Time to cast your ballot

Voting for SGA positions begins Monday

Editor’s note: The George-Anne posed a list of questions to the SGA presidential candidates. We also asked the candidates to write a column explaining their platforms. Their responses begin on this page.

Jessenia MARTINEZ • guest writer

Beginning Monday students will be able to vote for the next Student Government Association president and executive board members via WINGS account.

Sixty-one candidates are competing for executive board and senate seats. Each college has a certain number of senators in the organization that represent the students.

Once elected, senators serve on committees that work with various constituencies including faculty, staff and divisions such as auxiliary affairs.

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Little Caesars opens doors

Little Caesars owners Darrell Owenby, left, and Steve Mills recently opened their pizza store in the Statesboro Crossing shopping center. The chain is best known for its Hot-N-Ready pizzas, which are large pizzas with popular, basic toppings available for immediate carryout for $5. Little Caesars is open from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 11 a.m.-midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Brandilyn Brown/STAFF

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From the SGA
The SGA discussed the following items of business at their Wednesday, March 24 meeting:

▲ Student Appreciation Day is April 8 in the Russell Union Commons and the Rotunda from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. There will be games provided from the Dean of Students Office.
▲ SGA Vice President for Academic Affairs Justin Provost Gary Means would not be able to answer any questions about specific class or program cuts until the budget has been finalized.
▲ The school's calendar committee is considering having a "May-mester."
▲ Funding requests for the biology club and the student affiliation of the American Chemical Society.
▲ Applications for the Director of Auxiliary Affairs have already been received. Plans are in place to have the new director begin work during the summer.
▲ The President's Task Force on Program Review, which will determine what programs would be eliminated in the event of budget cuts, is being formed by GSU President Brooks Keel, according to SGA President Samantha Young.
▲ Clips from the SGA Executive Committee debate can now be viewed online at www.gsusga.com.

Careers after college
GSU recruitment coordinator: Finding jobs, careers has become more challenging

Kelley NORMAN guest writer

In 2008, the unemployment rate among college students was 2.6 percent; since then, it has nearly doubled to 5 percent.

Heather Scarboro, the recruitment coordinator for Career Services, said that giving students the skills necessary to complete a job search is the office's primary goal, but the nation's economy has made this job more difficult.

"We have had less employer turnout with career fairs," she said.

Employers are still hiring, Scarboro mentioned, but they are spending less money on recruitment.

"They're being a lot more selective in their hiring," Scarboro said.

She also added that employers will not hesitate to get rid of the resume with the slightest mistake.

Scarboro recommended that students "get as much experience as possible before graduation" in order to stand out and appeal to employers.

She also said that students with the most experience will have better chances of getting interviews or jobs.

Scarboro said she likes to remind students that getting a job is a process that takes weeks, months and sometimes a year.

"I think what's most frustrating for me is seeing the students so frustrated," she said.

Scarboro also said that students should remain positive, because they will end up getting a job eventually.

Budget cuts at Georgia Southern have also made it more difficult for Career Services to find full-time jobs for students on campus.

Warren Riles, the director of the Career Services at GSU, said that there is always a delay factor when there's a job opening at the university.

"If they have an open position, they generally wait anywhere from 60 days to six months before they will fill it," he said.

Riles also mentioned that for students who need jobs on campus, there are other opportunities.

He said, "If you're in a science or technology field, professors are always looking for research assistants."

Although the economy is down, Riles did point to a silver lining in their hiring," Scarboro said.

"New opportunities will blossom when the economy is bad," Riles said.

Because the amount of employers coming to the campus of GSU has diminished, career services have been able to offer more opportunities to students interested in non-profit, military and government work.

He also said that a weakened economy can be good for unemployed students because it allows for focus on the process of getting a job at a much slower pace.

Riles said, "It depends on whether you have a positive outlook on life or a negative outlook."
Our View

This election affects you

In recent weeks, it has become apparent that many students don't really know about the Georgia Southern Student Government Association or the work that the organization does.

With elections just around the corner, students don't need to treat SGA elections like a popularity contest as most do with the Homecoming court. Students need to make well-informed decisions about people who they elect to represent them.

However, more students seem to pay attention to Homecoming than SGA. In 2009, nearly 6,000 students voted for Homecoming Queen while only 1,700 voted in the SGA elections.

This election has seen campaigns run primarily online through Web sites and Facebook. There has been no visible campaign push throughout campus with sheet signs and flyers as in Homecoming.

Six thousand students voted for someone to receive a crown and a scholarship but only 10 percent of the entire student population chose the students to represent them on important committees that can have input on issues such as campus restaurant selection, parking and transportation, core curriculum makeup and recently, budget cuts.

