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Eagles voted early favorite by coaches

By JAMES FARMER
George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University begins the season ranked as number three by the Football College Subdivision Coaches Poll, capturing three first place votes and coming within two votes of Appalachian State’s number two ranking.

Eastern Washington University is the coaches’ favorite as preseason number one after capturing the national title last year.

The team returns 17 starters for this season, but must replace its star running back Taiwan Jones, a fourth-round draft pick this spring.

With its distinctive red field, EWU is a unique and challenging opponent in Cheney, Wash., posting a perfect home record since its installation. The team had 23 votes for number one, 20 more votes than GSU, which received the second most first place votes.

App. State comes in second in the poll, with 12 starters coming back off of a SoCon championship season. Many members of the media will have a hard time betting against the Mountaineers, who won or

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Camp Lawton dig progresses

By KEN COLYER
George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University graduate students have been busy over the summer discovering lost artifacts at the site of Camp Lawton.

“The amount of artifacts and the variety of artifacts we are finding at this site is stunning,” said Sue Moore, a GSU archaeology professor and director of the project, in a news release.

GSU graduate students have been an integral part of the excavation process and were the main force behind the dig, from the location of the site to the excavation of the artifacts, said Brent Tharp, director of the GSU museum.

“The research is not carried on by a team of faculty members, but our own students,” said Tharp. “Eighteen months ago, the conventional wisdom was that anything of historical value at the site of Camp Lawton had been lost, looted or destroyed,” said Moore.

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Police Beat

**Wednesday, August 3, 2011**
- Nothing reported

**Thursday, August 4, 2011**
- Nothing reported

**Friday, August 5, 2011**
- Nothing reported

**Saturday, August 6, 2011**
- Officers assisted one motorist, issued one traffic warning and one traffic citation, and responded to four alarms Thursday.
- Alexander Hill, 35, was charged with child molestation, public indecency

**Sunday, August 7, 2011**
- Officers issued three traffic citations and two traffic warnings.

**Monday, August 8, 2011**
- Officers issued six traffic warnings and responded to one alarm.
- Rogers William Bernard Washington, 20, was charged with DUI, possession of marijuana, failure to maintain lane and headlight requirements.

**Tuesday, August 9, 2011**
- Nothing reported

**Wednesday, August 10, 2011**
- Officers issued four traffic citations and two traffic warnings.
- Willie Wilson, Jr., 44, was charged with DUI as a habitual violator.

**Thursday, August 11, 2011**
- Officers issued one traffic citation, four traffic warnings, assisted one motorist and responded to two alarms.

**Saturday, August 13, 2011**
- Nothing reported.

**Sunday, August 14, 2011**
- Nothing reported.

**Monday, August 15, 2011**
- Officers issued one traffic citation, one traffic warning, assisted one motorist, responded to two alarms and investigated one accident.
- Officers responded to a drug complaint at University Villas.

**Tuesday, August 16, 2011**
- Officers issued five traffic warnings and responded to three alarms.
- Theft of a cart was reported at Chick-fil-A in Russell Union.
- Officers were given property found at the Bishop Alumni Center.
- Pedro Gonzalez, 31, was charged with failure to maintain lane, missing a driver’s license within two years, DUI and giving false information to a law enforcement officer.

**Wednesday, August 17, 2011**
- Officers assisted four motorists, issued one traffic warning and two traffic citations, and responded to five alarms and two motor vehicle accidents.
- Officers provided aid to another agency at Paulson Stadium parking lot.
- A complaint of harassment was made at the Zeta Tau Alpha house.
- A pair of sunglasses was reported stolen from the RAC.
- A complaint of disorderly conduct was made at the Rosenwald Building.

**Thursday, August 18, 2011**
- Officers issued one traffic citation.
- A complaint of disorderly conduct was made at the Zeta Tau Alpha house.
- A pair of sunglasses was reported stolen from the RAC.
- A complaint of disorderly conduct was made at the Rosenwald Building.

**Friday, August 19, 2011**
- Officers issued one traffic citation, one traffic warning and assisted three motorists.
- Alexis Noel Latners, 19, was charged with simple battery.

**Saturday, August 20, 2011**
- Officers issued five traffic citations, two traffic warnings, assisted 10 motorists and responded to one alarm.
- A drug complaint was reported at Eagle Village.
- Corey D. Weaver, 20, was charged with public indecency.

**Sunday, August 21, 2011**
- Officers issued one traffic citation, three traffic warnings, assisted five motorists and responded to one alarm.
- A drug complaint was reported at Southern Pines.
- A pair of sunglasses was taken from a vehicle at Kennedy Hall.
- Louis J. Manigo, 18, Chandler Road, was charged with possession of a weapon in a school safety zone.
- Bravura J. Banks II, 18, Knight Drive, was charged with possession of marijuana.

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Our View
Control the masses

A new school year at Georgia Southern University brings a multitude of new students to its threshold. Therefore, Operation Move-In hosts a day full of confusion and traffic for not just the incoming freshman, but also returning students and Statesboro residents.

Every road leading into campus, and even the ramp to get off I-16, is flooded with cars full of eager freshman and sad parents who are forced to part with their children after 18 years. In addition, upperclassmen that chose to live on campus are moving into their dorms on the same day.

Although each student has a set time they are allotted to check in according to their last name, it is never followed, as the website does not make it clear.

