New loan program could be re-opened

By ERICA GARDNER
George-Anne contributor

Georgia college students had the opportunity to apply for the new Georgia low-interest loan, but only a third of expected applicants actually did apply.

Officials from the Georgia Student Finance Commission thought as many as 15,000 students would apply for the Student Access Loan. However, only 5,181 students did, with students from Georgia Southern University requesting the most money.

“This new loan is a state funded student loan that was passed in 2008,” said Tracy Ireland, director of the GSFC’s post-secondary student and school services.

The loan program is intended to assist not only students who are affected by the recent changes to the HOPE Scholarship, but also students who are not eligible for HOPE.

Although news articles are saying fewer students than expected applied for this loan, we are pleased with the amount of students that applied,” said Ireland.

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Athletics department’s event teaches traditions

By DANIEL FITZGERALD
George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University created several traditions over the years and this fall, incoming freshmen and transfer students will have an opportunity to become acquainted with those traditions.

GSU’s athletic department is hosting “Day One” on the first night of classes – Aug. 22 – to introduce new students to the game day atmosphere and give them a preview of what to expect.

The event will teach these students “what it means to be an eagle,” said Gordon Hunter, GSU athletics department’s special projects assistant.

“‘Day One’ is the athletics department and the university’s opportunity to try and orientate our freshmen on what is occurring during football games,” said Hunter. “We’re targeting freshmen, but we’re inviting anyone who wants to come. We have 4,000 seats in Hamer and we would like to fill all of them.”

The goal of the event is to give freshmen

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HARRY POTTER RELEASED

“Deathly Hallows” packs the Carmike Cinema theater last Thursday night as fans flock to see the midnight showing. See the review on page 6.
GSU graduate honored as ‘National Leader’

By DANIEL FITZGERALD
George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University graduate Nathan Graves was recently selected as one of Omicron Delta Kappa’s “National Leaders of the Year.”

Four students are given this status each year for their display of leadership during the course of their education. Each chapter selects one ODK student member of the year to compete for the national award, with the top four being named “Leaders of the Year.”

Graves was deeply involved with the Residence Hall Association, having designed and implemented the RHA website and served as the vice president of communications on the RHA Executive Board.

“I also helped with RHA initiatives, which included community service activities and programming for each of the on-campus residents,” Graves said.

Graves and two other GSU students started a website called EagleBookSwap.com, a book utility that allowed students to trade textbooks online and find cheaper books from online retailers.

“As a student, one of the largest costs, other than tuition, is textbooks,” Graves said. “By building this website, we saved students hundreds of dollars during book buy back. Eagle book swap has since closed down, as we all moved onto other opportunities, but it is definitely how I was able to give back to the students.”

Among other achievements that helped Graves earn his status include, president of ODK — 2010-2011 — a member of the Southern Pride marching band, webmaster for 91.9 The Buzz and the Mozilla Firefox campus representative.

“I think in order for a student to have an impact on the university, they need to do more than succeed academically,” Graves said. “They also need to be involved with student organizations. The best advice I would give is show up and try. Once you do that, if you work hard and provide positive and meaningful results, you will be successful.”

Graves graduated last May with a Bachelor of Science degree in information technology and was hired into a permanent position by BMW. He plans on returning to school to get his master’s in business administration.

Graves believes he worked hard to get to where he is now and appreciates ODK’s recognition.

“He said, ‘From what morals and ideals of ODK mean to me, it is defiantly something that I am incredibly honored, and proud, to have been recognized for.’

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The commission estimated the average award would be $3,500 and about 5,700 students would receive money. If estimates hold true, the commission will have about $1.8 million remaining after processing all applications.

Ireland said, if this should happen, the commission will accept another round of applications.

“A little more than 5,000 students applied, and they have requested a little more than 39 million and the state funded 20 million, so we are actually pleased with the amount,” said Ireland.

The maximum loan per student will be $10,000 per year with a cap of $40,000 in total.

Students from 95 colleges applied and including the University of Georgia, Georgia State University, Georgia Tech and the Savannah College of Art and Design.

The process will continue until the total is spent, said Ireland. The loans will be paid to the college and can be used toward any part of a student’s cost of attendance.

