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THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2006

Learn leadership with 'Mission Possible'

Office of Student Leadership holds its annual conference this Saturday

By Frenchi Jones

Staff writer

For the first time in three years, the Office of Student Leadership will host its annual leadership conference in the fall.

The conference, which is usually held in the spring, is titled "Mission Possible" and will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 23.

"We thought it would be a great way to jumpstart student organizations for the beginning of the year," Leadership Specialist Jodi Middleton said.

Students are invited to participate in a series of small discussions, lectures and workshops geared toward preparing them for leadership positions on campus.

No organization positions are required to attend, according to Middleton.

This year's speakers will include Vice President Dick Cheney's official press secretary, Lea Anne McBride.

McBride is a GSU alumnus who graduated in 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communications and English.

Kellie Pickett, assistant director of the Office of Student Leadership, said the leadership committee chose McBride because she is a graduate who holds a major leadership position in the country.

"We like to bring in successful alum to be able to share how their leadership has affected their professional lives and to encourage students to develop their leadership skills," she said.

"With the current leadership role of the United States in current events, we think LeAnne McBride will provide an interesting perspective."

In the past, speakers have included Paul Ferguson, the director of GSU's Health Services, and Amy Williams-Rowell, assistant director of GSU's Career Services.

Middleton said students who want to hone their leadership skills should attend.

"Anyone who is interested in getting involved and have that leadership potential that they want to develop should attend," she said. "This is a great resource for them."

Approximately 400 students from GSU and surrounding universities and technical colleges are expected to register for the event.

"Our workshop series are something we are really trying to sell to groups on campus," Middleton said. "The conference is going to be based on the social change model of leadership development. The breakout sessions will focus on the student leader, the group and the whole community of Georgia Southern and Statesboro."

"The key is that leadership is not just about yourself or your position, it's a combination of knowing your strengths, knowing how they impact your group and how they impact

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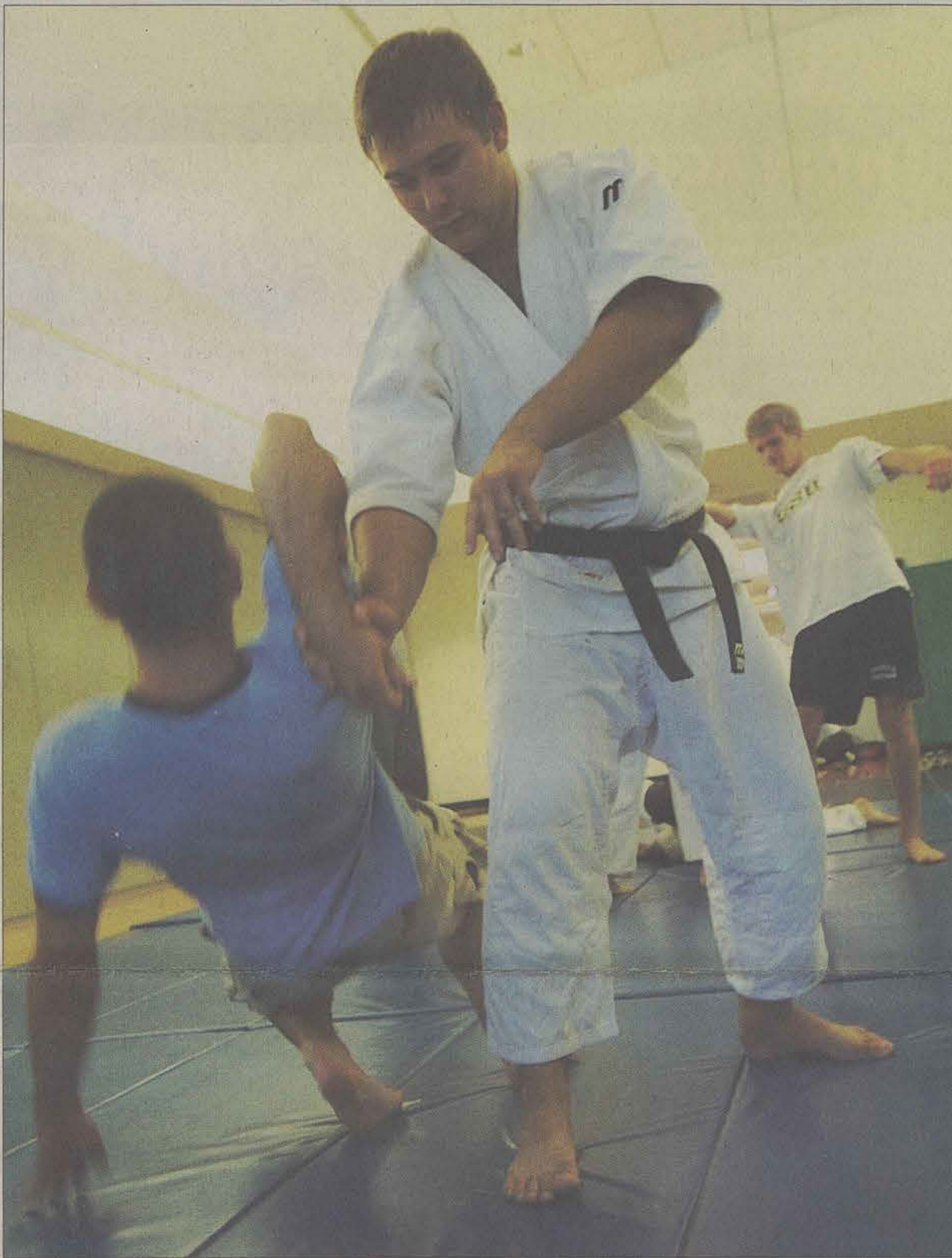
Pluto isn't our smallest planet after all, scientists say

Scientists claim 12 planets in our solar system, not nine.

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STAFF/Daniel Flanders

Chace Hawk teaches a submission move at a Wednesday meeting of the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and Submission Grappling Club.

Jiu jitsu takes GSU by force

Students found martial arts club for self-defense and discipline

By Ditoria Geddis

Staff writer

Brazilian Jiu jitsu and Submission Grappling club is the new martial arts club on campus.

This martial arts club consists of kickboxing and wrestling rolled into one, said Chace Hawk, president of the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Club.

Chace Hawk, a current student at GSU, co-founded the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu club in 2001. The club meets on Mondays, Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Fridays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All meetings take place at the RAC.

For the first two weeks, the meetings will be in the multi purpose room, and after the studios in the back of the RAC

are completed, the meetings will take place there.

According to Hawk, during the meetings the students will be training for Submission Grappling competitions.

Hawk came up with the idea by watching martial arts competitions and by watching Relson Gracie.

Relson Garth, who is a former faculty member at GSU, is a brown belt. Chace has been working with Garth since that time.

Hawk has been training for five years. He won second place in the U.S. National at Gracie Nationals in 2003. He also came in third place in the Dains Division of the Gaininga ProAm Nationals last year. He is currently a blue belt.

The training involves self-defense,

sport grappling tournaments and mixed martial arts (MMA) competition. Sparring and live drilling play a major role in training and a premium is placed on performance, especially in competition, said Hawk.

"The club is a great way to get in shape," said club member Kacey Grizzard.

Britt Coleman, who has about 7 months of experience in the club, said that he learned a lot from the club and that he has already competed in a competition.

The \$20 fee is for one semester, and it includes a club T-shirt, training and things needed for competitions. Anyone is welcome to join, no experience needed. There are also traveling competitions.

Anyone interested can contact Hawk at chacehawk@hotmail.com.

