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Eagles witness history

Students take trip to the 57th inauguration

BY LAUREN GORLA
The George-Anne staff

President Barack Obama was sworn in for his second term yesterday as a group of Georgia Southern University students stood shoulder-to-shoulder with 800,000 other onlookers in 40-degree weather.

The students traveled as part of the Southern Leaders and Alternative Breaks programs to Washington, D.C. to watch the inauguration live and take part in service projects.

"It's a wonderful experience that we wouldn't have gotten otherwise. It has really opened my eyes to politics. Before this trip I was closed minded to political and poverty issues," Hannah Womack, sophomore biology major, said.

In his inauguration speech, President Barack Obama addressed the need for education reform and this idea in particular caught Womack's attention.

"One thing Obama said was that they want to reform education and make it more readily available no matter who you are and I think that education is a very important thing we need more of," Womack said.

Carrie West, sophomore early childhood education major, also went on the trip.

"The inauguration was a really awesome event to see. It was really amazing," West said.

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GSU to be household name

BY RANDALL HAMPTON
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University's new Athletic Director Thomas Kleinlein is on a mission to elevate GSU athletics to new heights in the national spotlight.

Although Kleinlein has only been a part of Eagle Nation for about a month, he clearly understands the vision President Brooks Keel has for GSU athletics.

"What we're trying to do here in our athletic department is bring as much national exposure as we can to the university, and we are going to do that through what we do on our fields, in our arenas, and at the events we play in," Kleinlein said.

Kleinlein wanted to be clear that he doesn't plan on putting the other sports at GSU on the back burner.

"I think when you look at an athletic department there are clearly leaders and drivers of an athletic department. Those are usually your higher profile, more revenue-generating sports, but those function in a way that their job is to drive the whole department and bring notoriety to everybody else and what they're doing," Kleinlein said.

The Eagles have officially passed the vote to support stepping up the competition to the Football Bowl Subdivision and Kleinlein knows the Eagle Nation can only benefit from the leap of faith.

"The movement that we're getting ready to start to try to push us towards FBS football is an important movement because it now puts our university on a different platform and puts us in a different light with some different people," Kleinlein said.

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Wednesday, Jan. 16

11:24 a.m.: A traffic stop was conducted on Maleki Drive and Akins Blvd. The driver, Mohamed Tariq O. Amoudi, 19, was arrested and charged with suspended registration and speeding.

1:03 p.m.: An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident – hit and run at the Russell Union parking lot. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.

1:48 p.m.: An incident report was taken for lost/mislaid property at the Math/Physics building.

4:05 p.m.: An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident on Olympic Blvd. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.

6:46 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft at the RAC. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

7:42 p.m.: An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident – hit and run in C-Lot. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.

11:07 p.m.: Officers responded to burglar alarm at the Carroll Building. Custodial staff accidentally activated the alarm.

Thursday, Jan. 17

3:48 a.m.: An incident report was taken for lost/mislaid property that possibly occurred at Centennial Place. The complainant that reported the incident was judicially referred for alcohol violations.

11:11 a.m.: Officers responded to the College of Business Administration for a sick person. EMS was notified, responded and transported the sick person.

12:43 p.m.: An incident report was taken for damage to property to three motor vehicles parked in Paulson Parking.

7:11 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at the Alpha Tau Omega house on Olympic Blvd. No one was in the house. Officers checked the house with no problems found.

10:07 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft at the RAC. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

Friday, Jan. 18

1:00 a.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft at the Henderson Library. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

1:16 a.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident – hit and run at University Villas. A motor vehicle accident report was completed.

1:36 a.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on Mike-Ann Drive. The driver, Amber Lynn Hoffman, 23, was arrested and charged with DUI and headlights required after dark.

3:56 a.m.: Officers responded to Southern Pines in reference to an unknown person sleeping on the couch. The unknown person was identified as Charles Allen, 18, and was arrested and charged with possession of alcohol under 21 years of age and fraudulent ID.

PHOTO CORRECTION

Lindsay Hartmann/The George-Anne

In Thursday, Jan. 17's edition, the story "111 South Underway" should have featured the photo above. The story misreported the location of 111 South; it is next to the BP on South Main Street. Construction began June 2012. Christian Flathman should have been identified as vice president of marketing and communications for GSU.

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Corrections

In Tuesday, Jan. 15's edition, Landrum and Lakeside's completion dates were misreported. They will open fall 2013. **Contact the editor at gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu for corrections and errors.**

Our View

SGA made good choice

At the Student Government Association's last meeting, the senators voted to replace the old busses with the new ones as they became available, rather than hold the new busses that Georgia Southern University purchased until after spring break and release them all at one time.

The first bus will arrive at the end of the month, and will be used to train new drivers. While SGA's decision will not be the final word on the issue, the Department of Parking and Transportation will take it into consideration.

SGA is to be commended for choosing this option. The overloaded bus routes have been a problem in recent semesters, and holding the buses until all are received would not have helped alleviate the transportation issues the university faces as much, and would have meant that students would have to continue to depend on the unreliable buses in the current fleet. The gradual increase in efficiency that the bus routes will display will be much appreciated by students who have no other option.

The Department of Parking and Transportation also deserves recognition. Instead of making the decision without any student input, the options were given to the student representative body. This is indicative of a respect and concern for the needs of the students. While the ultimate plan of implementation is up to Parking and Transportation, the fact that the student body's opinion on the matter was sought reflects well on the department.

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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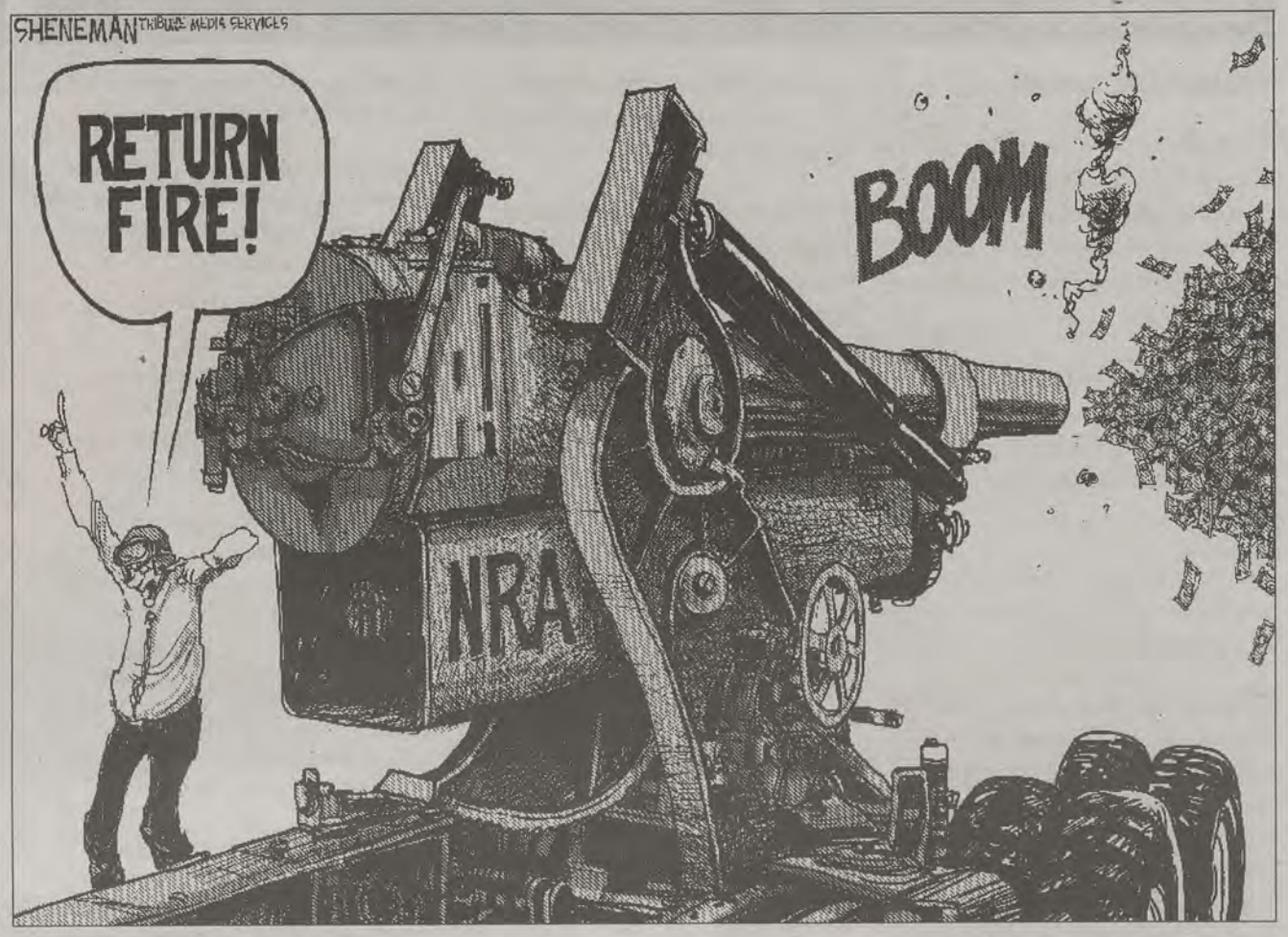

