU knocked off by App. State 31-28

Football (7-2)

BY KEVIN GREGAN
The George-Anne staff

After losing their last Southern Conference game of the season on Saturday 31-28, the Georgia Southern University Eagles will have to wait a week until knowing their postseason destiny.

A win would have given Georgia Southern University a SoCon title and favorable chances to host their first playoff game in Statesboro.

Instead, the Eagles will have to wait and see how the rest of the SoCon teams finish off their conference play. The Eagles will still have a share of the SoCon title with Appalachian State University for homecoming in a must-win scenario in order to secure the most favorable postseason scenario as possible.

Instead of winning the game and securing an automatic bid for the SoCon title, the Eagles struggled to take App. State out of the game on Saturday, which ultimately lost the game for the Eagles.

The Eagles were up 21-10 early, thanks in large part to an impressive day by junior B-back William Banks, who scored career-high three touchdowns by halftime. He was held out of the endzone during the second half but finished the day with 129 rushing yards off 19 carries.

After the impressive start by GSU, App. State battled back to take a 24-21 lead going into halftime.

During the day, the defensive line played well, sacking App. State QB Jamal Jackson four times and holding the Mountaineers to just 70 yards rushing on the day, but the Eagle defense failed to play as a whole.

The GSU secondary gave up 11 passes during the game that resulted in first downs for App. State, and a freshman Mountaineer receiver, Sean Price, had a monstrous day after catching the ball seven times for 231 yards and a touchdown.

Going forward, the Eagles will host Howard University for homecoming in a must-win scenario in order to secure the most favorable destiny.

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Instead, the Eagles will have to wait and see how the rest of the SoCon teams finish off their conference play. The Eagles will still have a share of the SoCon title with Appalachian State University for homecoming in a must-win scenario in order to secure the most favorable postseason scenario as possible.

The Eagles were up 21-10 early, thanks in large part to an impressive day by junior B-back William Banks, who scored career-high three touchdowns by halftime. He was held out of the endzone during the second half but finished the day with 129 rushing yards off 19 carries.

After the impressive start by GSU, App. State battled back to take a 24-21 lead going into halftime.

During the day, the defensive line played well, sacking App. State QB Jamal Jackson four times and holding the Mountaineers to just 70 yards rushing on the day, but the Eagle defense failed to play as a whole.

The GSU secondary gave up 11 passes during the game that resulted in first downs for App. State, and a freshman Mountaineer receiver, Sean Price, had a monstrous day after catching the ball seven times for 231 yards and a touchdown.

Going forward, the Eagles are going to have to sure up their secondary, especially going into the playoffs. Jackson threw for a career-high 383 yards and three touchdowns on the GSU defense on Saturday.

If the Eagles had made just one of their three field goal attempts, the game would have been a whole different story. Freshman kicker Alex Hanks missed two field goals in the first half, and one of them would have sent GSU to the locker at halftime in a tie ballgame, leading to a completely different halftime speech.

All of Hank's field goal attempts were from within 30 yards.

Whatever was said at halftime appeared to work for the Eagles and on the first GSU possession of the second half the Eagles drove 12 plays down the field to retake the lead 28-24.

Unfortunately for the Eagles, that's the only touchdown they scored in the second half. Thanks to questionable calls made by the officials, missed field goals, impressive mountaineer defense on the edges and some tough penalties down the stretch, all App. State had to do was score a touchdown to win.

The Eagle offense had a chance to score another touchdown that would've provided a positive difference on the scoreboard halfway through the third quarter. App. State fumbled the ball on their own 22 yard line, and all junior quarterback Jerick McKinnon and the Eagles needed to do was take advantage of the short field in the red zone.

While McKinnon tallied 121 yards on the ground and 106 yards through the air, the magic didn't seem to work on that drive. GSU only scored 50 percent of the six times it appeared in the redzone, and on this possession, the Eagles were stuffed at the 10 yard line, which led to Hanks missing his third field goal of the day.

Head coach Jeff Monken's apparent frustration with the kicking game seemed to influence his play selection when the game was on the line.

With 1:35 to go in the game, the Eagles were sustaining a 653 second drive that could have put GSU on top of the Mountaineers, and the game came down to a fourth and four from the App. State 22.

Instead of kicking the field goal that would've tied the game, Monken and his staff went for it. The Eagles made it after an exciting play by sophomore A-back Tray Butler, but the team was called on one of its most devastating penalties of the season, a 15-yard offensive facemask penalty.

From there, Monken and his staff could have either gone for a 48-yard field goal or gone for it on fourth and 16. Monken went for it, and McKinnon threw an interception that sealed the win for the Mountaineers.
Missed field goals made difference versus App. State

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In this weekend’s loss against rival Appalachian State University, the Georgia Southern University Eagles struggled with converting field goals, which ultimately cost them the conference title.

The score between the two teams was neck and neck the entire game, but the Eagles could have been ahead nine points had they been successful with all three field goal attempts.