Imagine if 100 million people called in to vote for their favorite American Idol competitor, but only 30 million people voted in a U.S. presidential election. Would citizens really want 30 million people speaking for 300 million people? Probably not.

Then, why should students be happy with only 1,700 students choosing representatives for nearly 20,000 students?

It's not that hard to cast your vote for your SGA representatives. All you do is load a ballot on WINGS and select the candidates of your choice. To learn more about the candidates, visit www.gsusga.com.

If you can take the time to determine who will best represent themselves in Paulson Stadium during the homecoming game, then it should not be a problem for you to click the names of candidates and make your voices heard.

Surrender, the fight is over

Actually, as another guy named John once said, "I've not yet begun to fight!"

And neither, it seems, have the states. Ten states so far seem ready to show why this bill was just about the worst thing that could've happened to Obama.

Supposedly, the bill passed by the House on Sunday would take effect on the first of January, 2011. That's what the bill's language states. However, at least ten states are planning to sue, in part, or as a team, starting before the ink is even dry on Obama's John Hancock. That's just what's been confirmed. Many others are already brewing, and the high-end estimate says that we could see 37 or 38 state parties suing the government—that's enough to ratify an Amendment, by the way. If those states are successful, the bill may be in limbo well past the date that it would take effect, if it isn't killed outright on a fast track through the appeals process.

You're probably saying, "So what?"

If you supported the bill, you're probably thinking that it won't mean a thing; they can just pass a new version later. Sorry, but no. I have seen liberal news sources who are wary about the Democrats' chances in 2010; a CBS poll showed that, while somewhat half the country is either ill-informed or incredibly indecisive, the other half is overwhelmingly against Pelosi and Harry Reid — my money is that the second half is the half that will vote in November; think about it. The Democrats won't likely be around next year to fix any problems unless the health bill is able to take effect AND be effective. Further, what passed Sunday took most of the last year-and-a-half of legislative time; if the Supreme Court shot it down, there's no time for the Democrats to salvage it this year, and no one left to do so next year.

You're probably thinking, "John, this is just more Republican obstructionism of a bill that the American people really want!" Not so much, actually. Thomas Ferraro of Reuters reported Monday that it's actually 50 percent against the bill that passed, with 40 for it — again, how anyone can not have an opinion at this point is beyond me. And again, this is Reuters, not Beck or Rush or Hannity. That means that, even if those remaining ten votes came down in favor of the bill, there's a statistical dead heat in the polls, not the "overwhelming majority" of Americans Pelosi has told us about. And while the majority of those who are suing so far are Republican, at least one solidly liberal state is as well — Washington. Funny how one of the Senate seats up this year is from that very state.

So, while the SS Pelosi may have won the first battle, the HMS DNC may have a few more holes punched in by the cannons, and it's quite possible that the treasure that Obama has secured this weekend could turn out to be scrap metal, making it all for naught. Don't expect me to stop my criticisms. I'm with Mr. John Paul Jones on this one, even if his cousin Davy tries to drag me down.
**Presidential candidates address students**

**Feagin: Committed to open government**

My goal as President is to offer specific measurable goals that can be tested throughout our administrations term. For too long, lofty promises followed by no action have plagued our SGA and in turn, our students.

On the issues of transparency, I am committed to an open and honest government willing to provide the resources necessary to illustrate a commitment to clarity when it comes to the money and responsibility SGA is accountable for. The night I am sworn into office, I will issue an executive order requiring all SGA budgets be published online within two weeks. All allocations to student organizations will be written as a resolution and published online as acts of SGA for all students to see where their money is going. By establishing these protocols students will know what is going on in their SGA at all times.

On relations with the city of Statesboro, We must continue the work of predecessors before us. In 2007, 1,000 student voter registrations were challenged and nearly blocked. We will encourage the City Council to pass a resolution naming the SGA President an ex-officio member of the City Council, while also encouraging the lowering of the minimum required age to run back from 25 to 21. Additionally, we will work with both the city council and Probate Judge Lee Deloach on getting plans on paper to establish a polling precinct on campus.

On the budget I am inspired by the progress made by groups like the Georgia Students for Higher Education who aggressively lobbied on behalf of students against the budget cuts. I dedicated half of my spring break to rally against budget cuts at the state capitol and stayed to personally meet with state representatives on what these cuts would mean to GSU. Progress has been made and we are closer now than ever to eliminating all cuts to the USG and to Georgia Southern. The fight over budget cuts will not end this semester either. As the recession continues, this process may repeat around the same time next year. The fight for GSU will carry on through another academic year and we are prepared to successfully defend the "Large-Scale Small-Feel" of Georgia Southern.

