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## GSU to ignite awareness

**BY CAITLYN OLIVER**

The George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University is partnering with other organizations on campus today in the Williams Center Multipurpose Room to raise awareness for, and help fight, breast cancer as part of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The event "Blow Out Breast Cancer" uses candles to remember and honor those who have suffered or are suffering from breast cancer. The candles will be sold for \$2 before and during the event and can be engraved with names of those affected by breast cancer.

"The event is meant to help put people in the perspective of the survivor or a family member dealing with cancer, a point of view we don't

always think about," LaShai Joshua, president of GSU's American Cancer Society's Colleges Against Cancer, said.

There will be a moment of silence in remembrance for those people and then the candles will be blown out.

"There will be a couple of survivor testimonies. It's supposed to be really powerful," Megan White, public relations chair for Colleges Against Cancer, said.

Three speakers will be there to tell personal stories and give information on breast cancer. Two of the speakers are cancer survivors.

The idea for this event came three years ago from Joshua and Marah Johnson, former Colleges Against Cancer presidents.

Both felt the affects of breast cancer through a family member and thought the event would be a comfort to others who have lost someone or have been affected by breast cancer.

"My mother passed away from breast cancer in 2004 two months before my thirteenth birthday," Joshua said.

Joshua's mother was diagnosed in 2002 and started chemotherapy and

eventually had a mastectomy.

"As she began to physically deteriorate, she taught me how to take care of her, my brothers and our home. In hindsight, it's kind of like she was preparing me for when she wasn't going to be around although I never thought she was going to pass away," Joshua said.

"Blow Out Breast Cancer" is a part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month across the globe. Every October breast cancer charities and other organizations raise awareness of the disease and raise funds for research, treatment and prevention.

"We often don't realize if someone is going through a terminal illness. No one expects to die. We tend to go through life carefree," Joshua said.

Martha Hughes is the faculty advisor for Colleges Against Cancer, a breast cancer survivor and a foreign language professor at GSU.

"We're trying to raise awareness because anyone who knows anything about cancer in general is that early detection is the key," Hughes said.

The other speakers are LaShanda Johnson, assistant director of Health Services, and Dr. Marc Bissek, founder of the Statesboro Bulloch County Breast Cancer Foundation.

The event will feature music and food, as well as a skit performed by Theatre South depicting scenes from the play "Clean House."

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### Wednesday, Oct. 16

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11:16 a.m.: Criminal Investigations arrested Evan Lamar Beamon, 19, Statesboro, Ga., and charged him with Rape.

12:24 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a forgery – counterfeit money at Deal Hall. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

12:48 p.m.: Officers responded to Lot 42 in reference to a vehicle with a gas leak. The vehicle was towed.

4:14 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a stolen bike at the Math/Physics Building between 10/11/2013 – 10/13/2013. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

4:52 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft by deception – criminal attempt at the Russell Union. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

7:32 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the College of Business Administration.

8:25 p.m.: Officers assisted the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department in reference to two runaway juveniles. Officers made contact with a subject (not one the juveniles) who was judicially referred for an alcohol violation.

1:27 a.m.: Officers responded to a possible hazardous material incident at the Nursing/Chemistry

Building. The Statesboro Fire Department responded. The laboratory researchers were notified and responded. The researchers advised that area was safe and no immediate problems existed.

### Thursday, Oct. 17

5:35 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the Russell Union.

8:44 p.m.: Officers responded to the Hanner Complex in reference to an injured person. EMS responded and transported the injured person.

9:00 p.m.: Officers responded to Centennial Place in reference to a drug complaint. Five occupants were judicially referred.

9:10 p.m.: An incident report was taken for theft of unattended property at the RAC. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

9:36 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire alarm at Dining Commons. Maintenance and the Statesboro Fire Department responded. The fire alarm may have been activated by a loss of power. No problems were found.

11:09 p.m.: Officers responded to Southern Courtyard in reference to a drug complaint. No action was taken.

12:51 a.m.: Officers discovered an intoxicated subject in University Plaza. Andrew William Hall, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Possession of Alcohol – Under 21 Years of Age, Public Indecency & Obstruction – misdemeanor.

2:37 a.m.: Officers discovered an intoxicated subject in the parking lot of Freedom's Landing. The intoxicated subject was judicially referred.

2:57 a.m.: Officers responded to Eagle Village in reference to a fire alarm. Maintenance and the Statesboro Fire Department responded. The alarm was activated by smoke from an occupant cooking.

3:28 a.m.: Officers responded to a person sleeping in the parking lot of University Villas. Dalton Clay Bowman, 21, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with Public Drunkenness.

### Friday, Oct. 18

7:38 a.m.: Officers responded to a burglar alarm at the Carroll Building. The burglar alarm was accidentally activated by an employee.

9:33 a.m.: Officers responded to a panic alarm at the Marvin Pittman Administration Building. The panic alarm was accidentally activated by maintenance workers.

10:03 a.m.: Officers responded to an unwanted person at Southern Pines. The unwanted person, Samuel Jabari Jones, 19, Statesboro, Ga., was arrested and charged with False Imprisonment – felony 3 counts and Burglary 1 count.

10:16 a.m.: Officers assisted the Statesboro Police Department with a report of a stolen purse at University Plaza.

1:15 p.m.: Officers responded to an injured person in front of the University Store. EMS responded but did not transport.

2:25 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a financial transaction card fraud that occurred at Chick-fil-A, Oasis and Talons Grille. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

4 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property on Forest Drive.

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## Our View

### Students should not forget past

This week is Collegiate Alcohol Awareness week on campus, where there will be tables and presentations to raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol for Georgia Southern University students.

