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# THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

TODAY



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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A CAT



## How to prepare for spring financially

By Emily Ross  
Staff writer

When you think of spring, lots of things probably come to mind; the birds and the bees, flowers, and basketball, but probably near the bottom of your list is financial aid. Spring semester is just around the corner and that means it is time to start thinking about getting financial aid forms in order. Whether you are dependent on financial aid or not to get through school, it is important to make sure that you have your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) filled on time and most importantly, correctly.

The FAFSA has to be filled out in order to receive financial aid, but contrary to popular belief, the FAFSA does not have to be filled out to receive the HOPE scholarship. According to GSU financial aid Assistant Director, Ellen Seel, students who know they are not eligible for financial aid, but are receiving the HOPE scholarship can simply visit GA College 411 website to apply.

"We still recommend that people fill out the FAFSA anyway because although you may not need aid now, it might help down the road," said Seel.

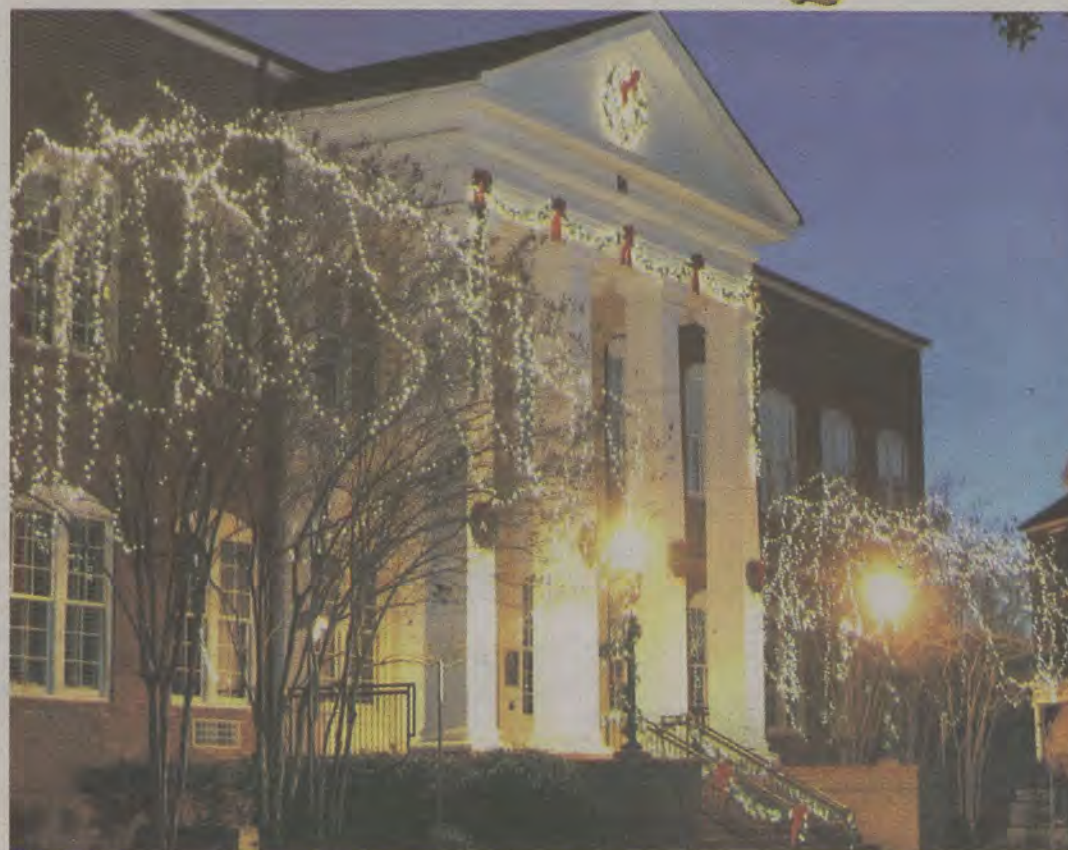
Students should make themselves aware of the current policies for the HOPE scholarship. The HOPE scholarship will now check GPA requirements at the end of every spring in addition to every 30 hours attempted. It is important that students recognize the difference between attempted and completed

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## Powers leads Eagles over Mercer

True freshman Willie Powers' career high 26 points helps GSU earn win in home opener at Hanner

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Special photo

Pittman Building glowed last year along with the rest of Sweetheart Circle for the annual holiday lighting. The official lighting ceremony for this year will occur today from 4:30-5 p.m.

## GSU sets campus aglow for the holidays

By Avina Darmadjaja  
Managing editor for news

Holiday season is once again upon us and the Sweetheart Circle will again be adorned with holiday lights and beautiful decorations. Everyone is invited to attend the official holiday lighting of Sweetheart Circle today from 4:30-5 p.m.

"There will be free holiday cookies, apple cider and hot chocolate to help get everyone stroll into holiday mood early," said Leslie Spoon, coordinator of spirits and traditions. "It'll be a perfect event for students and faculty to mingle and have fun."

According to Spoon, harpist Anne Krickel will play live holiday tunes throughout the event. However, the

event will be moved inside the Georgia Southern museum if it rains.

Spoon also said that President Grube's wife, Kathryn Grube, is going to lead the ceremony by turning the holiday lights on.

While GSU students and faculty have enjoyed the holiday lights for many years, there never was an official ceremony to celebrate the lighting of Sweetheart Circle.

Today's ceremony, which is sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, is the first ever event to celebrate it and to officially kick-off the holiday season.

"It will be short and sweet," said Spoon. "We hope that this is going to be a new Georgia Southern tradition that will continue to grow."

## NEWS

### Could you be paying too much for apartment utilities?

G-A reporters go undercover to find out just what's happening to students at one of Statesboro's most well known apartment complexes.

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## FEATURES



Tao Ventre/STAFF

### Georgia's water woes worsen

The George-Anne dedicates today's vivid photo page to the water-starved state, which is currently battling a continuing drought, diminishing reservoirs, and a lack of water conservation.

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## OTHER TOP STORIES

### How-to corner: Surviving the holidays

Our staff writer explains the do's and don'ts of getting through what, to many, is the most hectic season of the year.

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### Multicultural student center hosts holiday bash

GSU will be hosting a holiday cultural celebration on November 28 to celebrate the different winter holidays.

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# University Store

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# OPINION

## The George-Anne Daily Statement of Operations

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We forfeit three-fourths of ourselves in order to be like other people.

-Arthur Schopenhauer  
German Philosopher

## Water Scarcity Trumps Global Warming

Those taking a proactive approach towards solving environmental issues, especially like global warming, have forgotten about the disparate amount of attention paid to the sustainability of the world's first real foreseeable problem – the scarcity of sustainable freshwater.

Only one percent of the world's total water supply is drinkable freshwater that is able to sustain life, and with draughts plaguing places so close to home for many GSU students, it has jumped from a developing country, third-world type of problem to an immediate local dilemma in the state of Georgia.

Many Atlantans are having to conserve significant amounts of water in an effort to help alleviate the problems associated with the drought. Unlike global warming, which has yet to be proven effectual by human consumption of natural resources, the scarcity of water is a 110-percent proven fact.

Obviously, one is a byproduct and the cause

and effect of the other, but there is no denying that freshwater resources are dwindling at a rate much higher than that of the rising temperature of earth due to global warming.

The problems concerning the sustainability of the earth revolve around the far exceeded carrying capacity that the earth reached a number of years ago with only three or four billion people, far less than the six and a half billion or more in today's society. According to the World Health Organization by 2025, nearly 2 billion people will be living in countries with an absolute water shortage, and water resources per person would likely fall below the recommended level of 132,000 gallons.

Until the right people, data and resources are allocated and focused on devoting more time towards research and development to help solve problems associated with water scarcity, most people won't on earth won't be around to worry about whether or not they'll be able to fill up their gas tank.

## End of term final exams fit into the heart of the holiday season

I was sitting at dinner thinking about all of the stress that was giving me my current migraine and realized that fall semester final exams are always held near Thanksgiving.

I wondered if someone actually sat down and noticed that there is a short span of time between a holiday where we celebrate what we are most thankful for in life and a holiday season that is filled with 'cheer', no matter what it is you are celebrating. I wonder if this person sadistically smiled as they signed whatever to place final exams in this space of time.

It is the perfect placement, however, for making good use of these holidays.

For Thanksgiving, I was thankful for my family, who keep me sane through the sobbing phone calls. For my friends, who sat hours waiting for me to get home from the newspaper to watch a movie, than felt sorry for me as I had to go up to the lab to study (I'm not quite sure why they never seem to have much to do...). I was thankful for my teachers, who didn't give me ten essays to write over the weekend this

year. I was thankful for whoever invented the note card, for it is what will (hopefully) get me through my mineralogy final.

You know all our thoughts went from the turkey on the table back to our pile of books and papers on our desks, waiting for our return, all thankful it was not yet Sunday.



**Jessica Martin**  
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Over the December holiday season, we will bow our heads in church or synagogue or wherever we decide to reflect and silently thank whomever for giving us such a nice long vacation this year. To whoever listened to our prayers last year for a longer span free of essays, tests, pop quizzes, and those god-awful group projects.

We will silently give thanks (or curses) for our grades being posted and this semester, in every way, finally being finished.

For many of us the fresh start in January, whether in a new batch of classes or the first job in the real world, is the greatest blessing of all.



DETROIT NEWS 5 EMAIL: hpayne@detnews.com

"CONGRATULATIONS! YOU OWE \$120,000."

## Drivers can save pedestrian lives by taking time to notice their surroundings

It has come to my attention that some residents around Statesboro lack the proper knowledge on what to do while encountering a pedestrian while in an automobile. Although honking or yelling at pedestrians while driving by is not illegal, it just proves ignorance and annoyance.

My main form of transportation to campus is a bicycle. Although this is also considered a vehicle, pedestrian laws apply just the same.

Personally, I choose to ride a bike over driving as a means of transportation because it is environmentally beneficial and a healthy alternative.

While I too drive, I know how annoying bikers can be while riding in the road, there are still laws that you must abide by to assure their safety, and avoid you from receiving tickets.

According to Georgia law, "When a pedestrian shows an intention to cross the street by stepping off the curb, motorists must stop and stay stopped to allow the pedestrian to cross." Although pedestrians may be jaywalking, drivers should take responsibility and stop for these individuals.

Legally however the law states, "Every

pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway."



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Another important law in Georgia that has been instated since 1995 states that, "Drivers approaching crosswalks with pedestrians in them must stop and stay stopped, not just yield to them."