In order to avoid traffic congestion and under stocked shelves in Wal-Mart within the small town of Statesboro, Operation Move-In should be organized differently.

Upperclassmen should be able to move into their dorms on Thursday before school starts in order to not be caught up in the incoming freshman crowd.

Also, instead of all incoming freshman moving in on Friday before school starts, half of the freshman dorms should be assigned to move in on Friday and the other half on Saturday. This should be done in order to divide the amount of traffic in this town.

In addition, the website should make it clear — in an easy to find area — that incoming freshman can only move in throughout their assigned day according to their last name to insure that traffic is staggered throughout the day.

By following this new organization schedule, traffic will be cut by a large amount over the three days, which would allow those who work on campus to have an easier time parking. It would also allow students and Statesboro residents to shop at Wal-Mart without waiting in extremely long lines and worrying about under stocked shelves.

GSU is growing each year in number of students. The traffic is already outrageous during Operation Move-In. Therefore, something needs to be done before it gets out of control.

Legalize marijuana, reduce national debt

Let me preface this by saying this, I am in no way an admission or advocation of illicit drug use, but come on guys, just legalize it already.

From a purely economic standpoint, the legalization of marijuana could drastically help us reduce the national debt and it is a growing market that will bring in more and more profit throughout the years.

Harvard economics professor Jeffery Miron said that replacing the current prohibition with a system of taxation and regulation would save the U.S. $7.7 billion a year in State and Federal costs of maintaining prohibition.

It would also generate anywhere between $2.4-6.2 billion annually from taxes alone. Not to mention the fact that if the industry is privatized, it would create — or rather legalize — many jobs.

The money procured through this industry currently is illegal and while it may find its way back into the system, it is most likely staying within the drug industry.

Crime rates will also fall with the legalization. While there is no correlation between marijuana use and crime, there is crime surrounding the industry. Whether it’s a disgruntled customer or a hotheaded competitor, there have been episodes of violence that can be attributed to the illegal distribution of the cannabis plant.

With the drug industrialized, there would be laws and regulations that prevent these drastic measures from being taken.

With all the money we as tax payers are pouring into the system, we should be more aware of what that money is doing.

Eighty-eight percent of marijuana-related arrests are made for possession of less than one ounce. This means that these are people who are smoking on their own to deal with their personal issues, not hardened criminals trying to get you and your kids hooked.

Alcohol was outlawed in the 1920s, and similar groups are supporting the sustained prohibition of marijuana. Much of the drive came from religious groups who protested alcohol use, saying that it led to prostitution and domestic violence.

As I’ve said before, we cannot allow religion to dominate our political system. We need to do this as a nation to try to help us regain our once proud economic status. It will take a while to undo the propaganda, but the benefits are definitely worth the fight.
Welcome back, GSU

While incoming freshmen and returning students were moving in, getting their schedules and handling financial aid, The George-Anne staff has been working to bring Georgia Southern University the first fall edition of our publication.

As evidenced on the front page, GSU incorporated many changes during the summer semester. Thankfully, The George-Anne had a lot of news to cover.

For instance, GSU passed the 20,000-student mark at the beginning of fall 2011.

Also, groundbreaking for the new Biology Building brought a visit from Gov. Nathan Deal.

Our very own building also completed major renovation. The Williams Center is now a hub for student activity. Students should stop in to view the big-screen wall TVs, the sound systems and the kitchen.

While checking out the new wing of our building, stop by The George-Anne newsroom to hear about the continuation of our candidate program.

Our program welcomes students who want to further their writing, graphic design or photography skills and knowledge. Tryout dates and times for the candidate program can be found on page 8.

As the university grows, The George-Anne is looking to expand as well. I am happy to announce production on a brand new website for The George-Anne, as well as an app.

These additions will launch on the first day of the upcoming spring semester. Check The George-Anne’s website, thegeorgeanne.com, for more information as we continue development.

Most importantly though, is what will remain the same here at The George-Anne. We will strive to continue providing GSU with quality news and keeping readers informed, be it sports enthusiasts, news chasers or fans of the arts.

The staff and I are very excited about the upcoming year, and we hope that our readers are excited as well.

If you would like to share your opinion, we would love to hear from you through a letter to the editor, which can be submitted to me at gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu.

We are always looking for ways to reach more students by covering events and news that will interest a variety of people.

If your interests are not displayed in The George-Anne, we aren’t doing our job. Let us know!

We truly hope that you enjoy this publication. We constantly work to provide this campus with excellent coverage, and we do it all for the readers.

Coambes is a writing and linguistics major from Covington, Ga.

Sunday alcohol sales for liberty

This November, a vote will be on the ballot in regard to Sunday alcohol sales. According to State Bill 10, which passed last March, each governing authority — county or municipality — shall be authorized to permit and regulate package sales by retailers of both malt beverages — beer and other malt liquor based drinks — and wine on Sundays from 12:30 a.m. until 11:30 p.m.

There is also a bill that will be joining this in the Statesboro election pertaining to sales of malt beverages and wine by the drink in restaurants during the same hours.

This would add a great way for restaurants, retailers and the county to collect needed revenue, but would also be a great victory for small government Republicans like myself. I feel as an of-age, law-abiding citizen, the government should not control when I can and cannot make an economic transaction.

One problem facing the passing of this bill on the local level is that many students, who I feel are the ones who will be a big part in passing it, are not registered to vote in Statesboro, but only in their hometowns.

