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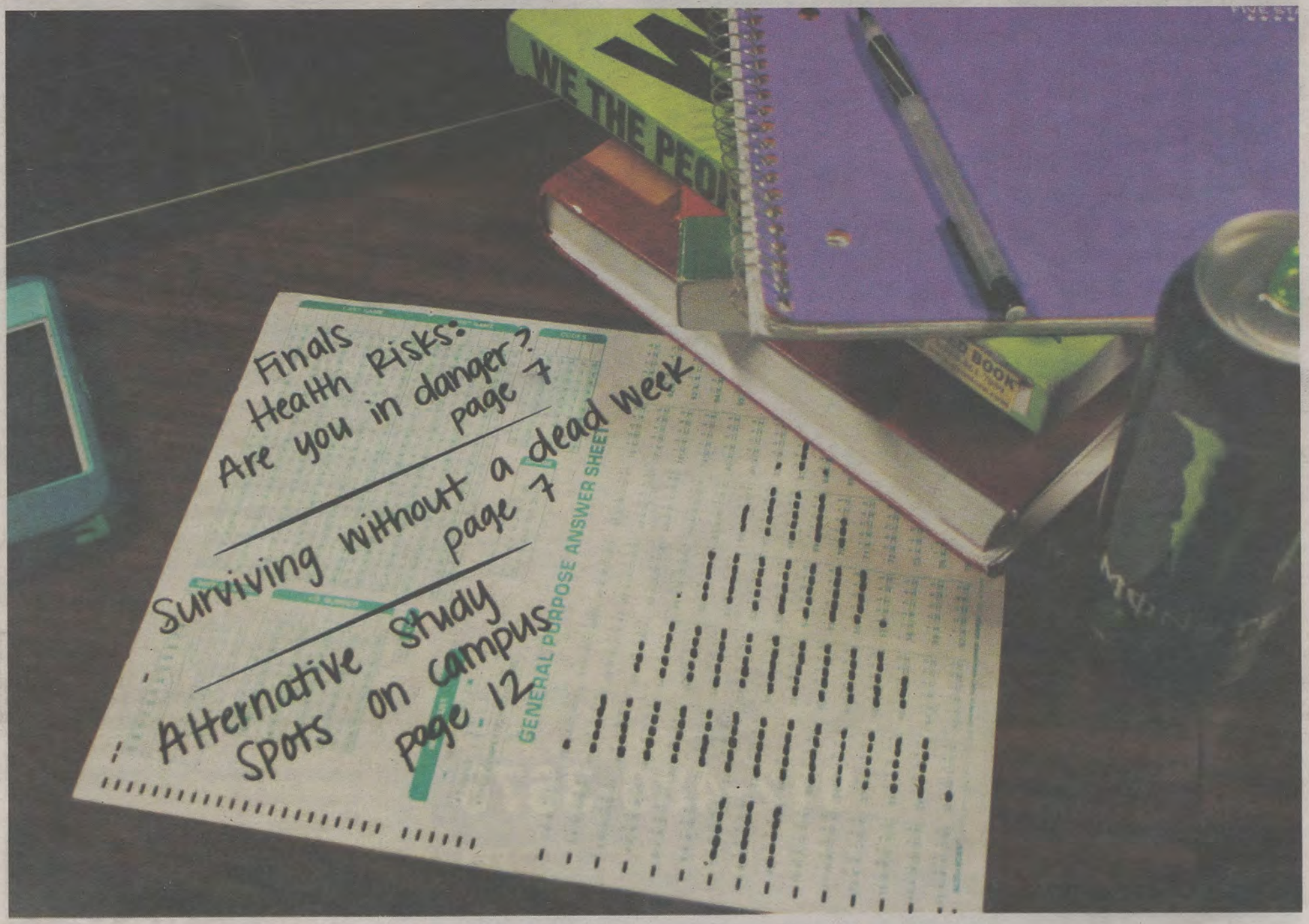

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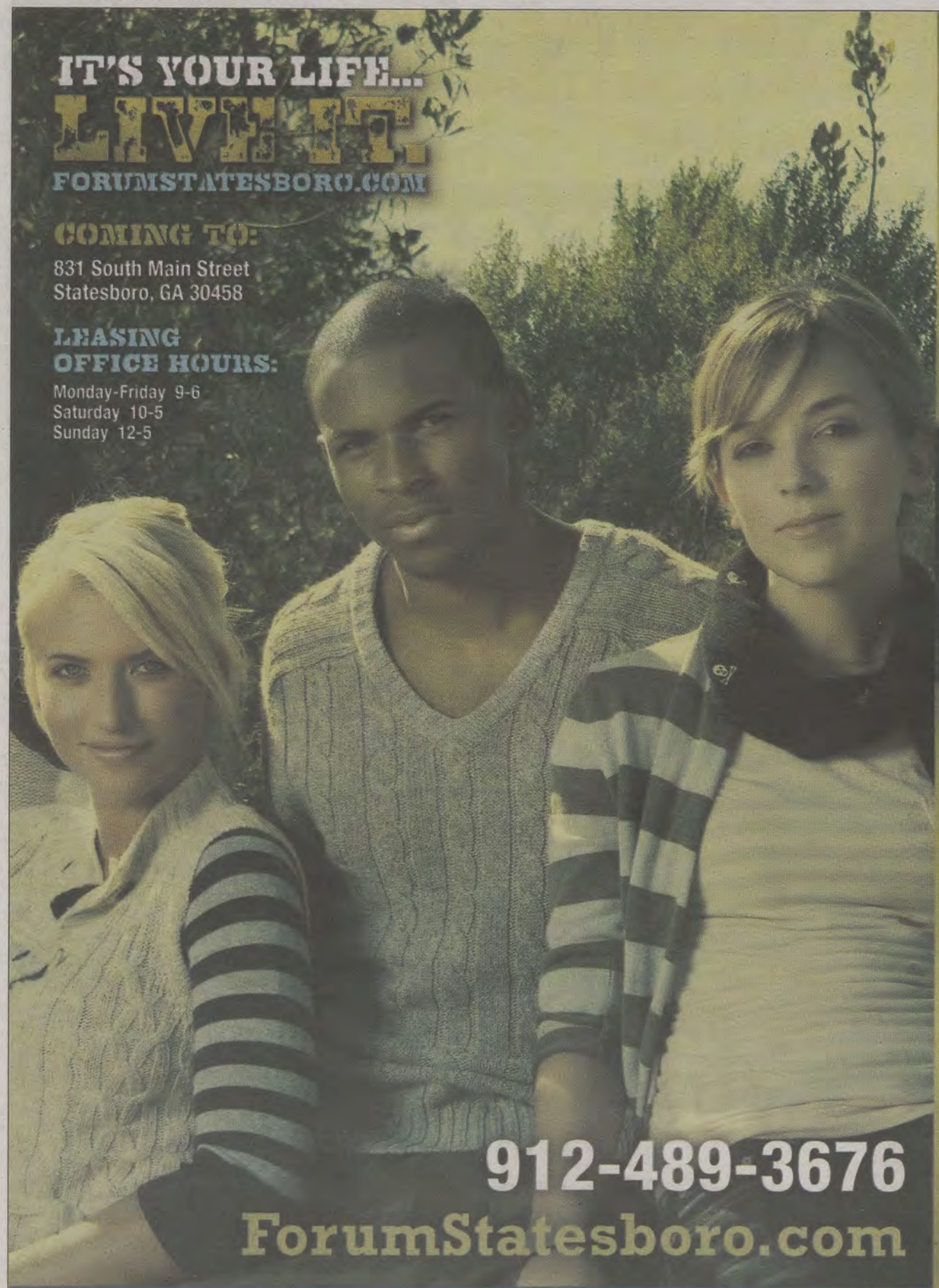

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Friday, Nov. 30

12:18 p.m.: Officers responded to Freedom's Landing in reference to suspicious activity. Officers made contact with the subject and determined that there was no problem.

2:56 p.m.: An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident at Centennial Place. A motor vehicle accident report was completed.

4:02p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check at Southern Pines. The subject received medical attention.

6:32 p.m.: An officer responded to the RAC in reference to a sick person. EMS was notified and responded. The sick person was not transported by EMS.

9:06 p.m.: Officers responded to a verbal altercation at the Russell Union. Three persons were judicially referred.

10:17 p.m.: An officer responded to Eagle Village in reference to a panic alarm. The occupant accidentally activated the alarm.

10:20 p.m.: An officer discovered a suspicious activity at Southern Courtyard – open door on a vehicle. The owner was notified and responded.

Saturday, Dec. 1

3:43 p.m.: An officer responded to a sick person at the College of Education. EMS was notified and responded but did not transport.

Sunday, Dec. 2

12:12 a.m.: Officers responded to J Lot in reference to a sick person. EMS was notified, responded and transported the sick person. The sick person was judicially referred.

7:16 a.m.: Officers responded to Deal Hall in reference to a fire alarm. Maintenance was working on the alarm.

Monday, Dec. 3

Four traffic citations were written. Four traffic warnings were written. Two motorists were assisted.

7:39 a.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft from Southern Drive. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

8:48 a.m.: An officer responded to a burglar alarm at the College of Education. An employee accidentally activated the alarm.

10:23 a.m.: An incident report was taken for found property on Dorman Drive.

1:24 p.m.: An incident report was taken for lost/mislaid property at the Zach S. Henderson Library.

4:15 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft at the RAC Field Support building. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

5:50 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft at the RAC Field Support building. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

8:08 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft at the RAC. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

8:35 p.m.: Officers responded to Freedom's Landing in reference to a verbal dispute. The two occupants were judicially referred.

9:26 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft from Kennedy Hall. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

Tuesday, Dec. 4

Four traffic citations were written. Two traffic warnings were written. Five motorists were assisted.

