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GSU women's volleyball wins big game against RedHawks

By Andrew Kriz
Interm Reporter

It finally happened.

In a rematch of their first home court opponent dating back to Aug. 25, the Jaguars dispatched the Indiana Northwest RedHawks by sweeping all three sets 25-18, 25-21, 25-17.

The women’s volleyball team fought hard for their first win at home and added a second win during their inaugural season for a combined record of 2-27 with three home games remaining on the schedule.

The key difference in the match was the inclusion of Hayley Wacker who propelled the team to victory with 12 kills, 3 assists and 12 digs.

During their first meeting, Wacker was sidelined while still recuperating from a foot injury. Her offensive prowess was certainly missing as the Jaguars barely fell to the RedHawks in August 25-21, 25-23, 25-20.

Erika Halverson also showed improvement by doling out 13 assists compared to the goose egg on the Aug. scoresheet.

While she had less kills (6) than before, her assists came on key plays that built confidence and kept plays alive resulting in points for the Jaguars.

Savik Salgado brought her A-game earning 12 assists and helped setup Wacker’s impressive leaping kill shots on the left side of the court.

The game was also held with the team clad in pink to raise awareness for breast cancer. The gymnasium was decorated with posters and pink streamers at the entrance as well.

By Brenda Torres
Associate Editor

Naila Silva is a graduate student in the Physical Therapy program and is a student advocate in the office of Community Standards and Student Advocacy. Their office is located in Student Life, A2120C.

As a student advocate Silva stated what the job details, “A student advocate is a peer that is available to talk to students on what to expect from a conduct process. The conduct process takes place when a student is found to have potentially violated a Non-Academic Misconduct Violation under Policy 4 in the Student Conduct Handbook. They can then come in and ask me what to expect to occur during their hearing, how to prepare for the hearing, and/or what to expect after the hearing has occurred. It is primarily an informal and relaxed conversation available for students to ask questions or express their concerns.”

Silva finds that being a student advocate is less intimidating for students when it comes to discussing conduct issues rather than meeting with administration.

“We would like to think that speaking with a student advocate is less intimidating than going to speak with a full time employee or even the director of our office on typically delicate information regarding a student’s conduct. I am a student myself so I consider myself as a peer to our GSU students.”

Currently is the only student in the Office of Community Standards and Student Advocacy.

Meet your student advocate

“In the future there is a possibility that we expand this so that we can have a few more students that become student advocates and actually have office hour times. And maybe something that can tie into the conduct committee.” Silvia stated.

Being a student advocate is rewarding to Silva because she helps students in their moment of misbehavior and helps them realize that this particular moment of their life will not define them.
**Eileen Brann**

By Brenda Torres

**Associate Editor**

The Professor Profile for this week is Dr. Eileen Brann from the College of Health and Human Services division of Communication Disorders.

The Phoenix: How long have you been teaching?

Brann: This is my third year as an assistant professor at GSU. I graduated with my Ph.D. in 2013 from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). Before that, I was a speech-language pathologist at a private practice in Oak Park.

The Phoenix: What courses do you teach at GSU?

Brann: I teach a research course along with fluency disorders course to graduate students in the CDIS (Communicative Disorders) program at GSU.

The Phoenix: Tell us about your support group for adults who stutter.

Brann: In April of 2013, Governors State University’s Communication Disorders Department (CDIS) became approved by the National Stuttering Association to begin a support group for adults who stutter. As the GSU chapter leader, I facilitate monthly meetings for adults who stutter in the GSU and southland community. We have several regular attendees and our membership has grown to include GSU students, alumni and adults from the community. It is a very fun group to be a part of and the members have planned holiday parties and other social events.

The group meetings are a great opportunity for our graduate students in Communication Disorders to learn first-hand the challenges faced by adults who stutter. I also teach a course in Fluency Disorders at GSU, so students incorporate what they learn from the members of the fluency support group into their clinical skills.

Research: My areas of research are non-verbal communication skills of young children and adults with communication disorders. I am currently developing a research project to determine the best way to train graduate students in Communication Disorders programs to develop empathy to work with people who stutter.

The Phoenix: What is your favorite part about teaching at GSU?

Brann: Without a doubt, my favorite part of teaching at GSU is working with the CDIS students! I have enjoyed teaching, advising, and mentoring the next generation of speech-language pathologists.