We spend most of the year in Statesboro; it would be ideal for more students to re-register to vote in Statesboro. As I am registered here, I am excited to help this step toward more personal liberties pass and encourage other students to do so as well.

This opportunity is also a local victory in a trend sweeping the nation of Tea Party-like conservatives getting more involved in the government.

They are making sure that our liberties remain intact, even if it is the liberty to drink a cold one on a Sunday Statesboro afternoon.

Chapin is a political science major from Roswell, Ga.

If we get paid, why can’t Jaybo?

An editor at The George-Anne doesn’t help fill Paulson Stadium every home weekend. He or she doesn’t generate millions of dollars in revenue for the university. He doesn’t bring in reporters from around the state to watch him perform. Yet, he gets something that no student-athlete at Georgia Southern University can get. He gets a check from the university every two weeks.

Now, at this point in time, it’s fair to mention that a player like Jaybo Shaw gets a good bit of money in scholarship from the university. However, according to scholarships.com, 57 percent of students here received state scholarships alone. And every year, a select number of freshmen are selected to receive full-ride scholarships for their duration at GSU.

So, athletes are only a small percentage of all individuals receiving scholarships, and they cannot receive additional payment for their services.

As college football has shown us over the last summer, many college athletes face the temptation of money from boosters and businesses that want their name associated with that athlete. The prospect of cash, as opposed to a scholarship fund that the athlete will never be able to spend on his own free will or even see, is a very alluring offer for any individual.

At this level of competition, many athletes get partial scholarships, which leave costs that are very high for some of the families of our players here. So, surely there must be solutions to the monetary issues facing college athletics today.

One solution is already in place for a certain group of college athletes. Many scholar-athletes, who receive partial scholarships in the state of Georgia, will get HOPE Scholarship or even Zell Miller, which potentially turns a partial scholarship into a full ride. These athletes deserve their full rides because they demonstrate excellence in both phases of student-athlete.

Farmer is a political science and international studies major from Thomasville, Ga.
As the beginning of the fall semester emerges, students will have the opportunity to apply for over 1,000 new jobs at Georgia Southern University.

GSU’s department of Human Resources was encouraged by several factors to create more jobs for students on campus.

“Some of it came from [Brooks Keel’s] cabinet; a lot of it happened when we heard about the HOPE Scholarship being changed a little,” said Paul Michaud, chief human resources officer.

Many of the new job positions have yet to be filled.

“Right now, we’re sitting at about 1,700 active employees on our students’ side, and by the time we get through our fall recruitment period, we expect to be anywhere between 2,300 and 2,400 positions,” said Demetrius Bynes, assistant director of employment services.

The job openings will exist in a number of departments and locations across campus. Some of the large departments are campus recreations and intramurals, university housing and eagle dining services.

The small department openings are in the financial aid office, the registrar’s office, and the department of human resources. Henderson Library and labs on campus will also serve as locations for the new jobs.

GSU students said that the new positions created are great and would be very helpful for them financially.

“It seems like a lot of people are struggling with money and things like that, and it would be a great opportunity for them to earn extra money or even money to take care of what they need to for school,” said Ketonnia Appling, a sophomore justice studies major.

“Some students say, ‘If I can’t get the full HOPE, then I’m going to find a job or I won’t even be able to come to the university,’” said Michaud.

GSU officials believe that the creation of these new positions do much more than aid the students financially. They believe that the students gain so much more working on campus.

This idea stems from a Board of Regents initiative called RPG — retention, progression and graduation.

“GSU believes in student employment, that if students find jobs, on campus in particular, that they will be more successful because they will be able to interact with working professionals who are not just concerned about them getting their job done, but to make sure they are progressing towards graduation,” said Bynes.

One reason students said they prefer on-campus employment is because of flexibility.

“One on-campus jobs are more understanding of you being a college student in school and they will work with your hours rather than an off-campus job that will want you to work when they need you to work,” said Ayanna Beyah, a freshman public relations major.

“Your main goal is getting your degree and how we can help out with that is working around your schedule,” said Michaud. “The nice thing about student employment is that most jobs are in the eight to five parameter, but we work around your schedule.”
GSU convocation ‘investing in future’

By KEN COYLER
George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University faculty and staff held an event at The Performing Arts Center last week to talk about the upcoming year.

Chair of GSU staff council Dorsey Baldwin said, “As an institution of higher education, our purpose is to invest in the future of Georgia Southern students.”

As students return to the campus, their voice of student representation, also known as the Student Government Association, shares their take on the upcoming year at GSU.

“I must say that I could not ask to be at GSU at a better time than the present. A time when we are pursuing greatness in the face of economic struggles, a time when we plan to explore a research agenda with nationally known and highly qualified faculty,” he said.

“It is a time when we continue to create an atmosphere that is extremely welcoming to students and families alike,” said President of SGA Alton Standifer.

BUILD makes student connections

By JESSIE REESE
George-Anne staff

Building Undergraduate Involvement and Leadership Development is a week long program that submerges incoming freshmen into Georgia Southern University and Statesboro’s culture by serving the community with their peers.

Jodi Middleton, assistant director of student affairs, said, “We promote BUILD during SOAR. The students can sign up for it. We accept 80 new students and the cost is $130.”

Todd Deal, director of student leadership, said, “There is no application process for the new students, but we look for people who are interested in leadership.”