“I wish we would have made all three field goals,” head coach Jeff Monken said. “But I know Hanks is trying as hard as he can.”

The three field goal attempts that GSU’s freshman kicker Alex Hanks took occurred twice in the second quarter and once in the third quarter. GSU had the opportunity to tie and go into overtime in the last seconds of the game by attempting another field goal, but the Eagles did not take that chance and kept trying for a touchdown.

The first failed field goal attempt from Hanks came with 9:20 left in the second quarter. On third down, sophomore quarterback Ezayi Youyoute was able to help his team get into App. State territory on the nine yard line.

Within field goal range, the GSU coaches sent out Hanks with hopes of putting three points on the scoreboard. The ball was spotted at the Mountaineers 16 yard line, making the attempt from 26 yards out.

Hanks’s attempt flew wide left of the uprights and turned the ball over to App. State at their own 20 yard line.

The Eagle’s second failed field goal attempt from Hanks came at the ending seconds of the half. This time the drive ended with junior quarterback Jerick McKinnon’s rush to the App. State seven yard line on third down.

The ball was spotted and ready for another try at the 24 yard line. At the snap, Hanks cocked back his foot and aimed for the center of the uprights. In midair, his attempt was blocked by App. State’s junior defensive lineman Adam Scott. The deflection flew into the air and was recovered by the Mountaineers, but fortunately for the Eagles, time had expired and the half time festivities were set to begin.

The last and final chance that the Eagles got to put three points on the board was in the third quarter. With McKinnon leading the drive, he ended up losing four yards on fourth down and the kicking team prepared to trot onto the field for another field goal attempt. With the ball spotted at the App. State 20 yard line, Hanks lined up once again for his final try of the game. Unfortunately for the freshman, his last attempt flew wide right of the uprights, leaving the Eagles with 5:43 to go in the third to score.

Although the Southern Conference season is over, the Eagles still have opportunities to work on converting their field goals so next time it will not cost them the game.

Fan reaction during apparent injury appropriate

There are few rules that sports fans abide by, and the consequences of breaking those rules can have effects on the game. Last Saturday, App. State fans broke what I consider to be the most sacred of fan rules: Always respect an injured player.

During the fourth quarter of the game, senior defensive tackle and face of GSU football Brent Russell went down with an apparent leg injury. Respectfully, the GSU fans all took a seat.

Then all hell broke loose. The App. State fans remained standing for reasons unknown to me, and the GSU fan base noticed. In a loud display of unity, the GSU student side launched into a chant that shouldn’t be repeated in polite company. This sudden and inspired verbal barrage upon the App. State fan section energized the crowd, and it wasn’t long until the Eagles embarked on their final drive. Feeding off the energy, the Eagles managed to convert a fourth down conversion and get into a favorable scoring position, only to have the fourth down nullified by a block in the back.

This sudden display of fan unity is what happens when the body stops hating an opponent simply for whom they cheer for and starts having a legitimate reason to wish the destruction of that opponent’s goals due to their actions. The fans — and players for that matter — have an extra push to impose their will upon the opponents, and the results, whether they are the noise and passion of the student body or the aggressiveness and violence of the players, usually improve.

The reasons for this explosive reaction to breaking the unwritten fan rules were magnified due to the situation. The game itself, with its high stakes and record crowd, provided plenty of fuel for a violent fan reaction. Compound that with the shoddy officiating and the fact that the injured player was the most loved player on the Eagles’ squad, and you have a veritable powder keg of potential emotional outburst.

While I cannot condone the words used in the sudden outburst, I understand the reasons why. Fans are there to express their emotions and swing momentum based on their environment. GSU fans succeeded in doing that Saturday.

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Freshman kicker Alex Hanks (47) attempts to make a field goal during the App. State game.

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Southern Conference race heats up

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After a bitter loss for the second straight year to Appalachian State University, Georgia Southern University dropped to number seven in the FCS Coaches Poll released on Monday.

The Eagles hold a 7-2 record on the season and a 6-2 record in the Southern Conference. Currently GSU is tied for first place in the SoCon with App. State. However, the Eagles have already finished up conference play while most teams will play their final conference game in the next two weekend.

With the GSU loss the race to see who will be crowned conference champion has heated up as the top four teams now all have two losses apiece.

GSU, for the moment, stands at the top of the standings at a 6-2 record and will play out of conference opponent Howard University (6-3) this Saturday.

Wofford College comes in tied with App. State for second place in the conference with a record of 5-2 each.

WC will close out conference play Saturday when they take on the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (5-4, 4-2 SoCon).

App. State will finish up the regular season against conference opponent Furman University (3-6, 2-4 SoCon).

This weekend must play out accordingly for the Eagles to remain on top.

App. State has the tiebreaker on GSU, so a Mountaineer win and a WC loss would give App. State its 12th SoCon championship.

WC has the tiebreaker on App. State, so a win by the Terriers and a GSU loss would allow Wofford to capture its fourth conference title in school history.

For the Eagles to capture their tenth conference championship they will need to win against HU and have App. State lose against Furman.