Means named new dean of Continuing Education

GSU News Service

Gary Means is the new dean of the Division of Continuing Education and Public Services at Georgia Southern University.

Means has more than three decades of experience in higher education, most recently at California State University-San Marcos, where he was dean of Continuing Education.

In addition, he served for 35 years in the Army Reserve. He spent his last 10 years in the Reserve coordinating humanitarian assistance missions throughout Asia for the State Department and the Army Medical Corps.



Gary Means

Means assumed his duties

at Georgia Southern on July 1. He replaced interim dean Brent Tharp, who has returned to his previous position as director of the Georgia Southern Museum.

"Over the last 10 years, Georgia Southern has made a quantum leap forward in quality and vision that is seldom achieved in higher education," said Means, who retired from the Army Reserve as a lieutenant colonel. "I am very excited to join such a dynamic institution and to be a part of our commitment to serve the region."

Means has been a tenured faculty member at Arizona State University, Colorado State University-Pueblo and San Diego State University. At Pueblo, he served as dean of Continuing Education and dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The Division of Continuing Education and Public Services at Georgia Southern is anchored by the Continuing Education Center, which provides a variety of programs designed to improve the skills of the region's workforce. The division includes the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah, the Brunswick Center, the Dublin Center and the Liberty Center at Fort Stewart.

The Botanical Garden, the Center for Wildlife Education and the Lamar Q Ball Jr. Raptor Center, the Museum and the Performing Arts Center are also part of the Division of Continuing Education and Public Services.

"The facilities at Georgia Southern are just fantastic," Means said. "I'm also very impressed with the people, both in the administration and within this division. I see a real commitment to higher education and to reaching out to the community and all of Southeast Georgia."

To that end, the Division of Continuing Education and Public Services will evolve as it

see **MEANS**, page 7

Police capture escaped inmate after manhunt on Virginia Tech campus

By Sue Lindsey

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — A manhunt for an escaped convict suspected in the slayings of a hospital guard and a sheriff's deputy shut down the Virginia Tech campus on the first day of classes Monday.

Sharpshooters were posted on university rooftops and students scrambled for safety.

Authorities later captured William Morva, 24, after he was found hiding in a briar patch along a trail off-campus, Blacksburg Police Chief Kim Crannis

said. The spot was about 150 yards from where the sheriff's deputy was slain during the intense search Monday morning. A weapon also was recovered, but police would not elaborate.

Hundreds of police scoured the 2,600-acre campus as Virginia Tech Vice President Kurt Krause canceled classes for the school's 26,000 students and sent some 6,000 professors and other workers home.

Morva had escaped from a hospital, about two miles from campus, where he had been taken for treatment of a sprained wrist and ankle early Sunday.

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Matt Gentry/AP Photo

Virginia State Police Sgt. R.J. Carpentieri, left, keeps watch during the evacuation of the Squires Student Center on the Virginia Tech campus Monday during a search for an escaped inmate.

All Photos: Daniel Flanders/Staff



Lost in translation.

FIRST AMENDMENT IN ACTION

This past spring, during the opening weekend of Portland's Rose Festival, crowds gathered to witness two events: Save Our History and a flag burning. The organizers of the latter identified themselves as anarchists. They were protesting the Save Our History project that was held in Pioneer Courthouse Square. This event travels the nation taping people of all ages singing the United States' national anthem. Sponsored by Jeep and The History Channel, Save Our History's corporate sponsors' presence out-shadowed the educational value of the event. The protesters sang an anthem of their own, singing "patriotism is for the bad guys" and "end imperialism." Tensions ran high all morning and city police kept a vigilant eye. The most interesting by-product of the clash was the lively dialogue and discussion amongst the crowd that arose from the flag's ashes.



Can you hear her now? A young girl on cell is distracted from protesters' message.



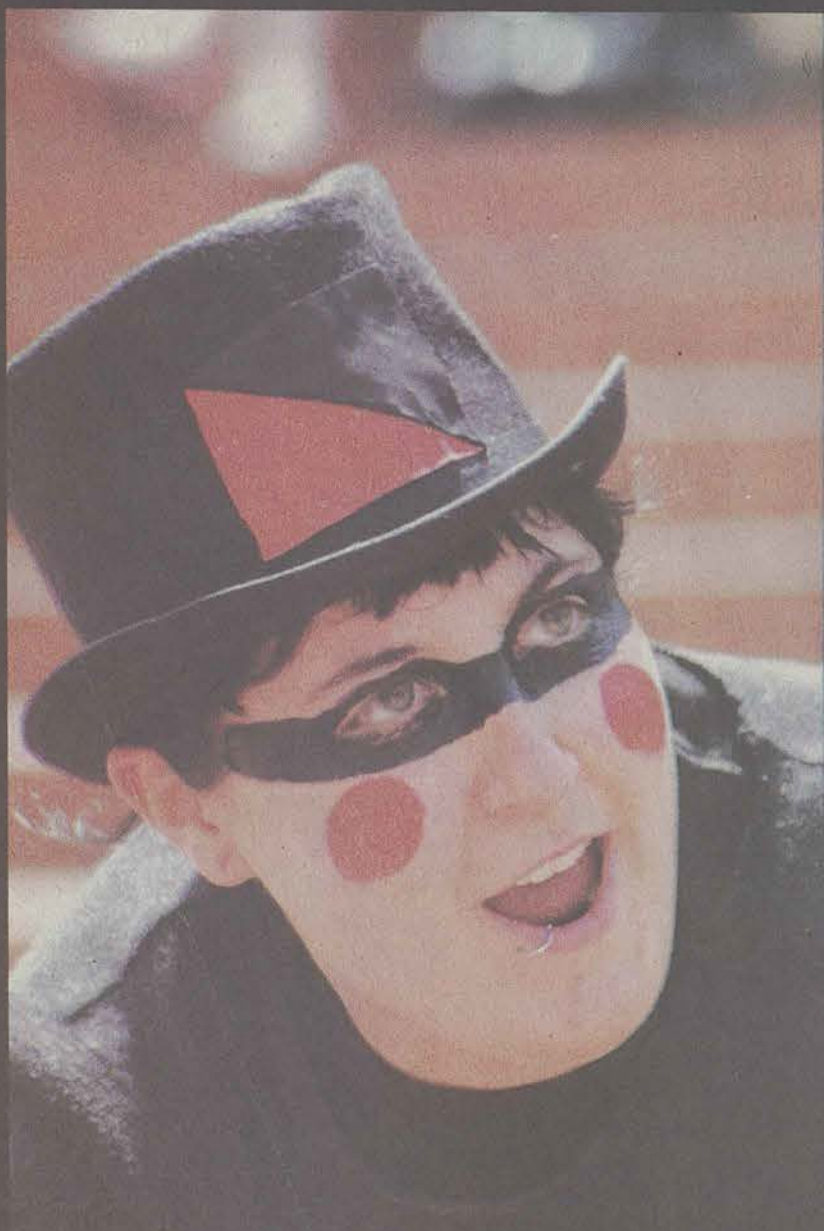
Demonstrators use strong, symbolic acts to convey statements.



Residue burned into brick is scrubbed away with another flag.



Best part of waking up...



Protesters paint and cover their faces to depersonalize themselves in an attempt to maintain emphasis on their message.



A lone worker quietly mops away the charred flag.



The Botanical Gardens prepares for fall activities geared towards students and the community.

Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

The garden's secrets

Botanical garden to host book club and other activities this fall

By Jenny Miller

Assistant news editor

The Georgia Southern Botanical Garden is gearing up for another year full of events and festivals for people of all ages.

