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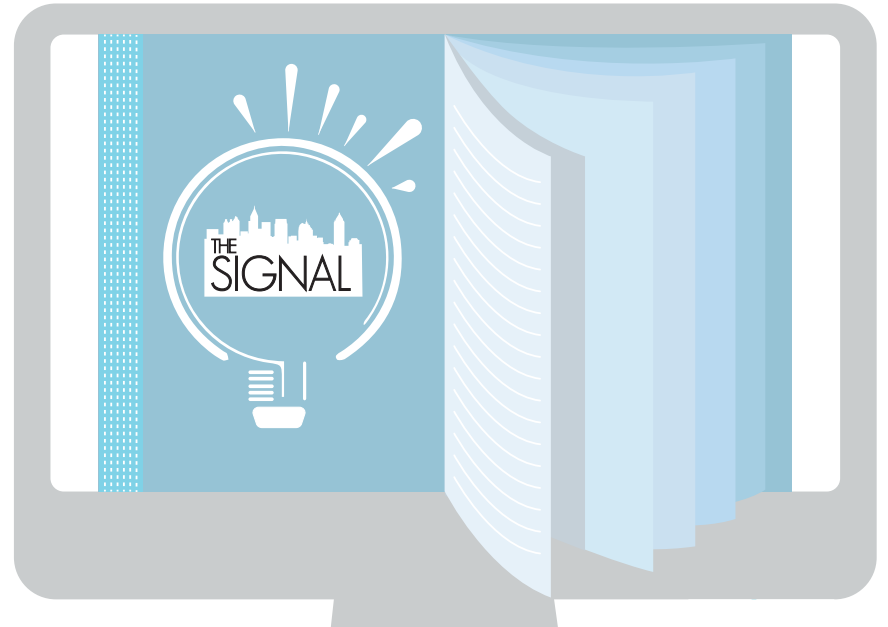
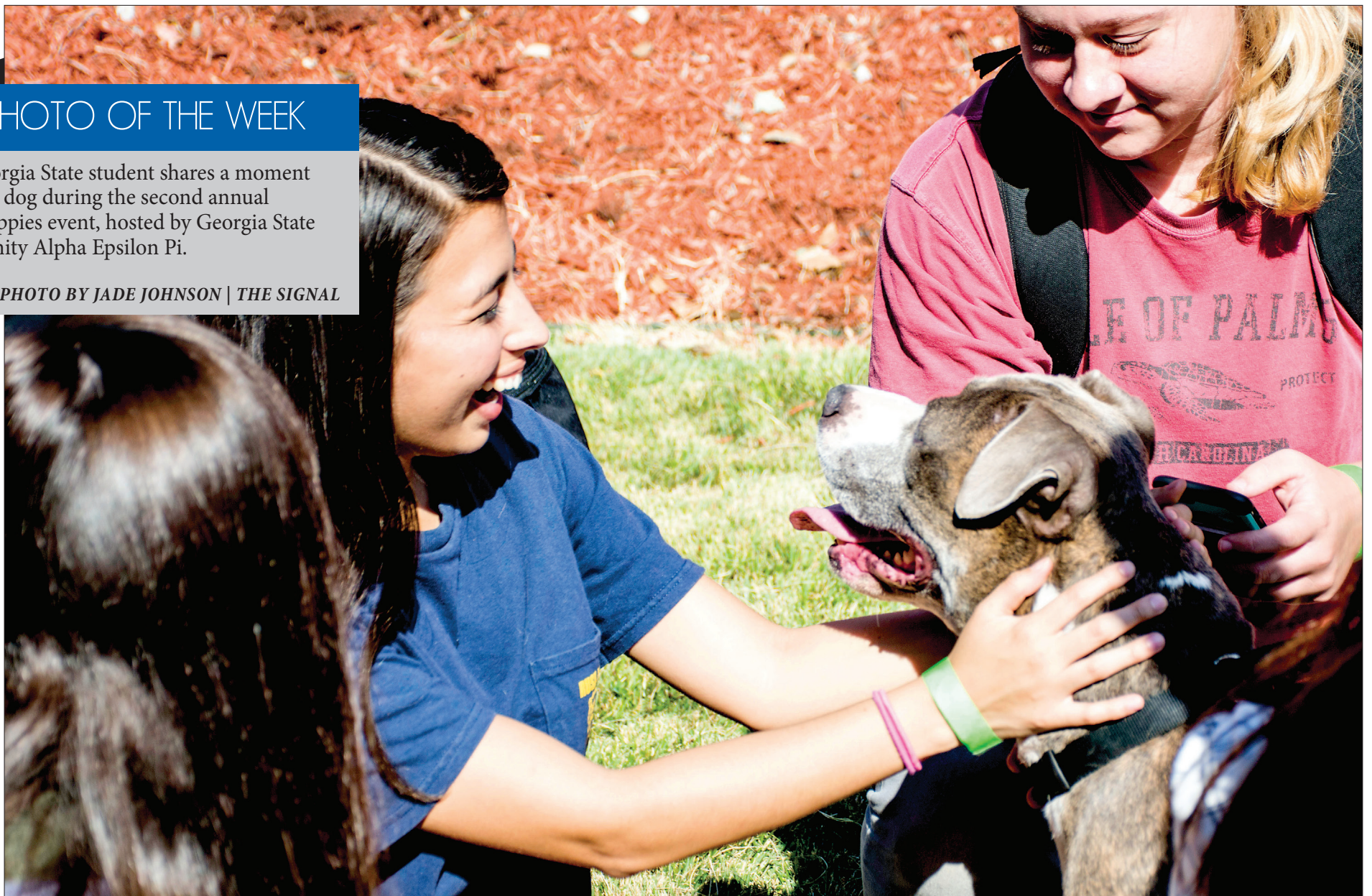


PHOTO OF THE WEEK

A Georgia State student shares a moment with a dog during the second annual AEPuppies event, hosted by Georgia State fraternity Alpha Epsilon Pi.

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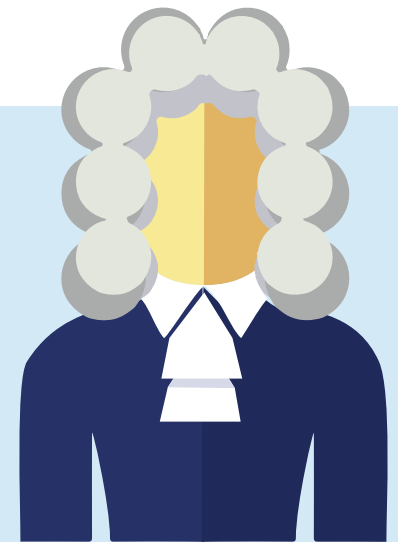
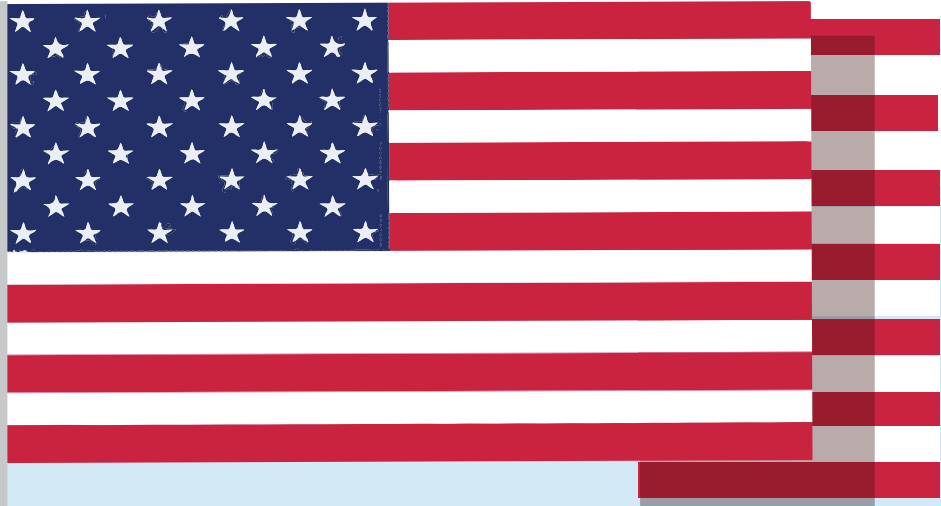
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VOTER REGISTRATION EXTENTION **DENIED**

Coastal counties affected by Hurricane Matthew sue Gov. Deal



CEMBERLI GRANT
Staff Reporter

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) sued Governor Nathan Deal and Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp after they denied to extend deadlines in the Georgia regions affected by Hurricane Matthew. According to the lawsuit, with the power outages the hurricane left in its path, many regions with predominantly minority residents, were unable to register to vote in time.

The Hurricane struck the coast just days before Georgia's Oct. 11 voting counties registration deadline. Citizens in Bryan, Camden, Chatham, Liberty, Glynn and McIntosh were affected. Mandatory evacuations and power outages meant that over 500,000 residents were unable to complete the process and submit their applications.

Federal Judge William T. Moore ruled against ACLU and decided not to extend deadlines for five of the six coastal counties affected. Chatham county received an extension in a separate lawsuit which ended on the Oct. 18.

The county, which includes Savannah, is home to more than 203,000 residents of voting age, suffered severe winds and rain, causing downed trees and power outages.

Kathleen Burch, an attorney for the ACLU described Judge Moore's ruling as disappointing.

"Unfortunately this was a major loss for the individuals in the six coastal counties that were evacuated. It was our position that because there was mandatory evacuation order and that the Governor had requested that residents not go back to their homes, that they knew that voters were not going to be able to register to vote," she said.

The lawsuit claims Kemp and Deal illegally refused to extend the deadline while other states affected by Hurricane Matthew including Florida and North Carolina extended registration deadlines for their voters.

In Florida, where Matthew inflicted around \$218 million in property damage, the original deadline was on Oct. 11 but after Gov. Rick Scott refused to move the deadline, U.S District Judge Mark Walker extended it until Oct. 18.

North Carolina suffered an estimated \$1.5 billion in property damages and 26 deaths after Matthew. Their deadline was extended from Oct. 14 to Oct. 19.

This prompted the ACLU to bring about the suit as a result of the state's refusal to extend the deadline, and allow residents the opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

In his ruling, Judge Moore argued that Hurricane Matthew made it "difficult but not impossible" for residents of the five counties to register. However, some residents did not have electricity and county offices were closed as a result of the evacuation order.

"The fact that the state has an online registration

system is not relevant for this purpose and the reason for that is the people who were evacuated didn't have electricity," Burch said. "The fact that there might have been another way to do the registration is not relevant because it was not something that actually could have been done."

The ACLU's lawsuit also claimed that Deal and Kemp's failure to extend deadlines discriminated against minorities in the region. Of the 200,000 people of voting age in Chatham, over 40 percent are African American and Latino.

"What we know and what the governor and secretary of state also know is that the highest period of voter registration is the last few days before the deadline," Burch said. "And what we also know is that percentage wise there is a higher percentage of minorities who are registering during that time."

Burch said that this voting pattern trend could be seen dating back to multiple election cycles. She also said that the percentage of minorities in Georgia's coastal region is higher than that of any other part of the state.

The affected counties, Bryan, Chatham, Liberty, Glynn, Camden and McIntosh have established voting patterns. Chatham usually votes democratic, with the exception of the 2000 general election where President George W. Bush won the county over by less than 300 votes. Camden, Glynn, McIntosh and Bryan typically vote Republican while Liberty usually votes democratic.

Candice Broce, spokeswoman for Secretary of State Kemp, said that each individual county is responsible for processing their own applications, not the Secretary of State's office.

"In Georgia, the secretary of state's office does not process voter registration applications and a lot of people don't realize that. Even though the ACLU filed suit against the governor and Secretary of State Brian Kemp, the Secretary of State does not have the legal ability to extend voter registration deadlines."

Broce said that this was clear in Georgia's statute. She also said that by the time the suit was filed, early voting was already underway.

"The suit called for a registration extension across the entire state. We couldn't waste valuable time and resources," Burch said.

Broce said that under the suit, registration would have been extended across the entire state. This means counties unaffected by Hurricane Matthew would have received additional days to register.

Officials in the affected counties Bryan, Camden, Chatham, Liberty, McIntosh and Glynn did not request an extension because they felt they had successfully completed registration, although Broce said they had the ability to do so.

"They didn't even request an extension on the deadline, they could have done that without the ACLU," Broce said. "They have the ability to go to a Judge and say, 'Hey we didn't have the ability to process applications because of the threat of Hurricane Matthew.' They didn't feel that they needed that."