Four years later, Prez still human

ALEX THE PRETTY GOOD

ALEX LASALLE

Every four years on January 20, The United States of America inaugurates a new president. Crowds gather outside the US Capitol to watch the ceremonies in the cold January wind. There are parades, preachers, fine food and rousing speeches.

In 2009, Barack Obama was sworn in as 44th President of the United States, and the crowd there set a record attendance for any event held in Washington, D.C. Those who voted for him cheered and celebrated, optimistic about the next four years. Then, in an oddly symbolic breakdown in communication – one that reminds us that even our best leaders our still human – both Mr. Obama and Chief Justice John Roberts mucked up the official Oath of Office.

President Obama re-took the oath the next day just to be sure he still got to be president.

A comical goof that was no one person's fault seems to describe the breakdown in communication between our politicians for the past four years. Lots of arguing and name-calling have swirled around while citizens bear witness to few meaningful changes.

It also reminded America that the people we put in charge, the best of the best – I dare you to read that again and keep a straight face – are still human. Even a graduate of Columbia University and Harvard Law School, known for his stellar public speaking ability, can still mess up a simple oath. Everyone is still human.

What's even more impressive is that he did it twice. Sort of.

Since the addition of the Twentieth Amendment, the president has always taken the oath of office on the 20th day in January. However, when the 20th day falls on a Sunday, the public ceremonies take place on the 21st, the day after the official taking of the oath.

This past Monday, in front of a much smaller crowd in D.C., the President of the United States once again stuttered through a single sentence. He stumbled through "…the office of the President of the United States."

The President of the United States of America is still a human being. My guess is that his mind was on other matters. Maybe he was thinking of sneaking off to grab a cheeseburger while the First Lady wasn't looking. Maybe his nose itched. Remember that next time you get nervous about speaking in front of a classroom. Even the President could mess that up.

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Tough second term ahead

SCOTT MARKLEY

Yesterday, Barack Obama was sworn in to his second term as President of the United States, taking his oath with his hand on Abraham Lincoln's Bible as well as on Dr. Martin Luther King's Bible. There is obvious symbolism within this moment. If it was not for the accomplishments of these men, this moment would not have been possible, but that is not to say there is not progress to be made in regards to extending equality for all.

President Obama made that fact clear in his inaugural address, highlighting issues such as voter disenfranchisement, climate change and marriage equality. This inaugural address was, in fact, the first ever to emphasize the ongoing struggle for equality faced by the LGBT community. President Obama spoke these powerful words: "Our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law – for if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal as well."

To many, Barack Obama's re-election may have come as a shock, since in the echo chambers of Fox News and talk radio he has probably been one of the most slandered leaders in American history. But outside the "asylum," as Jon Stewart calls it, Obama's popularity is really quite impressive by historical standards. He is the first president since Dwight Eisenhower to win more than 51 percent of the popular vote in two consecutive elections, and Democrats increased their seats in the Senate and the House while actually earning 1.4 million more votes in the House than the Republican majority.

But even though the nation as a whole is behind the president, there will be some major challenges this term. The first will be to make progress in reducing gun violence. Furthermore, it will become imperative for this economy for the president to avoid the Republican determination for austerity, which has proved disastrous for European countries this recession. Later on down the road, probably this year, we will see efforts towards immigration reform, marriage equality, investments in sustainability and perhaps the decriminalization or even legalization of marijuana.

Markley is a senior geography major from Marietta.

New gun laws ineffective

BLAIR MUTIMER

In response to the tragedy at Sandy Hook elementary school, many Democrats have urged stricter gun laws to be put in place. After weeks of deliberation between a task force including Vice President Biden and officials from the National Rifle Association, President Obama announced the new legislation that will be put before Congress.

Two main points in the president's proposal were to, firstly, reinstate the "assault weapons" ban from 1994 and, secondly, to limit the firearm magazines to only 10 rounds or fewer. I'm just going to go ahead and directly say that if these are passed into law, then they will be prime examples of a useless law.

Breaking it down each point separately, let's start with this "assault weapon" ban. I put that in quotation marks because what the president fails to realize is that rifles such as the AR-15 are not actual assault weapons. An assault rifle is a rifle that, when the trigger is held down, will fire multiple rounds simultaneously. The AR-15--which will be outlawed if legislation passes--is no different than a ranch or hunting rifle except for its military style looks. It is a semi-automatic rifle. So the government is calling these guns assault weapons based solely on the aesthetics.

With regards to the magazine limitations, the number of bullets that you put into a gun is arbitrary. I realize that officials want to do all they can to prevent another tragedy like what happened in Colorado, but limiting magazines to 10 rounds will not have any positive affect. The shooting at Virginia Tech is the perfect example of this. The shooter carried 19 magazines that carried between 10 and 15 rounds each in his backpack in that carefully planned massacre. If a criminal wants to harm people then he will. If you limit the number of bullets a magazine will hold, then criminal will simply carry more magazines.

This legislation is virtually useless with how little it will do to prevent the tragedies that were the basis for the debate. That being said, a huge reason of why I oppose gun control is not because of the guns; it's the control. As a law-abiding citizen, I feel like the government has no business telling me what I can and cannot own when it comes to firearms.

Mutimer is a senior construction management major from Augusta.

Proposed gun control laws merit discussion

WILLIAM BRYAN

The gun control debate has gotten seriously out of control recently. See Piers Morgan and Alex Jones, if you don't believe me. Let me make one thing very clear; no one is going to, or even wants to attempt to take your guns away from you-- yes, including Obama.

The United States, with about 5 percent of the world's population, has a third of the world's guns. In terms of homicides per capita involving a gun, we have roughly 2.97 deaths per 10,000 compared to Japan with .02 and England with .12. We rank as the ninth most violent country in the world according to that metric, the only advanced country at the top of the list. Yet after the brutal massacres we've witnessed this past year, the NRA and many conservatives still hold on to the very false notion that more guns will lead to a safer society.

That is obviously not true, but at the same time we have close to 300 million guns floating around this country. The only viable option that lawmakers have to curb some of the violence is to take steps to make the gun culture safer, rather than fight gun ownership. When drunk driving became a problem, of course we didn't tell people to stop driving. But we did require all cars to have seatbelts and that people wear them, the punishment for drunk driving became harsher, legal intoxication limits were lowered and the government-sponsored education programs aimed at young drivers. The result was a huge reduction in number of drunk drivers over a 30-year period.