This clearly states that if you see pedestrians in the crosswalk area that you must stop to them, however more often than not do I see cars speed up to avoid people or just hope the pedestrians will get out of the way in time.

Through my years at Georgia Southern, I've been involved in numerous situations like these where drivers ignore the laws and have almost hit me, one case where I had actually been struck.

If people simply paid attention to their surroundings more I would have nothing to complain about.

The laws are simple to understand and all of us pedestrians would appreciate if you followed them accordingly.



# Op/Ed

## Submission of Letters to the Editor

The George-Anne Daily welcomes guest columns from people both inside and outside the GSU community. All copy submitted should be 350 words or less, typed, and preferably sent via e-mail in Microsoft Word format to [gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu). All submissions must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification. GSU students should include their academic major, year at GSU, and hometown. The editors reserve the right to edit or reject any submission.

If man does find the solution for world peace it will be the most revolutionary reversal of his record we have ever known.  
-George Marshall  
U.S. Military General

## Have America's homeless lost their drive to succeed? Illegal immigrants haven't

What is more encouraging than the concept that hard work and determination, no matter who you are, can earn you a successful life and more importantly the opportunity for the pursuit of happiness?

This is a significant concept upon which America was founded that offers hope to all for a great life. Not all would agree that this principle alone is a recipe for success. On paper it sounds great, but is it realistic?

Those American citizens that are homeless, sleeping on the streets, eating minimally and barely hanging on in society might argue the opposite. There are many reasons why people become homeless; drugs, alcohol abuse, bad decisions, and tragic losses, etc.

It's difficult, perhaps unfair to judge someone who is homeless and to assume they have simply given up and have lost their drive for success. Not understanding one's individual circumstances clouds the possibility of reaching a fair explanation for their failure. On the other hand, is it possible that a reasonable explanation for the unfortunate plight of homeless Americans might come from a lack of motivation, drive and determination, or the possibility that they have just given up? I personally feel the latter to be more accurate.

Strictly on an individual level, my perspective on this issue may be unfair and probably is, but in the most general sense it could be a fair assessment when compared to the illegal

immigration population.

There are millions of illegal immigrants, estimated twelve million last I checked, who are making ends meet and are living the American dream. Immigrants on their way to the United States often are beaten, mugged, robbed, and raped before they even set foot in this country.

They typically arrive here with almost nothing. No food, money, job, or a place to live.

These are very similar to the circumstances of our country's own homeless population with one exception, the homeless have US citizenship. Citizenship in the US is greatly desired by immigrants due to their understanding of its perks and the many more opportunities that it can provide.

The homeless already have

this valuable attribute, which entitles them to much more than immigrants. America's suggested ideals for success through hard work and determination seem to pay off for those searching for a better life. If someone can come to this country with much less than those with citizenship and still find a way to succeed, what are our citizens' excuses for failure?

Whatever their situation or excuse may be, there is no denying that everyday illegal immigrants confirm America's claim of opportunity.

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To the Editor:

We desperately seek a black and white world. We want some things to always be right, and others to always be wrong. We hate gray. It requires excessive thinking and life is simpler painted in black and white. Our presidents have noticed this phenomenon, and their aggressive rhetoric is clearly demonstrative of this. The examples abound: Johnson's 'War on Poverty,' Nixon's 'War on Drugs,' and Bush's 'War on Terror.' Unfortunately, this rhetoric generates the necessary environment for the United States to proceed with black and white policies. In wartime you are a patriot or a traitor, you are for us or against us.

However, these wars are declared on intangibles and therefore will have no ending. For

example, heroin and methamphetamine use has become epidemic here in the United States, and I am uncertain of anyone perceiving a near plausible finish of the "War on Terror." Perhaps we, as a country, need to struggle with the idea of a gray world. In this gray world we would have to think about not only stemming the tide of drugs but also make a concerted effort to save those addicted. Also in this gray world, our smart bombs may not be the geniuses that they have been made out to be, and we would have to cope with the fact that real families, just as significant as ours, are bombed sleeping in their homes.

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## Hollywood writers strike out

People are not going to stop watching television during a writer's strike, even if it's just the same old reruns - "The Andy Griffith Show" is still on every day, 47 years after the show's debut. In fact, most viewers are just moving on to the next new thing until their favorite shows are back on the screen.

Unfortunately for Hollywood's striking writers, the next new thing is most likely going to be a reality television show.

Unlike in-depth, scripted shows that require hundreds of hours to write, re-write, edit, final edit, rehearse and finally tape, reality shows only require multiple cameras, gullible cast members and a couple dozen hours of editing to spit out the next new show with outrageous human behavior that is just unbelievable - and not that difficult to watch.

In an ironic twist, the popularity of reality shows is a major contributing factor to the need for writers to strike in the first place.

Reality shows, while not exactly a reflection of reality, are undeniably cheaper, and apparently, more entertaining to millions of viewers in the United States and elsewhere.

While Hollywood's writers are striking on the streets outside the studios, these reality shows are soaking up the ratings scripted shows would be getting if there were new episodes.

Higher ratings mean more money through advertising. It also means scripted shows are making less money right now because they're

in re-runs, thereby decreasing demand for striking writers.

The Writers Guild of America recently entered into negotiations with Hollywood studios, but they must realize that while they may deserve more money for the work they do, there are now other options for studios to still make money without dealing with the sign-bearing, latte-toting strikers outside their doors.

Some writers who set out to make a living with the written word are lucky enough

to actually have careers in Hollywood, writing for hit sit-coms, dramatic hospital shows or fake news shows like Jon Stewart's Daily Show.

It could be worse, they could be the starving writers whose careers never made it off the ground.

The kind of writers who fill notebook after notebook and blog after blog between eight hour shifts at dead end jobs in

the real world - and not MTV's version.

Hollywood's striking writers need to realize they are living the dream - getting paid to write jokes, cut-downs and profound statements - and strike a deal while they can to keep on top of the 'reality' sham that's currently taking over all the channels - and fast, before the starving writers get smart and start filling out resumes.

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"Hollywood protesters are writing themselves out of the script."

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## WORLD NEWS

# Former Pakistani leader Sharif returns from exile

By Kim Barker

McClatchy Newspapers

Former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif returned from seven years of exile Sunday, but this time he was allowed to stay.

Sharif, who tried to come home in September but was kicked out five hours later, looked almost shell-shocked as he walked out of the Lahore airport, where he was greeted by frantic crowds who carried him on their shoulders and shouted that they loved him.

His return from exile in Saudi Arabia complicates the already tumultuous politics of Pakistan, where President Pervez Musharraf declared a state of emergency Nov. 3 after months of turmoil. The return paves the way for parliamentary elections that will likely lead to a messy coalition government rather than the stable one desired by the West, analysts said.

For Sharif and Musharraf, the political confrontation is personal. Musharraf, the country's army chief, deposed Sharif in 1999, just after Sharif tried to prevent Musharraf's plane from

landing in Pakistan.

"I do not believe in the politics of revenge," Sharif told the crowd at the airport as he stood on a counter. "I will try my best to end dictatorship in Pakistan and will campaign for democracy. My life and death are for Pakistan."

Sharif, best known for ordering the country's first successful nuclear tests in 1998, returns to a much different country, one driven by sectarian clashes, terrorist attacks and anti-military sentiment. Pakistan is now seen as a cornerstone in the U.S.-led war on terror, a country where domestic political problems ripple far outside the borders, and where the fight against militants has been hurt by the deepening political crisis of recent months.

Once known as the military's stooge, Sharif is now seen as a symbol of opposition to military rule. Gone are the anti-Western speeches and the desire for Islamic law.

He has even said in recent interviews that he would support the war on terror, on his terms.



Special photo

Two of the Pakistani political triangle, former prime ministers Benazir Bhutto (left) and Nawaz Sharif, have both been allowed to return to the country from separate exiles.

## NATIONAL NEWS

## Sen. Lott to step down at end of session

By Anita Lee and Kate Magandy

McClatchy Newspapers

The time was right to step aside, the U.S. Senate's second-ranking Republican, Trent Lott, told a hometown crowd when he announced Monday that he will resign after completing one year of a six-year term.

Lott has said he planned to retire before Hurricane Katrina, but stayed to help Mississippi, where 42 counties were hit by the storm, particularly Lott's home base on the Gulf Coast.

He said he thinks he has done what he can and now wants to devote more time to his family and professional interests.

Lott, known for his diplomacy and ability to strike compromise from a leadership position, did not criticize his colleagues in Congress but did express frustration over the slow pace of progress, even with legislation that raises little controversy.

"I've always believed that just by sheer energy and tenacity you can get legislation passed," Lott said. "We did that in the 90s when I was in the majority leadership position ... but this year I've found it's awfully tough."

At 66, Lott indicated he is willing to leave the battle to a younger successor.

"I've been in the majority, I've been in

the minority, back and forth six times," Lott said. "I don't like being in the minority as much and if I were 20 years younger, I would be mounting my horse, saying I want the majority back."

Lott, who has served in the House and Senate for 35 years, will step down at the end of this congressional session.

He offered a prepared statement at the LaFont Inn, scene of so many of his past political events, including his first Senate victory party in 1972.

He also served 17 years in the House as a Republican and four years as administrative assistant to Rep. William Colmer, the Democrat who preceded him in the House seat.

Lott served as Senate majority whip from 1996 until 2002, ending his leadership with a controversial statement at former Sen. Strom Thurmond's 100th birthday party.

At the time, Lott expressed support for Thurmond's decidedly segregationist campaign for president in 1948.

Lott quickly apologized for his remarks. He was able to regain leadership in his party by 2006 and said he is pleased to be leaving on "a positive note."

"I wanted to have this opportunity again today and thank you for these 35 years in the Congress," Lott said.



## Winter Break Hours

Begin Dec. 8

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## How-to Corner: Surviving the Holidays

So as we all know, the holidays are right around the corner, literally. And even though the holidays to us students mean no school, no tests, and no obligations, they can still bring their fair share of stress and near mental breakdowns.

I know this from personal experience. I spent this past Thanksgiving break with my older brother. I love him dearly but spending nearly 15 hours a day for five straight days with any family member of mine is not an easy task. So by Sunday, I was ready to pull my hair out. And I know come Christmas time, it'll be non-stop family time for AT LEAST 2 weeks. So on the 6-hour ride back home, I brainstormed some great ways to survive this holiday season without having a mental breakdown.