Many of our students at GSU are non-traditional students, and I admire their ability to juggle their academic work with jobs and family obligations. I know firsthand the challenges they face, since I was a non-traditional student in my Ph.D. program. I respect our students’ dedication in their path to becoming speech-language pathologists.

I also enjoy seeing the graduate students in the Communication Disorders program grow academically. I taught a research methods course my first semester at GSU, and taught many of the same students the following two semesters. I was very proud of how well my students incorporated the principles of research into their subsequent courses.

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**Feature**

**Shadow**

Keith woke up. He couldn’t believe the dream he had. He didn’t realize he had fallen asleep.

He tried to wipe his face with his hands, but the pain was so painful. The room was smoky dark, he looked around to find his phone. Wondering where and what happened to him. He tried to stand up, but hit his head on the steel bar above his head. Flashbacks of yesterday began to replay in his mind as if it was happening right now.

“How somebody, I need your help? ANYBODY?” He falls to his knees crying in sorrow.

In a harsh, high pitch, deep loud voice, a woman said, “Son, get up, what is wrong with you?” Keith glaze at her. Looking up and down at her uniform. The diamond shape rank on her shoulder. Her name was L.G. it was on her nametag.

“Son, come with me,” she took a pause and took a deep breathe. “Sit here. Now tell me why you are here?” Sipping a cup of java.

Keith began to cry again, shedding a tear one by one “My sister killed my… my”.

“…… was it your mother,” immediately finishing his statement.

Keith looked into her eyes, wondering how she knew it was her mother. She said it with confidence, but how she knew for sure, he wondered. “Yes, how do you know?”

“Son, I don’t suppose you are telling me the truth, that your sister killed your mother” flipping through the newspaper. “Let me bring you to the back and we can speak more. It will be much quietier!”

Keith got up and walked to the black dark room. It was quiet, maybe a little too quiet. The heat was unbearable. The light had stopped in the middle of the ceiling, firing missiles of heat down refusing to move. You could almost see them as rippling waves that bounced off the black concrete parts of the walls, and feel them as they reflected up and hit you. “If only there was grass in here,” he thought, perhaps it wouldn’t be so bad. In the huge room full of nothing, but one sign. Just white walls, everything was manufactured - angular, flat surfaces, and bright polished metal chairs. A sign painted with bright, smooth colors too painful to look at in the light. The air was thick, and difficult to breathe, making every movement an effort. A cup of lemonade with flies and mosquitoes skimmed the inches above the top of it, as if it was water. The endless wait to speak to the police officer to tell her what happened.

The policewoman came back and handed Keith a small cup of lemonade. It was lukewarm and had lost its fizz. Keith fell back against the wooden, metal seat and shut his eyes, seeing the light burn his eyelids, and taking in the searing orange glow beneath them. The police officer sat down across from Keith. He looks up, her lips were dry just like an old rusty metal bar.

She began to talk, calmly and slowly to make sure he heard every word that was being said. “Son, I know you are lying. I receive a statement five hours before you came, saying you killed your mother.”

His calm and pleasant demeanor slowly changed and his expression twisted in an all-consuming anger; his nostrils flaring, his eyes flashing and closing into slits, his mouth quivering and drooling, slurring words that were unintelligible came spewing into space like a volcano releasing its pent up emotions into the darkness. His hands folded into fists and he bent forward, daring her to repeat once more the words that had pulled his heart into fragments that had smashed all his expectations of “happy ever after”.

“I did…did WHAT?” Said Keith.

A flashing light woke him from his dream.

A loud voice and booming sound. A sound that reverberated through the air with some sort of mystical force said “Get Up, NOW.”

“Where…where am I?” Keith asked.
What is a Graduate Assistantship? cont.

GAs can be an excellent way to gain experience while continuing your education. In exchange for 15-20 hours work/week, the University waives tuition fees for 6-12 units plus you receive a small monthly stipend. Did you just say free tuition? Yes ma’am/sir! Each GA spot lasts for only one semester, but many can be renewed. It is important to note that a GA spot is different than a Tuition Waiver (although they have the same form). Think of a Tuition Waiver as a scholarship that does not have to be repaid back instead of a job.

There are GAs on almost every part of campus, from within each college or program to housing and Student Life. This means that the jobs GAs perform vary from position to position. This brings up an important point—that even if you do not get one GA position, you could be perfectly suited for a different one. Do not be discouraged if you do not get one position as GA spots are very competitive. Due to the competitive nature of GA positions, you should put your best foot forward by scheduling one hour counseling sessions at Career Services for a resume critique and mock interview. This could be the difference between securing a position or not.

