Eagles set to take on WCU

BY JANNAH BOLDS
The George-Anne staff

This weekend, the Eagles of Georgia Southern University will face off against Southern Conference foe Western Carolina University on Catamount home turf.

The Catamounts are coming off of a 45-24 loss at Furman University last week while the Eagles have finally found the momentum to continue winning against their opponents. GSU defeated the No. 1 in SoCon and previously undefeated Samford University Bulldogs 35-16 during Family Weekend in Statesboro.

Since WCU has more of a passing offense, last week against the Paladins, the Catamounts totaled up more passing yardage than rushing yardage. They racked up 236 yards passing and 184 yards rushing.

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On-campus voting approved

BY TAYLOR COOPER
The George-Anne staff

An on-campus voting station has been approved for the presidential election, so students who registered to vote in Bulloch County can cast their ballot in the Russell Union from Oct. 23- Oct. 25.

The Federal Department of Justice approved the voting station, allowing Georgia Southern University students to vote early instead of waiting until Nov. 6.

“To my knowledge, it is the first early voting station on a college campus in the state of Georgia,” Aron Randall, senior second vice chair of the College Republicans and political science major, said.

“This is the first time we've had early voting, and it is a historic thing. It will simplify things greatly for faculty and for students,” Wendy Denton, assistant director of Service Learning for the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, said.

The early voting station on campus has been in the works for two years, Randall said.

Randall and Fritz Chapin, members of College Republicans, made progress late last year when they attended a Bulloch County council meeting to explain their position.

“We showed up at the county meeting and explained our position. Later, we had a meeting with them to discuss it,” Randall said.

“This wouldn't have happened without

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GOING THE DISTANCE

Two students, freshman undeclared major Gabe Ellis and freshman aerospace engineering major Jalil Bush, practice with their flag football team, Courtyard Crew, for a game tonight at 8 p.m. at the RAC.
Folio becomes priority

BY LAUREN GORLA
The George-Anne contributor

Desire2Learn initiated a prioritizing process for Georgia Southern University’s network on Sept. 27 that now ensures students loading Folio are a higher priority than loading any other site.

Many students had complaints about the slow performance of Folio until the change was made, Vice President of Academic Affairs Chad Harmon said at last night’s Student Government Association meeting.

“As of Thursday, there have been zero complaints about Folio. The Center for Academic Technology Support had them rolling in one after the other up until Thursday but since then no one else has called to complain so fingers crossed that that has solved the bulk of the problem,” Harmon said.

Harmon met with Center for Academic Technology Support’s Assistant Director Robby Ambler and Information Systems Coordinator Ashlea Anderson and was able to explain the problems with Folio.

“The big problem is the performance issue, that Folio is running a little bit slower than it should be,” Harmon said.

Desire2Learn, the company that runs Folio, is based out of Canada, which explains why it has taken longer to get things done because of distance, Harmon said.

Many students said that they have had problems submitting work on the Folio page. Much of it has to do with specific professors and the way in which they upload the assignment.

“There are several different ways in which it can be done depending on how the professor wants to do it,” Harmon said.

Harmon also addressed the issues students have had with the lockdown browser when used through Folio.

The lockdown browser is used for online quizzes and tests to prevent students from using the Internet as an aid to answer questions. A student can’t minimize or exit out of the screen until the assessment is complete, Harmon said.

“If your internet connection cuts off then you’re in trouble because you completely cut out of the quiz you were taking,” Harmon said.

Harmon said, “So they’re pushing it down as more of a lab testing tool like if you’re going to take a test with a professor in a lab on campus. Then it would be really useful but as far as using it for other quizzes, that’s up to the professor.”
Float Like a Plane, Sting Like a Bomb
Student invited to benefit gala in NYC

BY GRACE HUSETH
The George-Anne contributor

Today Evin Hughes is attending a Benefit Gala in New York City, shaking hands with Muhammad Ali and receiving the Muhammad Ali Writing Award for Ethics for his essay Float Like a Plane, Sting Like a Bomb. The Ethics of US Drone Attacks.

Hughes is majoring in Information Technology and Writing and Linguistics with a minor in Criminal Justice and specializations in Networking and Administrative Telecommunications at Georgia Southern University. His interests in writing has just as much variety as his multiple areas of study.

"I like to do a array of different types of writing, ranging from fiction to poetry to creative nonfiction," Hughes said.

Hughes also likes to write about the injustices of today's world, and this drive to communicate those injustices is what inspired Hughes to write the essay.

"I have been inspired by the voices of people whose homes and lives have been devastated by America, like the voices of the family members of nine civilian boys, killed in March 2011 by a drone strike in Afghanistan," Hughes said.

Hughes plans to utilize his short trip with allowing some time for site seeing.

