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December 3, 2013
Historic upset over Florida

GSU was paid $550,000 to play against UF

This was GSU's first win over an FBS opponent

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Wednesday, Nov. 20
7:30 p.m.: Officers made contact with four persons at The Pointe at Southern apartments. An investigation led officers to Southern Courtyard. The four persons were judicially referred for drug violations.

8:34 p.m.: Officers responded to a drug complaint at Eagle Village. Preston Delonte Pettigrew, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana – misdemeanor T count, Possession of a Controlled Substance – Amphetamine 3 counts, Possession of a Controlled Substance – Barbiturate 2 counts, Original Container Required 1 count & Possession of Drug Related Objects 1 count. Three other occupants were judicially referred.

11:12 p.m.: Officers assisted the Statesboro Police Department with an incident that occurred at University Pointe Apartments. The complainant and the victim met with officers at Kennedy Hall. One subject was judicially referred.

12:21 a.m.: Officers conducted a traffic stop on Plant Drive. The driver of the vehicle, Erica Melinda Beck, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Stop Sign Violation, No License on Person & DUI.

12:02 a.m.: Officers discovered an affray in progress at the basketball courts by J-Lot. Two subjects were arrested.

Justin Tal Nasworthy, 18, Statesboro, Ga., was charged with Possession of Alcohol – Under 21 Years of Age & Affray.

Myles Jordan Howard, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was charged with Possession of Alcohol – Under 21 Years of Age & Affray.

8:10 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident report was taken for a motor vehicle accident – hit and run in Lot 21.

Saturday, Nov. 23
7:05 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at the Alpha Tau Omega House. The alarm was set off by a subject smoking in the residence.

Sunday, Nov. 24
4:32 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a suspicious incident at the Health Services Center.

2:26 a.m.: Officers, maintenance and the Statesboro Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at Watson Pods. The building was checked with no fire found.

Monday, Nov. 25
9:31 p.m.: Officers discovered an unsecured door at Freedom’s Landing while doing residence hall checks. Three occupants were located in the apartment. One of the three occupants was judicially referred for drug violations.

9:50 p.m.: Officers discovered an unsecured door at Eagle Village while doing residence hall checks. Officers discovered a door on the inside of the apartment to be extensively damaged. Housing was notified and responded. The three occupants of the apartment were not in the residence. The three occupants were judicially referred for the damaged door.

11:57 p.m.: Officers discovered evidence of illegal drug activity while doing residence hall checks at University Villas. Officers made contact with occupants of University Villas. Four occupants were judicially referred for drug and alcohol violations.

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Our View

PR students do not deserve being dropped

The public relations program at Georgia Southern University had to drop students from classes for next semester due to too many people registering. This is an unacceptable action that reflects poor planning and foresight on the part of the department. Students, regardless of classification, should not have to be forcibly dropped from classes that they registered for. Registration is already a hassle for many students. Students have to meet with advisors, which can be difficult to schedule, to get their RAN numbers and plan out schedules. Then students have to wake up early to register on their registration date, many times finding that the classes they need are already full. Students should not have to be worried about their departments dropping them from classes on top of the stress that registration can cause.

While it is unfortunate that many seniors who are set to graduate in the spring were unable to register for classes, this should not result in other students being dropped from classes. The department should think of another way to resolve this problem other than dropping students. Additional classes are being added already, but the fact that students could still be dropped is reprehensible.

Students took the time and responsibility to register for their classes. It is up to the public relations department to make sure these students can go to those classes.

Freshmen finals advice from a senior

Finals are fast approaching, and for most Georgia Southern University freshmen, it is their first experience taking collegiate exams. But fear not, freshmen, this senior is about to lay some knowledge on you. Exams can be a breeze if you follow some simple guidelines.

First and foremost, stay up with your classwork during the semester. Note I did not say homework, because, let's be honest, you'll do that the day before its due. But going to class is actually pretty important, believe it or not. Some professors give bonuses for attendance, while some take off points from your final grade if you miss too many classes. So stay up to date on that aspect. If you are receiving this information too late, try to make any review sessions being offered. Many times that is the last day of class, so don't slack off just yet.