You should look for GA positions in a couple places. Many GA jobs get posted to Jobs for Jaguars, which you can access through your JSU portal. However, some departments only hire students from within their program, so keep up to date with your own department. Lastly, it is important to get involved on campus as you never know how the network you build can lead to a GA position. If a hiring manager gets to know you through a club or organization, you may already have a competitive advantage when a GA spot opens up!

It is also important to follow directions to apply for a GA position. Each hiring manager will be selecting their GA, so each hiring manager will request different items from the applicants. Even if it is not stated, you should always send a cover letter and resume when you submit your application (hint: go to Career Services for a critique). Other items that hiring managers may specifically request includes a copy of your class transcript, a “Graduate Assistant Tuition Waiver Form” (available at govst.edu), a copy of your class schedule, and/or letters of reference. Many students get tripped up because they do not read the job posting carefully and do not submit the correct materials, so pay attention!

The best part about reading this far is that there is a GA position hiring at the time of writing (10/27/15) in Student Life. Follow the tips listed above to improve your chances! Still have questions? Contact Matt Gentry at mgentry@student.govst.edu or visit the Blackboard course “Graduate Student Information Center” → Graduate Student Resources → Graduate Assistantships for more information, tips, and FAQs.

Social Security deal struck, crisis avoided

By Bob Meyers
Staff Writer

Late Monday night, Republican congressional leaders struck a deal to prevent the play of a crisis in Social Security offices in 2016.

The deal, known as the “ Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015,” was approved on October 28 and, according to the New York Times, will prevent non-disaster cuts by transferring funds from the main Social Security trust to the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) trust, which would otherwise run short of funding next year and be forced to cut payments to beneficiaries by 20 percent.

According to Forbes.com, the changes to the Social Security benefits of millions of people as a result of this deal will ultimately serve as a benefit. A reduction in the aggressive “file and suspend” claiming strategies that have existed for 15 years will keep more money in the Social Security system and will improve its long-term financial stability. However, people will have to take Social Security benefits earlier than they had previously planned.

On the topic of released disability benefits, Social Security Works President Nancy Altman said, “You’re happy when hostages get released, you’re relieved. You’re not gonna celebrate just because the ransom wasn’t steeper, but you’re glad it’s something you can afford.”

Twitter: One of the most wretched hives of scum and villainy

By Andrew Kriz
Intern Reporter

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away may not have even been an issue but in modern times a group of Twitter trolls made it their mission to boycott Star Wars: The Force Awakens over claims of “white genocide”.

The group who hosted the #BoycottStarWarsVII tag on Sunday, Oct. 18 upset that actor Boyega was cast as a black Stormtrooper and appears to have a main role in the film over a white, male character.

Tweets were sent out from a dozen accounts accusing director JJ Abrams of being an “anti-white” director that promoted a sinister multi-cultural agenda and comments were made about Abrams support of Judaism.

The movement exploded Sunday night and during Monday Night Football when the final trailer for the film was debuted. However, for every person retweeting the comments and agreeing with the movement hundreds more completely debunked the claims and shoted down the boycott.

In fact, any true Star Wars fan would know that the original Stormtrooper was a clone of Jango Fett (a Mandalorian bounty hunter) who was played by a man of color, the New Zealander actor Temuera Morrison in Episode II: Attack of the Clones.

Trevor Noah, the new host of the Daily Show, attacked the movement telling members to “calm down” since they have already had their movie to claim the franchise was racist with the Gungans. JarJar Binks was compared to “a bumbling Rastafarian who provides comic relief” with his fake Jamaican accent and ears resembling dreadlocks by Baltimore Sun-Times columnist Gregory Kane who also saw the entire race as a caricature of black people in The Phantom Menace.

Paul Ryan elected House Speaker

By Bob Meyers
Staff Writer

Republicans in the House of Representatives elected Wisconsin Representative and Mitt Romney’s vice presidential running mate Paul Ryan to replace outgoing House Speaker John Boehner on Thursday, October 29.

A budget compromise approved by the House on Wednesday and negotiated by Boehner as his last final political act, eliminates the possibility of a default and decreases the chance of a government shutdown, effectively giving Ryan a fresh start to form a new plan and unite Republicans.