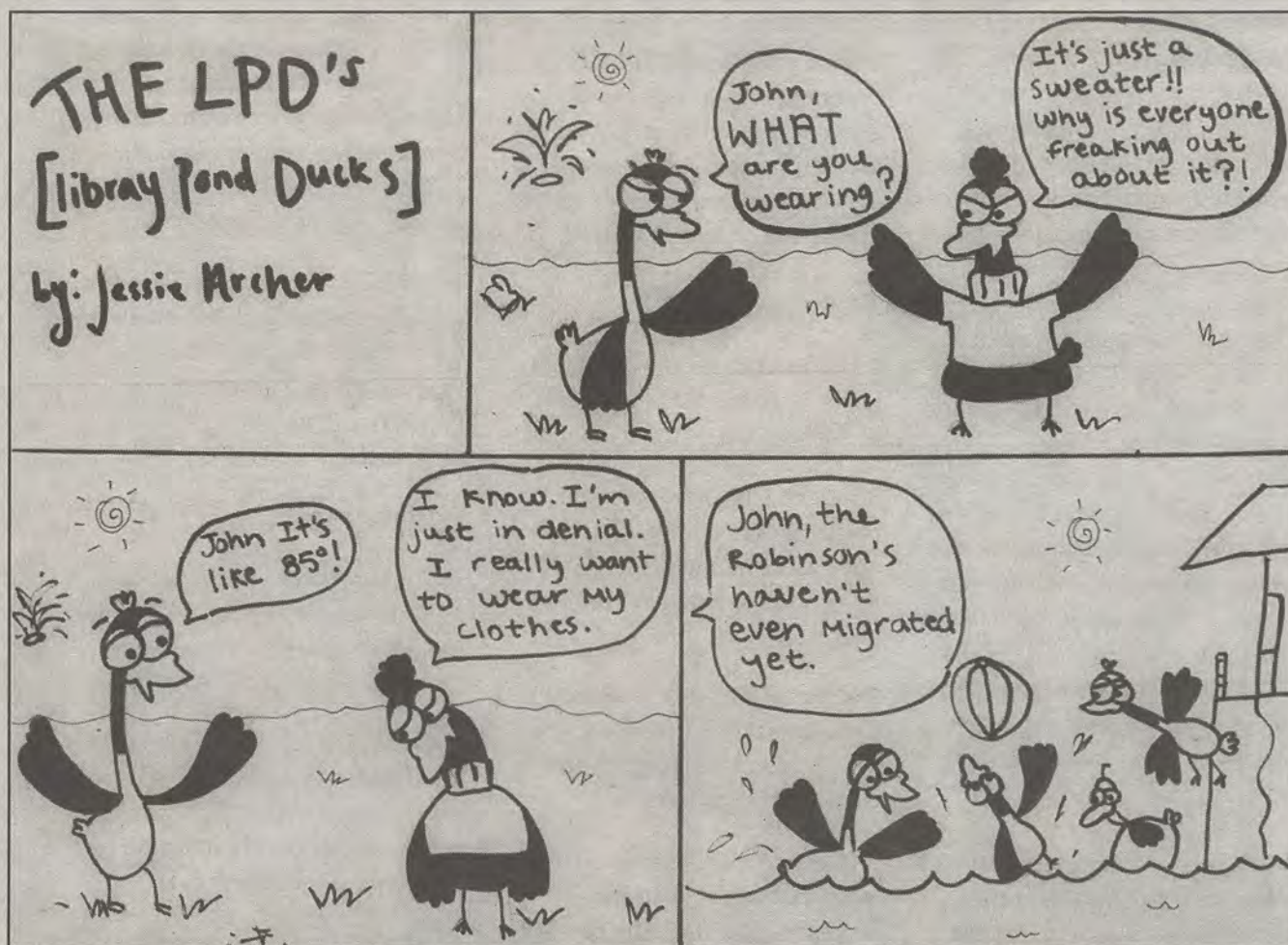
Many students will undoubtedly walk past the events put on for the week without bothering to pay attention to the dangers that the week warns us of. It is a shame that students need a tragedy to draw their attention to the dangers of irresponsible alcohol use. Last semester, GSU student Nick Ward lost his life as a result of being struck by a drunken driver. This tragedy rallied support for responsible alcohol use and led to increased police patrols in the area that Ward was killed.

Ward's death is a distant memory for many students at GSU and is not something the current freshmen and transfer classes are probably aware of. This awareness week is addressing the same concerns and problems that many students brought up in the wake of the tragedy, but unfortunately the issue is not front-and-center in the minds of students.

While moving on with their daily lives after a tragedy is an inevitable and natural way of accepting what happened, students should not forget the lessons to be learned from a tragedy such as this. GSU students shouldn't need a tragedy to make them suddenly care about alcohol abuse and drunken driving.

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## Founding Fathers not a unified group

The Founding Fathers of this country are often alluded to and quoted when discussing the problems facing the United States, but too often are they portrayed as a group of men with the same vision and ideas for the fledgling state they helped to create. In reality, they were a group of men with diverse ideologies, some more gung-ho about independence than others and almost all of them had their own unique view of what the country should look like going forward.

One of the most popular statements of the Founders is that they wanted a weak federal government; however, this statement is partially true at best. The signers of the Articles of Confederation created an amazingly weak federal government, with powers so limited it was hamstrung from the start. All it took was one good rebellion for the Founders to toss the Articles in the trash and create the Constitution. There were two sides to the fight to create the Constitution, the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists,

### THE FARM LIFE



JAMES FARMER

and these two sides took to a public fight under pseudonyms such as Publius and Cato that would make modern-day political pundits drool. But both sides realized a federal government can be too weak to be effective.

The Founders were also hamstrung by the times in which they lived. Of course the Founders have no comments about abortion, Internet censorship and carbon emission laws, because it was impossible to foresee these developments. On the other hand, things they were familiar with also changed over time. Automatic rifles and high-capacity magazines are recent inventions that a Founder would have no

knowledge of; however, the proliferation of firearms might be the most surprising thing to the Founders. Gun ownership was extremely limited in colonial early America due to the price of firearms. In fact, the largest gun owner was each state itself, a testament to this is the battles of Lexington and Concord which were fought to prevent the British from seizing the state arms depots.

This is not to say that the wisdom of our Founding Fathers should be forgotten or dismissed. The experiences and ideas that these men had helped shape the American belief system. But we should all remember the fallible humanity that all of these men shared. After all, most (if not all) Founders would probably be offended by the amount of hero-worship they are receiving.

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



## Debt ceiling deal weak

After 16 days stranded in the political abyss, the politicians finally found their way and re-opened the government. I will not applaud these people for doing what they were supposed to do, and you shouldn't either. It is imperative that we all realize who is at fault for the mess the nation had to endure for 16 days so we can hold those people accountable.

It is important to note what the Tea Party tyrants gained from their shutdown – absolutely nothing. Sixteen days and \$26 billion lost later, the Tea Party walked away empty-handed with the blame being stacked heavily on their side for their selfish antics.

The deal that was reached is not anything to be proud of due to the fact that we will once again go through this entire debate in January of 2014. This deal will further slow our economic growth and decrease consumer confidence. There are also many political implications as well. Seeing as though a huge majority of Americans blame the Tea Party wing of the Republican Party for this mess and we have midterm elections coming up next November, voters will not forget what the Republicans did here in October. One Congressman came out and said he believed President Obama was out to destroy the Republican Party, but the Republicans are doing that all by

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CHRIS WARE

themselves. They cannot control the Tea Party. They are not proposing any real solutions to curb our debt; they just cost our economy \$26 billion (even though they're supposed to be the experts on "job creation" and the economy). They are not willing to reform immigration laws in a humane way, and they are adamantly opposed to President Obama so much that they would rather sit on their hands instead of trying to make government work. They are ruining themselves and their inability to govern is ruining our republic. It's the truth. Call me divisive, childish, adding fuel to the fire or whatever else. But at the end of the day, I didn't shut down the government; I didn't cause the nation to lose \$26 billion. The Tea Party did, and these tyrants should be held accountable for their actions.

*Ware is a sophomore political science major from Griffin. He is involved in the Young Democrats.*

## Debt problem only delayed

Well, the government is no longer in shutdown, and the chance of defaulting has decreased. Unfortunately, this same fight will more than likely occur when those deadlines arise again. The government will only run until mid-January. As for the debt limit, it has essentially disappeared until Feb. 7, meaning the Treasury can spend what they need until that deadline. After 16 days of being shut down, neither side has really gained anything.

Firstly, this shutdown happened because the GOP decided to stand up for what they believe and Democrats decided to wait 16 days past a deadline to negotiate. Although Republicans probably knew they wouldn't win and it has caused countless divisions to be seen in the public eye, it was bound to blow up sooner or later. The Tea Party gained a lot of seats in the last two elections, and they will have a lot of influence because of it. Unfortunately, there are other Republicans who aren't as conservative who will disagree with their agenda, which will lead to more public divisions. All I can ask is that they use this as a time to regroup and decide which side will have more control and pick their battles more scrupulously.

