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Coca-Cola's Vice President for Environment and Water to Speak at Georgia Southern University

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Jeff Seabright, the Vice President for Environment and Water of the Coca-Cola Company, will give a seminar on "Sustainability and Water" at Georgia Southern University on April 7. The event is free and open to the public.

The seminar, sponsored by the Office of Sustainability in the Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Technology, will be at 7 p.m. in the College of Education Auditorium. This program is part of the Sustainability Seminar Series that has brought prominent speakers such as Hunter Lovins and Ed Begley Jr. to Georgia Southern University to talk about sustainability issues.

Seabright has held several positions in government and business, including as a Foreign Service officer in the U.S. State Department and as legislative assistant to U.S. Senators Timothy Wirth and John Rockefeller IV. In 1993, he joined the U.S. Agency for International Development, later serving as director of the Office of Energy, Environment and Technology.

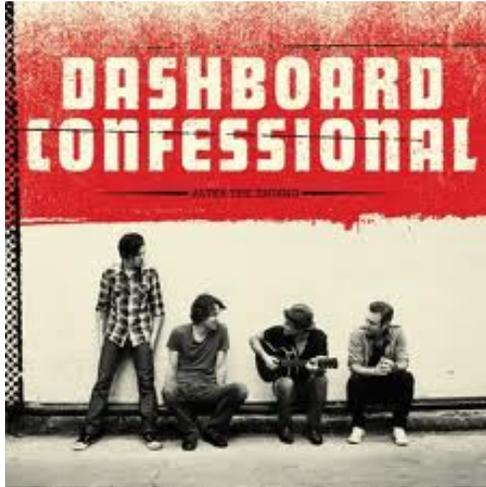
He moved to the White House in 1999 as executive director of the Climate Change Task Force, where he helped negotiate the Kyoto Protocol, and later joined Texaco as vice president for policy planning. Seabright has a master's degree in international relations from the London School of Economics.

Seabright serves on the Environmental Trade and Technology Advisory Committee to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Conservation International Leadership Council, World Environment Center, the Georgia Conservancy, the Nature Conservancy (Georgia), the Pace Academy in Atlanta, and the Sustainable Atlanta Advisory Council.

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Dashboard Confessional To Play Georgia Southern University

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Alternative acoustic act Dashboard Confessional will perform at Georgia Southern University on Friday, May 1, 2009 at the campus Recreation Activities Center band shell. The 8:00 p.m. show is free and open to the public.

'We wanted to give our students and the community a fun way to end the school year and start their summer,' said Student Activities Coordinator Sriravong Sriratanakoul.

'This free show is a terrific way for students to have a great time with friends as they wrap up classes and exams.

For our graduating seniors, this will be one more great memory of Georgia Southern they can take with them."

Dashboard Confessional's album A Mark, a Mission, a Brand, a Scar and the follow up, Dusk and Summer, both climbed to number two on the U.S. Billboard 200 chart. Their 2002 release MTV Unplugged 2.0 was certified platinum. The band is a favorite among college students and is currently on a tour that includes stops at a number of universities.

Moonhammer will open for Dashboard Confessional. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

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Georgia Southern University Professor Offers Tax Tips Everyone Should Know

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Americans have two weeks left to file their taxes. A Georgia Southern University expert has some important tips everyone should know before they begin.

‘If you’ve got the documents you need and know what’s new this year, it’s much easier to get started,’ says Jill Lockwood, Interim Director of the School of Accountancy and professor of accounting at Georgia Southern University.

Lockwood, who teaches tax law at the undergraduate and graduate levels in the University’s College of Business Administration, offers several tips to help make filing easier:

1. If you want to take some of the frustration out of doing your tax return, make a list of all the items you need to gather to complete your return. If you are having the return prepared, make a list of all items you must take to the tax preparer.

These items should include: W-2, 1099 for interest, dividend and stock sales, 1098 for home mortgage interest and property taxes, bank statements/ cancelled checks needed to verify deductions.

2. If you are preparing the return yourself, all of the forms you need can be downloaded free of charge at www.irs.gov.

3. You may be able to take the Earned Income Credit if a child lived with you and your earned income was less than \$38,646 if single or \$41,646 if you are married, filing a joint return. If a child did not live with you, you may still qualify for the Earned Income Credit if you earned less than \$12,880 if single or \$15,880 if married filing a joint return.

4. Remember, all contributions, no matter how small must be substantiated by a cancelled check or a receipt from the charity.

5. All single contributions of \$250.00 or more must be substantiated by a letter from the charity. Your cancelled check will not be enough.

6. If you own stock and asked the company to use your dividends to purchase more stock, the cash you would have received still must be reported as dividend income.

7. If you have changed jobs and want to move your 401(k) to an IRA ask the bank or brokerage firm who has the IRA to send a form to your former employer requesting a ‘trustee to trustee’ transfer. If you do, the transfer will not be taxed to you as a taxable distribution.

8. If you have sold stocks or bonds this year, you will need to know what you paid for the stocks/and or bonds that were sold. Do not wait until the last minute to look for this information. If your stock sales produced losses for the year, the maximum yearly deduction for an individual is \$3,000.

9. You may be entitled to a \$4,000 tuition deduction for tuition paid for post-secondary education that was not covered by HOPE or other scholarship money.

10. You and your spouse (if filing jointly) may be able to deduct up to \$5,000 each if you contribute to a Traditional IRA. The deduction is \$6,000 if you are age 60 or older at the end of the year.

11. If you take the standard deduction, you may be able to increase that deduction by the amount of property taxes you paid. The most you may add to your standard deduction is \$500 if you are single and \$1,000 if married filing jointly.

12. If you bought a first home after April 8, 2008 and before July 1, 2009 you may qualify for tax credit. The amount of the credit is \$7,500 if you bought your house after April 8, 2008 and \$8,000 if you bought your house between January 1 and July 1, 2009.

If you bought your house in 2009, you can still claim the credit on your 2008 tax return. You will need Form 5405.

13. You may qualify for a Child Tax Credit of \$1,000 for each qualifying child under the age of 17.

14. The personal exemption for 2008 is \$3,500 per dependent.

15. The standard deductions are as follows:

- Single: \$5,450
- Married filing joint return: \$10,900
- Married filing separate return: \$5,450
- Head of household: \$8,000
- Surviving spouse \$10,900

16. The 2008 mileage rate for the business use of a car is \$ 50 cents a mile"58 cents a mile after June 30, 2008. If you used a vehicle to travel to receive medical care, the deductible rate is 19 cents a mile. The amount increased to 27 cents a mile after June 30, 2008.

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