Sea kayaking for the soul

Faith CARTER • guest writer

Last Saturday, I left behind all thoughts of homework and stress and spent the day at Tybee. It was hours of the warm sun on my face, salt spray in the air and paddling along the ocean — in a kayak. I, along with eight other GSU students, hopped on a van with two members of the Campus Recreation and Intramurals staff for one of the many adventurous trips Southern Adventures offers each semester.

The day started off with all of us gathering at the RAC and introducing ourselves before loading up the van and gearing up for the road trip. The drive provided me with the opportunity to get to know my fellow adventurers. Our guides, Mike Whitehair and Jenn Velie, conversed with us on the ride as well, encouraging socialization among the group with games and stories.

We reached our destination at Tybee and started unpacking the kayaks. We helped Mike and Jenn take them off the rack and place them near the water, and then put on our skirts life jackets for our safety brief. After a lesson on how to use the paddles and experiencing what to do if our kayaks were to tip over, we climbed into our own individual kayak and cast off from the shoreline.

I had gone with Southern Adventures on a kayaking weekend trip the year before, and noticed I was much better at handling the boat than my first experience out on the water. After a few minutes of practice I was gliding along at a decent pace. That is, at least until the wind picked up. The weather turned rain-worthy, and all of us...
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Some universities to ask queer questions on college applications

Ayana MORRE guest writer

The common application is now considering adding questions regarding students' gender identity as well as sexual orientation, according to the Higher Education website's article "Asking More Than Male or Female."

Not only will the form contain the choices straight, gay, lesbian and bisexual but instead of simply asking whether an applicant is male or female, its new question will include a transgender option or "another identity" that could be listed.

With more students coming out during high school, some colleges are strongly advocating the implementation of the questions, considering there is not even a voluntary section on the application for students to express their sexual orientation.

According to the director of admissions, Sarah Smith, Georgia Southern is not using this application. Though, the fact remains that this is a big step in the recognition and outreach to the LGBT community. Whether the new questions will be beneficial or disadvantageous to students filling out the revised form is still up for debate.

"Honestly, I’m kind of indifferent about the situation," said Jeffrey Thorpe, president of GSU’s Gay Straight Alliance. "On some levels it is a breakthrough because the [Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender] community is getting recognition."

By adding these questions, colleges are hoping to have an easier way of recruiting more gay, lesbian and bisexual students to their campuses and to improve student services.

"If it's a requirement, then I see how it could be a setback because a lot of people aren't out yet," said Thorpe. "Especially if it goes on record and parents have access to the information."

Sophomore pre-nursing major Maria Lindsey said she is against the new college application.

"I think that sexual orientation is none of the school's business," she said. "I don't think that something schools should be looking at on an application."

Public relations major Yasmine Horton said there are benefits of the applications asking for sexual preference.

"I could see them needing the information for rooming and boarding because you have to live with someone else and they have to accommodate your lifestyle," said Horton.

"The LGBT community is growing. It's becoming more visible and colleges and universities are recognizing that. I think it's beneficial for them to show more diversity on campus. It makes colleges look more unique and accepting."

Jeffrey Thorpe GSA president

However, she also added that there is a downside.

"But law suits could come about. Someone might not get into a school and they'll think, 'Oh, it's because I'm bisexual.' Who's to say that the people handling the application won't be biased?"

Thorpe said that the outbreak of these new applications will make colleges and universities look more accepting.

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Our View

Isn't Katrina that girl from Louisiana?

August 23 just seemed to pass right by with only a few of us recognizing the day and the reason it became infamously etched into our history.

Can you even recall what you were doing that day? How many of us even remember what happened that day, and instead have forgotten what tragedies befell so many people here on American soil?

We as individuals have an unfortunate complex where we are so intertwined within our own personal world that we forget the important events of our history that sculpted the life in which we are so captivated.

Hurricane Katrina, which formed Aug. 23, 2005 and dissipated seven days later after leaving a devastating path of destruction, is one of these historical events. Katrina left thousands of families with no home, a city in need of complete cosmetic and structural reconstruction and numerous sympathetic hearts reaching out to help.

But wait, it’s too late now to try to show that you are paying your respects to those lives altered by the aftermath.

So instead, guess what is right around the corner? Here’s a hint: It’s more than Labor Day and that wonderful three-day weekend. Actually, it’s the anniversary of one of the most tragic days in U.S. history: 9/11.

Even though you might have been a bit too young to understand, or you don’t personally know one single person that may have been affected by the attack on the towers, 11 days from today, give that little extra effort to let either your fellow student, friend or teacher know that you remember.

George Santayana appropriately said, “Those who do not remember the past are condemned to reapeat it.”

So remember and honor our past and the events that have changed our lives throughout our country’s history.