"Even though I will only be there for a short time I plan on visiting Central Park and its famous Bethesda Fountain," Hughes said.

One of the judges of the writing contest was Nobel Peace Prize recipient Elie Wiesel. Dallas said that what is further impressive about Hughes' essay was that "someone of Elie Wiesel's stature thought the essay was that phenomenal."

Hughes was able to find a medium through which to express his views when Dr. Phyllis Dallas, associate professor of the Writing and Linguistics department, saw an announcement sent to creative writing faculty of a new writing contest on ethical matters.

"I saw that there was this writing contest and announced it to my students. It was under really fortunate circumstances that he had already been doing reading and research," Dallas said.

In order to find further guidance on the subject, Hughes consulted a book titled The Wars We Inherit: Military Life, Gender Violence, and Memory by Dr. Lori Amy, who is associate professor of GSU's Department of Writing and Linguistics.

By the end of this summer he had completed an essay in which he argued the unethical use of drones employed by American organizations.

"There are a plethora of reasons why drones are unethical agents for war touched on in my essay," Hughes said.

This submission, with its style of writing and relevant content, stood out to the judges as a work that represented the GSU community, and in particular, writers.

Dallas said, "The creative writing faculty hears about student contests all the time. It is possible to submit and achieve."

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Police Beat

Monday, Oct. 1

- An officer took an incident report for found property at Paulson parking. The found property was placed in the police department property room.
- An officer took an incident report for harassment via cell phone. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.
- An officer took an incident report for lost/mislaid property at Paulson parking.
- An officer took an incident report for found property at Paulson parking. The found property was placed in the police department property room.
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- An officer took an incident report for lost/mislaid property at Southern Courtyard.
- An officer took an incident report for found property at Paulson parking. The found property was placed in the police department property room.

Tuesday, Oct. 2

- Officers assisted the Statesboro Police Department with a hit and run motor vehicle accident that occurred at Discount Auto Parts.
- An officer took an incident report for lost/mislaid property at Watson Commons.
- Officers responded to Eagle Village in reference to a motor vehicle accident – hit and run. A motor vehicle accident report was completed.
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Our View

Taxis fill important student need

The new taxi services in Statesboro provide a much-needed facet to student life here at Georgia Southern University. Too many students are pulled over for driving under the influence, despite the presence of school-sponsored alternatives like Shuttle Gus and the Blue Goose. The company Boro D.D. seeks to provide for the intoxicated student market, as it operates during popular drinking times.

Taxis provide a more personal service to those students who do not wish to be transported with other intoxicated individuals. Professors especially can benefit from this service, as they can now drink responsibly with the option of calling a cab for a ride home, instead of using a designated driver or school-sponsored transportation.

The About Town Non-Emergency Shuttle Service can provide for the needs of students who simply do not have cars. It is inconvenient, and at times difficult, for carless students to make trips into town for groceries and other items that are not available within walking distance of campus.

Both of the taxis can help alleviate some of the worst parts of game-day traffic by dropping off and picking up students who have to drive and find a parking spot for the games.

The only downside at this time is the size of the fleet of taxis, especially Boro D.D., which only has one car. However, with more demand from students, the company can expand and better provide for the needs of the students.

GSU not quite FBS ready

The University of Alabama is much like Georgia Southern University. It's a school known more for its football, but with some prowess in other sports and academics as well. However, 'Bama has one thing going for it that we need to get before I will feel comfortable playing at the FBS level. They have a catch phrase, "Roll Tide," that they use to an almost annoying extent.

All good football programs have annoying chants that just piss off everyone. Just look at the most recent national champions: 'Bama has theirs, Florida has "Go Gators," Auburn has "War Eagle" and LSU has the creative "Geaux Tigers!"

Now, I know that we have "Hail Southern," which is catchy and great start. We just need to use it more often. For example, if you make any sort of grade to be proud of, your entire group of friends should congratulate you with "Hail Southern!" Get lucky going out to the bars? That's another occasion to "Hail Southern." If you happen to bump into the unhappy significant other of your bar partner, diffuse the situation with a round of "Hail Southern," and then you should probably leave.

We even have a backup cheer if the situation doesn't call for a Hail Southern. GATA works just fine as well. Any future event can be cheered on by saying GATA. For example, when your friend says they are about to pull an all-nighter for a test, tell him/her to GATA.

GSU already has many things going for it for its potential move to the FBS: a rabid student section that most of the ACC would love to have, a student body population bigger than Ole Miss, a stadium that is adding thousands of seats and uniforms that have been voted amongst the best looking in all of college football.

If the students of this fine institution are serious about becoming a contender at the next level, then we have to pull our part. The evidence has spoken: the only way to win a national title is to have a catch phrase. Let's start saying "Hail Southern" so much that it annoys everybody, and if they ask us to be quiet, we already have the perfect response, "Hail No!"