The first major event the gardens will host is the Longleaf Book Club on Wednesday, August 23 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The book club will be discussing Janisse Ray's book, "Wild Card Quilt: Taking a Chance on Home." Ray's book is about the Moody Forest, which is located in Appling County.

To accompany the book discussion, there will be a hike through the Moody Forest on September 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The botanical garden is just a few

blocks from the Eagle Village dormitory at 1505 Bland Avenue. The garden gates are open from 9 a.m. until dusk and there is no admission charge.

"Students should really take advantage of the beautiful green space the garden provides. You can walk through woodland areas, stroll around beds overflowing with color and see the remnants of an early 20th century farmstead," said Stephanie Tames, the gardens public relations coordinator.

In addition to the beautiful scenery, the garden features sculptures along the wooded trails, a bog garden and a gift shop that is located in the Bland Cottage Visitors Center.

The garden will also play host to the Children's Vegetable Garden, which will run every Wednesday from

September 20 to October 25, 4-5 p.m. The vegetable garden always needs volunteers, who will teach children how to nurture seeds, harvest vegetables and develop the soil. All of the vegetables grown will be donated to the Statesboro Food Bank.

"It's a great place if you want a quiet place to walk or sit and read a book, or to meet friends for a picnic," said Tames.

The garden also hosts a Farm & Forest Festival annually, this year taking place on October 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition, the botanical garden regularly features weekend workshops. For more information, check out their Web page at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/garden>.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 22

6:30p.m.-8p.m.
House Calls
On-campus residence halls

6:30p.m.-8p.m.
Habitat for Humanity Meeting
Russell Union 2048

7p.m.-10p.m.
Residence hall elections

Wednesday, August 23

10a.m.-1p.m.
The Expo 2006
Russell Union rotunda

6p.m.-8p.m.
Student Government meeting
Russell Union 2047

7p.m.-9p.m.
Longleaf Reading group
Botanical Garden, Bland Cottage

Thursday, August 24

11:30a.m.-1p.m.
A Day for Southern campaign
Nessmith Lane Ballroom

POLICE BEAT

08-16-2006

• Alan L. Cooper, 19, of Wedgewood Way, Peachtree City, Ga., was charged with possession of a false I.D.

• A case of simple battery was reported at the Russell Union.

08-17-2006

• Noah Kwame Killingsworth, 19, of Southern Courtyard, was charged with DUI, improper stopping and improper use of a turn lane.

• A cell phone was taken from Olliff Hall.

• A juvenile was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and obstruction of an officer.

08-18-2006

• Zachary Kyle Williams, 18, of Olliff Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana.

• A purse was taken from the Henderson Library.

08-19-2006

• A case of identity fraud was reported at the Russell Union.

08-20-2006

• Keith Jermaine Murphy, 19, of Green Street, Glennville, Ga., was charged with possession of marijuana and failure to yield.

• James Andrew Spurlin, 18, of Lanier Drive, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and giving false information to an officer.

• A bicycle was taken from the Sanford Hall bike rack.

• A case of criminal trespass was reported at Watson Hall.

Psychology students to counsel public

By Ellen Eklund
Staff writer

The Georgia Southern Psychology Clinic began accepting appointments on Tuesday, Aug. 1 for adult clients in Bulloch County and other surrounding counties.

The clinic serves as a training site for graduate students and to

offer psychological treatment to the public.

The opening reception for the clinic will be held during the first week of August.

"The department has been working toward offering this clinic for several years," said John Murray, Ph.D., chair of the psychology department.

"It allows us to connect with the community by offering much-needed psychological services, and at the same time provides a training laboratory for our graduate students," said Murray.

The clinic will be located on the Georgia Southern University campus in the Carroll Building, and hours will be Tuesday and Thursday

from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Services are only offered to adult clients in the community.

The clinic will not be available to GSU students but they will have access to the Counseling Center on campus.

In the clinic, graduate students will provide social and emotional assessment and psychotherapy

under the supervision of licensed, clinical faculty.

Because the clinic serves as a training site for graduate students, clients must agree to have sessions observed by faculty and students either directly or by videotape.

All services remain confidential. For more information contact the clinic at 871-1685.

Phonathon connects students old and new

By Jerriod Grizzle
Staff writer

With a staff of 23 people working shifts at eight automated stations in a small room near the alumni house, student fundraisers call alumni and parents of current students to solicit money for Georgia Southern.

On August 28 GSU's annual Phonathon, sponsored by the GSU Foundation, will begin collecting donations for university programs, services and centers.

"Programs like first year experience, cultural outreach programs, the GSU Museum and the Botanical Garden are examples of where our funding might go," said Phonathon coordinator Gloria Morgan.

Morgan also said that as the university grows the need for private funding increases. This is where the Phonathon comes in.

"We are the largest source of unrestricted funds for the university," said Morgan.

Since 2002 the Phonathon has raised over \$200,000 annually. This year, Morgan and her staff hope to raise more than \$300,000.

Every dollar collected by the Phonathon team for the Annual Fund goes back to the students in the form of student services and scholarships.

Desmund Nicely, a phonathon team leader, expressed the importance of the program.

"The Phonathon allows current students to assist in the growth of the university while keeping in touch with those that came before them," he said.

Many people however are not even aware of the program, according to Morgan.

"Students, staff and faculty benefit from the work the Phonathon team does each year and many do not know it exists. If students do not know the importance of the GSU Foundation before they graduate, most turn into alumni who do not know the importance of giving back to the university," Morgan said.

"I appreciate the hard work and dedication put forth by everyone who has ever been a member of the Phonathon team," said Morgan. "The callers and team leaders make the program successful. They are the ones on the phones every night raising the money," she said.

The Expo
Wednesday, August 23rd *
10am-1pm
Russell Union Rotunda

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Student Organizations
& Volunteer Agencies

*Rain date: Thursday August 24, 2006

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Weekly Eagle Buzz



Tuesday, August 22nd

“House Calls” – from 6:30pm-8pm, university faculty and staff will come around and meet the first-year students living on-campus. Students who are in their room will be entered into a drawing for a free IPOD.

“Residence Hall Leadership Elections” – cast your vote for your favorite candidates at your respective residence hall office between 7pm-10pm.

Wednesday, August 23rd

“The Expo 2006” -- will take place outside the Russell Union rotunda area from 10am-1pm. Get free information about student organizations, local businesses, volunteer agencies, part-time jobs, and much more. Approximately 150 organizations/vendors will be on-site. Stop by for free food and giveaways.

“Residence Hall Leadership Elections” – cast your vote for your favorite candidates at your respective residence hall office between 7pm-10pm.

Friday, August 25th

Video Game Alliance kicks off the year right with the first ever program of the semester. This event will take place in the Russell Union Ballroom from 5pm-10:30pm. Contact VGA at www.videogamersalliance.com or Victoria for any questions at 688-7753. Free gaming, food, and giveaways! Bring your Eagle ID card.

Pre-Season Flag Football Tournament will take place August 25th-August 27th. Sign up by August 22nd to play. It's free! Stop by the CRI office for more information or call 681-5436.

Saturday, August 26th

Pre-Season Flag Football Tournament will take place August 25th-August 27th. Sign up by August 22nd to play. It's free! Stop by the CRI office for more information or call 681-5436.

Sunday, August 27th

Pre-Season Flag Football Tournament will take place August 25th-August 27th. Sign up by August 22nd to play. It's free! Stop by the CRI office for more information or call 681-5436.