In the world of modern marketing there are two campaigns that stand above the rest. Old Spice and Dos Equis have launched two genius marketing campaigns, catapulting their franchises into household names.

Isaiah Mustafa, Old Spice’s “man your man could smell like,” and Jonathan Goldsmith, Dos Equis’ “Most Interesting Man in the World,” are the men of the campaigns that conquer male marketing.

While the writers, directors and advertising agents of the commercials created the two men, actors Mustafa and Goldsmith brought the over-the-top, manly characters to life. The cheesy bits have made the two men well known while simultaneously fueling of their respective franchises.

The Old Spice spokesman is the man who was on a boat, then a horse, while wearing a mustache, or not — but probably so — and all the while smelling the way a man should smell. And the only way to accomplish that smell is by using Old Spice body wash instead of lady-scented body washes.

Initially when the commercial aired via YouTube, it received 2.9 million hits. The performance came from a voicemail Mustafa left for a friend the day before his first shoot. His succession of manly phrases and factual facial expressions hits a selective nerve that every marketing agency in America whispers they could find.

Likewise, The Most Interesting Man in the World is another man’s man. Reportedly, he is the only man to ever pass a Rorschach test, his blood smells like cologne, and while he doesn’t always drink beer, he prefers Dos Equis. A low-talking, cigar smoking, sophisticated man who can do anything speaks to the viewer only once and advises them on what he would drink. Dissing out man law, the Most Interesting Man in the World has a persona that men want and women cherish.

Goldsmith was born in New York City, now lives on a 47-foot boat, had a long yet violent TV career and created his own multimillion dollar marketing company. While the man behind the character doesn’t quite carry the bravado his Dos Equis persona bears, he has amounted quite an interesting career. The classic one-liners in the Most Interesting Man’s advertisement consist of phrases such as, “He can speak French, in Russian,” and “He once had an awkward moment, just to see how it feels.”

So, while the Most Interesting Man in the World’s beard has experienced more than most men’s entire body, and the Old Spice Guy can bake a women a cake in the kitchen he built with his own hands, the question remains — who is the better man?

Both men approach their target audience, men, with classic male stereotypes, but rather than taking a Neandertal-like approach, the two men assume debonair qualities that resonate with audiences.

However, over the battle of who’s the most manly, it comes down to a single Internet video. Although the Most Interesting Man alive is, well, the most interesting man alive, the Old Spice Guy carries a single trump card in his non-existent sleeve. On July 14, 2010 at the request of a fan named Johannes S. Beals, the Old Spice Guy proposed to Angela A. Hutt-Chamberlin.

Within seconds the resounding response, via Tweet, was, "SHE SAID YES!!!"

Ultimately both parties get an interesting series of overly dramatic commercials to make audiences laugh and the two franchises accomplish the marketing goal: selling their product.
Celebrity media craze

Paris Hilton is in the limelight again for her most recent arrest for cocaine. The reason I noticed it isn't because I actually care about Paris Hilton's indiscretions, but rather because it was on all of the news sites that I visited.

Now, to some extent we are all guilty of putting the lives of famous people before important issues. This coming weekend I’ll be spending four days in various Atlanta hotels at Dragon*con, most of which will be devoted to my favorite author.

But the media itself has become obsessed with the lives celebrities more famous for their infamy than any work they have produced. Paris, for example, didn’t become famous for a song or any acting talent; she became famous for being an heiress with a track record of misbehavior.

Now, these celebrity troubles have a place in pop culture and in proper venues. Some people enjoy reading about celebrity gossip in magazines such as People and Us Weekly. And most of us, even if we don’t actively seek it, enjoy the laugh and brief break from reality that caricatures of these incidents provide.

But everything has its place, and our culture’s obsession with these incidents causes them to leave their place and move into mainstream news. That again isn’t to say that there isn’t room for serious discussion of the latest starlet-gone-bad, but when the news cares more about Lindsay Lohan’s trials than the BP oil spill, it becomes a bit troubling.

The news outlets are at least partly to blame – they choose to put the stories on the air. But as with most everything in this country, we are to blame for allowing them to do so. News media is capitalist and thus is the consumer’s choice to keep watching the news. The internet in particular gives us more control than anything, since we can skip past the headlines we don’t care about.

So if you feel like paying attention to the latest scandal, go ahead. But as a school, a state, a country and a culture, we need to put those stories in their proper place and get back to focusing on what’s really important.

Liquor regulations lead to dilemma: Governing morality?

As many Georgia Southern students know, Bulloch County is a dry county. This means students cannot purchase beer or wine in the county, but must travel out of the county to purchase any alcoholic beverage at the nearest package store, properly enough, County Line.