Of the proposed ideas for curbing gun violence, none are very radical at all. Banning military style weapons for ordinary citizens is probably the most controversial, but the others should be seen as completely reasonable. Some of these measures include a ban on large magazines, criminal background checks, eliminating armor piercing bullets, providing mental health services in schools and allocating funds for more police officers.

The NRA, the most powerful lobbying organization in the world, doesn't see the need to implement any kind of new gun control measures at all. It is spending millions to maintain the status quo and the debate is becoming more polarized by the day. We aren't going to end gun violence, but it asking too much to at least have these options considered?

Bryan is a senior economics major from Fayetteville, Ga.

Blue Goose

Ain't nobody got cash for that

CARME DIEM

GIANNA CARME
MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Breaking news: The Blue Goose has entered the 21st century and now accepts debit and credit cards.

If you're under a rock and don't know what the Blue Goose is, it's a $4 ride to and/or from your party destination that's filled with music and awkward run-ins -- the good kind, of course. Once upon a time, people had to annoy and beg others for some cash to ride the Goose. Those days are long gone.

This minor change has the potential to forever transform the dynamics of Statesboro nightlife. No longer does the worry of running out of cash at the bar detriment your way home. No longer will anyone forget to pay their tabs and end up on GSU Problems. And most importantly, no longer will you ever have an excuse to drink and drive.

So, you're too cheap to spare the $4 for a ride home? Well, you probably shouldn't be going out anyway. Plus, the sober friend you woke up from REM sleep isn't going to be too happy. Is that really worth the free ride?

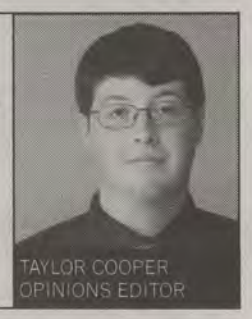
Additionally, a taxi ride is an expensive snooze fest and a bail bond is a lot more than $4.

I'm not endorsing the Blue Goose, but I am endorsing common sense. So, enjoy your nights out and spend all the cash you have knowing that plastic is your golden ticket home.

Carme is a senior communication arts major from Cumming.

Soak up some sun

THE COOP SCOOP



TAYLOR COOPER
OPINIONS EDITOR

The Great Outdoors, a place that our fathers and grandfathers were familiar with. As our civilization has advanced, we have found things that are more enjoyable than our natural surroundings.

I suggest that everyone devote more time to enjoying the natural world. Leave the comforts of home for a weekend and experience what's out there. Our modern conveniences have almost done away with the desire to see and hear what's around us. Why expend energy doing it in person when you have a computer?

I am by no means vilifying the fruits of our species' labor. We are part of the most advanced society in recorded history, and to shun the technological marvels of the modern age would be a crime. And I don't think I could go back to life without the Internet. However, it is healthy to get outside and away from the enclosed spaces and electric lights that we spend most of our time around.

People are beginning to manipulate modern technology at earlier and earlier ages, leading to a greater desire to spend time with it than outside. A recent survey has determined that roughly half of American preschool-aged children do not go outside daily. This may not seem like a big deal, but good early human development requires sunlight and exercise. Children who spend a day or more inside per week will not develop as well as children who play outside every day. Regular exposure to sunlight has proven to increase testosterone levels in young males.

It's easy to get started planning regular outings. Georgia is one of the most geographically varied states in the Union. You've got beaches, marshes, swamps, foothills, mountains, forests, caves, and a canyon. The Golden Isles have great places to hike, canoe/kayak, swim and camp. Stone Mountain, Brasstown Bald, and Providence Canyon are places that everyone should see and have beautiful scenic hiking trails. All I can do is recommend places. You have to take the initiative and take the time to enjoy these natural attractions.

Cooper is a junior journalism major from Rincon

Letters to the Editor

Professors should use Folio

Dear Editor,

A trend that I have noticed recently at Georgia Southern is that professors are taking their teaching to online resources other than Folio. Of course, the usual response as to why we are migrating to a new system is that they are "trying to minimize the amount of websites we as students, have to use."

I just want to point out that if every professor decides to use their own website to teach lectures or labs outside of class, then depending on an individual's class schedule, one student may have to utilize anywhere from 4 to 8 different online programs daily, completely defeating the "minimizing" purpose. Furthermore, the university has dedicated a great deal of thought and time into contracting Folio, and please keep in mind that the University keeps the students within their best interest, and that this new system is just as good, if not better than, GaView.

This then brings me to my third point. Many students may not be aware of this, but we are already paying for Folio in our student fees and in addition, most of the outside online programs that professors are implementing charge extra fees as well. I am sure that I can speak for the whole student population when I say that all of these extra charges began to add up.

I personally like the new Folio system, and I would advise professors to make use of the online system provided for them instead of referring to other outside options.

Becca Hotard
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MMC and journalism majors set to merge

BY TAYLER CRITCHLOW
The George-Anne staff

The Communication Arts Department will merge the multimedia communications program and the journalism program beginning fall 2013.

"It's basically going to reflect trends going on in discipline," Dr. Curtis Ricker, interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, said. "If we look at media, it used to be very standard that the bulk of your dissemination of material news was print in newspapers, and that was the source that people relied on, supplemented by radio and then television, and television became the dominant force."

The department made the change in order for graduates to do jobs in various fields so that they are not as limited, Dr. Reed Smith, a professor in the Communication Arts Department, said.

"The change is being phased in already beginning with this semester, and the process is being approved by the University Curriculum Board. We are certain of the approval and have already combined some classes, but the name won't change until fall 2013," Reed said.

The multimedia communications program was formerly separated into three parts: Information, production and film. The journalism program covered newspapers and magazines as a completely separate degree.

The four program degrees will now merge into two programs.

One program that will be created from the merge is multimedia journalism, which will include reporting and news writing, as well as editing. This major will also educate students on using digital cameras and video cameras and how to shoot and edit film.

The second program will be a combination of multimedia production and film, which will prepare students to be producers, editors and film shooters.

Jose Gil/The George-Anne

As journalism has evolved in the recent years, a merge of the majors could help prepare students for their future careers.

"The faculty did an extensive review of the curriculum and the major and the requirements, and so it's an outgrowth and continuation of that. It's also a recognition that the distinct boundaries are no longer so distinct between the disciplines," Ricker said.

Students who are more advanced in their majors will have a choice about which degree they want to keep working toward.

The juniors and seniors in the current programs will be allowed to choose to either remain in their current programs or switch into one of the new programs without having to start everything over, Reed said.

"It won't cost extra time or money," Reed said.

Students set to graduate in spring 2013 will see no change or affects.

Ricker said, "We do try to accommodate, and [ensure] that students who are already in progress are not negatively affected. We want to make sure graduates are competitive and extraordinary when they enter the workplace."

Schools advise early application for FAFSA

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY PRESSROOM

SACRAMENTO, Calif-- Students seeking to cut college costs by applying for financial aid should act fast. While states and colleges urge students to prepare a federal student aid application (FAFSA) early, this year seven states are cautioning students to prepare 'as close to January 1st as possible' because aid funds may be depleted faster than in previous years.

While financial aid is largely awarded on a first come, first served basis, the states of Illinois, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont and Washington are telling students that aid – especially need-based grants – will go quickly because state funds are limited because of the economic recession of the past three years.

State grant aid for undergraduate students has dropped about 2 percent from five years ago, according to the National Association of State Student Grant Aid Administrators. The downward trend is expected to continue.

"Speed and accuracy are essential when preparing a FAFSA," said Brad Baker, president of Student Financial Aid Services, Inc., which has prepared FAFSAs for more than one million students.

