Cause of student death released
Autopsy confirms student’s self-inflicted gunshot wound

BY TAYLOR COOPER
The George-Anne staff

University Villas resident Elizabeth Volker died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound Monday evening. The Department of Public Safety confirmed yesterday.

Volker was a freshman pre-communications major at Georgia Southern University, according to an email from Administrative Director of Marketing and Communications Christian Flathman.

Volker worked in the equipment room and was one of 15 football managers, Associate Athletics Director Keith Roughton said.

An autopsy was conducted Tuesday to determine the cause of death. The report was not available at press time.

University Police were contacted by University Housing officials who discovered the body of a GSU student on Monday evening at University Villas, an apartment-style community on campus, according to a Campus Alert.

The time that had passed since anyone had seen or spoken with the student has not yet been released.

"Following the preliminary investigation, there are no signs of forced entry or a violent crime taking place that anyone needs to worry about," Flathman said.

"Georgia Southern is a close community, and we are deeply saddened by the tragic loss of one of our students. On behalf of everyone at Georgia Southern, our hearts and prayers are with the student's parents, family and friends," President Brooks Keel said in a news release.

Caleb Rogers, sophomore public relations major, and Marissa Lovins, sophomore pre-nursing major, organized a prayer vigil for student and faculty Tuesday, which was held on the grass around the Rotunda at noon and was open to students and faculty.

Rogers and Lovins did not know Volker but felt that respect should be shown in some way.

"We wanted to do something. It started when I texted a few friends, and it got a lot bigger than I thought it would," Rogers said. "It makes this campus feel much more like a community."

"I don't think we realized how many students offer prayers and support for the family of Georgia Southern University student Elizabeth Volker through a prayer vigil held Tuesday at the Rotunda. See page 7 for more photos."
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GSU seeks to improve Internet connection

BY ISAAC CARRASCO
A George-Anne contributor

The Department of Network and Telecommunications is in the process of creating ideas for focus groups for students due to recent complaints about on-campus Internet connectivity.

"Focus groups will educate students about the connection. It will give us better insight with residence. They can learn these issues and how the connection works," Bob Grogan, director of Information Technology of Business and Finance, said.

"In these focus groups it would be great for students to voice whatever opinions they have about the Internet connection. We don't have a definite time and group but for now it is just an idea that can maybe prove helpful to students," Ann Hill, director of Network and Telecommunications, said.

In the residence halls of Georgia Southern University, students may either use an Ethernet cable to connect to the Internet or they can use the wireless connection from ResNet. "The Wi-Fi connection is kind of a moving target, but the wired connection seems to be fine," Grogan said.

"The bandwidth is what shares the connection between the Ethernet and Wi-Fi. It may max out which makes it slower. The streaming that comes from things like Netflix may impact the bandwidth a lot more," Tinker said.

When students use the Internet all at once, the connection is slowed down. "The total number of students living on campus in residence halls is around 4,500. When students use the connection all at once in a room, the Wi-Fi would be slowed down causing traffic," Hill said.

"We have seen a decline in complaints. Students were becoming more computer savvy," Grogan said.

"Caching will help reduce the amount of bandwidth. It will do a reduction as the bandwidth reaches the Internet pipeline," Tinker said.

"It reduces the amount of bandwidth being used because common videos or high visited sites are cached onsite, and users will not need to go off campus to visit (that) video (or) site, which in turn reduces the traffic going out to the Internet (or) Bandwidth," Hill said.

"We monitor what bandwidth was used and ask for more. We can see peaks, valleys, and trends. We have increased the bandwidth the last two years," Hill said.

"There are about four to five technicians in each residence hall. ResNet is the first to respond to complaints. They'll dispatch a technician to fix the issue," Grogan said.

Grogan said, "ResNet will pass a survey asking for feedback from our residents. We ask about how often the computer labs are being used as well as other ways of Internet connection."
Thursday, Oct. 18

-Officers assisted four motorists, issued one parking citation, five traffic warnings, and nine traffic citations.

-Officers aided a sick person at Einstein's Bagels. EMS responded.

-Officers responded to Freeoms Landing for a drug complaint. No contraband was found.

-Officers responded to the Foy building. EMS responded.

-Officers responded to Parking Lot G for a complaint of Entering Auto. Complainant stated the vehicle was broken into on Tuesday night.

-Officers responded to Parking Lot 21 for a motor vehicle accident. A report was taken.

-Officers referred two students to Judicial Affairs for fighting.

Friday, Oct. 19

-Officers issued one traffic citation, two traffic warnings, assisted four motorists and investigated one accident.

-A Southern Courtyard resident reported $50.00 was missing from his wallet. The incident was turned over to Criminal Investigations.

-Officers responded to a fire alarm at the Physical Plant Administration Building. The facility was checked and it was determined to be a false alarm.

-A student reported someone damaged the cable on her bicycle at the bike rack near the Nursing/Chemistry Building. A set of keys were found at Centennial Place.

Saturday, Oct. 20

-Officers issued three traffic citations, three traffic warnings and assisted one motorist.

-Officers responded to a fire alarm at Freeoms Landing. The facility was checked and it was determined to be a system malfunction with the alarm.

-Officers responded to a report of a sick person at Eagle Village. EMS was contacted and it was determined the student may be suffering from food poisoning.