Monday, August 28th

CRI will sponsor Flag Football Officials Clinic from 9pm-11pm in the RAC Auxiliary Gym. Come to the clinic to officiate intramural Flag Football. No experience necessary. Contact Sarah Fain with any questions at 681-5436.

Ongoing Opportunities:

Volunteer Services will sponsor an International Conversation Hour every Friday at 11:15am in Russell Union 2022. Contact Diana Hensley at 681-0010 for any questions. This is a fun way to meet great people from around the world. Interested in volunteering? Contact our office today.

Interested in backpacking on the Black Mountain Crest Trail over Labor Day weekend? Sign up by August 25th for a fun weekend backpacking the scenic overviews on your way up to the top of the east coasts tallest peak. Contact Jennifer Salerno at 681-5436 in the CRI Southern Adventures office for more details. Trip takes place September 1-4, 2006.

Important Dates and Deadlines

August 28	Fee payment deadline for registration or changing registration during the Drop/Add period	January 16	- No classes
September 4	Labor Day Holiday - Administrative offices closed - No classes	January 22	Attendance Verification Deadline for classes starting January 8-12
September 18	Deadline for M.Ed. students to register to take the Comprehensive Exams during Fall Semester 2006	February 1	Fee payment deadline for registration or changing registration during Drop/Add period
September 29	Mid-term grades for Freshmen due	February 1	Final deadline for international graduate students to apply for Summer 2007 admission
October 1	Final deadline for international graduate students to apply for Spring 2007 admission	February 19	Early Registration for Summer Semester 2007 and Fall Semester 2007 begins (Students should view WINGS for individual date and time.)
October 1	Priority deadline for domestic graduate students to apply for Spring 2007 admission	February 21	Deadline for M.Ed. students to register to take the comprehensive exams during Spring Semester 2007
October 9	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty	February 23	Mid-term grades for Freshmen due
October 13-14	Family Weekend	March 1	Priority deadline for international graduate students to apply for Fall 2007 admission
October 20-21	Homecoming - Classes canceled beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 20	March 1	Priority deadline for domestic graduate students to apply for Fall 2007 admission
October 23	Registration for Spring 2007 begins (Students should view WINGS for individual date and time)	March 1	Deadline for receipt of Graduate Assistantship Applications to have priority consideration for Fall Semester 2007
October 26	Academic Standards Committee meeting, 2:00 p.m.	March 5	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty
November 8	Final date to hold terminal or comprehensive examination, theses and dissertation defenses	March 12-16	Spring break for students - Administrative offices open - Residence halls open
November 15	Final deadline for domestic graduate students to apply for Spring 2007 admission	March 15	Priority deadline for domestic graduate students to apply for Summer 2007 admission
November 15	Deadline to submit electronic theses and dissertations to College of Graduate Studies for final format review	March 24	Annual Alumni Awards Dinner
November 22-24	Thanksgiving holidays for students - Administrative offices closed November 23-24 - Residence halls open	March 29	Academic Standards Committee meeting, 2:00 p.m.
November 30	Last day of classes	April 1	Final deadline for domestic graduate students to apply for Summer 2007 admission
December 1	Deadline for Spring Semester 2007 Undergraduate Admission Application	April 4	Final date to hold terminal or comprehensive examination, theses or dissertation defenses
December 1	Reading Day	April 4	Honors Day, 8:30 a.m.
December 4-7	Final exams	April 11	Deadline to submit electronic theses and dissertations to College of Graduate Studies for final format review
December 7	Deadline to submit final verified (approved) electronic theses or dissertation to College of Graduate Studies	April 30	Last day of classes
December 7	Final date for graduate and undergraduate students to apply for Spring 2007 graduation	May 1-4	Final exams
December 8	Residence halls close at 12:00 noon	May 4	Deadline to submit final verified (approved) electronic theses or dissertations to College of Graduate Studies
December 8	Commencement	May 4	Final date for graduate and undergraduate students to apply for Summer 2007 graduation
December 9	Residence halls close at 12:00 noon for students participating in commencement activities (permission required)	May 5	Residence halls close, 12:00 noon
December 9	Christmas break for students begins	May 5	Commencement
December 12	Employee Tuition Assistance Program registration for Spring 2007, via the web beginning at 3:30 p.m.	May 6	Residence Halls close at 12:00 noon for students participating in Commencement activities (permission required)
December 25-29	Christmas Holidays - Administrative offices closed	May 10	Employee Tuition Assistance Program Registration for Summer 2007, via the web beginning at 3:30 p.m.
January 1	New Year's Day Holiday - Administrative offices closed - No classes	May 4	Final date for graduate and undergraduate students to apply for Summer 2007 graduation
January 3	Academic Standards Committee meeting, 2:00 p.m.	May 10	Employee Tuition Assistance Program Registration for Summer 2007, via the web beginning at 3:30 p.m.
January 4	Residence hall check-in, 1:00 p.m. at the Residence Halls	May 10	Academic Standards Committee meeting, 10:00 a.m.
January 5	Academic Standards Committee meeting, 10:00 a.m.	May 13	Residence hall check-in, 1:00 p.m. in the Residence Halls
January 5	New Student Orientation and Registration, Russell Union, 8:00 a.m. NOTE: Enrolled and former students should refer to WINGS (http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/registrar) for specific registration times.	May 14	Academic Standards Committee meeting, 10:00 a.m.
January 8	Fee payment deadline for Spring Semester 2007 (First Day of University Classes)	May 14	New Student Orientation and Registration, Russell Union, 8:00 a.m. NOTE: Enrolled and former students should refer to WINGS (http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/registrar) for specific registration times.
January 8	Classes begin	May 15	Fee payment deadline for Summer Semester 2007 (First Day of University Classes)
January 8-11	Drop/Add		
January 12	\$100 Late Registration Fee begins		
January 15	Martin Luther King Holiday - Administrative offices closed		

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News briefs by MCT Campus

POLITICS



Pierre Tjerdman/MCT

Israeli soldiers return from southern Lebanon to northern Israel. A U.N. cease-fire designed to end a month of violence has been imposed.

Both sides claim victory in Middle East

WASHINGTON — On the face of it, Hezbollah appears to be a big winner following the month of fighting with Israel, because the militant Lebanese group stood up to the region's premier military power and survived.

But once the dust settles, Hezbollah's loss of much of its hard-won presence in southern Lebanon and Israel's destruction of a vast amount of the guerrilla group's most-prized rocketry may begin to alter that assessment.

Who ultimately gained — and whether the cease-fire announced ultimately holds — will depend in large measure on whether the Lebanese army and the combined international force to be sent to the region are capable of holding the territory that has been under Hezbollah's control.

As the fighting wound down with the advent of the cease-fire, both sides quickly claimed victory. Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah said

his forces had won “a strategic, historic victory” against Israel. Israeli officials said their country's military had weakened Hezbollah and pushed it back.

“In the near term, the loser is definitely Israel, and the United States for having backed it, and the winners are Hezbollah and Iran,” said Jim Lindsay, vice president of the Council on Foreign Relations and former director of global security at the National Security Council.

SCIENCE

Call for 3 more planets in solar system

CHICAGO — Astronomers hold on to your telescopes.

The solar system has 12 planets, not nine.

That's the earthshaking conclusion of an influential international committee, which on Wednesday will recommend a new definition of what qualifies as a planet.

The move is necessary, experts said, because of discoveries in the past decade that have revealed a glut of Pluto-sized bodies beyond the orbit of Pluto — until now considered the farthest planet from the sun.

Those findings sparked an intense

debate among planet-watchers: Should the new worlds be welcomed as planets, or was it a mistake to call tiny Pluto a planet in the first place?

