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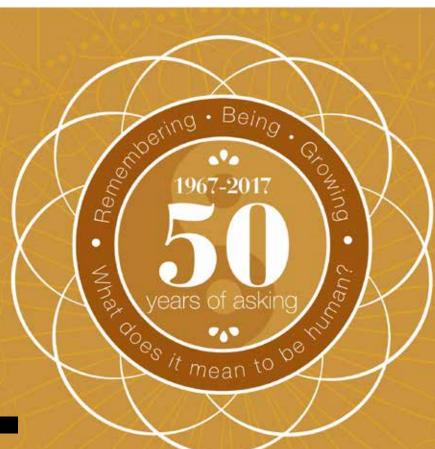
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Celebrate the 50th anniversary of UWG's internationally known Psychology department

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UWG's Psychology Department 50th Anniversary

Megan Bohlander



UWG is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Department of Psychology this week from Oct.5-7. Alumni, faculty, students and friends are encouraged to join this special event in Melson Hall honoring the historic department.

> "The 50th anniversary celebration is an opportunity for people to look back on their experiences with the department and to share how they have applied what they have learned from their contact with psychology at UWG in their professional and personal lives," said **Psychology Department** chair, Jeffrey Reber.

Attendees will hear TED-Talk style presentations at the celebration from distinguished alumni, current and past faculty as well as some students. There will also be entertainment with musical performances, a drum circle, and a yoga

To top off the event, a recognition dinner will be held featuring a keynote address by Aimee Copeland, an alumna and survivor of the flesh-eating virus, Necrotizing fasciitis.

"Every person who has stepped into a psychology classroom at UWG over the last half century has been impacted in some way by the creative, experimental, and uniquely humanistic focus of this department," said Reber. "We want to come together to celebrate that which connects all of us and has positively impacted the

university and the broader community." Fellow psychology members have created a tight bond due to their shared experience. This connection among members was instilled by first ever chairman Mike Arons in 1967. Through his startup of psychology education on campus, the school created something remarkable for students to be a part of. The sense of community that came out of this department through Arons is what makes this anniversary mean so much to the UWG psychology family.

"I would venture to say that there is no other place in the world quite like our department, as it is both deeply humanistically rooted and also fully and broadly extended into all the farther reaches of human being and potential," said Reber.

The psychology department has long been an oasis and a sanctuary for students and faculty pursuing the actualization of every level of human being, including the heart, the mind, the spirit, and society. Thousands of students have come from all over the world during the last half-century to participate in truly human psychology that was initiated by professors like Jim Thomas, Jim Klee, and especially Mike Arons. The big anniversary allows everyone involved in the great psychology journey to come together and recognize this exceptional renowned department.

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Editorial

So, where do they really stand? (or, kneel)

Victoria Jones

News Editor

At a rally in Hunstville, Alabama, President Donald Trump stated, "Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, to say get that son of a [explicit] off of the field right now. He's fired."

It began last season when former San Francisco 49ers Colin Kaepernick sat on the bench during the national anthem to protest the presence of inequality in the United States. Eric Reid, safety for the 49ers, approached Kaepernick and suggested that they kneel instead as a respectful form of protest. This movement led to some additional NFL players kneeling during the national anthem to protest as well.

Since Trump's recent

statements, several NFL players and teams have participated in this act by locking arms or kneeling during the national anthem. The Pittsburgh Steelers even stayed in their locker room, except for Steelers left tackle Alejandro Villanueva, a former Army Ranger. Villanueva stood outside of the tunnel in respect to the national anthem. Villanueva added that he felt "embarrassed" and that his actions took away from the team's efforts and brought unnecessary individual attention on him instead.

While some NFL teams knelt during the national anthem, others stood and locked arms. Trump tweeted his opinion on this act by stating, "Great solidarity for our National Anthem and for our Country. Standing with locked arms is good, kneeling is not acceptable. Bad ratings!"

Trump continued his speech by stating that this act is a total disrespect to the U.S and against what we stand for. "That's a total disrespect of our country. That's a total disrespect of our heritage. That's a total disrespect of everything that we stand for."