-Officers responded to a fire alarm at Freeoms Landing. The facility was checked and it was determined to be a system malfunction with the alarm.

-A bicycle was found near the Nursing/Chemistry Building.

Sunday, Oct. 21

-Kristine Koaru Whittington, 20, was charged with DUI and failure to obey a traffic control device.

Monday, Oct. 22

-Officers wrote four traffic citations.

-Officers wrote three traffic warnings.

-Officers assisted three motorists.

-Officers responded to a fire alarm at Eagle Village, Building One. The facility was checked, and it was discovered that someone had burnt toast that set off the alarm.

-A cell phone was reported missing from the Zach S. Henderson Library. The incident was turned over to the Criminal Investigations Department.

-Officers responded to University Villas for a report of a deceased

person. The incident was turned over to the Criminal Investigations Department and is currently under investigation.

-A cell phone was reported missing from the RAC. The incident was turned over to the Criminal Investigations Department.

-Officers responded to an alarm at Freeoms' Landing. It was determined to be a system malfunction.

Tuesday, Oct. 23

-An officer wrote one traffic citation.

-Officers wrote three traffic warnings.

-An officer assisted one motorist.

-An officer took an incident report for lost/mislaid property.

-An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident at the RAC Field Support Building. A motor vehicle accident report was completed.

-Officers responded to Freeoms' Landing in reference to a subject attempting to remove Parking and Transportation's parking boot from his vehicle. Officers advised the subject of correct procedures for having the boots removed from his vehicle.

-An officer took an incident report for a stolen bicycle from the Williams Center. This case was turned over to criminal investigations.

-An officer discovered an intoxicated subject on Chandler Road at University Villas. This subject was judicially referred.

-An officer responded to a drug complaint at Freeoms' Landing. One occupant was judicially referred.

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Eagle Alert needed after recent crimes

The recent strong-armed robbery that occurred just off of campus property is proof that greater communication is needed between the Statesboro Police Department and the University Police Department.

The robbery, while not done with the aid of lethal weapons, was in such close proximity to several dormitories and off-campus student living complexes that students should have been warned. A delay of two days is not nearly timely enough to satisfy the safety concerns of students as well as the legal guidelines set forth by the Clery Act, which requires universities to inform their students about crimes committed on campus in a timely manner.

The investigation of the crime and care of the victim were done thoroughly and by the book, the lack of information about the crime was a problem.

We feel that any robbery carried out on campus, especially one carried out with bodily harm towards the victim, is enough of an emergency to mandate an Eagle Alert message. The fact that the perpetrators are still at large only compounds the need for an Eagle Alert message.

SPD should have informed the UPD about the crime so that the Clery Act could have gone into affect and the student body could have been warned about any potential danger around it.

Mexico ignored by both candidates

The foreign policy debate on Monday focused on several global issues, particularly in the Asian continent. China, Russia and the Middle East all played key parts in the discussion, as they rightfully should. However, neither the moderator nor the candidates offered any meaningful comment about Latin America as a whole, or especially, Mexico.

Governor Romney only mentioned Latin America as a relatively untapped market and the homeland of several leaders that President Obama failed to meet with. The president was silent on the topic.

It completely baffles me how the debate could not include an emerging global power such as Brazil in its discussions about trade, but more so, how Mexico could be left out of the entire debate cycle.

If we are expected to feel shame and indignation that 30,000 Syrians are dead half a world away, are we not supposed to feel anything for 60,000 dead Mexicans in our neighboring country?

Americans have caused many of the problems with Latin American drug wars with their prohibition against any and all drugs coming from the region. The powerful drug cartels that have infiltrated the governments of several Latin American countries would have never seen their power and influence grow without our failed "war on drugs," which drove up demand and prices for items such as cocaine.

In Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, which lies on the U.S. border, there are daily beheadings by the cartels. In situations such as these, many Mexicans choose to leave their cities, many choosing to risk an illegal border crossing into the United States. Who could blame anyone for wanting to leave a country where decapitated heads are dumped outside of elementary schools?

Governor Romney failed to capitalize on the Fast and Furious debacle that took the life of a U.S. agent, as well as countless Mexican citizens. Before the Libya incident, this was the worst foreign policy disaster that the Obama administration had produced.

As citizens and voters we should demand more attention be focused on the Mexican drug war, due to the amount of secondary and tertiary effects it has on all of us.

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Barack-ing and rolling

Romney approached Monday night’s debate with similar maneuvers that Reagan used to defeat Carter by trying to paint the president as weak and non-authoritative, thus not respected by other foreign leaders. Unfortunately for Romney though, that attempt was drowned by his inferior knowledge of foreign policy. Let’s not forget the irony that Romney has been the one warring indecisively this entire campaign was insulted by Middle Eastern leaders after his ignorant and “racist” comments in Israel, and Obama was the one that authorized the killing of Osama bin Laden. It’s hard to appeal to the neo-conservative conviction of liberal weakness when you are the one that has the weaker record.

I would even argue that Romney went as far as to insinuate that the chaos in Syria was somehow encouraged from Obama’s lack of respect globally, and in doing so, he continued the classic Republican fear mongering tactics as to justify investing more money into military. Obama responded well to expose the implausibility to Romney’s proposal to increase military spending, even achieving a Twitter trending zinger, but here are some facts our president didn’t include.