As for the debt limit, so many things could go wrong. The same deal was struck earlier this year to not specify an amount that the Treasury could spend. Instead, they are allowed to spend what is necessary unless Congress disapproves and passes legislation to out-rule it. The

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AMBER PORTER

Treasury is under President Obama, so he in turn would veto the bill, and then two-thirds of Congress would have to overrule his decision. We all know that would not happen. Whatever amount the Treasury has spent by Feb. 7 will be considered when making the new limit. Also, don't be fooled about the lessened chance of defaulting on our debts. It is still possible under this legislation, and it is also still possible that our credit rating could be lowered.

Either way, more legislation will be needed in less than three months over the same issues. Congress is supposed to pass a budget once a year, but since they can't do that, these crises happen almost twice a year. It is time to learn from their mistakes and actions, and both sides need to decide if they want to continue going through these dilemmas or actually fix the problems.

*Porter is a junior international studies major from Zebulon. She spent spring semester as a Capitol Hill intern.*

## Don't expect too much out of Congress

With all the drama and backstabbing of an MTV reality television show, President Obama and Congress managed to strike a deal last week to simultaneously reopen the government and raise the debt ceiling. Without further ado we can collectively breathe a temporary sigh of relief, kind of.

Unfortunately, I must be the bearer of bad news and highlight that this deal fails to address any spending or budgetary issues. In other words, it does nothing to address the very reasons our government was shut down in the first place. In fact, it is simply another extension for our Congress to work out these problematic issues later. Now, isn't that promising given Congress's immaculate track record thus far?

Is anyone shocked though? Did anyone really

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expect a comprehensive plan to address both of these controversial, but necessary, crises? Well, if you did, you must be one of the five percent of Americans who still approve of the job Congress is doing and, personally, I would love to meet you, interrogate you and berate you.

It seems to me that piecemeal, "kick the can down the road," procrastinating measures

like this have become the status quo of this administration and Congress. You do not have to be James Carville to recognize that all that this measure has done is simply push this critically necessary debate back further. Even worse, it pushes it into a midterm election year. Commence political fireworks now.

Next year we should expect far more brinksmanship than we witnessed this time around. Just imagine asking Republicans to increase taxes with primaries coming up? Good Luck. Then, consider asking Democrats for entitlement spending cuts? Such selfless behavior and compromise is uncharacteristic of this Congress. Our only hope is that the one silver lining of this current deal succeeds. This condition is the proposed intensive negotiations

scheduled to take place over the next couple of months. Behind closed doors, Republicans and Democrats will hack away at each other's resolutions until hopefully some coherent and passable budget and debt resolution deal emerges satisfying demands on both sides of the aisle. This, however, will require President Obama and Democrats to recognize and mitigate our ludicrous spending and debt. Likewise, Republicans will have to ground their demands in reality and suggest reasonable spending cuts and debt solutions. Oh Congress, you exhaust me.

*Anderson is a senior political science major from Cumming. He is writing a thesis on U.S. interventions.*



## Provost looks to fill dean positions

COSM dean search in beginning stages, CHHS search set to follow

BY TAYLER CRITCHLOW

The George-Anne staff

The hiring of a permanent dean for a college is a process that Georgia Southern University has become familiar with in recent years.

In the past three to four years, GSU has seen each of its colleges go through a search for a new dean and have an interim dean in place with two more still awaiting a permanent placement.

The hiring process for deans is similar to the hiring process for a faculty member, department chair or an administrator, Jean Bartels, Ph.D., GSU provost, said.

The provost and the president will gain input from the faculty of each college on how to go about the search for the new position.

"There are a lot of details to get from the faculty: Do we do a national search? Do we hire a search firm? How would they like to see that go?" Brooks Keel, Ph.D., university president, said.

A search firm may not be hired if the university feels that it can advertise the position well enough on its own.

A search committee is formed and headed by a dean from another college selected by Bartels, and then the rest of the committee is made up of faculty and students within that college, Bartels said.

"If we have a number of departments in a college I would want somebody representing each of those departments to sit on the search team," Bartels said.

The search committee narrows down the candidates to about three, who are then invited to campus to be interviewed in greater depth and so the candidates can interact with constituents of departments that the individual would come in contact with regularly.

"The individuals who are coming to campus to be interviewed also do presentations to students or to their colleagues that they'd be working with on the kind of work that they have done in particular," Bartels said.

There is also the decision to bypass the

search and elect for a direct appointment, which is uncommon.

GSU has seen many internal candidates hired for the permanent positions as well in multiple departments, most recently with Curtis Ricker, Ph.D., being promoted from interim dean to permanent dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.

"It's rarer for an internal candidate to be nominated up from his faculty like Dr. Ricker was. That doesn't happen quite as often. It's not uncommon to see an interim wind up in a candidate pool and be chosen as well," Bartels said.

Hiring deans happens so infrequently however that it is hard to give a decent average, Bartels said.

There are pros and cons to hiring internal candidates as opposed to external and it usually depends on what the college's situation is.

An internal candidate will have a good sense of the college's direction, a good working relationship with faculty, while also meeting the qualifications needed, Bartels said. Whereas an external candidate brings a fresh new look at where the college is and may help move it in a different direction based on the candidate's background, however that individual's vision may be incompatible with the university's, Bartels said.

College of Business and Administration hired its permanent dean, Allen Amason, Ph.D., through a national search at the beginning of the semester.

Work has started on the search for the permanent dean of College of Science and Mathematics, and the search for College of Health and Human Sciences dean probably will not start for another year.

"All the deans are critical, but those two [CLASS and COSM] are probably the most critical because of the sheer number of students they touch," Keel said.

Bartels said, "These are always processes that involve much input from both faculty and students as well because it is an important role for a person to take in terms of the health and life and direction of the college."

### Deans to be Hired

College of Science and Mathematics



College of Health and Human Sciences

### Permanent Deans

Charles Patterson  
College of Graduate Studies



Allen Amason  
College of Business Administration

Mohammad Davoud  
College of Engineering and Information Technology



Greg Evans  
College of Public Health

Curtis Ricker  
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences



Thomas Koballa  
College of Education



# Sustainability Fee funds to make GSU eco-friendly

BY RED DENTY

The George-Anne contributor

Last year, Georgia Southern University students voted to approve the Green Fee, a \$10 fee that is added to the student activity fees.

The fee was implemented at the start of the fall 2013 term, and the money raised will be used to make GSU a more eco-friendly and sustainable university.

The specifics of the Green Fee have yet

to be revealed but part of the proceeds from the Green Fee will go towards retrofitting buildings on campus to allow for more efficient use of water and energy.

Another portion of the proceeds will go towards hiring more staff for GSU's Center for Sustainability (CfS), which is responsible for overseeing sustainability curriculum for GSU students.

"We have big plans for the Green Fee money," Dr. Lissa Leege, director of the CfS, said.

## Eagles discuss what should happen with Green Fee:

"I think the money should be used to purchase solar panels for all of the buildings. If we buy enough, Georgia Southern might end up putting more power into the grid than it uses."

-Justin Mahler  
freshman, mechanical engineering

"We should use the money to implement a composting system for all of the food thrown away by the cafeteria. That way, all of the food doesn't go to waste."

-Alex Davison  
sophomore, history

"Georgia Southern should upgrade all of their light bulbs to LED bulbs. They use less energy and will last for a lifetime."

-Brittany A.  
graduate student, biology

"I think the Green Fee should go towards cutting down on paper consumption at GSU. We should use the money to update our technology, and make Georgia Southern a paperless university."

-Ebone Cooper  
freshman, business finance

"Georgia Southern needs to use the money to purchase more recycling bins, especially in places where a lot of students print and waste paper."

-Sarah Gleissle  
senior, finance and information systems

"I think it would be nice if we used the money to create an on-campus garden. That way, students have access to fresh fruits and vegetables, and it would teach them methods of sustainability."