After going to class, know your exam details. The exam schedule is different than the usual schedule, so you don't want to pull a sophomore-year me and show up at the wrong time for a final. Some professors will also schedule their exams for the last day of class instead of the final block, so keep that in mind.

As scantrons, and blue books are required for many exams, you'll want to get these early, especially if you have an exam during the early block. Also keep in mind if the final is cumulative or not. That can play a big role in what classes you choose to study hard for.

Once you've got those two points down, find your study pattern. Some people study best in groups, some study best alone, whatever works. If you have not followed my first point, then try group studying, between five of you, chances are someone has been to every class, and if not, find someone who has.

Whether it be Starbucks, your house, club Hendy or even Steak n' Shake, find a good place to study for you. Not everyone is alike in studying habits, so find what works best for you.

Also, find out what classes you have borderline grades in or have grades that absolutely needs to be brought up, and study for those classes specifically. Selective studying has saved my GPA on more than one occasion.

So good luck on these finals, Eagles. Follow these tips and they might not be so rough this time around.

Farmer is a senior international studies and political science double major from Thomasville. He is the current Opinions Editor.
Americans need more

Because the standard way of living evolves as often as the ball drops in New York City, it’s no surprise that the discussion about what exactly to do with minimum wage is so current and has never really gone out of date. I’m sure that if five college students, six working mothers and three middle aged workers were all in one room, they would all agree that the minimum wage salary needs to be increased. 63 percent of the minimum wage workers are over 20 years old, and, quite frankly, because the cost of college is increasing and financial aid isn’t always easy to come by, it’s harder to obtain a higher education, which leaves many middle and lower class Americans extremely dependent on minimum wage jobs.

According to The United States Department of Labor, the minimum wage hasn’t been increased since 2009, and is set at $7.25 an hour. This $7.25 an hour does not have workers leaping for joy, and that’s probably why Wal-Mart employees went on strike once again on Black Friday at over 1,000 Wal-marts, demanding 12.50 an hour along with full time positions. Wal-Mart tries to brush this off, but these recurring strikes may make those who disagree with the increase second guess their opinion on the current situation. This appears to be the perfect example of the point that workers have been trying to get across for years: The current minimum wage is barely paying bills and putting food on the table.

Things have changed. The prices of common household goods steadily increase every year while the gas prices do just the same. There are more struggling minimum wage workers in this century than ever before simply because the minimum pay no longer lines up with the standard way of living. No, I don’t believe that this new wage needs to be enacted tomorrow, but I do hope that the discussion at Capitol Hill about increasing minimum wage is taken extremely serious and given extensive thought before giving low and middle workers hope that they’ll be able to provide more meals for their children while adding on more or increasing taxes, as well as creating unneeded economic issues. The American people do not need to be given a two-sided deal. They simply need more money to be able to create a better life for themselves and their children.

Sanchez is a sophomore political science major from Vineland, N.J. She is currently president of the 100 Collegiate Women of America.

Minimum wage during the season of giving

The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays afford a moment of reflection and thankfulness. We ignore our differences and we join hands nationwide forming a choir of millions to sing a tear-wrenching rendition of “Kumbaya” followed by an immense outpouring of charity and love for our fellow man. Yeah, right.

Nowadays, the holidays are a blood sport, a season to open our wallets and waste thousands of dollars on material items. After all, nothing embodies the Christmas spirit more than trampling over the guy next to you in line for that brand new PS4. What a sickening display we put on each year the day after Thanksgiving, the day we feign thankfulness for all we are granted, only to wake up the next morning and nearly kill another human being for a discounted laptop.

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Fortune favored the brave this year, however, as I happily learned there were no deaths and only a few stabbing, shooting and trampling victims scattered amongst the floor of your local Wal-Mart. Receiving little to no attention during the holidays, however, are the very mortal souls who are forced to put up with the antics of bloodthirsty shoppers during the holiday season; minimum wage retail and fast food employees.