America spends more on military than the next 15 countries combined (Global Issues). The U.S. has about five percent of the world’s population, has about 21 percent of the world’s GDP and spends 41 percent of the world’s total military expenditure (Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation). 54 percent of the government’s discretionary spending goes to military (Congressional Budget Office).

A semester of 15 hours at Georgia Southern plus fees for in-state students is $3,362. If you cut this year’s national defense budget by one percent, you could fund this semester’s tuition and fees at GSU for over 2 million in-state students.

Romney’s budget calls for an additional increase of $2 trillion to our already over-inflated military budget over the next ten years, while the Tax Policy Center reports his budget will lose $480 billion in tax revenue annually. Compare that to President Obama ending the Iraq War last December and cutting $500 billion from the military budget over the next ten years, while also generating an additional $1.7 trillion over that time by allowing the Bush tax cuts to expire on incomes over $250,000. The decision should be easy. Make sure to head to the Russell Union and cast your ballot today by 5 p.m.

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Debate disappointing

Israel, Israel, Israel, Israel, Israel. Ok we get it, both president Obama and Governor Romney are committed to their support of Israel. But in a debate about foreign policy, I expect more discussion of their stances on America’s presence outside the U.S. Mr. Obama expressed his support by citing his administrations current actions dealing with the state while Gov. Romney cited his close personal relationship with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. This is all good. As a strong supporter of Israel myself I appreciated this, but I wanted more.

All in all, I was disappointed with this debate. Now I am man enough to give credit where it is deserved; Mr. Obama did a decent job, and unlike the other debates it was hard to declare Romney as the obvious winner.

This is to be expected though, let me ask you all questions, even in Romney’s case as a Governor, how much experience with foreign policy are you expected to have?

When it comes down to it, Mr. Obama does not have a strong track record of accomplishing what he promises, nor with his handling of our current economic policy or as far as I can tell a good mind for business.

Meanwhile Mitt Romney does; at no time has Romney hidden what and who he is. Romney is a businessman, and a successful one at that. Our county is a business.

We have income, expenses, creditors and customers (in this analogy that’s the citizens), and Romney knows business. We live in a world based on diplomacy and business. It’s time we started acting like it. Now don’t get me wrong, I’m not saying cut military spending arms are important. I’d rather have nukes and not need them than to need them and not have them.

It comes back to the so few undecided voters at this time, and they need to make a choice.

Like Ronald Reagan said, if you are better now than you were four years ago then I know who you’re voting for, but if you’re not, might I suggest you vote for someone else.

For me the choice is clear.

Chapin was unavailable to write his column. We asked Aaron Randall, president of the College Republicans to be a guest writer in his place.

From Data to Discussions

Similarities and differences between candidates revealed

Since the start of the debates, Mitt Romney has shifted considerably towards the middle, agreeing with the president on more issues now than he has during the entire campaign. His shift towards the center has been reflected in the polls that are now showing him and the president in a dead heat.

One uncharacteristic comment from Governor Romney that impressed me was something that he said in regards to education here in the United States. Although he seemed to disagree with President Obama that we need to increase funding for education, he did talk positively about a program that was instituted in Massachusetts. It is unlikely that he will push anything like that if he gets elected, but this huge jump to the middle from his running mate’s (and party’s) position that cutting federal grants and other education funding will help to balance the budget shows his acknowledgement of the importance of the issue.

Possibly the biggest mistake of the night was Romney’s comment about Syria being Iran’s route to the sea. For Iran to use Syria, with whom they do not share a border with, as a route to the sea they would have to travel hundreds of miles through the rough and dangerous terrain of Iraq to use their 111 miles of coastline.

Not to mention the fact that Iran has over 1000 miles of its own coastline along the Arabian Sea. Suzanne Maloney of the Brookings Institution said in February, when Governor Romney first made the remarks, that he was probably referring to the fact that Syria is the best logistical route for Iran to use in order to resupply Hamas and Hezbollah.

Aside from a few minor details, Mitt Romney’s foreign policy views seemed to be very similar to that of the president’s. They agree that being involved militarily in the Middle East, including Syria, would be a mistake and that education in that region is the key to a more accepting, peaceful and democratic area. That being said, it is interesting to note that Mitt Romney supports expanding our already massive military (specifically the Navy), while President Obama wants only to maintain its size, even though neither support military action in the foreseeable future.
Halloween night predicted

Halloween costumes can say a lot about the person wearing them and can also determine the night that you are going to have. There is a big difference in how your night is going to go down when you dress as a sexy librarian and when you dress as a mad scientist. Here is a Halloween costume horoscope to help you decide what to be this year.

**Jersey Shore Character**
You are guaranteed to have a good time. It is likely that you will find your perfect Juice Head or Guidette, so be prepared to fist pump the night away and smush when the night ends.

**Fire Fighter**
Grab your hose because you will be making people hot. As a fire fighter you will be responsible for the safety of your fellow citizens, so make sure to have all of the necessary protection.

**Secretary/Businessman**
You are not a dare devil, nor do you live your life on the edge. Sure, you might have unbuttoned a couple of buttons for the event, but you are barely cracking your shell. Keep your nose in the books because it is likely you will actually show up to your 8 a.m. class on Thursday.

**Zombie**
You will come alive tonight scaring all the little children and drunken people at the bar. Make sure you’re not too scary, and you should be able to still pick up that mad scientist you had your eye on.