-Ebony Jones

### Green Fee Vote:

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# GLBTQ conference to promote equality

BY AYANA MOORE

The George-Anne contributor

The Multicultural Student Center and the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) will be hosting the sixth annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning (GLBTQ) and Allies Conference on Saturday.

The conference will last from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will be held in the Williams Center Multipurpose Room.

"It's kind of a venue for all things gender- and sexual-minority-related," Parrish Turner, president of GSA at Georgia Southern University and junior writing and linguistics major, said.

"I think people, especially allies, need to come out and see what it's all about and see the variety of things related to GLBTQ issues and the culture that surrounds the GSM (Gender & Sexual Minority) community," Turner said.

The GLBTQ and Allies Planning Committee has named this year's conference theme "Postmodern Queer," and aims to promote diversity and inclusion at GSU.

"I think it's going to be a mix of educational and fun experiences that will expose all the people who come to the issues around the GLBTQ community. It will be a day to celebrate the GSM community on campus," Nathan Palmer, member of the conference planning committee and professor of sociology at GSU, said.

The conference will include various interactive sessions led by local and statewide faculty as well as cultural and religious leaders from Georgia.

Some titles for the discussions include "Queering the Stage," "The History and Development of an Artist," "GLBTQ Identities in a Trans-national Context" and "Imitating vs. Reality: The True GSM Community."

"It's an opportunity to bring unity

amongst social identities on campus," Paul Bradley, graduate assistant in the Office of Student Activities, said. "I think a lot of students focus on the visual aspects and not the invisible pieces of what's going on. I think that this will help the campus to be more inclusive."

Early registration ended this past weekend but students are still able to purchase tickets at the door for \$15, down \$10 from last year's conference. The tickets include access to all the conference offers in terms of speakers and activities as well as breakfast and lunch.

Palmer said, "This is for everyone. GSA is a group that services the entire campus. Everyone can be a member of GSA. There's a misconception

amongst heterosexual students that this isn't for them, but it's for everyone."

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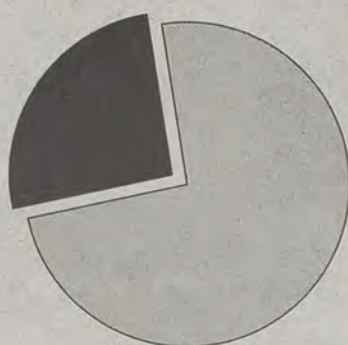
of college students youth say they hear negative messages about being GLBTQ. The top sources of criticism are school, the Internet and their peers.

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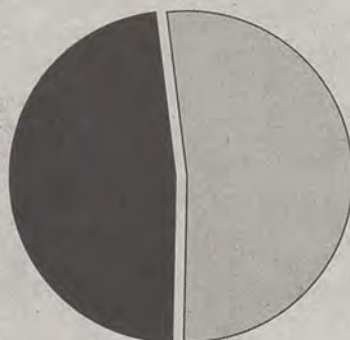


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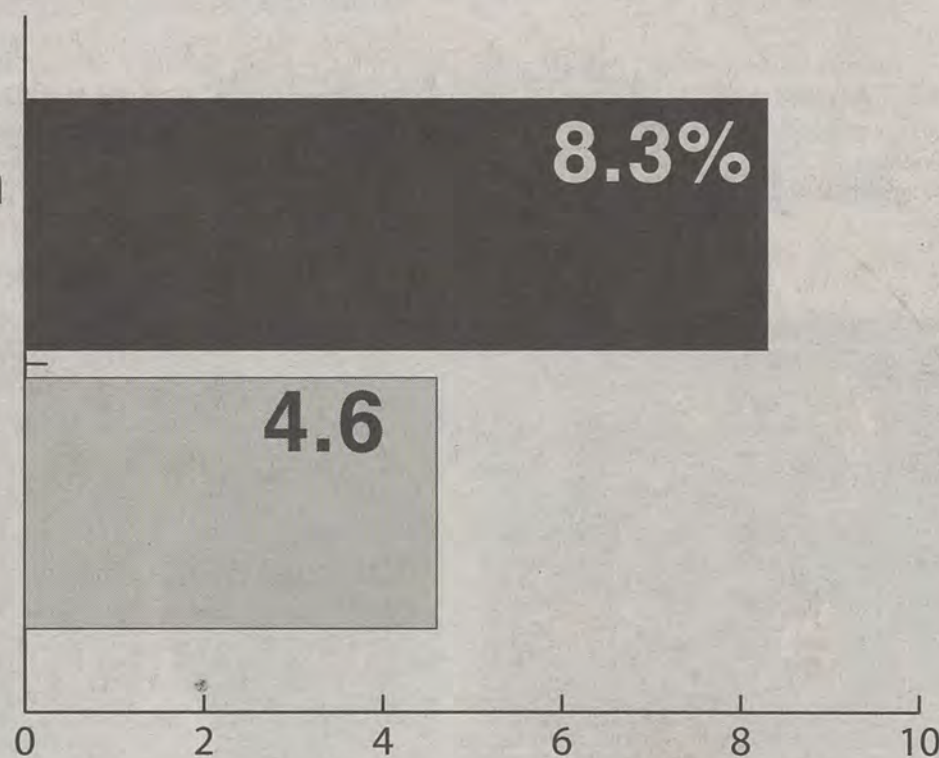
## College students identifying as GLBTQ

women

**8.3%**

men

**4.6**



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Colleges Against Cancer

American Cancer Society's Colleges Against Cancer chapter at Georgia Southern University hosts "Blow Out Breast Cancer" every year. **Left:** Participants will have the opportunity to buy candles for \$2, which will be blown out at the end of the event in honor of those who have been affected by breast cancer. **Right:** LaShai Joshua, current president of GSU's Colleges Against Breast Cancer chapter, shares her story of taking care of her mother when she was diagnosed with breast cancer.



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## GSU students to perform at Petit Jean

BY ERINN WILLIAMS

The George-Anne staff

Four Georgia Southern students are traveling to Arkansas this week to participate in a festival where they will string together performances with puppets.

"Essentially it is a gathering of performance studies students, where we come to showcase what we have learned. We do workshops, activities and work together as a group to create a performance that we will show at the end of the week together," Jade Howard, junior communication arts major, said.

Each year festival leaders who are

scholars and performers in performance studies chose the theme of the event and provide two workshops for the students to participate in. The theme is some type of performance studies that the students can explore and build performances around.

"The theme this year was originally ghosts in performances but it was changed at the last minute to puppetry. So I imagine that we will be doing different forms of puppetry arts and just learning how to work with puppets in general," Howard said.

Students also get to witness performances by invited groups and individual performers who work in that particular type or style of performance studies.

"Overall I hope to meet new people, network and learn. I hope to broaden my horizons as a performer by being around students and performers from across the country," Howard said.

The Petit Jean Festival is a national event that began in 1981. It's held at Petit Jean State Park and brings undergraduate and graduate students together with faculty to put performance studies to practice.

The entire festival takes place in the scenic wilderness, trails and cabins of the state park.

The students will be leaving at 4 a.m. and driving to Morrilton, Ark. and will not be back until Monday morning of next week.



Jada Howard

## GSU's choral groups to sing in harmony

BY JEFF LICCIARDELLO

The George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University's three choral groups will perform music from around the world at the Carol A. Carter Recital Hall on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

This is the first major performance of this semester for the University Singers, Women's Chorale and Southern Chorale.