A seven-member panel of astronomers, historians and one science writer gathered in Paris last month under the auspices of the International Astronomical Union to settle the question.

A planet, they decreed, is any star-orbiting object so large that its own gravity pulls in its rough edges, producing a near-perfect sphere.

That definition excludes some

200,000 small, odd-shaped rocks, comets and asteroids that wander around the sun. It also means Pluto gets to remain a planet.

But the new definition also includes three other big space rocks, including one currently considered an asteroid and another long described as a moon of Pluto.

Astronomers from around the world are scheduled to vote on the new definition on Aug. 24 at the IAU's meeting in Prague.

It would constitute the first official recognition of new planets since Pluto's discovery in 1930.

ENVIRONMENT

Critics question mercury removal plan

WASHINGTON — A new recycling initiative could remove tons of potentially deadly mercury from the environment, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, but critics and state administrators of similar programs are questioning whether the program will work, calling it underfunded and unrealistic.

The program, which the EPA and leaders of the steel and auto industries announced last Friday, centers on mercury-filled switches that control automatic lights in cars.

The switches are the fourth-largest source of mercury pollution in the U.S. each year, according to EPA estimates.

Mercury-filled switches haven't been used in new cars since model year 2003, but tens of millions of older cars have mercury switches that will be crushed when they're recycled. If a car's mercury switch is recycled with the rest of the car, the mercury either leaks into the ground or is vaporized in steel furnaces. The metal can build up in living tissues and damage the nervous system.

The new program, which starts next month, will work on a voluntary basis. Automakers and steel manufacturers will contribute \$4 million to a fund to educate junkyards about the benefits of removing mercury

switches, which they can then dispose of properly.

The program would safely dispose of 75 tons of mercury over the next 15 years, according to the EPA. About 13.5 million cars are recycled each year.

But critics said that junkyards won't remove the switches because the program won't pay enough for each mercury switch they pull out.

Some salvagers will remove the switches to help the environment, said Carole Ciffrino of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, but many won't because there's no money in it.

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Firefighters shot at for not helping cat

1 KINGMAN, AZ -- A man angry at firefighters who refused to rescue a cat from a tree was arrested after he started shooting at the fire crew, officials said.

Jeffrey Cullen, 58, was charged with four felony counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, Mohave County Sheriff's spokeswoman Trish Carter said.

A three-person fire crew went to Cullen's home Thursday when he reported a tree fire, but found no blaze, Hualapai Valley Fire Department spokeswoman Sandy Edwards said.

Instead, Cullen told firefighters he wanted a cat rescued from his tree and knew they would only respond to a fire call, Edwards said.

A battalion chief told Cullen to call animal control or wait for the cat to get hungry and come down.

Cullen apparently didn't like the response, Edwards said.

“He went back into the house, got a small black revolver and came outside shooting,” she said.

The firefighters and a 12-year-old

boy who had come to see the fire truck ran for their lives, Edwards said. No one was injured.

Deputies arrested Cullen after a brief standoff and struggle.

Dolphin has taste for boy's thumbs

2 ORLANDO, Fla. — A 7-year-old boy who suffered a bruised thumb was the second child in as many months to be bitten by a dolphin at a SeaWorld Orlando attraction, park officials said.

Hunter Hovan, of Port Orange, was accompanied by a park employee when he was allowed to touch the animal at the Dolphin Cove attraction while celebrating his birthday Sunday, according to Becca Bides, a SeaWorld Orlando spokeswoman. The 3-year-old dolphin bit the boy because it was excited, Bides said.

“We do have animals that, as animals of any age and even humans, they get excited and get rambunctious,” Bides said.

Charges are not expected to be filed.



Teacher fired for being woman

3 WATERTOWN, N.Y. — The minister of a church that dismissed a female Sunday School teacher after adopting what it called a literal interpretation of the Bible said a woman can perform any job — outside of the church.

The First Baptist Church dismissed Mary Lambert on Aug. 9 with a letter explaining that the church had adopted an interpretation that prohibits women from teaching men. She had taught there for 54 years.

The letter quoted the first epistle to Timothy: “I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.”

SPORTS

Tom Glavine being tested for blood clot

The New York Mets pitcher felt coldness in his left ring finger after his start against the Philadelphia Phillies last week. Having ruled out the possibility of an aneurysm, doctors are unsure as to whether Glavine's problem is related to a blood clot or a knot in his shoulder.

The 40-year old former Atlanta Brave and Cy Young award winner is scheduled for an angiogram to test for arterial blockage today, but remains hopeful that he could make his next start.



Yankees sweep Red Sox in Boston

The New York Yankees defeated the Boston Red Sox 2-1 on Monday afternoon. With the victory, the Yankees extend their AL East lead to six-and-a-half games.

It was the first time since 1954 that the Red Sox were swept in a five-game series. Cory Lidle pitched six shutout innings for the Yankees, and Nick Green scored the eventual winning run in the 8th after Keith Foulke's wild pitch.

VanGorder: Clark likely to be starting QB

Quarterback quandary apparently over as Southern Miss. transfer Travis Clark shines in pre-season scrimmages

By Will Adams
Sports editor

Travis Clark may have solidified himself as Georgia Southern's new starting quarterback after throwing two touchdown passes in Saturday morning's practice scrimmage.

Brian VanGorder and the rest of the coaching staff addressed the public at the Parrish Football Center for the Media Day meet and greet Saturday morning and hinted that Clark would most likely be under center for the home opener against Central Connecticut State.

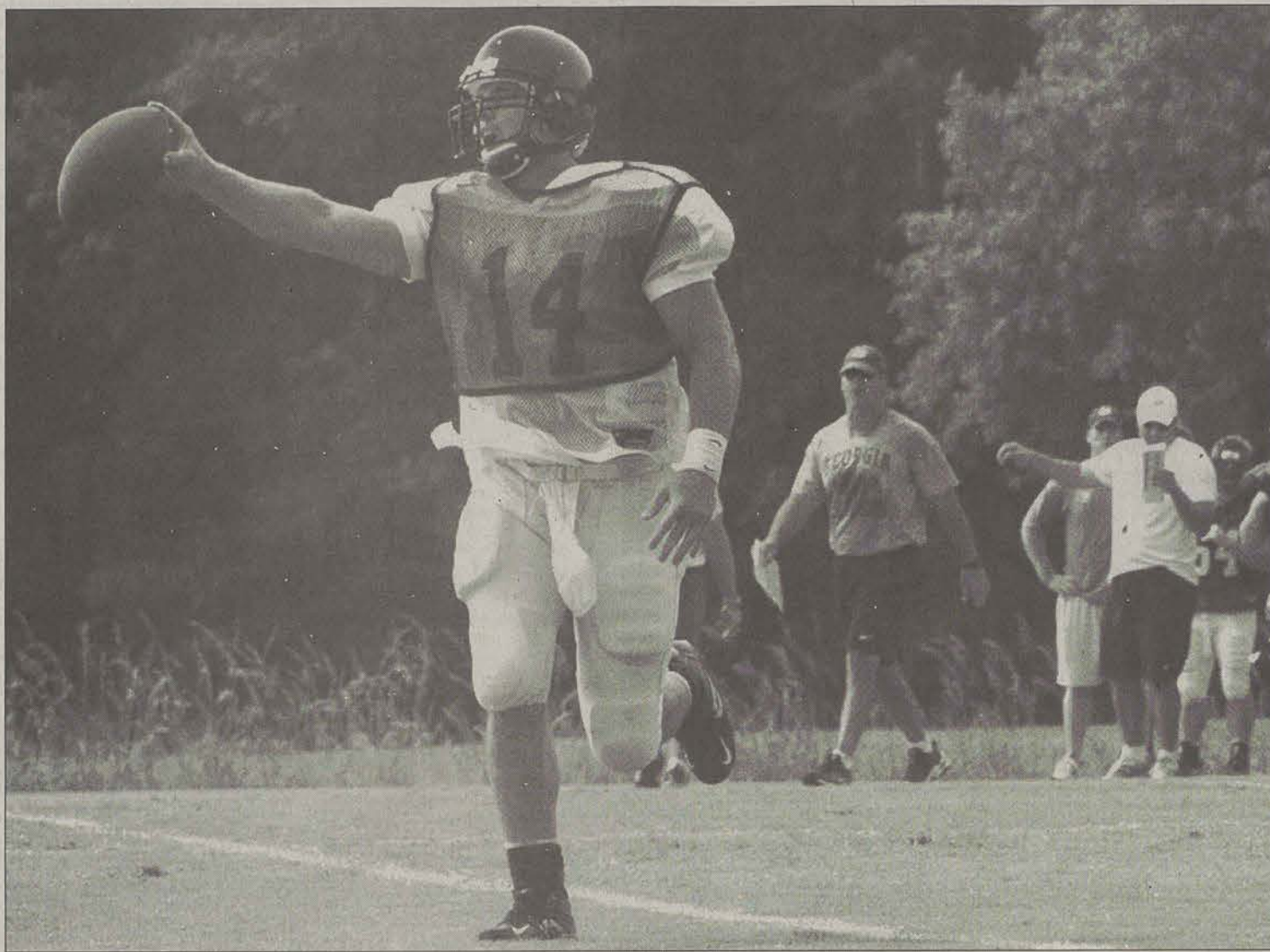
"I think Travis [Clark] has separated himself from the four young guys and right now I would say Zach [Stanford] and Chris Rogers are in a battle for that backup situation, but I think he's the front runner and has a good understanding of the offense," VanGorder said of the quarterbacks.