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COUNTY VOTING PATTERNS

2008

Chatham	62,755 Obama
Bryan	9,112 McCain
Glynn	20,479 McCain
McIntosh	3,282 McCain
Camden	10,502 McCain
Liberty	10,474 Obama

2012

Chatham	60,246 Obama
Bryan	9,560 Romney
Glynn	20,893 Romney
McIntosh	3,409 Romney
Camden	11,343 Romney
Liberty	10,457 Obama

ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE

Advocating for the Transgender Community

One senator seeks to add more gender-inclusive restrooms on campus



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY JADE JOHNSON | THE SIGNAL

A Georgia State student exits the gender-neutral bathroom on the Atlanta Campus, located on the first floor of Kell Hall.

EDEN GETACHEW & SYRINA MERILAN
Staff Reporters

Two Georgia State students are speaking out and taking action on the Atlanta campus' lacks of gender-inclusive facilities and policies. With a population of over 30,000 students, very few of the buildings on the downtown campus have a selection of gender-neutral bathrooms students can choose from.

Leonardo Rodriguez, Student Government Association (SGA) head Senator of the Andrew Young School of Policy has begun to write new legislation to expand the number of gender inclusive restrooms on campus.

"It's [the bill] to expand those numbers [gender-inclusive restrooms] so that LGBTQ students, trans students, or non-conforming students can feel more comfortable and have easier access to restrooms that fit their needs," said Rodriguez.

Legislation under way

Before presenting the bill to SGA, Rodriguez said he wants to meet with a crowd of LGBTQIA students, and discuss the challenges they face on campus.

"I am meeting with these students and getting their input because they already face marginalization on a daily basis because of their identity, so that's one of the steps that I want to take," he said.

Georgia State student, Alexandra Chase, said the few bathrooms that Georgia State does have are hidden or require extra steps to gain access.

"There aren't enough gender-neutral bathrooms and the ones that are, are not publicized at all," she said. "They're behind locked doors and you have to ask for the keys most of the time. The only one that I know that's around this area [Library Plaza] is in the basement of Kell Hall."

If the bill is approved by SGA, Rodriguez plans on sending it to university president Mark Becker who will have the final say on whether or not it may be implemented around campus. In the occasion where he doesn't approve the bill, Rodriguez said he plans on finding a way to keep pushing it until it is.

"Being forced to use gender-specific bathrooms opens the individual to hateful comments, looks, and the possibility of violence. Trans folks experience increased harassment in gendered bathrooms, especially those who don't fit into what society says a woman or a man looks like, so it's either I'm going to go to the male bathroom and get harassed or I'm going to the female bathroom and get harassed," Chase said. "There's no really clear way."

After student complaints, Georgia State began a university-wide audit on gender-inclusive restrooms to figure out if the trans restroom locations are feasible and fair. Rodriguez said that he has been working with the Dean of Students Darryl Holloman in gathering data for the bill.

"We were getting some feedback that some of them [gender-inclusive restrooms] were inoperable, some of them were in remote areas," Holloman said. "So we did an audit to see where they were on campus. And to ensure that we were being compliant with the latest letter from Leonardo on transgender concerns."

Annette Butler, Director of AA/EEO training and compliance, is conducting the audit and is in charge of verifying verify regulations in regards to restrooms and checking with the federal government to ensure that the university is working within their limits on helping Rodriguez achieve the goal of his bill, according to Holloman.

"These restrooms really help to provide choice for students because you don't want to say the trans restrooms are just for trans students, right? They are an opportunity that if people feel uncomfortable or unsafe that they have safe spaces that they can utilize," said Holloman.

Rodriguez feels this is prejudice against LGBTQIA students at Georgia State and said, "the restroom is not a safe haven; it doesn't protect you from all the evils of the world. So it's just a lot of misunderstanding. A trans woman is still a woman and a fair solution to all of this would be gender-inclusive restrooms where it's fair for both sides."

But there are some legal barriers to the proposed bill. Title IX, is a constitutional amendment that protects people from discrimination based on their sex in education programs or activities that are federally funded. However, in the state of Georgia, people are required to use restrooms of their designated sex that matches their birth certificate, rather than their gender identity - a policy which, as reported by *The Signal* in August, is under attack by those who say it violates Title IX.

Campus-wide Concerns

Despite legislation against discrimination, Chase said the university lacks some fundamental policies to protect the rights of transgender individuals.

In multiple cases, Chase said she has had to correct her professor on the name she wished to be called. Georgia State has not implemented a Preferred Name or Pronoun policy, so correcting the professor causes an uncomfortable situation where the individual is forced to be "outed" in front of their peers.

"It can put people in the position where they have to be

outed and tell people their old names and that might not be comfortable for them," she said. "I know people who had to go to higher-ups from their professors and ask they 'hey, can you please make them respect my name and pronouns.'"

Chase is currently advocating for the implementation of a preferred name policy, as she contacts the head of departments to have them included in syllabuses.

Although Chase has not experienced any instances where the professor has not willingly agreed to class her by her preferred name, she does have friends who have and feels that it is not fair for transgender students to be at the mercy of their professors.

Chase legally changed her name in hopes of eliminating that problem, but was faced with another issue. Georgia State does not have a Change of Name policy, so though her legal name was changed to Alexandra Chase all of her Georgia State accounts still had her previous name. With no university wide Change of Name policy, Chase must go through the tedious process of changing the name in each system and correcting her professors.

"There's not way a to list this [your changed name] anywhere, so professors just don't know. You basically have to get in contact with you professors either on the first day of school, or by email and hope that they're willing to change it."

But outside the classroom, things don't get any easier. Georgia State does not provide an option to transition from male to female housing or vice-versa, instead offering Gender-Inclusive Housing (GIH).

The university description reads, "GIH is a housing option in which two or more students share a multiple occupancy apartment or suite regardless of students' sex, gender identity or gender expression. In other words, this option allows for same gender or other gender identities to live together regardless of biological sex."

Chase said she feels the option forces the individual to identify with their assigned sex.

"To group us with our assigned sex is to reify that we are that sex (that transfeminine folks are actually men, and that transmasculine folks are actually women). It is to say that our lives are artifice, unreal, and inauthentic—that when we come home, stripping off our makeup and chest binders, that we are inescapably our assigned sex behind the 'show' of our gender expression," Chase said in an article she wrote regarding the issue.

Chase said she is disappointed by Georgia State's neglect of the trans community within their walls.

"As Georgia's largest university in the Southeast's largest city, Georgia State has a moral imperative to address these concerns, and to ensure the protection of trans folks on our campus," she said. "Georgia State is failing our community."

Turner Field developments



USAS members stand in Centennial Hall to protest President Becker's neglect.

PHOTO BY SYRINA MERILAN | THE SIGNAL

TUESDAY

Nov. 1

Symbolic Halloween costumes for Turner Field

The United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS) organization has not ceased in their attempts to inform the Georgia State student body on the gentrification issues around the Turner Field community.

On Halloween night, USAS entered the University Commons dressed up in costumes that represented those involved and affected by the university's actions.

"We're here to collect as many petition signatures as possible to pressure President Becker to sit down with the Turner Field Community Benefits Coalition," said Asuma Elhuni, USAS member.

Protesters were dressed as ghosts, construction men, President Becker, and a graduating student, each with their own symbolism. The ghost of Becker represented his unattainable nature, when it comes to meeting with the Coalition to discuss the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA).

"He [Becker] is kind of like a ghost. We can ever get a hold of him. He disappears and we can't ever reach him," said Patricio Rojas, USAS member.

The construction men with glasses covered in dollar signs are meant to signify the developers and their greed for money without a care for the community they're impacting.

"Carter [the development company involved] has the capital to afford a CBA (community benefits agreement) with the neighborhoods so until they do, we wanted to poke fun at the greedy developer," said Rojas.

A graduating student with blood on their hand was meant to symbolize students who pay the institution but don't care about what its doing to the community,

and finally, the last ghost among the protesters was used to symbolize the death of Panther Pride.

Before the event, the group also entered classrooms to acquire signatures and raise awareness. Elhuni said she believes that the organization is making leeway because some of the students had heard of the issues and were well informed.

"I feel like we've really progressed because before, when I used to come to people and say 'hey, do you know what's going on at Turner Field', some people knew but they didn't know the fact that the residents weren't happy," Elhuni said. "Now several people actually said 'Yes, I've signed that.'"

On Nov. 3, Student Government Association (SGA) President Fortune Onwuzuruike held his periodic meeting with President Becker and discussed the issue of gentrification, in which Onwuzuruike said President Becker's intention is not to displace the residents in the Turner Field community.

"President Becker said that he has met with the elected officials for those communities. He is looking forward to meeting with them this morning to clear up anything that may have not been understood, because the majority of the issue is not something Georgia State can do about it, it is a city of Atlanta issue."

Onwuzuruike's goal was to hear Becker's side of the argument. As of right now, SGA does not have a stand on the movement.

"SGA is waiting to see how the meeting will turn out and we will follow up with both sides next week. Then we will decide on what we need to do depending on if the issues are not resolved," Onwuzuruike said.

SYRINA MERILAN
Staff Reporter

FRIDAY

Nov. 4

USAS gets their meeting with President Becker

United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS) finally acquired their long-awaited for meeting with Georgia State University President Mark Becker, but with no results. And the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA), a document outlining the concerns and negotiations of the Turner Field community neighbors has still not been signed.

The meeting was held by Georgia State's real-estate partner in the sale, Carter Development, on Nov. 4 and consisted of Patricio Rojas, USAS organizer and student representative, President Becker, Scott Taylor, president of Carter Development and the general counsel for both parties.

The meeting was meant to clear up any misunderstanding on Becker's intentions for the Turner Field community. He does not intend to kick people out of their homes and though USAS understands this, they feel that the displacement of residents is an inevitable side effect of the development, according to Rojas.

"We have not communicated that Georgia State intended to purchase homes and directly displace residents. Due to the forces of economics as property value appreciation occurs low income residents will be priced out of the neighborhood, unless a housing opportunity revolving loan fund is put in place by a binding agreement to protect the rising costs for residents," Rojas said.

Rojas said that Becker abruptly left the meeting, after continuous demands for him to sign the CBA as a legally binding contract. The Turner Field community no longer relies on trust, because of the series of disappointments the residents have had in the past.

"It was clear that Dr. Becker

thinks students are unprepared [for the meeting], he thinks students are uninformed, he thinks students are irrelevant and he actually got up and left, before the meeting was over," Rojas said. "It's clear as well that because of student pressure Dr. Becker is nervous. He does not want students to spread the word that we have a responsibility over the development."

Andrea Jones, President Becker's public relations representative, told *The Signal* that President Becker had a pre-scheduled meeting and had informed USAS that he would have to leave early.

Peoplestown resident and CBA negotiation member, Sherice Brown, remains hopefully as she acknowledges the progress the students and residents have accomplished so far. She also recognized that there is a lot to be done and suggested to the group to get in touch with other officials beside Georgia State.

"Some more work has to be done but I also feel optimistic that they want to have a conversation on the agreement with us," Brown said. "I definitely feel that their should be on going conversation and pressure on other stakeholders and other entities, because it's not just Georgia State alone."

To show their discontent with Becker's incooperatation to their demands USAS members marched into Centennial Hall after the meeting holding a banner that said, "Gentrification State University".

But the protest didn't last long as the Centennial Hall security began to call reinforcements from the Georgia State police force to put pressure on them to leave. As a dozen officers entered the building, USAS decided to leave on their own accord chanting, "We'll be back," as they exited.

Last Week

LOCAL CDC Investigates Unusual Illness in Georgia

According to CBS46, Georgia's Department of Public Health are investigating a vague illness that is paralyzing and killing children in states across the U.S. and now here in Georgia. Acute flaccid myelitis (AFM), has caused an opening of at least 89 cases so far in 33 states. Dr. Manisha Patel is leading a staff of medical practitioners to further investigate AFM. Recently, a 6-year-old boy in Washington State died and is suspected to have had AFM. This case is one of the nine cases that are being investigated in Washington. While there has been an alleged case here in Georgia, the Georgia Department of Public Health has yet to reveal any information on the case.

NATIONAL Al-Qaeda planning attacks on the U.S. Before Presidential Election

According to a report through *U.S. News*, Al-Qaeda could be plotting to attack U.S. soil on Monday. U.S. intelligence has notified terrorist task forces of the potential attacks Al Qaeda may be organizing on the states of Virginia, Texas, and New York. "The FBI, working with our federal, state and local counterparts, shares and assesses intelligence on a daily basis and will continue to work closely with law enforcement and intelligence community partners to identify and disrupt any potential threat to public safety," an FBI official announced.

GLOBAL Nigeria investigates reports of officials raping displaced women

Nigeria has kicked off an investigation surrounding allegations of officials sexually abusing women who survived the Boko Haram tragedy. The allegations stem from a report made by Human Rights Watch who details accounts of sexual abuse made by dozens of girls and women. According to CNN, Human Rights Watch explains that the women attribute the abuse to camp and vigilante members, police, and soldiers in Maiduguri, Borno's state capital. The camps were designed to offer aid and safety to those displaced after fighting in Nigeria's Southeast.