"The literature features a good variety from twentieth century composers and has a hard difficulty," Shannon Jeffreys, director of choral activities, said.

Southern Chorale will be using the fall concert to help it prepare for its upcoming international competition. The group competed at last year's competition in Linz, Austria.

"This summer we competed and did exceptionally well. We placed second in mixed choir category and second in the vocal ensemble category. The competition bug bit us and we want to compete more," Jeffreys said.

The music being performed on Thursday will be the same music that was performed at the international competition in Louisville, Ky., over Thanksgiving break.

"We are performing our competition literature. It is definitely different from what most people would expect from a traditional choir, with a wide variety from



Courtesy of Dr. Shannon Jeffreys

GSU's University Singers serenade the audience. GSU's three choral groups will sing songs from around the world at Carol A. Carter Recital Hall this Thursday.

opera to Indian music," Lentz said.

"We want to find the little things to fix so we can hone our skills for internationals. We also want to get feedback from our colleagues and peers," Jeffreys said.

The Georgia Southern Fall Choral Concert will be the debut of the newly formed Women's Chorale.

"The Women's Chorale is new and it's a pretty small group. It is a middle option for

women who aren't competition level yet but are above University Singers," Lentz said.

University Singers is the open choir where members do not have pressures of auditioning and has about fifty members.

"We've been preparing for this performance since the first day of the semester. Our pieces are more relaxed and welcome you into the fall season," Nicholas Flott, choral assistant for University Singers and junior music education

major, said.

The concert is free to the public and will last about one hour.

"I'm really excited. Our students are really passionate about what they do and it definitely shows through our music. We really care about what we're doing and you can really tell that from the moment we walk out on stage. For those of us who have studies it's a great study break and it will be a lot of fun," Lentz said.



# Biting into Dracula's final performance

BY MEAGAN GREENE

The George-Anne contributor

The Averitt STARS of the Averitt Center for the Arts performed "Count Dracula", a play introduced to Statesboro by director Eileen Baynes, this weekend.

"[Based on] what I know of the story, it follows the original script, and they've done a really good job. I'm impressed," Gregory Chamblee, professor of teaching and learning at Georgia Southern University, said.

The play is set mainly in the study of an asylum for the criminally insane that is run by Dr. Arthur Seward, who is played by John

“ When it comes to the show, it was very exciting to do something that was 37 years in the making. ”

-Anastasia James  
played Mina in "Count Dracula"

Williamson. Dr. Seward's sister Sybil, played by Susan Jackson, opens up the can of worms for the entire play when she invites their new neighbor Count Dracula, played by Michael Porter, over for dinner. This is when Dracula is introduced to Dr. Seward's daughter, Mina, and becomes instantly drawn to her.

From there things begin to take a downward turn for each character in the play.

"When it comes to the show, it was very exciting to do something that was 37 years in the making. Our director has waited 37 years to do this play," Anastasia James, the actor that plays Mina, said.

Seward's daughter Mina is engaged to a local architect played by Brad Wells, Jonathan Harker. Harker is very skeptical of Count Dracula and Mina's weakening physical and mental condition that begins when the Count moves across the valley from the asylum.

As Dracula continues to become closer to all the residents of the asylum Mina becomes more

and more sickly. This seems odd to her family and friends which leads to the appearance of Professor Heinrich Van Helsing, a college pal of the doctor. Van Helsing is not only a professor, but also a doctor for rare diseases and has a knack for uncovering supernatural instances. Upon meeting with Mina he notices the bite marks on her neck, which leads him to believe that there's no doubt the bites are from a vampire.

Dr. Seward, Harker and Van Helsing ally together to take down Dracula with the help of mad man Renfield, a mentally insane inmate played by Derek Joyce. Once Mina's transformation is nearly complete, she goes to Dracula and leaves a trail behind her. The trio find Dracula's coffin hidden away underneath his castle in a crypt. This crypt is where the Count meets an untimely end as Dr. Seward and Van Helsing stab him in the heart with a wooden stake.

The play ends with a shaken Mina in her fiancé's arms.

Chamblee said, "You've missed a good one if you didn't show up."



Jonathan Harker (Brad Wells) and Dr. Arthur Seward (John Williamson) discussing Mina and Count Dracula before dinner. The Averitt Center for the Arts brings Averitt STARS together to perform "Count Dracula".

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## 'Carrie' remake fails

Film Review

★★★★☆

BY PEYTON CALLANAN

The George-Anne contributor

Recently it seems as if movie executives just pull a film title out of a hat at random and see if they can take a perfectly good movie and make it bigger and better by adding in the latest special effects.

Though there have been a few exceptions, like the charming "Ocean's Eleven" series, most remakes seem to take what viewers love about a film and replace it with a Stepford-esque imitation.

It is easy to see why the Hollywood machine would take a stab at updating the 1976 horror classic "Carrie," which was originally based on a novel by Stephen King about a teenage girl with telekinetic powers who gets her revenge on her cruel classmates at their prom, for the 2013 audience.

The original "Carrie" was so unique because the main character was also the villain of the story. She was a true antihero that would fit right in with the characters we have been seeing week-to-week on our television screens for the last decade or so, like serial killer Dexter and meth manufacturer Walter White.

Studios have also been clamoring for the next big female-led film ever since "The Hunger Games" made a big splash in the box office last year.

Helmed by Kimberly Pierce ("Boys Don't Cry"), this reimagining, starring rising star Chloë Moretz ("Kick-Ass") and Julianne Moore ("The Big Lebowski"), is another film to add to the list of disappointing remakes.

It is hard to tell where exactly this movie goes wrong. There are many promising touches

throughout the film but they seem to be dragged down by poor direction and writing which leaves the moving feeling cheap and uninspired.

The updated special effects allowed Carrie's powers to be much more impressive, but the action at the end is somehow less suspenseful than the original and not at all frightening.

Julianne Moore, who has a knack for elevating any film she is in, gives a strong performance as Carrie's disturbed mother, but pulls most of the weight in the movie, clearly outshining her young costar.

It may stem from the fact that the beautiful Moretz isn't as believable in the role as original star Sissy Spacek. Spacek's wide-eyed stare made Carrie seem simultaneously frightened and unhinged. Moretz, who has made a name for herself playing confident and wise-beyond-their-years characters, struggles to play such an awkward and tormented character.

The biggest problem may be that some aspects of the original just don't hold up in our society anymore. Most of the scenes are very similar to the original, possibly too similar, with the biggest difference is the added angle of the cyberbullying in our now technology-obsessed culture. Though they make an effort by including technology, the never explain why Carrie, who has been going to public school since the sixth grade, is so unaware of things that should be a part of the everyday teenage girl's life.

Pierce also chose to spend the middle of the film focusing on the characters getting ready for the prom, complete with an upbeat soundtrack and cheesy slow motion scenes, which made the movie feel like any other teen movie and not a horror classic.

This "Carrie" remake is proof that movie studios either need to choose more carefully when updating classics or go with a team that is more willing to build upon those classics rather than just poorly imitate them.



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# Beats, treats and eats

## GSU organizations bring fall festivities to Centennial Place

### Seasonal

**BY ERIKA RICHARDS**

The George-Anne contributor

Autumn is here and the Georgia Southern University Programming Board (UPB), Residence Hall Association and Minority Advisement Program are all celebrating it with their first ever Fall Festival event.

The Fall

Festival will take place in the Centennial Place courtyard on Thursday, from 5:30-8:30p.m..