Many agree with Trump that the NFL "taking a knee" during the national anthem is completely disrespectful in nature and the line needs to be drawn. Others see this as a bold movement, where athletes who have vast amounts of influence are utilizing their voices to bring awareness to continuous inequality.

Trump also suggested a solution to end the movement, which encouraged NFL fans to leave the game entirely when players took a knee during the national anthem. "The only thing you could do better is if you see it, even if it's one player, leave the stadium. I guarantee things will stop. Just pick up and leave."

Many argue that the statements made by Trump are related to race. In response to these assumptions, Trump tweeted, "The issue of kneeling has nothing to do with race. It is about respect for our Country, Flag, and National Anthem. NFL must respect this!"

As the season began, fewer players continued kneeling for the anthem and those that did were rarely talked about until President Trump made his statements over the issue. This caused players to rally in droves and kneel during the national anthem, and the rhetoric changed from talking about equality to an attack on President Trump. Each issue needs to be addressed and fought for, no doubt, but these situations raise the question: What are they really protesting about? Are NFL players taking a knee retaliating to Trump's statements, or are they truly protesting for equality?

Living West

New traditions, new risks

Robert Moody

Circulation Manager

The typical responsibilities that the Department of Risk Management/ **Environmental Health and Safety** covers tends to concern preliminary planning and risk assessment of events and construction on campus as well as handling the university's insurance policies. However, the department recently played an unusually large hand in making UWG's newest $\bar{t}radition. \label{eq:tradition}$ the homecoming bonfire and pep rally, a huge success.

The homecoming bonfire, which occurred on Sept. 22 in Love Valley, presented many risks that threatened the university's premises as well as its reputation. These risks included the potential damage that a fire could cause to the surface it sat upon, the necessity to prevent a potential collapse of wooden palettes, the need to be easily accessible to both attendees and forklift and the need to contain left over debris such as wood and nails.

In order to address the risks associated with the fire and prevent them RM/EHS stepped in and committed to not only assessing the risks but also to conduct and organize the event themselves. This process began, like most projects, with field surveys and paperwork.

"The first thing we do is determine the risk posture," said Matt Jordan, director of Risk Management. "For events we use an event review form, for projects and enterprises we use a four page risk assessment guide and for construction we use a pre-construction checklist,

so we use these tools which are mostly forms."

In order to determine the risk posture the department began searching for the ideal space to host the event by using a drone to take aerial pictures of potential locations. The criteria needed for the space to be deemed safe required the placement of the fire to be far away from any buildings or trees to prevent a spread and that a 50foot safety area be located around the flames. Upon further investigation it was decided that the safest place for the fire would be in the bottom right corner of Love Valley between the Campus Center and the white gazebo.

Next, they began to design steel containers to hold large quantities of wooden pallets that could be elevated or insulated to

prevent damage to the ground. They did so by making multiple models of the containers out of popsicle sticks and rubber bands. Once they decided on a functional design RM/EHS purchased two large steel basins from SLM Recycling for \$2700.

"Because of the high cost of the basins the model was very important," said Jordan. "Risk Management designed the basins and we engaged the services of SLM."

Once the time for the bonfire had arrived it was clear that the hard work and intense attention to details were major factors in the event's success. Hundreds of UWG students and alumni came out to enjoy the fun-filled event and gather on the campus they all know and love.

"I can't brag on Risk Management enough," said Dr. Xavier Whitaker, Dean of students and original proposer of the bonfire. "From the beginning they have embraced it with their department and by setting guidelines and giving support and order to make sure that it is not only safe but we can celebrate with hundreds of people without putting anybody at risk. That was very essential."

After months of planning and preparation the inaugural homecoming bonfire and pep rally was attended by an estimated 1,500 UWG students, alumni and staff according to Chris Geiger, Director of the Center for Student Involvement. These numbers are only expected to grow as the tradition truly takes hold with campus and the surrounding community.



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News

Packing heat: Campus Carry in full effect

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The Campus Carry legislation will now allow students to carry guns on campus. The Georgia House Bill 280 was passed July 1, 2017 as a means to protect students and faculty from potential threats that may be posed to colleges.