1. **Work out.** Nothing beats the holiday blues, or any blues in that matter, like a good hour-long sweat session. Yoga, Pilates, kickboxing, running. Whatever your exercise of choice is, do it when you're feeling over-whelmed with the family. You'll not only feel better, but you'll look better as well.

2. **Treat yourself.** According to psychologist Alice Domar, a contributor to Web Md, treating yourself is key. She suggests that for every 10 gifts you buy for someone else, you treat yourself to one indulgence. When I am out holiday shopping, I'm focused on all of the gifts I have to buy other people, and end up forgetting about the most important person of all, myself. So in between buying gifts for your friends and family, go out and get a massage, treat yourself to a nice dinner, or buy that really cute dress you've been eyeing at Macy's. Buying or doing something for you will bring some of the joy back in holiday shopping.

3. **Act like a kid again a.k.a., play!** My best friend Emily Quail from Ohio gave me this suggestion. The older we get, the less fun Christmas seems to be. Christmas is no longer just a day of presents and a long break from school, its weeks of shopping, cooking, and stress. So take a break, go outside and play!

"Get out of the house and build a snowman,

or have a snowball fight. Remember what you used to do when you were little and do it now!" Emily said.

Well unlike Ohio, Georgia, unfortunately, doesn't get much snow. So improvise. Like watch hours of cartoons or skateboard around your neighborhood.

4. **Make your gifts instead of buying them.** Domar suggests, "Giving the gifts money can't buy." So instead of driving to the mall and buying just another tie for Dad or snow globe for Grandma, make them gifts instead. Some easy homemade gifts are photo albums, scrapbooks, a video, a scarf, or even a homemade coupon for a back rub. Not only will this save you a trip to the over-crowded mall and the endless traf-

fic jams, but also the gift will mean more to the receiver. Homemade gifts have more sentimental value to them, because you're showing that special someone they mean more to you than a few dollars.

5. **Get plenty of "me" time.** In my family especially, the house is always full of relatives. So the chances of getting some alone time in my house is a slim to none chance, so I usually leave for a few hours a day to clear my head and just be alone. The holidays are all about family, but you can't forget to remember yourself. So go work out, shop, or read a good book at the local Barnes

& Nobles. No matter how much you have to get done, always remember to pencil in some "me" time, just so you don't go insane.

6. **Go out with your friends.** Nothing helps to relieve holiday stress like a night out with your girlfriends or the guys. So dress up in your finest attire and hit the town for a night of dancing and drinking (if you're of age) with your closet friends.

The holidays are wonderful, but can definitely take a toll on our bodies and minds. So make sure you take care of yourself! Also, make sure to remember why the holidays are here and enjoy the time you get to spend with the ones you love. They do only come once a year, so spend that time enjoying them, not despising them!



**Claire Gallam** is a senior journalism major from Lakewood, Oh. She is an assistant news editor for the George-Anne Daily.

## Aid

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hours. Attempted hours are those which a student has enrolled in and not dropped before the end of the first week of drop/add.

At present, HOPE is required to pay for enrolled hours and are added to a student's 'attempted' hours, and deducted from the amount of hours which the student is eligible for through the scholarship. Any delay in application will jeopardize a student's ability to receive financial aid in the way they are hoping for.

"The sooner you fill [the FAFSA] out, the

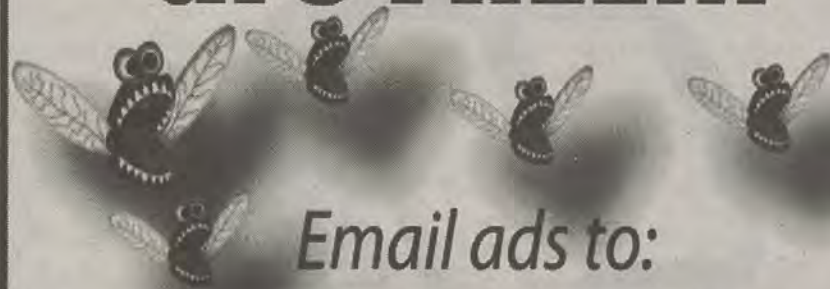
sooner it is processed," said Seel.

Although filling out the FAFSA earlier will not likely change the amount which a student receives, it's important in case errors occur, or a student is simply selected at random for verification.

The 2008-09 FAFSA will be available starting on Jan. 1, 2008 at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Students are required to reapply every year. April 20, 2008 is the priority deadline, which, if met, will maximize the potential for award eligibility.

The key to making application for financial aid smooth and easy, is just remember, that accuracy is the key! Students are encouraged to visit the financial aid office for questions, located in the Rosenwald Building.

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## COBA featured in 2008 Princeton Review

### GSU News Service

The Princeton Review featured Georgia Southern's College of Business Administration in the recently published 2008 edition of its Best 290 Business Schools.

The Best 290 Business Schools has two-page profiles of the featured schools with descriptions of their academics, student life, admissions, and career placement services.

"I love the faculty here," said one student. "Because Georgia Southern is a teaching institution, the professors are very accessible and willing to help. They have time to work with students and to teach classes."

Also, students appreciate "that the quality of the courses offered is equivalent to those at larger business schools, but there is no big-school mind-set."

Nearly 100 employers visit the GSU campus each year.

Top employers of graduating MBAs include: Gulfstream Aerospace, Inc.; Memorial Medical Hospital; Great Dane Trucking, Inc.; and Sun Trust Bank.

Many students who received their undergraduate degree from GSU and were so

impressed with the program they enrolled in a COBA graduate program.

One such student explains, "I completed my undergraduate degree at Georgia Southern, and when the MBA program started a concentration in Information Systems, I took the opportunity to continue my education in a field that I am very interested in."

GSU's MBA program boasts "a highly diverse" student body. Students say that they "vary widely in terms of race, sex, and culture." They range in ages between 23-53, and more than 10 percent of the student body is international. The Princeton Review does not identify one business school as best overall.

"We compile our ranking lists in multiple categories based on what students report to us about their schools to help applicants decide which of these academically outstanding schools is best for them," said Robert Franek, vice president of publishing at The Princeton Review.

"We are pleased to recommend the College of Business Administration at Georgia Southern University to readers of our book and users of our Web site as one of the best institutions they could attend to earn an MBA or a MAcc."

## CALENDAR

### Tuesday, November 27

**Eagles in D.C.**  
5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  
Russell Union 2047, Russell Union 2047 A, Russell Union 2047 B

**Mad Scientist Laboratory**  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Museum Rear Gallery

**From Protest to Peace**  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Museum Front Gallery

### Wednesday, November 28

**Arts lecture series**  
5 p.m.-9 p.m.  
Education Building Lecture Hall

**GSU Symphony holiday show**  
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center

**Movie: RUSH HOUR 3**  
8 p.m.-10 p.m.  
Russell Union Theatre

### Thursday, November 29

**CMCET senior banquet**  
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Nessmith Lane Southern Ballroom

### Friday, November 30th

**Wind ensemble**  
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center

### Wednesday, December 5

**Ethical issues in long term care**  
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Nessmith Lane 2908

**Finals relaxation day**  
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Russell Union 2043

### Thursday, December 6

**ROTC commissioning ceremony**  
9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Nessmith Lane Assembly Hall/Auditorium

**Graduation reception**  
4 p.m.-7 p.m.  
Russell Union Ballroom A, Russell Union Ballroom B

**Holiday lighting of Sweetheart Circle**  
4:30 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Sweetheart Circle

## POLICE BEAT

### 11-15-2007

Shawn Ronaldo Gene, 24, of Lanier Drive, Statesboro, was charged with public intoxication.

A book bag was taken from the University Store.

An iPod, a set of headphones and several articles of clothing were taken from Olliff Hall.

Two book bags were taken from the Herty Building.

### 11-16-2007

A teddy bear was taken from a room at Kennedy Hall. In addition, the internet cable in the room was cut.

A text book was taken from Kennedy Hall.

An I-pod was taken from a vehicle in the Eagle Village parking lot.

### 11-17-2007

A cell phone was taken from Johnson Hall.

### 11-18-2007

A car was scratched in the Johnson Hall parking lot.

A digital camera was taken from Eagle Village.

### 11-19-2007

Officers assisted three motorists.

### 11-20-2007

Adam Joseph Marino, 20, of Robin Hood Trail, Statesboro, was charged with simple assault, public intoxication, and reckless conduct.

### 11-21-2007

Juan Carlos Martinez, 23, of Sandpiper Drive, Statesboro, was charged with driving with a suspended license, knowingly driving a motor vehicle with suspended registration, and no proof of insurance.

### 11-24-2007

Officers assisted one motorist.

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# New Lego Star Wars brings six movies to one game

By Alex Schafer  
Guest Writer

Star Wars is one of the most prolific stories in all of pop culture. From the six movies, to the subsequent spin-off movies and cartoons, to the countless video and board games, Star Wars has found its place in our culture in more ways than one.

It's a story that can reach young and old alike, and paints a picture of the old adage that love truly does conquer all. Now, for the first time ever, LEGO Star Wars: The Complete Saga takes you through all six films in a fun and interactive game that is enjoyable for all ages.

Traveler's Tales and LucasArts get together again for the third installment of the already very popular LEGO Star Wars series.

The first venture, known simply as LEGO Star Wars: The Game, re-created the Star Wars universe as a universe made entirely of LEGOs. At first, critics were skeptical of the game's bizarre design, thinking it was too childish and juvenile.

However, this sophomoric humor that the first game brought to the table was exactly what made it so popular. The game focused on the first three Star Wars films (and by first three I do mean Episodes I, II, and III) with a bonus level that featured the first battle of Episode IV that was unlockable after beating the game.

This lead many to believe that there would be a second LEGO Star Wars that saw the rise of the Rebellion from Episodes IV, V, and VI,

and sure enough, LEGO Star Wars: The Original Trilogy was born.

Much like its predecessor, it realized the original trilogy of Star Wars films played out in the form of LEGOs. Several new features added depth to the game play, and the second of the two games became even more popular than the first.

However, LEGO Star Wars: The Complete Saga (available exclusively for next-gen consoles) is perhaps the most disappointing edition of the game so far.

If you own or even played the first two games, this version is not worth the price to buy it at all. It is virtually identical to the first two games, with the exception of a few new levels and some interesting new features.

Sure, for the first time ever you can have Jar Jar Binks wearing Princess Leia's vintage gold bikini (if that's what you're into) or battle against Darth Maul with Luke Skywalker (sounds like something from South Park's Imaginationland) but this simply isn't enough to persuade me to buy a game that I've already played under near identical circumstances.