In Georgia, the minimum wage employers are mandated to cough up is a measly $7.25. While $7.25 may be enough for a teenager, it is nowhere near enough for an individual trying to feed a family. Consider a single mother of two employed at Wal-Mart at the $7.25 rate, if she was to work a full 40 hour work week, she would take home $290 a week or $1,160 a month. Considering the median rent for a one-bedroom apartment in the U.S.A is around $950, it doesn’t take a genius to realize $1160 isn’t going to cut it. Also, factor in utilities, clothing, gasoline, school supplies, groceries, etc. The list goes on and on!

But, what really grinds my gears is that the people so opposed to raising minimum wage are the same folks who decry the individuals on welfare and government assistance programs as leeches on society. They are content with leaving those unfortunate few mired in the cycle of poverty with no aid and mock them as parasites. And then they have the audacity to assert I am supposed to feel sorry for the multi-million dollar CEO, “The Almighty Job-maker,” having to pay his employees a little more!

Furthermore, prices might go up in order to balance the changes, which in turn leads to inflation. Anytime the government regulates something such as minimum wage, they do a poor job. It will always seem like too little or too much.

At the end of the day, minimum wage is supposed to be a minimum. If low-skilled employees earned $12 an hour, then skilled workers would earn much more. The higher we raise minimum wage, the more prices will rise. It would help a little at first; but at the end of the day, you are earning the least amount of money for your job as possible.

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Opinions

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Historic mayoral race to end in runoff

BY TANNIS KUFNER
The George-Anne contributor

The Statesboro mayoral runoff election takes place today and will decide whether the first African-American or first female mayor takes office. The two mayoral candidates in the runoff are Jonathan McCollar and Jan Moore.

McCollar would be the first African-American mayor of Statesboro if he wins in today’s election. Likewise, Moore would hold the title as first female mayor.

“I would be honored and proud to be the first African-American mayor, but I am more focused on being the best and most qualified mayor of Statesboro,” McCollar said.

Moore could not be reached by press time for comment.

Today’s runoff is the result of last month’s elections, ending with McCollar earning 35.5 percent and Moore with 39.8 percent of the vote.

A runoff election occurs when candidates do not win the election by more than 51 percent.

In 1889 Statesboro mayoral elections began with candidates elected at-large annually, according to the city of Statesboro website. The mayor is presently elected at-large while the five council members are elected by district, according to the website.

All Statesboro elections are nonpartisan, according to the city of Statesboro’s website. According to the Bulloch county website, voting for the election ends today at 7:00 p.m.

Jonathan McCollar
35.5 %

Jan Moore
39.8 %

TOTAL VOTERS: 1,585

Candidate must receive over 50% of the votes to be elected.

Art Department selling student creations

BY CAITLYN OLIVER
The George-Anne contributor

Club Mud will be having an event in the downstairs lobby of the Center for Art and Theatre Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. this week.

Formerly known as the Club Mud Exhibition & Sale, the student made sale allows students to sell their artistic creations, ranging from jewelry to paintings to ceramics, while gaining experience in creating and selling their designs.

“The original sale was started by Emeriti Ceramics Professor Jane Pleak in 1985. She used this sale as a learning activity for students to be educated about the marketing and selling of their artwork as well as an opportunity to meet the public and have them learn about 3D artwork,” Cinnamon Dowd, event coordinator, said.

Previously the sale was an annual event strictly for 3-dimensional artwork. This year the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art decided to make the event available to the entire department, now including students studying 2 and 3-dimensional art and graphic design students.

“Participation in sales are an educational opportunity for students to learn basics in marketing their work to the public. They learn to create thematic jewelry series that appeals to a broad audience of the community as well as fellow students,” Christina Lemon, jewelry and metal-smithing professor, said.

The money gained from the sales will go toward the Visiting Artist Program, student needs within the department and local causes such as the Statesboro Food Bank, the Humane Society and the American Red Cross.

The student made sale will take place this Thursday and Friday at the Center for Art and Theatre. Students make jewelry, paintings and ceramics that are then sold to benefit organizations in the Statesboro community.