**Honey Boo Boo Child**
You may think you are having a good time, but you will have a little too much go-go juice and people are going to get annoyed. Sure you won the pageant, but tonight the only throne you will find yourself near is porcelain.

**Disney Character**
You will definitely lose your shoes tonight, may it be from biting into a poisonous apple or, because walking with a mermaid tail isn’t as easy as you thought. I predict tonight you will find your John Smith or Cinderella, but also be careful so you don’t go home with a fraternity full of dwarfs.

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**Costumes can be simple**

Halloween is upon us. While the holiday itself is next Wednesday, many students will be hitting up various parties and bars this weekend to partake in the festivities.

This usually means drinking slightly more alcohol than on a usual weekend, all while dressed up in a costume that either leaves little to the imagination or is a reference to some obscure early 90’s manga series that approximately six people care about.

The costumes are a big deal for college students during Halloween. Gone are the days of trick-or-treating, pillowcases full of candy and trying to bargain your way into getting as many Reese’s cups as you can. Nowadays, we have no real curfew and no worrying about your sister stealing your few full-sized candy bars.

Many students I’ve talked to have already planned out their best costume and have spent the better part of October ordering bits and pieces online so that they can pick it out dressed as the robo-lizard space-Pope. On the other hand, many of you have

[Image of Halloween costume ideas]

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**Letters to the Editor**

Sexism does go both ways

Dear Editor,

The letter submitted by Kayla Whaley seemed to me an unfounded response to a sad description of the night of a Georgia Southern club-goer. Sad, but true. In the very rare cases that I find myself at Rudy’s, I always see at least 10 (probably under twenty-one; je gasp!) women who are drunk.

These girls seem to attract fellows who are interested in getting them another shot or willing to let them sleep it off at his place. These ladies are usually incapable of fine motor functions and slur their words like a four-year-old missing a few teeth. I would say that these women are hardly “in control of their bodies, lives, and choices,” as Whaley states.

I do not believe it is wrong to get drunk or to have sex. However, given the definition of the slang “slut,” the values by which many judge their peers, and the comparison to how these ladies comport themselves, I would say they are (in that moment) sluts. The young men in this situation are “creeping” on a girl because she doesn’t possess her faculties.

Generalizations were made in the original article and generalizing is wrong, though not always entirely unfounded. While the song playing may lighten the atmosphere, powers forbid that we should converse with a woman in a place where we can actually hear her. Not every guy who frequents a bar is there to take home a wasted girl. Countering the main point of Whaley, these situations are all too common in many bars. Speaking as an ordinary man, men do go to clubs with the intention of hooking up.

I would like to say that I disagree with the statement; “women and things considered feminine are less worthy in our culture,” made by Whaley. Some of my most respected and successful peers are women. I would dare say that most facets of society are gender equal in this age. The above statement by Whaley is sexist, and sexism is a weapon used by both men and women today.

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people would show up," Lovins said. "I feel like we are closer as a student body."
Students appreciated the chance to do something for the family.
"It's a great way to take some time out of the day to pay respects," Patrick McKibbon, freshman biology major, said.
Many students were proud of the students who came out to show their support, Lacey Hall, sophomore communication arts major, said.
"It makes me proud to be an eagle," Eden Smith, junior public relations major, said.
"It's a nice way to show our support for the family," Emily Rountree, freshman psychology major, said.
University Police is continuing its investigation.
Volker's community leader was not allowed to comment, Eric Petersen, University Villas housing director, said.
Chris MacDonald, director of housing, declined to comment.
Christian Flathman declined to comment on any further details beyond the medical release.
As of press time, no funeral plans have been released.
Colder weather may decrease virus threat

BY ALANNA NAVIN
The George-Anne contributor

Cold weather is approaching with no guarantee that the weather change will diminish threats of the West Nile virus or the cases of it around the U.S., including a recent case in Bulloch County.

"The mosquitoes go dormant in the winter, and they're not as active. If there isn't a cold winter, there can still be activity," Roger Naylor, director of Public Relations for the Southeast Health District, said.

Mosquitos are attracted to warmer climates, and another rise may occur come spring, Naylor said.

"Because we live in the southeast, there is a warmer climate. There have been cases before in November and December," Naylor said.

"Hopefully we will have a cold winter instead of a mild one so we can eliminate them," Naylor said.

There is the expectation that there will be no more cases in Bulloch County because the oncoming colder weather will kill off the mosquitos, Naylor said.

West Nile virus was detected in Bulloch County late September.

This is the first case that has occurred in eight years in Bulloch County, Dr. Bill Irby, a professor in the department of Biology, said.

Although the case was reported in at the end of September, it occurred in early August. The primary reason for this is that it takes time to positively test for West Nile Virus, Naylor said.

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The organization strongly urges residents to take precautions against mosquito bites. Urban areas such as Savannah, Atlanta and Macon have shown have a higher number of cases than rural areas. This is due to older sewage systems, which are prime breeding grounds for carriers, Irby said.

"In very healthy adults, the likelihood of getting a full-blown disease presentation is very small," Irby said.

The individuals who are at risk are small children and the elderly, due to their weaker immune system, Naylor said.