As president I will give the power back to the Senate, and will continue working with City officials. Georgia Southern, the University of Erk Russell, Chris Clark, Jon Simpson, and Bruce Gruhe always made the biggest difference in the lives of the Georgia Southern students when we lead not by pride, but by principle, not by calculation, but by conviction. I am running for the presidency of the Student Government because that's what you want me to do again. A University that doesn't just offer the "Large-Scale Small-Feel" as a slogan, but a real and meaningful academic life, the spirit of which will assist Georgia Southern in combating the threats of budget cuts, tuition hikes, limited classes, and our carbon footprint. I will continue to send this message to lawmakers in Atlanta to remind them that "We matter" and "Our Future is Georgia's Future." I am asking for your support, not just now, but through the years to come as we continue to preserve the Georgia Southern that we all know and love.

**Standifer: Platform in one word – service**

Hello, my name is Alton Standifer and I am a candidate for the office of President of the Student Government Association of Georgia Southern University. Three years ago as I entered our prestigious institution I was amazed at the level of leadership potential that was available to our students. As a young ambitious freshman, I dove right into several of those available opportunities. Over the course of some failures and several successes I have come to realize the true essence of leadership and what is required of those that truly seek to lead.

Now at the forefront of my fourth year at Georgia Southern I have been compelled to culminate these skills that I have gained and put them to use for the students of Georgia Southern. In an effort to lead and learn I am now seeking to make positive decisions for our students through the position of President of the Student Government Association. It is my hope that students will become more involved in the decisions that affect them and they can begin to do this by being a part of the decision as to who will represent them in the upcoming year as SGA president.

As I make a run for presidency I would like to involve you all in the thought process of those that are running on The Standifer Ticket. Our platform is not one of wordy and misleading phrases but instead can be understood by one simple word – service. We understand that there is a job to do and we want to make sure it gets done. We come into this race to represent the students of Georgia Southern in a positive light and address the issues that are most important to the student body and not just those of the organization.

As the president of the Student Government Association I want to do some fun things with our organization. We want to make meetings more enjoyable and productive for those that attend them. This includes relaxing the up-tight feeling that so many of our meetings have. We also want to reach out to campus and make them a part of what is going on in SGA and have them attend some of these meetings to which we speak of. I think that we can also give back to our campus by attempting to serve a wider variety of our students. We want to make the daily life of our students less stressful and more productive. Along with the topics listed above we seek to be strong liaison between the students and the administration of the university. Students should know that their administration is committed to providing student the best experience possible.

In closing I want to leave you with this saying that I think should resemble the thoughts of our students: "Good, Better, Best, Never let it rest, until your good is better and your better is best." As elections approach I hope that you will choose candidates that truly want the best for the students of Georgia Southern University.

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**Man on the Street**

Do you think people should register to become organ donors? Why or why not?

"I don't think people should be forced to, but you could really help people."  
- Tyler John, freshman  
- chemical engineer

"Yes, because after you pass away, you can still help someone else."  
- Brittany Harrington, senior  
- broadcasting

"Yes, if you have the ability to help someone, you should always take that chance."  
- Christian Jordan, junior  
- broadcasting

"Yes, because it can save lives."  
- Mason Witaker, freshman  
- business
Remembering Charles Crouch

Losing a mentor is always difficult. It is especially hard when it's a mentor who is there for you when you finally figure out what you want to be known for during the rest of your life. Dr. Charles Crouch, a professor in the history department, was one such mentor for me during the recent portions of my academic career.

I first had him for a course on the French Revolution in the fall of 2007. It was one of the most difficult history courses I'd ever had for several reasons. One, since my interests have always touched upon American history, taking a class on an European history subject was something out of the ordinary for me. More than that however, Dr. Crouch demanded of all his students—both undergraduate and graduate students—maximum effort in order to do well in his class.

I received a B in the course. To this day, I've never been more proud to receive a B in a class. He could always tell when I slacked off just a little on my writing, and he always demanded that I sharpen my intellectual focus during classroom discussions and in my writings. What Dr. Crouch was trying to do for me, and for my classmates, was getting us to not think simply as students, but as historians. Dr. Crouch wanted us to see ourselves as historians who were not afraid of intellectual discussion and inquiry.

He reminds me now of another professor who had an important role in my life. Very soon, it will be three years since Peter Christopher, a wonderful and beloved professor in the department of writing and linguistics, passed away. He also got his students to think of themselves as professionals, in this case as true, accomplished fiction writers. In both cases, the two men asked more of their students than those students were often willing to ask of themselves.

In many ways, the two men were similar. Both, until their dying days, sought to teach students as much as possible. It was painful to see both of these men, who were often full of humor and life, pass before my eyes. However, it was also uplifting, in the sense that these two men loved to teach so much, that they used their depleted strength to reach students until the very end.