Don't get me wrong; it is still a fantastic game. If you enjoyed the first two it is worth the price to rent at the very least, and if you haven't played the first two it is perhaps worth the price to buy, and can very easily stand on its own. Unfortunately, this is one game that can only stand on its own, because when combined with the first two games, its value drops



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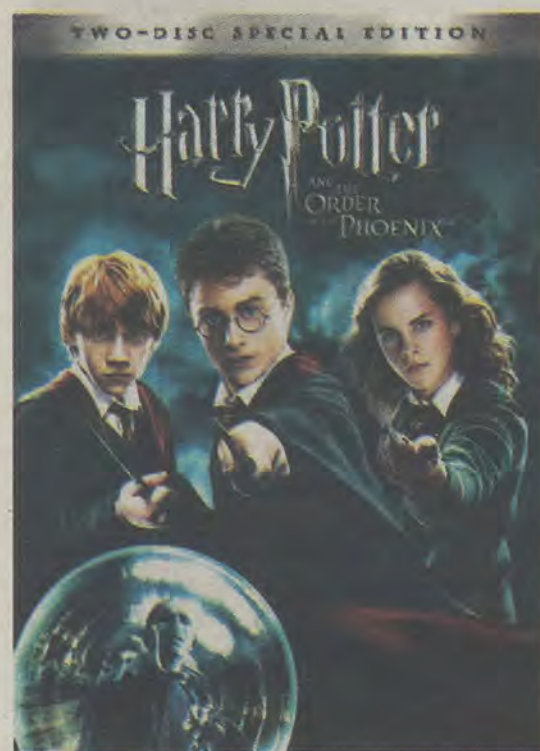
The Lego Star Wars version of Chewbacca rips the arms off of a toy Imperial Storm Trooper exponentially.

LEGO Star Wars: The Complete Saga is still a very well put together game and a lot of fun for anyone, regardless of age.

The levels and story is kept simple so that it can still be fun for even those that aren't

particularly big Star Wars fans, and all of the bonuses and unlockables give this game a very good replay value.

However, if you already own the first two games, you might just want to leave this one in a galaxy far, far away.



Special Photo

Harry Potter and the order of the Phoenix comes out December 11.

## Potter actors come to life in special edition of newest film

By Elliot S. Volkman  
News editor

Director David Yates brings the fifth Harry Potter film to life, and shows viewers how in the special features included in the two-disc special edition of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," which is due in stores December 11.

"The Order of the Phoenix" brings the viewer into the director's seat, explaining how Yates and Editor Mark Day put the movie together.

Their main emphasis was placed on how sound effects and music greatly impact a scene, as well as giving viewers the chance to experiment with different options to see how a scene changes. The interactive editing bay is a new interesting way to show people how the movie was made.

A small documentary "The Secrets of Harry Potter" helps break down the storyline of all of the previous films as well as helping understand where this is leading up to.

Watching the films alone loses pieces of the story that a reader may have better picked up, however with the help of this featurette the connections are made clear.

Tonks (English actor Natalia Tena) makes a guest appearance as

well showing the viewer around the set and what the actors do while not on set. This small humor piece shows the down-to-earth side of the cast to differentiate themselves from the films characters.

"The Order of the Phoenix" having a much deeper storyline than its predecessors, finally places Harry Potter as the leader he was made out to be, not to mention he may have finally gotten the girl.

Lord Voldemort's return has caused the death eaters to regroup and make Potter's life a nightmare. In response to his indirect attacks on Harry, they recreate the Order of the Phoenix, which has been informally labeled Dumbledore's Army. The battle scenes along push the special effects further than any other Potter film before it.

Computer generated images usually seem very bleak, however whether it's because the films budget was between \$150 and \$200 million, or the technology is just greatly improving, special effects supervisor John Richardson did wonders for this film.

The two-disc special edition is well worth the \$5 extra (\$22) if you are any kind of Harry Potter fan. The regular edition is priced at \$15.99 and the Blu-ray version at \$22.99.

Although this was not personally my favorite film in the series, the cinematic visual effects always improve and impress with each new addition. Not to mention the holiday season coming up soon and this would make a great stocking stuffer for any Harry Potter fan.



## GSU student Shabria Lowe dies at 21

By Avina Darmadjaja

Managing editor for news

A Georgia Southern student and native of Warner Robins, Shabria Lynice Lowe, was killed in a one-car accident in Twiggs County last Wednesday, November 21.

"Her smile and attitude had a way of not making your bad day seem so bad," said junior public relations major Gerren Evans, a close friend of Lowe's. According to Evans,

Lowe was driving home for Thanksgiving on Ga. 96 when she lost control of her vehicle and hit a tree.

According to a recent article on macon.com, Lowe was pronounced dead at the scene from blunt head trauma shortly after 11 a.m. A Twiggs county coroner confirmed that Lowe was "wearing a seat belt and was not under the influence." The cause of the wreck is still



Special photo

unclear.

"She was never scared to say what she had to say, but at the same time she was a very sweet, kind-hearted girl," said one of her roommates, junior sports medicine major Phylcia Collier. "I had a great time living together with her."

According to Evans and Collier, Lowe was very driven and focused. She was a very active student, involved in Delta Sigma Theta sorority and worked at the RAC as a recreation assistant for facilities.

Co-worker Julie Watkins, a community health major, said, "She was always there to lend a hand, friendly to all and energetic. She was part of the CRI family and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her."

A memorial service will be held in honor of Lowe at the RAC on Wed., November 28 at 6 p.m.

Lowe, a senior physics major, was 21 years old.

## GSU to celebrate other winter holidays

By Mandy Wommack

Guest writer

Georgia Southern will be hosting a holiday cultural celebration on November 28 in the commons area of the Russell Union from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The event has been celebrated annually for several years now.

"The purpose is for people who celebrate a different winter holiday to have the opportunity to represent and share that holiday with others," said Kristin Johnson, a graduate assistant in the Multicultural Student Center and a planner of the program. "Students can be aware of what others are celebrating on campus."

Many different religious, ethnic and language groups will be participating. Each of about fourteen groups will set up a table in the commons area that displays basic information about its holiday. They will explain important traditions and will tell about the holiday's significance.

"We celebrate the same things just in different ways," said Lissette Claudio, president of the Hispanic Student Association. "It helps promote cultural understanding."

She explained that this was important because, people become "more willing to lend

a hand [and] work cooperatively towards common goals."

"People enjoy it," said Johnson. She explained that when people see all of these cultures, it makes them feel more comfortable around the people from them. "It gives people a chance to share their differences," she said.

Many of the groups will demonstrate something from their holiday. For example, the Chinese Scholar and Student Association will demonstrate use of the Kongzhu, or the Chinese Yo-Yo, and demonstrate a game of Drop the Handkerchief.

"I think this is very important because it helps American people and American students understand other cultures," said Xiaojie Li, a Chinese professor who will help represent the Chinese Scholar and Student Association at the celebration. "I encourage my American students to take part in the activity," she added. She explained that it will help her students learn the language better because they will be using it.

Anyone can stop by, take pictures, ask questions, and learn about all of the cultures at GSU. They "are all a part of the Georgia Southern community and this program allows you to see them," said Johnson. There will also be cake and punch for the viewers.

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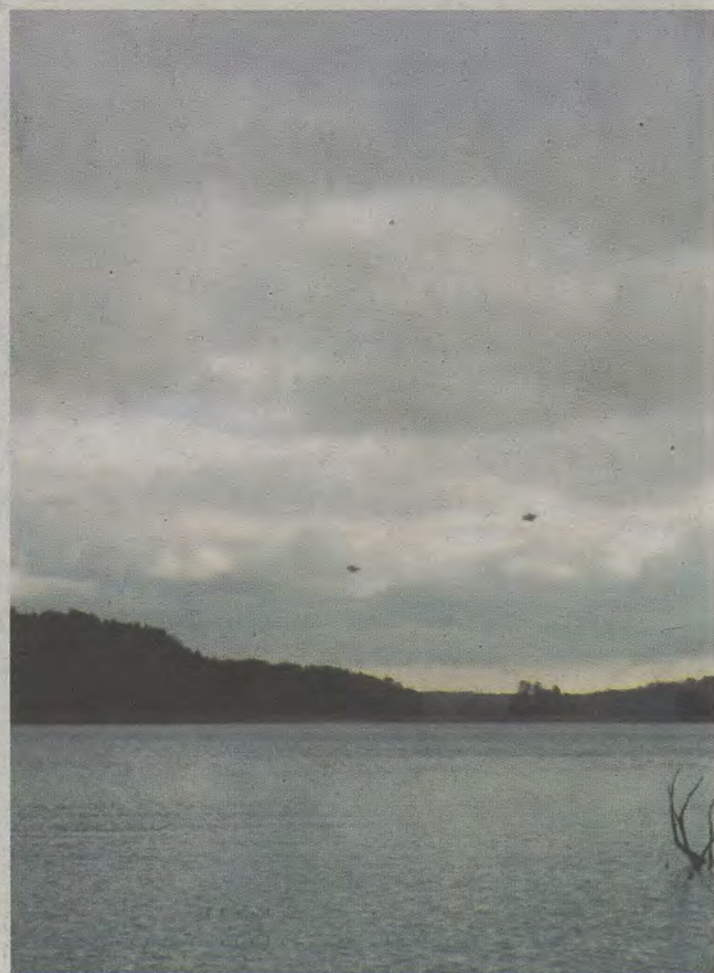
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# Five watersheds in drought

by Joe Ventre/STAFF

Georgia are having a drastic impact on Lake Lanier.