Ashley Nixon, senior public relations major and special events chair for UPB, believes this event is a great way for us as a university to meet.

"Faculty and students can get together to celebrate the fall and its holidays, and come together as a University to do something positive," Nixon said.

Not only

is it a chance for everyone to gather, students can come out and support each other as a family and local organizations.

The Farmers Market will be there and people will be able to purchase fall-type foods.

Entertainment will be provided through inflatable attractions, live music and student performances, food and a pumpkin-carving contest.

Alexis Benton, junior information systems major, director of Programs

of Residence Hall Association, thinks that the fall festival

is going to be a fun time and it is a chance for people to meet someone

they have never met before.

"It is free entry and a great way to support your community," Benton said.

"This inaugural event will make history," Jabal Moss, graduate student and special projects assistant for the Multicultural Student Center, said.

"This event is going to be huge and it is going to be a good time," Moss said. "It includes all three organizations and it is a fun way for everyone to interact before homecoming."

The fall festival will bring different aspects and inclusiveness to GSU campus.

Nixon said, "We made it half way through the semester and mid-terms and people should come out and support this event to have fun."

### What Fall Festival has to offer:

- The Farmers Market will provide fair food like popcorn and cotton candy.
- A prize will be awarded to the pumpkin carving contest winner.
- This is the first fall festival hosted by UPB, the RHA and MAP.
- Students will be allowed to perform at the festival.
- Students are encouraged to bring a canned good for donation.
- Eagle ID is required for free entry.

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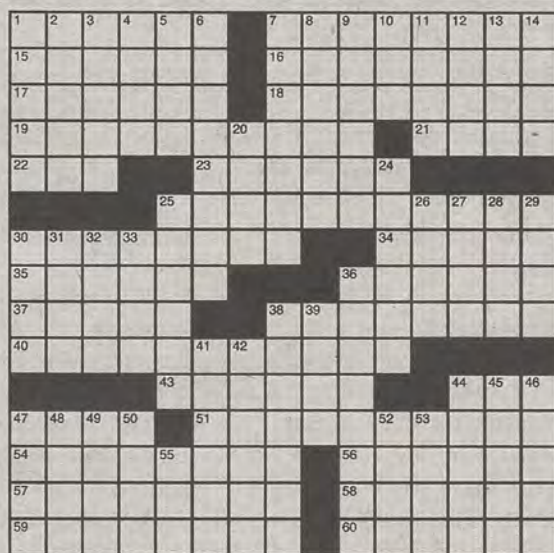
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- 17 Windy
- 18 Voice of Buzz Lightyear
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- 21 Modest profession
- 22 Four quarters, in Quito
- 23 See 47-Down
- 25 Hotel amenity
- 30 One often seen from behind?
- 34 Its GTS model can get 70 miles per gallon
- 35 Fate of some old ways
- 36 Treats with malice
- 37 Operation Crossroads event, 1946
- 38 Vintage player
- 40 Unlikely place for his-and-hers towels
- 43 Bench order
- 44 One often sleeping on the floor
- 47 Free of charge
- 51 Centipede, e.g.
- 54 "I Can't Say No" singer
- 56 1805 musical premiere
- 57 It may include gas masks and shields
- 58 2002 Best Original Song Oscar winner
- 59 Chickens named for an Italian city
- 60 Port on the Loire

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- 1 Anatomical walls
- 2 2006 Winter Olympics host
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- 5 Japanese magnate Morita
- 6 Way across town



By John Farmer

- 7 1970s military-style German import
- 8 Audrey's "Love in the Afternoon" role
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- 13 Cabinet dept. formed in response to the 1973 oil crisis
- 14 Shoot down
- 20 Actor Jared
- 24 Offered regrets, perhaps
- 25 Fix
- 26 "Criminal Minds" genius Dr. Spencer
- 27 Bone; Pref.
- 28 Org. that Angola joined in 2007
- 29 Pretense
- 30 Not much at all
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- 33 Quiet
- 36 Stickball ball, familiarly
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- 41 Repair shop offer
- 42 "Master and Commander" novelist Patrick
- 44 Body shop supply
- 45 Function runner
- 46 Sides
- 47 With 23-Across, actor/director/writer with nine Emmys
- 48 Comics dog
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## Merson continues to overcome adversity

BY EMILY ARNOLD

The George-Anne contributor

Senior goalkeeper Katie Merson of the Georgia Southern University women's soccer team has been learning how to look adversity in the face and not be defeated.

After tearing her ACL and meniscus this past summer, Merson has had to sit on the sidelines and watch her team play without her. Regarding the team, Merson believes it has done very well despite the adversity of the year.

"We've faced a ton of adversity this year. We've had multiple injuries, seniors graduated so we've had young players step up to fill those spots. The word of the year is probably adversity," Merson said.

Still contributing to the team, Merson has learned to be more of a vocal leader as well as carry water bottles, help the trainer whenever she can and help prepare and train the newest goalie for the adjustment from club soccer to Southern Conference soccer.

Albuquerque, NM native Katie Merson started playing soccer when she was only 3

years old, but instantly she fell in love with the game. Starting as a defender, goalie wasn't her position until her middle school years.

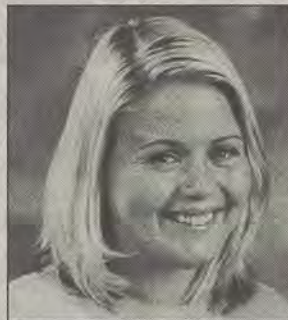
"[As goalie] you see the whole game from a different point of view," Merson said. "I really enjoy it."

She fell in love with the game at an early age, and has wanted to play college

soccer for as long as she can remember. At a tournament in North Carolina, Merson was seen by GSU recruiters and chose to be a part of this university her junior year of high school.

"My dad told me, hypothetically, 'If you blow out your knee, pick a school where you're going to be happy anyway.' So I picked (GSU)," Merson said. "I am so happy I came here."

Merson's career here at GSU has been nothing short of incredible. As a freshman, Merson played in every game of the season, starting all but two. She played a total of 1,330 minutes and made 60 saves. Starting in



Katie Merson

16 games her sophomore year, Merson had four shutouts, 79 total saves, and played over 1,400 minutes. She was also added to the 2011 SoCon Championship All-Tournament Team.

However, Merson's most impressive season to date has been 2012, her junior year. Playing every minute of every game, she finished the year with a conference best of 10 shutouts.

"We set our sights pretty high last year," Merson said. "My goal was to get ten shutouts and everybody was like, 'Ten shutouts? Last year you got four. Why would you jump from four to ten?' I said nope, I can do ten. I'm going to do ten, just watch."

Merson was named 2012 SoCon Championship Most Outstanding Player after shutting out No. 1 University of North Carolina at Greensboro in the quarterfinals, No. 5 Elon University in the semifinals and keeping a 0-0 score against Furman University in the finals, leading the Eagles to a 5-4 shootout victory.

Merson also has her name tagged to the awards SoCon Player of the Week (Sep. 4, 2012) and Disney Soccer/National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) National Player of the Week (Nov. 7, 2012).

"To be recognized nationally is awesome. It's mind blowing. I didn't ever dream that big and then getting that kind of opens your eyes that there is something bigger than South Georgia, and there is something bigger than the Southern Conference," Merson said.

Along with those highly impressive awards, Merson was acknowledged to the 2012 SoCon Championship All-Tournament Team as well as the CollegeSoccer360.com Primetime Performers Weekly Honor Roll (Nov. 7, 2012).