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a well-rounded background on eagle traditions including the alma mater, the chants, cheers and the fight song. Students will also learn where to sit during the games and when to show up.

Festivities start at 4:30 p.m., but the main event begins at 6 p.m. with a video and the fight song played by the Southern Pride marching band. Among the speakers will be President Brooks Keel, who will talk about how students can get involved on campus.

“Coach Monken is going to give a little pep talk to the student body to get them fired up and ready for football season,” Hunter said.

Hunter said the athletics department is working with University Housing to ensure its planned events do not have any conflicts.

Hunter said he hopes “Day One” will succeed in giving new students a taste of the real thing and hopes it allows students to avoid what he went through at his first game.

“At my first football game, I had no idea what was going on and I really want to eliminate that, so students can come right out the gate and be involved and really show their eagle pride and become a part of eagle nation,” he said.

Preparation begins at 4:40 p.m. in front of Hanner Fieldhouse.
Ferguson: Blood supplies at critically low level

By DANIEL FITZGERALD
George-Anne staff

Blood supplies are at a critically low level nationwide, experts said, leaving the American Red Cross in a search for donors.

The biggest cause for concern among the Red Cross is the short supply of the O-negative blood type, said Paul Ferguson, Georgia Southern University’s director of Health Services. "American Red Cross supplies are at a critically low level nationally," he said. "Of particular concern are the low levels of O-negative blood type, which is the universal type used in trauma situations requiring blood transfusions."

Ferguson said that blood supplies are typically lower in the summer months due to an increase in outdoor and vehicle accidents and injuries. He also said many people do not have time to donate during the summer because of vacations and travel.

While Savannah and Statesboro may be suffering from these typical low levels, Ferguson said he believes the situation is far more critical in other parts of the nation.

"However, since our area participates in the national blood bank system, if the national blood supplies do not rise, we will eventually become undersupplied as well," he said.

Ferguson explained that Statesboro’s blood supply may soon become critically low and that the best solution is for people to donate blood.

Those eligible to donate blood must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds or more — depending on height — and be in relatively good health. Individuals 16 years of age can donate blood with parental permission.

"The solution to this problem is for folks to give blood, including here in Bulloch County, so we can add to our own supplies, as well as provide relief to other parts of the country," Ferguson said. "I plan on doing this myself since my O-positive blood type is also a universal type."
Our View

Become informed, don’t boycott

The beloved local restaurant, Snooky’s, is closing after being a historical landmark to the Statesboro area for years.

Many residents, as well as students of Georgia Southern University, are upset by the imminent closing. However, as opposed to being informed as to the real reason the restaurant is closing, some blamed it on a corporate business pushing a local business toward extinction.

This caused many students and residents to plan to boycott the pharmacy when it opens in the future.

However, according to last week’s article, “CVS Pharmacy expected to purchase Snooky’s lot” from The George-Anne, the pharmacy is not pushing Snooky’s out of business.

It was stated in the article last week that the owner Bruce Yawn chose to retire. Although he refuses to comment and no one knows why he is retiring, he does indeed have the right to do so.

As students of GSU, set a better example for the Statesboro community and become informed before boycotting a pharmacy that purchased land legally in order to open a place of business.

Rather than taking anger out on a pharmacy, realize that the owner of Snooky’s chose to retire and closed the business on his own accord. He was not pushed out of business by a corporate business.

If too many people boycott the pharmacy once it opens and it doesn’t receive enough business, then it will potentially close, leaving an empty building sitting on the 3.35 acres that was purchased by the corporation.

Empty buildings clutter cities and make them lose visual appeal. The City of Statesboro still holds historical charm, but if empty buildings begin appearing on street corners, then it will only leave the impression of failed businesses and lost jobs, which is something Statesboro doesn’t need to imply in these hard economic times.

Therefore, students should stop boycotting businesses because they’re upset about a business closing, and they should become informed on the real reason as to why they can no longer attend their favorite local dining option. Remember Snooky’s for what it was and support CVS Pharmacy as it embraces Statesboro and provides revenue for its residents.

Hold government accountable to spending

Our trips to the Atlanta area are about to get a little bit more expensive. In case you haven’t heard, the state of Georgia has just been granted access to a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan in the amount of $270 million by the federal government.