Thinking about Dr. Crouch has forced me to think about my time as a graduate student at Georgia Southern. When he discovered that I was a graduate student here, and was taking his Modern France class in the spring semester of 2009, he congratulated me. I was pleased that he was happy for me to be in the program. I also knew, however, that since he taught me before, he would expect even more out of me. I was eager for the challenge, and loved every minute of learning about France from 1815 until the eve of the First World War. It was in this course that he developed the illness that would strike him down later on. Even with this knowledge, however, Dr. Crouch continued to push all of us to be better students and better historians.

The department of history will miss a man like Dr. Crouch. Indeed, anytime a professor is lost before his or her time, students, faculty, and staff are all losing out. What is comforting is the fact that those professors who leave this Earth before their time are not forgotten. The students they helped to shape and mold carry a piece of them wherever they go. That is the mark of a true teacher.
Sophomore's 5K event supports organ donation

Patrick STOKER
guest writer

A 5K walk/run will take place at Georgia Southern to raise money for a non-profit organization.

The organization, Donate Life America, is focused on educating the public on the need for organ, eye and tissue donation, as well as encouraging others to become organ donors themselves.

The event will take place on March 27 at 6 p.m. at the RAC pavilion on GSU's campus.

The event was mostly organized by Taryn Mason, a sophomore history major, who became interested in the organization when her younger brother received a kidney transplant from their father.

A registration table will be set up where attendees can register to become organ donors.

Participants are encouraged to raise money through sponsors. For every $5 a participant collects from sponsors, they will receive a ticket for a raffle to be held that day.

Don Corleone’s will provide food that day.

"One of [Don Corleone’s] chefs is on dialysis, so they offered to set up a food vendor and whatever money they receive that day, they have offered to give a percentage of their profits," said Mason.

Participants will be entertained with music as well as a bounce house.

Mason said she encourages people to attend to learn more about organ and tissue donation.

"It's important that people know the truth about [organ and tissue donation] and not the myths," said Mason.

There will be a $10 registration fee for each participant. Teams may also be organized for the event. Each team is encouraged to raise at least $300.

All proceeds will go to the Donate Life America organization, which operates entirely by funds from membership and general contributions.

Anyone interested in participating in the walk/run can obtain a registration form from the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, located in Russell Union. They can also request a form by e-mailing DonateLife720@yahoo.com.
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It is also my responsibility to ensure that the rules and regulations of the SGA are enforced in the areas of legislation, reporting, and the funding of student organizations. Finally, it is my responsibility to set an example for the rest of the student-centered community that embraces the mission of this university.

2. How will your administration improve the transparency of the SGA?

First, I will issue an executive order the day I am sworn in requiring all SGA budgets be published on our website for all of GSU to see. Additionally, every student organization we fund will be posted as a bill so all students can see what organization is getting what money for what program. Finally, we’ll restore the power granted in our constitution back to the senate when it comes to matters of budget writing for the future. First the Financial Advisory Committee will review the current budget and make recommendations to the full senate, followed by the full senate voting on our budget before it appears before the Activity Budget Committee which approves all budgets in the Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Division.

3. How will your administration improve the relationship between Georgia Southern and the City of Statesboro?

This issue is one I have been committed to since being a freshman senator at a time when over one thousand student voters were publicly challenged in the 2007 Statesboro City Council Elections. Though progress has been made with relations between the SGA and the City Council, we must continue to further push for representation with the city by encouraging the passing of a resolution within the council naming the SGA president as a permanent ex-officio member of the City Council of Statesboro. Additionally, we will work with the council and Probate Judge DeLoach to establish plans on paper for finally getting a voting precinct on the campus of Georgia Southern. Finally, we will maintain the goal of having one on-campus City Council meeting per semester.

4. What do you see as the most pressing issue facing GSU students?

This is an issue that I think I can only do half of the work on. Information that pertains to the Student Government Association is not readily available to the students that are seeking it. I will continue to provide this information to students and work with them to address the concerns of the students. I also would like to keep all students involved and in the loop as to what is taking place not only in our university but also to things that are taking place within the Student Government Association.

2. How will your administration improve the transparency of the SGA?

The most pressing issue facing the students of Georgia Southern is preserving the same level of transparency as we faced several years ago when we were a student body. As the president I would have to make sure that we as college students are informed of the decisions that we are making here on our campus as budget cuts are looming.

3. How will you improve the relationship between Georgia Southern and the City of Statesboro?

From time to time I attend the meeting of the City Council. I have also been in lunch meetings with the current and previous mayors of Statesboro. Mayor Brannen and Mayor Baxley have expressed their desire for the SGA to have representation on the City Council. As the president I would like to keep all students involved and in the loop as to what is taking place not only in our university but also to things that are taking place within our own projects.