"It comes down to your ability to execute and as a play caller to understand timing and how to use your arsenal," he added.

Last season's starter, Jayson Foster, didn't fit very well with VanGorder's new offensive scheme and has been taking snaps and practicing at wide receiver.

Chris Griffin, a standout during the Blue/White spring scrimmage game, was declared academically ineligible for the season and is currently not listed on the roster.

About a half dozen freshman and transfers have been competing for the starting job since training camp over the summer, but it was Travis Clark who established himself as a leader on the field during practice and in the scrimmages.



Jamie Tuten/STAFF

As Coach VanGorder looks on, sophomore Travis Clark works with the first team offense at Saturday morning's practice scrimmage. VanGorder said Clark has "separated himself" from the other potential starting quarterbacks because of his understanding of the offense.

With the home opener against Central Connecticut State only a few weeks away, the Lincoln native believes the offense is finally starting to come together, but still has some time in the next few weeks to really gel.

"The whole offense is stepping up. I mean, at the first scrimmage, we looked all right. At the scrimmage today, we looked real good. We were just moving the ball, getting first downs and scoring. The defense had no clue what we were doing, we just

kept them on their heels," said Clark after the scrimmage.

"Well, basically we just try to spread the defense out. We're still running the ball. We're about a balanced offense. We're keeping things simple, you know," Clark added.

VanGorder's new 'pro-style' offense helps to put receivers in a position where they can make big plays, a concept that has many in Eagle Nation anxiously awaiting the start of the season.

"I'm looking forward to more of a

vertical passing game with speedster Jayson Foster in the mix," said junior Charles Heller.

"[Jayson Foster] is one of our difference maker players. He has a great combination of speed and explosion. I think he's adjusting really well to the wide receiver position and of course he's a young man that brings a great attitude everyday," VanGorder said.

VanGorder was thoroughly impressed with how the offense performed offensively at the scrimmage, but still thinks the team has a long way to go.

"There was much improvement; the players have bought into the idea of high standards and expectations," VanGorder said of the team's progress since the spring practices.

"I think we're still working on the total team, but the dependability and respect factor is becoming more important to each guy. The tempo of the practices has been pretty good, but with the new offense and defense we have a ways to go with execution and the bottom line is, we've got to learn how to play faster," VanGorder said.

Offensive coordinator Darin Hinshaw emphasized fundamentals during practice and said the Eagles "did improve dramatically this week as far as fundamentals, lining up correctly, but we still have sloppiness, from the center-quarterback exchange to things that we can control. That has to change and improve as we go into three weeks before our first game."

According to coaches, the Eagle offense will use the next few weeks to work on basic execution and fundamentals, and begin preparing for their game against Central Connecticut State on Sept. 9.

Eagle football players and coaches meet fans



Eric Robinson/STAFF

Young Eagle fans met Gus outside the Parrish Football Center on Saturday. Many fans came out to show their support and meet the 2006 GSU football team.

By Eric Robinson
Assistant sports editor

Hundreds of Eagle fans, young and old, gathered at the Parrish Football Center to meet the football team on Saturday afternoon.

All the players, along with Head Coach Brian VanGorder and the rest of the coaching staff, were present to meet and greet members of Eagle Nation.

The line of waiting fans to enter the complex stretched into the parking lot in the 90-degree heat.

Those waiting were greeted by Eagle cheerleaders, and young fans eagerly awaiting autographs, had their picture taken with Gus.

Christian McPeck, a grad student at GSU, said the event was "hot, but awesome."

"I've got to size up our guys for the year," he said.

Inside the Parrish Center, fans were allowed to enter several

rooms, each with different Eagle players available to meet and sign autographs.

In the meeting room, fans were presented a film showing past GSU football highlights.

"With all the people coming out to show their support, it's a lot of fun to be able to sign autographs for them," said running back Melvin Greer.

On the grounds outside the Parrish Center, merchandise such as clothing and footballs were on sale. Several football players engaged in some throw-and-catch sessions with young fans.

GSU fans and players alike are preparing for the home opener against Central Connecticut State.

Greer said he is ready for opening day.

"I'm excited," he said. "I can't wait till September the ninth."

Grube speaks on importance of sportsmanship

By Eric Robinson
Assistant sports editor

Several Georgia Southern student-athletes, coaches, and members of the university police gathered in a meeting room in the Dan J. Parrish Football Center Thursday morning to hear President Grube and Athletic Director Sam Baker speak about the necessity of sportsmanship for the coming seasons.



Dr. Bruce Grube

Among those in attendance were Head Football Coach Brian VanGorder, Men's Soccer Coach Kevin Kennedy, Chief of University Police Ken Brown, and Athletics Director Sam Baker.

The annual meeting is required by the Southern Conference, which has been known in the past to be one of the dirtiest conferences in the nation as far as sportsmanship.

However, Grube said that he would still hold the meetings even if the SoCon didn't require them.

Grube discussed how winning makes you more visible as a team, and makes it easier to be unsportsmanlike.

"No matter what your role is, you are Georgia Southern," he told the audience. "What you do reflects not only on yourself but on the entire university."

Though the purpose of the meeting was to discuss good sportsmanship, Grube jokingly spoke about his competitive nature.

"I think losing is disgusting and winning is a lot of fun," Grube said. "Winning does a lot for morale." Grube then addressed the players and coaches for the rest of the meeting, after the press was dismissed.

Offense sets tone at scrimmage

GSU News Service

During Georgia Southern football's first scrimmage last week, the defense set the tone. On Saturday the offense responded.