"We all share the goal of ensuring a safe campus environment," said Annette Ogletree-Mc-Dougal, Communications Director of the University Systems of Georgia. "We should work together to implement the law as written and thoughtfully address any complications that may arise."

The Georgia House Bill has a defined set of guidelines and restrictions to ensure the safety of college campuses.

"House Bill 280 establishes that any

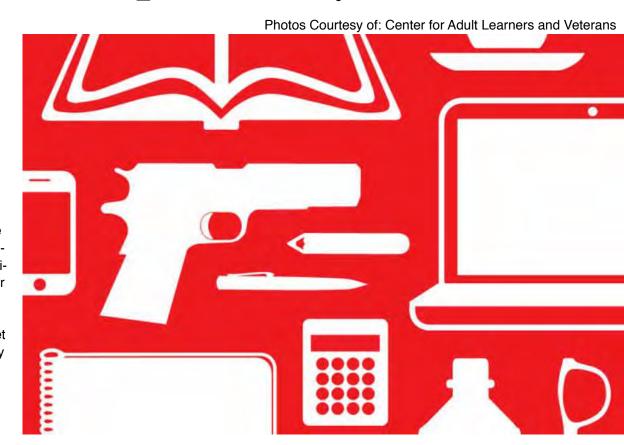
"House Bill 280 establishes that anyone who is licensed to carry a handgun may do so – in a concealed manner only – anywhere on Georgia's public college and university campuses, except in certain areas that are specifically listed in the law," said Ogletree-McDougal.

A concern of the passing of this new bill is that students will feel free to carry guns anywhere on campus, without referring to the guidelines.

"Under the new law, it is a misdemeanor crime for a license-holder to carry a handgun in a manner or in a building, property, room, or space in violation of these provisions," said Ogletree-McDougal. "Doing so also may be a violation of the institution's student code of conduct and personnel rules."

The list is extensive in terms of where guns are allowed on campus. Guns however, are not allowed in buildings and properties used for sporting events, on campus student housing facilities, including faculty, staff, and administrative offices.

"Guns are not allowed in rooms and oth-



er spaces during the times when they are being used for classes in which high school students are enrolled," said Ogletree-McDougal. "This is whether through dual enrollment and programs such as Move On When Ready or through college and career academies or other specialized programs such as Early College."

Also, if a student wants to carry a gun to a class that doesn't include high school students, they will still need to get permission.

"License-holders who want to carry handguns to class will need to visit the institution's registrar or other designated employee, who after verifying their enrollment status will tell them which of their classes, if any, have high school students enrolled," said Ogletree-McDougal. "Institutions shall not, however, keep any listing of those who inquire."

The guidelines for this new law are very precise, and students who are licensed gun-hold-

ers will be expected to know these guidelines under this new law.

"It will be the responsibility of those license-holders who choose to carry handguns on campus to know the law and to understand where they can go while carrying," said Ogletree-McDougal. "The University System hopes to see everyone on campus exercise patience, understanding and respect as we implement this new law."

This new law is a change for everyone, but it was passed this summer in hopes of protecting Georgia college campuses, including University of West Georgia.

"The University System hopes to see everyone on campus exercise patience, understanding and respect as we implement this new law," said Ogletree-McDougal. "We all share the goal of ensuring a safe campus environment."

Demystifying the FAFSA

Erica Lee

Guest Writer

The FAFSA opened to all college students on October 1 for the 2018-2019 academic year. FAFSA is the application that most students fill out to apply for federal student aid, grants, and scholarships.

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The FAFSA was created by the Higher Education Amendments of 1992. This amendment reauthorized the original Higher Education Act from 1965, the original source of most financial aid for college students. This act, signed by President Lyndon Johnson, also gave funding for research institutions, libraries, work study, and scholarships. The paper FAFSA first became available to students in 1992. Soon after in the 1997-1998 award year, FAF-SA became available to students through an online form.

Students must submit a FAFSA each year to reapply for federal student aid, which includes work study, Pell grants, loans, and other aid. Additionally, state grants and other scholarships may require that a student fill out a FAFSA before applying.

Filling out the FAFSA is an often confusing and stressful time for even the most prepared students. Here are some tips to make this year's FAFSA process a lot easier.