This “no liquor” law and the “no Sunday alcohol sales” law are called a “blue laws.” Named for the blue paper they were originally on, blue laws were written to enforce morality and tend to pop up in states that are predominantly Protestant.

In Georgia, Protestants hold the majority at 70 percent, while Catholics hover around 3 percent. Traditionally, Catholics have not had a doctrinal objection to responsible drinking, while some Protestants seem to forget that the first miracle worked by Jesus was turning water into wine, which is, in fact, an alcoholic beverage.

Protestant Christian women groups were the driving force behind the Temperance Movement and Prohibition, denouncing the “demon drink” that was deying what was considered the associated evils of Romanism and rebellion.

Taking these facts into account, one wonders if perhaps these alcohol laws veer into the area of legislating morality, forcing the moral values of the majority onto a minority that do not share these values.

On a more secular level, the differentiation between beer and wine and “hard” alcohol can present a problematic message. The fact that liquor is forbidden within the county may lead some to conclude that beer is somehow safer to drink than liquor. Anyone who has sat through an alcohol education session knows that there is the same amount of alcohol 12 ounces of beer, 8 ounces of malt liquor, 5 ounces of wine and a 1.5 ounce shot of distilled liquor. These are considered standard drinks.

People will drink the same amount of alcohol regardless of whether it is beer or liquor. Beer, if consumed irresponsibly, can lead to a DUI fatality just as easily as liquor can. A responsible drinker should have no problem with liquor or beer while an irresponsible drinker will have problems with both. The artificial distinction set up by these laws are a fallacy, and a dangerous one at that.

One must remember that, contrary to popular belief, Georgia Southern is not the only thing in Statesboro. There are also businesses, churches and families residing within its city limits. The same goes for the county.

Studies have shown a correlation between the number of liquor stores and the rate of violent crime in one particular area. County officials have more to worry about than just college students looking to party; they have to look out for everyone living and working in the county. If those residents of Statesboro and Bulloch County have elected to represent themselves and decide that it is in the best interests of their constituents to prohibit the sale of liquor, it is their prerogative.

At any rate, there is not much one can do to change this situation. If one feels strongly enough about it, they should contact their legislators to address the issue. One should also register to vote in Bulloch County in case the question is ever put to vote.

Hopefully, the alcohol laws of a state or county are not what primarily motivates one to vote, but if that is what it takes to generate civic engagement among young people, so be it.
POLICE BEAT

Sunday, August 22, 2010
- Officers issued four traffic citations, three traffic control warnings, assisted three motorists, assisted one sick person and responded to two alarms.
- A bicycle was taken from the Russell Union area.
- A cell phone was taken from Centennial Place.
- Daniel Roscoe Presley, 18, Knight Drive, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- Brittany Caroline Bossman, 19, Claxton Dairy Road, Dublin, was charged with DUI, headlight requirements and safety restraint violation.

Monday, August 23, 2010
- Officers issued three traffic citations, five traffic warnings, assisted five motorists, assisted one sick person and responded to one alarm.

Tuesday, August 24, 2010
- Officers issued three traffic citations, four traffic warnings, assisted seven motorists, responded to two alarms and investigated three accidents.
- A glass door was broken at Paulson Stadium.
- A vending machine was broken into at Eagle Village.
- The seat was taken from a bicycle at Eagle Village.
- A computer monitor was taken from the IT Building.
- Spencer John Morrison, 18, Centennial Place, was charged with possession of schedule II drug.
- Ronald G. Payne II, 23, Campus Crossing, was charged with public drunk, public indecency and obstruction of an officer.

Wednesday, August 25, 2010
- Officers issued four traffic citations, seven traffic warnings, assisted five motorists, assisted one sick person, assisted another agency with an accident, responded to two alarms and investigated one accident.
- A wallet was taken from the interior design lab.
- A wallet was taken from the PAC Theater.
- A cell phone was taken from Watson Hall.
- A book bag was taken from the RAC.
- Two textbooks were taken and a radio damaged in a vehicle at the Russell Union parking lot.
- Marcus Elmer Hendrix, 22, Harvest Rd., Metter, was charged with DUI, reckless driving, open container violation and expired tag.
- A student reported their medication missing from their room at Kennedy Hall.
- A student reported they lost their cell phone at Paulson Stadium.
- EMS was called to the Biology Building for a sick person.

Thursday, August 26, 2010
- Officers issued 15 traffic citations, four traffic warnings, assisted seven motorists, responded to two alarms and responded to a large fight near the Landrum Center.

Friday, August 27, 2010
- Officers issued three warnings, two citations, worked one accident, and assisted seven motorists.
- An employee of the Carroll Building reported that someone damaged a satellite dish.
- A student reported their medication missing from their room at Kennedy Hall.
- A student reported they lost their cell phone at Paulson Stadium.
- EMS was called to the Biology Building for a sick person.