4. What do you see as the most pressing issue facing GSU students?

Currently one of the most pressing issues facing not only the students of Georgia Southern University but all of Georgia is the looming budget cuts. This is something that we must keep a close eye on and know that it is important for us to stay abreast as to what is taking place and what we can do to make sure that we as college students are treated fairly. As it pertains to Georgia Southern, we need to continue to stay active in the discussions and the decisions that we make here on our campus as budget cuts are concerned. President Keel is doing a great job of keeping all Georgia Southern stakeholders informed on what is taking place, and how his administration plans to address the issue. For this, we as a student body owe them a huge “Thank You.”

More responses at GADaily.com.
Spring Break Photography Adventures

The George-Anne Photography staff held a contest over the break to see who could take the best Spring Break photo. Photographers who submitted photos were Nico Adams, Brandilyn Brown, Rob Eakins, Deborah Inskeep and Caitlin Newman. All entries were wonderful and we thank each and every one of our photographers for all the hard work they put into their pictures that go into each and every edition of the George-Anne.

Top Left: Second place is Rob Eakins with his photo from Arches National Park in Moab, Utah.

Center: Third place is Brandilyn Brown with her photo from Hollywood Beach, Florida.

Bottom: First place winner and holder of bragging rights is Caitlin Newman with her photo of shrimp boats at the dock of a restaurant called “Our Deck Down Under” in Port Orange, Florida.

*All other entries can be viewed online at www.gadaily.com*
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GSU instructor dies
History professor loses cancer battle

Shannon STUART
guest writer

Georgia Southern lost a valuable professor, colleague and friend on Tuesday, March 16 when Associate Professor Charles Crouch lost his battle with pancreatic cancer.

"Professor Crouch was a fine colleague, excellent teacher and generous friend," History Department Chair William Allison said. "We of course knew about his illness and could see the toll it had taken on him, but I think most of us did not expect him to pass so soon."

Crouch came to GSU in 1993, and during his 17 years as a GSU history professor, he instilled his passion and eagerness for learning in many students who took his classes.

"He was very respectful and treated students as equals — he treated everyone as an equal," Crouch's graduate assistant Heidi King said. "Some professors approach the classroom with a facade of superiority and overt professionalism that separates themselves from the student. Dr. Crouch welcomed and encouraged his students and peers to speak freely. He was a masterful speaker and thinker."

Crouch had a fervent passion for learning and broadening horizons, both of which he tried to instill in all of his students.

Allison said, "I wish people knew that he truly believed in the fact that we are part of a diverse global community, and that to understand that community, we must understand its history. Otherwise, we have no direction in our world. Much of his career here at Georgia Southern was about ensuring students left Statesboro with a meaningful global perspective."

Botanical Garden’s spring festival takes place Saturday

Ali BRENNER
student media intern

The second annual Whirligig festival will be held at Georgia Southern’s Botanical Garden on Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

"Whirligig is our annual spring festival and plant sale," Kathy Tucker, the education coordinator for the Botanical Gardens, said. "We will have plants and crafts, produce, children’s activities and a special performance by Appleseedz. He does a wild and crazy performance about trees."

Besides Appleseedz, who takes the stage at both 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Chris Mitchell from Pladd Dot Music is bringing a School of Rock band consisting of high school bands.

Craft tables featuring blankets, picture frames, and little girls’ dresses among other items will be set up throughout the event.

Visitors can also purchase fresh produce at Whirligig.

"The farmers from the farmer’s market will be coming with their produce. We will have eggs for sale but no other vendor has indicated what they are going to bring," Tucker said.

In addition to eating the produce, there will be a vendor to serve lunch, but food from the vendor is not free.

"You can come and have a picnic lunch if you’d like. We don’t have picnic tables, but we will have chairs available. No alcohol is allowed, however," Tucker said.

Besides the events specifically offered for Whirligig, the barn will be open.

"The Rural Life Museum will be open for visitors to come through and look at the farm exhibits," said Tucker. "The whole event is free unless you purchase something from the vendors or food."
Thursday, March 25th
7:00 p.m. Dr. Bell Hooks Lecture: Cultural Criticism & Transformation, Russell Union, Ballroom
9:30 p.m. Mini Golf Night at Hackers Golf Park, $1 admission with student ID

Friday, March 26th
5:00 p.m. Friday Float Night, RAC
7:00 p.m. Georgia Southern Baseball vs. UNC Greensboro, J.I. Clements Stadium
8:00 p.m. FREE Outdoor Movie, Sweetheart Circle – “Invictus”
9:30 p.m. Mini Golf Night at Hackers Golf Park, $1 admission with student ID