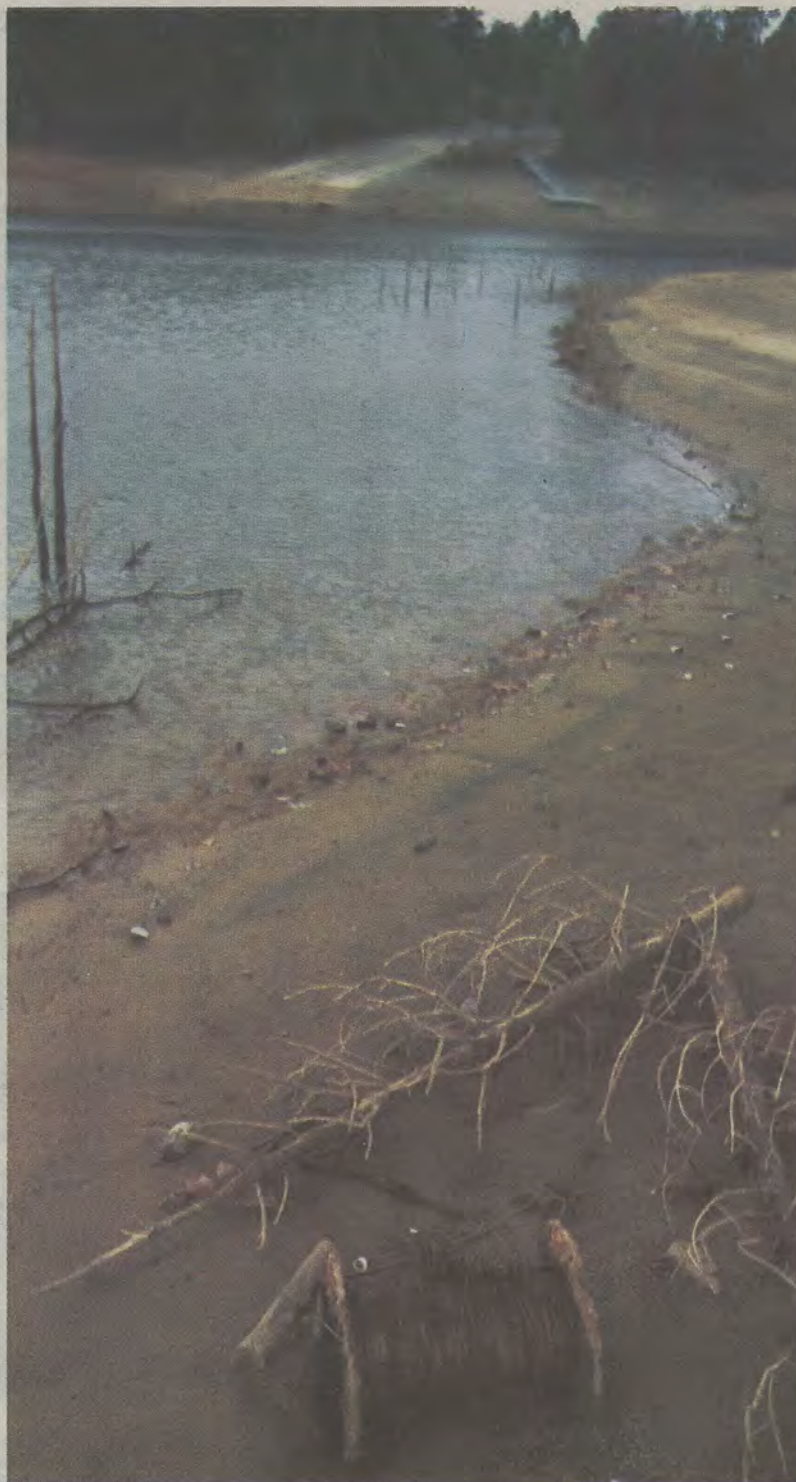
center, North Georgia and much of the surrounding conditions. As the population continues to rise, the depletion of fresh water will follow suit.

People that live in metro Atlanta, with 80% of them dependent on Lake Lanier for their water.

The decrease in the level of Lake Lanier, causing what rely on the Upper Chattahoochee for water. Depending on Lake Lanier for fresh water, conservation is a political agenda in Georgia.

When drinking water from the Chattahoochee watersheds, as reported by the Associated Press on Nov. 26, drinking water will be extracted from deeper over time.

People. The Associated Press reported that communities use more chemicals to ensure potable water.



## Five water conservation suggestions

1. When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.

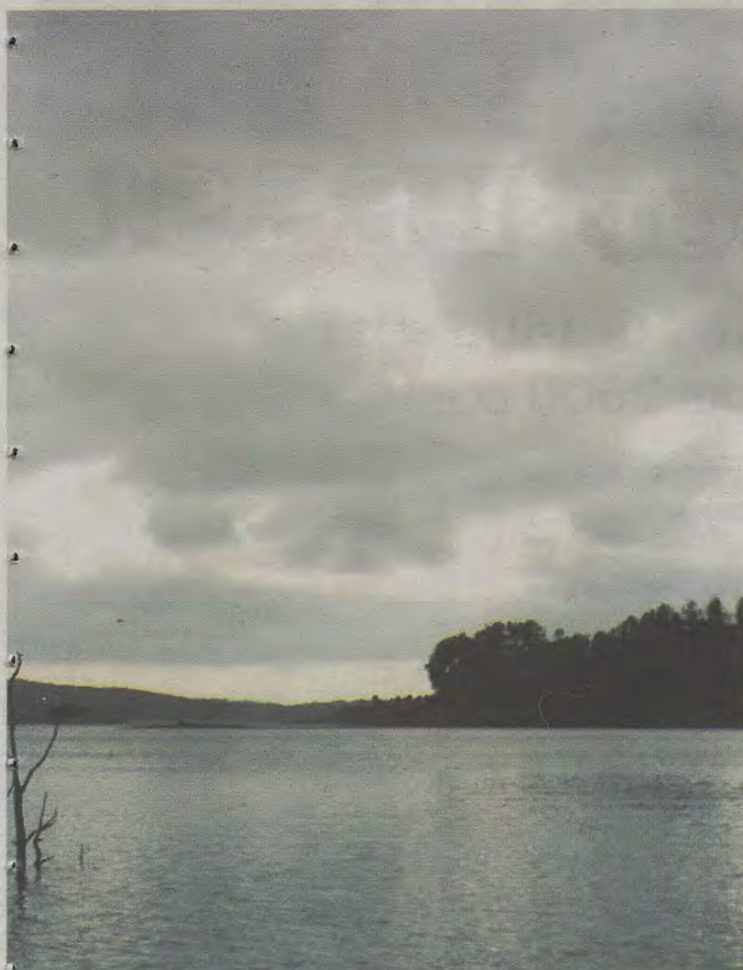
2. If you run your washing machine and dishwasher only when they are full, you could save 1000 gallons a month.

3. Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap for cold drinks, so that every drop goes down you not the drain.

4. Time your shower to keep it under 5 minutes. You'll save up to 1000 gallons a month.

5. Encourage your school system and local government to help develop and promote a water conservation ethic among children and adults.

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# Students at Bermuda Run question lease agreements and excessive charges

By Elliot S. Volkman

News editor

The local apartment complex Bermuda Run owned by Place Properties may have misled its residents by advertising all bills paid, however, students are now receiving utility cap overages fees.

According to the original lease residents had to sign, "Bills over this cap will be divided equally and billed to Tenant by bedroom on a Quarterly basis, which Tenant hereby agrees to pay by the first of the next rental due date."

The bills were delivered in late September requiring the residents to pay the overage fee by October 4.

According to residents the office had never charged them until this year, which goes against what the lease originally states.

"We had no water cap all of last year and I just don't see how three girls could use over \$1000 in electricity," Bermuda Run resident and pharmacy student, Julianna Edenfield said. "Because we're allotted \$30 a month per bedroom and we live in a 4 bedroom apartment."

Residents of the apartment complex became confused as they were receiving these bills, which resulted from a recent change in management who was trying to collect the extra money.

The main issue with billing the residents though is that they came over a month later than when the lease states residents would be billed.

"If it's not stated in the lease, you can argue against it," said Charles Ragonesi, the owner of All Mountain Reality.

On average, four bedroom apartments will use \$50 to \$60 in electricity a month and the current residents as a whole in a four bedroom apartment pay \$120, which should be sufficient if not excessively using an air conditioning unit during the summer.

The lease does clearly state that residents will be billed quarterly, however this causes issues when the cap has been reached in the first month; it will be unknown till the fifth month.

"How are we going to change the way we are living so we don't continue to go over when we get billed for four months instead of one?" argued resident Wesley Davis.

The bills that residents received only showed the amount owed with no real information stated about how much was per month or even a legitimate bill from the utility company.

"They first told it was \$300 something per person, then it went to \$82, then finally \$19," Jessica Krammes said about the bills that were received. "I mean, they can't say where these numbers came from or anything and they expect

us to pay them."

While Bermuda Run legitimately had the right to bill residents, they did not have the right to bill residents late.

"Residents are not allowed to renew a lease if they are in default of the lease. All monies would have to be paid first," said local real estate agent Amanda Cone.

One resident's issues with the office ended up working out in her favor.

"Their disorganization got me an apartment to myself," said Bermuda Run resident Carley Ann Johnson.

The reported disorganization of the office has also led to other issues like the loss of checks for rent payment.

"We both [Doty's Fiancé] would turn our rent in on time, sometimes early and they would still put notices on our door that our rent was late and we owed a late fee and if it was not paid by a certain time we would be evicted," Bermuda Run resident, Danielle Doty said.

As a result of the complaints from residents, Bermuda Run has just started to bill residents on a monthly basis, which also goes against the lease; however this has resulted in pointing out other issues.

"The cap for water, sewage and trash is \$10 for us, but the actual bill is for \$13," resident and graphic design major, Erica Chancey said. "So no matter what happens we will have an overage for at least \$3 now."

According to a previous employee of Bermuda Run who chooses to remain anonymous "there can be issues with electrical systems and water leaking, which may lead to over use of utilities."

Some air conditioning units are old and out of date causing them to be difficult to repair, according to the previous employee they had to have at least 15 repaired in a month.

"I have had to put a catch bowl in my closet because the [air conditioning unit] still drips constantly," said Chancey.

"When they came to fix it, they said there was nothing wrong with it and just to leave a catch bowl under it."

Not every apartment has the older air conditioning models, so it's difficult to say what apartment a resident will get.

Information provided from All Mountain Reality helps prospective residents avoid having issues before they occur.

"It's best to look over a lease thoroughly so you know what you're getting yourself into," Ragonesi said.

For further news and information over the problems residents have been having with the local apartment complex go to [www.gadaily.com](http://www.gadaily.com).

Current employees of Bermuda Run have declined to comment on this situation.



Elliot S. Volkman/STAFF

Warped floor boards and catch bowl placed in the living room closet of a Bermuda Run apartment.