Saturday, August 28, 2010
- Officers issued two warnings, two citations, worked one accident, and assisted one motorist.
- Officers on routine patrol noticed a suspicious person around Hanner Fieldhouse. The person was acting strangely and fled from the officers. He was apprehended and charged with obstruction.
- Colvon Pierre Harris, 23, Bulloch Street, Statesboro, Ga., was charged with obstruction of an officer.
- Officers responded to Centennial Place to assist with an intoxicated female. The student was referred to Judicial Affairs.
- EMS was called to the RAC for an injured person.
- A resident of Centennial Place reported a simple battery. He did not wish to file charges. The incident was referred to Judicial Affairs.
- A student reported their book bag and wallet missing from the RAC.
- If you witness a crime, visit http://welcome.georgiasouthern.edu/publicsafety/silentwitness.htm and fill out the anonymous Eagle Eye Witness report.

30 days of ‘LivinGreen’

Students challenged to live, work, play green

Natalie DEMARCKO  
guest writer

Students, faculty and staff members have the opportunity to take part in Georgia Southern’s third biannual LivinGreen 30 Day Challenge offered by the University Wellness Program.

This year, on Sept. 1, participants are provided tips on how to live, work and play green, as well as taught how to incorporate these ideas into their everyday activities through this free event.

The challenge is a 30 day program, from Sept. 1-30. However, participants are offered pledges of 10, 20 or 30 days.

"These dates were chosen because a month is a long enough time period to really challenge one’s daily habits, and allow participants to evaluate how ‘green’ they actually are," said Danielle Cohen, the UWP graduate assistant who assisted with the project. "We understand that 30 days is a long time and quite idealistic, and therefore we provide the opportunity to take a shorter pledge of 10 or 20 days."

By signing up and taking part in updates, attending events and photographing living green activities, all participants have an opportunity for several prizes.

“We actually have had approximately 275 sign ups, even before the event has started,” said Cohen.

All participants will receive a shirt when they sign up, but only those who participate in the events will have the chance to win a bike, a Kindle and a prize package that contains an iPod shuffle.

The LivinGreen Challenge started back in 2007. It was founded based on the concern for environmental wellness, one of the seven dimensions of wellness the UWP represents, LivinGreen has been a growing success each year.

"The UWP staff understood the impact we all have on the environment and wanted to determine a way to educate staff, faculty and students concerning environmental issues,” said Raymona Lawrence, director of the UWP.

To sign up, students, faculty and staff can go online to the Living Green Challenge website and register or through member services at the RAC.

COPH joins public health effort

College raises awareness of Ga. health care system

Patrick STOKER  
staff writer

The Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health has joined an effort to raise awareness for the current health care system including decreased funding, shortages of medical professionals and population increases.

COPH was asked to get involved in the campaign to help identify and resolve problems that face the health care system.

"A key mission of the college is to get service to rural areas of Georgia," Toal said.

He said he has observed, both professionally and personally, a serious problem when it comes to funding in health departments.

"These funding cuts come at a time of population increase, which places increasing demands on public health," Toal said.

He said the college is communicating with newspapers and public officials about the consequences of these funding reductions as well as providing examples of the impact these cuts could have on the system.

The campaign has launched a website, www.togetherwecandobetter.com, to further its effort for support for public health.
Georgia Southern University’s Office of Marketing and Communications needs student models for promotional materials! Registration and photographs will be taken Tuesday, August 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Thursday, September 2 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Russell Union. Students are needed for both graduate and undergraduate programs.

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**LIVIN GREEN CHALLENGE**

LivinGreen is a challenge where participants must live in an environmentally conscious way for the month of September.

**So how does it work?**

1. Sign up for the desired LivinGreen challenge option — 10, 20, or 30 days

**How to sign up:**

- CRI member services
- Office of Student Affairs
- Online registration form

2. Follow as many of the listed suggestions as you can from the website under “Guidelines and Other Strategies,” and attend events

3. As you complete a LivinGreen activity, take a picture (e.g., if you go shopping and use a reusable shopping bag, take a photo of yourself doing this activity and upload to the CRI Facebook Page)

4. Prizes include a “green basket,” bike, and Kindle!

Check out the LivinGreen Challenge webpage to register, get more information and to get tips on how to ‘live green.”

[http://welcome.georgiasouthern.edu/wellness/LivinGreen](http://welcome.georgiasouthern.edu/wellness/LivinGreen)

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**Intramural Table Tennis**

This fall, Intramural Sports is offering a new individual and doubles tournament. Table Tennis sign-up opens for registration on Sept. 6.

