## University Council Graduate Student Association Report Hank Ryle Clay, President February 5, 2009

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) had several months of exciting activities. GSA hosted an internationally renowned journalist who gave a lecture on international farming policies. We are grateful to the President for helping to sponsor this event.

Additionally, the graduate student community is thankful for the efforts made by the President, Provost, and Dr. Potter for saving as many of the journal subscriptions as possible this year. This effort signals their commitment to research at the University of Georgia.

Finally, the graduate student body is thankful for the continued support that faculty have shown towards graduate students. I ask for a commitment that each department continue to fulfill its commitment to funding current graduate students on assistantship throughout their time. Although it is tempting to want to maintain the number of assistantships in order to attract new high-quality students, it is imperative that current graduate students be supported first.