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

Measuring vouchers difficult

With constant reminders of American students’ declining test scores, most agree that our existing education system needs reform. School voucher systems have emerged as a possible solution, but the concept has been met with ambivalence. School vouchers vary under different governing bodies, but the essential idea is that eligible students, usually those that attend low-performing schools, are of low-income families or have a disability receive a government subsidy to attend a private school of their choice.

Proponents advocate the virtues of individual choice and posit that competition produced from the voucher program acts as a mechanism for improvement. Opponents warn of a potential draining of funds from public schools, further depreciating already struggling schools. While much of the debate remains in the hypothetical, there are school districts that have already implemented a voucher system and quantified evidence is available for evaluation and informed decision-making. However, much of the data is confounding and contradictory.

As far as the performance levels of students participating in a voucher program, studies have shown that their test scores and overall performance rates are virtually indistinguishable from students that remained in public schools. Addressing school funding, a study by University of Arkansas’ Robert Costrell showed that, ironically, a voucher program in Wisconsin has saved money for the public school budget. The “competition invariably leads to improvement” hypothesis has also proven to not quite apply to schools as advocates suggested. The performances of schools in Milwaukee and Cleveland have remained generally poor even since their implementation of voucher programs in 1990 and 1997, respectively.

Though the voucher system is reasonable in concept and a good first approach to reforming education and further analysis should continue, the idea excludes the many variables of a student’s overall learning experience. Many factors go into a student’s success, such as his or her parents’ emphasis on the importance of education, quality teachers (private schools do not necessarily have better educators), how he or she gets along with peers, time spent traveling to school and more.

A bigger problem to education access could be the fact that property taxes determine an area’s educational funding, so wealthier citizens capable of affording higher property taxes receive a higher-funded education. Transforming the existing system to incorporate a more equally distributed education could do much to reduce education disparity.

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From the Right

Vouchers benefit all

The education of our children is one of the most important things that we as future parents have to do. The road to a bright future is paved with at least a basic K-12 diploma. However, we keep slipping in the ratings in this area. There are two big reasons for this: lack of competition between schools and lack of specialization in the education of each student. One way that this can be resolved is by allowing parents to choose schools through a voucher system. In this system, families can decide what school their students, and thus their tax dollars go.

This solves both problems in one fair swoop. By making schools compete, the cream will rise to the top. The best teachers will be kept, while subpar teachers are replaced with ones that can bring students in. This will cause not only the students to learn more from better teachers, but it will cause teachers to raise their game in order to keep their jobs.

This also solves the problem of students not getting the specialized education that they need to succeed. Charter schools would be able to cater to students needs such as a specialization in math science or the arts. Parents who want their children to have a faith-based education funded by their tax dollars could send their kids to private schools were they couldn’t under the current system.

Some argue that this would lead to discrimination and say that those who are for this are for “legal segregation.” This simply is false. This would actually promote diversification of institutions where minorities could not attend in the past because of the cost. In Louisiana, where this system is already being used, private schools are reporting record numbers of minority enrollment. They are also seeing skyrocketing test scores and more student graduating. This is just another example of when you allow competition — everyone achieves more.

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From Data to Discussions

Education reform should specialize students

In many of my past articles I have called for education reform in order to pull us up to par with the rest of the world. Famed economist Milton Friedman made the same calls in the 1950s with the introduction of the voucher program to make schools more competitive and lead to a more educated population.

Several problems arose in the 1960s after the initial implementation of school vouchers. Particularly in the south, they were misused as a way to keep schools segregated. Part of the reason for the varying results among voucher program participants is the fact that parents and students that take advantage of the program are more motivated to receive a good education in the first place. This is why private schools students tend to perform better than their public school counterparts. The drive to learn has a lot to do with how well a student does in school.

In more developing countries, India for example, education is highly desired and well known as the key to a better life. Part of the problem in America is that students view school as a chore rather than an opportunity, which could explain why students dislike the harder, more important subjects like math and science. In Japan, every student that graduates high school has taken calculus classes. In the United States, only six percent of graduates have taken any calculus. There seems to be no real difference in performance between countries that use different methods of education funding, rather the emphasis of education is what matters.

One interesting alternative to a voucher program are mega size schools that combine all of the high schools in an area. Although results have been mostly ambiguous, these huge schools can help reduce the number of districts and also allow those schools to experience economies of scale (more students, lower cost per student). The ability to have more specialized areas of focus can also benefit students.

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Opinions

Letters to the Editor

Play nice, youngsters

Dear Editor,

(In the readers of the George-Anne)
I, too, concur with your opinions that the political rantings from left, right, center, up and down are completely mundane, dull and altogether boring to read. Yet, every Tuesday and Thursday, you pick up The G-A and read the politics. Assuming that you are the prototypical college student, you are young and lean very liberally. You pick up Scott Markley's column and say "Good job," then read Fritz Chapin's column and rant. There is nothing inherently wrong with that. However, it is time to look at this objectively. The columns are written in the Opinions section. The opinions, neither right nor wrong, are just different than yours.