This 1-2 week double elimination tournament starts play on Sept. 27 and matches will be held in the Multi-Activity Court gym at the RAC.

The leagues for play will be Men’s Singles and Doubles, Women’s Double and Co-Rec Doubles. Each league will be divided into Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced divisions. Individuals and Pairs may sign up at the CRI website: [www.georgiasouthern.edu/cri](http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/cri).

Registration closes Sept. 21, and entry fees are $5.

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**Sea kayaking at Tybee**

Photos courtesy of Faith Carter

CRI recently took students on a sea kayaking trip at Tybee, and one of The George-Anne’s reporters participated. See her story on page 10.
## Dodgeball Scores, Week 1

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## Tennessee Rock Climbing Trip

Southern Adventures will be taking a weekend trip over Labor Day. They will be going to three different climbing areas in Tennessee.

The areas are known as Foster Falls, T-wall, and Leda. All of the site are top rope climbing sites and amazing hiking trails to the site as well as provide an excellent view of scenery.

The cost of the trip is $35 and takes place from Sept. 3–6.

For more information or to sign up please visit the Southern Adventures Center at the RAC. Space is limited!

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### Miscellaneous

**Information from CRI:**

- **Special Labor Day RAC Hours:**
  Monday, Aug. 6, the RAC will be open from 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

- **CRI now has a blog!**
  We’re uploading videos, pictures, and updates on all our programs throughout the year.

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**AQUATIC INFO**

**Pool-a-Palooza**

CRI’s annual Pool-a-Palooza pool party is TONIGHT from 7-10 p.m. at the RAC outdoor pool! This time around, we’re doing it Jack Sparrow style — that’s right, a pirate theme! There will be a live DJ, free food, prizes and, of course, plenty of fun and games.

**Swim Lessons**

Swim Lessons are back!

- **Session I:** FREE Preview day Sept. 8 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Session I:** Begins Sept. 13
  - Cost of $10 per participant
  - Each class time we will offer 3 levels of lessons: New Swimmer, Progressive, and Stroke Refinement
  - Each session will be three weeks long with two classes per week (MW or TR)
  - Class times will be from 6:30-7:15 p.m. and 7:30-8:15 p.m.
  - Minimum of 3, maximum of 6 students per instructor
  - We offer "tailor-made" levels and can make a program for people for specific goals (examples: ROTC and Triathlon)
KAYAKING

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had to paddle with all of our might to fight the current and stay out of the reeds. A few of us got were pushed into the tall green grass several times despite our efforts, but were able to push ourselves back into the open water.

We paddled along the side of Little Tybee, keeping to the left to stay out of the way of boats and other kayaks. Instead of trying to fight the current, we swung around to paddle in the opposite direction. The current was still going against us, but with deep, powerful strokes, I and the others chugged along behind Mike, while Jenn stayed near the rear of the line.

A few drops of rain splattered us once or twice a few minutes after we began paddling, but soon the sky cleared up and the sun came out of hiding. For the next hour I reclined in my boat, using the rusty muscles in my arms and abdomen to steer, and enjoyed the view of the houses on the shoreline and the smell of salt in the air. Now and then I could catch sight of a dolphin jumping in the water; we all hoped to glimpse a dolphin and kept our eyes peeled over the surface of the water.

Due to high tide there were no beaches to stop and eat the lunches we packed, so we drifted back into the reeds and anchored ourselves to each other. We passed around Twizzlers and Capri Sun, and spent a half hour joking with each other and relaxing in our kayaks.

After digesting and making sure no trash had fallen in the water, we emerged from the reeds and angled towards a river mouth. By this time I was sure my arms were going to be sore for the next three days, but I knew it would be worth it to travel up the river. The grass was on both sides of us now; we stayed close together, taking in the sight of each curve and bend. The wind had completely died down, and the water was smooth and the air was quiet.

We traveled a good ways down before turning back to return to the shore and our van. This time, we were swimming with the current instead of against it. I was able to set my paddle down and lean back as my kayak drifted back up the river on its own. Soon though, it was time to make our way back to the beach. We reached the shore within minutes and began the process of loading the kayaks.

The ride home to Statesboro gave me time to reflect on my enjoyment of the excursion and how it got me out of my comfort zone. As students we should be grateful for opportunities Southern Adventures provides and for the amazing staff that work with us. Out on the water I realized that kayaking can be compared to being a student and dealing with difficult life situations.

If I got tired, I couldn't just stop paddling because I would be left behind and wouldn't reach my destination. If I got stuck, I had to work my way out on my own. It was hard work, but altogether invigorating. This weekend I was completely out of my comfort zone by exerting myself physically and putting myself around strangers for a full day. I learned that I had the strength to make it out on the ocean, and I got to know my fellow kayakers. Sometimes the things that scare us the most are the ones that benefit us in the best of ways. I'm happy I went, and I intend to sign up for more trips in the future.