"More students – especially first-time FAFSA applicants – are seeking professional assistance to deal with the form's complexity and to beat state and college deadlines. The aid process is competitive and it pays to submit early."

Other states with early deadlines are Oregon Feb. 1st, Connecticut Feb. 15th; Rhode Island, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Oklahoma, West Virginia and Idaho March 1st; and California March 2nd. Besides state deadlines, students also must have their FAFSAs processed before the deadlines at each college they have applied to.

Students complete the FAFSA on the U.S. Department of Education's website at no cost, or trust a professional, fee-based FAFSA preparation for assistance, just like getting help with income taxes. Using a professional, fee-based service can help students prepare their aid application on time and accurately.

Extended Hours Help Students Beat Deadlines

"One advantage of our service is we prioritize FAFSA applications by state and college deadlines to assure students who are up against a deadline receive attention immediately," Baker said.

Student Financial Aid Services provides telephone consultations Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Eastern Time and extends its hours on weekends and on major deadline days to ensure its clients' FAFSAs are filed on time.

Financial aid, available to nearly all students regardless of income, can cut students' out-of-pocket college costs and post-graduation debt, which averages approx. $26,600 for undergraduates. Undergraduates on average secured $13,218 in aid last year, including free grants, federal education loans, and work-study.

Accuracy is important because FAFSA errors can reduce aid awards.

Here are a few tips from Student Financial Aid Services' FAFSA experts:

Understand college costs before you apply.

Before applying to colleges, students can get an estimate of what financial aid they may be eligible for and net price (sticker price minus free grants) by using colleges' net price calculators.

Everyone is encouraged to apply.

Nearly everyone qualifies for some type of financial aid. Preparing a FAFSA is the recommended first step in understanding a student's options for financing a college education.

A tax return is NOT required.

Because most state and many college FAFSA deadlines come before the April 15th income tax deadline, the aid application may be completed using estimated income information if a tax return has not been filed. There is no penalty for estimating income, it is actually recommended so that deadlines aren't missed. Students can easily make any necessary adjustments once their (or their parents') income tax filing is completed.

Understanding dependency is important.

FAFSA questions about dependency are often a source of confusion and mistakes. Even if a student lives on their own and parents provide no financial support, many students are still considered as dependents for financial aid purposes, which require parents' financial information to be submitted on the FAFSA. Exceptions are rare and only in extreme cases.

Re-election prompts faculty discussion

BY LAUREN GORLA
The George-Anne staff

Yesterday's inauguration of President Barack Obama prompted people across the country to discuss their views of the nation's political climate.

Georgia Southern University political science professor Dr. Karen McCurdy weighed in, discussing her view on the president's reelection.

"I think what we will see in the second term is that the president has figured out many more of the powers of the presidency and so he may be able to better use the institution to nudge the congress to find compromises," McCurdy said.

The president will really be limited on what he can do because of the issues in Congress, where the House of Representatives is held by Republicans and the Senate is held by Democrats, McCurdy said.

"What the next three months will give us an indication of is how well the president and his team have learned the tools that are available to them in the White House," McCurdy said.

"No single person can train all the math and science teachers we'll need to equip our children for the future, or build the roads and networks and research labs that will bring new jobs and businesses to our shores. Now, more than ever, we must do these things together, as one nation, and one people," Obama said.

The official inauguration, which is normally held on Jan. 20, was moved because the day fell on a Sunday.

Obama spoke on the issues of education, the war in the Middle East, climate change, spreading democracy and even gay rights — the first time a president has addressed the issue in an inauguration speech.

"We must harness new ideas and technology to remake our government, revamp our tax code, reform our schools, and empower our citizens with the skills they need to work harder, learn more, and reach higher," Obama said.

"We will defend our people and uphold our values through strength of arms and rule of law. We will show the courage to try and resolve our differences with other nations peacefully — not because we are naïve about the dangers we face, but because engagement can more durably lift suspicion and fear," Obama said.

During his campaign, Obama spent much of his time speaking to young adults and was successful in gaining their votes because of relatable issues in his own life, McCurdy said.

"From my standpoint, this is the first time in my lifetime that there seems to be a president who spent more time talking to people in their 20's during the campaign. This president is the first president (to my knowledge) who had student loans, which is something that all of us have to deal with," McCurdy said.

Obama addressed the current generation in his inauguration speech, calling them to carry out the words of the Declaration of Independence.

Obama said, "That is our generation's task — to make these words, these rights, these values — of life, and liberty, and the pursuit of happiness — real for every American."

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West also agreed with Obama's statements about education, and said that there needs to be radical change in the education system and because there's such a correlation between poverty and education, citizens of America need to eliminate poverty as much as possible.

As part of the trip that was separate from the inauguration, the students went to the Presidential National Day of Service on Saturday morning, where many non-profit organizations gave out information on what their group does.

People like Eva Longoria and Chelsea Clinton spoke and there were also musical performances, Womack said.

Sunday morning, the students served at a soup kitchen giving out lunch to the homeless in the city.

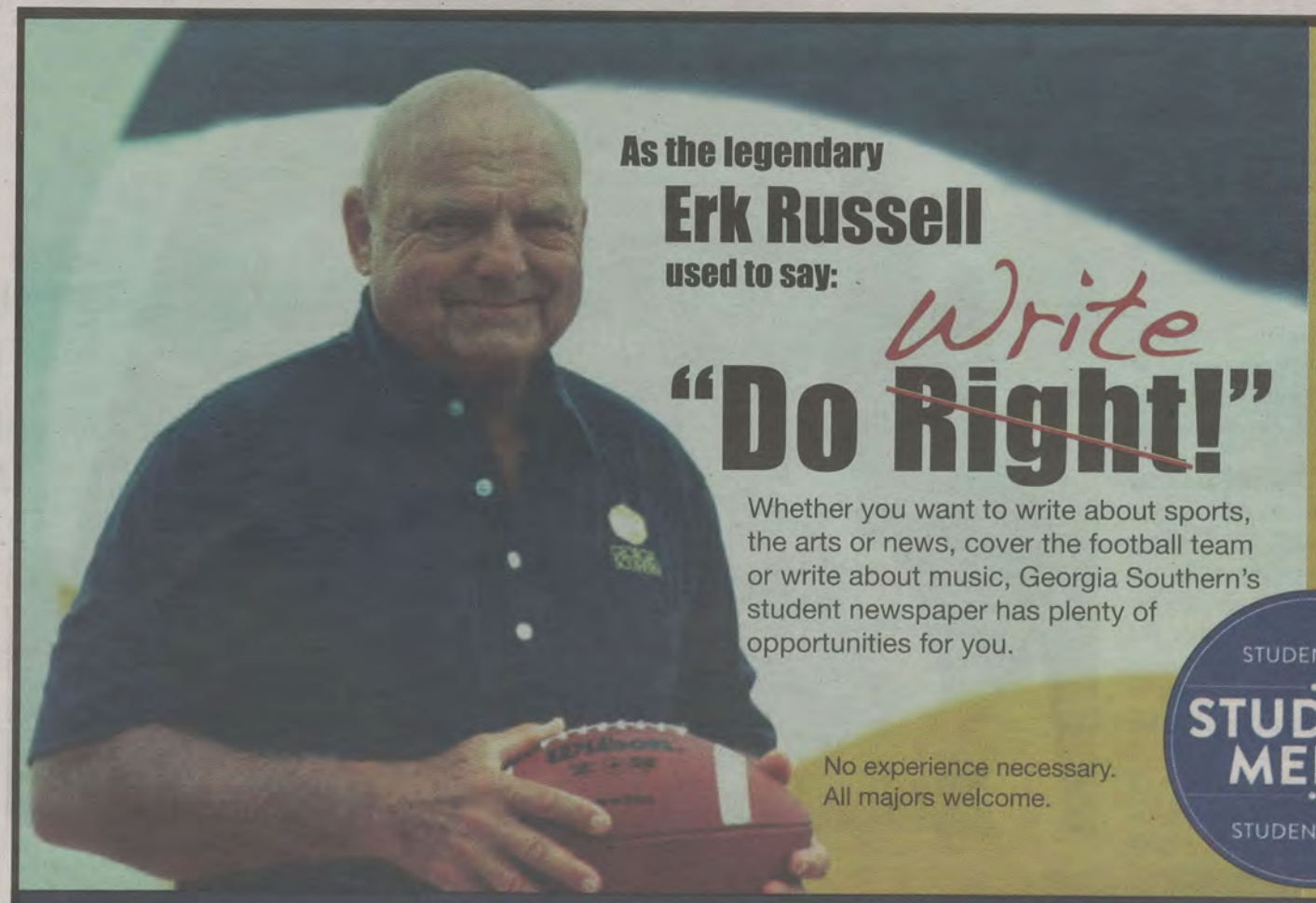
"It was definitely a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, so I'm very grateful," Womack said.