Travis Clark threw two touchdown passes and Zach Stanford added another during the 90-minute morning scrimmage. Clark connected with Jayson Foster on a 21-yard TD pass, then later, during an overtime simulation, the sophomore QB found Darius Smiley on a 5-yard score.

During special situations on 3rd down and various yards, Clark found Smiley on a 60-yard pass.

Clark finished 6-of-12 for 79 yards and two TDs while throwing one interception.

Stanford missed his first three

passes but completed his final two, including a 30-yard scoring strike to Tim Camp during the overtime drill. He finished with 33 passing yards.

In another goal line situation, on fourth down, Stanford attempted a pass to Brett Mahre. It bounced out of his hands but Michael Veal was there to catch the touchdown.

Chris Covington rushed for a team-leading 91 yards on 13 carries. He recorded a 5-yard touchdown run early in the scrimmage.

Ri'Chard Davis led the defense with seven tackles and an interception while Renard Montford added five tackles and John Mohring four.

Bo Galvin hit a pair of 42-yard field goals while incumbent Jonathan Dudley connected from 42 yards but missed from 47.

GSU golfer gets ready for tourney

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern sophomore Jordan Johnston recently qualified for the U.S. Golf Amateur Tournament, after firing a 142 in his qualifying tournament at Soldier Hollow in Midway, Utah.

The U.S. Amateur Tournament is being held in Chaska, Minn., and will be played at both the Hazeltine National Golf Club and the Chaska Town Course. It will run from Aug. 21-27.

The Evans, Georgia, native competed in 11 tournaments as a freshman in 2005-06.

His best finish came at the Hyatt Plantation Club Intercollegiate in Dorado, Puerto Rico, where he fired a career-low 67 (-5) in the third round

and a career-low total of 210 (-6) to finish fourth.

"Anytime you're playing for a national championship it's an honor. A lot of great players go through their career without qualifying for the amateurs. I told him to soak up every moment," said head coach Larry Mays.

The first and third round matches, along with the quarterfinal matches, will be shown on tape delay daily on The Golf Channel Aug. 23-25 from 4-6 p.m. The semifinal and championship matches will be shown on tape delay Aug. 26 and 27, from 4-6 p.m.

Johnston's tee times have been set for 1:45 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 21 at the par 72 Hazeltine National Golf Club and 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 22 at the par 71 Chaska Town Course.



Special Photo

GSU sophomore Jordan Johnston will play in the U.S. Amateur Tournament in Chaska, Minn. on Aug. 21-27.

Means

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keeps pace with the needs and demands of the region it serves.

"We want to continue the continuing education outreach programs that are already in place and develop more graduate offerings and certificate academic credit programs," Means said. "We are also planning to offer undergraduate programs in local and regional high schools. This will allow qualified students to earn up to 30 hours of college credit while they are still in high school.

"In addition, we want to develop a 'weekend university' for people who don't have the ability to come to campus and take classes during the week. This will allow non-traditional students in selected majors to come in on a Friday-weekend format and complete their general education curriculum and their degree requirements."

Means received a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in social work from San Diego State. He earned a Ph.D. in social work and public administration from Denver University.

Means and his wife, Jan, have two children. Their son, Gary Jr., is a physician with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., and their daughter, Laura, is a teacher in Coos Bay, Ore.

Mission

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society," Pickett said.

"Whatever your leadership mission is we want to help you make it possible," she added.

The registration deadline for the conference is September 8. Those interested can register online at www.students.georgiasouthern.edu/leadership or at the Office of Student Leadership located in the Russell Union, Rm. 2022.

Registration is \$10 and includes lunch.

Art and passion of Hurricane Katrina is shared

By Pam Firmin
MCT campus

"The Art of the Storm: Nothing Can Destroy Passion" is a display of Mississippi art that is stopping people in their tracks in Minneapolis.

Hurricane debris brought from Hancock County, Miss., is incorporated into its gallery design, which showcases about 140 pieces of work by 30 Coast artists.

Broken glass, a chandelier, a computer hard drive, one blade from a ceiling fan and shreds of material hanging in trees are some of what's on display. Plus, artists who arranged the display threw in some

heavier things that would have been hard to haul, like chunks of concrete cement and bricks.

The debris is there to make Katrina's destruction more real to people who have not seen it firsthand, said Kerrie Gray, who is CEO of MinnesotaHelpers.org. She formed Mississippi Art Share as a program of MinnesotaHelpers in order to help the artists she saw struggling against all odds when she came to Hancock County as a volunteer after the storm.

The exhibit has a twofold intent. One is to provide a selling opportunity for artists who are creating their work in Katrina's aftermath but now lack their once plentiful

hometown venues and audiences. All of the show's proceeds from sales go to the artists.

The second is to rev up awareness of the Coast's continuing needs.

"This is about so much more than art," Gray said in a story from the Minnesota Sun. "It needs to be kept in people's minds that the Gulf Coast still needs help."

The art now on exhibit has both new work and work that remains from the earlier shows.

For Mark Buszkiewicz, who lives near Kiln, Miss., and does sculptural ceramics, "It was a good thing," he said of his sales at earlier exhibits.

He said he's excited about the chance to sell more at the exhibit.



Pam Firmin/MCT

Debris from Hurricane Katrina is mixed in with artwork from 30 Gulf Coast artists at an exhibit in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Manhunt

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According to police, Morva overpowered another Montgomery County sheriff's deputy at the hospital, took the deputy's gun and then shot an unarmed hospital security guard. The guard was identified as Derrick McFarland, 26. The deputy was in stable condition with a concussion and other severe head injuries he suffered in the attack.

Morva had been jailed while awaiting trial on charges of attempting to rob a store last year and apparently shed his orange prison jumpsuit after escaping. He then is suspected of gunning down sheriff's Cpl. Eric E. Sutphin as the decorated police veteran got closer to the fugitive on the trail about 7 a.m. Monday.

Morva was wearing shorts with no shirt or shoes when he was captured around 3:30 p.m. Police earlier had said he was wearing a tie-dyed shirt and khakis and feared he would blend in with students on campus.

"It's very scary," said sophomore Kelly Engbersen of Williamsburg. "Every person you see you look hard (and wonder), 'Is that him?'"

As police sirens wailed to signal the arrest, shopkeepers in this col-



Steve Helber/AP Photo

Escaped inmate William Morva is escorted out of the Montgomery County magistrate's office Monday in Christiansburg, Va.

lege town celebrated the end of the tense search.

Morva was charged with capital murder, use of a firearm in a felony, escape and felony assault on a police officer. He had not been charged with Monday's shooting. Crannis would not say whether Morva had contacted anyone or been spotted by citizens while he was on the lam.

Akio Robrecht, 27, of Blacksburg, said Morva was a couple years behind him in school. Morva "seemed like a nice, quiet kid," he said. "It's kind of hard to believe."



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Crazy for coffee: gourmet bean coffee is the new grind



CHICAGO
— Office coffee? Bleah. Sanka? No thank ya. Java has come a long way from stale brew fermenting in coffee-stained glass pots. The proliferation of coffee shops helped usher in a new era, and coffee lovers now have a new bean to grind. Many are doing their own roasting, grinding and cupping-testing the beans' quality by sipping and spitting out samples.

These budding hobbies reflect a trend: Americans have moved away from store-bought brands and are flocking to coffee shops and gourmet outlets—and treating coffee a lot like wine. In coffee circles, connoisseurs refer to this trend as the “third wave” of American consumption, said Kristin Marks, 20, a barista at Metropolis in Chicago.