1. The earlier, the better

The best strategy you can apply to the FAFSA is that early is easiest! The most productive way to understand the FAFSA and complete it on time is to start as early as you can.

Since the FAFSA opened on October 1, you can begin filling out the FAFSA at any time. Filling out the FAFSA early is crucial, especially if your family's finances have changed, or if you have any questions about the FAFSA.

Both the federal deadline and Georgia's own deadline for completing the FAFSA is June 30, 2019. Any corrections or updates must be submitted by midnight on September 14, 2019.

These dates are closer than you'd think. Especially while juggling school, extracurricular activities, and everything else in your life, they will be closer than you realize! Begin thinking about the paperwork you need to request or find, so you have everything prepared before you start filling out the FAFSA.

Make sure to make time to fill out the FAFSA at least a few months before it is officially due. Put it on your calendar, and if you use a virtual calendar, put frequent reminders to show up on your phone or computer until you finish your FAFSA!

2. Check your Banweb account! Once you submit your FAFSA, the process isn't over. Your FAFSA will be sent to both the Department of Education and the Office of Financial Aid at the University

of West Georgia, as well as any other university or college where you choose to send your FAFSA. Both the Department of Education and these universities process your application.

But what if your application doesn't have everything it needs to be processed? Thankfully, you submitted your application months before the due date, so there is more than enough time for someone to catch any mistakes or omissions you made!

You will be notified through your Banweb account if either of these institutions need more documentation, or if you've

missed an important section.

Checking your Banweb account often after you submit a FAFSA is the best way to catch any mistakes on your application. This will ensure that your application is processed before the due date, and that you can be sure you are applying for the maximum amount of aid you can apply for.

3. Visit the Enrollment Services Center

The Enrollment Services
Center is located on the first floor
of Parker Hall, and is your best
resource for questions about fee
payment deadlines, transcripts,
degree verification, food stamp
verification, FAFSA, and much
more.

The employees at the Enrollment Services Center have helped countless students with questions about their FAFSA. Visit them or make an appointment to talk to them about your

FAFSA to ensure you file your FAFSA well before it is due.

After your FAFSA is processed and accepted, you will receive an Award Letter, which they can help you understand and use to your best advantage. They can also help you accept only the student loans that you need, so you have to pay back fewer loans after you graduate.

If you need other assistance, the Enrollment Services
Center can also help you apply for federal work study funding, scholarships, and help your parents or guardians apply for the Parent PLUS or Direct PLUS loan.

4. FAFSA Q&A in October

Still have questions? The Enrollment Services Center is open every business day, and the Office of Financial Aid is also available to take more complicated questions.

The Office of Financial Aid is also hosting FAFSA Q&A tabling sessions this October. Financial Aid officers will be available for walk-in questions about the FAFSA and other financial aid questions.

These sessions will be from 1-3 p.m., on October 4 at the TLC lobby, October 11 at the UCC plaza, October 18 at the TLC lobby, and October 25 at the UCC plaza. Additionally, one session will be held on the Newnan campus in the main lobby on October 25th from 9-11 a.m. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid with any questions.

GOOD LUCK FILLING OUT YOUR FAFSA!

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Arts & Entertainment

Music Midtown lights up Atlanta

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Contributing Writer

Music Midtown (MM) unified music lovers from all over Sept. 16-17, in Piedmont Park. The festival is a musical melting pot which heavily reflects Atlanta, one of the most diverse cities in the country. MM is two days filled with endless musical performances. The festival was first held in 1994, but experienced a six year hiatus after 2005 before reemerging with a bang in 2011. Artists from every genre travel to the city to perform as well as music lovers from all over the United States for the two-day event. Not only can attendees enjoy music at MM, but they can also indulge in the variety of food and alcohol vendors stationed around the park. This year's festival featured huge names in the industry including Bruno Mars, Future, Blink-182 and Weezer. MM also allows indie artist the platform to perform on the same stages as other well-known musical greats. Because of the plethora of musicians in attendance, the festival utilizes four stages, the Salesforce Stage, Roxxy, Cotton Club, and Honda. Performances also occur simultaneously, meaning that wherever you go in the park you can hear music.