Irby said the highest number of cases of West Nile occurred in 2011 according to the Arboviral Summary by the Georgia Department of Public Health. More mosquitos were carrying the virus so the number of human cases went up. However, there is a lag effect from last year where there are still human cases seen.
Nish hired as career services director

BY PHYLICIA GALLMON
The George-Anne contributor

Hailing from the mid-west, Nancy Nish was unfamiliar to the state of Georgia, but that quickly changed when she was hired as the new director of career services at Georgia Southern University.

In her new position, Nish has taken on the task of revamping career services and opportunities for students at GSU.

“Nancy has been a breath of fresh air and brought a lot of positive energy to the office,” Kinsley Baker, a current GSU graduate assistant, said.

Nish’s vision to increase visibility is important because students need to understand that career services is not just available the day after graduation, Baker said.

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One of the ways Career Services shows its dedication to helping students connect with employers and opportunities is through the Eagle Expo or, “Career Week,” Nish said.

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Nish’s past jobs have helped prepare her to aid students in developing and preparing for their desired careers.

“Career Services will partner with students every step of the way... I am here for the students, not myself.”

-Nancy Nish director of Career Services

This year will be a little different because the Eagle Expo will also be combined with the graduate fair.

The fair and Eagle Expo gives students the opportunity to not only network with potential employers but also to get ahead of the curve on graduate programs, Nish said.

Nish said, “I am here for the students, not myself.”

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TAYLER CRITCHLOW
The George Anne contributor

The Delta Chi fraternity is hosting Steak Out for Cancer catered by Steak n' Shake with proceeds going to The V Foundation for Cancer Research.

The event will be tonight from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Delta Chi house facing Chandler road across from Eagle Village.

Attendees can pay $5 at the door or purchase a ticket from one of the brothers beforehand and receive a Steak and Shake burger, chips and a drink, as well as being able to purchase a t-shirt for $15.

“This event is open to everyone and not just students involved with Greek Life,” Aron Randall, GSP committee chairman for Delta Chi and a senior mechanical engineering major, said. “This is a great event for students who don’t know about Greeks to come to an un-pressured event.”

As of Monday, Delta Chi had 300 people RSVP’d on their Facebook page and they are expecting more to show up, Garcia said.

“500 people is the goal,” Randall said.

If Delta Chi members sell all of the tickets then the event will raise $2,000-$3,000.

All of the Steak and Shake burgers are donations by Steak and Shake, Randall said.

85 percent of the proceeds for the food tickets and of the proceeds for the t-shirts earned will go to The V Foundation, the philanthropy that Delta Chi sponsors.

The other 15 percent of ticket proceeds and 15 percent from the t-shirt proceeds will be donated to the sorority that buys the most food tickets and to the sorority that buys the most t-shirts.

The V Foundation puts efforts into cancer research and was founded by ESPN and cancer victim Jim Valvano.

Delta Chi has a personal attachment to cancer research. Around five or six years ago the fraternity lost two brothers to leukemia, Garcia and Randall said.

Because of the loss, Garcia said that they had focused their philanthropy more towards Jeffery’s Boys, a charity for leukemia and blood cancers, started by the mother of one of the victims.

The proceeds of this event will still go towards The V Foundation, Randall said.

“This is the first year for this event but we plan on it becoming an annual event,” Michael Garcia, president of Delta Chi and a senior majoring in finance and economics, said.

Randall said, “Greeks raise thousands of dollars for philanthropy. We are not just the stereotypes; we really are trying to help out.”
Cocktails and Costumes

Statesboro bars to kick off Halloween festivities

BY MARISSA MARTIN
The George-Anne staff

Halloween festivities will begin, and Statesboro's bar scenes have something for everyone.

Retriever's, Rude Rudy's and Rum Runners are putting on their first unified Halloween event called Haunted Plaza on Oct. 31.

"The fire code says we can sell up to 3,000 tickets, and I expect it to sell out," Nathan Queen, East Grill manager, said.

"People can win Victoria Secret gift cards, free t-shirts and cash prizes."

The traditional Halloween costume contest that the bars usually have individually will be combined into one contest for bigger prizes, Queen said.

Costume contest first place winners will receive a free Spring Break cruise for two, second place will win a 50-inch flat screen television and third and fourth place will win $250, Queen said.

"Last year and in previous years people had to do the bar hopping scene and pay $10 or more to get in, but this year we combined it so everyone can come in at the same time," Queen said.

There is a surprise that may have everyone a little richer by the time they walk out, but that information won't be released until Monday, Queen said.

The price for a ticket is $20.

"Last year tickets to get into each bar were ten dollars. It is usually ten dollars to get into each place (Retriever's, Rum Runners and Rude Rudys) on Halloween, so you save ten dollars. Now, with all of our door prizes and costume prizes and the big surprise, the total for what we have spent on cash and prizes is up 7,800," Queen said.

Bars and restaurants in downtown Statesboro also predict a packed house and crowded streets with the Rocky Horror production at the Averitt Center, Scare on the Square and other activities. "Thriller" dance and the Georgia Literary Festival delegates who came in town for Halloween weekend, Tim Chapman, executive director of the Averitt Center, said.

"The event was made for the delegates, but we had a huge local turnout so we decided to continue the event," Chapman said.

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The bars this weekend will be packed with people dressed up to have fun, Queen said.

"You go out on Halloween to have a good time, and I came to Georgia Southern because this college town lets me do that."