This brings us to the point of college: young people learning about themselves and becoming more tolerant of other viewpoints. I can assure you this goes out to both sides of the aisle. If you can't learn to play together peacefully, then pack up your toys and don't play together.

Walter Jones
Senior psychology major
Newnan, Ga

Athletics and academics can work together

Dear Editor,

In a recently published opinion piece, a professor of Georgia Southern University expressed his anger at the student decision to enhance athletics at our institution. The professor argued that increasing athletic funding would somehow ruin our university and harm students. This argument is flawed in every possible manner.

When Erik Russell was hired to restart football at Georgia Southern College (that's right, we were not a university before we had football) the school had fewer than 10,000 students. By the time Russell retired in 1989, GSC had three national championships and was experiencing the largest increase in enrollment in the history of the school. This explosive growth was triggered by the excitement and allure of college football. If football did not bring those students into Georgia Southern 30 years ago, we would not have experienced that kind of growth. Without that growth, we would not have gained the students, funding and recognition necessary to advance to the current state of Georgia Southern University's existence today. If those students did not show up 30 years ago, not only would we not have the students, facilities and status that we currently enjoy, half of the professors at GSU would not even be employed because there would not be enough students to support them.

Speaking of the grim conditions, Aaron Hughes, an Iraq War veteran, said, "17 percent of the individuals that are in combat in Afghanistan... and are on psychotropic medication. 20 to 50 percent of the individuals that are getting deployed to Afghanistan are already diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, military sexual trauma or a traumatic brain injury. Currently one-third of the women in the military are sexually assaulted."

Then there's the obvious: our military continues to violate international laws, that corporate-profiteering drives the military-industrial complex, that through our military pursuits thousands of civilians have died. It is not too late to ask if we are "friendly" to a structure that primarily contributes to our national insecurity or if we are "friendly" to our friends, lovers and family who serve. The celebration should begin, not in the donning of military uniform, but in the stripping of it, just as Iraq War veterans discarded their war medals in Chicago in an explosive expression of, to borrow Freire's words, critical consciousness.

Efadul Huq
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Should we celebrate our armed forces?

Dear Editor,

As GSU becomes one of the "most military friendly schools," it is worth contemplating what we are institutionally celebrating. Not very long ago, Democracy Now! reported that the suicide rate among U.S. military is accelerating.

When the report aired in June, the suicide count was 154 among active-duty soldiers. Pentagon reported "an 18 percent increase over the same period a year ago." Al-Jazeera reported, "last year, nearly 3,200 rapes and sexual assaults were officially reported." Pentagon admitted that 3,200 represent "just 15 percent of all incidents."

When football is a military-motivated decision, the cost is paid by the soldiers. Speaking of the grim conditions, Aaron Hughes, an Iraq War veteran, said, "17 percent of the individuals that are in combat in Afghanistan... are on psychotropic medication. 20 to 50 percent of the individuals that are getting deployed to Afghanistan are already diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, military sexual trauma or a traumatic brain injury. Currently one-third of the women in the military are sexually assaulted."

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Keep the door open, doc, and remember why it's open

I'm going to start this column with something that is not often heard 'round these parts: Good job, President Keel.

Back in June, Keel set forth a proposal for open-office hours for Georgia Southern University faculty to visit with him in an effort to improve communication between administration and faculty. This was in response to an open letter from Dr. David Dudley listing multiple flaws and issues in administrative policies at GSU.

Well, just over three months later, the door has swung open. It must have been a very heavy door.

Face-palming jokes aside, I do want to commend President Keel on eventually keeping his word. I'm a strong believer in positive reinforcement — take a hint, letter-writers — and Keel deserves some.

El Presidente will now host faculty hours in 30-minute blocks for three-hour periods, three times a month. Why he hasn't called this the "333 Policy" is beyond me, it's way catchy. Anyway, this may not seem like a lot, but it amounts to nine hours per month, or one full workday. Not bad.

Still, this will all be rendered moot if Keel doesn't pay attention during these meetings. We can't pry his eyes open Clockwork Orange-style, but the success and honesty of this policy depends on his ability to listen, communicate and react. This means paying more attention than a calculus professor when you walk in begging for that C to be turned into a B because you were just so close, you need to keep HOPE and if you don't then according to Chaos Theory a hurricane could wipe out all of Miami unless you get that grade raised just enough.

Students and faculty need to hold Keel accountable for being the problem-solver he so wants to be.