11:10 a.m.: An incident report was taken for a criminal trespass at the Kennedy overflow parking lot.

1:50 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the Russell Union.

12:15 p.m.: Criminal Investigations arrested Brittani Krystin Hill, 22, for theft by taking – misdemeanor.

7:25 p.m.: An incident report was taken for harassment. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

9:08 p.m.: Officers responded to the RAC parking lot in reference to an entering auto. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

9:18 p.m.: A welfare check was completed at Eagle Village.

10:50 p.m.: Officers responded to the ceramics studio in reference to a fire alarm. Statesboro Fire Department was notified and also responded. A smoking kiln activated the alarm.

2:38 a.m.: Officers responded to Eagle Village in reference to a sick person. EMS was notified, responded and transported the sick person. The sick person was judicially referred.

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Our View

GSU adds to national brand

The Eagles will be televised on ESPN this Saturday. That is something that GSU fans haven't heard since December of 2000. As ESPN is a nationally viewed station, this marks a major growth in the university's national recognition.

This isn't the only sign of the growth. Speakers of national and international fame have come to GSU, such as Madeleine Albright, the first woman to be appointed to the office of Secretary of State, Rudi Giuliani, the former mayor of New York City, Richard Gregory, a civil rights activist and comedian, and Tim Wise, who has given anti-racism speeches on college campuses in 48 states.

GSU has given students the opportunity to vote on something that would improve out national recognition. The FBS fee, which will move our team to a much more prestigious level of football competition, has recently been approved by Georgia's Board of Regents. All of these things together are a clear indication that our university is becoming better known nationally. This is bringing in a growing number of applicants during a time when most colleges in Georgia are experiencing shrinking student bodies.

This upward slope of renown hasn't come about by chance. GSU's administration brought us all these things, which act as signs of growing success.

The Eagles' game against Old Dominion is not the least of these indicators. If the Eagles lose, it will not affect the fact that the game had been on a national network.

If our administration keeps up the quality of speakers and continues to grow the scope of the university's exposure, then we can expect more of the same. This will lead to Georgia Southern University receiving more money to use in improving the campus and its academic aspects, which is never a bad thing.

The George-Anne welcomes letters to the editor and appropriate guest columns. All copy submitted should be 350 words or fewer, typed, and sent via e-mail in Microsoft Word format to gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu. All submissions must be signed and include phone number for verification. GSU students should include their academic major, year and hometown. The editors reserve the right to reject any submission and edit submissions for length.

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Appreciate outgoing seniors

THE FARM LIFE

JAMES FARMER
OPINIONS EDITOR

Many friends of mine at Georgia Southern University are graduating after these finals. They range from my favorite bartender in the 'Boro, Martin, to my fraternity brothers Arron and Jean. If I could, I'd write each and every one of them a column. But my last column of the year is dedicated to a person who has influenced and helped me more than anyone here.

My sister is one of the best people on campus, hands down. She has managed to graduate a semester early as a biology major, a class I could barely pass. She has been doing research with professors here since she was a freshman – or is it a freshwoman? I don't know. She has held leadership positions in Baptist Collegiate Ministries and lately has been working with the Botanical Gardens and the Farmer's Market, all the while working on her capstone project.

She's also been a great help around campus for me. If I ever needed help with school or with running out of gas in my car — something that's unfortunately happened more than once — she's been there for me. And I've crashed on her couch more times than I care to admit.

We've had our differences and our struggles here at GSU; after all, she and I are siblings. We've disagreed about almost everything, from what to cook for our Sunday dinners to politics. But having a family member here at school with me is something that I will always be thankful for.

We have all had individuals here on campus who have helped us grow and flourish as students and especially as people. Whether they are graduating, graduated or still on campus, we should take time to appreciate the impact they have had in our lives.

But, more specifically we should all be proud of our outgoing seniors. They've worked long and hard to get to this point and provided us with memories and friendships to last a lifetime. And it won't be long before we cross the same stage they do and wave goodbye to our time here at GSU. And hopefully we will all be able to leave the same kind of legacy that they are leaving here at this school.

Congratulations to Sarah, and to all our GSU fall graduates. You make your family, your friends and your school proud.

Farmer is a junior international studies and political science double major from Thomasville, Ga.

From the Left

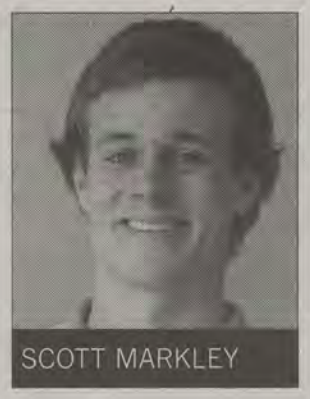
Let's examine our views

For my last article of the semester, I just want to thank Arielle Coambes, James Farmer and the rest of The George-Anne staff for allowing me this opportunity this semester. It has provided great practice for refining my writing technique, and I have learned a lot more than I had anticipated. Without you signing me on, I never would have had this unique and constructive experience.

I also would like to thank Wil and Fritz for contributing to this section as well. I used to read the political columns every issue last year when it was just Rob and Fritz. Now from the other side, I have a much greater appreciation for what you have to put up with from the hours of research and time sacrifice to dealing with criticism from strangers.

And of course, I would like to thank the readers and contributors to the Letter to the Editor section. For those of you that regularly read this section, regardless of whose articles you agreed with most, I hope you were able to learn something new. And I encourage those that may dispute an article to write a letter to the editor. It's a good feeling to put your work out there and as a columnist, feedback is always appreciated.

Lastly, I hope that in reading these, you approached each article critically and challenged an ideology you might have held previously. As Madeleine Albright said when she visited our campus, "Don't confuse certainty with truth." Believe it or not, I was raised in a Republican household and coming to school here I called myself a conservative. For a long time, I rejected information if it sounded "liberal" because I had been raised to believe liberals were all lazy or pretentious, and I think that is a trap a lot of us fall into. That is no truer than believing all conservatives are ignorant or racist.


SCOTT MARKLEY

Whether you consider yourself more of a Democrat, Republican, Libertarian or Independent, any ideology held without examining and asking the tough questions is doing yourself a disservice. After all, exposing yourself to diverse viewpoints and expanding your perspective is what college is about, so let the debates continue. Good luck on your finals and have a great winter break.

Markley *is a senior geography major from Marietta, Ga.*

From the Right

I'm leaving, why can't Obama?

To the relief of the liberal student body of Georgia Southern University, this is my last article of my George-Anne career. In about a week, I will be graduating from this fine institution. Fear not conservatives, they have picked an amazing student to fill my spot on the Right. I'm proud to say that he has been in the middle of all political happenings at Georgia Southern, and I know will do an excellent job. Before I leave GSU, I'd like to share one more tale of Obama's handout government with you.

While at a city council meeting in Detroit, Councilwoman JoAnn Watson made a plea to Obama to give the city another bailout because of the support the city gave him during his election. She said, "Our people, in an overwhelming way, supported the re-election of this president and there ought to be a quid pro quo and you ought to exercise leadership on that." Wait, wasn't this the president who ran his election on the fact that he "saved Detroit?" Isn't this also the president that the media defended when Mitt Romney said he won by "promising gifts?" Well, apparently voters and this city councilwoman had Obama right from the start.

It amazes me still that Watson had the gall to demand "bacon" from the Federal government while it's going through the most potentially harmful financial crisis, between the fiscal cliff and the debt ceiling, that our generation has ever faced. It scares me to the core to wonder if this is going to be the next four year. Is Obama going to give what the people who voted for him want through immense government redistribution of wealth?

FRITZ CHAPIN

Obama has shown that his second term is going to be nothing but the Robin Hood doctrine that myself and other conservatives have warned about. Even though Republicans in the House presented a plan on Tuesday that would bring in the same revenue through closing tax deductions on the wealthy without raising their marginal rate, Obama was not satisfied. He will stop at nothing but to take from the rich and give to the poor, even if that means sending us into a double dip recession. Our country cannot support the kind of spending the president wants to implement. We must once again become a fiscally

Chapin *is a senior political science major from Roswell, Ga.*

From Data to Discussions

The past year has been a historic, crazy time for us

It's been an interesting year. We found out the hard way what a campaign season looks like with six billion dollars being thrown around, a couple million TV ads, signs in every yard in America, bumper stickers, T-shirts, lost friends and so on. We thought the Olympics got a lot of attention, and then the GOP started with the rape comments. But jokes aside, this was a historic election, not just because of the outcome but also because of the price tag. Fortunately, we did find that money does not guarantee a win – it just helps a lot. Billionaire casino owner Sheldon Adelson, for example, spent more money than anyone else in history endorsing various candidates, 150 million dollars. Not one of the candidates that he supported won. American Crossroads spent around 100 million dollars with only about one percent of it supporting a winning candidate.

WILLIAM BRYAN

Although the election stole the spotlight this year, there were a couple of other historic moments. The Supreme Court ruling on healthcare was huge. Several past presidents, Republican and Democrat, pushed hard for healthcare reform, and although it may not be perfect, it is a start. Marijuana was also legalized in two states, and if all goes well there, other states will probably follow suit.

On the more stimulating side of the news, we successfully sent a rover to explore Mars this year. Shortly after doing that, we sent a guy into outer space and watched him jump back to Earth. His line, although maybe not as memorable as Neil Armstrong's, was pretty cool. He said "Sometimes you have to be really high to see how small you really are. I'm going home now."

Next year promises to be an interesting one, especially on the global stage. China recently elected a new president right as tensions over territories in the South China Sea began to rise. Mexico also elected a new president, who wants to end the war on drugs. There is a war brewing in the Congo and a still a raging war in Syria. The United Nations also just voted to acknowledge Palestine as a state, which will surely stir some pots in the already tense Middle East. This only matters, of course, if the Mayans were wrong and the world doesn't end. Thanks for reading this semester.