Future housing on the rise around campus

Sweet Auburn parking lot will become student and multi-family housing



PHOTO BY DYLAN JONES | THE SIGNAL

This parking lot is the future home of a new Georgia State housing building located 149 Auburn Avenue.

CALEB SMITH
Staff Reporter

At the heart of the city and with a pulsating expansion rate, Georgia State is looking for more buildings to house its students.

Earlier this month, the Integral Group LLC announced the potential development of the Sweet Auburn parking lot soon becoming a premier location for on-campus housing. As reported by BisNow, the Integral Group has filed permits to develop a multi-family student housing complex provided with street level retail, 149 Auburn Ave, which currently is home to a deserted parking lot.

The project was recently re-filed following an unsuccessful first proposal more than two years ago. According to curbedatlanta's Michael

Kahn, the original design consisted of 94 student housing units along with 4,000 square feet that is estimated to cost approximately \$9 million. Kahn said that if the project gains momentum, it would join the increasing number of investments to the eastern perimeter of downtown, alongside both Georgia State and the streetcar line.

Integral Group partner Valerie Edwards said that the company's goal was to provide a more collegial atmosphere for the student body at Georgia State. Edwards described the site as a prime location, subsequent to it being positioned adjacent to Piedmont Avenue. Edwards believes that the project will have a positive impact for everyone on campus, accredited to it including housing for both Georgia State students and non-students who are willing to live in Sweet Auburn.

However, since the group's filing, there's been backlash from those who believe the Sweet

Auburn Housing development will add to one of Atlanta's most challenging dilemmas.

Tim Franzen, Housing Justice League President, said that the cost of living has become a major issue on campus, and ultimately throughout the city of Atlanta. Franzen said that since 2010, for every unit available there's been more units lost.

"Either the city is too busy to hate or too greedy to care," he said.

Franzen said that he is worried that if the pricing of the project will be affordable for both the Georgia State student body and also non-students.

He said that if the cost of living at Sweet Auburn is too expensive for the average student, then "we just have another luxury apartment going up, which creates more inequity".

Following recent protests concerning the Turner Field development, Franzen said he fears that the Sweet Auburn Housing Project could

possibly be a recurring form of gentrification.

"There's a huge need for affordable housing units in the area, if they're building affordable housing units, that's a good thing," he said.

He believes that Georgia State's consolidations has begun to relieve surrounding areas as it continues to grow. As a result, there's a decrease in the number of rooms available on campus. Thus, students begin to find housing in surrounding communities such as Peoplestown.

"Folks who have lived in the community for years have a hard time finding somewhere to live...something that's at the 2,000 and above level is marketed towards the higher-end students...long term residents are put at risk due to projects such as this creating housing scarcity throughout the community," he said. "The Sweet Auburn project could be a form of gentrification, but it remains to be seen."

Discussion consensus: 'This election is a joke!'

Students gather days before the election to express their presidential concerns

SIERRA PORTER & CHRISTINA
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Staff Reporter & News Editor

On Nov. 3, students and faculty joined the Greatest Minds Society in Georgia State's Speaker's Auditorium for a discussion on this year's presidential election, and a chance for the students to voice their concerns.

Eleven people were in attendance at the beginning of the event, but by the time the food came out and the discussion grew to a closing, 24 students and professors were lingering around, offering opinions on the controversial candidates.

The society often brings together students to discuss on-going issues and hosts discussions on subjects like race, class, and urban culture. President George R. Greenidge Jr. said the event

was important in order to get students talking about the importance of voting, days before election day.

"What I've heard from talking to students is that they're not going to participate in the election. Many are saying their candidate, Bernie Sanders, is not there, and so they decide not to participate," he said.

Brent Antoine, a finance major, said discussions such as that one are important for students to attend in order to know more about who they're voting.

"I can always learn something new and again I want to put out there the big four. The big four numbers that people need to know. You need to know our GDP [gross domestic product] is \$18 trillion, we are bringing in \$3 trillion in tax revenues, our debt is \$18 plus trillion dollars and our debt is over our GDP right now, our deficit is \$476 billion. These things are all important. I come to these forums to get my two cents in, and these are the four things you need

to consider when you are picking a president," he said.

Student Government Association (SGA) Senator Yemi Okanlawon, said she supported the discussion and attended as part of helping to raise awareness among students.

"You have to let your voice be heard," she said. "A lot of students, there's a lot of issues that they have, and this is the best way to speak up for your issues. We really want to encourage students to come out and vote."

Greenidge said that through his work with Georgia State and different organizations he has found many young people between the ages of 18 to 25 are not happy with choices that are being made in the presidential election.

"They have several of their candidates that they were interested in that are not in the race and right now people feel it's the lesser of both two evils. That they are both not good candidates," he said.

For freshman Tamara Renno, experiencing

her first American election has proved to be a scary experience.

"I just moved here this summer, and I don't understand how we've gotten to the place we've gotten," she said. "I think people get excited about statements that make them feel energetic and crazy, and that change is going to happen. There's people that don't like Hillary, so they think the best thing to do is vote for him."

Freshman geosciences major Agunniamu Onyilo, co-host of the discussion said that, contrary to popular belief, there will not be any drastic changes after the results come out.

"If Clinton wins, Democrats will say 'oh, thank God', and go back to watching the Kardashians. And if Trump wins, Republicans will say 'oh, thank God' and go back to watching Duck Dynasty," he said.

He said that for him, most elections are the same, none of them seem to ever offer good choices for presidential candidates.

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Georgia State student Owen Bochner and supporter of the petition, skates in front of the iconic Black Blocks on the corner of Piedmont Avenue and Baker Street.

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Local skateboarding spot saved

Black Blocks lives to see another day thanks to Georgia State petition

JALEN JENKINS
Staff Reporter

A popular Atlanta skateboard spot was saved thanks to the activism of local skateboarders and the cooperation of city officials.

Black Blocks, a popular skateboarding spot located at the intersection of Piedmont Ave. and Baker St. in Atlanta, was saved from reconstruction which would render it un-skateable after a petition created on by local skateboarder and Georgia State alumni Andrew Murrell to leave it as it is received thousands of signatures online.

Black Blocks is part of Folk Art Park, a park created in preparation for

the Olympic games held in Atlanta in 1996. Skateboarders were attracted to its black and white floors, concrete benches, and metal art pieces to skate on, as well as the very unique ability to skate there completely hassle free.

However, when skaters were made aware of the fences that had been placed around the park to prepare for the reconstruction of Folk Art Park, Murrell and the skateboarding community sprang into action.

Murrell created a petition online, which received 2,500 signatures within its first 24 hours, and was reposted by popular skateboarding sites Transworld Skateboarding, and Thrasher Magazine. Murrell and his team worked with Central Atlanta Progress, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and the Office

of Cultural Affairs and managed to make a deal to keep almost 75 percent of Black Blocks skateable and hassle free.

The rest of Black Blocks will be off limits to skateboarders, in order to protect the artwork, and Murrell said he's fine with that.

"I'd like to save everything there, but at the same time that's 75 percent of the spot that we kept. I think both sides win," said Murrell.

Camille Love, executive director at the Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs, believes Black Blocks was worth saving because she sees the skateboarding done at Black Blocks as a natural reaction to art.

"Public art is for the public. The skateboarders adopted it, and their use of the art is a reaction to the art,"

Love said. I never expected it to be used liked that, but since it is, so be it."

Georgia State student and local skateboarder Daniel Mines believes Black Blocks is very important to the worldwide skateboarding community.

"It has a history in skateboarding. You've seen it before you go, and know what the spot is, not even just in Atlanta," said Mines.

Murrell believes Black Blocks has become a communal area for Atlanta skateboarders and traveling professional teams, such as Nike Skateboarding, Girl, and Adidas Skateboarding, and the presence of skateboarding helps keep other undesirable things out of Folk Art Park.

"It has a positive effect on the area

because having people there scares off people selling drugs, or other sketchy kind of stuff," said Murrell.

For Noah Chee How, Georgia State student who frequented Black Blocks before it was gated off, the benefits of Black Blocks being open to skateboarders are clear, "Skateboarding is the only positive and beneficial thing happening in that environment," said Chee How "Skateboarding at Black Blocks has become a safe, creative outlet for the people of Atlanta."

Looking forward, Murrell is hopeful for the future plans and is satisfied with the results of his endeavors, "It seems like it's mostly done, but it won't actually feel that way until we are there again," said Murrell.

Fingerprint scanners coming to library entrances

It's time for students to connect their fingerprints to their PantherCards

SEAN KEENAN
Senior Reporter

Next semester, Georgia State students will need to scan their fingerprints to earn access to the Atlanta campus library.

Georgia State's dean of libraries, Jeff Steely, who claimed the position a few weeks before last winter's string of armed robberies in the library, told *The Signal* that the new biometric scanners will further enhance the building's security measures by revamping the sign-in system and installing new gates at the entrances.

"We've been responding to the

incidents that happened last winter, making security changes," he said. "Now everything is in motion to get the new gates and biometric scanners installed."

Those scanners, like the ones at some Georgia State dining halls, will read students' fingerprints to identify them and clear them for entry.

The new system will run the school approximately \$30,000 per entrance, and the fingerprint readers will take a few seconds longer than their card-reading predecessors to clear people for entry. But, Steely said, the security upgrades installed at the library thus far – 200 new cameras and more security officers at the door – have drastically decreased theft inside.

"There was an incident recently where some people in the library reported their bookbags stolen, and the police caught the suspect before he even left the building," he said. "They utilized the cameras in identifying who the person was a where they went."

The new gates, which will be the same futuristic-looking glass doors currently used at Georgia State's new law school building, will allow more students to funnel into the library at a time. There will be five gates at the Library North entrance and four at Library South, and all of them will be wheelchair accessible.

"Police will be able to do some training at the dining halls to get an

understanding of how it works before it's in the library," Steely said. And while Georgia State's police force and security team readies to work the new entrance system, students will need to get their fingerprints registered and synced up to their PantherCard IDs.

"For anyone who hasn't done that, the card swipes are going away, so they'll have to get their prints registered," Steely said, encouraging them to register as soon as possible to avoid hassle at the doors.

There will still be ways to gain access to the library without using the scanners, but it'll be a more drawn-out process.