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Obama’s Affordable Care Act explained

BY TAYLER CRITCHLOW
The George-Anne staff

The Affordable Health Care Act, also known as Obamacare, was put into action Oct. 1 and there are still concerns on how it will affect the nation and students.

“I think the country clearly needs some kind of health care reform and the students who are going to be entering into the marketplace need to know that they are going to be able to get health insurance coverage, and prior to the affordable care act, that wasn’t the case,” Russ Toal, clinical associate professor, said.

The Affordable Care Act expands health coverage to 30 million Americans, increasing benefits and lowering costs for consumers to foster innovation and quality in the nation’s health care system, according to the Affordable Care Act website.

One benefit of the bill is that there is no longer a maximum coverage. Jerry Ledlow, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management, said.

“This year it [healthcare coverage] went from one hundred thousand dollars to five hundred thousand dollars and the upcoming academic year it will be unlimited,” Paul Ferguson, director of Health Services, said.

Usually one hundred thousand would be enough but in the event of a catastrophic situation a person needs more healthcare providers will have to cover more, Ferguson said.

There have been some downsides to the implementation of Obamacare that students should take into consideration.

There is no functionality or accessibility to the website, commonly called the Marketplace, where individuals find the right health insurance plan, Ledlow and Toal said.

It is easy to be hacked when using the website at the present time and students are advised to speak with a trusted adult who has experience in the area, Ledlow said.

Students, even if married, are able to stay on their parent’s health insurance until twenty-six years of age, Ledlow, Toal and Ferguson said.

“For all Americans, including students, Obamacare ensures that we have a more complete and comprehensive service insurance coverage,” Toal said.

Enrollment for health insurance must be done by March 31 in order to avoid a penalty that increases each year starting with $95 or one percent of annual income for the first year.

Students need to start filing taxes and insurance even if they don’t think they make enough, either as a dependent or independent, or face the possibility of penalization in the future, Ledlow said.

“The most important piece in the Affordable Care Act is the piece that sticks to attempting to adjust the access issues in terms of expanding coverage and to adjust how we distribute the healthcare resources in terms of beginning to focus on preventive care and primary care,” Ferguson said.

A person’s health condition and income no longer affects whether that person receives insurance, which then allows that person to gain access to preventive care that were previously inaccessible, Toal said.

Obamacare functions the same as Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security and brings cost shifting into play, Ledlow said.

Cost shifting is when two people want to buy a ten dollar item at Wal-Mart, and one has to pay thirteen dollars and the other person only has to pay seven dollars, either way insurance companies will get the same price, Ledlow said.

Toal said, “I think the benefits are going to significantly outweigh the negatives. We are dealing with a lot of those negatives right now but these things will get cleared away and then people will welcome the changes.”

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The newest addition to Statesboro’s bar scene opens doors on the eve of finals week with Bigshow’s Burgers second location starting up for business this Friday.

Bigshow’s Burgers is opening its second location across the street from the Allen E. Paulson Stadium, in the location formerly occupied by Dos Primos and most recently The Sports Page.

“I’m trying to get back to the roots of why we opened in the first place,” Heath Robinson, owner of Bigshow’s Burgers, said. “When I thought of the original concept it was meant to be college-oriented. It just so happened that the first location became pretty popular with locals and students, so the new place is meant to cater directly to students.”

Robinson opened up the original Bigshow’s in January of last year. Robinson also owns and operates 40 East Grill off East Main Street in downtown Statesboro.

The new spot will be open for lunch and dinner seven days a week, including a late-night kitchen. Bigshow’s offers more than 10 different burger options at any given time, with seasonal and weekly specials added to the menu regularly.

“The new location is made almost entirely for the college crowd,” Jordan Steen, manager at Bigshow’s Burgers, said.

The new location includes a full service bar and adds chicken wings to the menu, Steen said.

“One of the main reasons we’re opening the new place is because we want to join the Statesboro bar scene somewhat,” Steen said.