Bryan *is a senior economics major from Fayetteville, Ga.*

Good luck on your finals!

Lessons from 2012 for the new year ahead

ALEXANDER THE PRETTY GOOD

ALEX LASALLE

The year 2012 is almost over, and that is reason to rejoice. This one has been a doozy.

The big news, as is usual every four years, was the election. Starting pretty much immediately after the election in 2008, the American people tried their best to ignore multiple suits arguing over which suit was the least unqualified to run a country.

It all started with the Republican primaries. We saw Rick Santorum maintain a facial expression of digestive unrest as he tried to convince America that gay people were coming to steal their children, corrupt their families and delete all their Tivo'd episodes of "Supernatural." We saw Herman Cain repeat the number nine as many times as possible. We saw Ron Paul do Ron Paul things like talk about Ron Paul (Ron Paul!). We saw Jon Huntsman and Gary Johnson get disqualified early for making too much sense.

Finally, we saw Mitt Romney stand out as the least unlikable of all the electable candidates, only to go on to lose to President Obama. At this point, I'm just glad that all the debating has calmed down. It's only fitting that all the fire-spitting took place in 2012, which was the year of the Dragon in the Chinese Zodiac.

Let's make this our first New Year's Resolution for 2013: Be nicer to each other. I have liberal friends, and I have conservative friends. Let's focus on the "friend" part of that.

Moving on, we got a nice break during the summer with the London Olympics. As the Queen looked out over all the countries she used to own, we watched Michael Phelps cement his legacy as one of the top Olympians of all time. Gymnast Gabby Douglas won two gold medals, accomplishing more than most of us will in our lifetimes before she had even gotten her driver's license. I can barely get out of bed by 9:00 a.m.

If she can do a bunch of twisty-flips and land on her feet, you can at least follow through on this next resolution: Get outside more often. We have a gorgeous campus and there is no excuse for never getting around seeing it and enjoying it.

2012 was also an interesting year in our pop culture. Of course, we had the continuing reign of terror being perpetrated on intelligent people everywhere by the likes of Honey Boo Boo, the Kardashians and "Fifty Shades of Grey."

But music was where 2012 really broke through and proved, once and for all, that we really don't think about what we listen to. Which is fine with me. If you want to dance like a horse and listen to a stout Korean man rap between choruses of "HEEEEEEEEY SEXY LADY!" that is your prerogative – alcohol and awkward "Call Me Maybe" pick-up lines are optional.

If you know any famous Korean rappers – really, who doesn't? – please ask them to make good on this resolution: Keep making hideously catchy dance songs. I love it stupid — the dumber it gets, the more I love it. Nickelback and One Direction, however, are free to retire whenever they please. Really, don't hesitate.

While most New Year's Resolutions are about as successful as an invasion of Russia during winter, it's still worth a shot. You can make more friends and you can be nice to the ones you have. It's like Psy always says: "HEEEEEEEEEY SEXY LADY!"

I'm not sure how that's related, but it just feels right.

LaSalle is a senior writing and linguistics major from Cumming, Ga.

Study Hard, Not High

'Study drugs' become problem during finals week

BY LAUREN GORLA
The George-Anne contributor

With finals week only a few days away, many students are hitting the books, but the issue of using drugs to enhance study performance is becoming a hot topic.

"It's a growing issue on college campuses. I think in general in America we have a lot more prescription drugs that are out there now, so it's become more of our culture in some ways," Dave McDermott, administrative coordinator for the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs Programs, said.

"Study drugs" like Ritalin, Dexedrine, Concerta and Adderall work by speeding up brain activity causing increased attention and energy that comes with elevated blood pressure, according to a document from the National Council on Patient Information and Education.

Students turn to these drugs especially during finals week to pull an all-nighter when studying or finishing a paper, McDermott said.

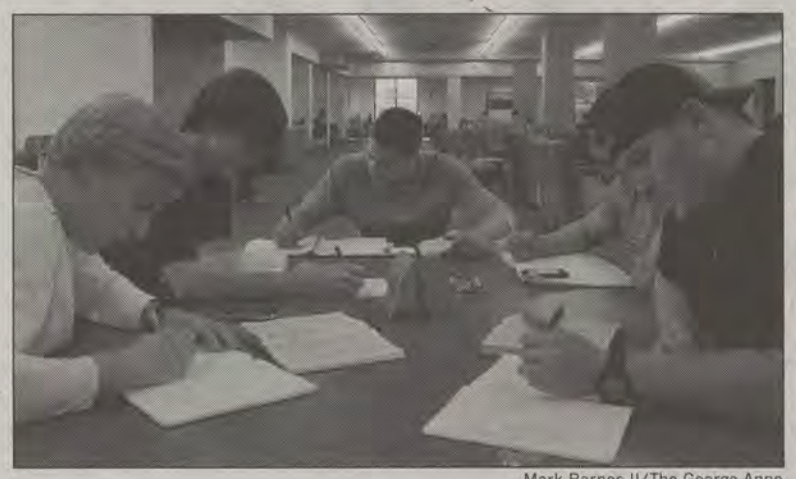
Although there is currently no data for drug use among Georgia Southern University students, McDermott plans on collecting data next semester.

"We're hoping to collect some data in the spring to find out more about what our student use percentage is. There has been some in the past, but it wasn't very well worded in terms of whether students were connecting it to Adderall and other things so really the first time will be the spring," McDermott said.

"A lot of (prescription drug users) get it from those friends who have prescriptions. That's probably the number one source. The danger with that is you can get in huge trouble, and in a lot of states, including Georgia, it can be a felony, like selling a pill to a roommate or giving a pill to them," McDermott said.

Abusing prescription drugs can lead to increases in blood pressure or heart rate, organ damage, addiction, seizures or a heart attack, according to the document from the National Council on Patient Information and Education.

"Every drug is going to have different side effects. I think the most common effect with students is it'll mess up their sleep cycle. They're thinking that it's going to help them stay up all night and study, but then sometimes they'll have a harder time sleeping, and then they end up getting to where they're not rested for the exam," McDermott said.



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Students spend more time in the library cracking down before finals.

"If you do have a prescription it's important to keep it secure and don't leave it open in like a shared bathroom, someplace where someone has access to it. Unfortunately some people also just take advantage of it and take it from their roommates," McDermott said.

Some students have friends who choose to take prescription drugs during finals week to help them focus and get more work done.

when he took it, he showed me his handwriting when he's not on (prescription drugs) and when he is, and it was a lot neater when he was on it," Redesha Vaughn, sophomore general studies major.

Brandon Lindsey, senior business major, has a prescription for Adderall and takes it on a regular basis.

"For me, I notice that I get a lot more done, and I'm more productive," Lindsey said. "I know some people when they take it, it calms them down and doesn't really make them jittery."

"I think faculty needs more education on (prescription drugs) because I'm not sure I would recognize the symptoms," Dr. Robert Shanafelt, department of anthropology, said.

The best way to stay ahead and be productive is to develop healthy study habits, McDermott said.

McDermott said, "I would tell them that they'll probably get more out of healthy study habits because when you introduce prescription drugs, you're dealing with side effects that you don't know what they're going to do for you and making assumptions about how it's going to interact with you and you don't necessarily always know. Should you study hard? Absolutely, but you also have to make sure you're getting enough sleep and eating well."

No rest for the weary; GSU lacks dead week

BY SARAH RYNIKER
The George-Anne contributor

Dead week, or the week without classes, tests or organization meetings, will take place all over the nation this week at many universities, but Georgia Southern University will not participate.

Some universities, like Purdue University and Iowa State University participate in university quiet hours. GSU also follows this trend.

"All housing has 24 hour quiet hours starting on Sunday night. We have to go around and enforce it," Tracy Bardugon, Centennial community leader and junior business major, said.

"The University System of Georgia Board of Regents requires the university to provide a specific number of hours of instruction each semester," Provost Jean Bartels, said. "These requirements make it necessary to conduct classes all weeks of the semester including the week before finals."

The Georgia Institute of Technology officially deemed the week previously known as "the week preceding final exams" to "dead week" in 2010.

Many other universities participate in this week, especially colleges that have traditions surrounding yelling and screaming. At the University of Southern California, a tradition known as "Primal SCream," occurs when students shout out of their dorm room windows. At Columbia University, students open their windows and shout as loud as possible the midnight before Monday morning exams.

While GSU does not officially promote a dead week, student organizations and university housing have events to help students take their mind off final stress.

"Housing hosts little workshops and has free coffee a couple of nights, but it isn't the same as having extra time to do your classwork," Becki Burgy, Eagle Village community assistant and senior phycology major, said.

"Sure, maybe housing would do more if we had a professional staff. But at the end of the day, we're students first," Chakeira Gilbert, Eagle Village community leader and senior business management major, said.

"A number of the colleges along with the Student Health Center and Student Affairs have educational programs and activities to promote student health and well-being all through the academic year," Bartels said.

GSU students feel that a dead week may be beneficial.

"I have a lot of homework due this week, and professors are still trying to teach us new material, even though finals are next week. I have no time to study," Aubrey Ricketson, freshman international business major, said.

"I have three quizzes, three homework assignments and then a test right before my final. It would be nice to get some time off," Megan Williams, freshman fashion merchandising major, said.

While many students feel that a dead week would be convenient, some also see negative outcomes.

"I think a dead week sounds like a good idea, but then some people would just use the time to party even more," Candyce Asby, freshman psychology major, said.

In a written statement, Georgia Tech declined to comment.

WMS seeks to bring new sorority to GSU

BY PHYLICIA GALLMON
The George-Anne contributor

The Women's Multicultural Society of Georgia Southern University is in the process of forming an interest group to bring the Sigma Lambda Gamma International Incorporated sorority to campus.

The group will have to be officially accepted by their National Office but they hope to become official next semester.