Ghost Tours to haunt the 'Boro

BY WILLIAM PRICE
The George-Anne contributor

Statesboro's most haunted stories and locations will be told through first-hand accounts from ghosts as the Averitt Center for the Arts brings back its annual and student-loved Ghost Tours event.

"The tours are a really fun way to get to know Statesboro and get a good thrill out of it," Brian Coote, tour director of the event and senior theatre major at Georgia Southern University, said.

The tours run from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. tonight and tomorrow night at the Averitt Center in downtown Statesboro. Tickets are $8 per person.

"People who have lived in Statesboro all their lives have enjoyed it; college students love it as well. It's a great event," Kate Fitch, public relations director at the Averitt Center and the primary founder of the event, said.

"We've jazzed the event up a bit last year and this year," Coote said.

"We're adding more ghosts and a new location in the past two years to bring in more people and keep the event fresh," Coote said.

The walking tours venture to different haunted places in downtown Statesboro where guests will meet individuals dressed as ghost characters from the past and hear their stories.

Places visited on the tour include the Beaver House, the Statesboro Inn, Statesboro-Bulloch County Chamber of Commerce and the newest addition, the Old Sanitarium.

"Each place is definitely a little more spooky after you hear the stories," Coote said.

"We've been running this event for three years; the original purpose was to entertain the Georgia Literary Festival delegates who came in town for Halloween weekend," Tim Chapman, executive director of the Averitt Center, said.

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The stories are also very specific with plenty of facts and historical evidence, which is very different from other ghost tours where the stories are very vague, Fitch said.

Fitch said, "It's really a good mix of learning the history of Statesboro and getting a kick out of some of its more haunted past."

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**El Sombrero**
- $3 Sex on the Beach

**Saturday**

**Applebee's**
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**Dingus Magee's**
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**El Sombrero**
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Happy Hour 3 to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to close |
| Dingus Magee's          | Happy Hour 5 to 7 p.m. and 9 to 11 p.m.                                  |
| El Sombrero              | Gnat's Landing Reverse Happy Hour all day                                |
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$4 1800 Silver  
$5 Patron Silver  
$8 double shots of Patron Silver  
$4 Tequila Sunrise  
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| Dingus Magee's          | Happy Hour 5 to 7 p.m. and 9 to 11 p.m.                                  |
| El Sombrero              | $3 daiquiri                                                              |

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$5 martinis or bombs  
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$2.75 draft  
$2 Margarita  
$3 wells  
Free appetizer with large pizza |
| Gnat's Landing           | Happy Hour 5 to 7 p.m.  
Karaoke 10 p.m. |
| Mellow Mushroom          | Happy Hour 5 to 7 p.m.  
$2.75 draft  
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Scares to fill the the Square

BY LAURIANNA CULL
The George-Anne contributor

Zombies, scarecrows, haunted insane asylums and the 80s will come together for one night as Scare on the Scare kicks off on Oct. 27 at 5 p.m. and conclude at 9 p.m. with a “Thriller” dance performance extravaganza.

This year will be the mark of the fourth annual Scare on the Square in Statesboro featuring free festivities with hayrides, trunk or treat, scarecrow contests, live music, costume contests for both visitors and their pets, plentiful amounts of candy provided all night, a haunted house and a dance performance to the hit, “Thriller” by Michael Jackson.

“Last year there was Georgia Southern students dressed as crayons, and they had the little cones on their heads,” Elena McLendon, office manager for the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority, said.

However, this year’s choreographer, Mathyn Miller, is shaking things up by changing the choreography and not sticking to the original Thriller music.

“We’re actually doing the version from the This is It movie. It has a few minutes of extra music and some hip hop that gives the dancers the chance to improv,” Miller said.

Most of the dancers in the “Thriller” performance are GSU students, including the male lead playing Michael Jackson.

“Ron Washington is in Euphoria at Georgia Southern. He’s a really great dancer and really fits the part for Michael,” Miller said.

There will be something for everyone at Scare on the Square.

The Buzz List

- Farrah Abraham from “Teen Mom” recently revealed her new face after receiving a nose job and chin implant. How kind of her to show teen girls that young motherhood can pay off.

- Donald Trump announced he is willing to donate five million dollars to charity if Barack Obama releases his college transcripts and passport information. We’ll donate five million hugs to the person who fixes Trump’s comb over.

- Lindsay Lohan live-tweeted Monday night’s debate. If that doesn’t make you lose faith in humanity, I don’t know what will.

Information compiled by Arts & Entertainment Editor Gianna Carme and Arts & Entertainment Chief Kimeko McCoy from perezhilton.com and TMZ.com.
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By: Taylor D. Terrell
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If you aren't competing in this tournament, we sure hope you are cheering on your favorite teams. The tournament will last from Friday evening until Sunday night.

**SATURDAY 10.27.2012**

**11 A.M.**

**SHOW OF STRENGTH**

**THE RAC**

There is still time to register for the Show of Strength competition but fees will increase as the event date approaches, so sign up now. If you aren't participating, come out the RAC and find out how strong your fellow Eagles are anyway. Sign up at www.georgiasouthern.edu/cr.

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GSU looks to continue win streak in road games

Georgia Southern University’s volleyball team (18-6) is on a six match winning streak, headed into two away games against College of Charleston (18-6) on Friday at 7 p.m. and The Citadel (4-22) on Saturday at 6 p.m.