For my fellow GSU students, the opportunity is out there to take yourself out of your own comfort zone as well. You won't regret it. Southern Adventures is there to make our college experience bigger and better than we could ever hope for; just make sure to sign up quickly for the trips; spots go fast. And if you’re pasty white like me, apply a ton of sunscreen.

Nine students went on ORI’s sea kayaking trip at Tybee.

Courtesy of Faith Carter

The Buzz List

News from outside the Boro

▲ ‘The Last Exorcism’ gets a solid 70% on rotten tomatoes. com. This just goes to show that the cheapest movies can be just as terrifying. Let me just go hide under my covers now.

▲ ‘Takers,’ however, gets a pathetic 27% on rotten tomatoes. com, yet gets more in the box office than ‘The Last Exorcism.’ This makes no sense! That movie was overkill with a terrible storyline and bad acting. Well, the best parts were in the trailer.

▲ Paris Hilton has officially been landed with a drug felony after being pulled over with her boyfriend on Aug. 27 with smell of marijuana wafting flagrantly from the SUV. Don’t get too excited — she’ll either buy her way out of jail or get out early like Lindsey Lohan.

▲ Ryan Reynolds and Bradley Cooper are set to star in an upcoming movie by Sheldon Turner. By the way, it’s a buddy cop movie. Because I know you didn’t see that coming.

▲ YouTube is striking a deal with Hollywood Studios to provide a pay-per-view movie streaming service to compete with Hulu and Netflix. Newer titles will cost viewers $5 when the streaming service is launched by the end of this year.

Information compiled from TheHollywoodReporter.com, Variety.com and Billboard.com

Sarcasm provided by Mallory McLendon
A night talking with the artists

Ed Rushton, a graphic design professor here at Georgia Southern, puts an emphasis on graphic construction and pattern in his work. He brings together the many different, unrelated elements to make one piece of work.

Sarah Arkins is a media professor at Georgia Southern with a focus in photography. She has traveled to Spain and other parts of the world, where she first found her interest in photography.

Aria GABOL
guest writer

Normally you will never get to see the artists’ take on their own artwork when you go to an art gallery. However, with Artist Talks, Faculty 2010 presented by The Betty Foy Sanders department of art in the contemporary gallery, the faculty artists get a chance to discuss their current artwork on display.

The two faculty artists in the spotlight for the night were Ed Rushton, graphic design professor, and Sarah K. Arkins, media professor.

Rushton, who has been teaching at GSU for three years, said, “The students at GSU are great; there is a healthy competitiveness.” Even though Rushton has been here for a few years, he still considers himself “fresh.”

This is Arkins first year at GSU and she already feels at home. Arkins said, “I really like it at Georgia Southern, there is so much space and resources, and the great facilities all over campus give me several options for workspace.”

The two faculty artists have different ways of expressing their artwork. Much like any artist, they have their own vision of the way they see things.

Rushton’s artwork has an emphasis on graphic construction, and there is a pattern in his work of bringing together different elements and making them one.

Rushton said, “My eye is always scanning and putting together unrelated things. Then I can reconstruct it and it becomes my work.”

In his most recent work, Rushton discovered “figure ground print” in which he brings designs from the ’50s and makes them collide with 3-D to create his pieces.

“I’m a bit of a modernist; if you have good design and good planning it makes the world all the more better,” he said.

Throughout Rushton’s artwork one can tell he enjoys using signs on the side of the road to inspire him to create his own pieces.

One of Rushton’s pieces was inspired by three different road signs. He made them all black and white, negative and positive — then put them together and made it into a piece.

“I love to experiment,” he said

At the end of his exhibition Rushton said, “Where I end up is here and where I am going I do not know.”

Arkins’ artwork has a focus in photography, and she has been all over the world photographing anything that inspires her.

“My whole undergrad, I was creating giant spaces with tiny things, but I then realized I was only making tiny things,” she said.

Arkins traveled to Spain in 1998. While being a tourist, she began snapping shots everywhere she went, and this was where she became infatuated with making out of focus pieces.

In 2001 while on a trip, Arkins became infatuated with color and has been trying to work it into her pieces today.

“My work has always been about memory and what I’m thinking, seeing or the space I’m in,” said Arkins.

While in New York, Arkins encountered a sense of quietness and loneliness which ignited a spark in her artwork to date. Arkins’ current series, working alongside her son, is “things otherwise left unseen.” The series is all about “opening things up, having more color, texture, all the while keeping the same palate.”

When Arkins goes out to capture her work, she does not search for the right moment, for her, the moment is “when the shutter clicks.”