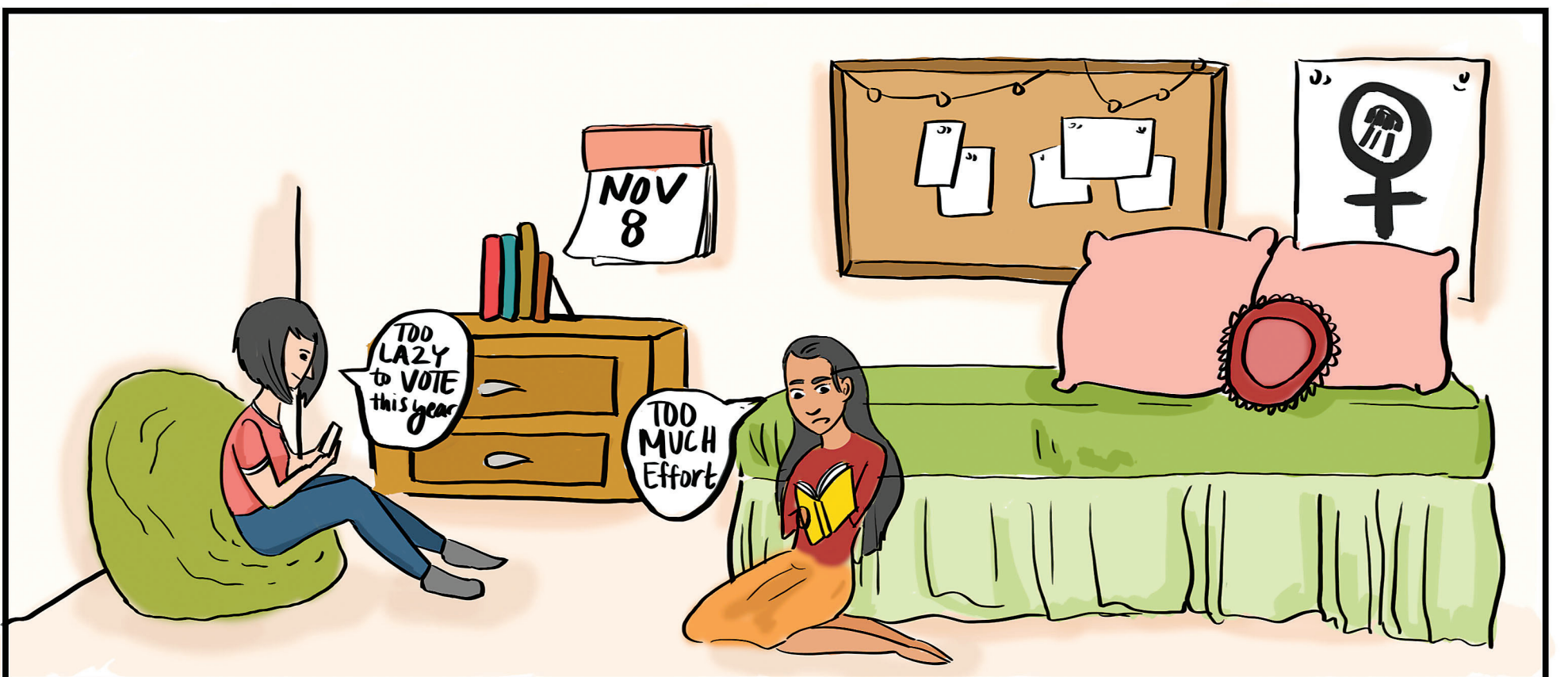
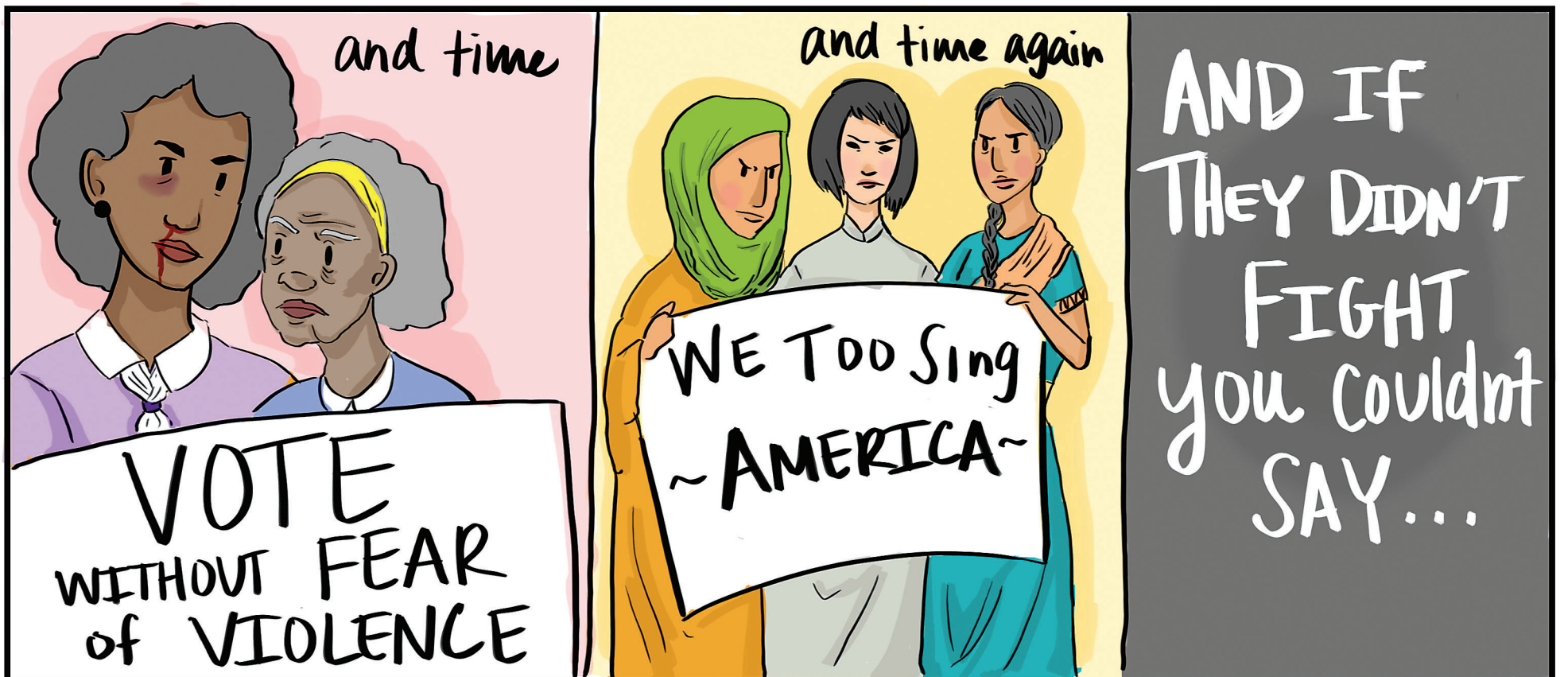
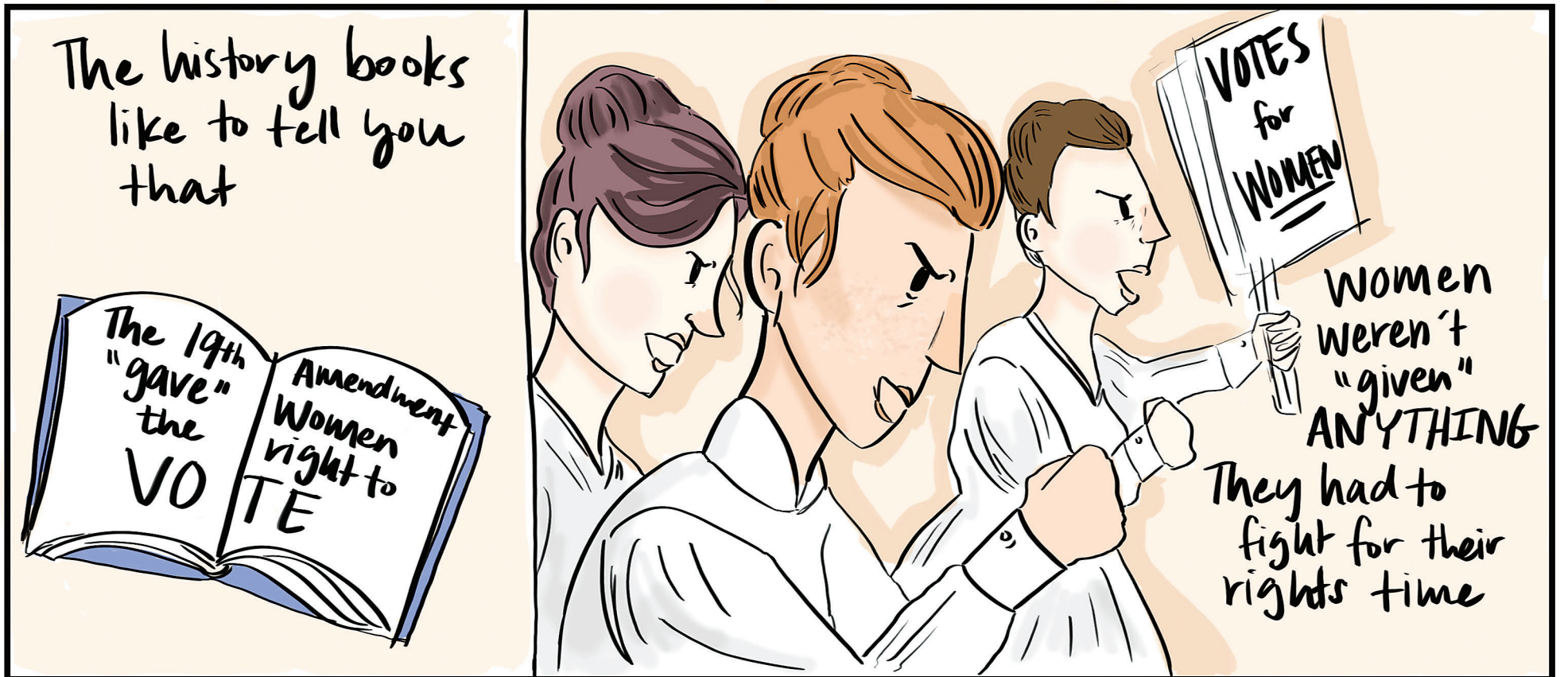
"There will be a way to get in, but it will be fairly time consuming,"

he said. "We may have a bit of a transition period, but that could be a really long line [if people don't register]."

Steely also said that library staff will be offering help with registering fingerprints for those who haven't already logged theirs for dining hall access. On Nov. 3, they set up tables in the foyer of Library North to register people's prints. Those will be around from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. each weekday.

"As soon as finals are done, work will begin on demo and installation on Library North then Library South," Steely said.

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GOT NEWS?



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Project Director: Dr. Elaine Walker

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EDITORIAL



Our generation is filled with slacktivism. Many peers are quick to tweet about #BlackLivesMatter, some may even go as far as marching in the streets voicing their concerns about the state of our country and the injustice that's taking place on our streets every day.

The Signal has covered those protests, along with many others, in support of LGBT rights, concerns of police brutality, discussions on the war against terrorism, etc. Social media has been on fire in the past couple of months criticizing political candidates, hashtagging weekly scandals (read: Secretary Hillary

ignoring your city's running mayor, know they'll be making decisions like the Turner Field sale (and neglecting to set specifications for whom the university can and can't displace). You can raise up signs the size of Centennial Hall, create long hashtags, but unless you get to the polls, you won't be influencing much but police officers' overtime.

And yes, even when it's on a wider spectrum your vote does count. So Bernie Sanders isn't on the ballot. They're four candidates that are and who will be making your country's decisions, so it's in your best interest to pay close attention, and take advantage of your voice.

Clinton's e-mails and Donald Trump's comments).

But here's the thing: none of these actions can change society. Voting can.

Next time you're

DON'T BE A SLACKTIVIST

Don't complain about society's issues if you're not planning on voting

Don't cancel out local elections too. Yes, presidential elections matter but so does those in your state and district. Those elected to represent you make decisions that can impact you on a much more personal level.

During election season, the saying "if you didn't vote, don't complain" comes up. And it's true. How can we criticize what's happening in politics if we didn't exercise our right to vote for a chance to make a difference?

As for "my vote doesn't count" people, it's best to realize your vote is what makes those percentages add up - you know, those percentages that decide who will run the nation for the next four years. For some, the right to vote came after many battles.

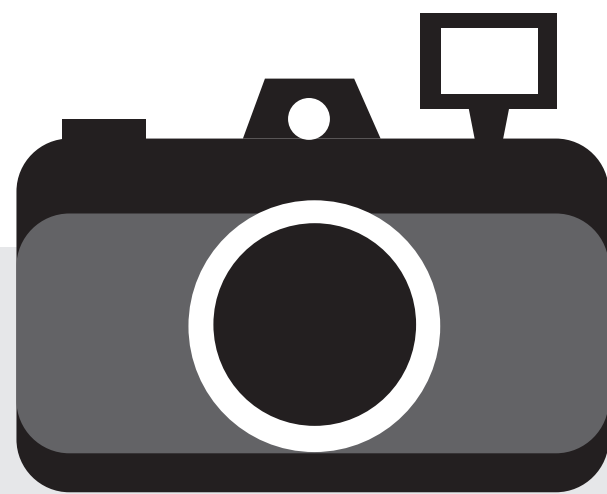
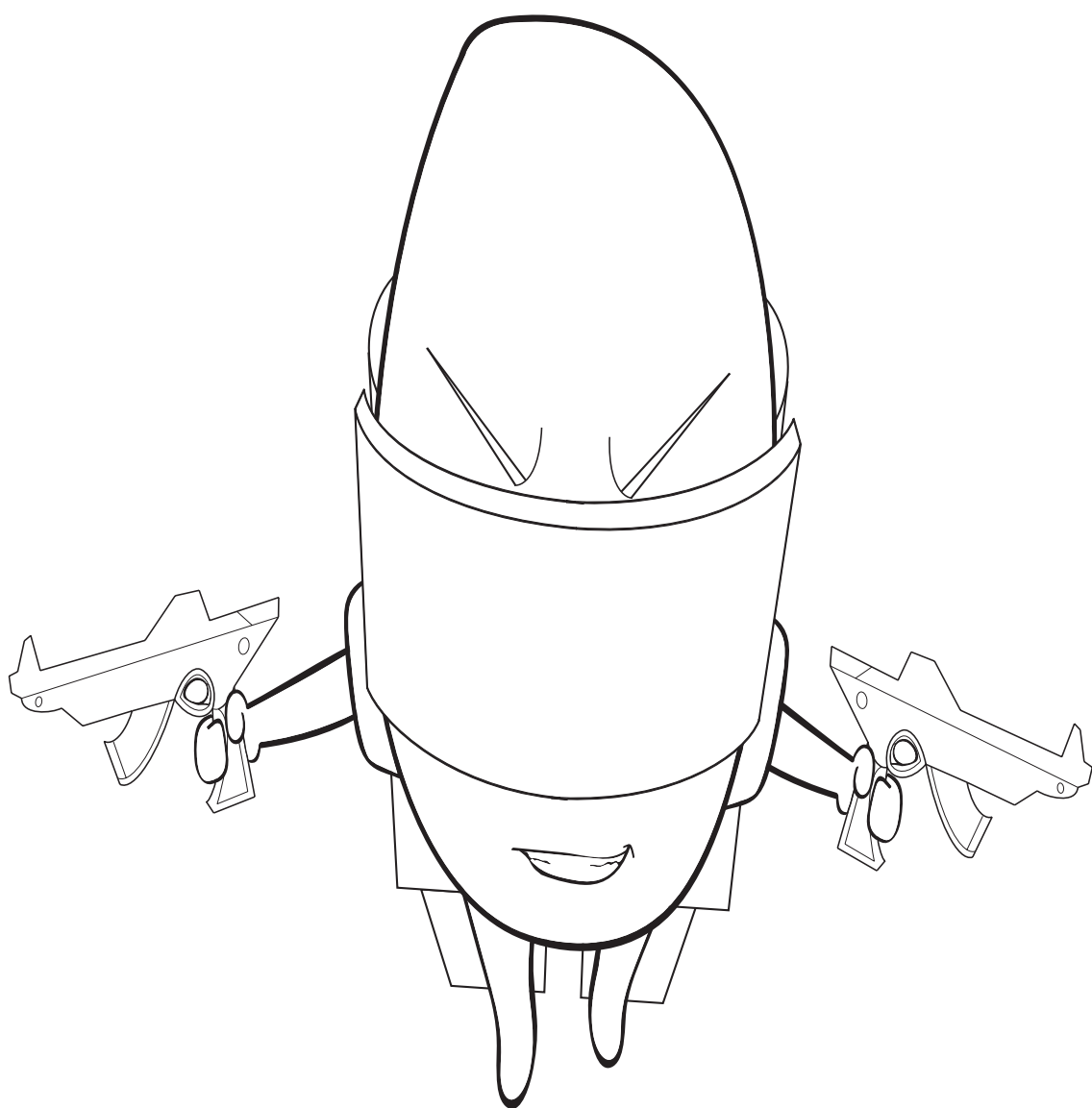
Don't take your vote for granted, and don't ignore it either.