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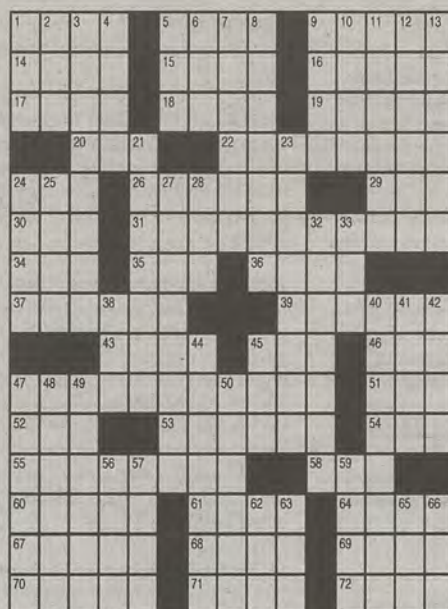


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5 Saga on a grand scale  
9 Fighting battles  
14 Lotion additive, often  
15 Authoritative prohibition  
16 Work a loom  
17 Asperion  
18 Asian sea  
19 Studio stand  
20 Big wheel  
22 Superman's girl  
24 Alphabetically invisible word  
26 Making a choice  
29 On the other hand  
30 Attila the \_\_\_  
31 Hired guns  
34 Ring legend  
35 Be nosy  
36 Actress Minnelli  
37 Landing strip  
39 Opportune  
43 Writer Bagnold  
45 Crater edge  
46 Fabrication  
47 Early Beatles hit  
51 Have a hero?  
52 Rower's requirement  
53 Diacritical mark  
54 CAT-scan relative  
55 Capital city founded in 1960  
58 Gardener's tool  
60 Facilitated  
61 Pharmaceutical  
64 Metal fastener  
67 Rich or Castle  
68 Hosiery hue  
69 Ticket receipt  
70 Trials  
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6 MPH word  
7 Type of type  
8 Mustard in Clue  
9 Fills with wonder  
10 Greenish blue  
11 Japanese horseradish  
12 Street crosser  
13 Rents anew  
21 Beach, FL  
23 Activating switch  
24 "\_\_\_ Darn Cat"  
25 Luau dance  
27 Astronomer Lowell  
28 Make an effort  
32 Arc of the horizon  
33 St. Louis pro  
38 Brooks of "High Anxiety"  
40 Periodic table components  
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47 Amen!  
48 Zimbabwe's capital  
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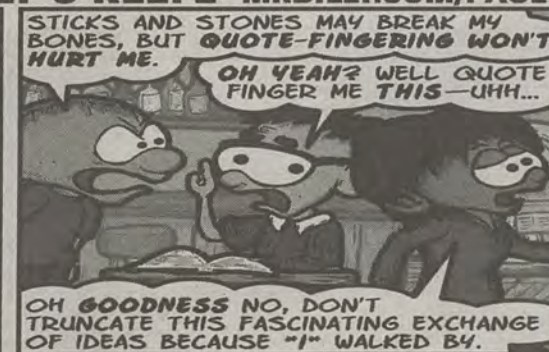
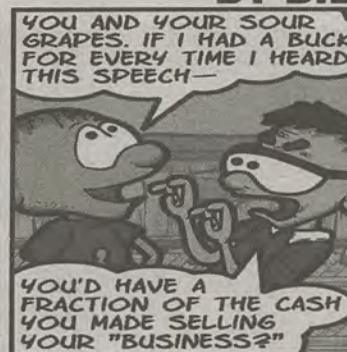
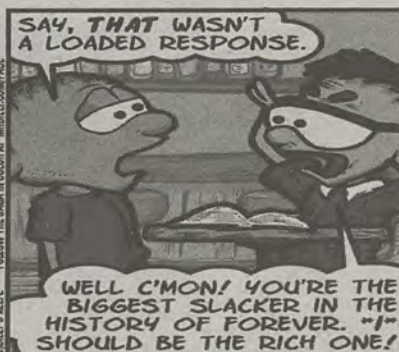
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## PAUL



BY BILLY O'KEEFE [MRBILLY.COM/PAUL](http://MRBILLY.COM/PAUL)



## Preview of 'Erk Project' to be shown Dec. 2

### GSU News Service

A collaboration between the Department of Communication Arts at Georgia Southern and the Averitt Center for the Arts, the Erk Russell Project will eventually result in a stage production that will debut at the kickoff of the 2008 football season and tell the story of Russell's immeasurable impact on Statesboro and the University.

In the meantime, the general public is invited to enjoy a free sneak preview of the oral histories phase of the Erk Russell Project on Sunday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m. in the Averitt Center at 33 E. Main St.

The performance will feature four local actors portraying men and women whose lives were touched by Russell, the architect of GSU's nationally renowned football program and a figure in the growth of the University.

"Our mission is to honor Coach Russell's lasting impact on the Statesboro and Georgia Southern communities by facilitating a collaborative research- and performance-based effort between these communities," said Rebecca Kennerly, an assistant professor of communication arts and the co-director of the Erk Russell Project.

"We also want to provide audience members and project collaborators alike with an excellent, entertaining and inspiring theatre arts experience," she said.

Based largely on oral histories collected from people who were acquaintances of the late coach, the Erk Russell Project is the brainchild of Tim Chapman, the executive director of the Averitt Center.

Chapman recruited Kennerly to facilitate the oral histories portion of the project and to serve as aesthetic director with Scott Garner, the former sports editor of the Statesboro Herald. Garner will write the play and co-direct it with Kennerly. Garner is basing much of it on oral histories derived from a series of ongoing interviews with family members, friends, fans and former players.

"It has yet to be decided if we'll have someone portraying Erk," Kennerly said. "At the very least, we will have the archival footage that will allow Erk to speak for himself."

With the expressed support of the Russell family, the project started in January 2007 as Kennerly and Garner worked with Chapman to develop the vision, research design, performance concept and production schedule.

The second phase of the project began in July. Auditions were held for people who wanted to gather oral histories from those who knew Russell well or were influenced by him.

Four of these interviews will be highlighted during the Dec. 2 performance, which will feature:

Alan Tyson as Bruce Yawn, a Russell confidante and the owner of Snooky's, the legendary restaurant where the coach held court on a regular basis.

Tina Douzenis as Jane Page, a GSU professor who spent many Saturday afternoons in the fall supporting Erk's Eagles.

David Murkison as Perk Robbins, a GSU administrator whose friendship with Russell dated back to the coach's days as an assistant at the University of Georgia.

Rachel Godbee as Sandra Prince, an Eagle cheerleader who was an eyewitness to many of Russell's victories in the late 1980s.

The performances will be based on a personal interview each actor conducted with the person they are portraying. The entire performance is expected to last between 45 minutes and one hour.

"I think people are really going to enjoy it," Kennerly said. "The actors will not try to mimic the appearances of the people they are portraying, but they will take on their postures and gestures and facial expressions."

Immediately following the performance, Kennerly will host a talkback session, during which everyone in attendance will be free to offer their opinions on the performance.

In phase three of the project, which begins in January 2008, Garner's script will be finalized, Kennerly will adapt the script for the stage, auditions for the various roles will be held, and the costumes, sets, lighting and sound will be designed.

In July, the fourth and final phase of the project will feature rehearsals and then a two-week run of the production for the general public.

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# Black women struggle over which milestone means most

By Edward M. Eveld

McClatchy Newspapers

Americans love firsts. But which first should be first:

The first woman nominated by a major party to be president?

Or the first African-American?

Tough question, and it's razor-sharp for many in a particular subset of U.S. voters: African-American women.

Beatrice Agee said that after hearing more than a few discussions about Hillary Clinton vs. Barack Obama, she gave the phenomenon a nickname.

"It's the 'OH effect,'" said Agee. "Obama and Hillary. You have to think hard and think long to choose between the two candidates."

People want to believe that "anyone can grow up to be president." If Clinton or Obama prevails as the Democratic nominee and then in the 2008 election, that aphorism could extend beyond white men for the first time.

Agee likes that Obama is relatively fresh on the scene. And she likes Clinton's experience. Both are capable and willing, she said.

But she has decided that gender and race will not be deciding factors for her. Instead, she will listen to hear which one offers solutions to the country's financial troubles, to name one issue. Everything from the home mortgage fiasco to health care to credit card debt.

While Agee said she supports U.S. troops, she wants to hear a clear view about what should happen next in Iraq.

"I'm a woman and I'm a black woman, but in the 21st century I think it goes beyond that."

Nancy Butler, a retired teacher, said it is still too early to pick one over the other.

Butler regards Clinton as a brilliant person who has endured much and who is respected all over the world. On the other hand, she said, "Hillary has a lot of obstacles to overcome because she has more history."

And Obama?

"I got a chance to hear Obama for a complete interview on television," she said. "I like the way

he handled himself. He, too, has grown."

So for now she's keeping an open mind - but open only to Obama and Clinton.

"I definitely think Democrats have a choice between Obama and Clinton and that's it," Butler said. "Nobody else stands a chance."

Shelia Johnson thinks she has a long history with the Clintons. She read their books. She voted for Bill Clinton for president. The Clintons have backed causes important to African-Americans. And Hillary Clinton is a strong person with an impressive career, she said.

"There are several things I love and respect about Hillary Clinton and what she represents for women across the world," said Johnson.

Such thoughts are shared by many American blacks, who were strong supporters of the former president.

Polls have shown in recent months that African-American women prefer Clinton to Obama.

For overall voters in Iowa, which holds its caucuses Jan. 3, a recent poll showed a tight race, with 25 percent preferring Clinton, 23 percent for John Edwards and 22 percent for Obama.

Johnson first became aware of Obama when the then-state legislator from Illinois delivered his blockbuster keynote address at the 2004 Democratic National Convention.

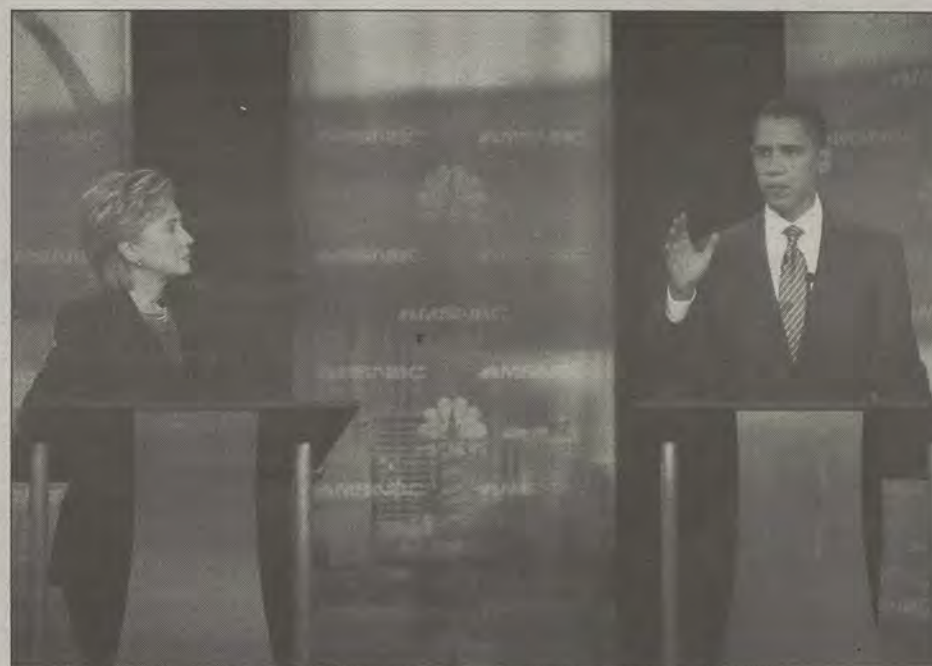
"Who was that?" she recalled saying. "I had never heard of that man."