The new location will hold weekly trivia, game-day specials and happy hour.

“One college-oriented location and one local location. That’s what we’ve wanted since six months after we opened originally. We’ve been searching and waiting for a good spot to open up and this is it,” Robinson said.

Bigshow’s new location seats 4.5 times the customers as the original location off Brampton Avenue, offering space for more than 200 people.

“We will be highly competitive with Statesboro’s established bar scene, that’s our goal.” Robinson said.

“I always think about stuff like that [restaurants closing in the location], it’s always a concern,” Robinson said. “But we’re going to focus on what we can control: great food, strong atmosphere, clean environment and good fun.”
Look cool and stay warm this winter

BY ALEXANDRA MCCRAY
The George-Anne staff

The weather is cooling down, and it is that time of year, even in Statesboro, to tuck away the tank tops and short shorts.

But just because Statesboro is finally getting a break from its usual sweltering heat does not mean that style has to go out the window.

With a new season comes new trends to experiment with, and staying fashionable without sacrificing comfort, also known as warmth, is completely doable.

"If you want to be stylish for winter, leggings, boots and sweaters, scarves are a trend now and they have these boots now you can get monogrammed and I know that's really trendy," Mohria Harris, Fashion Menagerie vice president, said.

A quick way to update classic layering is to add a trendy faux fur vest or snood to add texture and interest to a monochrome or colorful outfit.

Scarves come in all shapes, sizes, colors and patterns. They can be the perfect finishing touch to any outfit during the colder months. And if infinity or basic loops are boring a quick tutorial search on Pinterest can come up with hundreds of unique ways to tie scarves.

"I love winter style, because you get to dress up more in sweaters and scarves and different boots and purses," Madison Campbell, freshman physics major, said.

Leggings can also be transitioned from warmer months to the dead of winter. Insulated leggings with a faux fur type lining are a hot new trend for this winter, Harris said.

Combat boots, ankle boots, riding boots and high heeled booties are just a few of the boot trends that have stuck around for the past few years and do not seem to be going anywhere soon.

For those struggling on where to start when it comes to creating outfits that work for colder weather, websites such as Daily Look and Polyvore help browsers create outfits where every piece is shoppable.

"Definitely go on Polyvore. People are starting to really take hold to those clearance websites like Just Fab and Haute Look. A lot of people are starting to shop on there and they have really good deals," Harris said.

But one doesn't have to go out and spend tons of money every season. Layering statement jackets, cardigans and eclectic tights is an easy, yet often overlooked, way to make summer style favorites work in the winter.

Song Sarae Harley, senior health education and promotion major said, "I like for winter that you can always layer and use different patterns and colors, I think that's my favorite part."
Kappas and tiaras take to the stage at GSU

BY ERIKA RICHARDS
The George-Anne contributor

Dresses will be ready, makeup will be done and hair will be styled at the ninth annual Miss Kappa Alpha Psi pageant this weekend.

The Miss Kappa Alpha Psi pageant will be held on Sunday at 7:11 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.

Tickets will be on sale all week for just $3. Tables will be set in the Union every day. Tickets at the door will be $5.

This gives contestants a chance to win scholarship opportunities and also let them express what they are most passionate for, their talents and their public speaking skills. The winner also receives an award of $500.

This event goes on every year to promote the image of young women on campus and to help them develop and strengthen their confidence when speaking in front of a crowd and interacting with others.

"It is not only about the show, but also to help them to build a bond between the participants as well as the brothers in the chapter, essentially making us like one big happy family as we work to put on this great pageant," Joshua Brown, junior sports management major, said.

"This experience will be like no other," Anthony Thomas, senior psychology major, said. "There will be a new set, new talent and better attributes."

This year the pageant will not be similar to the ones in the past because participants' platforms and talents are much different. Participants will show that they genuinely care about the community and the world.

"This will be an entertaining event for the guests. But it is not just a beauty pageant. The participants have some unique talents and very heartfelt platforms. This pageant will make the audience smile but will also make them think about some of the issues that they and their fellow students face on a day-to-day basis," Brown said.