Luckily for the women's soccer program, Merson will be back for her final season in 2014. She will spend the year finishing her degrees in exercise science and therapeutic recreation along with a minor in health and promotion, as well as her acclaimed soccer career here at GSU.

Merson said, "I've already got a list of goals for next year. I'm excited about what's ahead."

## Targeting rule good for game, but needs tweaking

The NCAA's new rule on targeting, which was implemented at the start of the 2013 season, is a great move for the game. With that said, the exiting rules



Will Cheney

around it need to be adapted so it fits the current rules of college football.

The NCAA's targeting rule says that any player who targets and makes contact with a defenseless player above the shoulders will be ejected. The ejection penalty, which has been added on to an existing 15-yard penalty for unnecessary roughness, has stipulations as well. The ejection is reviewable during the game and after the game by the conference, but the 15-yard

penalty is not. Finally, if a player has been ejected during the first half, he is out for the rest of the game. If the player was ejected during the second half, he will also be ejected for the first half of the next game.

Before the targeting rule came about, there were many bone-crushing hits that had fans jumping out of their seats cheering and, consequentially, sending the player on the receiving end to the sideline or worse.

Before Matt Ryan was calling signals for the Atlanta Falcons, he was under-center for Boston College from 2004 through 2007. In a game against Clemson University in 2005, former Tiger linebacker David Dunham drove his helmet into Ryan's chest as he threw a pass. The hit was so hard that it caused Ryan's helmet to come flying off. The play was not penalized, and is still frequented on YouTube to this day.

In 2013, not only would that play go with a 15-yard penalty, but Dunham also

could have possibly been ejected from the game. Also, Dunham would have found himself suspended for the first half of the following contest against Wake Forest University due to the fact that the hit came in the second half.

The need for adjusting the rule has never been more evident as it was during Vanderbilt University's win over the University of Georgia. Junior UGA linebacker Ramik Wilson was originally called for targeting after a shoulder-to-shoulder hit on senior Vanderbilt receiver Jonathan Krause. After review, the ejection part of the penalty was overturned and Wilson was allowed to stay in the game. The 15-yard penalty for the hit, however, stayed in effect. The yardage gave Vanderbilt a first down and eventually led to a touchdown.

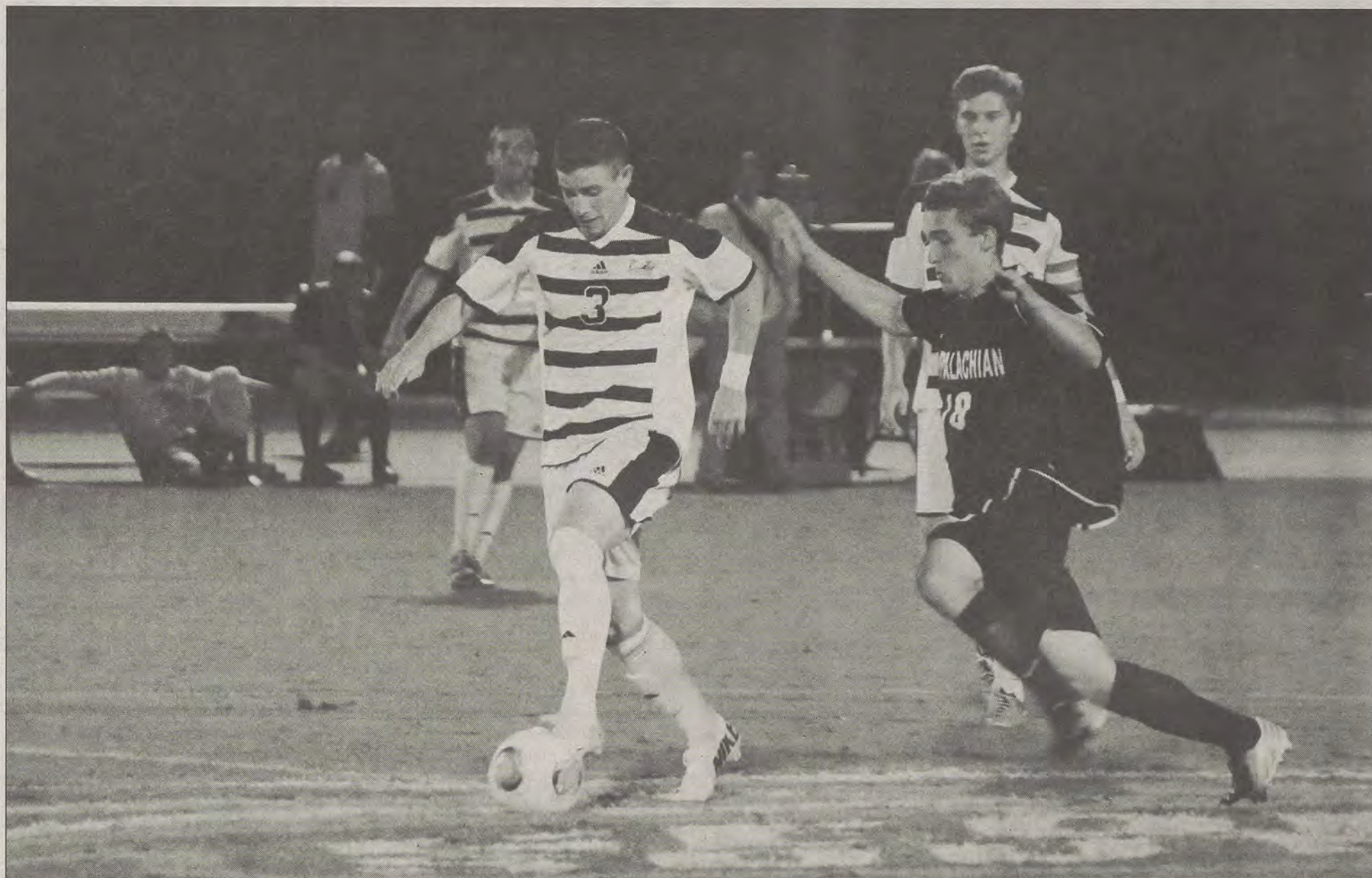
The only knock I have on the rule is that the 15-yard penalty cannot be overturned even if the ejection has been. As seen in

the Vanderbilt game, the play was reviewed and overturned, but a team was given free yards and the outcome of the game was affected. Anything that affects the outcome of a contest, other than the participants, is not a good thing for the sport. This is a technicality that will have to be addressed down the road if more of these situations are to be avoided.

I applaud the NCAA for implementing the penalty on targeting. When player safety can be helped in any way, it is always a good thing for the sport. After witnessing the injuries that have crippled Georgia Southern University's football team this season, the NCAA's attempt to cut down on those injuries and attempt to ensure the student-athletes a safer experience can only help the game in the long run.

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Senior defender Thomas Valikonis (3) dribbles the ball as Appalachian State University sophomore midfielder Alex Herbst (18) goes for the steal. The Eagles will go for two wins in a row against Jacksonville University.

## Eagles to close out home finale with JU

### Men's Soccer (5-8)

BY TREVOR MCNABOE

The George-Anne staff

Riding the wave of the team's first conference win of the season, the Georgia Southern University men's soccer team will close out the regular season home schedule with a match tonight against Jacksonville University.

The Eagles look to carry over the momentum from the win Saturday night over rival Appalachian State University by a score of 1-0.

The Dolphins are coming into this game off of a loss at home to East Tennessee State University by a score of 2-1.

Both teams have played similar opponents in Wofford College, Davidson College and Mercer University. GSU has lost to all three opponents by a combined score of 6-1. JU on the other hand has defeated Davidson and Mercer both by a score of 2-1, while losing to Wofford 3-1.