Saturday, March 27th
All Day Botanical Garden Spring Festival: Whirligig Festival and Plant Sale, GSU Botanical Garden
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. ~ Women’s Empowerment Conference, Continuing Education Building
2:30 p.m. Georgia Southern Baseball vs. UNC Greensboro, J.I. Clements Stadium

Sunday, March 28th
1:30 p.m. Georgia Southern Baseball vs. UNC Greensboro, J.I. Clements Stadium

Monday, March 29th
7:15 p.m. The John Humma Cinema Arts Series Presents “Revanche,” Russell Union Theater

Tuesday, March 30th
6:00 p.m. Georgia Southern Baseball vs. North Florida, J.I. Clements Stadium
7:00 p.m. GSU Unplugged, Russell Union Starbucks

Wednesday, March 31st
7:00 p.m. Egg Dying sponsored by Eagle Entertainment, Russell Union Commons
Jabbawockeez performance a student affair

Eagle Entertainment chose six student dance teams to perform alongside the Jabbawockeez during their performance. Their talents and performances will range from hip-hop to swing.

Vincent GARRETT
guest writer

The Jabbawockeez will be performing at Hanner Fieldhouse on April 8, and a few local talents will be performing with them.

Eagle Entertainment has chosen six dance groups consisting of students to open the show for the first winners of MTV's "America's Best Dance Crew."

According to James Kicklighter, Public Relations Coordinator for Eagle Entertainment, The Doo Dah Step Show played a large part in the talent that was selected to perform.

"We looked over the performances and chose the winners from that step show and the groups who would provide well-rounded entertainment," he said.

After hearing of their selection to perform with the Jabbawockeez, Paul Tenzel recalls one group expecting a prank.

"They said they didn't believe me," he said. "Some just screamed hysterically."

Make sure to check the Tuesday, March 30 edition for the names of the other three groups performing.

The Swing Cats Society

The Swing Cats Society is expected to bring the unique form of swing dance they did in the step show.

"The group has been doing small performances at the rotunda for passersby since 1997, but for the six members who performed at the step show it was their first time competing. After winning the dance competition at homecoming, President Megan Bowen was skeptical about the call she received from Eagle Entertainment."

"At first we said we didn't have enough time to prepare, but when he told us we'd be performing with the Jabbawockeez we were excited and honored to have been asked," she said.

This time Bowen says they have fewer performers who will be in the show, but audiences can expect a cleaner, and different routine than before.

Zeta Tau Alpha Dance Team

Zeta Tau Alpha sorority has had a dance team for about six years, but they only recently decided to perform in the Doo Dah Step Show. After that performance, the group is ready to return with the same energy.

Lauren Levy, who has danced with the team for four years, was elated to get the opportunity to perform with the Jabbawockeez.

She says the attendees can expect another great performance that is fast-paced and upbeat.

Tickets on sale now at the University Store (prices may increase at the door of the event)

$5: student admission

$10: floor seating (exclusive to students)

$15: general admission
Criticism and transformation

Cultural critic bell hooks to speak at GSU about race, gender and class

Derek JOYCE
staff writer

Renowned cultural critic bell hooks will be giving a lecture in the Russell Union Ballroom tonight at 7 p.m. The lecture will also be simulcast in the Russell Union Theater using a live projection. Hooks' appearance is courtesy of the Multicultural Student Center.

This lecture will focus on bringing awareness to how Americans to think about themselves in terms of race, gender, and class. Furthermore, by bringing awareness to these issues, hooks aims to help people rise above the issues and resolve them.

"She's a cultural critic who really does a good job of examining pop culture and academia as it relates to race class and gender," said Consuela Ward, the director of student affairs for the MSC. "What cultural critics do is bring topics that are discussed in academia into open spaces because it concerns all of us."

Despite the view of hooks as a black feminist speaker, this lecture is intended for people of all demographics.

"In order to consider yourself educated, you need to look at a situation in many different ways. What cultural critics do is study our culture, not necessarily to study subculture for the sake of those subcultures, but in a larger text so we can all understand each other. For men to understand life from a feminine lens makes them much broader of a person because they are not looking at the world in tunnel vision," said Ward.

One example used by hooks for looking through different cultural lenses is the issue of women's suffrage. When the right to vote was given, it was first given to white men, then white women, then black men and finally black women. Their unique view was left unheard until relatively recently.

Bell hooks was born Gloria Jean Watkins on September 25, 1952 in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Raised in a working class family with five siblings, hooks lived through all forms of discrimination and cruelty.

Although hooks is mainly known as a feminist thinker, she also covers a broad range of topics including gender, class, race, teaching and the significance of media for contemporary culture. Hooks' alias derives from the names of her mother and grandmother respectively.