If a professor walks in complaining about class sizes being too large, then they deserve either a solution or a good explanation for why that can't be fixed. Actually, I would also like an explanation for that. Is the air conditioner in Veazey going haywire on us again? It's time for Keel to Google "How to Fix Industrial Air Conditioners." Is their a poltergeist harassing students in Newton? I don't think there is, but the soda machine there is always stealing quarters. Still, I am holding Keel personally responsible for calling the Ghostbusters.

Keep the door open, President Keel, and don't lose sight of why you opened it.

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Sports Clips offers triple haircut option

BY ISAAC CARRASCO
The George-Anne contributor

Sport Clips sets itself apart from other hair salons by catering specifically to sports fans, offering customers sports-themed haircuts and multiple TVs with a variety of games being played.

Sport Clips, located off Brannen Street in the same shopping center as Your Pie and Nikko Express, calls its haircuts the "Varsity," the "Triple Play" and the "MVP treatment."

"Guys can get pampered like girls can with the MVP treatment. It includes a hot steamed towel on your face while getting a precise haircut and shampoo in your hair. Then we give a relaxing neck and shoulder message," Shelly Dunn, store manager, said.

The MVP treatment costs $22 and is what makes this hair salon unique, Dunn said.

"Besides the MVP special there is the Triple Play that costs $20. The Triple play includes the haircut, a hot steamed towel and a scalp message," Dunn said.

The basic haircut, the Varsity, is being offered at a discounted price of $12 until Oct. 21 and will cost $17 afterward, Dunn said.

"You don't have to make an appointment, you can just walk in, and we'll take care of you," Jim Clifton, owner of Sport Clips, said.

The special treatments are not the only thing that makes Sport Clips unique.

"There are flat screen TVs on the walls so that guys can watch football, basketball or baseball games," Dunn said.

The owner of Sport Clips lives in Statesboro, and to have a location here in town was his choice.

"I talked with the marketing guy for this Sport Clips location to think of future sponsors for Georgia Southern sports teams. We do however sponsor NASCAR drivers Joey Logano and Denny Hamlin. We're also a large contributor to the Veterans of Foreign War programs," Clifton said.

A discount program will get Sport Clips involved with the community and the university, Clifton said.

"Every third client is a GSU student and we average about 40-45 clients per week," Dunn said.

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"I really enjoyed my first haircut. It was a great all-around experience, and I'm definitely coming back," Yakov Savitskiy, multimedia communications major, said. "When I walked inside, I noticed Sport Clips looked so retro. They give you a great message, and I'm always content with my haircut."

Monarch301 breaks ground, set to open May 2013

BY ALANNA NAVIN
The George-Anne contributor

The Monarch301 Apartment complex has broken ground, poured its foundation and the plan for construction is right on schedule, planning to open by May 2013.

The amenities included are hardwood floors throughout the apartments, the furniture in the apartment is specially designed by their design team, there will be larger scale windows, powder rooms in the four bedroom apartments and stainless steel appliances, Shannon King, chief executive of Monarch Ventures said.

"We are bringing a different lifestyle experience to a thriving college town," King said.

"Everything is right on track. The local consultants have been easy to work with," King said.

Monarch Ventures chose to build in Statesboro because of the consistent growth in the last five years. There is not another current product that is the same as Monarch301 in the community, King said.

The complex will have a large, luxurious clubhouse that will include a coffee bar, a large gathering area and a tanning bed. Outside there will be a pool, a hemic garden, grilling areas and a sand volleyball court, King said.

To access an apartment, each resident will have a specific key to get them into the complex, Tara Scott, general manager of Monarch301, said. The keys will be used for the front door and resident's bedrooms.

"Our apartments are going to be interior entrance instead of exterior. You have to go inside to get to your apartment," Erin Daniels, community assistant, said.

Security cameras will be monitoring the complex 24/7, Scott said.

Monarch301 will be a 15-minute walk and a few minute bike ride to the heart of campus.

The Monarch301 complex, located on the 301 bypass, will be 15 minutes walking distance from campus.

Prospective residents can complete their lease online at monarch301.com.

Monarch 301 is also in the process of hiring more members for their community assistant team, known as the "Flyteam." Those interested can send in their application and resume at monarch301.com.
Bill Herring, the treasurer of the Democratic Party of Bulloch County. He helped organize the meeting that led to the voting station. The college republicans had a part too, and they deserve credit. A lot of organizations, the democratic party, the young democrats and the college republicans worked for this," Marc Silver, president of the Young Democrats and candidate for the Georgia House of Representatives, said.

"It's important to every student, no more or less than the average citizen. As citizens, students should participate in our democracy," Denton said.

Everyone needs to be registered by Oct. 9 because it takes time to process the registrations, Denton said.

"This is a regulation across the state. They need time to enter all the registration information, so no one gets to vote twice and everyone gets to vote so no one is left out. It takes time to process all that information," Denton said.