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Ed Rushington
graphic design professor

When looking at their artwork both artists would love the audience to explore their minds and think deeper about what they are looking at.

Rushton said, “I want them to read it, reflect on it, and reconstruct it in their minds.”

Similarly Arkins said, “I think that the pictures are about specific things; they really bring people in, so they have to have an open eye.”

She wants viewers to “just look at the space, and I hope that they capture a sense of loneliness when looking at the pictures.”

If you would like to see Ed Rushington’s artwork, there is an opening reception Friday, Sept. 3 from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Averitt Center for the Arts in the Legends Gallery. Also, the next Faculty 2010 artist exhibition will be Joe Olson’s, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 8.
Crossing cultures for friendships

Thomas MCINTYRE
guest writer

Starting college is full of challenges. Such tasks as navigating the labyrinthine hallways of academic buildings, getting up in time for class, eating healthy, dealing with roommates and keeping up grades can sometimes overwhelm even the best prepared student. It can be especially challenging if said student is from a different country.

Georgia Southern currently hosts students from 85 different foreign countries. They come from nations as close as Canada and the Bahamas and as far away as Egypt, Nigeria and China. Most of the international students are housed in the International Living Community in Centennial Place. Normally two students from a foreign country are roomed with two American students.

Nina Liang, a junior transfer student from the Bahamas, is one of these students. Liang is in her first semester at Georgia Southern.

"I'm used to America. I visit at least once a year," she said. "The Bahamas are only 45 minutes from Florida."

Some students are like Liang and have visited the U.S. before. Others have family living in the United States or know someone who has lived in America.

Others are not so lucky. For these students, adjusting to life in a different country can be tough, especially if there is a language barrier involved.

To help these international students adjust and learn more about American culture, the Center for International Studies offers the Cross Cultural Friendship Program.

The program is completely voluntary and pairs an international student with an American student. The American student shows the international student around campus and Statesboro. They can go to movies together or the mall or just hang out. The important thing is that the two students spend time together.

There are also group events, such as camping trips and socials, which the program holds for the students so that they can get to know other members of the program.

While the program does have a goal of helping international students adjust to American college life, the primary focus is on the cross-cultural interaction between participants in the program.

Liang is looking forward to her involvement in the program.

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Liang says she signed up for the program in order to meet more people.

Tanika Lakes, the director of the program, hopes that others will share Liang's optimism about the program.

She said that the Cross Cultural Friendship Program is a very enriching experience.

Both students are exposed to another culture that they may not have otherwise been able to experience otherwise. Many times, these cross-cultural friendships last well beyond the program itself.

According to Lakes, it is not unusual for the students involved in this program to remain friends, not only for the rest of their time at Georgia Southern, but for the rest of their lives.

The Cross Cultural Friendship Program will be meeting this Wednesday, Sept. 1 at 4:30 p.m. in the Russell Student Union in room 2052.

The program also hosts the International Conversation Hour in the Russell Union Ballroom every Friday from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Students can interact with each other and learn more about other cultures and play games.
Today
5:30 p.m. On-Campus Interview 101- Workshop
7:00 p.m. Pool-a-Palooza, RAC
7:00 p.m. Spin and A Movie, RAC
9:00 p.m. Flag Football Official’s Clinic II, RAC

Wednesday, September 1st
4:00 p.m. Eagle Men’s Soccer vs. USC Upstate, Soccer/Track Complex
5:30 p.m. On-Campus Interview 101- Workshop
9:00 p.m. Flag Football Official’s Clinic III, RAC

Thursday, September 2nd
6:30 p.m. Bulloch County Eagle Club Football Dinner and Rally, Nessmith
7:00 p.m. Forte Step Team Tryouts, RAC
7:45 p.m. Eagle Rally, Russell Union

Friday, September 3rd
11:30 a.m. International Conversation Hour, Russell Union
4:00 p.m. Eagle Women’s Soccer vs. Georgia State, Soccer/Track Complex

Saturday, September 4th
6:00 p.m. Football vs. Savannah State, Paulson Stadium

Sunday, September 5th
2:00 p.m. Eagle Women’s Soccer vs. Charleston Southern, Soccer/Track Complex

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Georgia Southern had an intrasquad scrimmage this past weekend in which GSU scored 48 points against the scout team imitating Savannah State's offense, which scored only three points.

After the scrimmage, Eagles Head Coach Jeff Monken said that the team still has some improvements to make before their home opener.

"I'm glad we've got four more days of practice," Monken said. "We've got some mistakes to correct from today's scrimmage, and we'll practice hard this week and we still have a lot of things to accomplish before we get ready for that first game."

He said, "Hopefully, we'll just line up where we're supposed to and block who we're supposed to, run the right routes and play the right gaps and play hard. We'll do that, and I hope we'll have a chance."