This loan is intended to help ease the taxpayers’ burden by shaving off a few million dollars off of our share. If you’re not sure what we’re paying for, it’s Governor Deal’s toll project.

The toll project is going to outbid in the near future. This project is aimed at relieving congestion along I-75 and I-575 in Cherokee and Cobb counties. This could benefit thousands of drivers in the area, according to The Atlanta Journal Constitution.

This project will cost somewhere around $1 billion and we as state taxpayers would be obliged to fork out somewhere close to one third of that amount.

By adding one or two toll lanes, Governor Deal hopes that this would keep traffic flowing at all times. The tolls would rise and fall with the traffic levels.

There is also an idea to build out the entirety of the metro Atlanta area, which could cost as much as $16 billion, costing us taxpayers $7 billion.

Now we’re just waiting on private investors to fund the project and essentially build these roads for us. They would be repaid by the tolls, but the tolls alone would not be enough to fully repay them.

If you do not plan to live in the Atlanta area, how does this help you? If you do live in Atlanta, but are not one of the unlucky masses that suffers through traffic everyday, then why would you need toll roads?

The toll roads could help provide funds for transportation projects in the future, but this is something that was supposed to have happened back in 2003, and won’t be done until 2019. However that’s if they can find private investors and get this project started.

Georgia hasn’t been able to fully commit and get behind this project for the past eight years and now in such uncertain times, I’m not sure private investors will be too willing to jump up and take on such a large and costly project.

This project will provide no immediate relief, just spending a lot of money in one area when we’re hurting in many others. Hold your government responsible for its spending.

Rob Roberts is a senior public relations major from Warner Robins, Ga. He ran against Alton Standifer for SGA’s presidency in 2011.
'Hairspray' holds its premiere at the Averitt

By QUANQUA EPPS
George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University students can expect soulful tunes, vibrant melodies, 60s flair and a ton of dancing to invade downtown Statesboro.

The local premiere of the Broadway musical "Hairspray" will be showing at the Averitt Center for the Arts on Friday evening.

Individuals at the Averitt center were longing to put a production on, and were excited when Angie Hamilton, the director of "Hairspray," came to them with the idea to do this particular play.

"Hairspray" takes its audience back to the 1960s and revolves around the story of a plus-sized spunky teenager named Tracy Turnblad.

Tracy has a love for dance, and she turns that love into a reality by triumphing through all obstacles that are in her way.

Although this show serves to provide entertainment to its audience, it also sets out to educate the audience by tackling some controversial issues that affected America and continue to do so.

"The theme of this particular production deals with racism, and although racism will always be an ongoing thing in society, we believe that it's best to educate the public about this social enigma, and we feel that 'Hairspray' is a really great story to do just that," said Tim Chapman, executive director at the Averitt.

The cast may only contain 35 members, but it was a very difficult process for Hamilton to decide who would make the ensemble.

"Casting was probably the most difficult thing of this entire production. I had over 100 very talented individuals try out for this show, and it was a strenuous process deciding who to put in the play because everyone that tried out was really great," said Hamilton.

The cast is composed of GSU students and Statesboro residents.

Members of the cast worked on the play for nearly two months and endured hours of daily rehearsals.

"I've got people that have a true love for and enjoy what they are doing, and because of the amount of passion that they have for this, they have stuck it out," said Hamilton.

Throughout the course of the production process, the cast members gained the opportunity to sharpen their performance skills.

Over the course of the past two months, they have also come together to form a happy, tight knit family.

"Our cast is a big, happy family. Throughout this entire process, we have become really close. We help each other learn things, everyone has embraced one another, and we all get along very well," said GSU alumna Janetta Alabi-Isama.

To draw inspiration for the roles that they play, many of the cast mates watched the film adaptation of the musical, watched the Broadway version of the stage play, and some even imitated their idols.

"I play one of the dynamites, and in order to make my performance believable, I drew my inspiration from the movie and several performances of the show. I have also channeled my inner Beyoncé and Diana Ross," said senior music major Savannah Rogers.

Although the show has many themes and underlying morals that are conveyed to the audience, cast members have their own messages that they want the audience to understand.