One forum remains in the series called "One Week, One Vote," which aims to educate students about the importance of voting. There will be voter registration at the event tonight, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m., in the Russell Union Theatre.
“O zapft is!”
River Street to celebrate Oktoberfest

BY LINDSEY MCCORMICK
The George-Anne contributor

When arriving at Oktoberfest in Munich, there are dozens of tents alive with German bands playing music, typical Bavarian food and abounding varieties of beer.

Beatrice Michaels, junior sociology major, is an exchange student from Germany who had the opportunity to partake in the festivities of Oktoberfest.

“The festival is declared as open after the mayor of Munich has opened one keg, usually in the ‘Schottenhammel’ (a brewery) tent. He takes a wooden hammer and hammers the tap in the keg. He says the words ‘O zapft is,’ and everyone drinks,” Michaels said.

A taste of Germany’s traditions will take place this weekend on River Street in downtown Savannah as they host their annual Oktoberfest.

Oktoberfest in Savannah includes arts and crafts exhibitors, wiener dog races, The Rodger Wood bratwurst eating contest, live music, Friday fireworks and beer.

Vendors line the streets of Savannah selling German beer, wine and coke products. Some of the beers that will be available include Warsteiner, Hofbrau and Spaten.

“There are literally hundreds of different beers to try, but the main thing I enjoyed was the non-stop live music,” Keith Ulmer, senior business administration major and previous year attendee, said.

Live music will take place on Savannah’s Southern Eagle Arbor Stage from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. during the festival. Performances include the Rhinelander’s Oompah Band, Chuck Courtenay, The Trainwrecks, The Accomplices and many others.

The Rhinelander’s perform every year and play the infamous “Oompha” song. Oktoberfest performer, Chuck Courtenay, was voted Savannah’s best country act three consecutive years in a row and has opened for big time country stars like Blake Shelton.

The wiener dog races are on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Morrell Park. The dogs will run in heats of 10 dogs, and the winners of the 10 fastest heats will compete in a final race. The top three finishers will receive trophies.

“The races were actually very entertaining, I didn’t expect that,” Ulmer said.

There will be a costume contest for the dogs and an owner look-a-like contest where prizes will be rewarded.

Festival hours are from 9 a.m.-12 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday.

River Street has hosted Oktoberfest for the past few decades.

“We have been open for over twenty years and we have been sponsoring the event for as long as I can remember,” Emily Dickinson, Wet Willies director of marketing and Oktoberfest sponsor, said.

Oktoberfest is a traditional German festival that celebrates a Bavarian royal marriage. In Germany, the festival is called “d’wiesn.” Many foreigners as well as locals gather in Munich to celebrate. People dress up in “Tracht,” a national costume. Boys dress in “Lederhosen” and girls in “Dirndl,” Michaels said.

Attendees of Oktoberfest in Savannah also dress up for the occasion.

Dickinson said, “It is a really great event, family friendly and a lot of fun. We have our Oktoberfest beads, and our whole staff dresses up. We have a really great time with it.”
Folk and acoustic rhythms to flood Averitt

BY WILL PEEBLES
The George-Anne contributor

Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., the sounds of Americana with a twist will fill the halls of the Averitt Center for the Arts as Laura Monk and High Cotton take the stage.

The four piece group hailing from Atlanta will play its first concert since newly releasing its second studio album, “So Far,” as well as other tracks that have gained the band notoriety across the southeast.

“We are excited about it. We have all worked very hard. There are a lot of things you can do in the studio that you can’t do live, but we try to keep the live experience equal to the CD player experience,” Laura Monk, lead vocalist in the band, said. “This album shows how much we have gelled together as a band over the years.”

The concert will kick off the Averitt Center’s professional season, Tim Chapman, executive director of the Averitt Center, said.

“We booked the act based on their reputation in the state of Georgia. They have a very original sound,” Chapman said. “A committee selected this group out of hundreds of acts based on notoriety and what we think the local crowd would enjoy.”

“I have never been to Statesboro, but I have heard good things. We are excited about playing at the Averitt,” Monk said.

With influences ranging from Dolly Parton to The Allman Brothers, three and four part vocal harmonies, folk roots and acoustic rhythms define High Cotton’s signature Americana sound.

Monk classifies the band’s music as Americana with a twist.

“We will be playing songs from our first and second albums, as well as some fairly obscure covers. The first half of the show will be an intimate ‘welcome to our living room’ acoustic set, and then we’ll move the furniture out and turn it up,” Monk said.

“I am particularly excited about ‘Poor Wayfaring Stranger.’ It's usually performed as a dark song, but we’ve perked it up a bit,” Monk said.

Since 2003, Laura Monk and her husband, bassist John Monk, have been playing music together. The duo became a trio in 2005 when drummer P.J. Engeman joined.