"It is Latina based, but we are opened to all different cultures. The founders were Latina, but our hopes is that we can encompass a lot of different cultures and a lot of different women from different backgrounds," Naundie Eason, junior sociology major and current member of the Women's Multicultural Society, said.

Photo courtesy of Sigma Lambda Gamma.

"It is a multicultural sorority, and the reason we want to bring it to campus is so that it emphasizes the diversity that we actually have on campus," Andrea James, junior Spanish and English major and a current member of the WMS, said.

This sisterhood prides itself on being a diverse sisterhood that empowers women, Alyson Gilbert, junior art major and current member of the WMS, said.

"Our mission is to establish a community of girls who are striving towards academic excellence and sisterhood. We're really excited to bring this to campus," Gilbert said.

Not only does this group of women focus on academic excellence and sisterhood, but also the importance of not having to conform to any identities other than their own, Gilbert said.

"We wanted a place to fit in. We're building this from the ground, up so it's great that we are already having these friendships, and we're not coming into something already established and having to be something other than ourselves," Gilbert said.

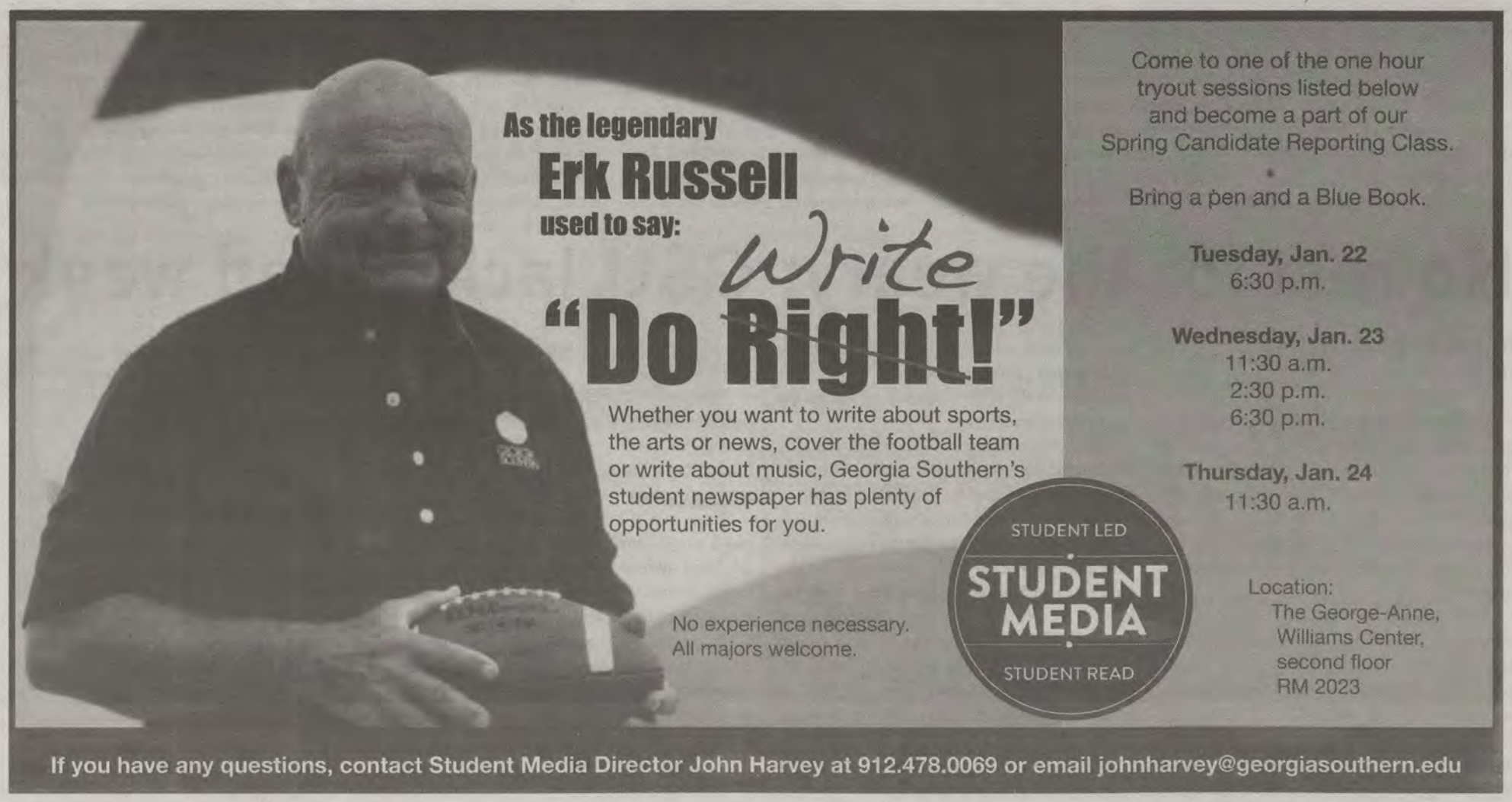
While the WMS is still in the process of planning things out as far as the pledge process and requirements for joining Sigma Lambda Gamma, one of the things members are certain about is the fact that they are looking for open minded women who are interested in helping build this sisterhood and its mission.

"(Qualities WMS is looking for are) a willingness to build that sisterhood bond we are looking for as well as being open minded about different people, different cultures because it is a multicultural sorority and be willing to put in work because we are starting for the ground up. We are going to need people who are dedicated," Eason said.

In the spring WMS plans to bring theme nights to GSU based on different cultures to emphasize the importance of diversity and give students different experiences and a glimpse into other cultures, Gilbert said.

While there is no set time as to when Sigma Lambda Gamma will be officially recognized on GSU's campus, they do plan to continue their efforts and mission through the WMS.

Gilbert said, "It's a process, so right now we will remain the Women's Multicultural Society until we become a colony. After we submit our colony-hood we'll hopefully start the process of becoming a chapter."



Student government wraps up semester

SGA gives almost $18,000 back to GSU student organizations

BY LAUREN GORLA
The George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University's Student Government Association finished this semester with giving back $17,612.75 to the student body from its $53,600 budget.

The money from the budget was given back to 25 organizations and about 20 individuals, Dante Porter, vice president of finance for SGA, said.

SGA also helped organizations across campus by granting fund requests that will benefit GSU students.

$9,000 has been allocated to the Shuttle Gus program, Porter said.

SGA has been involved in events across campus and has worked to help raise money for local charities in the Statesboro area.

"One of the most awesome things we've done is that we've raised over $1,500 for the Untied Way, and we've done that by passing the bucket around every day at senate meeting. And also GSU Idol which was during homecoming, and at that event I believe we raised nearly $1,000," SGA Vice President of Auxiliary Affairs Garrett Green said.

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SGA has been doing a lot to support United Way, which in turn is helping the Statesboro community, Green said.

"We've also done the One Week, One Vote initiative and a whole bunch of different things with bringing the polling location on campus. We had been working on that probably about two or three years now, so to finally see it come on campus was pretty special," Green said.

One of the main events for SGA in the spring semester will be the senate election.

"It's going to be interesting to see how elections turn out this year because last year was an unopposed ticket. Right now we're working out how exactly that whole process is going to go, if we're going to allow tickets or not," Green said.

SGA was also one of the leaders in promoting the three fees that students approved earlier in the semester.

Green said, "We led the initiative regarding the fee increase, and that's something we take pride in."

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Wildlife Winterfest will take place on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature exoctic animals and holiday activities.

Exotic animals to visit Wildlife Center

BY JAKE HUNSBUSHER
The George-Anne contributor

Wildlife Winterfest, hosted by the Wildlife Center, welcomes in the holiday season with a visit from exotic animals and Santa Claus.

"It's educational, entertaining, it's fun, and if you like animals it's exciting," Casey Corbett, education coordinator, said.

The event will take place on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The animals aren't the only focus as there will be many holiday related activities happening during the event.

"We've got Staples Safari coming. They're bringing a lot of exotic animals, a bunch of monkeys, a white Siberian tiger, a lioness, a black leopard and just several exotic animals," Corbett said.

Event goers will have the opportunity to interact with a variety of exotic animals.

"It will be fun for all ages. We will also have a visit from Santa, caroling and all types of food and snacks," Janice Chester, staff member at the Wildlife Center, said.

The Statesboro community and GSU students can come together for this celebration of exotic wildlife and Christmas festivities.

"It will be a day of family fun where they can enjoy exotic animals, caroling and we will be reading, 'The Night before Christmas,' in Wildlife Center style," Chester said.

The center is having three separate educational exhibits throughout the day.

"The first at twelve is all about monkeys, the second at three is called Wildlife Encounters, and at six they're putting on a magic show," Corbett said.

The Wildlife Center's mission is to educate those who come to the event, but they are also making it a top priority to entertain all that attend.

"You are able to see and even touch a lot of the exotic animals that are brought in, except tigers of course," Corbett said.

Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for kids ages three to eleven and free for kids younger than three. Tickets bought before Saturday are one dollar off, Corbett said.

Corbett said, "It's very educational; education is a key component. I wouldn't have a job without it, but what we've also found is that when targeting the younger groups we have to make it entertaining as well."

The Buzz List

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- **Taylor Swift** is reportedly dating One Direction's Harry Styles. This concludes my theory: Home girl puts out.
- **Janelle Evans** from "Teen Mom 2" married her boyfriend of three months, Courtland Rogers, because adding marriage to complete dysfunction makes everything better.
- **Kate Middleton** is officially pregnant. Here's to an even less chance of throne responsibilities and more partying in Vegas, Prince Harry.
- **Nick Lachey** was kicked out of an NFL game for "talking smack." But really he was just kicked out for being lame and irrelevant.
- **Lindsay Lohan** believes she "doesn't need rehab," kind of like how we don't need food.
- Celebrity lawyer **Gloria Allred** rejected Angela from Jersey Shore. Even feminists won't stand up for Jersey females.