The all-lower-case spelling is from her philosophy that what is important is the "substance of books, not who I am," said hooks. Cornel West, a famous American philosopher, critic, author, actor and civil rights activist, calls hooks "the most prolific intellectual of her generation—a bold and courageous writer who probes the neglected dimensions and dark corners of our culture."

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Quick Hits

▲ GSU baseball lost to South Carolina in 13 innings, 8-5 Tuesday night.

▲ GSU baseball will host a three-game series against UNC Greensboro beginning on Friday, March 26 at 7 p.m.

▲ GSU track & field will host the GSU Invitational at the Erk Russell Athletic Park on Saturday, March 27.

▲ GSU softball will travel to Appalachian State for a three-game series this weekend beginning with a double-header on Saturday, March 27.

▲ GSU tennis will travel to Davidson on Saturday, March 27 before heading to Appalachian State on Sunday, March 28.

▲ GSU football announced that quarterback Lee Chappie, running back Adam Urbano and linebacker J.B. Shippy will not return to the team next year.

▲ GSU golf placed 12th in the Schenkel E-Z-Go Invitational last weekend with Auburn taking the top spot.

▲ GSU golf announced that the Pro-Am Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, May 3 at the Forest Heights Country Club in Statesboro, Ga.

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On Monday, March 22, the Georgia Southern football team began its first spring practice. Eagles’ Head Coach Jeff Monken assessed his team after their first day.

"It was probably what I thought it might be. We have a long way to go, a lot of learning. When you change systems completely, it is going to take some time," said Monken. "There is a learning curve and I hope our guys will keep working. I hope they will work hard in the classroom part of it, to learn, so they can at least go to the right spot, block the right guy, get in the right gap, play in the correct coverage, and when we get that accomplished, we'll get a better idea of who can really play and help us."

Monday’s practice didn’t feature any “first team” or “second team” assignments, but Monken deliberately approached practice keeping open all options at all positions.

“We had hoped to move the quarterbacks from huddle to huddle so no one had the same center and move the slots around,” said Monken. “There is no number one at any position here right now -- not one position has a number one. There are 25 spots up for grabs and I hope they’ll compete for those 25 spots.”

With the new offense, Monken told the Eagles after practice that what they did on the field was only part of process and watching film and asking questions would be a big help in understanding and learning the offense. Monken also impressed upon his squad that the standards need to be set and kept high.

“I am not lenient on anything; mistakes, effort, I am not lenient at all,” said Monken. “I don’t want our coaches to be lenient and I hope our players don’t feel like they can loaf or go half-speed because it is shorts. I want them to be mentally in tune to everything that is going on. I want them to listen and learn every coaching point. To me that’s part of effort, it’s the mental effort. There’s not going to be any leniency. We’re going to keep the standards high and try and be demanding. I understand there are going to be mistakes, and there will be.”

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“You have to work, and the bottom line is we have to find a way to get these guys to learn where they are going, and find a way to win some football games,” said Monken.

The Eagles continued learning the fundamentals of the option offense Tuesday during their second day of spring practice.

While most, if not all, of the attention has been focused on the option, Monken and his staff are putting in a new defensive scheme as well.

“I think we got better and I hope we’ll continue to get better each day,” said Monken. “It was a learning day, in shorts, no contact, and that’s tough, but it is good to get those days in and guys have to learn, but I’m looking forward to getting those guys in gear and seeing some contact Thursday.”

During these 15 days of spring practice, Monken has emphasized that teaching the fundamentals is the first, and most critical part, in changing the systems on both offense and defense.

Monken said he was pleased that the effort was better from day one to day two of practice and noted there were fewer mistakes than GSU’s first practice. Thursday’s practice will continue with the emphasis on fundamentals exhibited in the first two days, but the Eagles will be in full pads.

“Id like to have the meat and potatoes of our offense and defense and our kicking game in by the time we get to the spring game. We won’t have everything, we’ll hold some stuff for the fall,” said Monken. “When you learn to read, you have to learn the A-B-Cs first. You don’t get to go to the textbooks. You have to learn the small things first, the fundamentals, you don’t go straight from two plus two to calculus. We have to teach them slow and we have to get them to learn the A-B-Cs and the plusses and minuses and then we’ll get into the hard stuff. We are going to push it as much as we can, but take our time as much as we need to.”
Where are they now? Todd Greene

Drew CHESHIRE
guest writer

Around this time of year, a change of seasons can be noticed. T-shirts, shorts, sunglasses and hats are the preferred attire. Aromas of freshly grilled hot dogs and hamburgers fill the warm and breezy air.

The landscape is dotted with fold-up chairs and parked cars with their radios preset to the local sports stations.

Large crowds gather in stadiums to cheer on their favorite teams.

Suddenly, onlookers draw their breath as a jersey clad participant wields what appears to be a circular orb of woven leather. The silence is only broken by the crack of a wooden bat, to which the audience immediately lifts to its feet in thunderous applause.