Lead guitarist Dan Foster became a member of the group in 2007 and completed the current lineup.

“All four of us write the music, which adds a lot of variety to our songs,” Monk said.

They have a very original sound, and they play a lot of original music. The
Sigma Iota Alpha to spice up salsa lessons tonight

BY PEYTON CALLANAN
The George-Anne contributor

Students will have a chance to spice up their Thursday night with free salsa dancing lessons hosted by The Multicultural Student Center.

The classes will take place from 7-9 p.m. tonight in the Multipurpose Room of the Williams Center. A student I.D. is required to attend, and proof of attendance will be provided along with refreshments.

The event is co-hosted with Sigma Iota Alpha, a Latin sorority, who is teaching participants the dance steps.

“We saw an opportunity to increase students diversity awareness by having salsa dancing lessons and to give them the opportunity to learn more about salsa dancing,” Moses Robison, MSC graduate assistant, said.

Students will learn basic moves both solo or with a partner, and then will all have an opportunity to actually use what they learned as everyone dances together later in the night.

Though salsa dancing has strong Latin roots, it also has a number of other cultural influences, which is something students would have the chance to learn about, Robison said.

Cristina Tapia, a senior hotel and restaurant management major, will be teaching the class alongside her Sigma Iota Alpha sisters.

“Salsa is complex, but at the same time it can be danced many different ways, but it has a basic step,” Tapia said.

The classes are not just for dancers, and everyone can learn at their own speed and try something new, Tapia said.

“It’s about everyone coming together and everyone learning a little something different,” Tapia said.

The salsa lessons have been offered in previous years and have been successful. However, last year’s two-part class trimmed down to one day.

“Last year we had the event over two days. It was successful, but this year we wanted to have it in one day so students could learn and dance without missing anything,” Robison said.

Sigma Iota Alpha is using this event as an opportunity to get involved on campus.

“We usually try to get involved in any organization on campus,” Tapia said.

Sigma Iota Alpha is also looking to expand the type of events they participate in.

Tapia said, “We would like to get involved with more events so we are not limited to just Latin events.”

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Senior Shares Wisdom with First Year Students

By: Taylor D. Terrell
Public Relations/Events Intern

Senior JaQuiton Braswell realizes that with graduation around the corner, the career decisions he made during his freshmen year has prepared him for the “real world”. His advice to freshmen is to “utilize Career Services and don’t hesitate to make plans for your future career.”

“Career Services taught me to become more professional, helping me learn ways of how I can sell myself to companies,” Braswell said. “The workshops they hosted gave me insight to professional social media sites, such as LinkedIn, and prepared me very well for career fairs.”

Braswell suggested that “freshmen should join professional organizations during their first year, and grow in them by holding leadership positions.”

Companies look for leadership abilities and experiences that can contribute to their company. As a freshman, developing a four-year plan, and incorporating learning experiences to evolve your skills and professional development is the beginning of a successful career.

“It’s a good quality to be well-rounded,” said Braswell. In today’s job market employees look for entry level employees that have communication, technical, and of course relevant job skills that can be used in their company.

Looking back on his experience as a freshman, Braswell said, “I would have tried to do some job shadowing and explore other careers before I selected electrical engineering.” Braswell then goes on to say that, “your passion is not what people label you as.” A comment that stems from listening to influencers his freshmen year, such as his high school professors, that told him that since he was good at math, he should be an engineer. “Do what you love,” Braswell highly suggested.

Braswell’s final words of wisdom for freshman, “don’t focus on just financial success; focus on happiness.”
A creamin’ is comin’

BY JANNAH BOLDS
The George-Anne staff

Last week the Eagles looked to ‘get er done’ against the team that was supposed to be the best in the Southern Conference, until they met the Eagles and the scoreboard boasted that 35-16 score at the end of the game.

Anyway, this weekend against Western Carolina will be a much easier win for the Eagles. The Catamounts have a terrible record of 0-3 in the SoCon and 1-4 overall.

WCU has constantly struggled to get their act together the entire season, especially with an unstable offense. WCU’s sophomore quarterback, Eddie Sullivan, is young and isn’t putting up many impressive numbers this season. He also likes to throw the ball voluntarily to the opposing team. He has been picked off of five times so far this season, and with all the anticipation that the Eagle defense has, it could possibly lead to many pick sixes.

Over all, the Eagles are a much better and well-developed team and will have no problem running over those kitty-Catamounts. I believe that GSU might have the opportunity to shut out their opponents just like they did Jacksonville on their season opener. I said “might” now; don’t go quoting me on that last one. But I do think that the Eagles will rack up a score of 45-10 this weekend.