Information compiled by Arts & Entertainment Editor Gianna Carme and Arts & Entertainment Chief Kimeko McCoy from perezhilton.com and TMZ.com.

THE 'BORO BEAT

DEC. 6 – DEC. 9

HAPPY HOUR LIVE BAND SPECIAL EVENT

THURSDAY

El Sombrero
$2.50 32oz. draft beer

GATA's Sports Bar and Grill
Happy Hour 2 to 7 p.m.
$1 16 oz. drafts (Happy Hour)
$2 bottles (Happy Hour)
Buy five get one free (bucket of beer)
$3 to $5 mix drinks (daily special/mixed special)
$2 shots after 11p.m.

Gnat's Landing
5 to 7 happy hour 9 to 11p.m.

Holiday's Greek and Italian
$10.99 two med one topping
$12.99 two med two topping
$14.99 three med three topping

Loco's Grill and Pub
$2 pints import/domestic

Mellow Mushroom
Happy Hour 5 to 8p.m.
½ off drafts
½ off bottles
$3 well doubles
99 cent Wells

FRIDAY

El Sombrero
$3 Sex on the Beach

GATA's Sports Bar and Grill
Happy Hour 2 to 7
$1 16 oz. drafts (Happy Hour)
$2 bottles (Happy Hour)
Buy five get one free (bucket of beer)
Daily special/mixed special $3 to $5 mix drinks
$2 shots after 11 p.m.

Gnat's Landing
Happy Hour 5 to 7p.m.
DJ/Karaoke 9 p.m.

Holiday's Greek and Italian
$10.99 two medium one topping
$12.99 two medium two topping
$14.99 three medium three topping

Loco's Grill and Pub
$4 Crown Royal
Wally Brown

Mellow Mushroom
Happy hour 5 to 7 p.m.
$2.75 Drafts
$2.00 Margaritas
$3 double wells

SATURDAY

El Sombrero
$2 Lime Margaritas

GATA's Sports Bar and Grill
Happy Hour 2 to 7
$1 16oz. drafts (Happy Hour)
$2 bottles (Happy Hour)
Buy five get one free (bucket of beer)
$3 to $5 mix drinks (daily special/mixed special)
$2 shots after 11p.m.

Gnat's Landing
Happy Hour 5 to 7 p.m.
Daniel Johnson Band

Holiday's Greek and Italian
$10.99 two medium one topping
$12.99 two medium two topping
$14.99 three medium three topping

Loco's Grill and Pub
$5 miller pitcher
live music (Artist TBD)
11 to 3 Bloody Mary bar

Mellow Mushroom
Happy Hour 5 to 7p.m.
$2.75 drafts
$2.00 Margaritas
$3 double wells
Specialty drafts $2 all week (changes daily)

SUNDAY

El Sombrero
$3 Bloody Mary

GATA's Sports Bar and Grill
Happy Hour 2 to 7
16oz drafts $1 (Happy Hour)
$2 bottles (Happy Hour)
Buy five get one free (bucket of beer)
Daily special/mixed special $3 to $5 mix drinks
$2 shots after 11 p.m.

Gnat's Landing
All day Happy Hour

Holiday's Greek and Italian
$10.99 two medium one topping
$12.99 two medium two topping
$14.99 three medium three topping

Loco's Grill and Pub
Sunday 12 to 3 p.m. Bloody Mary bar

Mellow Mushroom
Happy Hour 5 to 7p.m.
$2.75 drafts
$2.00 Margaritas
$3 double wells

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Professor suggests alternative study spaces

BY MARISSA MARTIN
The George-Anne staff

Zach S. Henderson Library begins to look more like its nickname, "Club Henderson," at this time of year with students crowding computers and staying up late to cram for finals.

"I know over the weekend it will look like a mall in here," Lorenzo Bryson, sophomore political science major, said.

Before hitting the books this weekend, students should know there are more options than Club Hendy for optimum studying this finals season.

Michael Nielsen, professor and chair of the psychology department, suggests studying in the environment where the finals test will take place.

"Research shows that as you are in that environment, hearing familiar sounds and looking around can prompt you with cues to answers," Nielsen said.

"I study in the library in a quiet place or by myself," Michael Rosel, junior mechanical engineering major, said.

If it's possible, try to study in the classroom or inside the building, Nielsen said.

Those who are serious study in the upper levels of the library on the third and fourth floors, Michael Walen, senior graphic design major and library employee, said.

"I think people come study in the library because it symbolizes the place of knowledge, and there is an unspoken rule about being quiet," Walen said.

Other places on campus offer environments for studying that may be overlooked while students search for a place to study in the more crowded places.

"It's quiet in the IT Building sometimes, and I think the Williams Center is a good place for groups to study," Rosel said.

Nielsen said, make a change this finals season and study somewhere that will seem familiar during the exam.

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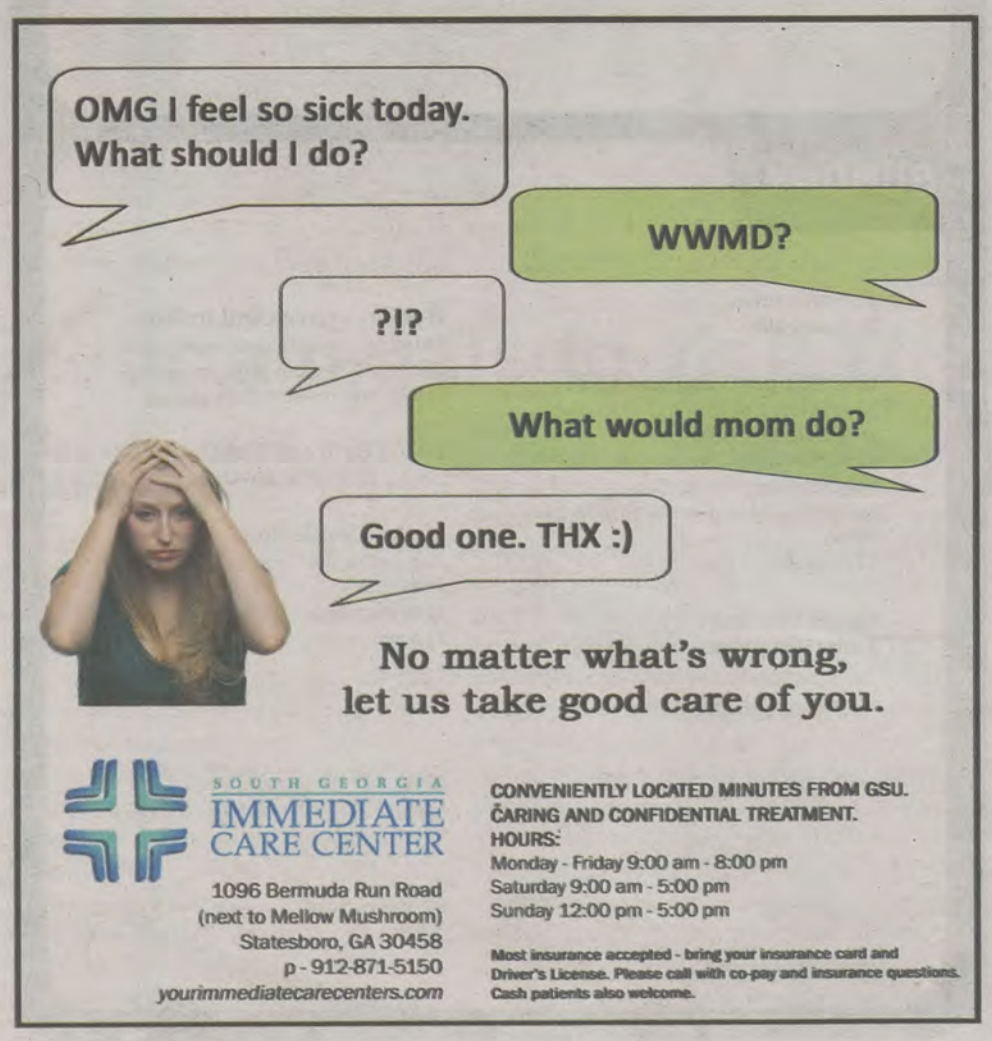

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WEEKLY BUZZ

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DEC. 6 - DEC. 13

THURSDAY 12.6.2012

65TH ANNUAL MISS GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW

Spring semester is quickly approaching, which means that the 65th Annual Miss Georgia Southern University Scholarship Pageant is around the corner. This is the longest running preliminary pageant for the larger, Miss Georgia competition. This year's pageant will be held on Saturday, February 2nd at 7:00pm, in the Russell Union Ballroom. If you or any of the members in your organization are interested in becoming the next Miss Georgia Southern University, and for more information, please visit our website at http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/sac/upb/pageants. Please note that all applications must be received in the Student Organization Center (Williams Center) by Friday, December 14th at 5:00pm. Have questions? Email us at: upb@georgiasouthern.edu (Subject: Miss GSU).

FITNESS ASSESSMENTS END

Find out your level of fitness after having endured this fall semester, and find out what to improve on next semester to become a more fit and healthy student. Get your assessment before they end.

FRIDAY 12.7.2012

5 p.m.

WEIGHT LOSS EDUCATION PROGRAM APPS DUE

The Weight Loss Education Program is designed to help improve exercise and nutrition habits in order to improve total wellness along with reducing the risk of chronic disease. Get your application in before 5 p.m. if you want to participate. Apply at www.georgiasouthern.edu/cri

FALL GROUP FITNESS CLASSES END

Fall group fitness classes will end on this date. Fitness classes will resume Monday for finals week, but they will be scheduled differently.