After her book club read Obama's autobiography "Dreams From My Father," Johnson felt drawn to him, particularly to his passion and his compassion.

"He seems to unite people from all walks of life," she said.

Ultimately Shelia Johnson's admiration for Clinton as a powerful, experienced woman yielded to her hopes and enthusiasm for Obama. She's now a volunteer in his local campaign.

"Either way it goes," Johnson said, "it's historical and it's amazing. My granddaughter is going to be reading about this as she grows up because it's going to be in the history books."



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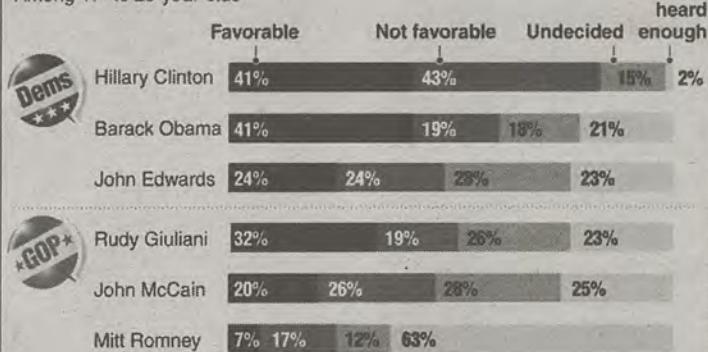
Hillary Clinton vs. Barack Obama in the Philadelphia debates, as usual, placed next to each other at center stage.

## Young adults favor Clinton, Obama

A New York Times/CBS News/MTV poll among 17- to 29-year-olds found that presidential candidates Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton had the highest favorability ratings.

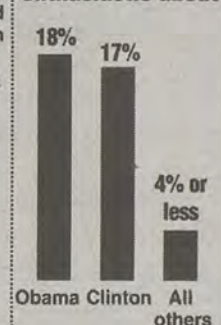
### Opinion of leading candidates

Among 17- to 29-year-olds



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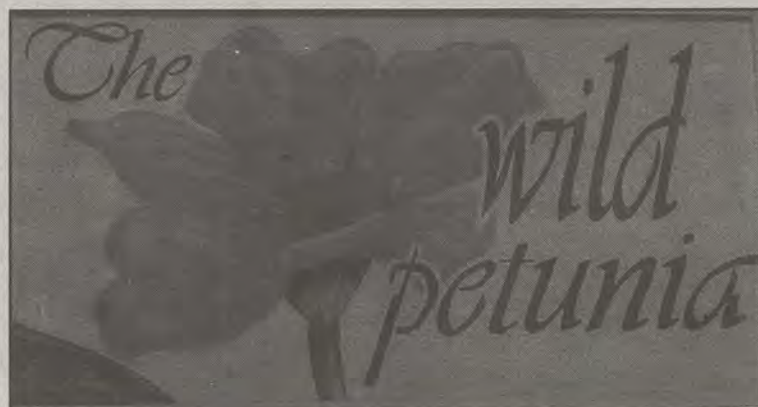


NOTE: 45 percent were not enthusiastic about any candidate.

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## College of Health and Human Sciences launches new site

### GSU News Service

Fred Whitt, dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences at Georgia Southern, has been getting a few more e-mails and phone calls than he's used to, ever since his college's new Web site went live online.

Whitt, his assistant dean, Alan Woodrum, and Dan Czech, associate professor of health and kinesiology, began developing ideas for the new interactive site more than a year and a half ago.

They wanted a visual, student-centered site that would resonate with "echo boomers," the genetic offspring and demographic echo of their parents, the baby boomers.

To succeed, the site needed to tell the CHHS story, grab the attention of prospective students, be user-friendly for faculty, staff, and current students, and offer a "wow" factor—an attribute that would make visitors to the site respond with a resounding "wow!"

On the Web site, students speak about the college's in "hands-on and in-touch" approach, offering student learning that extends beyond the classroom. Student guides offer video tours

of undergraduate and graduate programs in Nursing, Health and Kinesiology, and Hospitality, Tourism, and Family.

In addition to information about the student-centered programs offered in CHHS, the new Web site demonstrates how the college that involves its programs, faculty, and students in the community through the Child Development Center, the Magnolia Coastlands Area Health Education Center, the Rural Nursing Program, the Coaching Education Outreach program, and the Senior Companion Program.

The college is also embarking on a new initiative with the local hospital and Public Health Department to decrease childhood obesity in Bulloch County.

"One of the real highlights of the site, and one that seems to catch everyone's attention, is the CHHS Challenge Game," said Whitt. "It's a great way to get prospective students to check out the site. It provides important facts about our college, and it engages them while we tell the CHHS story."

Learn more about the site by going to [www.georgiasouthernhealthscience.com](http://www.georgiasouthernhealthscience.com).



Special photo

Senior James Bentley interviews fellow GSU students for his controversial art exit show.

## Art student to present 'Perceptions of Identity'

By Claire Gallam

Assistant news editor

Identity is something we all face and takes some people their entire life to find.

Senior James Bentley, on the other hand, knows this concept like the back of his hand. Bentley's art exit show is titled *Perceptions of Identity*, and it covers some of the most controversial and personal aspects of identity that face the world today.

His show is a collection of three videos, which will be shown on 60 by 80 dimensional screens. The three pieces he chose to cover are race, beauty for women, and homosexuality.

Each topic is featured in a 5-10 minute video, in which Bentley interviews and talks with people who face these issues on a day-to-day basis.

Each person in the videos is someone on campus, so when you watch the video, you can relate to the person you see.

"I want people to identify with each person, and to relate to them on that personal level," said Bentley. "I want the viewer to look deep inside themselves and put themselves in the shoes of the person being interviewed, and by seeing a familiar face, they find it easier to relate."

One of Bentley's main goals for his exit show was for awareness.

"I want everyone who sees it to be aware that these issues still exist, race and prejudices against homosexuality still exist," he said.

"And even though we've come a long way, many of our fellow students are still being shown prejudice, and I want people to be aware of that."

His art show is open to anyone who wishes to come, and chose to have his exit show at the Russell Union Rotunda, versus a small gallery.

"By having my show on campus, anyone who wants can come, while if it was at a small gallery, only a few people end up coming. This way anyone who wants is welcome to come," Bentley said. He ended each piece with a section where everyone that was featured was able to formulate a question they would ask someone who has that prejudice against them.

"One of the people featured in my race video was in a situation where someone blatantly was prejudice towards her, and it gave her a chance to ask why that person was that way, and what provoked the prejudice. It ended my piece on a very personal note," Bentley said.

He urges anyone interested in identity and art to come and check it out, but wants to make sure that they come with an open mind.

"My pieces are very controversial, personal, and do contain some intense language, and there are a lot of very personal topics being covered, so you have to make sure you have an open mind when you view it, and have no prior bias," Bentley said.

James Bentley's exit show will be shown this Friday, November 30, at the Russell Union Rotunda, from 6-8 p.m.



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the former number two ranked Kansas Jayhawks. Missouri looks to continue their storybook season when they face the number nine ranked Oklahoma Sooners for the Big XII championship at a neutral site in San Antonio. The Sooners are the only team to defeat the 11-1 Tigers by a score of 41-31 early this season. If Missouri can pull off the big win and win the Big XII title, the Tigers will have a few weeks to reflect on their miracle season before competing for another title, this time, the national championship.

That is what will happen if everything goes as planned, but as anyone who has kept up with college football this season knows, nothing seems to go as planned. So this leaves the question of who will play for the BCS title if Missouri, West Virginia, or possibly both teams slip up next week.

Well I'm glad you asked because I have the answers.

The current BCS standings have a couple of two loss teams ranked at spots three and four.

The Ohio State Buckeyes, a team that many thought was in store for a rebuilding year at the beginning of the season, might find themselves in the title game for the second year in a row if the Tigers or Mountaineers are derailed. The

Buckeyes wrapped up their season more than two weeks ago when they defeated Michigan in Ann Arbor and won the Big Ten Championship. All Ohio State can do is sit back and hope that they get a chance to play for a national crown.

Georgia, on the other hand, finds themselves in a very interesting position. Although the Kentucky Wildcats couldn't pull off the overtime upset over Tennessee clinching the SEC East and spot in the conference championship for the Bulldogs, the number four ranked Dawgs might still have a shot at even a bigger achievement, a national title. The Bulldogs, whose regular season ended last Saturday with a convincing victory over in-state rival Georgia Tech, will also have to take a seat and watch how things unfold this weekend. With LSU's loss to Arkansas, the SEC title game doesn't have any major influence on the national title picture, but if number one and two fall, Bulldog Nation might be on there way to New Orleans.

Now what about some of the dark horses for a BCS title spot? The Buckeyes and Bulldogs shouldn't move anywhere but up in the standings after this weekend since they are done until bowl season comes around, but there are a few teams that if they impress the voters enough might sneak into the title game pending a Mizz or WVU loss.

Oklahoma looks to have a good case for playing in the championship game. If the Sooners

beat the Tigers this weekend it will be the second time this season they have downed the current number one team in the nation. The only thing that is holding OU back is being currently ranked number nine in the BCS standings and having embarrassing losses to Colorado and Texas Tech under their belt.

The sixth ranked Virginia Tech Hokies might be able to slip into a title slot if they can pull off a decisive victory over Boston College in the ACC championship game. LSU and Kansas both still have a shot but with both teams losing late in the year, the Bayou Tigers and Mangino lead Jayhawks will most likely have to settle for a Sugar and Fiesta Bowl spot, which isn't a bad consolation prize, if I do say so myself.

Finally, that leaves us with the dark horse of all dark horses, the Warriors from Hawaii. Now these guys are good and their quarterback, Colt Brennan, is good, but just as Brennan doesn't deserve the Heisman, his team doesn't deserve to play for a national title. I could see the undefeated Warriors playing in the sugar bowl or maybe even the fiesta bowl, that is if they don't get upset by Washington next week...hey, you never know.