Earlier this season, the Eagles played both the Cougars and the Bulldogs at home. GSU defeated the Bulldogs with a sweep but fell to the Cougars in a 0-3 loss. Both the Cougars and the Eagles have the same overall record and are both 9-1 in the Southern Conference.

GSU will be facing their toughest match first against CofC. Leading the Eagles with kills is senior outside hitter Meredith Paskert with 307 season kills and senior outside hitter Moriah Bellissimo with 229 season kills.

The Cougars have junior outside hitter Darcy Dorton with 357 season kills and sophomore middle blocker Sloane White with 233 season kills.

Previously, GSU held Dorton to 12 kills with a .135 hitting percentage and held White to 10 kills with a .292 hitting percentage.

On the defense, the Cougars have senior libero Emily Shelton with 433 digs. As a freshman, Eagle libero Alexandra Beecher has 406 digs. GSU is coming into this game having won six-straight matches and CofC having won five straight matches.

The next match will be against the Bulldogs at their home court. Having lost to GSU once already this season and having lost the past four matches, the Bulldogs, 0-10 in conference, have their work cut out for them against the 9-1 Eagles.

Up at the net, the Bulldogs biggest threat is senior right side hitter Rachael Farrell with 200 kills. During the previous match, the Eagles held her to 8 kills with a .211 hitting percentage.

This past weekend, Paskert had a career high 22 kills in the match against Samford University and sophomore middle blocker Kym Coley received 14 kills with a .667 hitting percentage in the match against The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, so coming off of those performances the Bulldogs’ defense needs to be ready. Leading The Citadel’s defense is senior libero Emily Dalton with 233 digs.

After the Eagles’ four match road swing, they will return home Saturday, Nov. 3 to face Western Carolina University and Monday, Nov. 5 to face Davidson University.
Eagles named to preseason conference team

Men’s Basketball

BY SHAKEEM HOLLOWAY
The George-Anne Contributor

Georgia Southern University men’s basketball players junior forward Eric Ferguson and junior guard Jelani Hewitt were recently named to the 2012 Southern Conference Preseason All-Conference Teams.

Ferguson and Hewitt were named to the first and third teams respectively by the College Sports Madness website. This is not the first award for Ferguson; last season he honored by the National Association of Basketball Coaches as a member of the All-District 22 Second Team, the first GSU player since Michael Curry to get this award.

Ferguson is last season’s leading scorer averaging 15.4 points per game with a field goal percentage of 56.8 percent.

At six foot and seven inches tall, Ferguson is more than a scorer, he is also the team's leading rebounder averaging 7.2 rebounds per game.

Hewitt is a three-point marksman shooting a team best 39.6 field goal percentage from behind the arc.

Hewitt was the team’s fourth leading scorer for the 2011-2012 season, averaging 10.5 points per game.

Hewitt is also a thief on the court averaging 1.26 steals per game. Hewitt is among the SoCon leaders in steals.

With the departure of senior guards Ben Drayton and Willie Powers, Ferguson and Hewitt have the opportunity to increase their averages this season as the Eagles try to better their team record from 15-15 last season.

The Eagles open their season Nov. 9 at Valparaiso, but you can get your first look at the team at Hanner Havoc on Oct. 30.
GSU should have defensive win

The Eagles are set to battle the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Mocs on Saturday, which leaves many people puzzled.

What in the world is a Moc??

Well according to the UTC website, Moc is short for the Tennessee state bird, the Mockingbird.

Despite being an extremely annoying bird that keeps people awake at awkward times, the Moc is a "fiercely territorial creature" that protects its home with courage, determination and skill.

Well, the Mocs are going to need a lot of those three qualities because they're about to face off against the Eagles.

Along with being a bigger and more powerful bird, the Eagles can boast a stronger offense than the Mocs, who are ranked third in the Southern Conference as opposed to GSU, who is ranked first.

Both defenses are actually pretty proficient by the numbers, so a lower score should be expected. The Eagles are ranked first in the SoCon in total defense and the Mocs are close behind in second.

With most defensive games, the winner of the turnover battle is usually given the best chance to win the game.

The Mocs protect the ball better than the Eagles, and they have caused six more turnovers than they've given up. GSU has coughed up two more turnovers than they've taken.

Assuming the Eagles protect the football from a bunch of birds that really have no chance against an Eagle in nature, and the defense continues to play well, the Eagles will be victorious by a score of 24-13.

Eagles will fly over UTC Mocs

This weekend The Eagles of Georgia Southern University will prepare for one of their most anticipated games of the season (besides App. State)—The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Mocs.

Last season, to my recollection, the Eagles barely beat the Mocs by a score of 28-27 and if the Eagles don't want this season to repeat, they are going to have to work hard and play hard.

Right now, the Eagles sit at No. 1 in the Southern Conference, and UTC sits at No. 3, but don't let that bronze placement fool you. The Mocs and their football program have been working hard to produce their 3-1 SoCon and 4-3 overall record.

Last week the Eagles were able to bury the Furman Paladins' ego in the ground from their 38-17 win. The aid to that victory was the work of both Eagle quarterbacks Jerick McKinnon and Ezayi Youyoute. Even though Youyoute's playtime was short lived, he still brought the force and kept the momentum going.

McKinnon did a great job lasting through the game and becoming more comfortable behind the snap.