SATURDAY 12.8.2012

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

SUNDAY 12.9.2012

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

MONDAY 12.10.2012

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES RESUME

Relieve some of your stress from finals with a good workout at the RAC. Group fit class times are different this week than the normal fall schedule, so make sure you know when to attend. View the schedule at www.georgiasouthern.edu/cri

6 – 9 P.M.

FINALS FEAST

RUSSELL UNION BALLROOM

The University Programming Board is hosting the annual Finals Feast in the Russell Union Ballroom. Take a break from studying and enjoy a free breakfast for dinner and fun activities to replenish you for finals. Join campus administrators as they volunteer to serve a catered, all-you-can-eat breakfast. Finals Feast provides students with a much-needed study break and gives University leaders a chance to visit with the students. Please bring your eagle ID.

TUESDAY 12.11.2012

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

WEDNESDAY 12.12.2012

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY

Learn how to stress less during this hectic week of finals so that you can start out your Christmas vacation more relaxed and be prepared for the spring semester. For specifics, check back to www.georgiasouthern.edu/cri

THURSDAY 12.13.2012

6 P.M.

THE LANTERN WALK

WILLIAMS CENTER MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Graduates,

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! The University Programming Board would like to invite all graduating students and their families to an evening to celebrate your legacy. Please join us for the Lantern Walk on Thursday, December 13, 2012.

The Lantern Walk ceremony began in 1935 on Georgia Southern's campus when the university was known as South Georgia Teachers College. Graduating seniors would don their caps and gowns and traverse the campus at sunset, carrying a lantern before them. As the graduates moved from building to building, members would address the group with memories from their time at Georgia Southern. The Lantern Walk tradition lasted until the 1960's and the University Programming Board brought this tradition back in 2009.

The Lantern Walk will begin at 6:00pm with a reception in the Williams Center Multipurpose Room. There will also be a guided walk, throughout campus, that will begin at 6:45pm. Graduating students will walk from Sweetheart Circle through campus and end at the College of Education. We will have buses available to shuttle participants back to Sweetheart Circle until 8:00pm. The graduating students wearing their cap will be given commemorative lanterns.

GOOD LUCK WITH FINALS AND CONGRATS GRADUATES!

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Housing

A female sub-leaser needed for Spring 2013 semester ASAP! A 4 bedroom, 2 bath at Cambridge apartments with a beautiful view of the pond and right on the bus route! Please contact Sydney by email: sr01982@georgiasouthern.edu or phone: 770-500-6485 if you are interested!

Looking for a male roommate to sublease spring semester 2013. 4BR/4BT Townhouse in Cambridge. $515/Month all inclusive. Located on the bus route. Great roommates. Contact Erin at ej00938@georgiasouthern.edu.

Looking to sublease a coed apartment at the pointe at southern. Rent is only $380 and is all inclusive. The room is right next to the pool and club house. Financial aid is also considered to help pay for rent. If interested contact Justine at 207-751-8530 or jl04132@georgiasouthern.edu.

Subleasing a studio apartment at College Walk from January 1st (late December possible) until the end of July. I pay $450 (includes water, electricity, wireless internet), you'll pay only $400! Contact Sam 912-541-2358.

Sublease needed for January 2013 to July 2013. One bed / one bath in a 3 bedroom apartment at The Grove. Great, clean roommates! The Grove is located near McAlisters in the Market District and is a gated apartment complex. The apartment is fully furnished and has great amenities. including a gym, pool, vollleyball court, bistro, computer lab, and more! Rent is $470 / month. Please email rp00657@georgiasouthern.edu.

Rent a 2 bedroom with loft for New Years at Westgate Vacation Villa in Orlando, Fla. December 29-January2. Will accomodate 8-10 people. Asking 1200 for the week. Call 912-678-1017.

Male sublease available at The Pointe. 4 BR/4BT. Two rooms available. One at $369 / month and one at $385 / month, utilities included. Fully furnished, washer/dryer, great roommates, close to campus. Property includes pool, gym, tanning bed, computer lab, basketball/volleyball court. Contact Brian at 706-399-1860 or bb01693@georgiasouthern.edu.

A female sub-leaser needed for Spring 2013 semester ASAP! 3 BR / 3.5 BT townhome in Copper Beech. Spacious room, huge closet and two great roommates! Contact Paige by email at bp01607@georgiasouthern.edu if interested.

Female sublease for Spring semester 2013. 3 BR / 3 BT at The Exchange apts. Rent is $470 / month, utilities included. Can move in as soon as Demeber 14th. If interested contact Eboni at 706-761-7331 or eh01590@georgiasouthern.edu

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Female roommate needed for sublease Spring of 2013 in Langley Pond. 4 bed 4 bath and rent is 350 +utilities. Call at 229-400-0614 if interested.

Attention Ladies! Sublease at The Forum for $476 during the Spring 2013 semester. If you like the place so much, stay after the sublease is up! Live with three great roommates and enjoy various amenities the apartment complex has to offer. If interested, contact Ashley Dotson at ad02391@georgiasouthern.edu.

We are looking for a female student renter at 502 Pitt Moore Road (walking distance to campus). Its a large room with private bathroom and can come with a bed if needed. Its only $425/month and utilities are all included in that price (water, electric, basic cable, and wireless internet). There are currently two females and one male living here. No lease signing required.

Sub-leaser needed for Spring Semester at Planter's Row! Applicable to male or female. 3BD/3BT (sublease for Master BD). Great amenities include: fully furnished bedroom, walk-in closet, huge bathroom, huge yard & fire pit, access to pond & 3 swimming pools! Rent: $385/month ($405 with a pet); Utilities $120-130. FREE flat screen tv for subleaser. For more details contact Samira: (912)678-8062; iloveorli09@yahoo.com

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Navigate Your Career Path

By: Taylor D. Terrell
Public Relations/Event Intern

College level internships can be the perfect time for self-discovery. Navigating through different experiences in order to reach your ultimate dream is may be the most rewarding part for you, a student, because you are able to afford yourself trial and error before you enter into the job market.
In order to gain the best experience, try following a few guidelines:

- **Build transferable skills.** During any internship or experience that you may have in college be a sponge—soak in as much of the opportunity as you can. Learn how build writing, computer, management and leadership skills, these are some skills that every industry needs.

- **Cultivate your personal brand.** Everyone has a personal brand. College students have the most leniencies during this time of growth to shape their personal brand. Knowing the facets that you are developing as you go through college may help you determine your path post-graduation.

- **Allow yourself time to explore.** It is never too soon to gain insight into various industries. You may feel like while you are interning like you are not quite in the right field. Or, in contrast, you may feel like you are in the perfect place. Either way, that's OK. You have time now to understand what you do not want to do, so that you can navigate into what you do what to do.

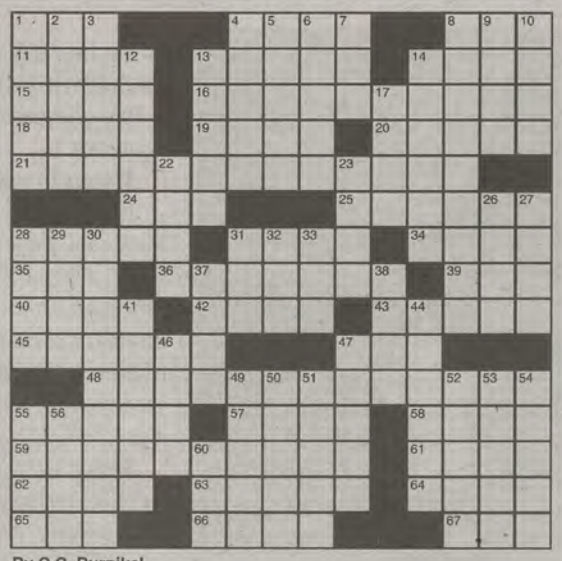
Though internships may grant you further insight into the industry, you want to be sure to take evaluative self-assessment test in Career Services. Test such as the FOCUS can help you learn more about your strengths, weaknesses and abilities in order to help you select the career path that's best for you.

Sign-up to take a self-assessment quiz in the Office of Career Services, located on the first floor of the Williams Center.

PUZZLES/COMICS

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis



By C.C. Burnikel

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13 Henchmen
14 Printing measure
15 Speech therapist's concern
16 Certain music teacher
18 Keen on
19 Je ne __ quoi
20 Freebies near the register
21 Outmoded street fixture
24 Play a good joke on
25 Moose feature
28 Word with tie or cord
31 It may be bleeped out
34 Write to a disk
35 News initials
36 Succulent part of a rack
39 Mario Brothers letters
40 "The Mod Squad" role
42 "Way to go!"
43 Insurance worker
45 Study intently
47 "The Simpsons" shopkeeper
48 International Tennis Hall of Famer who won consecutive US Opens in 1997 and 1998
55 __-load: prep for a marathon
57 Liposuction target
58 Overdue book penalty
59 Louisiana nickname
61 "Absolutely!"
62 Upbeat
63 Farm girls?
64 Telegram
65 Fleur-de-__
66 Cabled carrier
67 With "the," much-watched index, a different component of which is hidden in 16-, 21-, 36-, 48- and 59-Across

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10 Curmudgeonly cries
12 Cleaning aid
13 Best Buy buy
14 Shows the way
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23 "Good one!"
26 Square, moneywise
27 Sit for a spell
28 Juicer refuse
29 Mayberry boy
30 Napa equipment
31 Back-tied sash
32 "Breaking Bad" cable channel
33 Place to start a hole
37 Kind of verb: Abbr.
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47 Chain with Market Fresh sandwiches
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Last Edition's Puzzle Solved

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Sudoku

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Eagles look to advance versus Monarchs

Football (9-3)

BY TREVOR MCNABOE
The George-Anne staff

The saying "offense sells tickets, but defense wins championships" cannot be truer in the national quarterfinal matchup between Georgia Southern University and Old Dominion University.