"We have an awesome and diverse group of contestants. Some have pageant experience and some are new and were unaware of what to expect, but we're glad that they were willing to take on the challenge," Ryan Bright, junior nutrition/pre-med major, said.

This event will bring the university together in a positive way to shine a light on young women at Georgia Southern University. Not only is this event supporting fraternity and contestants but also uniting the university as a whole.

"Guests can not only expect to be entertained but experience the journey that these contestants have willingly taken part of. Family, friends and guests can expect to have a good time as they share in supporting these contestants who have worked so hard and will display their hard work and commitment on this night," Bright said.

Students will have a chance to vote for their favorite contestants by placing money in the people's choice jar, sitting outside of the pageant doors.

Bright said, "Come prepared to see an awesome show that displays the talent, character, and beauty of our lovely contestants."

UPB’s UNplugged showcases its best

Music

BY MEAGAN GREENE
The George-Anne contributor

To end this semester with a bang, the University Programming Board invites students, faculty and staff at Georgia Southern University to attend a special headliner UNplugged event on campus.

This Tuesday in the Russell Union Commons from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., headliners who have performed at UNplugged events throughout this fall semester will be showcasing their talents for students to come and enjoy.

"The headliner concert is pretty much where we invite the headliners back from the other shows who performed at UNplugged this year so far to perform again," Cassie Pritchard, UPB Late-night committee general member, said.

For those who know what UNplugged is and for those that do not, this is an event held by GSU’s UPB that gives students an opportunity to get their voice out there and show the community their talents.

"Every week we try to have a different headliner, a headliner at UNplugged is someone who has a fifteen to twenty minute set, so a headliner is the one who performs the most," Pritchard said.

At a usual UNplugged event there are many different singers that perform one or two songs. The headliner has many, and that is what makes this event different.

"We don’t want people to think that the headliner concert is just for a certain type of person, we want to draw in people from all different groups, people from all different cultures and cliques. They all have talent."

There will be an array of genres played at this UNplugged event, and it will not be just one specific type of performance.

"I personally know some of the people that will be headlining and they are all super talented, I know for a fact that it’s going to be a great show and that people will be impressed by what they hear," Pritchard said.

Along with musical styling provided by student participants there will be free coffee contributed by Starbucks and Eagle Dinning Services. Students will need to present their Eagle ID to get the coffee.

Ashley Treadwell, former UNplugged committee member said, "The UNplugged Headliner Showcase is like the grand finale at the end of the semester."
‘Catching Fire’ keeps franchise ablaze

BY PEYTON CALLANAN
The George-Anne contributor

Every now and then a movie actually lives up to the hype surrounding it. Though many franchise sequels fall prey to bloated casts and uninspired scripts that have been pushed by money hungry movie studios, “The Hunger Games: Catching Fire” managed to be incredibly thrilling despite the dollar signs in Lions Gate’s eyes.

It would be understandable if some moviegoers couldn’t resist the urge to roll their eyes at another big movie franchise based around star-crossed teenaged lovers or the fact that Lions Gate’s rushed production of the sequel after the original surprised at the box office last year and it’s star, Jennifer Lawrence (“Silver Linings Playbook”), added “Academy Award winner” to her resume.

But “Catching Fire” is as good as the crazed fans on the Internet are promising it is. Even though there may be a few minor details that will be debated to death on message boards for weeks, “Catching Fire” is sure to be entertaining all kinds of audience members for quite a while, whether they are die-hard fans of the original book series or just casual moviegoers looking to enjoy a holiday blockbuster.

While the first film seemed to be geared more towards a younger female audience, “Catching Fire” has a much more broad appeal.

“The biggest thing is it’s a fun action movie, with just the right amount of humor, romance and drama to make it bigger and better than the original,” Lions Gate was able to take the great foundation they had with the first film and add some subtle improvements.

Lakeside to kick off holiday season

BY ASHLEY DALTON
The George-Anne contributor

To kick off the holiday season, Lakeside Dining Commons will host its Annual Holiday Dinner tomorrow from 5 to 8 p.m.