“The program is one week long, but we do it twice. The first week is the last week in July, and there are 40 new students and five leaders. Then we do clean up and have the next week, the first week in August, and we have a new set of 40 students and five new leaders,” said Deal.

According to a press release, “The 80 students who were selected [constructed] a Habitat for Humanity house, [repaired] work at the Kiwanis fairgrounds in Bulloch County, and [helped] with a number of home repair projects through the Kingdom Builders organization.”

Deal said, “At the Kiwanis Fairgrounds, we helped with building repairs. We helped Habitat with a new home, doing things like sheetrock and siding. We worked with Kingdom Builders to make a handicap ramp for a women who couldn’t get out of her house, and we painted at the Concerted Services office.”

Middleton said, “The students get to see their work in action. We helped with the Kiwanis Fairgrounds, and when the fair comes to town, they can show their friends, ‘look I helped paint that building.”

BUILD involvement is only open to freshmen.

Middleton said, “We believe leadership begins with service. This program is something to help high school seniors make the transition into college freshmen. The students live in residence halls and not only get to know the campus, but also get familiar with the Statesboro community.”

“BUILD is important for incoming freshmen because they can connect with their peers and get to meet people in the same place as they are. It is an instant support network,” said Middleton.

The students who participate live on campus in Kennedy during BUILD.

During the day, they work with the community, and at night, participate in leadership activities. Living on campus and working with current students gives the new students a chance to get used to college life before they have to worry about classes and school activities.

Middleton said, “BUILD inspires these new students to be leaders and positive members in the GSU community.”

Deal said, “The students live in Kennedy and participate in small groups of eight led by the BUILD leaders. They have reflection times with the leaders and have fun events like movies, student activities, RAC swim night, and they even go to the Clubhouse to play laser tag and things like that.”

BUILD leaders are chosen through an application process.

Middleton said, “They apply through the student employment center in February and are normally selected after spring break. There are also group interviews and individual interviews. Normally about 30 students apply and we select 10. Five for each week.”

BUILD started six years ago. It began by helping out Habitat for Humanity by building playhouses that they would auction off.

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shared six consecutive SoCon championships. The team returns do-everything quarterback DeAndre Presley, who threw for over 2,000 yards and rushed for over 1,100 last season, as well as running back Travaris Cadet — 130.3 ypg.

The GSU Eagles capture the second-runner up spot, returning 23 starters from a semi-final team. The team returns quarterback Jaybo Shaw, who accounted for 21 touchdowns last fall, and All-American Brent Russell, who recorded 18.5 tackles for loss and eight sacks.

The all-time record holder in FCS championships looks to end an 11-year championship drought and has a great chance to do so under second-year coach Jeff Monken.

William and Mary earned the fourth slot in the preseason rankings due to a successful 2010 season when the team won eight games and earned a first-round bye for the NCAA playoffs.

The team returns 14 starters, led by Jonathan Grimes — 135 ypg and eight touchdowns last season.

However, none of the quarterbacks on roster have more than three career starts, so inexperience could play a factor.

The Eagles’ semi-final opponent last season, Delaware, returns nine starters and is ranked fifth.

The Blue Hens look to build off of a successful 2010 campaign that saw them come within two quarters of a national title.

However, with the large number of starters that need to be replaced, including All-American Pat Devlin, any repeat appearances in the finals are going to be a tough challenge.
Camp Lawton's location was lost until a team of students working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of the Interior began searching for the ruins using ground-penetrating radar.

"When we originally announced our discovery of artifacts last year, we knew we had found items that would unlock many of the secrets of life in the prison camp," said Moore. "But, we cannot help but be amazed at what we continue to find at the site."

Several new items were excavated from the Civil War’s largest prisoner camp, such as a badge from a hat from the third division and a ring with the third division’s emblem.

Many of the new additions were archival and historical documents. Most notably, a lost letter was recovered that was written about eight days before the closing of Camp Lawton.

“A letter written Nov. 14, 1864 by a young corporal in a cavalry unit from Connecticut named Charles H. Knox,” said Tharp. “At this point in time, it is the only surviving letter written from Camp Lawton.”

The letter survived over 150 years after travelling through Confederate lines all the way to New York to the recipient, the corporal’s wife. The letter is now part of the permanent collection close to where it started.

The exhibit of all the recovered artifacts are displayed in the GSU Museum and the new additions will be unveiled in October.
What’s new since spring semester around GSU

Check out what else is new on The G-A’s website, www.thegeorgeanne.com

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Above: Georgia Southern University broke the 20,000 student mark this fall semester.

Below: The Williams Center renovation was completed this summer. The new building contains big screen TVs and more.

Above: GSU President Brooks Keel, Gov. Nathan Deal and other officials broke ground on the new Biology Building during the summer. The building will be located across Plant Drive from the Education Building.

Above: File photo

Below: File photo

Check out what else is new on The G-A’s website, www.thegeorgeanne.com
Eagles complete operation move-in

By ARIA GABOL
George-Anne staff

Due to an increase of students, Georgia Southern University was unable to house all incoming freshmen on campus.

Campus Club apartments was asked to reserve housing for the overflow by GSU.

Peter Quinlan, who handles all the leasing information for Campus Club said, “This year, we have had to house a few freshmen due to housing running out of dorms, and since freshmen are required to live on campus, the university asked us to reserve a few rooms just in case they ran out.”