According to CNN, Ryan told reporters: “We are not going to have a House that looks like it’s looked the last two years. We are going to move forward. We are going to unify. Our party has lost its vision, and we are going to replace it with a vision.

Today, in his first speech to his colleagues on Thursday, Ryan said: “The American people make this country work, and the House should work for them. What a relief it would be to the American people if we finally got our act together. What a relief it would be to the American people.”

“We need to let every member contribute, not once they have earned their stripes, but right now,” Ryan said. “If you know the issue, you should write the bill.”

Ryan also promised for a vote on bill after a committee has held hearings on the legislation and voted to recommend the bill to the full House.

“When we rush to pass bills that a lot of us do not understand, we are not doing our job,” Ryan said.

House Republican Conference Chairwoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers said, “He did not seek this office; the office sought him.”
Friends of the Library

By Misturat Ganiyu
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Lydia Morrow established Friends of the Library in 2006 with the cooperation of the GSU Foundation under the direction of the then-Library Dean Diane Dates-Casey. They strive to “bring together” knowledge lovers and library advocates. Some of the generous items purchased by the Friends of the Library are the carpet and furniture on the balcony, the cases and pedestals which hold the works of art displayed in the Skylight Gallery and the book drop outside the C entrance.

“It’s the first place where people are able to come to the library and seeSee the children. The friends have done so much for the library and now we’re trying to give something back to them,” said Morrow, University Library Dean.

It was created as a “fundraising arm.” She added, “They’re always looking for ways to contribute to the library and to the mission of the library.”

To join Friends of the Library students, faculty or staff must pay $5 per year. Each member receives privileges, including exclusive invitations to programs and events throughout the year and a first look at what is in circulation.

“I have always enjoyed reading a good book, and am a strong advocate for the library,” said Friends of the Library President Ann Nagel.

“The GSU Friends of the Library helps to support the library so that the entire GSU community can take advantage of all that the library has to offer including being a great place to study or read a book, or getting research or writing help.” They meet the second Friday of the month

Follow up Ban the Box

By Brenda Torres
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Last semester the Generating Hope Network, a branch of Social Work Student Organization (SWSO), held a program called Reintegrative Justice Student Symposium. The event brought awareness to the checkmark box that was added to the GSU admission application that checked if students had been convicted of a felony.

Members of Generating Hope handed petitions to students for GSU to terminate the box. Afterwards, Generating Hope met with President Maimon, Dean Valente and the Provost Deborah Bordelon.

The Phoenix decided to do a follow up with the Generating Hope Network to see if the box was removed after their campaign.

According to Dr. Lori Glass from the Social Work department and one of the faculty advisors for SWOSO and Generating Hope, “The box is still on the application. However the practices that were attached to the box were taken off.”

Dr. Glass went on to further explain what the practices were, “Students were put on disciplinary probation and they had to write a narrative on their background. It had to be submitted as part of their application packet, which means it was violating privacy and confidentiality.”

Moreover, Dr. Glass mentioned how supportive Dean Valente was, “He drafted an apology letter to any of the students that got caught in it.”

Dr. Glass also mentioned futueres plans what Generating Hope has planned for next semester.

Please read the following Issue for coverage on the future plans of Generating Hope Network.

OPUS is here!

By Misturat Ganiyu
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GSU Library has launched Open Portal to University Scholarships (OPUS) an institutional repository. It gives students, faculty and staff an opportunity to submit scholarly work that is accessible to everyone—free of charge.

The GSU Community can also view archived documents on OPUS, such as The Innovator, Historic GSU images, The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Moreover, the GSU community can search via OPUS scholarly papers from other universities.

“It [OPUS] becomes a place where we can collect all of the institutional work that’s taken place…this will enable us to have it all in one location where people can go,” said Lydia Morrow, GSU Library Dean.

Also, it becomes an opportunity for our scholars to have a place where they can put their work. It will be there in perpetuity. It’s a place to store all of our history,” she said.

Students, faculty and staff can visit the GSU’s OPUS site (opus.govst.edu) to read an in-depth instruction on how to submit their work. Soon, the GSU Library will provide specific requirements for submissions.

Recently, members of the GSU community have visited Springfield and written a letter to Gov. Rauner to keep the university intertwined in discussions of the 2016 fiscal budget.

“45 percent of our operating budget comes from an appropriation and we don’t have it yet…”, said President Maimon in an interview on WTTW Chicago Tonight.