“The Annual Holiday dinner is for students, faculty and members of the community to come together and enjoy the holiday season. We’ve been doing it for many years and we want to keep the tradition going in the new facility,” Greg Crawford, director of residential dining at Georgia Southern University, said.

The new facility has allowed for the Annual Holiday Dinner to progress this year with a larger menu and more seasonal decorations.

“We thought it was a neat idea to roll in with the holiday season and help out the community as well,” Crawford said.

The Dining Commons will also be decorated for the event. There will be snow machines outside at the doors and a twelve-foot Christmas tree in the main entrance. The inside will be decorated with a Winter Wonderland theme and there will be different props that people can get their pictures taken with.

“The biggest thing is its open to everyone. We would really like to get students, faculty, and the community together in one area. We just really want everyone to come out and enjoy themselves at the holiday dinner,” Crawford said.

“The event is open to the University and Statesboro community. Students may use their dining plans but cash and cards are also welcome. The dinner price is $13, but if you bring in two canned goods for local charity the dinner price will be $8.50. This is the first time that the Annual Holiday dinner will be incorporating a Can-athon.

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21 Script snippet
22 Like some excuses
23 Seafood order
24 Rural valley
25 Fly
31 Lo-cal
32 Longtime Mississippi senator
33 Two-minute warning giver
35 From scratch
36 Opted for
38 Twofold
39 Uncle Sam poster word
40 Give it up, so to speak
41 Church alcove
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Putting the win in perspective

With the hangover of Georgia Southern University's upset over the University of Florida still in effect, it is important to take a step back and think what exactly a win like this means.

After the game clock hit zero, Jeff Monken, GSU head football coach, and several players came into a room for the postgame press conference with what my late grandfather would describe as "grins from ear to ear." An elated Monken was asked by a reporter if this was the biggest win in program history.

"It's a big win. There have been a lot of big wins at Georgia Southern," Monken said. "There's a flag pole that flies at our stadium with six flags on it and those are some really big wins. I don't know if any wins top a national championship, but this is certainly a big win."

That was a good answer, albeit a politically correct one. No coach on the planet is going to claim a win over the Gators as anything less than the biggest win in program history.

For the longest time, the Eagles were on the outside looking in. Winning national championships is what coaches are hired to do.

This is where an "apples to oranges" comparison comes into play. Six FCS championships is undeniably a great accomplishment, against other FCS programs. The win over UF last Saturday was the first win in program history against a Football Bowl Subdivision opponent, not to mention an FBS opponent from the highly-touted Southeastern Conference.

This game cannot help but to bring comparisons to previous upsets of FBS teams by FCS teams, the biggest being GSU-rival Appalachian State University's last-minute shocker over No. 5 University of Michigan in 2007.

It may not be the same type of defeat App. State handed UM in The Big House, but I believe it is, hands down, the biggest win in program history. Frankly, once GSU heads to the FBS next season, six FCS National Titles might not be something they can hang their hats on at the end of the day. A win over UF in "The Swamp," however, is a huge hat rack for any team, FBS or FCS.

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The fallout from Gainesville

Two weeks ago, the Georgia Southern University football team capped off a transition year by upsetting the University of Florida on its home field.

The win brought more than a big pay day and 15 minutes of SportsCenter highlights to GSU. It also showed everyone skeptical of the move to the Football Bowl Subdivision that the Eagles will be able to compete with best the Sun Belt Conference has to offer.

GSU beat the Gators by pounding the ball on the ground and playing strong defense. The fact that the Eagles did not have to change their identity as a football team in order to win a big game on a big stage should be enough to shut up the triple option haters for at least one more year.

The win should also impact recruiting in the immediate future. Football Championship Series titles take blood, sweat and tears, but at the end of the day FBS wins over big-name schools that carry more weight.

Most of us can't name the team GSU beat for its last FCS national title, but the Eagles first win over an FBS opponent and the Gators first loss to an FCS opponent in The Swamp is something casual fans from both sides will not forget anytime soon.