Eagles to soar this weekend

BY KEVIN GREGAN
The George-Anne staff

To claim the Eagles are going to win on Saturday against Western Carolina University would not be a bold prediction. The Georgia Southern University football team will head to Cullowhee N.C., where the WCU Catamounts will do what they always do, chase running backs all over their field.

The Catamounts have proven that they cannot stop the run or the triple-option. Last week, WCU allowed Furman running back Jerodis Williams to run for 239 yards, score two touchdowns and return a kick for 100 yards for another touchdown.

The Eagles are ranked second nationally in rushing offense and WCU has given up 309 yards per game on the ground.

They have yet to face a triple-option offense this year, but last year GSU ran for 639 yards and scored six rushing touchdowns on the Catamounts.

The Eagle defense may also have a good day in the mountains on Saturday. The Eagles are ranked fifth nationally in total defense and they have created 10 turnovers so far through four games. They’re also ranked second in the Southern Conference in scoring defense.

Within the history of the two teams playing against each other, the Eagles are 20-2 against WCU.

The Catamounts haven’t won a Southern Conference game in their last 17 attempts either, so an outcome in favor of the Eagles is expected, 41-17.

Sophomore runningback Dominique Swope (6) finds a hole in the GSU offensive line and sprints to the endzone.

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Eagles reboot, start SoCon action

**Men's soccer**

**BY TREVOR MCNABOE**
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University men's soccer (2-8) opens up Southern Conference play Saturday on the road when they take on the Davidson College Wildcats (4-4-1).

GSU comes into the game on a seven-game losing streak and is 0-5 on the road this year.

In the preseason, the Eagles were projected to finish in sixth place in the SoCon after a 4-3 record in conference.

Davidson was voted to finish eighth in conference after a 2011 SoCon record of 3-2-2.

DC is currently 0-2 in 2012 SoCon play, losing to University of North Carolina-Greensboro and Elon University.

In last year's matchup between both teams, GSU edged out a 3-2 victory at home.

Davidson is currently 3-3-1 at home this year, allowing a little less than two goals per game.

Overall this matchup is key for the Eagles because it sets the tone for the rest of the conference play.

Tuesday, GSU travelled to Chapel Hill to take on No. 6 ranked University of North Carolina (8-1-1) in one of the Eagles' toughest road games of the season.

The Tar Heels broke the scoring line with a goal in the 38th minute of a rebound in the box scored by junior forward Andy Craven.

The Tar Heels struck again quickly and found a second goal in the 40th minute of play, this time with sophomore forward Cooper Vandermass-Peeler chipping goalkeeper Neal Bates.

The score of the game would remain unchanged for the final 50 minutes as neither side could score. UNC outshot GSU 16-2, and 9-0 on shots on goal.

The loss drops GSU to 2-8 on the season, while UNC improves to 8-1-1 for the 2012 campaign.

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GSU to confront CofC Cougars

Women's soccer

BY ERIN DENMARK
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University women's soccer team (6-3-3) will challenge College of Charleston Cougars (3-8) at Patriots Point, S.C. tonight at 7.

The Eagles were shut out by Appalachian State University 0-1 on Sept. 28 and recovered from their wounds to come out on top when contesting Western Carolina University on Sept. 30 to bring their Southern Conference record (2-2).

The Cougars are coming off of two losses, 1-2 against University of North Carolina-Greensboro, and they were shut out 0-2 against Elon University this past weekend, resulting in their SoCon record falling (2-2).

CoC overcame GSU 1-2 last year at Eagles Field. According to the 2012 Women's Soccer Preseason Coaches' Poll, CoC is predicted to repeat their runner-up finish in the tournament last season, as second in league standings with 106 votes and one first place vote. Out of 12 teams in the SoCon, GSU was voted into seventh place in league with their 53 points.

The Eagles have produced 19 goals this year from their 188 shot attempts, over the Cougars' cumulative goals of 120 shot attempts.

CoC sophomore forward Sarah Cardamone leads the Cougars offensively with three goals and four assists. Senior midfielder Sarah Schaidle follows her with two goals and two assists.

GSU sophomore forward Sydnie Van Curen leads the pack offensively with five goals and one assist for the Eagles. Freshman midfielder Nora El-Shami has racked up 32 shots this season, more than anyone else on the team. El-Shami also follows right behind Van Curen with three goals and three assists, with her most recent action at the net was an assist to junior forward Alex Murphy in the victory over WCU.

GSU junior goalkeeper Katie Merson has protected the Eagles' net every game this season by saving 54 shots on goal and allowing only nine goals. Cougar sophomore goalkeeper Taylor Avery through eight games has shielded 26 shots on goal and allowed eight balls to reach the net.

BY ERIN DENMARK
The George-Anne staff

Junior forward Alex Murphy (18) battles to keep GSU’s possession of the ball against a Samford player during the game on Sept. 21.
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