Loans/Scholarships

During the 2014-2015 academic year, “GSU awarded nearly $2.2 million in institutional aid” to help its students pay for their education, said Perry.

The GSU Financial Aid website includes a list of grants, scholarships, loans and tuition waivers and assistantships based on students’ programs. Moreover, the site includes a link to Elm Select which lists private loans for students that are certified by GSU.

“…This is your education and this is your financial aid and we want to make sure that you understand it and know what you’re signing up for here,” said Perry.

Matt Zarris, the Assistant Director of Financial Aid encourages students to come to the Financial Aid Office “Come see us at the Financial Aid Office, so we can make sure that we’ve exhausted all of the other options before you go that route.”

“I’d like to see people come through Governors State and leave with as little debt as possible,” said Perry.

He added, “If you don’t have that debt hanging over your head when you first start off (career wise) that make a huge difference in your quality of life.”

That students seek answers about the financial aid process they must visit the financial aid front desk office.

For in-depth questioning students that were able to make a meeting with a financial aid advisor.

Zarris and Perry said students should strive to understand their award letter and “keep track of what they borrow.”

Zarris suggested students research vigorously for scholarships.

“Wealwaysencourage students to be diligent. Those things aren’t going to follow into anybody’s lap. You have to be proactive.”

[Perkins loan] was a nice resource that we were able to make available to our students,” said Zarris.

Regarding the financial aid process, John Perry said, “We don’t expect students to understand all of it or read the millions of pages of regulations on it, but that why we’re here, said Perry. “We pay people to help students… that’s a part of our job that we really like doing.”
Clinton’s poll numbers rise after Benghazi testimony

By Bob Meyers
Staff Writer

The United States House Select Committee on Benghazi was created in 2014 after Republican Speaker of the House John Boehner suggested to the House of Representatives that a committee be put together to investigate the 2012 attack on the mission in Benghazi, Libya, in which four Americans were killed.

The committee has interviewed scores of witnesses who witnessed or were involved in the U.S. diplomatic mission to Benghazi.

On Thursday, October 22 it was former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s turn to thoroughly detail her response to the attacks in Benghazi.

Clinton forcefully denied she was to blame for security lapses that increased the mission’s vulnerability. According to CNN, as the hearing stretched into its tenth hour of questioning, the lawmakers started to hammer away at Clinton’s use of a private email server while Secretary of State. The server was first uncovered by the committee and sparked a controversy that has clouded her 2016 campaign.

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Jaguars vs. Trolls

By Andrew Kriz
Intern Reporter

On Wednesday, Oct. 21 the men’s junior varsity basketball team started their season out with a 99-59 smothering against the Trinity Christian College Trolls.

The starters commanded the floor, shooting 47 percent and sinking 59 points against the defense; 16 steals by the Jaguars’ starters only helped build the insurmountable lead.

Offensively, the team benefited from aggressive play that worked for offensive rebounds and earning second chance points. On defense, the team forced turnovers and attacked the ball.

Heading into the half, GSU lead 51-27.

Trinity Christian tried to make a comeback in the second by scoring four points in a row but a timely timeout allowed the Jaguars to regroup and tighten up on defense with the score at 61-45. After that, the lead was never threatened once the Jaguars went on a 12-4 scoring streak that put them up 89-52.

Freshman power forward Desean Taylor ended the night with 23 points, 8 rebounds and 3 steals. The bench also helped the effort by scoring 40 points.

The Jaguars changed their tempo by shooting from the paint and attempting to draw fouls for free throw attempts but GSU managed to go just 14-24 from the line. Clarke University never trailed in the first half and had a 43-27 lead going into the break.

After halftime, the Jaguars held the Crusaders to a much more manageable 30 percent field goal percentage that resulted in 29 points. However, the Jaguars were unable to close the gap and could only net 22 points.

Freshman guard Jomari Jones led the team with 12 points and freshman center Deon Thomas hauled in 13 rebounds for the Jaguars.

The junior varsity team worked well together and forced turnovers resulted in easy breakaway points. Photo by Andrew Kriz

In both the junior varsity and varsity games, GSU drew plenty of fouls to head to the line. Photo by Andrew Kriz

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There will also be a $50 gift card prize drawing!