West said, "I've learned a lot about politics and it's really gotten me interested in public policy, specifically education."

New CVS opens its doors to the public

Lindsay Hartmann/The George-Anne

CVS Pharmacy opened a new location in Statesboro with a grand opening Sunday. CVS employees declined to comment and would not allow a photographer inside the store to take pictures. Corporate offices could not be reached for comment by press time.



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FROM STATESBORO TO SKYSCRAPERS

Student gives fashion advice for internships

BY LINDSEY MCCORMICK
The George-Anne staff

A Georgia peach will soon dress the part in the Big Apple as Georgia Southern University student Shannin Wright embarks on her internship at "Redbook" magazine in New York City.

Wright, a senior English major, has always been interested in fashion, and she is looking forward to dressing up for her internship in clothes that she may not have been able to wear in the Statesboro heat.

"Here, I wear jeans and T-shirts a lot because I have to go to class and it's hot. I don't want to mess up my cute outfits when walking around campus all day. Now I get to ride a train to my job and it will be a lot cooler."

Two weeks ago, Wright applied to the internship at "Redbook," a fashion-based magazine for mature women, and no more than five days later she became the new fashion intern there, she said.

"I think I applied for it the Wednesday before school started back up, and I heard back from them within the hour. My parents were really excited and they drove me up there that Saturday. My interview was on Monday and I got the job," said Wright.

"I have always seen 'Redbook' as being like 'Seventeen' magazine for women who have outgrown 'Seventeen,'" says Wright.

Researching fashion and studying the history behind clothing were two things that the fashion department at GSU helped her realize she loved doing, she said.

"The department of fashion really helped prepare me for this internship by teaching me how to forecast trends and to know what types of things go with what," says Wright.

Wright offered some fashion advice to fellow students who are seeking internships.

She said to dress toward the field that you are in but not to lose your personal style. She highlighted keeping personal touches, but aligning yourself with where you want to go and how you want to be seen.

"If I had to work in a law firm, I would probably be wearing a suit everyday but I would still wear funky earrings all the time," says Wright.

Wright will be in charge of the overall maintenance of the fashion closet at "Redbook." Pulling samples for photo shoots or the fashion boards and organizing the closet will be a normal day, she said.

Wright said that she wants to show off her personal style at her new job in the big city.

Wright said, "I want to look really, really cute for my first day. I will probably wear a funky dress, a leather jacket, riding boots, and of course tights because it is going to be freezing."

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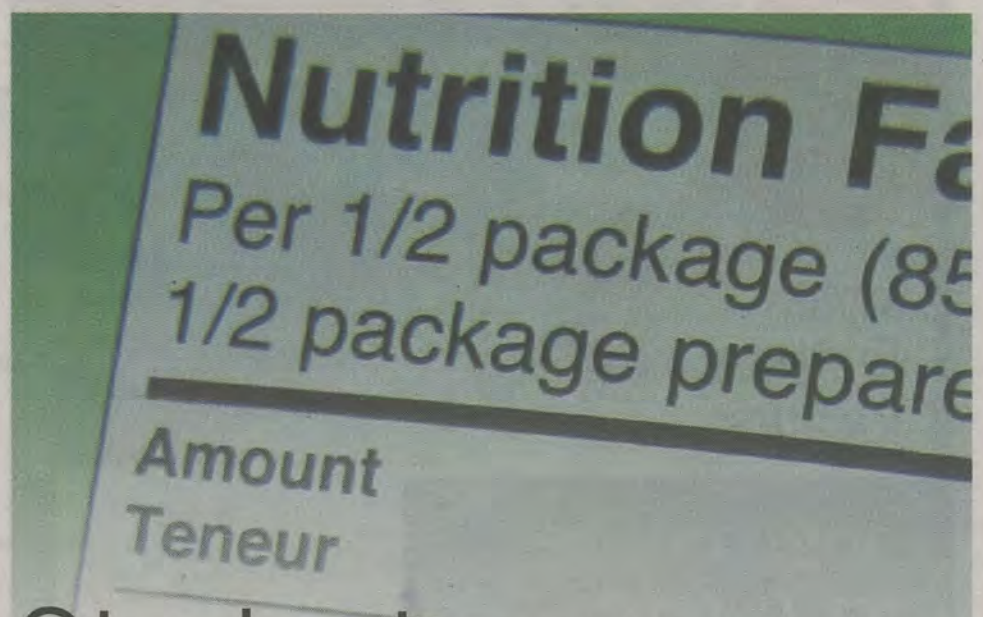
Shannin Wright, senior english major, left for NYC Monday morning to start her internship at "Redbook" magazine.



Students serve up healthy education

BY GRACE HUSETH
The George-Anne staff

"Healthy habits start young" is an idea embraced by the Student Dietetic Association as it began teaching lessons in healthy eating to local schools this semester.

Students in the nutrition program and members from SDA began teaching high school and middle school students at Charter Conservatory for Liberal Arts and Technology for the first time this semester. Becky Larson, clinical instructor of nutrition and food science, initiated this program and extended the opportunity to teach nutrition to students in her classroom.

SDA Vice President Morgan Schaack, junior nutrition and food science major, said that the members create daily lesson plans at CCAT about food, cooking and other healthy lifestyle choices.

"Every day has a topic, so for example, this past week my topic was to teach students to read nutrition labels," Schaack said.

Larson said that student teaching is a great learning experience because the university students can practice promoting wholesome eating while CCAT students get further health education.

"CCAT doesn't offer nutrition classes, and health classes only spend about five hours teaching nutrition related material," Larson said.

"Not only do we teach, but we talk about their lives and have a dialogue between us. We are learning from them as well," said Schaack.

Augie Watson, SDA President and junior nutrition and food science major, said SDA will begin another school mentoring program later in the semester with the Biology Club at Sally Zetterower Elementary School.

"We will be working with the Biology Club to set up a garden. For the first four weeks the Biology Club teaches them the functions of plants. Then we come in and teach them for four weeks all about the nutrition aspects of it," Watson said.

The weeks of teaching and growing will culminate in a hands-on cooking event at Honey Bowen Building where the kids will be allowed to cook what they grew, Watson said.

"This is important because it teaches the children how to incorporate the plants and vegetables into their family meals. They are painting a picture of what they grew this whole time," Schaack said.

SDA is just as active on campus as it is in the community. SDA has about 60 active members and partner with the Campus Farmer's Market, Garden Club, and will be working with the LiveWell Fair in February, Watson said.

Schaack said, "I've always believed that whenever people come together, they are learning from one another. You are finding out what they want to do in the field, so we can learn from them and try to help them, and weaving it and figure out someone's niche."

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Averitt brings pop culture with 1950's musical show

BY LAURIANNA CULL
The George-Anne staff

"The Marvelous Wonderettes" will bring 1950's pop culture to The Averitt Center for the Arts on Thursday Jan. 24th at 7:30pm.