"I want the audience to know that it does not matter who you are, or where you come from, your happiness is around the corner. Despite what you come across or go through, you should never give up, because nothing is impossible as long as you believe," said senior choral music education and vocal performance major Brian Strickland.

"Hairspray" will be making its debut at the Emma Kelly Theater inside of the Averitt Center located in downtown Statesboro, beginning Friday, July 22 and will continue until Sunday, July 24.

Tickets can be purchased at the box office or by calling the Averitt Center at 912-212-2787.

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Film Review

By MALLORY McLENDON
George-Anne staff
★★★★★

Many of our generation have grown up with the “Harry Potter” series, both the books and the movies.
We’ve known Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint for the past decade, seen them age and become young adults.
The screen writer and director have done an amazing job to portray the last book. In the movie world, it’s really hard to create a play-by-play like a book.
Splitting it up into two movies was a stroke of cinematic inspiration.
When a work moves from words to picture, it loses a lot of room to tell the story.
As film can only rely on dialogue and good acting, “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2” does its best to stick as closely to the original plot as possible.
Part of the book inevitably had to be cut.
Yet, with the performance of learned actors who connected to the characters for over 10 years and the technology of today, this movie does cinematic justice to its literary counterpart.
As a roller-coaster of emotion, the second part to the “Deathly Hallows” movie that premiered last December jerks the audience back and forth from humor to anguish.
For such a mature and gritty plot, the movie amazingly manages to keep the same humor that all the other movies managed to include.
The story is even very kid friendly, despite violence and death, lacking in any gore or nudity.
There are a few things that may have upset the die-hard Potter fans.
A main complaint is the added pier scene for one of the most pivotal points in the movie — that’s sure to bring tears to a few eyes.
However, fans, please understand that the crew was working with cameras and other bulky equipment. It’s very awkward to shoot an underground scene while trying to do a character’s death justice.
As most of the movie was shot in front of green screens, the actors really had to work hard to make the feelings believable without any surroundings to work on.
So why not a five star rating for this movie? Well, without being a stickler for book-to-movie perfection, the film did have its flaws.
There is really no excuse for anyone to disintegrate into dust. The director may as well have taken a page out of “The Wizard of Oz” and dumped some water on Voldey and made him melt.
Director David Yates made a few questionable choices in past “Harry Potter” movies, but with this final film, he sends the franchise off on a high note.
Whether you’ve been reading “Harry Potter” since 1997 or if you’ve just seen a few of the movies, “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2” will give you that same satisfaction and emotion that Harry’s story brought to our generation for years.
And for all the fans suffering from Potter withdrawals, don’t forget the highly-anticipated interactive web-site, Pottermore.
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MONDAY - Brew-Haha, $4 Micro-Brews, $1 Jello Shots, $2 Lemon Drops
TUESDAY - Facebook Tuesdays, $3 Main Street 'Ritas, $3 Brew-tubs, $2 Lemon Drops
WEDNESDAY - Girls' Night Out, $3 Appetinis, $3 Cosmos, $3 Main Street 'Ritas, $1 Jello Shots, $2 Lemon Drops

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Be Wary of Online Job Hunting

In today's job market, many employers and potential employees do the search for candidates/jobs over the Internet. It has made life simpler for honest human resources personnel because they can post the job in minutes and get responses within hours. Life made simpler. But while the Internet makes life simpler for the job hunter and the human resources guru, it has also made it simpler for the more criminal minded. Identity theft is now common among the online job hunt networks. Places where you post your resumes and others can post illegitimate jobs hoping to catch you unawares. So be careful about what you place on the World Wide Web and take special precaution about which jobs you apply for.

Here are some tips for making the online job hunt safer for you and your identity:

1. On your resume never post sensitive materials such as your social security number (and never give this number out to anyone over the Internet) and never include any information about your banking accounts.

2. Research the company you are applying to before you give them ANY information. Make sure they are real. Check with the Better Business Bureau or just do a Google search to see what appears. If in doubt, do not apply.

3. In the job announcements, check the authenticity of it: does it have spelling errors or invalid phone or fax numbers.

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7:00 P.M.
Show Night
Hypnotist Sailesh will perform, 7 p.m., Williams Center. Sponsored by Eagle Entertainment.