You can find a listing of qualifying events on the Upcoming Events page of the Career Services website: www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/Career_Services/Upcoming_Events_and_Career_Fairs/
Following the 2016 campaign trail

The Republican campaign

By Andrew Kriz
Intern Reporter

Candidate: Donald Trump
After 100 days in first place and boasting of his success, Trump now finds himself trailing. However, Trump is not worried since seven out 10 surveyed Republican voters have yet to answer who to vote for according to a poll published by Yahoo. Trump feels he has done very well so far and believes that whoever is in first place is under far more scrutiny. He said that with the spotlight on Carson, the public will hear about Carson’s “skeletons in the closet” in a quote to Yahoo, “Those problems are going to start to come out,” he said. “You know, it’s amazing. When you’re in first place it’s like a cleansing action. A lot of things will come out and we’ll see how he holds up to the scrutiny.”

Polls: Trump has fallen into second place in the most recent New York Times poll with 22 percent but the gap between him and Carson, 4 percent, is within the margin of error of the survey.

Candidate: Ben Carson
Carson, who is not afraid to say ‘politically incorrect’ statements, made another declaration that garnered international media attention when he compared women seeking an abortion to slave owners. BBC ran the following quote in an article detailing his comparison, “I know that one of those words you’re not supposed to say, but I’m saying it. During slavery, a lot of slave-owners thought they had the right to do whatever they wanted to that slave, anything that they chose. And what if the abolitionists had said, ‘I don’t believe in slavery, but you guys do whatever you want?’ Where would we be?” Carson has also stated that he believes Muslims are not qualified to run for president, being gay is a choice, and that Europeans could have prevented the Holocaust if more guns were available according to Fox News. For the first time so far in the race, Carson is in first place at 26 percent according to the latest New York Times poll released Tuesday, Oct. 26.

Candidate: Jeb Bush
Bush unveiled his new plan for Social Security that would increase the age in which seniors begin receiving benefits starting in 2022. Each year, the age required to start receiving Social Security benefits would increase by a month and by 2058 the age would be 70 to receive full benefits with life expectancy slated to be higher. Individuals would be able to claim early benefits at age 65. Also, those who continue to work past the retirement age would no longer have a 6.2 percent tax cut taken from paychecks under Bush’s proposal.

Polls: Bush ranks fourth at seven percent.

Candidate: Marco Rubio
Rubio announced that his first term as Senator will also be his last as he is “frustrated” with the coworkers he deals with on a daily basis. Democrats voted down his budget balancing plan and Republicans came together to stop his elaborate immigration reform bill. These efforts have caused Rubio to focus less on attending Senate votes and instead spend more time campaigning and to reconsider his efforts of bringing change in the Senate. He has said, “I don’t believe in ‘White House or bust’ in an interview with the Huffington Post.

Polls: Rubio, the closest candidate to Carson and Trump, is still in single digits with eight percent.

Candidate: Carly Fiorina
The Atlantic has detailed the collapse of Fiorina’s popularity in the media. Since her overwhelming performance in the CNN debate on Sept. 16, Carly went from 327 articles to a lowly 24 this week. Analysts say she is competing against two front-runners who are fighting for votes and that her position is extremely difficult to win over voters from Trump or Carson. Polls: Fiorina is tied with Bush at seven percent.

The Democratic campaign

By Misturat Ganiyu
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Candidate: Bernie Sanders
Sanders continues to get personal on talk shows. On Oct. 26th, he joined the cast of “The View to discuss his political campaign according to The Washington Post.

“He recognizes this is part of the process,” mentioned Tad Devine, a Democrat strategist and the current advisor to Sanders. “He understands— to be elected president, the American people have to get to know him more. And, you know we still are an insurgent campaign, and we have to take advantage of opportunities to communicate with millions of people.”

Bernie Sanders employed a pollster names Ted Bulchik who worked with Howard Dean in his 2004 democratic presidential campaign, according to the New York Times.

Polls: In the Monmouth poll, Sanders hold 24 percent of the public vote in the Iowa Democratic Caucus, according to RealClearPolitics.

Candidate: Hillary Clinton
President Obama’s former 2008 campaign manager David Plouffe has endorsed Hillary Clinton as reported by NBC News.

“We’ve come a long way. Still, eight years after that historic night in Des Moines, there’s so much left to do,” Plouffe wrote in Medium regarding the annual Jefferson-Jackson dinner.

“And Americans still need a president who will wake up every day prepared to overcome the suspects on their behalf. Hillary Clinton should—and I believe will—be that president.”

Bill Clinton praised his wife in Des Moines on Oct. 24th at a campaign rally, as per New York Times.