Parent Tonya King said, “My daughter Jessica is a transfer student and therefore lives off campus, but I would have liked her to have lived on campus, but all the dorms were full. Enjoying and having that ‘on-campus’ experience is important. The university should definitely create more housing for transfer students.”

Also, senior recreation major Courtney Jones, who is also a transfer student, said, “I am very excited for this year.”

Jones’s aunt Gwen Fordham said, “I am very impressed with GSU. I just want Courtney to be happy and learn a lot and grow at the same time.”

Most upperclassmen live off campus and can move in early to avoid the traffic caused by incoming freshmen.

Senior and English major Jonathon Muse said, “I was smart about the move in process. I decided to get to town early in order to avoid the commotion. I would suggest the university have different move in dates for different dorms, maybe then campus wouldn’t be so flooded.”

However, parents of incoming students were impressed with the organization of move in day.

Parent Wallace Wiggins, whose son moved in to the dorms this past weekend, said, “Everything was very organized and I hope he enjoys the college environment.”

Freshman and construction management major Matt Wiggins said, “I always want to succeed and GSU did well with move-in process. There were rarely any long lines.”

Already having a child here at GSU, parents Sheri and Ron Ritsck have been through the process before.

Sheri Ritsck said, “The whole move in went fabulously. We were the first ones to arrive at Centennial and we were welcomed by clapping and cheering from the volunteers. Also, the organization from the RAC flowed well. It was very organized.”

Ron Ritsck said, “We have never had any issues with GSU, they are very good at following up on information and altogether are very accommodating.”

Along with the increase of incoming freshmen, Operation Move-In volunteers more than doubled this year.

Coordinator of Resident Housing Julia Tipton said, “My job is to recruit and assign jobs for the volunteers. This year, we recruited through our online registration, OrgSync, more than 700 volunteers.”

Being a GSU Alumna, Tipton said, “Overall I most look forward to getting all the students in and settled. I remember when I was a student here and what an exciting time it was.”

Juniors and biology majors Derrick Mayers and Geoffrey Pittman said they volunteer to help set the bar for new students.

Mayers and Pittman said, “Helping out fellow GSU students is important and it is good to have eagle pride and set the standards of excellence for years to come.”

By ARIA GABOL
George-Anne staff
Hurricane Irene predicted to hit East Coast Thursday

By JESSIE REECE
George-Anne staff

Hurricane Irene is predicted to hit the East Coast, including Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas by the end of the week.

The storm began in Puerto Rico and was expected to pass the south, but instead, changed course and headed north for the U.S.

Hurricane Irene’s current forecast is that it will hit Florida later in the week and then the coast of Georgia by the weekend.

The most likely track will take the storm past Georgia and near Charleston, S.C.

If the storm hits Georgia this weekend, it is predicted to be a category three storm with winds at speeds of 115 mph or faster.

The last storm of this intensity was in 1898 and was the most deadly storm in U.S. history, killing 179 people.

According to ready.gov, a category three hurricane has winds from 111-130 mph.

During a storm of this strength extensive damage will occur, causing harm to homes and trees to uproot and blocked roads.

If the area goes under a hurricane watch, this means a hurricane is possible.

A hurricane warning means one is expected. If students are asked to evacuate, they must do so immediately.

If evacuation is necessary, Contra-flow will be enforced on major highways.

According to Armstrong.edu, the “I-16 Contra-flow is: During a hurricane evacuation, all four lanes of I-16 are turned into westbound-only lanes until west of Dublin.”

Students should be advised that weather is unpredictable and to be prepared for anything in regard to the route Hurricane Irene will take.

Students can check http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/hurricane for hurricane information and to find out if classes are still ongoing.
Eagle entertainment gets geared up for fall

By QUANIQUA EPPS
George-Anne staff

Excitement, cheer, enjoyment and an all around good time are just a few things that Georgia Southern University students can expect as Eagle Entertainment opens up the new school year with a bang.

Eagle Entertainment, which is the student organization that is responsible for many of the entertainment events on campus, already has 120 events lined up on its calendar for this school year.

"Everyone is involved with the events. A lot of the ideas come from the students and we facilitate the process and turn their ideas into reality," said Sriravong Sriratankoul, who served as the advisor for Eagle Entertainment for the past five years.

In an effort to reach more students and improve the organization, Eagle Entertainment partnered up with several other groups on campus, such as 91.9 The Buzz, The Recreation Activity Center, The Resident Hall Association and Campus Recreation Intramurals.

"In our own growth and development, we really want to reach out and help other groups make their organizations better as well," said Sriratankoul.

While the sole purpose of Eagle Entertainment may be to provide students at GSU with memorable moments, the organization has other goals as well.

"One of the goals for Eagle Entertainment is to reach the entire campus as a whole and do different events to reach different people," said senior marketing major Cesar Rodriguez who is also the president of the organization.

In the fall semester, Eagle Entertainment kicked off welcome week with a showing of "Thor" on Sweetheart Circle that, like all Eagle Entertainment events, is free to students with their student identification card.

A variety of events throughout the year are meant to give students a chance to experience a variety of programs and events that help bring students together.

Sailesh, the hypnotist, will perform on Monday, casino night on Tuesday, comedy night on Wednesday with popular comedian Roy Wood Jr., midnight bowling on Thursday, movie night on Friday and a dive-in movie night on Saturday will make the first week back a memorable one for students.

The events offer a prime opportunity for students to meet and engage in free extracurricular activities.