TUESDAY 8.23.2011
Club Sports Council
Meeting at 6 p.m., Campus Recreation & Intramurals, RAC.

Ice Cream Social
Free ice cream from noon to 1 p.m. at the Williams Center. Sponsored by Eagle Entertainment.

CASINO NIGHT
At the Williams Center, 7 p.m. Sponsored by Eagle Entertainment.

WEDNESDAY 8.24.2011
Biggest Loser Challenge
Orientation from 6 to 7 p.m., Campus Recreation & Intramurals (CRI) at the RAC.

Gourmet S'mores Clinic
S'more lessons start at 7 p.m. Campus Recreation & Intramurals (CRI) at the RAC.

Comedy
Roy Wood Jr., 7 p.m., Williams Center. Sponsored by Eagle Entertainment.
Football team begins summer workout

By RYAN MILLER
George-Anne contributor

Voluntary workouts are in session and the Georgia Southern University football team is taking full advantage of the opportunity to work together.

While training camp does not begin until August, the Eagles spent countless hours in Iron Works getting bigger and faster. They can taste the sweet victory of putting up the seventh flag at Paulson Stadium.

Many players participated in the voluntary workout sessions, serving as a testament of their dedication to themselves and to each other.

Running back and kick-off returner, Darreion Robinson, and defensive tackle, Roderick Tinsley, are just two of the Eagles who spent the majority of their summer putting forth work on and off the field. Both players have taken on the arduous task of balancing summer school courses while training for the fall season.

Entering into his senior year, Tinsley is looking forward to making improvements from last season. Tinsley said that there are benefits regarding staying down in Statesboro for the summer.

"It really helps because we can come in and watch film," he said. "We have unlimited access to film. For example, we broke down the Citadel game, and it allows us to see where we need improvement."

Tinsley also explained how balancing summer classes and training really helped him and other teammates both in the classroom and on the field.

"There is more than one option, and [the] coach will help you work that out if you are stressed. He helps you make time to get some food, get some rest, and get your workout in," he said.

Robinson added, "When you get into the season, you can tell which teams worked out over the summer and which teams didn't."

Last season, Tinsley was a dominant force on the defense. He recorded 55 total tackles, two sacks, and forced three fumbles. Tinsley's summer workout is paying off, as he has already put on 15 pounds of muscle.

On the other side of the ball, Robinson looks to have another explosive running game in the fall.

As the A back and vital member of the triple option, Robinson totaled 465 rushing yards and three touchdowns. As a punt returner, Robinson accumulated 91 yards on 16 attempts.

Robinson said he does not feel much pressure regarding the upcoming season.

He said, "We came down here to win a championship, and like he [Tinsley] said, it is more about expectations."

Tinsley added, "Last year the pressure was higher because we were a new team, and everybody had to get to know everybody and get close."

The Eagles played 11 freshmen throughout last season and are looking to build on their chemistry and depth.

This fall, the Eagles will travel to Tuscaloosa, Ala. to play the University of Alabama Crimson Tide to conclude the season.

According to GSU Sports Information Director, Rosemary Carter, this game will contain the largest crowd that the GSU football team has ever played in front of, which is 101,000 plus students and fans.

Robinson said, "The Bama game is going to be a big game because we'll be playing on a higher level, in front of a lot of people."

The Press Box

What's going on in GSU sports

- Brent Russell, defensive lineman, was named as one of the six finalists for the Buchanan Award Watch List. Last year, Russell was nominated for the award and came in 12th place.

- Torye Hurst was named the Assistant Athletics Director of Athletics Media Relations. Hurst is coming to Georgia Southern University after spending 11 years at Virginia Tech University.

- Bethany Samford, a member of the volleyball team, was chosen as a Preseason All-American by COBRA Magazine. Samford was selected to the All-Southern Conference Second Team and the All-Southern Conference Tournament Team in 2010.

- Safety Boyd Sasser was nominated to the 2011 Allstate AFCA (American Football Coaches Association) Good Works Team. The award honors college football student-athletes who are committed to volunteering and making a difference in and around their community.
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