Outside of Southern Conference country, Appalachian State University is known as that team that beat a highly ranked University of Michigan Wolverines team. For now, GSU will be known as that school that knocked off UF during one of the team's worst seasons.

If the Eagles manage to stay healthy next year and string together some more upset victories over prestigious opponents, Monken could land the caliber of athlete GSU needs to become a fixture on television during bowl season.

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Lady Eagles hope to end losing streak at Mercer

Women's Basketball (1-6)

BY TREY MCNABOE
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While most students enjoyed a week away from classes, the Georgia Southern University women's basketball team cringed after going 0-3 over the break.

The Eagles currently are 1-6 overall and struggling on the road going 0-4.

The next opponent GSU will face will be Mercer, who is undefeated at home going 3-0.

The two matchups that will determine this game will be the Eagles as they are averaging almost 21 turnovers a game while forcing opponents to commit 12 a game.

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GSU will take on the Bears at Mercer on Wednesday at 7 p.m. to try and snap a four-game losing streak and get the team's first win on the road.

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Senior GSU guard Lacie Dowling looks around a defender to line up a pass. Dowling is averaging 8.3 points per game this season, accompanied with a .429 shooting percentage from beyond the arc.

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Eagles lose two over the break

**Women’s Basketball (1-6)**

**BY HAYDEN BOUDREAU**
The George-Anne contributor

It was a disappointing weekend for the Georgia Southern University women's basketball team as it fell in two straight games in Boca Raton at the Thanksgiving Tournament.

After their thanksgiving feast on Thursday the Eagles headed down to Florida for their first game against Florida Atlantic University Owls (4-2). FAU had the statistical advantage heading into the game but were aware of the upset possibilities.

The Owls came out of the gate swinging against GSU and went on an early 12-3 run. Guard Mimi Dubose and forward Danielle Spencer, both seniors, tried to lead their team back but were only able to score five points before the end of the half. The Eagles found themselves trailing at half time, 19-48.

In the second half it appeared as if a new Eagle team had emerged. Senior guard Lacie Dowling opened the second half with a quick jumper. She was followed up by a three-pointer from Dubose.

After multiple runs the Eagles had battled back but the deficit proved to be too much to overcome and they fell 58-82.

GSU outscored FAU in the second half 38-32, largely led by Dubose who went for 14 points and six assists. Big performances also came from Spencer and junior guard Anna Claire Knight who each racked up 11 points.

Head coach Chris Vozab was pleased with her team's second half performance.

"In the second half, we slowed ourselves down and executed, and that's what we need to learn to do consistently moving forward. We want to play with pace and push the ball up the floor, but we cannot allow ourselves to be rushed," Vozab said in a news release.

The Eagles were hoping to carry the momentum of the second half into their game on Saturday against the University of Detroit.

Dowling started off the game with 14 points and one steal, leading into the half with Detroit up, 42-40.

The second half was another battle for the Eagles. Late in the game Detroit was ahead by one point with only 10 seconds left.

GSU lost possession and was forced to foul. After two free throws Detroit pulled ahead and ran out the clock, taking the game 82-79.

With a long season still to go for the Lady Eagles they look to get their second win Wednesday when they take on Mercer University.

The game will be held in Macon at 7 p.m.
While Georgia Southern University community members were stuffing their faces with turkey, GSU athletics were hard at work. The football team upset the University of Florida 26-20 for the Eagles’ first win against an FBS opponent. The volleyball team will advance to the NCAA tournament as it defeated Samford University 3-1 to win the Southern Conference Championship. It was not all good news, as the women’s basketball team went winless, including a crushing 82-79 loss in the Florida Atlantic University Thanksgiving Tournament.

Top: Senior guard Lacie Dowling (1) stands pat in her defensive position opposite Cal State Northridge junior guard Janae Sharpe (3). Right: Redshirt freshman quarterback Kevin Ellison (4) rushes for a touchdown against UF. Bottom: GSU volleyball celebrates its first SoCon championship since 2010.

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