Other events going on this semester include GSU unplugged, road trip to Tuscaloosa, Ala. for the GSU vs. University of Alabama game, pumpkin carving, the cooking series, the finals feast and the winter trip to New York City, just to name a few.

The organization also aims to improve its events with the help of student interaction. The group has a Facebook profile at www.facebook.com/eagleentertainment, and creates pages for events to connect better with students.

"We are always looking for feedback to help us improve, so we just launched our new website, egleentertainment.org," said Sriratankoul.

Although Eagle Entertainment has 30 returning students on its roster and five executive board members, there will be an additional 10 spots for individuals looking to become a part of the organization.

To become a member of Eagle Entertainment, there is an application online on its website, and once the application is submitted, there is a review process in which the organization selects the best candidates to fill the spots.

"Eagle Entertainment promotes the learning process outside the classroom. We want our students to learn things such as programming and marketing. Long term, it's how you apply what you learn inside the classroom to outside endeavors," said Sriratankoul.

Check out upcoming events online through Eagle Entertainment's website or in the George-Anne's Weekly Buzz. All events are completely free to students and provide a break from the monotony of classes.
‘Boro supporters buy local at farmer’s market

By SAMARIA VINCENT

On every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., there will be a place for Georgia Southern University students and the surrounding community to see what produce and local items farmers and vendors have to offer.

The Statesboro’s Mainstreet Farmers’ Market is a community oriented event that occurs every Saturday morning in downtown Statesboro.

The Mainstreet Farmers’ Market offers the freshest and best quality provided by local farmers and vendors like Sugar Magnolia Bakery, Ogeechee River Coffee Co., Old South Produce, Strickland Farms and many more.

Opportunities to network and meet people from different parts of the Statesboro area can expose students to the diverse cultures that are present in the community.

“Saturday is six surrounding counties around Statesboro and individuals from all over come and share,” said Debra Chester, director of the Mainstreet Farmers Market.

“I got blueberry jam and it was really good,” said Molly Stough, a sophomore, nutrition and food science major.

Shelby Marzen, a sophomore parks and recreation major bought some strawberries and she said, “They were delicious.”

The Mainstreet Farmers’ Market provides healthy food options.

“There were baked goods, produce, jams and cheddar,” said Marzen.

However, The Mainstreet Farmers’ Market is not just a place to get good produce.

“When we went to the Farmers’ Market, we saw different local officials for the upcoming election and heard them speak,” said Marzen.

It is an event that brings the Statesboro community together.

It is not just limited to officials. There are a lot of events for everyone, and each Saturday there is a different theme.

The Mainstreet Farmers’ Market offers crafts, entertainment and how-to seminars that students might find useful.

Every Saturday has a different theme that brings the vendors together, such as this upcoming Saturday’s theme, Statesboro High School Day.

It will feature Martin Waters, the honorary Market manager, culinary expertise from Cindy Hart, civics lessons from the leader of Club Pride, Melissa Anderson.

Different entertainment from Eddie Frazier, director of Drama and Joe Ferguson, director of band and ensemble, along with the SHS newspaper will keep patrons to the market entertained.

Additional Farmers’ Market events include Regional Art Association Plein Air Artist, a quilt exhibit, pottery from the GSU art department, Free Spirit Pottery and a China painting exhibit.

Themes for the semester include Peanut Day, Food Matters...Natural and Chemical Free, Coastal Organic Exhibit, Harvest Day. There are also events that might be valuable to students who are trying to stretch every dollar.

The GSU Sustainability Fair and Food Fest, Sallie Day at the Market, Pecan Days, and the Fourth Annual Shopping by the Lantern Light night are fun and inventive ways to learn about the community and how to support local businesses.

The Mainstreet Farmers’ Market is run by volunteers from the Statesboro community that find value in supporting the local economy in order to help it grow.

Chester said, “There are many different ways to volunteer and we are always looking for new people to get involved.”

Students can get involved by contacting Chester directly or by getting involved at the Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement.

The Mainstreet Farmers’ Market is held in downtown Statesboro in Sea Island Bank’s parking lot on 2 E. Main St.

Parking is free and there is no admission for the market. Walk on up to one of the many vendors who are more than willing to discuss their selection of goods or the southern heat.

For information, visit the market online at www.mainstreetfarmersmarket.com.

Murder mystery follows GSU retiree’s book signing

By QUANIOQUA EPPS

Murder and mayhem took over Statesboro’s Holiday Inn this Saturday as “Big Daddy” Sugarbaker tried to find the family member that wouldn’t betray his trust and should inherit his millions.

Statesboro residents sat down to a dinner with undercover cast members who were murdered from the first course to the last. All night clues were discovered and the audience was held captive as a murder mystery called “Next of Kin” played out.

The whole evening highlighted a book signing by Donald Thompson, a retired Georgia Southern staff member.

Thompson, former Professor Emeritus and Head Emeritus, Department of Marketing, has retired completely but chooses to pursue his love of creative writing. His works are crime fiction with a main male character that appears in the three books he has already written.

“Mr. Thompson is following through with his interest in creative writing with three novels in the Charley Adams series. Charley’s Cruise is the first one to be published, with Charley’s War and Charley’s Tenure complete and to be spaced out following,” according to Stephanie Childs, coordinator of the mystery night and Assistant Program Development Specialist of the Continuing Education Department, who wrote a blog about the night and hosted the event.