If you didn't make it to the polls this year, make sure it's the last election you miss out on. If your friends didn't make it, educate them, and teach them why it's important to vote.

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DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS AUTHOR

Big Names in Contemporary Jewish Literature to Gather in Dunwoody



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Books for sale at the 25th Edition of the Book Festival of the MJCCA are available till Nov. 20.

CATRINA DYGERT
Staff Reporter

Most of us who attended public elementary school can still remember the pure, unbridled joy of the Scholastic Book Fairs. With aisles of books to choose from (and a few hours out of class), it was every bookworm's dream. Now, the Marcus Jewish Community Center (MJCCA) is bringing those memories back to life for a grown-up crowd.

This marks the 25-year anniversary of the Dunwoody Book Festival, and festivities kicked off on Nov. 5 with a special performance and talk by Kenny Loggins of "Footloose" fame. The festival will span 15 days, ending Nov. 20, and each day will be jam-packed with author talks and signings.

"We do a lot of programs that are what we call In-Conversation," Pam Morton, the Director of the MJCCA's book festival, said. "We have a lot of local interviewers, a lot of local media personalities, some broadcast, some print

journalists and they will come in and it's kind of like an inside the actor's studio model where they're sitting on stage, they've read the author's book and the two of them are having a conversation."

There are some panels, as well, but Morton said the majority of the book festival events are set up as a conversation. All the events also feature a question and answer session and a book signing.

There's also a special lunch program at this year's festival, according to Morton.

"It's kind of a culturally Jewish food program. One of the authors is named Lloyd Handwerker. His grandfather was the founder of Nathan's hotdogs in New York. So we're doing a hot dog lunch," Morton said. "It's his family memoir and all about how his grandfather came over during the war as an immigrant and basically came over with nothing in his pocket. Now, you know there's the Nathan's hot dog empire."

Ina Yalof, a New York journalist, will also have an event at the festival on Nov. 13 at 12:30 p.m. Yalof will be talking about her book, "Food and the City," which takes readers deep into the

New York food scene. Her panel immediately follows Handwerker's and a kosher hot dog lunch will be served for visitors.

There will also be two documentary screenings towards the end of the festival, including a documentary about Shep Gordon, Alice Cooper's manager. The other documentary, "Breakfast at Ina's," recently won Best Documentary at the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival. The film pays homage to the Chicago restaurant.

Festival Roots

The first Book Festival was hosted back in 1992 and only featured six authors over the course of four days. Since then, the festival's popularity has boomed, with an expected 13,000 people in attendance through the course of the festival this year. It all started as a way to share Jewish culture with the community.

"The festival always happens in November. November is Jewish Book Month," Morton said. "Of course, we are the Jewish Community Center so we do feature predominately Jewish authors, or authors who have books with Jewish content.

We do Jewish and non-Jewish authors regardless, but I would say the majority of our authors are Jewish."

All of the money raised by the event also goes back to help fund the MJCCA. Morton said the program is not designed as a fundraiser, but as an outreach program.

"This is something that we do, you know it's our gift to the community," Morton said. "It belongs to the community. We have over 200 volunteers who help assist with the execution and production. It's a big labor of love, but we do it as an outreach."

If the thought of finals is dooming, and new reading material will help ease the mind, then the Dunwoody Book Festival is the perfect place to go.

"There are some of these debut authors or lesser known authors that have just such amazing stories to tell and incredible books," Morton said. "I always try to tell people come out and take a chance on someone you may not know, find somebody new or find a great new fiction author that you never knew. You may find your next favorite author here."

Festival Basics

Marcus Jewish Community
Center Atlanta (MJCCA)

5342 Tilly Mill Road

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Festival hours vary by day, but most start at noon and have the last panel at 7:30 p.m. A full schedule can be found on the MJCCA website at: atlantajcc.org

Ticketing:

Tickets are sold for individual events. Prices range from \$5 for a student ticket to \$33, which includes the price of a book for the event. Generally, tickets cost around \$24.

Premiere tickets: \$75. These tickets are only available for the Andy Cohen panel and include VIP seating, access to the VIP signing line and Cohen's book.

Series pass: \$120, which includes entry to all events over the course of the festival.

Distinguished Guests:

Peter Bergen

"United States of Jihad"

Previously a journalist, author and documentary producer, Bergen now works as a security analyst for CNN. His book talks about the development of homegrown terrorists.

Event Time: Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Shep Gordon

Alice Cooper's former manager is honored at the MJCCA with a screening of a documentary called "Supernatural," which follows his life as one of Hollywood's most overlooked celebrities.

Screening: Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m.

Discussion: Nov. 12, 8 p.m.

Andy Cohen

Talk show host and radio personality, Andy Cohen will wrap up the Book Festival with Phaedra Parks of "Real Housewives of Atlanta" as the two discuss Cohen's book "Superficial."

Event time: Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.



THE POWER of a helping hand

BIANCA THEODORE
Staff Reporter

There is a little known faction of the population that exists on the fringe of society. They are a people who call MARTA stations home; they sleep in alleyways and parks, and seek shelter underneath tunnels.

For all intents and purposes, the homeless are invisible. Sometimes they're spared a dollar, but most of time, they're not spared so much as a glance.

The religious studies major Rudy Schlosser was different; not only did he see them, he stretched out a hand to them.

"A lot of people just pass by them and rush from place to place," Schlosser said. "I'm someone who actually observes. I'm the person who may not always give money when they're holding signs at those intersections, but I'll at least look at them. I'll say that I'll pray for them... I'll at least acknowledge that they exist."

Schlosser does much more than just say hello. In 2006, Georgia State General Manager Ken Wesolowski contacted him with a dilemma: they had extra food, but nothing to do with it. The student contacted local churches in search of a home for the surplus, and located The Shrine of Immaculate Conception, a Catholic church that fed the homeless every Saturday. He had a source and a destination, but no middleman. So, Schroeder himself decided to be the bridge.

And every Friday for the past nine years, he has hand delivered the food himself.

"It's kind of like a job to me," Schlosser said. "I know that I'm supposed to be there, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Fridays at our cafeteria, to make sure that the food gets delivered to this church. So that they, in turn, can feed 600 people."

The staunch Catholic considers himself a believer, and this duty to help others acts as a personal and moral responsibility. To this philanthropist, the most important part of what he does is not feeding the homeless. It is being a friend to them.

"It's about the human touch. When we deliver food to the homeless, many times we also spend time with them. It's better that you see how they're doing and get to know their names, rather than just handing them a dollar and never seeing them again," Schlosser said. If you spend just one minute asking about how they're doing, who they are, it means so much to them. They don't always get someone to talk to. Acknowledging that they're a human being means so much more than any amount of food that you can give them."

A modern day Good Samaritan

That tender touch is the foundation of Schlosser's "pay it forward" philosophy. He referred to the famous biblical

adage of the good Samaritan, a man who stopped to help an injured stranger on the side of the road. But Schlosser did not talk about his kind heart. Instead, he spoke highly of the Samaritan's ability to help in the moment; to see a need and extend a hand right then and there.

"I give that human touch today. When it matters. That moment. It's not a delayed human touch, it's an active, present human touch," Schlosser said. "In the story of the good Samaritan, the people who passed by him [the needy] were priests going to church. They weren't bad people for not stopping, but the Samaritan was a better person for stopping."

And he is a firm believer that anyone can be a "good Samaritan." It is not about being wealthy enough to do everything, it is about using the resources one has now to do what they can- even if it's just offering a smile to a stranger or a shoulder for a friend to lean on.

"There is nobody that cannot help another human being. Every student here can volunteer, it's just a matter of setting aside a few hours a week and just doing it," Schlosser said. "Anybody can hand out food to another person. This is not some Olympic skill."

A man and his church

In the shadow of the Capitol, sleeps Atlanta's homeless. But neighboring the Capitol and Georgia State, is a church that aims to change that.

The Shrine of Immaculate Conception is a catholic church with strong roots in the Atlanta community, a chapel that predates the Civil War. Every Saturday, from 8 to 10 a.m., the church holds St. Francis Table, a soup kitchen for the needy. And every Friday afternoon, Schlosser loads up a handcart himself and makes the trek a few blocks south to deliver Georgia State's contribution.

"I would say I do it forty times a year," Schlosser said. "Over ten years, that's 400 times. Sometimes it's raining, sometimes it's cold. But the motivation is that you're helping out another person."

Along the way, Schlosser explained how this delivery is not a venture for glorification on the part of Georgia State, the church, or himself. It is not done out of obligation, but duty; our moral responsibility to our fellow Atlanta neighbors.

"I think that it [the church's food drive] adds community development and kinship to our neighborhood," Wanda Paige, the church's Outreach Coordinator said.

Inside the church's kitchen, the fridges, freezers and pantries are overflowing with food for the needy. Everything from Publix pastries to Chick-fil-a salads are piled dozens high, thanks to donations from local businesses, grocery stores and schools like Georgia State.

"We're not doing this for attention. We're doing this because we care about our community," Schlosser said. "because we care about our community," Schlosser said.

HOW STUDENTS CAN GET INVOLVED

Being located in the heart of the city, the volunteer opportunities that Georgia State offers are endless. Here are a few ways to extend a hand:

1) Inquire: Talk to the managers in your dorm's cafeterias about delivering food surplus to local soup kitchens. Live in Piedmont North or Piedmont Central? Take up the mantle and brainstorm ways to deliver extra food to soup kitchens or churches in the area. Contact Rudy at Rudyru777run@yahoo.com to add an extra stop to his route.

2) Do: Volunteer at The Shrine of Immaculate Conception's food drives or soup kitchens. Contact their office at 404-521-1866 to see how you and your friends can get involved.

3) Organize: Not only do the unfortunate need food, but they also need healthcare and clothes. Organize clothing and hygiene drives, collecting items like your old coats and toothpaste for someone who needs it.

4) Explore and research: Volunteering and community service opportunities are endless. There are several different organizations that cater to various needs around the city; Gateway Center for single mothers and children, the Atlanta Task Force for the homeless. Making a difference is only a Google search away.

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Georgia State student Rudy Schlosser collects leftover food from the Panther Club every Friday and wheels them down on a cart to The Shrine of Immaculate Conception, a catholic church near Georgia State's campus.



SUGAR, SPICE, AND *everything lathered nice*

ALL THE STEPS FOR A SWEET DIY ON ORGANIC DONUT AND JELLY SOAP

CHANTE FOSTER
Staff Reporter

Donuts, sprinkles and jelly are typically used for pastries, but when it comes to soap there are endless possibilities and no limits. If you've never made soap, get ready for a sweet treat with step-by-step instructions to recreate slippery suds that smell good enough to eat.

Companies like Lush or Bath and Body Works are well-known for their eccentric and exciting body gels, bath bombs and other products that keep you smelling good. Recreate those same products with all organic ingredients that keeps your skin moisturized.