In fact there is so much buzz about this matchup between the No. 4 ODU and No. 5 GSU that ESPN has decided to broadcast this game at noon this Saturday on their flagship station.

ODU is hosting this matchup at home in Norfolk, Va. where they have won the last three (6-1) including last weeks second round game against Coastal Carolina University by a score of 63-35.

GSU will make the nine-hour trip to take on ODU after defeating University of Central Arkansas 24-16 at home in a defensive struggle towards the end of the game.

Both teams played against each other in the 2011 second round of the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs with GSU winning at home by a tally of 55-48.

This year the Monarchs look to flip the script on the Eagles as they come in as the favorites and are led by sophomore quarterback Taylor Heinicke.

In last year's game Heinicke as a freshman performed well against GSU's defense throwing for almost 350 yards on the ground and five touchdowns.

Players to watch for on ODU

Sophomore quarterback Heinicke is a Walter Payton award finalist (best player at the FCS level), he has thrown for 4,655 yards and 41 touchdowns while adding 10 scores on the ground. Heinicke also broke the NCAA Division One record for most yards thrown for in a game (730).

Redshirt senior wide receiver Nick Mayers has been Heinicke's favorite target this season as he leads the team in catches (69), yards (1,083) and touchdowns (14). He is coming off a 103, one touchdown performance against CCU.

Players to watch for on GSU

Junior quarterback Jerick McKinnon is the team's leading rusher with 1,478 yards on the ground and 15 touchdowns. He also has 491 yards through the air and six touchdowns. McKinnon is also coming off of a 316 yard rushing performance in his last game.

Senior safety J.J. Wilcox has been a dynamic player returning kicks and also making plays on defense. He has tallied 79 tackles on the season and is coming off of a seven-tackle performance. Wilcox was also just invited to participate in the Senior Bowl.

Matchup to watch for

Both teams are high-powered offenses with ODU averaging 46 points per game, and GSU is averaging 34.5 points. ODU is a very pass heavy team averaging almost four hundred yards passing, while GSU is averaging 393 yards on the ground.

Lindsay Hartmann/The George-Anne

The Eagles prepare to storm the field prior to a game at Paulson Stadium. The black flag symbolizes the motto the team lives by on Saturdays: "No quarter given, no quarter taken."

Sports Talk

Round two goes to Monarchs

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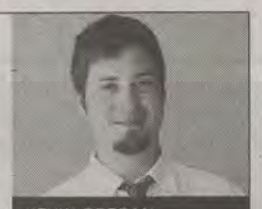

KEVIN GREGAN
FOOTBALL EDITOR

The Eagles are going into the game against Old Dominion University as underdogs, and unfortunately for Eagle Nation, there will be no championship parade in 2013.

Georgia Southern University will be headed to Norfolk, Va., the farthest the school has traveled this season.

While the Eagles beat the Monarchs last season in the playoffs, the Eagles had home field advantage last year, a luxury ODU will enjoy in the rematch.

The Monarchs are also fielding one of the most proficient passers in the Football Championship Subdivision this season. Taylor Heinicke has thrown for 4,655 yards this season, and he's close to the single-season record of 4,863 yards held by Steve McNair. He has also thrown 41 touchdowns and ran for 10.

The Eagle defense has struggled against the pass all year, giving up season-highs to the better receivers it has faced this year.

Last week the Eagles were helped by multiple drops from the Bear receivers, Heinicke will be more accurate.

GSU will play well on offense to keep it as a close game, but at the end of the day the Monarchs will make more plays than the GSU defense does, and the score will settle at 49-35.

GSU shines on the big stage

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TREVOR MCNABOE
FOOTBALL REPORTER

GSU, watch out. Your Eagles are going to be playing in front of the nation Saturday afternoon in what is going to be a barnburner.

Both teams played last year in the playoffs and put on an offensive showcase with GSU being the victor by a score of 55-48.

This year Old Dominion University is considered the favorite as they are led by sophomore quarterback Taylor Heinicke, a Walter Payton Award finalist.

Heinicke is just as good as advertised and plays well beyond his years at the QB position, posting over 4,000 yards this year and — wait for it — breaking the single-game NCAA Division I record for pass yards in a game with 730.

The Eagle secondary is going to have its hands full with Heinicke and the Monarch aerial assault that led ODU to an 11-1 record.

However, this will be the third straight game that GSU will take on a team that excels at the pass game. GSU could use this to its advantage as it has had almost a whole month of preparation in a pass-oriented offense.

I'm predicting that GSU wins this offensive showdown by a score of 42-38 and gets its chance to avenge last year's national semifinal loss to North Dakota State University.

Wilcox receives invitation to 2013 Senior Bowl

BY KEVIN GREGAN
The George-Anne staff

Senior safety JJ Wilcox will become the second football player to represent the Eagles in the Senior Bowl on Jan. 26, 2013.

The Senior Bowl will bring a collection of the country's top seniors to Mobile, Ala. where the players will look to improve their NFL draft value.

"It's just a blessing. I'm just glad to have a privilege to represent this university and this football team," Wilcox said.

Wilcox will be the second Eagle to ever play in the Senior Bowl. Adrian Peterson, the Georgia Southern University career-rushing leader, represented for the Eagles in 2002.

"I'm really proud of JJ to be honored with an invitation to the Senior Bowl," head coach Jeff Monken said. "I'm excited for him."

"It's a great showcase to be able to show off Georgia Southern to the nation," Wilcox said in a Georgia Southern Athletics news release. "It's a blessing. I was in the right spot at the right time. The coaches put me in a great position, and it's a blessing and a privilege just to be able to play."

During his career here at GSU, Wilcox had a variety of roles. During his first three years, Wilcox was an offensive player. He achieved 964 career rushing yards and scored 13 rushing touchdowns. He also has 898 career receiving yards and four touchdowns from the air.

In his senior campaign, Wilcox switched to defense and recorded the second highest total for tackles on the team with 79. Wilcox also had an interception.

Wilcox made the switch after coach Monken asked him to switch to safety before the season started, and he is glad he made the transition to defense, he said.

"It has been a challenge, but it seems to have paid off, and I'm glad I could help my team," Wilcox said.

Monken feels the switch to defense was good for JJ and his chances to be invited to the Senior Bowl, he said.

In addition to all of those accolades, Wilcox has been serving as the kick returner for the Eagles in 2012. Wilcox had 27 returns, which netted 711 yards, and his average of 26.3 yards per return led the Southern Conference.

Monken said, "He runs those kickoffs just like he did as an offensive player. He's aggressive and passionate about breaking tackles and trying to score every time he has the ball."

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Senior safety J.J. Wilcox (19) returns a kickoff vs App. State. He will appear in the Senior Bowl this year.

Winter Sports Schedules

Women's Basketball

Dec. 18	@ Stetson	1:00
Dec. 19	vs Bethune-Cookman	3:00
Dec. 21	@ Kennesaw State	7:00
Dec. 29	@ George Mason	3:00
Dec. 31	@ James Madison	2:00
Jan. 05	@ College of Charleston*	2:00
Jan. 07	**vs Western Carolina***	**2:00**
Jan. 09	**vs Furman***	**7:00**
Jan. 12	@ Chatanooga*	6:00

Men's Basketball

Dec. 17	@ Bradley	8:00
Dec. 22	vs Mississippi Valley State	3:00
Dec. 23	vs Cal. State Bakersfield or North Florida	3:00
Dec. 29	**vs Georgia State**	**3:00**
Jan. 02	@ UAB	8:00
Jan. 05	**vs North Carolina A&T**	**7:00**
Jan. 12	@ Wofford*	7:00

Swimming & Diving

Jan. 05	vs Liberty*	10:00
Jan. 12	**vs Darton College**	**12:00**

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Jan. 10-11	UAB Blazer Invitational	7:00

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Eagles to ball against Barons Saturday

Men's Basketball (2-5)

BY KATIE TOLBERT
The George-Anne contributor

Saturday, will be the last home game for the Georgia Southern University's men's basketball team (2-5) before winter break against Brewton-Parker College (1-9) at 7 p.m. in the Hanner Fieldhouse.

The Eagles are coming off of three straight losses, and two very close games at that. Although the Eagles have not been winning games recently, they have been improving every game and are continuing to gain a rhythm on the court.

The Barons, on the other hand, have been struggling almost the entire season. They are coming off of eight straight losses and haven't had a win since Nov. 3 against Martin Methodist College.