Ticket prices are $10 for children, $20 for adults and $23 for box seats and the theater expects seats to sell out quickly.

"'Wonderettes' is going to be a big hit for us. We're expecting a sold out show," box office manager J.D. Lane said.

Many have already visited the Averitt to purchase their tickets ahead of time, and the box office manager expects that the show will sell the last seat by tomorrow.

"The Marvelous Wonderettes" production begins its story with four young girls at their senior prom and follows them through their high school reunion with singing and dancing, but they face a few hiccups along the way.

The show consists of classics such as "Lollipop," "Mr. Sandman," "Stupid Cupid," "Heatwave," "It's My Party" and "Respect."

In Act 1, the show takes the audience back in time to 1958 during the Springfield High School prom where the Wonderettes take the stage as the headlining act for their fellow seniors.

Not only are the Wonderette girls the entertainment for the evening, but they are also the prom queen nominees who demonstrate their individual skills in a comical talent show before the final voting for queen commences.

In Act 2, the Wonderettes find themselves at their 10-year reunion, performing once again for their peers, where a great deal has changed since their last encounter at prom.

Students who are familiar with the 1950's and its music will also enjoy this musical.

"I love listening to the oldies, and I actually know a lot of the songs in the show which is pretty great. I love that kind of stuff and it sounds like a good show to me," freshman history major Aubrie Harris said.

Freshman international studies major Chase Kerrins said, "I've performed at the Averitt before, and they always put on great shows. I know this one is going to be amazing."

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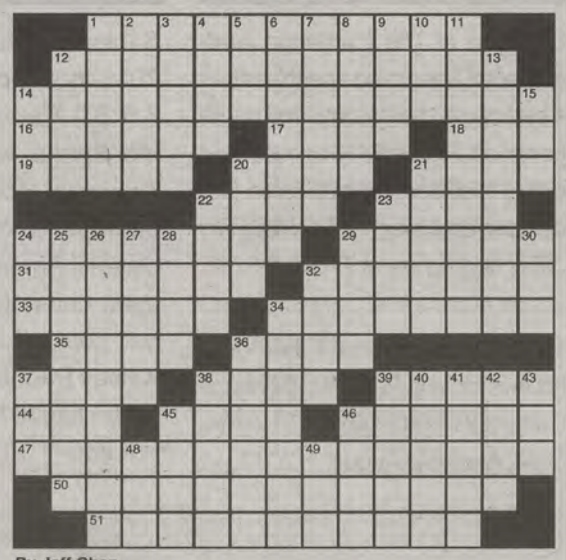

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1 Bout with padded weapons
12 Source of a large reserve supply
14 Period, say
16 Score direction: Abbr.
17 Gull-like bird
18 Pearl City punch bowl serving
19 "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" composer
20 Some shooters, briefly
21 Go on (one's way)
22 Certain hustler's tools
23 Setting for Ariadne
24 Observation after "Clean your room!"
29 Pea family trees
31 Student's supper spot
32 "Oh no!" from Poirot
33 Showed contempt for
34 Where Daniel was incarcerated
35 Sellout signs
36 President under whom Texas was annexed
37 "__ be in England ...": Browning
38 Goggle
39 Fragment
44 Co-star with Betty, Rue and Estelle
45 Bartlett relative
46 Whistled at, perhaps
47 Tavern order
50 Characterized by extremes
51 Hybrid sport with seemingly incompatible components

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1 __ hose
2 "Txtng & Drivng ... __ Wait": AT&T ad tagline
3 BP unit
4 Hard to look at, in a way
5 Words with diet or dime
6 Turkey features
7 Circulars
8 Sikorsky and Stravinsky
9 '50s-'60s title detective whose show's theme was composed by Mancini
10 Breakfast choice
11 Figure with two legs askew
12 Matin preceder
13 Queen's mate
14 Button on older phones
15 Razz
20 Figure (out), in slang
21 Districts
22 Lincoln's place?
23 Author of the novel "Doctor Faustus"
24 Suffix with robot
25 Of the best quality
26 "Everyone's a comedian"
27 Kid's retort
28 Extinct kiwi relatives
29 One who's at home on the range?
30 Nearest star to Pluto
32 Take advantage of
34 Like the Atkins diet
36 Leisurely walks
37 "Memoirs of a Geisha" prop
38 State runners: Abbr.
39 Highly seasoned pheasant stew
40 Used for cover
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43 34th pres.
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By Jeff Chen

Last Edition's Puzzle Solved

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Last-second three leads to Eagle victory

Womens Basketball (3-13)

BY RANDALL HAMPTON
The George-Anne staff

Tasha Lund/The George-Anne

Sophomore guard Anna Claire Knight scored the game-winning three-point shot for the Eagles in Sunday's game against Wofford. The Eagles look to continue winning with Saturday's game against UNCG.

The crowd went crazy as sophomore guard Anna Claire Knight's jumper tickled the twine giving the Georgia Southern University women's basketball team a 61-58 victory over the Wofford College Terriers.

Knight shrugged off the pressure and drilled a three from the left wing as two defenders closed in on her. She finished the game with 16 points, none more clutch than her final three.

Knight will get the glory, but the unsung hero in the final moments of the game was junior forward Aishya Wofford. Her solid screen allowed Knight to line the shot up and let it go.

"It feels really good. We needed that win. All credit goes to Aishya on that screen. She got me wide open and I just knocked it down," Knight said.

GSU was finally able to put it together as a team for 40 minutes and that effort was reflected in the box score. Three Eagles scored in double figures and junior guard Jordi Cook added nine points on 3-4 shooting from beyond the arc.

"Every day in practice we work on drive and kick to shooters. Our drivers were driving the lanes tonight and getting it to open shooters. We were making extra passes and knocking down shots," Cook said.

GSU's victory was not without cost as senior guard Meredyth Frye went down late in the second half with an ankle injury. She was not able to put weight on the ankle and had to be helped off the court.

If her injury did not suck all of the air out of Hanner Fieldhouse, then junior guard Mimi DuBose going down with a leg injury a few plays later did. Fortunately for the Eagles, the team's leading scorer was able to return.

"It's a battle for 40 minutes. Every time you get hit you're hitting the floor hard, but everybody that came in after I went down and Meredyth went down stepped up and played great. That's what we needed tonight," DuBose said.

If GSU is going to win consecutive games for the first time this season the team will need its most versatile player going forward. This is a fact not lost on head coach Chris Vozab.

"We're gonna talk with our athletic trainer and do everything we can to get her back as soon as possible. Meredyth was doing a great job for us. She is a big reason we had the lead that we did at that point in the game," Vozab said.

The Eagles will try to push their record to 4-14 with a road win against the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Frye's status for the game is uncertain, but Vozab remains optimistic.

Vozab said, "She was really playing with a lot of rhythm and a lot of confidence. She works really hard with her rehab and I know as soon as she is able to be back, she'll be back."

Eagles fall to Bulldogs at home

Men's basketball (8-11)

BY KATIE TOLBERT
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University's men's basketball team went 2-1 this week, defeating Davidson University 70-57 and College of Charleston 51-47, but losing to The Citadel 70-55.

"The biggest thing is one game at a time. We've handled adversity well all year long. This definitely is adversity, and everybody thought we were dead before and we came out and threw two big haymakers. This is a long, hard conference race, and we are going to take it one game at a time. I think our guys believe in each other and I feel like we got to get on the road to get this one back," head coach Charlton Young said.

On Monday, the Eagles started on a high note when junior forward Eric Ferguson was recognized for 1,000 career points. GSU had the lead over the Davidson Wildcats, starting the game with a 6-0 run and, in the first half, shot 53.8 percent from the field and 57.1 percent from behind the arc.