The key ingredient for this tutorial is creativity. Learn how to make your own donut-inspired soap and jiggly jelly's that lathers when wet. All ingredients can be substituted for sensitive skin types, and you can make enough soap to share with friends or fully stock your linen closet.

Locating Materials

Get everything you need at once online, for this tutorial all of the ingredients were purchased from Amazon. Feel free to shop around for good prices and products sold from organic retailers. Make sure you read all product reviews and

ratings before settling for a product.

To make the donut soap you will need:

Liquid soap dye: Amazon sells liquid soap dye from a company called, Life of the Party. They came in a pack of three, and for this tutorial the colors lilac, seafoam green and peach were used to create the soaps.

Two pounds of soap melt: Soap melt are sold by The Pond on Amazon. They are convenient, because it's pre-made chunks of soap, that only require melting. There are various companies that sell soap melts made from cocoa butter, honey, oatmeal, organic clear glycerin and goat's milk. The type of soap melt varies based on preference.

Silicon molds: The donut soap was made by using a 12 cup round donut mold. There was enough ingredients to make 14 bars of soap. You can use any mold that you want, so get creative.

Body oils: Essential oils or body oil can be used to give your soap a sweet smell. Oils are available at most organic herb shops or beauty supply stores. Find a few fragrances that you enjoy. The scents used for this tutorial was Kiwi Mango and Muva Vanilla Bean.

Sprinkles: Pick up an assorted pack of colorful sprinkles from your nearest grocery store.

Mixing spoon: You'll need a spoon to stir oils, color and melted

soap.

Ceramic or glass bowls: Having glass or ceramic bowls is important because hot soap melt will burn through plastic.

Oven mitts: Protect your hands from hot pans.

Making Suds

Once all the ingredients are together you can begin making the soap. This project takes about 20 minutes. It can be messy, so make sure the counter tops are covered with newspaper, a towel or anything to protect surfaces from soap dye.

Step one: Cut a few pieces of the soap melt into smaller pieces. This helps the soap to melt faster. Using a double boiler or microwave, place the pieces in a pan or glass bowl. You won't have to worry about the soap burning, just keep the stove temperature down. Stir the melt occasionally as it begins to liquify. If you use a microwave, monitor the soap by taking it out and stirring it after a few seconds.

Step two: Once the soap is completely melted it should have a smooth liquid texture. Turn the stove top temperature down or remove the melt from the microwave, using oven mitts to pour the soap into another bowl.

Step three: Work quickly after the soap is removed from heat. The melt will start to harden quickly. Add a few drops of liquid soap dye. You can add as much as you

like to make the soap darker and more pigmented. Feel free to add fragrance, mixing them both evenly in the bowl. You are going to mix two colors in separate bowls, one for the donut icing and one for the actual donut. Play with the colors to make the icing, it can be any color.

Step four: Line the bottom of the silicon cup with sprinkles. Then pour the icing color into the mold first, followed by the donut color. Once both colors are in the mold, allow the melt to cool. For faster results, put the mold in the refrigerator.

Step five: Repeat the same steps until all the models are filled. You can add anything to customize your soaps such as flower petals or glitter.

Jelly-fide

Make your own jiggly subs with this DIY for Lush-inspired jelly soap. You can make this soap vegan friendly by substituting the gelatin with Agar Powder. Agar is a natural plant-based gelatin made from algae, it's gluten free and will achieve the same results.

Materials needed include: gelatin or agar powder, a half cup of shower gel and liquid soap dye.

Step one: Boil one cup of water. Once the water has reached a boil, turn the heat down and vigorously stir in the gelatin pack. Make sure the gelatin completely dissolves into the water. If you are using agar powder follow the directions



provided on the product container.

Step two: Mix half a cup of shower gel into the gelatin mixture. If you want to make the jellies colorful add a few drops of liquid soap dye.

Step three: Pour the mixture into the the silicon molds and place them into the refrigerator overnight. Keep the jelly cool until you are ready to use them.

All materials needed for each tutorial is found online at ecommerce sites like Amazon or Ebay. Each projects takes under 20 minutes to recreate. Soaps, dyes and fragrances can be substituted to cater to all skin types, and the soaps can be made with gluten free vegan ingredients. Get soapy and enjoy customizing your own sweet body treats.



ALBUM REVIEW

Jovi can't revive the 80's

CATRINA DYGERT
Staff Reviewer

Having grown up listening to Metallica, Zeppelin, Aerosmith and a myriad of other bands fondly christened as “dad rock,” I get excited whenever a new classic rock album comes out. They’re few and far between in today’s music scene, which tends to emphasis lyricism and prominent guitar riffs over other instrumentation (needs more cowbell!).

While the difference isn’t bad, it has marked the death of classic rock of the 70s and 80s. There are artists, like Bon Jovi and the Rolling Stones, who also have an album out later this year, who are trying to breathe a few more breaths into the genre before it goes. Most of the time, though,

it feels less like resuscitation and more like beating a dead horse. Bon Jovi’s new album, “This House is Not For Sale,” feels a lot like that.

Following the exit of departure of guitarist and co-songwriter Richie Sambora in 2013, Jon Bon Jovi had to come into his own and, though he’s certainly done well, Bon Jovi’s new sound doesn’t carry as much of a kick as older albums.

Bon Jovi does, however, manage to do something cool by blending aspects of their older glam rock style with modern rock elements. Notably, “This House is Not for Sale” and the beginning of “Knockout,” both mix a modern pop punk chorus on the “Oos” and “Ohs,” with a traditionally classic rock chord progression and “back against the wall”/fight or flight theme that was common in a lot of earlier rock songs.

“Labor of Love” and “Scars on This Guitar,” on the other hand, take the album

down a slower track. Although the change of pace is nice, the slower tracks really begin to reveal Jon Bon Jovi’s age, more so on “Labor of Love.”

A sweet, slow love ballad, the song touches on a more intimate side of the album than most of the other tracks, which focus predominantly on heavy guitar over a steady bass line. Here, though, the bass line and drumming carry the song. The soft instrumentation allows Jon Bon Jovi’s vocals to take the spotlight, but at a heavy cost. All the mixing in the world can’t hide the way his voice shakes on the high notes, which could explain the subdued nature of the album.

The vocal strain is even more clear in Bon Jovi’s live performances. I don’t want to rag on him for aging, because he does still have a strong stage presence and the album is good, it’s just not as good as I know Bon Jovi can be..



Grade	Verdict
C+	“This House is Not For Sale” proved to be Bon Jovi’s unlucky 13th album. While the instrumentation and lyrics provide a nostalgic longing for the 80s, when dad rock and glam rock was at its peak, the album as a whole promises a punch and comes out limp-wristed.

MOVIE REVIEW

‘Handmaiden’ is undoubtedly gorgeous

ALEX GRAHAM
Staff Reporter

Park Chan-Wook’s “The Handmaiden” is a doozy of a movie, in the best of ways. Leaving the theater I was a little disoriented, spinning through feelings and flashes of colors and nipples. Obviously this is a good thing. I’m content to say I really enjoyed “The Handmaiden,” and not even just for all the oral sex!

It’s a love story, a far cry from the South Korean director’s previous work. He’s perhaps best known for the bloody, unsettling “Oldboy,” which drew enough attention to warrant a 2013 US remake with Josh Brolin. Based on the trailer, I had expected something tonally closer to his film “Sympathy for Lady Vengeance,” a revenge thriller with a lot of black humor and delirium. But “Handmaiden” is more tempered and more evenly paced, though still packed with humor and delights.

“Handmaiden” follows Sookee (Kim Tae-Ri), a handmaiden for the Japanese heiress Lady Hideko (Kim Min-Hee) under Count Fujiwara (Ha Jung-woo). But Fujiwara isn’t really a count and Sookee isn’t really a handmaiden; they’re working together to scam Lady Hideko out of her

inheritance so that Sookee can escape her life as a pickpocket and Fujiwara can drink fancy wines. Complicating this scheme is Hideko’s uncle Kouzuki (Cho Jin-woong), who raised Hideko with the intent of marrying her for her money. As part of her hyper-sexual upbringing, he trained her to read porn to sweaty rich guys, a task so cripplingly disgusting that her aunt killed herself to escape it.

Of course, as in any good mystery, none of this goes according to anyone’s original plans. The movie is nearly two and half hours long but the time flies, propelled by all the secrets and intrigue. Hideko and Sookee’s relationship takes a turn (perhaps expectedly, considering how flipping gorgeous Kim Min-Hee is) and we suddenly launch into a glorious tale of female liberation.

The film is based on the Victorian Romance novel “Fingersmith” by Sarah Waters, which to me emphasizes the importance of the female triumph as a jab at antiquated British uppityness.

So yeah, there’s a lot at play here: scheming and sadism and shifting alliances every which way, all enveloped in the richness of cinematographer Chung Chung-hoon’s beautiful frame. Easily the most delightful thing about this film is all the sumptuous imagery.

All the sexual tension feels even headier in this light; Sookee’s staring at Hideko with her blushing lil’ baby face, Hideko’s staring back with her striking red lips, the porn-watchers lick their lips. And hot diggity, it’s effective.

Ladies, I don’t care how straight you think you are, seeing Sookee rub down Hideko’s tooth with a thimble will have you questioning your life choices. And that’s before we get to the really explicit parts. Definitely NSFW.

This naturally takes us to a question of excess. It’s important to question the justification of all this explicit lesbian sex. Does “Handmaiden” take it too far? Are we objectifying women by showing their sex in such detail? Can we call this porn?

I think the answer lies in their love. *NY Times* reviewer Manohla Dargis tackles this issue in detail in her article about the sex in “Blue Is the Warmest Color,” though the sex in that movie is WAY more graphic. Basically it comes down to the portrayal of these women as human women.

Yes, it’s morally okay to enjoy the sex scenes, so don’t fret. You’ll be too wrapped up in everything else to obsess about it anyway. “The Handmaiden” is a whole mess of fun, worth all the money in your pockets, so go spend it at a theater quick.



Grade	Verdict
A	“The Handmaiden” is gorgeous and surprising, expertly filling its two and half hour run time.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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THIS 2016-2017

**'It's go time' for seniors
Jeremy Hollowell and
Isaiah Dennis**



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With three new transfers and two new coaches, the Panthers look to win the Sun Belt this season.

D'MITRI CHIN
Staff Reporter

After a disappointing end to the 2015-16 season, the Georgia State men's basketball team have their minds set on winning the Sun Belt tournament, as well as making a postseason appearance. Last year was a disappointment for the team, as they initially started the season off with emphasis, but had it end abruptly. The Panthers failed to advance to the postseason for the third-straight year. However, Georgia State is also coming off of its third-straight winning season, one in which that went 7-2 in non-conference play. The Panthers' overall record last year was 16-14, and this year, the Panthers will be looking for revenge. They are currently predicted to finish third in the annual Sun Belt Conference Preseason Coaches' Poll that was announced on Oct. 19.

It's so hard, to say goodbye

Coach Ron Hunter and his staff will have to deal with three key losses to this year's team. Kevin Ware, Markus Crider and T.J. Shipes all played a big part in Georgia State's success last season.

Ware, a combo guard transfer from Louisville, made an immediate impact for the team when he returned home during the 2014-15 season. In his first season, Ware averaged 7.6 points, 3.1 rebounds and 2.4 assists per game in 28.6 minutes collectively. He was also named Sun Belt tournament MVP that year. He finished his career averaging a career-high 11.6 points and 3.7 rebounds while leading the team with 92 assists and 37 steals.

Crider is another player that the Panthers will look to replace. Crider was a great asset on both ends of the court for the Panthers. He proved to be a threat during the 2015 Sun Belt Conference Men's Basketball Championship, where he earned Sun Belt All-Tournament honors after averaging 11.5 points and 8.0 rebounds. During his 2015-16 campaign, he got selected to the 2015-16 All-Sun Belt Preseason Second Team before

starting all 30 games, averaging 8.9 points and 5.0 rebounds per game.

Shipes was not as prolific a scorer as Ware or Crider, but he did the dirty work as many would refer to it as. He finished his Panther career by starting 20 of 30 games, averaging 5.4 points and 5.1 rebounds per game in 25.8 minutes per contest. Shipes also blocked 24 shots with 22 steals and managed to notch three career double-doubles.

Out with the old, in with the new

The team is bringing back some key players as well as some new additions that can immediately have an impact for this group moving forward. Not to mention, Coach Hunter has also added a key piece to his coaching staff.

That key piece is associate head coach Ray McCallum.

Over his 19-year head coaching career, McCallum has amassed 300 victories and made six postseason runs. During his tenure at Detroit, 16 Titans went on to play professionally.

"I am extremely thankful to Ron Hunter for allowing me this opportunity to join his staff," McCallum said. "He and his staff have built a great program, and I am thrilled to be a part of it."