One of the things that I believe that the Eagles need to keep doing is passing the ball. I think that threw a curveball at the Paladins last week, and it gave the Eagles some confidence. I don't think that you can continue to win football games without the passing game, so I think that it's good that the Eagles are finally breaking into that.

This game this weekend will definitely be a challenging one for the Eagles, but with all of their persistence, hard work and concentration, I think coach Monken and his Eagles will be able to pull off a 28-17 win over the Mocs.
GSU faces playoff implications against Mocs

Football (6-1)

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The only thing Georgia Southern University can do to keep playoff hopes alive this weekend in Chattanooga is to beat the Mocs, who are currently 3-1 in the Southern Conference.

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga started the season slowly and went 1-4 to start the season. Afterwards, UTC went on fire during SoCon play, and now the Mocs are among the three one-loss teams in contention for the SoCon title.

"If we don't get it done this weekend, we'll be on the outside lookin' in. It's an important game, the biggest game we've had this year, and they've got a heck of a football team," head coach Jeff Monken said.

If UTC wins on Saturday, playoff chances would be dismal for GSU. Even if the Eagles beat Appalachian State University next week and UTC loses to one of their final three SoCon opponents, the Mocs would still own the tiebreaker over GSU.

If UTC wins both of their next two games, they will be able to taste postseason Gatorade for the third straight year under Monken.

The Mocs will be pumped up and ready to play at home. Not only is it the biggest game we've had this year, but Chattanooga has also been on a tear, beating Samford University, Furman University and The Citadel in the last three games.

"They run a lot of trick plays, which keep you on your heels," Monken said. "We gotta make sure we take care of the ball. When they get it, they're pretty good at controlling it."

During the 20-13 UTC victory against Samford last week, freshman quarterback Jacob Huesman provided 229 of the 250 yards of offense the Mocs had during the game. Huesman rushed for 64 yards and scored a touchdown on a ground. He also threw for 165 yards and threw a touchdown.

Huesman leads the Mocs in both rushing and passing this season, and the Eagles will be expected to shut him down if they expect to take the victory.

On defense, the Eagles are a little banged up. Senior defensive tackle Brent Russell is nursing a leg injury, he is expected to be ready to play Saturday.

Senior safety JJ Wilcox bruised his quad after a hit last Saturday against Furman and has had limited participation in practice this week in an attempt to be ready to play against the Mocs.

In the game on Saturday, sophomore b-back Dominique Swope will look to score a touchdown in his ninth-straight game, and junior quarterback Will Williams will look to lead the Eagle offense to an efficient, turnover-free day against the Mocs.

That may be tough, considering UTC is ranked second in the SoCon in rushing defense, holding opponents to 113.7 rushing yards per game. UTC is also ranked second in total defense, just behind GSU.

The turnover margins between the two teams are alarming as well. The Mocs have caused six more turnovers than they have given up. Meanwhile, the Eagles have given up two more turnovers than they have forced.

The Eagles have won 21 of the 24 games the two teams have played against each other. GSU is just 3-3 versus UTC in the last six games.

Junior quarterback Jerick McKinnon (1) pitches the ball with hopes to get the Georgia Southern University offense moving.

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Eagles tackle mid-season expectations

Football (6-1)

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The 2012 season for Georgia Southern University Football brought in many expectations after a cold December defeat in the National semi-final last year against North Dakota State University in the Fargo Dome.

The Eagles were ranked No. 3 in the nation before the season started and projected to win the Southern Conference.

Seven games later and with a record of 6-1 (5-1 SoCon) the Eagles have climbed to No. 2 in the FCS and are atop the standings in their conference.

"Everybody on this team has the mentality that we want to be on top and want to win, nobody likes to lose at all," junior a-back Johnathan Bryant said. "We have a very competitive atmosphere here. Everyone wants to compete and get better.

Going into the season Eagles fans wondered who would be the new signal caller as GSU lost two year starting quarterback Jaybo Shaw to graduation.

Two quarterbacks junior Jerick McKinnon and sophomore Eyazi Youyoute emerged to take over the triple option attack.

"Jerick's done a good job. He's thrown the ball a lot better, and hopefully that's something he can continue to do, and I think Eyazi's had a good season and has come in times we've needed him and done a good job," head coach Jeff Monken said.

Offensively the Eagles haven't missed a beat from last year as they are averaging 34.2 points per game. However early on in the season, turnovers were an issue as the Eagles fumbled the ball a total of 14 times with seven of them lost in the first three games.

"At the beginning of the season, turnovers were a major problem. Coaches just stressed it, and our offense knew we had to get it right," McKinnon said.

Defensively GSU came back with a veteran lineup that includes senior defensive tackle Brent Russell, senior safety Darius Eubanks and senior safety J.J. Wilcox.

The defense gives up an average of only 14 points per game, down from last years 23 points per game.

"We're doing pretty well as a defense, We always want to do better than we did the previous week, and there's always room for improvement in anything that you do," senior safety Darius Eubanks said.

Midway through the season a constant phrase has been "take one game at a time" and also the respect of their opponents.

GSU's last half of the schedule includes a date with rivals Appalachian State University at home on Nov. 3, Homecoming game against Howard on Nov. 10 and against the University of Georgia in Athens.

Senior defensive tackle Brent Russell (66) takes down a Furman University offensive lineman during their Homecoming game last Saturday. The Eagles won the game 38-17, bringing them to a 6-1 overall record.