Thompson was on site signing and selling copies of his book to participants in the murder mystery night as they waited for dinner to be served. Characters blended in and conversations were started among groups as they filtered into the ballroom for dinner. Two meal options were presented to guests that paid the $35 registration fee.

Characters that are based on a southern family uncover secrets as “Big Daddy’s” interpretive dancer wife and his two entitled sons, at least they believe they are, battle over who has rights to daddy’s millions. Throw in a neurotic ex-wife and his drunkard sister into the mix, and drama was bound to happen.

Murder Mystery Nights may become a regular addition to the Continuing Education Department’s schedule and information on their programs can be found online at http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/about.
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**First Aid for Your Future**

By: Amy Wilkins-Smith

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During your time at Georgia Southern University, everyone should participate in job-shadowing, an internship or a co-op. All three experiences give you exposure to your chosen profession before you graduate. For those who are looking for relevant experience opportunities, Career Services has an online system called Eagle Career Net.

Throughout fall and spring semesters Career Services hosts an array of events that includes on-campus interviews and career fairs. These events give students the opportunity to network with employers not only in the surrounding area but from other areas of the country. Nothing to wear to such event, no problem. Career Services has a Suited for Success Program.

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Eagles finish exhibitions untouched

Freshman striker and mechanical engineering major David Vargas Masis led the Georgia Southern University men's soccer team in a shut out Sunday against Lander University, scoring two goals.

The Eagles finished out the game with a 3-0 victory.

In the first five minutes of the game, Masis scored the first goal off of a corner kick. Shortly after, there was a 30-minute lightning delay.

When the team got back on the field, a well-rested Masis followed up with yet another goal.

The final goal was made in the first half by freshman striker Witt Carlisle. Lander fought back fiercely in the second half, but the Eagles did not let up against the Bearcats.

Coach Kevin Kennedy said he was very proud of the team's performance in the exhibition games.

"I thought we were exceptional the first half, scoring three goals," Kennedy said. "We played very well, creating some chances. We needed to be a little bit cleaner in the attacking. I think in the second half, Lander really pressured us and made things difficult for us, so we certainly need to work on that."

Kennedy believes that the team showed great character by making the three goals and not letting Lander pick up. However, he said that there are still some areas where the team needs to make improvements.

"We certainly were sloppy possessing the ball and passing," Kennedy said. "We've got to improve on that. We have to be better attacking and finishing our chances out."

This exhibition game was the last time the team will play before its first game of the season on Aug. 27, and the players seem well prepared with two back-to-back shut out games.

Kennedy said, "These two exhibition games have given an idea for the guys that combine well together, and where we can play some of these guys. It's good to have the exhibitions to help answer some of these questions."

The summer training has been greatly beneficial to help bring the team to this point.

"The guys have an eight-week program of lifting and running that they follow leading up to camp," he said. "Apart from that, we just try to have as many as possible stay in Statesboro to take summer classes and train together. I think we had 10 guys here in B term. That's great for them to have an opportunity to work together through July," said Kennedy.

Masis, the top scorer of the game, attended GSU for the past two weeks, and completed fitness running and working out in the gym during that time. He became a part of the team while completing these workouts.

"The team is very much a unit. We prepare a lot. Everyone has a great team mentality. We are preparing the best we can for the season. The team gives me a lot of confidence. I think that I play good. I can score a lot more goals," he said.

Masis has high hopes for the upcoming season.

"I think we will be able to win conference and be in the national championship. I think we could try and get the national championship."

Men's Soccer

By ERIN DENMARK
Geoge-Anne staff

What's going on in GSU sports

- Men's football was dealt a loss with offensive lineman Josh Petkovich and linebacker Michael Spaulding, both suffering season-ending injuries.
- Volleyball opens the season by hosting the Spring Hill Suites Invitational this weekend. They will play Stephen F. Austin, South Dakota State, Jacksonville and Montana State.
- Women's soccer kicks off its home schedule with a match on Aug. 25 against the Mercer Bears.
- SoCon football placed three teams in the preseason top 10; App. State is second, GSU is third and Wofford is eighth.
- Thomas Sharkey, the late member of GSU golf team, will be honored with a memorial service Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 6:30 p.m. at Bishop Field House at Paulson Stadium.
- Women's soccer suffered a 3-1 loss to Winthrop University in its season opener. Alex Murphy scored the lone goal for the Eagles.
- Football tickets for Samford game are now on sale and are available for purchase at Georgia Southern Athletic Ticket Office and online at GeorgiaSouthernEagles.com/tickets.
Over the last decade, college football saw a rise in offensive star power. In the midst of the Tim Tebows, Matthew Staffords and Cam Newtons that dominated the spotlight, defensive stars became somewhat of a hidden gem.

That gem is shining brightly at Georgia Southern University, and it radiates its light in the form of junior defensive tackle Brent Russell. GSU’s six-foot-two-inch lineman has been a reflection of Eagle pride since his career began in 2007. However, it was long before then that Russell knew football would play a pivotal role in his life.

Russell grew up in the small town of Comer, Ga. As a child, he discovered his passion for football, as well as an appreciation for many other athletic and outdoor activities. As he got older, sports became a more significant part of his life.

“When I got to high school, I got into wrestling, track, and everything else most football players do,” he said.

With the exception of Ray Lewis, Russell did not have too many pro idols growing up. However, living right outside of Athens, Ga., he grew up a Georgia fan, admiring the defensive genius known as Erk Russell.