The momentum from the first half went on to the second, when the Eagles went on a 15-4 run leading up to Ferguson and junior forward Marvin Baynham having slam dunks that made the crowd stand on its feet.

"I know every time I dunk it the crowd is going to be behind us, so they give us a lot of energy. The more we run and the more we play up and down the floor and get the crowd involved it's a good situation for us and for the fans to have entertainment," Ferguson said.

"It was a great crowd tonight. I want to thank Statesboro," Young said Monday.

Thursday's game against CofC was neck and neck, but, in the end, the Eagles pulled out the upset over the Cougars. Both of the teams struggled in the first half to get their offenses going, but the Eagles went on a 9-1 run to start the second half and took the lead from the Cougars.

GSU got through this victory with the chemistry it showed during this match up. Three times during this game, senior guard C.J. Reed connected with Ferguson for an alley-oop and in the second half the Eagles doubled their first half points in ten minutes.

"Being the senior point guard, I got to lead these guys and they got to have the confidence in them. I know they can make plays. We are coming together and we are getting to where we are just competing every night and we are playing well," Reed said.

The Eagles had Hanner Fieldhouse ready to go for Saturday's game against the Bulldogs, but could not regain the energy and momentum they had earlier in the week to pull out another win. Although the Eagles were defending the ball correctly with nine offensive rebounds, seven defensive rebounds, four steals and one block.

"I think, quite frankly, the shots we usually make we didn't make. Definitely a result of playing three games back-to-back-to-back," Young said.

In this match up, the Eagles shot 35.7 percent from the field and 25.9 percent from behind the arc, while the Bulldogs shot 60 percent from the field and 52.9 percent from behind the arc. The Bulldogs outshot the Eagles the entire ball game.

The Eagles will continue their conference play away at Appalachian State University on Thursday at 7 p.m.

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Senior guard C.J. Reed (24) battles against a Bulldog guard in Saturday's game at Hanner.

GSU can still end at the top of the SoCon

MY VIEW

SHAKEEM HOLLOWAY
MEN'S BASKETBALL REPORTER

Despite having a Southern Conference record below .500, as well as an overall record below .500, the Georgia Southern University men's basketball team can still win the South Division of the SoCon.

The Eagles currently have an overall record of 8-11 with a conference record of 2-4, which puts them in third place in the division.

Head coach Charlton Young and his team are traveling down an all too familiar road. As of Jan. 23 last year, the Eagles had a record of 8-11.

GSU would go on to win six of its last nine games to obtain the No. 3 seed in the SoCon tournament before losing to Elon University in the second round of the tournament, finishing the season with a record of 15-15.

With 12 games left, all coming against members of the SoCon, the Eagles are in position to take control of the South Division.

Winning the division will not be an easy task for the Eagles. Seven of GSU's last 12 games are on the road.

The Eagles still have to play Furman University twice. Furman has a 1-4 conference record.

GSU will also get two awaited rematches with The Citadel and Wofford College at a combined conference record of 2-11, both teams' only conference wins coming against the Eagles.

GSU will also get rematches against two teams it has already beaten this past week: Davidson College and the College of Charleston.

Two games also come against Western Carolina University, which has the second best conference record in the North Division of the SoCon at 5-2.

The next game for the Eagles is Thursday on the road at Appalachian State University at

Holloway is a junior journalism major from Macon.

GSU excells at Niswonger Invitational

Track and Field

BY ROBERT HUITT
The George-Anne staff

With a full squad in tow this weekend, numerous Eagles on Georgia Southern University's track and field team finished within the top 10 of their respective events at the Niswonger Invitational.

On day one of the two-day tournament, freshman Ashleigh Rasheed finished eighth in the triple jump with a final jump of 11.49m.

In the high jump, freshman Keyanna Harris came in sixth after jumping 1.58m.

Freshmen Jazmine Johnson and Kelsey Chandler and junior Mallory Fannin represented the Eagles in the weight throw. Chandler had the best throw among the trio with a final distance of 11.7m (28th), followed by Fannin at 11.08m (30th) and Johnson at 10.62m (32nd).

The rest of day one served as qualifying rounds for the 60m dash, 60m hurdles and 400m dash.

Day two for the Eagles started with the one mile run. Junior Sara Curry finished the event with a time of 5:32.73, which was good enough for 19th.

In the long jump, sophomore Jasmine Walker jumped a distance of 5.58m, earning her a sixth place finish. Freshman Alyssa Felton finished seventh behind Walker with a jump of 5.52m, which also set a new personal best in her young career.

"We still have a lot to work on, but any time you have people setting personal bests, it's a good thing," head coach Marlo Mincey said.

Sophomore Kimberly Thomas and senior Ebony Carter added to the top 10 totals later in the day by earning fifth place finishes in the 400m dash finals and 60m dash finals respectively. Thomas ran a time of 59.14 in her event and Carter ran a 7.72 in hers.

Over the weekend, freshmen and sophomores provided some of the best results for the team, which has been a common theme throughout this early portion of the indoor season.

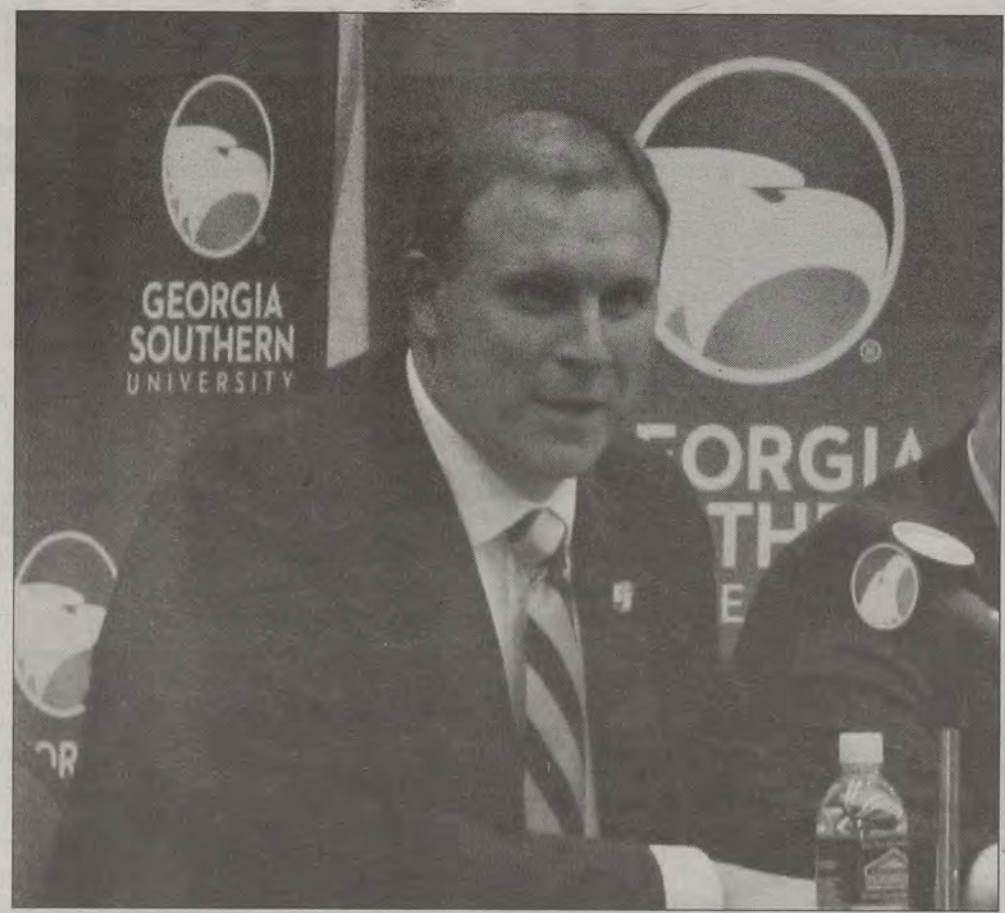
"These events provide experience for everyone. This is good for the freshmen, but the upperclassmen are benefitting as well," Mincey said.