Defensive end Dion DuBose shared Monken's sentiments that some improvement is needed before Saturday. "We've come a long way," DuBose said. "We had a lot of learning to do since the spring when the new coaches came in. I think we've still got a little ways to go, but we keep improving as the days go on."

According to statistics from the scrimmage, the Eagle offense had 179 total passing yards and 142 coming on the ground. Defensively, freshman defensive end Josh Gebhardt posted the most tackles in the three-quarter game, with five.

Three of the Eagle touchdowns were scored by the defense.

Laron Scott intercepted twice in the first half, and Darius Eubanks intercepted once in the third quarter.

"I felt the team performed pretty good," DuBose said. "Defense, overall, we came out playing a little bit slow at first, but we picked it up a little bit. Defense came out playing good, they put points up on the board."

Monken said that he couldn't name a particular individual as a standout of the scrimmage, but did say that the scout team imitating Savannah State performed well. "I was proud of our scout team, the guys that lined up as Savannah State's defense and offense, I thought those guys did a nice job. We had some guys who made some plays, including several new walk-ons who have only been out for a couple of weeks, and some of them did a nice job," he said.

Monken said that he has a starting lineup for Saturday and added that Jaybo Shaw has "been our guy and he will be our guy" for starting quarterback.

Monken said that this will be the second time he's implemented the Triple Option at GSU and said that it might be the "second spring in the second season and the third spring in the third season you continue to see improvements."

"I don't know if grasped would be the word I would use. But, we're improving, we're getting better and typically, with this offense it takes a while," he said.

Monken said that he hopes excitement for the Triple Option will pack Paulson on Saturday.

"I hope a lot of people come out. I'd like that for our team and I know they would be excited about a big crowd and everybody gets excited when there is a big crowd. In terms of the option, I know everybody's excited because of the hope that they have that it's going to be successful. I hope they're still excited after we play and I hope we're able to execute."

The Eagles will kick off against the Savannah State Tigers Saturday at 6 p.m. in Paulson Stadium.
Quick Hits

▲ GSU athletics had 152 Georgia Southern student-athletes on the SoCon Academic Honor Roll (3.0 GPA or above).

▲ GSU men’s soccer tied Gardner-Webb in their last exhibition match, finishing the preseason 2-0-1.

▲ GSU volleyball went 2-1 at the War Eagle Invitational this past weekend. They took wins against UT Martin and Troy but lost to Auburn.

▲ GSU cross country begins its 2010 season with a trip to Hilton Field at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, for the Gamecock Invitational on Friday, September 3rd.

▲ GSU student activities is offering a football travel package for the Navy game on Saturday, Sept. 11.

Get to know Coach Monken

Last week, football head coach Jeff Monken spoke about his life off of the football field. For him, his personal life is just as fulfilling as his life on the sidelines.

"If I'd say I had a hobby, it's my family," he said. "My family is the most important thing to me. I've got my wife and two beautiful daughters. I absolutely adore my family and I spend every minute of free time I have with them."

Monken isn't just a family man now, his family growing up and his father in particular were major influences in his life.

"I grew up the son of a football coach. Being a boy and him being a coach, I grew up going to practice every day with him. But my parents were both teachers, they're both well traveled, and they come to all the games. I've really got a great family and a great support system."

Monken said that he grew up a Cubs fan in Chicago. He said he likes all sports and is a lover of anything that involves competition or is related to athletics.

Even though he is both a coach and sports fan, he admitted to not watching sports as often as people would think.

However, he did express other interests, which include music and movies.

"One of my favorite artists is Buddy Guy, a blues singer from Chicago," he said. "If you're a blues fan, then you know Buddy Guy."

His favorite movies are also a direct reflection of his love for his family.

"I've seen all the kids' movies. I've seen 'Up,' 'The Princess and the Frog.' But I really like Gene Hackman, Morgan Freeman, and Clint Eastwood. I love when they play the tough guy, no nonsense roles," he said.

He also discussed his favorite foods, which also indicate his travels as a coach.

"I love good barbecue. When I go on the road recruiting, I will always try to find a good barbecue place. Every time I go to Pittsburgh, I go to a place called Peppi's. In Philadelphia, there are Pats and Genos. And all the little shops make their own type of pepperoni bread. So I like going to each one and see which one has the best."

As a recruiter, Coach Monken spoke about the many places his job has taken him.

"As a coach, I've seen some really remarkable places. We've played in New York, Buffalo, Seattle, Los Angeles, Dallas, Denver... I've been so many great places as a coach. And I've recruited in probably every state east of the Mississippi."

Monken said, in closing, "I am who I am. I try to make it so that what you see is what you get. If my players told you who they think I am, perception is probably reality."