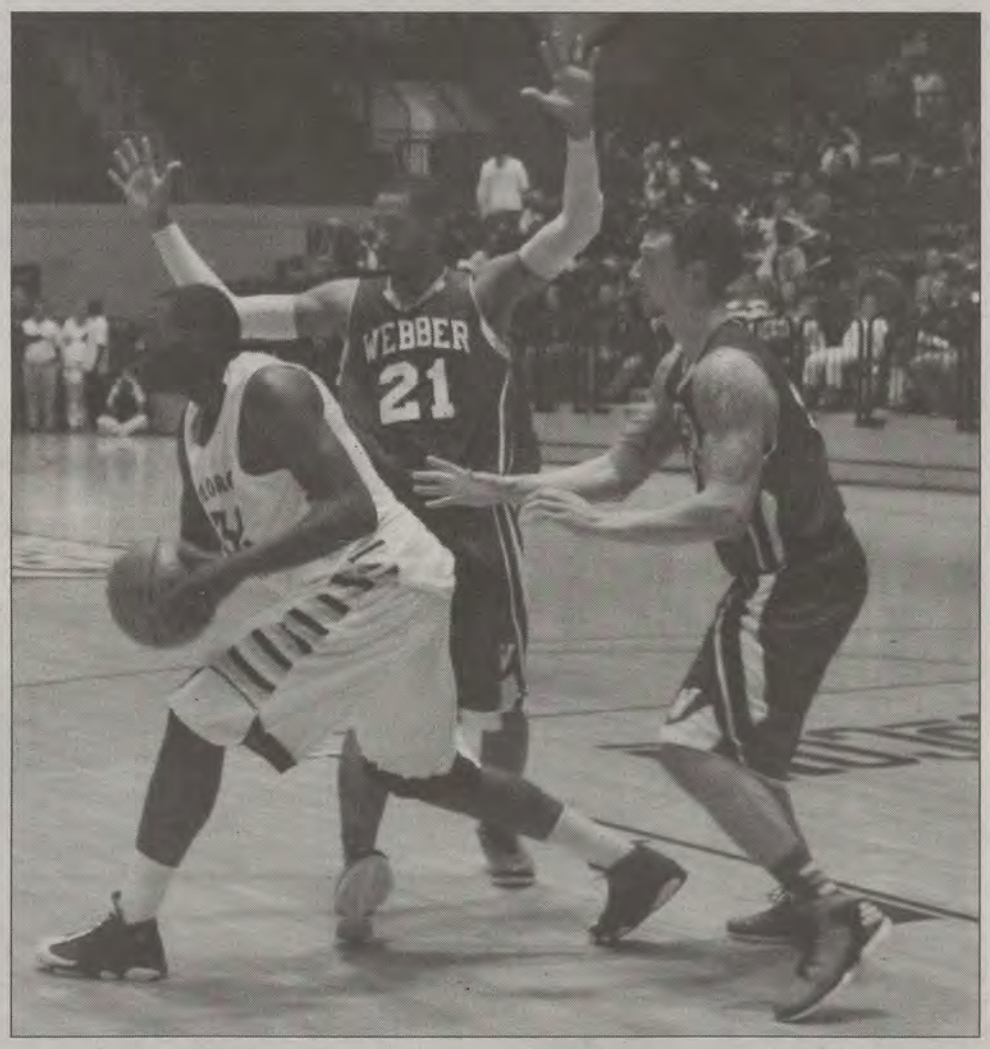
In this game, it could be a battle of which team gains the most points unless a team's defense really steps up. Leading the Eagles is junior forward Eric Ferguson with 108 points already this season, averaging 15.4 points a game. For the Barons, sophomore guard Warren LeBeauf is leading his team with 133 points, averaging 13.3 points a game.

Ferguson has been leading the Eagles in their offensive play, but the defense will need to really improve if they want to win. The Eagles' focus this game needs to be reducing the amount of turnovers, and especially the amount of points the opponent receives due to the turnovers made. BPC is very weak from behind the arc with a shooting percentage average of .264, so the Eagles need to defend the basket and push the Barons to shoot along the outside.

The Eagles have had a week off to gain back momentum and to really gain a team perspective on the way they have been playing the last few games. After the loss against Elon University, GSU fell into a bad slump on the court and really needed this week to find its flow again and start playing the way that will get it another conference championship.

This game will be the last home game for the Eagles until Dec. 29 when they will return home to play Georgia State University.

Over the winter break, GSU will be playing four games in the 2012 Continental Tire Las Vegas Classic against Virginia Tech University, Bradley University, Mississippi Valley State University and California State University at Bakersfield or North Florida University.



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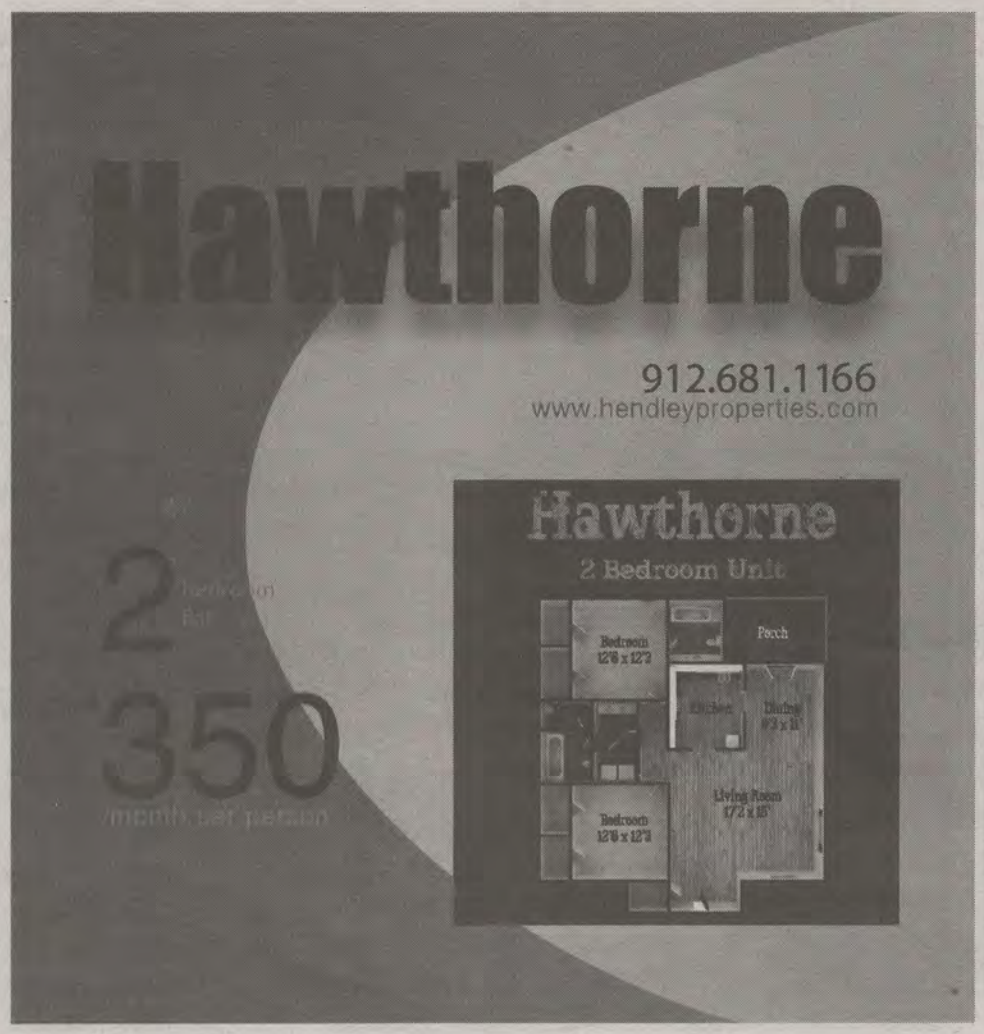
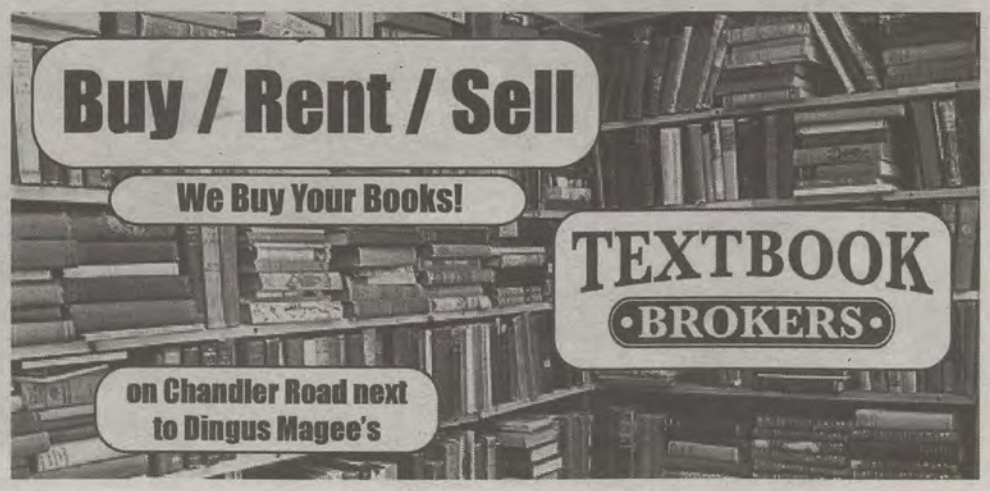
Senior forward Cameron Baskerville passes out of a Webber double team. GSU plays BPC Saturday.





New Eagles to soar in 2013

Men's Basketball (2-5)

BY SHAKEEM HOLLOWAY
The George-Anne contributor

With the addition of letter of intent signees Delano Spencer and Glen Pierre, Georgia Southern University's men's basketball team will add two stars for the recruiting class of 2013.

Spencer is a two-star shooting guard from Norcross, Ga. who averaged 17 points per game and 3.7 assists last season at Greater Atlanta Christian High School.

Pierre is a center out of Tampa, Fla. Pierre transferred to Oldsmar Christian High School after playing his first three years of high school basketball at East River High School in Orlando.

"These two guys are the start of a very good recruiting class," head coach Charlton Young said in a news release. "Both of these are championship people from very good families that can have very successful careers here at Georgia Southern."

Spencer is a combo guard standing at six feet three inches tall and a strong shooter from the perimeter. Spencer turned down offers from Auburn University, Furman University and St. Joseph's University to play at GSU.

"Delano brings a tremendous amount of versatility to our program," Young said in a news release.

Spencer was a dual-threat quarterback for GAC's football team and entered his senior season as a highly touted baseball prospect.

"He is a three-sport star and could have signed Division One in football, basketball or baseball. We're also excited about the success he's had at the national level. He's competed at the national level in AAU as well as high school basketball, and he has the chance to be very successful here at Georgia Southern," Young said in a news release.

Standing at six feet 11 inches tall, Pierre will bring shot blocking ability and rare size to GSU.

"Glen is the first true center that we've signed in over a decade at Georgia Southern," Young said in a news release. "We have not had that kind of size in the program and that kind of size that is skilled in a long time."

At 2-5, the Eagles are looking to turn the season around and will play Brewton-Parker College at Hanner Fieldhouse at 7 p.m. Saturday.

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