“The American people in the last six weeks have learned a lot about Hillary—what’s she’s for, why she’s running, and what kind of president she’d be,” Mr. Clinton said.

Clinton turns 68 years old
On Monday, Oct. 26, Clinton received several birthday wishes from well-known figures and politician as she turned sixty-eight. Clinton stated in July that her presidential campaign on the environment “will be carbon neutral” however her pledge remain neglected, according to CNN.

This choice switch will minimize greenhouse emissions by using carbon offsets, as noted in the David Suzuki Foundation website. “Offsets are yet another way to reduce our footprint. When we buy offsets, we’re investing in the carbon footprint of another entity,” Jeremy McLaren, an author of the campaign strategy, said.

Polls: Clinton leads the poll, as per RealClearPolitics, Clinton holds 65 percent of the public vote in the Iowa Democratic Caucus.

Clinton’s poll numbers rise after Benghazi testimony

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According to the BBC, Clinton also came under intense cross-examination over the extent to which she has taken responsibility for the deaths of the Americans in the attacks as well as the extent of her contact with U.S. Ambassador to Libya Chris Stevens, one of the victims, after sending him to the North African country.

His wife acknowledged that she couldn’t recall having talked to him after having sworn him in as ambassador though she believed they had spoken, CNN reports.

According to BBC, Clinton appeared poised and in command for much of the hearing. But as the day wore on she seemed to grow increasingly impatient with the questioning and with the constant interruptions from the GOP members on the panel.

“I would imagine I have thought more about what happened than all of you put together,” Clinton said adamently. “I have lost more sleep than all of you put together. I have been wracking my brain about what more could have been done or should have been done.”

According to CNN, the former Secretary of State and current presidential candidate also came under repeated criticism from Republicans who rejected her explanations as the panel tried to prove she ignored pleas from U.S. diplomats in Libya for better security and played a major role in the U.S. intervention in Libya.

As reported by BBC, the hearing evolved into a tussle between the Republicans, some of whom wanted to get serious questions answered and others who wanted to damage her presidential chances, and Clinton, as she tried to prove she ignored the criticism of the Benghazi investigation.

After Clinton made note that her response to questions asked had already been a repeat of what she told the House and Senate during her testimony about Benghazi back in 2013, Clinton said, “I realize there are many currents at work in this committee, but I hope that the statesmanship overcomes partisanship. At some point we have to do this.”

As the hearings neared their end, Clinton proclaimed, “I came here because I said I would. And I’ve done everything I know to do, as have the people with whom I worked, to try to answer your questions. I cannot do any more than that,” as reported by CNN.

Finally, in the home stretch of the hearing, Clinton donned a yoga pose before answering more questions.

According to the Guardian, Clinton walked out of the Longworth Office Building after over 11 hours and joked about the tides and trials inside throughout the day by saying, “Yes, yes, yoga always helps!”

Clinton’s poll numbers have risen since last Thursday.

According to the New York Times, in the week since the Benghazi hearing, Clinton is ahead of Bernie Sanders by 41 percentage points among likely caucus voters in a poll conducted by Monmouth University. Clinton is also ahead of Sanders in a Loraeas College survey by 38 points, as of October 29.
Across

6. color associated with fall and halloween
7. piece or person frequented by a ghost, specter or poltergeist
10. mortally hungry individual, suffering from necrosis and atrophy
12. pair of overly dramatic cousins
15. a ghost's catch phrase
17. gentleman despatched with a penchant for equine sport
18. a ruse, prank, light-hearted deception
20. ghost, spectre, vampire, spirit, mummy, etc
23. board with alphanumerical symbols used to communicate with the dead
24. holiday celebrated on the last day of october
25. the ritualistic removal of a ghost or spirit

Down

1. skeleton lacks dog from 'The Nightmare before Christmas'
2. horror/comedy film from 1988
3. small indulgence
4. location wherein certain trials took place to capture and dispatch alleged witches
5. celebration where all guests wear a mask
6. tough skinned fruit, typically used as fall decorations but not carved
7. second brightest star in the constellation Orion, slight reddish tint
8. a delicious beverage, found only in the planet's dominant species - A Vampire
9. hasanic magic
10. a rational belief in the scientifically unproven
11. a costume for your face
12. delicious candy derived from the bean of the coca tree
13. generic exclamation of fear
14. type of disease leaving pooh marks after healing

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