From the first wave—freeze-dried and canned brands—Americans leapt to the second wave, making espresso at home and frequenting quality cafes such as Starbucks. The third wave carries coffee drinking to the next level, with specialized roasting, grinding and cupping, and picking gourmet beans by their vintages from around the world. The total consumption of gourmet coffee has reached an all-time high, with 63 percent of Americans saying they drank at least one gourmet coffee beverage within the past year, according to a recent study by the National Coffee Association of USA.

In the U.S., 80 percent of adults drink coffee, gulping down an average of 3.3 cups a day, according to 2005 figures from the coffee association.

For coffee fanatics looking for more than a caffeine fix, gulp-

ing won't do. They prefer “cupping.” It may sound like some illicit practice at a rave, but it's simply a do-it-yourself way to flex increasingly picky coffee palates. Professional bean testers have been cupping for years, and now regular consumers have picked up the habit. Cupping involves taking roasted coffee beans, grinding them into coarse particles, pouring steamed water over them, and sipping the brew to identify flavors or detect bad batches of beans. Coffee cupping is similar to wine tasting: tasters often spit out the brew after tasting it, and they judge a coffee by its aroma. Both fields share many of the same terms.

By Phillip Thompson

Knight Ridder Newspapers

“Acidity, body are used in both. Flavor terms overlap strongly,” said connoisseur Jim Schulman, an engineer and graduate student at the University of Chicago. “You'll also find these (terms) in beer and cider tasting.” Most cuppers wouldn't waste their time on low-grade beans found in a lot of canned coffee brands, reserving the exercise for premium beans used in the increasingly popular gourmet blends. A specialty coffee boom in the mid-1990s helped reverse a 30-year decline in American coffee consumption, according to the Automatic Merchandiser, a publication for vending and coffee service operators. Census research from 2002 shows that about 9,400 coffee shops in the U.S. generated about \$4 billion in sales.

“Until 10 years ago, you couldn't drink the coffee in this country,” Northwestern graduate student Paul North, 35, said while sipping coffee with his wife, Carolina Baffi, at Metropolis on a recent afternoon. “Now I'm drinking like three (cups) a day, three, maybe four.” Nearly half of 18- to 34-year-olds say they drink coffee at coffee shops, according to market research by consumer trends analysts Mintel. They're also less likely than other age groups to drink coffee at home, the 2005 report found. When North started drinking coffee at about age 15, “the coffee was terrible, and it cost 50 cents a cup at the local deli. And then I went to Europe, and thank goodness while I was in Europe everything in the States changed.”

Refined tastes pushed this evolution, but it's also about bonding and networking, North said. “The cafe has really replaced the bar as a place of gathering... and conversation,” said North, who learned about coffee from being a regular at Metropolis. Connoisseurs also connect online at sites such as portafilter.net and coffeegeek.com. And

cupping parties and roastery tours have become the “it” thing to do.

Chicago-based Intelligentsia gives tours of its Roasting Works Facility on the first Saturday of every month. Some tourgoers become more rooted in their addiction the more they learn about coffee, Intelligentsia spokesman Marc Johnson said.

“Starbucks did a good job” of raising America's “coffee intelligence,” said Johnson, who used to work for Starbucks. “Some of these people are really intense, they are really into it.” Johnson said that Intelligentsia's sales increased 14 percent in 2005 from 2004. “A lot of that is driven by coffee enthusiasts,” he said. Schulman, one of those enthusiasts, reviews “green” or raw coffee beans for home roasters at coffeecuppers.com, a Web site he operates with a friend in Vermont. But don't call Schulman coffee crazy or a coffee snob. He's just someone who knows his way around cupping and grinding.

“Coffee is best the week after it's roasted,” Schulman said. “Coffee oxidizes (after it's ground). It goes stale like bread.” The 53-year-old was enticed by gourmet coffee about seven years ago because of his love of fine foods. “I drink three to five cups a day or have an espresso,” Schulman said. He spends between \$350 and \$750 a year on coffee. Schulman also shelled out \$200 for a popcorn popper for roasting coffee beans, \$300 for a grinder and \$900 for a small commercial espresso machine. A home espresso maker just wouldn't do for the man who hosts cuppings: “You have to have something that can serve four or five people in one sitting.”

But of course.



Candidates target youth through MySpace pages

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

Phil Angelides, California's Democratic candidate for governor, had nothing to do with creating a MySpace page under his name. His teenage daughter was the first to point out his presence on the popular online hangout.

But rather than kill a volunteer's unauthorized efforts, the campaign has embraced the youth-heavy site, using Angelides' personal profile page to post position papers and other announcements. It also scans the comments section to gauge what's on youths' minds, turning it into an informal focus group.

“We've come to embrace it as our own,” campaign spokesman Brian

Brokaw said. “It can help you reach an audience that otherwise might be more difficult to reach. Not as many young voters watch the evening news.”

The campaign has also turned to video-sharing site YouTube.com to circulate campaign ads, speeches and other clips.

In many ways, these free, user-driven community sites are to this year's races what blogs were to campaigns two years ago. They are not replacements for traditional staples like TV ads and direct mailings, but they offer the latest venues for campaigns to reach younger voters and mobilize them to volunteer.

“If you're looking to find somebody who's going to spend 22 hours putting up signs for you, I'd go to MySpace,” said Phil Noble, who runs the Politic-

sOnline consulting firm.

Rod Shealy, a consultant for two Republican candidates in South Carolina, said several volunteers emerged after the campaigns blasted help requests to hundreds of MySpace supporters.

“It's (like) the soda fountains of the 50s,” he said. “It's where young people hang out.”

Supporters and opponents alike have even created profiles — unofficially — for the 2008 presidential race. One MySpace page for Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, for instance, declares her “The President of the United States of America.”

Politicians join businesses, news organizations and others looking to exploit the growth in user-driven sites. Campaigns face greater headaches in controlling their message, but

supporters said such sites offer more good than harm.

Driven largely by word of mouth, News Corp.'s MySpace has rapidly risen to become the second-busiest site in the United States, behind Yahoo Inc. (Nasdaq: yho - news), according to comScore Media Metrix.

Its more than 100 million registered users can share messages, songs, photos and video on profile pages. They can designate other MySpace users as “friends,” building a network that grows as friends link to more friends, and so on.

Angelides, currently California's treasurer, has more than 5,000 friends, and counting.

“It's almost like an endorsement list,” said Steven Clift, editor of the Web site Democracies Online. “Pictures show up, and it gave me the impression

that these are real people who support these people.”

Joe Lieberman, in last week's Connecticut primary, had more than 175 MySpace friends.

Although it's not possible to isolate MySpace's contribution to the win, its ability to mobilize friends and those friends' friends created “waves of support that Lamont was able to catch,” said Steve Schneider, a political science professor at the State University of New York Institute of Technology.

Many candidates, however, are sitting on the sidelines for now.

Arnold Schwarzenegger's campaign has turned to YouTube to circulate critical information on Angelides, his MySpace profiles are all unauthorized, some even unflattering — Adolf Hitler is a friend at one. (MySpace will remove fake profiles

after receiving complaints, but not all candidates bother, and some parodies are protected.)

Russ Kelly, spokesman for GOP gubernatorial candidate John Binkley in Alaska, questions how these efforts will translate into votes. He recalled how Democrat Howard Dean had embraced cutting-edge Internet tools during the 2004 presidential race, but “couldn't even get out of the primary.”

Time spent on MySpace could divert resources, said Leonardo Alcaraz, spokesman for Republican Lynn Swann's campaign for Pennsylvania governor. But Alcaraz said the campaign wouldn't want to drive voters to an opponent simply for lack of a profile, so it will probably set one up this fall when students return to college.

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