“Coach Erk Russell, I used to love to watch his whole defense. The way they were hungry, the way they swarm to the ball, and the way they got after it,” he said.

It was this love for the defensive side of the ball that boosted Russell to his leadership position. Following an incredible senior year at Madison County High School, which included 85 tackles, Russell earned a starting position his freshman year at GSU after an impressive fall camp. However, after a knee injury in his first game against Georgia, Russell missed the rest of the season.

Since then, he fought back and has been a huge force on the Eagle defense. Last season, Russell recorded 71 tackles and was named to the Associated Press All-American first team.

As a result of his leadership role, GSU ranked among the nation’s leaders in scoring defense, pass defense and total defense.

While all of this may seem overwhelming to some, Russell approaches it with a sense of humility.

“I’m just one of the pieces on the defense,” he said. “I do try to bring a certain level of intensity to the team, but sometimes I have to get them going and sometimes they have to get me going. So, I’m just a piece of the puzzle.”

As coaches and fans have seen, Russell is one of the premier pieces to the Eagle puzzle. And although many analysts may predict a future NFL star in the making, for now, Russell has more down-to-earth plans for the education he received while playing for GSU that will incorporate his general studies degree and business minor.

“My dad owns a trucking company, so I plan to help him run that and eventually take it over and expand it a little bit,” he said.

While some fans would rather see this star of college football take his chances at pro ball and play in the NFL, they cannot deny that it is this kind of humility and selflessness that propelled Russell to the top of his defensive throne.

**CAREER STATISTICS**

- **130 tackles**
- **29.5 tackles for loss**
- **14 QB sacks**
- **3 kicks blocked**

Junior defensive tackle Brent Russell has been practicing over the summer in preparation for the upcoming football season.
As training camp came to a close, the football staff searched the campus for potential players yesterday during the walk-on tryouts held at the practice fields.

Although there is no dire need for players on the field, Coach Jeff Monken was excited about the potential athletes that could become part of the team.

“We don't necessarily have a need in any one, particular position,” Monken said. “But it's just an opportunity for any students that are here on campus to come out so we can see what kind of athletes they are.”

Monken said that walk-on players could develop into key parts of the team.

“Several of the guys on our team were tryout guys that are now playing,” Monken said. “Some have even gone all the way up to where they win scholarships, so I'm looking forward to it.”

Monken said that they are only given a certain amount of scholarships, so walk on players are essential in finding other sources of productivity.

“We are only permitted 63 scholarships and we can divide those scholarships up any way we want to, but only 85 players can be on any type of a scholarship,” Monken said.

“We have 125 guys on our roster, so a lot of our players aren't on scholarship, so the walk on guys are extremely important to us,” Monken said.

Monken said that when the school has given out all the football scholarships it can, there are still several vital players who may not receive money. There is a great need for walk on players to complete the roster.

Monken said these players would be a key to revamp the chemistry that led to last season’s success.

“This is a new season and this is a new team,” Monken said. “It's developing its own personality, and we have the same expectations that we did last year.”

Monken said, “We're going to try to represent this great school in a first-class manner with the pride, humility and toughness people see us play with.”
Intramural Schedule

Wed, Aug 24 - Registration closes for Pre season Flag Football, Dodgeball.
Fri, Aug 26 - Pre season Flag Football starts.
Mon, Aug 29 - Pre season Flag Football ends, Dodgeball starts, registration opens for Flag Football.
Tue, Aug 30 - Registration closes for fall Softball, Ultimate Frisbee.
Mon, Sept 12 - Registration opens for Table Tennis, Cornhole.
Tue, Sept 13 - Registration closes for Flag Football.
Thur, Sept 15 - Flag Football Scrimages.
Sun, Sept 18 - Flag Football Scrimages.
Mon, Sept 19 - Flag Football begins.
Thur, Sept 22 - Mini Golf Night.
Mon, Sept 26 - Registration opens for Indoor Soccer
Tue, Sept 27 - Registration closes for Table Tennis, Cornhole.

What’s going on with CRI?

Group Fitness Classes

Lead a healthy lifestyle by attending CRI Group Fitness Classes at the RAC! Starting on the first day of school, students have a variety of Group Fitness Classes to choose from that are held throughout each day of the week.

Many classes will be returning this semester along with some new and revamped classes. A Georgia Southern favorite, Zumba has been renamed as Cardio Dance. Stepilicious is a new step aerobics class that integrates dance. Flirty Girl Fitness, a class added during the summer, will be returning to the fall as a non-stop cardio dance class that is designed to help empower women. Students can Spin To Win in a new instructional spinning class that focuses on the technical aspects of competitive spinning. Students can attend any class that interests them while conveniently fitting group fitness into their daily schedule. Turn off that TV and have some fun with CRI’s Group Fitness Classes!

Southern Adventure Trips

Enjoy the outdoors or do something new! Students can start registering for Southern Adventure Trips on the first day of school at the Southern Adventures Office at the RAC.

Southern Adventures offers affordable trips to any students regardless of experience. There are a variety of trips ranging from kayaking to backpacking. The first trip is a Tybee Island Day Trip on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011 Trip slots fill up quick, so first come first serve!

Intramural Deadlines

Hurry! The first fall intramurals deadline is approaching. Students can sign up for Dodgeball or register their flag football team for the Pre-Season Flag Football tournament until Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011. To register, go online to georgiasouthern.edu/cri.

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