The Eagles have played best at home this season, winning three out of the team's five victories at Eagle Field.

On the flip side, the Dolphins have struggled

mightily on the road, coming in with a 1-4 record.

Both teams faced off last year with JU coming away with a definitive victory by a 5-0 tally at home.

A few players that made an impact for the Dolphins in last year's matchup return this year.

Junior forward Matheus Saroli currently leads the team in goals with four this year. Last year Saroli scored two goals against the Eagles.

Senior midfielder Guilherme Brandao is second on the team in assists for the season with two. In the 2012 match versus GSU, he recorded two assists.

Senior midfielder Nick Rodriguez is the

Dolphins second leading scorer on the year with three goals. Last year, he found the back of the net once against the Eagles.

GSU will look towards a defense-first approach, as senior goalkeeper Neal Bates is second in the nation in total saves coming into this game with 75.

GSU allows 1.3 goals per game while scoring just above 1 goal per game. Similarly, JU allows more goals than it scores as it allows 1.5 goals per game and scores 1.08 goals a game.

GSU takes on JU today in the home finale at 7 p.m. at Eagle Field.





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Sophomore midfielder Gabby Watson (17) races Elon University senior forward Chelsey Stark (27) for possession of the ball. The Eagles will battle Furman University in a pivotal Southern Conference matchup.

## Eagles top UNCG 1-0

### Women's Soccer (5-8-2)

BY HAYDEN BOURDREAUX

The George-Anne contributor

The Georgia Southern University women's soccer team (5-8-2, Southern Conference 3-3-1) battled with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (8-6-2, SoCon 3-2-2) for Senior Day and took the win 1-0.

The first half was a defensive battle for both sides. Sophomore defender Renee Nance held the Eagle defense steady, and kept the Spartan offense off-balance and continued to feed its passes on offense. Each team battled for possession and struggled to get off a shot. UNCG managed to get one shot on goal by the end of the first half while the Eagles couldn't manage to get a shot off.

Sophomore forward Nora El-Shami started off the second half with a bang, taking a crushing shot in the 47th minute, which was blocked by a UNCG defender. Then the game went back to its battle for possession and the physicality amped up on both sides. Several minor fouls occurred until the Eagles received an indirect free kick outside the UNCG box. An excellent shot was deflected by the goalie allowing a corner kick.

El-Shami stepped up to take the corner and as the ball was kicked it bent back into the goal for the first and only score of the contest. However, the game was far from over for the Eagles and both teams continued to take risks physically. In the 82nd minute UNCG received its first yellow card, and a minute later Nance was given a yellow

of her own despite the protest from the crowd.

Nance pointed out how the strategy for the Eagles changed as they headed late into a game with a one-point lead.

"We try to preserve the win, but we also try to get our backs in position to score again," Nance said.

With time winding down the Eagle offensive production increased. In the last twelve minutes of play GSU took more shots on goal than in the previous 78 minutes. By the end of the game El-Shami led the team with five shots on goal, followed by senior midfielder Lindsay Hammer with two and senior forward Alex Murphy managed to get off a shot as well.

The host of senior midfielders Emily Archer, McKenna Storey and Alanna Rudd played huge roles in keeping the ball moving and assisting the offensive attack. Additionally senior goalkeeper Katie Merson and senior defender Sydney Keer have been important in keeping the women's soccer program at GSU successful.

Head coach Brian Dunleavy appreciated the win and how his team played up to the level of its competition.

"It was a great result for us, it was hard fought and I am really proud of the effort we put forth," Dunleavy said.

The win was the third conference win of the year for the Eagles. They control their own destiny moving forward and into the conference standings. GSU will travel to Greenville, S.C. to take on conference rival Furman University. The game will be on Friday at 7 p.m.

## Volleyball sits atop the Southern Conference

### Volleyball (19-3)

BY ZAKYRA COLVIN

The George-Anne staff

#### Southern Conference Play Rankings (Top 3 teams)

##### Georgia Southern University

With 1,050 kills and an average of 13.6 kills per set, the first place seat in the Southern Conference goes to the GSU Eagles. The Eagles not only lead in conference play alongside Furman University, but they lead in overall play (19-3). DeRatt leads the Eagles in kills with 273, while sophomore defensive specialist Alexandra Beecher leads in digs with 342.

##### Furman University

Furman has only lost one conference game to App. State and is the only team in the SoCon to beat GSU. Although they are tied for first in

the SoCon, the team has an overall record of 11-8 next to GSU's overall 19-3. Furman has 913 kills and a hitting percentage of .223.

##### Western Carolina University

WCU is third in the SoCon. They have racked up 1015 kills so far this season averaging 12.7 kills per set and carrying a .221 hitting percentage. Of those kills, 261 are from junior outside hitter Jordan Timmermann. They have a total of 1,474 digs averaging 18.4 digs per set.

##### SoCon Teams

Other teams in the SoCon include Samford University (12-9, 3-3 SoCon), The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (11-10, 4-4 SoCon), Wofford University (9-13, 4-4 SoCon), Appalachian State University (12-10, 3-5 SoCon), Davidson College (12-10, 3-5 SoCon), Elon University (12-12, 3-5 SoCon), Chattanooga University (9-14, 3-5 SoCon) and The Citadel (5-19, 0-8 SoCon).



### Team Statistics

	GSU	Furman	WCU
<b>Attack</b>			
Kills	1050	913	1015
Errors	406	338	349
Total Attacks	2785	2583	3014
Attack Pct	.231	.223	.221
Kills / Set	13.6	12.68	12.7
<b>Set</b>			
Assists	967	855	931
Assists / Set	12.6	11.88	11.6
<b>Defense</b>			
Digs	1246	1154	1474
Digs / Set	16.2	16.03	18.4

Information compiled by Zakyra Colvin

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Team "It's so Fluffy I'm Gonna Die" gets down and dirty in the mud. Allison Gerdes and Kiley Nave took the gold medal after placing first in the women's meet at the Iron Eagle Challenge.

## GSU students battle through Iron Eagle

BY CASEY CARGLE

The George-Anne contributor

Last Friday, the RAC and Southern Adventures hosted the ninth annual Iron Eagle Challenge (IEC) with many obstacles and mystery challenges to test participants.

The course wound through the Georgia Southern University campus and required participants to work in teams while biking, running and canoeing. Some of the challenges required participants to use their wit and intelligence.

The mystery challenges are different every year. Student members of the RAC staff come up with new mystery challenges and test them out themselves. This year one of the mystery challenges was a dive into the sand to look for puzzle pieces, making the IEC a mental challenge as well as a physical one.

"The thing that slowed us down the most was one of the mystery challenges, the first one, but after that we made up a

lot of ground," Kyle Murphy, second year graduate student, said.

Murphy and Dylan Hightower, senior civil engineering, won the men's heat.

There were three heats including men, women and co-ed groups who all came out in their best team attire, from Batman and Robin to minions from the movie "Despicable Me."

Each team added its own individual spin on team names including the minion team, also known as "It's so Fluffy I'm Gonna Die," which was made up of Allison Gerdes, senior nutrition major, and Kiley Nave, CRI staff member. The minions came striding into the finish bathed in mud to win the second heat for women.

"I've gotten third place and second place but I wanted to get a first place and Ally and I secured that gold medal," Nave said.

The Iron Eagle Challenge truly tested these students both physically and mentally with a challenging and exciting course for all of the competitors.

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