All we can do is wait and see what happens. With the way this college football season has gone, it is impossible to know what (or who) will go down. However, one thing is for sure, it sure will be fun to watch.

## Bowl Predictions



## Women's basketball rally falls short in Thanksgiving Classic

### GSU News Service

Shawnda Atwood and Ashley Rivens combined for 31 points, but a Georgia Southern rally in the second half couldn't close the gap as University of Texas at San Antonio claimed a 72-52 win at the UTSA Thanksgiving Classic, Saturday night.

Georgia Southern falls to 2-4 overall after dropping both tournament games. UTSA keeps an unblemished record at 5-0 overall with the home win.

GSU was led in points by senior guard Shawnda Atwood with a season-best 18 points, who was also named to the UTSA Thanksgiving Classic all-tournament team among four others.

Junior Ashley Rivens followed with a season-high 13 points and sophomore forward Jessica Geiger dropped 10.

In first-half action, the Lady Eagles jumped out to an early 11-4 lead capped by a three-pointer by Geiger with 16:43 on the clock.

But UTSA responded with a 14-0 run highlighted by a triple by Terrie Davis to give the Roadrunners an 18-11 advantage with 8:42 remaining in the first half.

The Roadrunners extended the lead by as many as 15 points in the first half, and went into the locker room with a 40-25 advantage.

"Once we get a lead, we have a hard time sustaining it," said head coach Rusty Cram. "If we get behind, it's hard to catch up. Then you are

playing catch up and you use up all your energy to catch up."

Geiger led the team with 10 points at the break on 4-of-7 shooting from the field. UTSA's Amanda Foster led the Roadrunners with 12 points. As a team, UTSA shot a blazing 59.3 percent (16-27) from the field, while GSU struggled with 37.0 percent shooting on 10-of-27 attempts.

The Eagles turned the momentum back in their favor to start off the second half, thanks to a 12-3 run highlighted by Atwood's nine points during a 4:23 stretch. Ashley Melson's jumper with 11:03 on the clock closed the gap to just four points, 43-39. Atwood scored 11 of her 18 points in the second half.

But GSU were unable to sustain the momen-

tum and UTSA maintained the lead it gained at the 9:47 mark in the first half to hold on for the victory.

UTSA bettered GSU shooting 51.0 percent (26-51) from the field, while the Eagles connected on 36.5 percent (19-52) of their field goal attempts.

"It was a great start and they came out focused," said Cram of the team's start at each half. "They were ready to play. But we had no bench points. You can't sustain leads when you don't get production off the bench. You have to have people contribute."

GSU will continue their three-game road trip at Davidson to open up Southern Conference play, Thursday, November 29 at 7 p.m.

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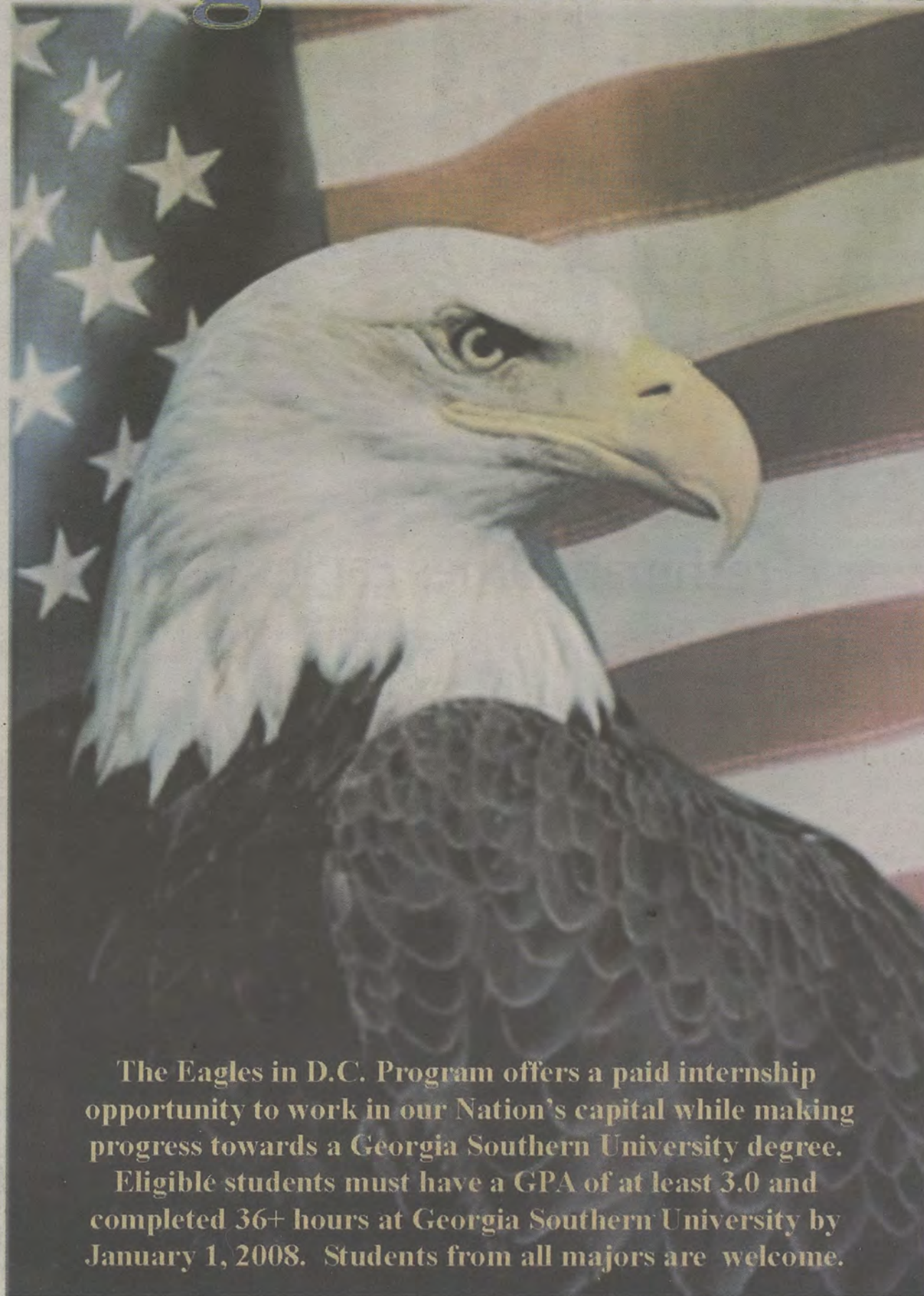


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# SPORTS

Who's  
**HOT**

**NCAA:** Missouri. The Tigers received their first number one ranking since 1960. If Missouri can survive their Big XII championship matchup with Oklahoma, the Tigers will be headed to their first national title game.

Who's  
**NOT**

**NFL:** Cedric Benson. The Chicago Bears runningback suffered a season ending injury Sunday against Denver. On the bright side, former GSU standout Adrian Peterson will step in as Chicago's starting tailback next week.

Show me the Mauney

## Parity anyone?

Part Deux

Well, fans, the college football season is finally coming to an end and just like every other year every team knows exactly where they are headed this bowl season...right?

Wrong.

If this season continues to be as unpredictable and crazy as it has been for the last several months the BCS National Championship will not feature any Trojans, Gators, Longhorns, or Buckeyes...



Matt Mauney

well maybe Buckeyes. There is still one more week for some teams to wrap up their regular seasons and others to compete in their conference championship games, but if the season ended today the national title will be decided when Missouri takes on West Virginia. Wait that can't be right can it...we are talking about football aren't we?

Yes, we are talking about football, and the one loss Tigers and Mountaineers are the two shoe ins for a BCS title in a season that until recently hasn't had any shoe ins. West Virginia has already clinched a Big East title after routing Connecticut 66-21 last Saturday and look to dominate conference rival Pittsburg next week in their final game of the season. This will give the number two ranked Mountaineers a 12-1 record and an all but guaranteed spot in the title game.

Missouri fans found themselves shocked when the polls came out Sunday and all but one had the tigers as the number one team in the nation, after their impressive victory over

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Jared Siri/STAFF

Freshman Willie Powers scored a career high 26 points in GSU's home opener at Hanner Fieldhouse.

## Freshman carries Eagles to a win over Bears

By Matt Mauney

Sports Editor

The Georgia Southern Men's basketball team extended their winning streak to five games thanks to freshman standout Willie Powers, as the Eagles defeated Mercer 80-69 in GSU's home opener at Hanner Fieldhouse Monday night.

Powers, a true freshman from Gainesville, Fl., scored a career high 26 points in the win. He also brought down seven rebounds and contributed two steals on the night.

"I feel like my teammates put me in the right positions to put points on the board and I just tried to capitalize off that," Powers said.

Powers also commented how the influence of the infamous "Hanner Hooligans," the nickname for the rowdy student section at Hanner, had a lot to do with his play and intensity on the court.

"The Hooligans are great. Better than I expected. I had heard a lot about them but they met all

my expectations," Powers said. "The atmosphere here is great and being close to home had a lot to do with my decision to come [to GSU]."

Eagles Head Coach Jeff Price commented how the play of Powers is good to see on a team that is mainly lead by senior leaders Dwayne Foreman and Louis Graham who tallied 16 and 14 points respectively on the night.

"He [Powers] certainly doesn't play like a true freshman," said Price. "He's got good poise and he makes shots and he's got a chance to be a special player, obviously he has got some things to get better at but he's a hard worker and he will do what it takes to get it done."

GSU started the game with a 7-0 run but the tide was soon turned as the Bears manufactured a seven point run of their own. The Eagles fell behind by six, trailing Mercer 28-22 with under seven minutes to go in the first half before going on a 12 point tear to give the Eagles their own six point lead.

The Bears battled back, with Brian Pfohl making an easy layup as time expired in the first half, but the Eagles managed to hold a two point lead going into the lockerroom with the score 39-37.

The Eagles came out the second half looking like a completely different basketball team being aggressive both on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball.

"I feel like in the first half, our team drug a lot but I think our second half was a lot more aggressive," said Price. "We focused on getting to the line more and attacking the ball more defensively in the second half. I think our guys did a good job in the second half."

The Eagles lead the entire second half, with their largest lead reaching 17 points.

"We've got good balance inside and out and we particularly shoot the ball well. Having a good balance like that gives us a lot of weapons," said Price after the game.

### Next up for the Eagles

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