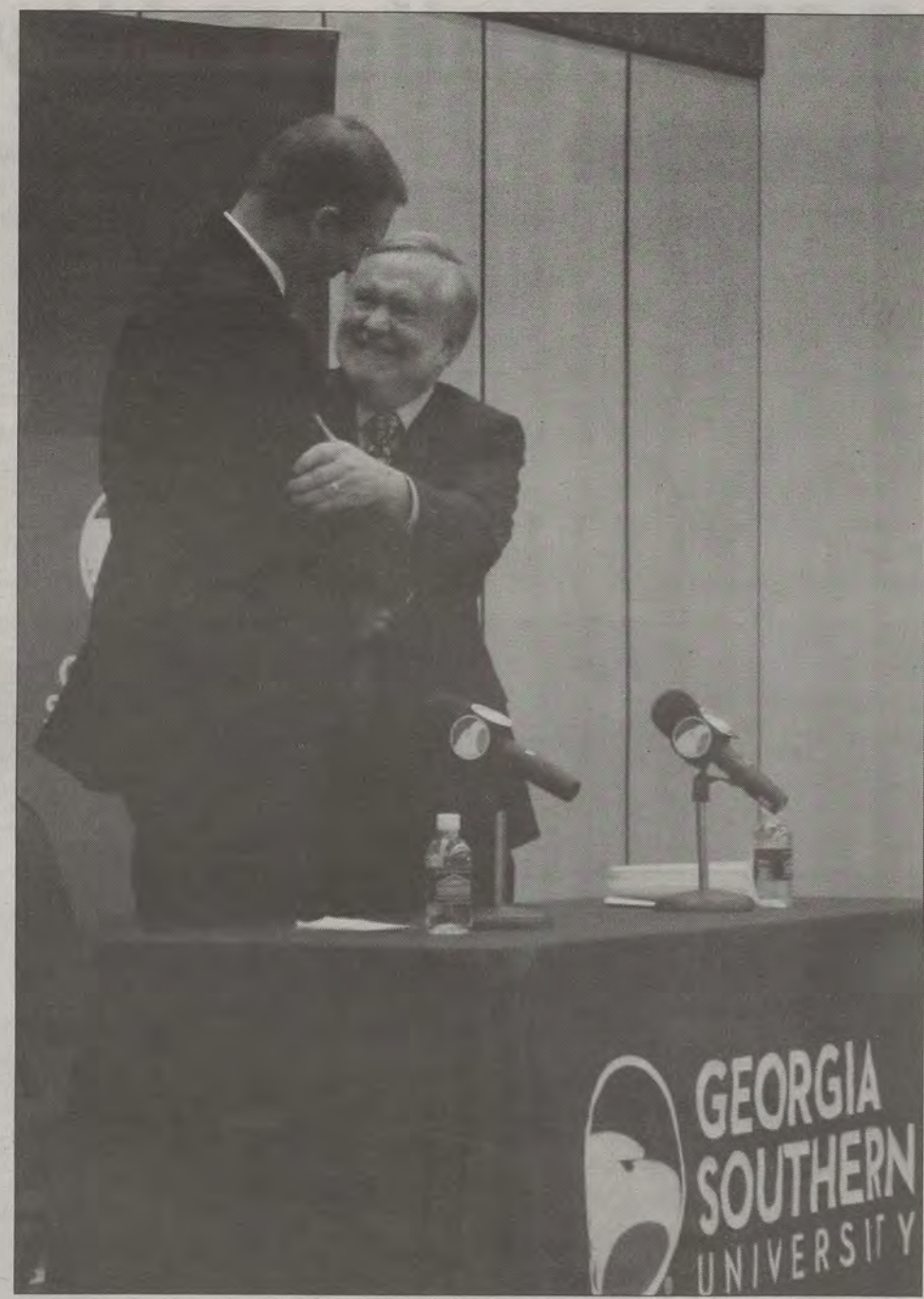
East Tennessee State University hosted the tournament in Johnson City, Tenn. and the field included Southern Conference rivals such as Appalachian State University, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Western Carolina University and Wofford College.

Up next for the Eagles is a stop in Gainesville, Fla. to compete in the Jimmy Carnes Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 26.

Mark Barnes II/The George-Anne

The Georgia Southern University track and field team achieved several top 10 finishes in Saturday's meet. The Eagles look forward to the Jimmy Carnes Invitational this coming Saturday.





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Tom Kleinlein was announced as GSU's new Athletic Director Nov. 12 at a press conference. **Left**: Kleinlein plans to aid the Eagle Nation in expanding its name. **Right:** University President Brooks Keel named Kleinlein the new Athletic Director after a grueling interview process.

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GSU athletics doesn't get the same national recognition as some universities in Georgia, but Kleinlein said that talent or coaching is not the issue.

"We have some of the most talented kids in the United States of America that are playing for us, and I would stack our coaching staff up in all of our sports, not just football, against anybody. At the end of the day it comes down to the ability to produce and drive revenue and resources into your program," Kleinlein said.

Kleinlein has been in talks with several different conferences and he wants to find the best possible fit for the Eagles.

Kleinlein said, "I think we are open to go anywhere we fit. It's got to be a good fit for us. It's got to be a good fit for our institution. There are a couple different options out there and I've talked to all those options. Right now we are just in a waiting stage to see where they want to go."

Eagles advance in season's last home meet

Swimming & Diving (6-2)

BY JACK MAGRUDER
The George-Anne staff

This weekend, the Georgia Southern University swimming and diving team sent its seniors out with a win as it beat conference foe University of North Carolina at Asheville 146-100 in GSU's home pool.

The Eagles improve to a record of 6-2 on the year.

"We always want to make sure that we win on the last day our seniors will ever have a meet here," head coach Nathan Kellogg said in a news release. "We wanted to make sure that we not only honor our seniors with a win, but that we also finish all our home meets with a win."

Emily Fell, Pirie Humphries, Alden Lynch and Lindsay Mullican all competed in their last home meet at the RAC.

The Eagles won every event except the 100 and 200 breaststroke and several Eagles set new personal bests as well as new season bests in events that they do not usually compete in.

"We don't know how good someone can be at something before they do it. It opens up our eyes to possibilities of what they can do at the conference meet. It is also to give them a mental break from doing the same day in and day out," Kellogg said in a news release.

Senior Pirie Humphries waved the RAC goodbye in style, finishing second in the 200 butterfly 2:11.60. In an exciting race, freshman Katlyn Jones barely edged out Humphries with a time of 2:11.43, a new college best.

Senior Lindsay Mullican also had a strong last showing at home, finishing third in the 100 butterfly with a personal best time of 2:11.60.

Senior Emily Fell topped off a solid performance by the senior swimmers with a new season-best time in the 100 freestyle with a time of 55.97, finishing in third place.

Fellow senior Alden Lynch scored 215.55 in the three-meter dive and 219.08 in the one-meter dive.

Even though the Eagles are sending off four seniors, the future is bright for GSU swimming and diving. Freshman Christina Moran finished first and set a new personal best in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:58.02 and fellow freshman Rebecca Alves claimed the top spot in the 200 individual medley with a new personal record of 2:12.85.

"Conference meets are a lot different than dual meets. Today really opened our eyes to the things we need to continue to work and continue to get better at as well as the things that we have improved upon in the last couple weeks," Kellogg said in a news release.

The Eagles are now only one month away from the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association Championships and will wrap up the regular season with three more meets in the next two weeks to prepare.

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The GSU swimming and diving team ended its home season with a win Saturday on Senior Day.

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