Day One of the Salesforce

Stage (SFS) featured more mainstream, signed artists. English pop singer and opening act for Bruno Mars' 24K Magic Tour, Dua Lipa, began the performances. Best known for her songs "New Rules" and "Blow", Lipa's sound can be described as a mixture of dark wave and dream pop. While Lipa has opened for such acts as Troye Sivan and Coldplay, she will be headlining her own self-titled tour beginning in October.

Following Dua Lipa, funk rock group Vintage Trouble entered the stage. VT is comprised of Ty Taylor (lead vocals), Nalle Colt (guitar), Rich Barrio Dill (Bass Guitar) and Richard Danielson (Drums). VT's nostalgic sounds is a blend of Blues, Funk, R&B, and Rock. The lead vocalist Taylor's stage presence, vocals, and mannerisms are reminiscent of James Brown. VT has opened for music legends like The Rolling Stones, AC/DC and Dixie Chicks. VT performed popular songs of theirs such as "Run Like A River" and their new single "Knock Me Out" before ending their set with a crowd surf.

Another energetic performance came from Swedish singer and songwriter ToveLo, who graced the stage after VT. The Habits (Stay High) singer captivated the audience not only with her airy



vocals and electropop sound, but with performances of "Talking Body" and "Disco Tits" during which she flashes the crowd her breasts.

Headliner and Detroit Hip-Hop megastar, Big Sean, commanded the stage swiftly after ToveLo. Sean recently released his fifth studio album, "I Decided" and finished the European leg of the album tour. Sean entertained his

eager fans who waited for hours with hits such as "Moves" and "Bounce Back" along with a few of his classic singles/features like Dance (A\$\$), Mercy, and I Don't' F**k With You.

Music Midtown improves each year by drawing in a bigger crowd. Dates and lineup information for Music Midtown 2018 are not yet released, but will be soon.





Photos Courtesy of: Music Midtown

The pressures of YouTube couples

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Contributing Writer

When a couple is marked with the hashtag "Relationship Goals", a form of pressure to be perfect is placed on their shoulders. With YouTube couples, they post everything about themselves to receive likes, follows and subscriptions. These reasons alone make many people believe that often, the relationships are fake and done for "clout" and status.

Public apologies aren't only done by the actors and singers. YouTuber, Chris Sails, posted an apology video for cheating on his wife, Queen Sails, on their conjoined YouTube account. The questions of late among the YouTube community surround public apologies and whether or not the relationships are for love or the money.

However, Sails isn't the only person in the public's eye who has recently decided to make the bold move towards a public apology.

Comedian and actor, Kevin Hart

made his apology that went viral on

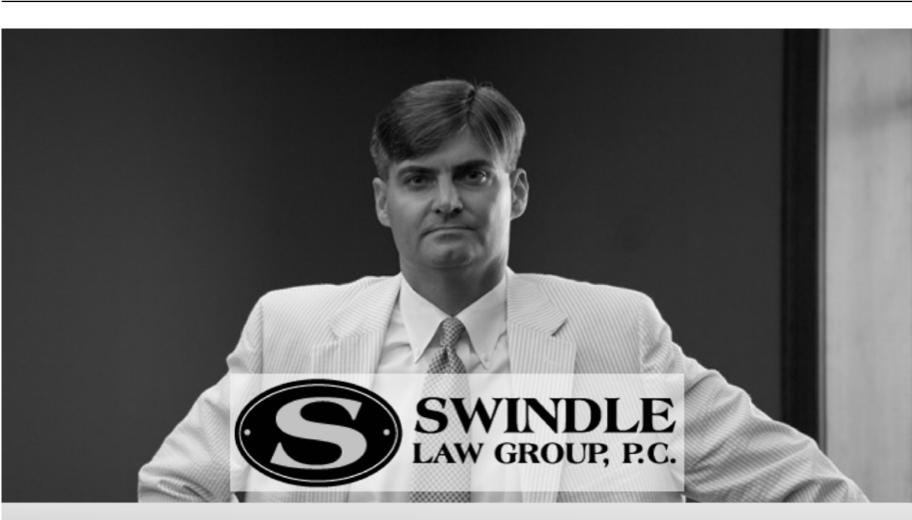
Instagram. From the public's view, both men have tried to get ahead of their situations, but their routes don't always bring the positive responses.