Humble, dedicated and hard-working, but most importantly focused describes Jeremy Hollowell's mindset coming into this season.

"Just gotta put in the work. Once you put in the work, that leads to confidence," Hollowell said. "This is my last year, too. So I'm definitely hungry, and I have to go out and play every game like it's my last. It's that simple. It's my last season, so it's go-time."

Hollowell's first season playing as a Georgia State Panther was last season and he took full advantage of the opportunity. During his first season on the court at Georgia State, he led the team averaging 14.8 points per game which ranked No.10 in the Sun Belt.

One of the most anticipated new additions to this year's team is patently D'Marcus Simonds, the 6-foot-3 guard out of Gainesville High School. He was ranked as high as No. 72 in the country in the ESPN 100. He is a player who could generate much excitement for this team.

There can only be one

UT Arlington is the preseason favorite to win the Sun Belt conference. Junior forward Kevin Harvey is considered the superstar of the team. After leading the Mavericks to a 9-2 record in non-conference play that included wins over Memphis and Ohio State, Harvey was named the Preseason Player of the Year. Last season, Harvey averaged 19.1 ppg and 9.8 RPG in 16 games last season. UT Arlington also returns First Team honoree junior Erick Neal (12.7 ppg/6.2 APG) at the point guard position along with two double-figure scorers in senior Jalen Jones (12.7 ppg) and junior Kaelon Wilson (10.0 ppg).

Little Rock is predicted to finish second, followed by Georgia State. The Panthers will face numerous challenging opponents this year.

"This is by far the toughest and most challenging schedule we have ever put together," Hunter said. "However, I also think it will better prepare us for when Sun Belt play begins. Our team will be tested early, but I believe this is a group that can handle it and will be ready."

First on the Panther's schedule is a matchup against Thomas University on Nov. 11.

The Panthers also acquired three transfer players:

- Willie Clayton
- Devin Mitchell
- Justin Seymour

Read more about them on page 22!

READY TO BACK BASKETBALL SEASON



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Panthers are geared up for a big year behind their young stars



Young stars Madison Newby and K.K. Williams look to lead the charge towards the women's basketball program improvement.

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CHRISTIAN CRITTENDEN
Staff Reporter

Georgia State's women's basketball entered last season looking to improve on the 13 wins that they achieved the season before. However, defense, injuries and inexperience plagued the Panther's 2015-16 year as they took several steps back from the previous season. Last season, the Panthers finished tenth in the conference and missed out on the Sun Belt conference championship tournament. This season, with the reigning freshman of the year in Madison Newby, and Preseason All-Sun Belt second team selection member in Makeba Ponder, the Panthers are ready to take the next step and compete in the Sun Belt conference.

Last season started off decent for the Panthers getting off to a 5-4 start in the non-conference with some tough wins over Kennesaw State, Howard, North Florida, Bethune-Cookman and Stetson. After winning the first game against UT-Arlington, the Panthers lost three straight and were never able to recover or string together a winning streak. One reason for that was their defense.

"Last year as a team, defensively we weren't there really, we were getting better at it, but it didn't quite make it to the end. We need to box out more and just have more structure defensively," sophomore guard Astaja Tyghter said.

The Panthers allowed 71.3 points per game last season, along with 39.7 rebounds per game. Defensively, giving up 71 points per game isn't terrible if you have a great offense, which is one thing that the Panthers didn't have last season. So that is something that they must improve on going into this year.

Another factor that plagued the team was how inexperienced it was. They relied heavily on freshmen last season.

"I think last year was a challenge for us because we depended on freshmen more than we expected," head coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener said. "We had a lot of key injuries to some players that we thought were going to have a big year for us."

Freshmen probably played a bigger role on the team than what was anticipated going into the season and that was evident on

the stats sheet. Freshmen either led the team or were in the top three on the team in the following categories: points, scoring average, rebounds, defensive rebounds, assists, steals, minutes and turnovers. While that wasn't necessarily a bad thing for the future. Freshmen are young and raw. So, depending on them a lot normally doesn't work out too well.

This season, the Panthers will return 10 players, and all five starters from last year. So having freshmen log a lot of minutes wasn't an all-around loss.

"Our freshmen grew up, they played a lot of minutes and they are more mature on-and-off of the court this year," Baldwin-Tener said.

Coach Baldwin-Tener also mentioned that she wanted the team to be in better shape this season.

"I wanted to improve the conditioning. Other teams were in better shape and stronger than we were, but we have been in the weight room this summer so we are a lot stronger and in better game condition," Baldwin-Tener said.

Key returning players

As mentioned before, the Panthers will essentially be returning their entire team from last season. The teams arguably three best players will all return.

Newby, who is the team's leader and starting point guard is the reigning freshman of the year in the Sun Belt Conference. Last season she averaged 8.6 points per game to go along with 3.8 rebounds, 5.0 assists, and 4.8 turnovers. Newby lead the Sun Belt in assist last season, but also lead the conference in turnovers. Newby logged 871 minutes last season, which was the most on the team and an average of 30 minutes per game.

Makeba Ponder is probably the team's top offensive threat, averaging 12.0 points, 2.7 rebounds, 1.4 assists, and 2.0 turnovers per game last season. Her performance garnered her a selection on the Preseason All-Sun Belt Second Team. But she will have to continue those numbers, and prove to not only validate that selection but to also help the team win more games.

Sophomore **Astaja Tyghter** was one player that really

stuck out this offseason to Coach Baldwin-Tener.

"Astaja is a lot better basketball player, she is a lot more mature now than she was last season. She now what it takes to be a more competitive player," Coach Baldwin-Tener said.

Tyghter averaged 8.8 points, 4.7 rebounds, 1.4 assists and 2.8 turnovers per game last year. This offseason, she said that she wanted to work on being more consistent.

"Well being more consistent with my shots, driving to the basket more, using my right hand more, and just working my game as a whole," Tyghter said.

The Panthers lost five players from last season's team. Seniors Ashlee Cole and Morgan Jackson, junior Erica Norwood, and sophomores D'Arcy Draper and Nasheema Oliver. Cole averaged 17 minutes per game last season.

The future is bright, of the 15 players on the roster only four of them are seniors. So the main core of the team still has time to grow together before it has to split up. The team has a lot to prove. Also, they have the talent to be better than ninth in the conference. It all comes down to whether or not they can stay improve on their defense, and if they can stay healthy this season.

The schedule sets up favorably for the Panthers with a mixture of road and home games, including a trip to Florida for the San Juan shootout, which should prepare them well for the start of Sun Belt conference play the part of the season that really matters.

After suffering an injury last season, the 3-point specialist returns to practice.

Meet Makeba Ponder.

Read more about her on page 21!



THE WAIT IS OVER

Freshman guard debut season is here

RASHAD MILLIGAN
Sports Editor

He's the program's biggest high school recruit to ever commit. The four-star combo guard averaged 25 points his senior season, leading Gainesville High School to an undefeated 17-0 record in regional play. He was ranked the 72nd best high school basketball player in the country, simultaneously earning all-state honors a third time in a row.

However, none of these numbers were the last memories D'Marcus Simonds had after his last game on a basketball court.

"It was heartbreaking," Simonds said, while reminiscing on McIntosh High School. "We came up short, literally at the buzzer. I worked all year, with my brothers basically back home in Gainesville, so it was heartbreaking."

Heartbreak and doubt are two vital factors that fuel Simonds to play his best basketball. He said opposing team coaches, students and fans would be on top of him constantly during every game, waiting for him to mess up. The more attention he got around the country, the worse the taunting got. Simonds responded to his hecklers by improving all of his senior season statistics in points, rebounds and assists.

"That's always what I've been about, just proving people wrong," Simonds said during a light team shootaround. "Ever since I was little, people would always say things like, 'I wouldn't do this,' or 'I wouldn't do that,' but I feel like I've proved everyone wrong and I'm going to keep that with me."

Rumble, young man rumble

One undeniable characteristic about Simonds is that he's confident. The 19-year-old mixed shootaround in with dunk attempts that he's successfully completed and uploaded to social media all summer. He believes he's the best freshman in the Sun Belt "by far" and he doesn't feel the pressure of living up to the shadow of former Panther "Diaper Dandy" and eventual program all-time leading scorer R.J. Hunter. You can tell by the frequent smiling he has, simply by being with his teammates on the floor, that he's enjoying his current opportunity.

"My family told me when I was younger, they were like, 'If you don't get a scholarship, you're not going to go to college,'" he said in a serious tone, before returning to his seemingly usual cheerful one. "Now that I'm here, I'm actually in college and I see what I can do, and everyone's like, 'I can do things beyond this. I can do to the league. I can do a lot of things.' So, I'm just looking forward to it."

Many of his high school critics misunderstood Simonds' confidence for arrogance, but he said those critics didn't know him personally and that his family often reminds him to stay humble.

"Growing up my mom didn't have much money," he said when speaking on his motives to play. "I have

two brothers and a sister, they didn't really have much. We always moved from home-to-home. When I was younger, I would tell her [his mom], 'I'm gonna get you a house one day. I'm going to play ball, I'm gonna go pro and I'm going to get you a house.' She passed away, but that's still one of my biggest goals. From what I told her when I was a youngin', when I was seven, to get her that house. So I plan on getting my family a home and all of that."

A new challenge

Before Simonds can get the chance to become a professional basketball player, he has to find minutes this season in a crowded backcourt. This year's Panthers will include guards Devin Mitchell, Justin Seymour, Austin Donaldson, Jeff Thomas, Carter Cagle, Nile Felton, one of Simonds' closest friends in Isaiah Williams and his favorite player in Isaiah Dennis.

All of those teammates have battled against each other for the past few months in the four walls of the new practice facility off Decatur Street. The former competitive swimming and diving pool is now almost a mirror image reflection of the GSU Sports Arena, all the way down to the "Welcome to Atlanta" banners that hang behind each backboard. The team is also in apparel transition, with every athlete sporting Under Armour shoes and mostly Under Armour socks to go along with the usual Nike practice jersey and shorts.

Moving to Downtown Atlanta shortly after his high school graduation this summer, Simonds' anxiousness to begin the season continued to grow by the day. He even tweeted about how excited he was to play defense against USC Aiken in an exhibition game. After spending four years in high school as the tallest player on the floor most nights, the 6-foot-3 guard is now entering the utopia where most defenders will be just as big, if not bigger, than him on a nightly basis.

"It's a whole 'nother level," Simonds said. "People are older than me, I'm finally the young guy. A small guy. So I'm trying to come in and make some noise."

Simonds said that Head Coach Ron Hunter's best advice to him was to think about making "hit singles." The phrase is a comparison to the process of making hit song versus playing on the court, because a lot of "hit singles" come when the artist not forcing the issue, and in Simonds' case, allowing the game to come to him.

In the first exhibition of the season, Simonds came off the bench to play the second most minutes out of all Panthers on the night. He ended up scoring 12 points to go along with 4 rebounds, 4 assists, three steals and an acrobatic block that brought most fans, who previously pronounced his last name wrong in chants before being corrected by Simonds himself in mid-play action, to their feet.

"He's extremely talented, he just hasn't learned how to quite play yet," Coach Hunter said in regards to Simonds after his first college exhibition game, which was a 92-79 victory. "That's not a knock on him, he's just [19-years-old]. He's trying to figure this thing out, but when he figures it out, he's going to be special."

D'MARCUS SIMONDS NO. 15

- Four-star high school recruit
- Game-winning playoff shot against North Atlanta in 2015 made USA Today's website
- Played on same AAU team as fellow Panther freshman Chris Clerkley
- Played football as a high school freshman
- Started high school at Buford High School, where former Panther T.J. Shipes is an alum



PHOTO BY GORDON CLARK | THE SIGNAL
Georgia State freshman D'Marcus Simonds smiles at his fellow teammates during a practice.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

3-POINT SPECIALIST

RETURNS TO PRACTICE

DEVONE SLAPPY
Staff Reporter

The Panthers best 3-point shooter Makeba Ponder is back at practice after suffering a season-ending injury last season. Going into her junior year, Ponder is already on everybody's watch list after being named to the 2016-17 Preseason All-Sun Belt team. It makes sense considering Ponder has lead the Sun Belt Conference in most 3-point baskets made per game in the past two seasons.

"Last couple of years in the Sun Belt, I think Makeba has been one of the best 3-point shooters in the league," head coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener said. "I think everyone is aware when she is out on the floor and are making sure they get to her."

Ponder's shot from beyond the arc is something special, but even she still thinks there are still things to work on when it comes to that jumper.

"I've been shooting ever since I was five-years-old," Ponder said. "It's just something I know how to do and I always work on it. There's always something wrong with my jump shot that I can fix."

Ponder has a lot more elements to her game that get ignored because of her 3-point shooting, but Coach Baldwin-Tener notices all of her attributes.

"She can do a lot of other things as well," Coach Baldwin-Tener said. "She's a good passer and she has a good basketball IQ."