No, this isn't spring. This is baseball season, a season that former Eagle Todd Greene is all too familiar with.

"Some people receive their Ph.D.s in law. Others might get theirs in medicine. Mine, however, is in baseball," said Greene, who is considered one of the greatest players ever to grace Jack Stallings field at J.I. Clements Stadium.

After arriving in Statesboro from Evans, Ga., Greene made an immediate impact the moment he stepped on the field.

His freshman year, 1990, culminated with All-American honors en route to leading the Eagles to the 1990 College World Series in Omaha, NE.

Greene was also named the Trans America Athletic Conference Player of the Year and the TAAC Tournament MVP following his first year in the blue and white.

"That season was definitely my favorite memory from my time at Georgia Southern," said Greene. "We had some great teams and seasons during my career, but that team had it all."

Although his first year proved to be the team's best, the next three years were nothing short of spectacular for Todd and the GSU baseball program.

The outfielder broke numerous school records while collecting several post-season honors such as All-American and All-TAAC/SoCon honors each year.

In 1993, Greene was named the SoCon Player of the Year.

His school records included career RBIs with 257, and career home runs with 88, making it the third highest ranking in NCAA history.

Greene is also one of only two players in the program's history to record 300 hits, 200 RBIs, and 180 runs scored.

Following his star-studded career in Statesboro, Greene was destined for greatness in the major leagues.

He spent three years with the California Angels organization before making his MLB debut in 1996.

In four years with the Angels, Greene batted .243 with 26 home runs and 82 RBIs.

In April of 2000, Greene headed north of the border for a one year stint in Toronto.

He played in 34 games with the Blue Jays before leaving for New York the following season.

The 2001 season with the Yankees was highlighted by a trip to the World Series where Greene caught the first pitch thrown by President George W. Bush in Game 3.

The next season, Greene traveled to Texas, where he played two seasons with the Rangers.

He spent 2004 and 2005 with the Colorado Rockies before spending his last season with the San Francisco Giants in 2006.

Over his 11 year career, Greene batted .252 with 71 home runs and 217 RBIs. However, the constant moving and transitioning wasn't easy.

"It was hard moving around so much with a family," said Greene. "I miss playing a lot, but I love being able to spend more time with my wife and kids."

Although his playing days may be over, baseball is still the central means of employment for Greene.

He spent 2008 as a scout for the San Diego Padres, and the 2009 season as a quality assurance coach with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

In November of 2009, Greene was introduced as a Major League scout for the Seattle Mariners.

He currently resides in Atlanta with his wife and four children.

Although he hasn't had much free time to venture back to Statesboro, Greene was able to attend GSU's 2010 Baseball Alumni Weekend, where he was honored along with the rest of the 1990 College World Series players.

"It was good seeing those guys again and being back down there," said Greene. "My kids are all involved in a wide range of sports, so between them and my job, I've stayed pretty busy."

Even though his playing days are over, Todd Greene's name will forever remain an essential piece of Georgia Southern baseball lore.

His achievements have helped the program reach national fame, and the crack of his bat will always echo through J.I. Clements Stadium.
GSU Results from Over the Break

**Friday, March 12**
- **BASEBALL**
  vs. Appalachian State - W (8-3)
- **TRACK & FIELD**
  @ The Citadel
- **WOMEN’S TENNIS**
  vs. UNC Greensboro - W (4-3)

**Monday, March 15**
No Events Listed

**Tuesday, March 16**
- **BASEBALL**
  @ Kennesaw State - W (8-7)
- **SOFTBALL**
  @ Radford - PPD
  @ Radford - PPD

**Wednesday, March 17**
- **BASEBALL**
  @ Clemson - L (6-22)
- **SOFTBALL**
  @ Georgia Tech - PPD
  @ Georgia Tech - PPD

**Thursday, March 18**
No Events Listed

**Friday, March 19**
- **BASEBALL**
  @ Wofford - W (10-8)
- **TRACK & FIELD**
  @ Coastal Carolina Meet
- **GOLF**
  E-Z-Go Invitational - placed 12th

**Saturday, March 20**
- **BASEBALL**
  @ Wofford - L (6-12)
  @ Wofford - W (11-2)
- **SOFTBALL**
  vs. Western Carolina - W (2-1)
  vs. Western Carolina - W (4-3)
- **WOMEN’S TENNIS**
  vs. Furman - L (2-5)
- **TRACK & FIELD**
  @ Coastal Carolina Meet
- **GOLF**
  E-Z-Go Invitational - placed 12th

**Sunday, March 21**
- **BASEBALL**
  vs. Western Carolina - W (7-2)
- **SOFTBALL**
  vs. Samford - PPD

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