In the Sails situation, he and his wife have been sending each other messages through YouTube. The two seemingly stepped in it big time when they continued to publicize their situation and further "receipts" came out. The problem with their approach is that it continues to involve the public and their fan base. Bringing their relationship problems to

the spotlight came with both an

advantage and a disadvantage. Although Sails and his wife reached their 2 million subscribers, the two received a lot of hate from the public. They put their lives on display where others can comment and judge.

On many videos following the apology video, the comment sections on their YouTube channel had been disabled. Many rumors and comments had spanned across social media saying that "the couple is fake. Their relationship is fake. They are only doing this for the money."



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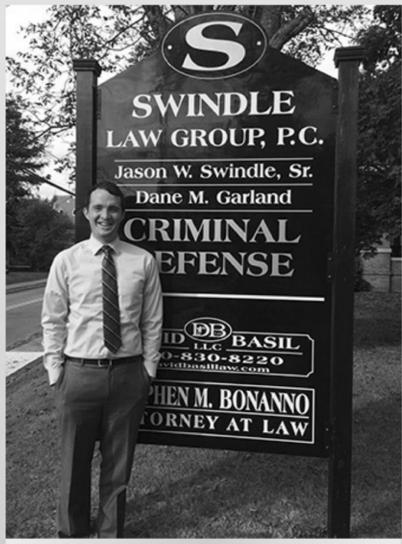
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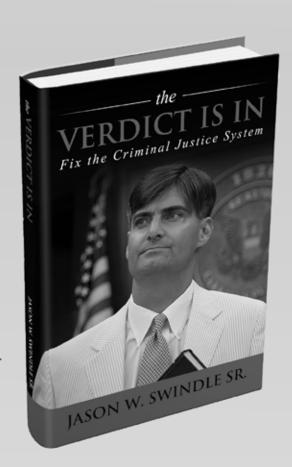
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Sports

Wolves Homecoming Victory



Jamie Walloch

Contributing Writer

Fans and alumni traveled to the University of West Georgia as UWG demolished Albany State 48-16 in this year's Homecoming football game.

Returning to the University Stadium after a tough loss against Delta State the week before, the Wolves came out ready to win.

"Usually after a loss, you kind of get their attention because they then realize the mistakes they made before," said Wolves head coach, David Dean. "When you were trying to correct a football team

after a victory sometimes it goes in one ear and out the other and that's when you have to do your best coaching. From a loss, all you have to do is show them the mistakes that they made and here is what they did wrong and this is what it cost us and hopefully they learn from that."

West Georgia started the game off with a bang as quarterback Willie Candler tossed a nine-yard touchdown pass to JJ Jones, giving the Wolves a 7-0 lead in the first few minutes of the game.

The momentum did not stop as the team continued to rack up the numbers on the scoreboard. Shaq Roland hauled in a three-yard touchdown completion putting UWG up 14-0 against the Rams at the end of the first.

The second quarter heated up as Candler dogged past six defenders with a 14-yard touchdown run. Wide receiver DeNiko Carter ended the first half with an incredible 'Hail Mary' catch sending the Wolves to the locker room up 28-0 at the half. The defense stood strong and powerful as they kept the Rams scoreless the whole first half.

The third quarter continued with thousands of fans and alumni cheering for home side with Travis Custis running a 7-yard touchdown that extended the Wolves' lead to 35. After an Albany State safety, Tevin Isom ran a 28-yard touchdown run growing the lead to 41-2 after the extra point was blocked. With the game in hand for the Wolves, Candler was replaced by

junior Tyler Queen, a transfer from Auburn University.

Perry Seldon excited the fourth quarter with a 34-yard touch-down run to end the Homecoming game 48-16. Alumni and fans celebrated with current students and ended a great Homecoming week with a huge win.

"If we can get a little bit better each week, that's what we want to do. We want to be playing our best by the time we hit November and hopefully have an opportunity to go to the playoffs," said Coach Dean. "So I am not concerned that we are not playing our best football right now. I am concerned that we are getting better on the practice field and then in games slowly getting better each week."



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