Soon the world will learn that with Ponder, she is never satisfied and always working on something to improve her game.

"I've been trying to work on driving and finishing," Ponder said. "The number one thing I've been working on is my defense."

Coming into her junior season, Ponder has progressed a lot since entering the program her freshman year.

"I think her all-around game is better," Coach Baldwin-Tener said. "She's playing with a little more confidence and I think her defense is better than it has been the last couple of years as well. She might be a little bit quicker than she was last year."

With Ponder's speed increasing and more depth on the team at the guard position, the Panthers plan to really push the floor this season.

"I think that there will be a lot of times where we will be playing four guards at the same time and really be pushing the ball," Coach Baldwin-Tener said.

Ponder loves the new fast pace approach that coach Baldwin-Tener plans to use and thinks it will help the team be successful.

"That's an awesome decision because we actually run and push the ball," Ponder said. "We can also get our shooters open while we push the ball."

Speaking of getting teammates open, the Panthers have been coming together chemistry wise, according to Ponder.

"I have awesome teammates," Ponder said. "We love each other and we work hard and we all look out for each other. I really think we can win with that type of team."

After suffering her injury last season, Ponder has been working hard on her return and to say it's been hard for her is an understatement.

"It's very hard, I gotta learn how to push through and be on top of my rehab," Ponder said. "I've been going through rehab for over nine months now, so I'm just trying to keep it going so I can strengthen my foot back."

Although she's back at practice, her return for the season opener is still undecided as the team wants to take it slow and make sure she makes a full recovery.

"She's finally getting back into basketball shape again," coach Baldwin-Tener said. "She's progressing but not back to 100 percent yet. I'm really looking for her to do big things this year when she returns."

When Ponder does return she has two goals in mind.

"Win games and win the championship," Ponder said.

Ponder's passion for the game goes off the court

Ponder is born and raised in Georgia and has been playing the game of basketball all her life. She sees WNBA star and former Connecticut Player, Maya Moore as an influence on her game because Ponder liked Moore's determination, emotional level and how Moore lived up to the hype of a star and a leader.

"I grew up in Moultrie, Georgia and I grew up playing basketball around a lot of boys and that's all I ever did was play basketball," Ponder said. "I'm dedicated to the game and I just love basketball. It's like a relief to me, if I'm going through something I can go to the gym and shoot. It's like a stress reliever."

Not only is her passion for the game on the court but it's also off the court as well. Ponder's best friend Xavier Terry was killed in an auto accident in 2014. After losing her best friend, Ponder changed her number from 10 to 24 in loving memory of Terry.

"I changed my number because that was his number in high school," Ponder said. "He was going to college to wear that number and I figured if he couldn't wear that number maybe I could wear it."

Since changing her number for her sophomore season, Ponder had her best season yet before getting hurt. In just 23 games, only started 14 of them, she made 53 3-point field goals and shot 82 percent from the free throw line. She had 61 rebounds on the season has a guard and 41 steals. She averaged 12 points a game and had a new career high of 26 points in a win against Stetson. In fact, at the Stetson Hatter Classic Ponder was named the MVP after her big performance.

It's as if Terry is watching over her every shot that she takes from that 3-point line.

MAKEBA PONDER NO. 10

- 594 points in just 51 games
- 31 Career double-figure scoring games, (7 with 20 or more points)
- 2016-17 Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference 1st team
- Led Sun Belt in 3-Point baskets made per game (2015 and 2016)
- 122 3-Point Baskets, No. 5 in school history
- Named MVP of Stetson Hatter Classic



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Makeba Ponder no longer wears jersey No. 10 and changed to No. 24 in loving memory of her best friend, who also wore the same number entering college.

COLUMN



TOBI ADEYEMI
Staff Reporter

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MUST KNOWS FOR THE 2016-2017 SEASON

5 Starting Five

“I’M PROBABLY GOING TO
KEEP TWEAKING
it until the
AUBURN GAME”

-Coach Ron Hunter



Coach Ron Hunter is keeping the starting lineup a secret for now, but he has a wealth of options to choose from. This year’s men’s basketball team is the deepest Coach Hunter has seen in his tenure, and he has plans for his rotation going ten more deep. As for the starting line? I am predicting Isaiah Williams and Freshman D’Marcus Simonds as the starting backcourt, Devin Mitchell at the three, and Jeremy Hollowell and Willie Clayton up front.

4 Four Star Prospect

“My teammates took the pressure off me when I first came in. They let me know I don’t have to put the pressure on myself and I can just play,” D’Marcus Simonds said.

The pressure he speaks of is the pressure of being the highest ranked recruit ever to don Panther blue and white. Simonds was a four-star prospect from Gainesville and ranked as the 72nd best player in the country and third best in Georgia. He averaged 25 a night his senior year and is expected to be a big piece for the team right away as a freshman.



D’MARCUS
SIMONDS
ranked as
3RD BEST
in Georgia

3 Three eligible transfers



WILLIE CLAYTON



DEVIN MITCHELL



JUSTIN SEYMOUR

After having to sit out last season because of NCAA transfer rules, UNC- Charlotte transfer Willie Clayton and Alabama transfer Devin Mitchell will both finally make their long-awaited Georgia State debuts this season. The third transfer is Justin Seymour, a graduate transfer from Murray State. These three have all had successful careers before Georgia State, and they are all hoping to continue that trend here.

2 Two new coaches

“WHAT I TRY TO BRING IS
32 YEARS OF
experience.”

-Associate head coach Ray McCallum



RAY MCCALLUM



SHARMAN WHITE

Ray McCallum is the new associate head coach for the Panthers. He comes to Georgia State after a successful eight-year stint as the head coach of Detroit. The other new coach on the staff is Sharman White. He comes from high school powerhouse, Miller Grove, where his tenure includes eight straight State Playoff appearances, seven state championships including six of which were in a row. Even more championship pedigree is now on the coaching staff.

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1 No. 1 on his jersey

“Not good. They sleep, really sleep on me. It is what it is; I won’t be second team for long.”

That was Jeremy Hollowell’s response when asked how he felt about being named Preseason All-Sun Belt Second Team. Hollowell was the Panthers best and most consistent player last season. He averaged 14.8 points per game, which was good enough for tenth in the Sun Belt, 4.9 rebounds, and shot 81 percent from the line in his first season with the Panthers. Hollowell is entering his final season with the Panthers and wants to end his collegiate career with a bang. Hollowell was there to see the way R.J. Hunter, one of his closest friends, end his career, and he hopes to go out in a similar fashion, if not better.



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FOOTBALL

THE PANTHERS AND WARHAWKS: PRACTICALLY TWINS

WOODY BASS
Staff Reporter

The phrase “on paper” should always be avoided to totally evaluate a team, because statistics won’t always tell the full story of what the result of the game actually was. Once two teams hit the field they can almost be thrown out the window. That being said, the Louisiana-Monroe Warhawks and the Georgia State Panthers are near twins – on paper – in several ways.

In the last three seasons in the month of October, both teams combined have only won 4 wins. UL-Monroe’s solo win was a defeat Texas State 40-34 October 15, 2016. Georgia State hasn’t had much more success in that time. The Panthers have 3 wins in that same timeframe including Ball State a season ago, and in 2016 against Texas State and UT-Martin.

Both teams hosted Texas State on their home turf. How each team performed against the Bobcats may just be looking into the crystal ball when they line up as opposite each other in the Georgia Dome this Saturday. In some regards, Texas State can show just how much of a mirror image the two teams really are.



VERDICT

POINTS	Defeated Texas State 40-34	Defeated Texas State 41-21	Even. One point isn't enough to give the Panthers the edge here especially with how they have performed as of late.
TOTAL OFFENSE	335 Yards	536 Yards	Georgia State. The Panther offense generated 50 more yards against the Bobcats than the Warhawks. Overall, the Warhawks have been able to generate much more offense this season than the Panthers.
PASSING	179 yards	340 yards	Georgia State. Senior wide receiver Robert Davis had a game against the Bobcats with 149 yards.
RUSHING	298 yards	196 yards	UL Monroe. It hasn't really been any secret about the Panthers struggles to get its running game going.
TOTAL DEFENSE	355 yards	420 yards	Even. The Panther defense allowed 13 few points against the Bobcats. It's not enough just to limit an offense; you have to keep them from scoring too.
RUSHING DEFENSE	162 yards	102 yards	Georgia State. The Panther defense held the Bobcats to 60 fewer yards than the Warhawks. Need I say more?
PASSING DEFENSE	193 yards	300 yards	UL-Monroe. The Panthers may have held the Bobcats to fewer scores and fewer rush yards, but the Warhawks held Texas State to 107 fewer yards passing.

PANTHER OF THE WEEK



GEORGIA STATE ATHLETICS

Willie Clayton
Men's Basketball

The redshirt senior grabbed 17 rebounds to go with his 16 points in the exhibition win over USC Aiken on Nov. 4. The Thomasville, Georgia native transferred from Charlotte, where he was on the 2012-13 ESPN.com Top 25 Freshmen Team. Clayton was also a three-time letter at Charlotte. Clayton's career-high for rebounds was 16, a feat he accomplished twice. In the 2014-15 season, he ranked fourth in Conference USA in offensive rebounds.

SPORTS CALENDAR

*CONFERENCE GAME



VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Nov. 10
Georgia Southern*
at GSU Sports Arena
6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 12
Eastern Michigan
at Morehead, Kentucky
6 p.m.



MEN'S TENNIS
Friday, Nov. 11
Day1
at Winston-Salem, North
Carolina
TBA

Saturday, Nov. 12
Day 2
at Winston-Salem, North
Carolina
TBA

Sunday, Nov. 13
Day 3
at Winston-Salem, North
Carolina
TBA



CROSS COUNTRY
Friday, Nov. 11
NCAA South Regional
at Tallahassee, Florida
11 a.m.

SPORTS EDITOR'S
NCAAF PREDICTIONS

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Baylor us. Oklahoma	Oklahoma
UL Monroe us. Georgia State	Georgia State
UL Lafayette us. Georgia Southern	UL Lafayette
App State us. Troy	App State

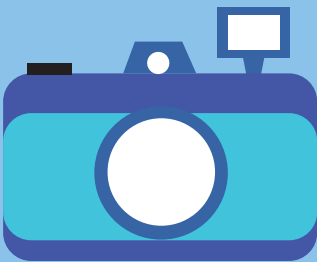
NBA PREDICTIONS

Hawks us. Caus	Hawks
Knicks us. Celtics	Knicks

CORRECTIONS

10.25 The Halloween Issue - Temple of Satan's recruiting in Atlanta stated The Temple of Satan. The correct name is The Satanic Temple.

Standings	FOOTBALL	WOMEN'S SOCCER	MEN'S SOCCER	VOLLEYBALL
	1st Troy 4-0 Overall: 7-1	South Alabama 7-3 Overall: 15-5	Georgia Southern 3-1 Overall: 8-7	EAST DIVISION Coastal Carolina 13-1 Overall: 22-4
	2nd Appalachian State 5-0 Overall: 7-2	Coastal Carolina 6-2 Overall: 12-6	Georgia State 3-1 Overall: 12-6	South Alabama 6-8 Overall: 15-12
	3rd Arkansas State 4-0 Overall: 4-4	Little Rock 6-3 Overall: 12-8	Coastal Carolina 2-1 Overall: 6-6	Georgia State 6-8 Overall: 10-15
	4th Idaho 3-2 Overall: 5-4	Appalachian State 4-4 Overall: 10-8	Hartwick 2-2 Overall: 8-5	Georgia Southern 4-9 Overall: 12-17
	5th Georgia Southern 3-2 Overall: 4-5	UL Lafayette 4-4 Overall: 8-9	Appalachian State 1-3 Overall: 5-8	Troy 3-11 Overall: 9-22
	6th UL Lafayette 2-3 Overall: 3-5	UL Monroe 4-4 Overall: 7-9	Howard 1-4 Overall: 2-14	Appalachian State 2-11 Overall: 4-22
	7th UL Monroe 2-3 Overall: 3-6	Arkansas State 4-5 Overall: 6-8	n/a	WEST DIVISION Arkansas State 14-1 Overall: 22-7
	8th New Mexico State 1-3 Overall: 2-6	Troy 3-5 Overall: 7-10	n/a	Texas State 11-3 Overall: 18-11
	9th Georgia State 1-4 Overall: 2-7	Texas State 3-5 Overall: 6-9	n/a	UT Arlington 8-6 Overall: 14-15
	10th South Alabama 1-5 Overall: 4-5	Georgia State 2-4 Overall: 5-6	n/a	Little Rock 8-7 Overall: 12-16
	11th Texas State 0-4 Overall: 2-6	Georgia Southern 3-7 Overall: 6-10	n/a	UL Lafayette 5-8 Overall: 9-19



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