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THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2006

Students sail abroad with campus ministry

By Lyndell Nelson
Staff writer

Georgia Southern offers its students many opportunities. Perhaps the most eye opening is the chance to study abroad.

The Center for International Studies is not the only resource students can use to get information about heading overseas.

Global Scope, a division of Indianapolis-based Christian Missionary Fellowship, has recently partnered with Christian Campus Fellowship (CCF) to provide students with the opportunity to earn credit hours by becoming exchange students at foreign universities.

"CCF has had 14 of its members take part in the study abroad program since the partnership with Global Scope began in the fall of 2005," said campus minister Danny Groover.

"There are currently two members serving in Bangkok, Thailand, and six members in Puebla, Mexico," said Groover. "Students must be in good academic standing and go through an application process."

Students not only attend classes, but also act as leaders in their respective university's equivalent of CCF.

Junior Amanda Kepfer, a writing and linguistics major, knows firsthand just how challenging, yet rewarding, participating in this program can be.

Having recently returned from a six month stint in Salamanca, Spain, Kepfer learned a lot about a new culture and how gratifying working with others could be.

Apart from taking Spanish classes, Kepfer and the ten other team members (composed of students from Augusta State University and Georgia Tech) helped create a campus ministry at the local university by helping native students with their English skills, as well as hosting devotional lunches.

Homesickness and culture shock can be an issue when traveling out of the country for an extended period of time.

"There are overwhelming cultural differences," said Kepfer. "It's a huge eye opener, but it became my life and my home. Everything comes together in the end."

There are many skills and lessons that can be applied to every day life after experiencing a new culture.

"We used a whole lot of teamwork. We all had to become best friends fast," Kepfer said of her team members.

Kepfer, who had no background in Spanish before her excursion in Spain, is now fluent and has declared Spanish as her minor.

The overall goal of Global Scope is to set up campus ministries that will be strong enough to be lead and run by natives with no aid from American students. The program focuses on bringing people together.

"Since I got involved, the ministry exploded. It's huge!" said Kepfer of the campus ministry in Salamanca.

From the opportunity to learn about new cultures while earning course credit, to helping create a campus ministry, there is no doubt that participants have the trip of a lifetime.

When asked if Kepfer was likely to return, she said, "Without a doubt."

ShuttleGUS hits the road

Safe ride program provides 91 rides in first weekend

By Brittany Hall
Assistant news editor

After many weeks of anticipation, ShuttleGUS, a SafeRides program, debuted this weekend providing 91 rides and collecting \$67.28 in donations from appreciative riders.

Many volunteers were pleased with the numbers at the weekend's end and felt that the program had a great start.

"With us just giving the number out, I was pleasantly surprised about the number of phone calls we got," said ShuttleGUS publicity coordinator Clarissa Crawford.

"From this weekend I can see there is a need for this service and I'm very excited to watch this program's growth and outreach to the GSU community."

Volunteers arrived at 9:30 p.m. excited and ready to start driving the rental cars parked outside of the Varsity Apartments Clubhouse.

After receiving lime green t-shirts with the ShuttleGUS logo printed on the back, drivers and navigators hurried to claim what car they would be driving in for the evening.

ShuttleGUS had the use of two vans, a jeep and a car that were donated for the weekend by Enterprise Rentals.

Headquarters' atmosphere was fun and energetic, and volunteers were hopeful that the word had spread enough for the service to be used.



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Above: ShuttleGus volunteers pose, left to right, Jon Simpson, Samuel Gaston, Beth Feagain, Callie Preast, Bryan Toles, Jennifer Thompson and Lissette Claudio. Below: Lissette Claudio, a third year Spanish education major, volunteers as a driver for the ShuttleGus program.

Director of Training and Campus Relations Beth Feagain was optimistic that the hard work the team had dedicated to this program would pay off.

"We are hoping that GSU students will take advantage of this program that we have worked so hard on," said Feagain.

"This program was created to eliminate death and DUIs caused by driving under the influence and is geared for the students to use."

When the calls were few and far between, volunteers coordinated

see **SAFE**, page 5



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Popular pick-me-ups for students

By Anthony Fierstos
Staff writer

There are literally dozens of places in town to get a cup of joe. There are about eight places, however, that seem to appeal to students. Whether your tastes are cheap or ridiculously expensive, there is a perfect match for you. Here is a quick round up of coffee available on and off campus.

For those of you with a tight budget, the best deal, bar none, is at Lakeside. Bring in your own Georgia Southern mug and fill it up for 11 cents, including tax. Without your own mug, a large cup maxes out at less than a dollar. It isn't the finest quality, but for a good pick-me-up, you can't beat the price and ease.

For a better, and bigger, cup of coffee at a reasonable price, try Chic-fil-a. Available in light, dark and decaf, the flavors here are fuller and stronger. A large cup will satisfy the thirstiest palate, and prices never run more than a buck and some change. According to an official source, the beans are "hand-picked Arabica coffees specially selected from Central and South America."

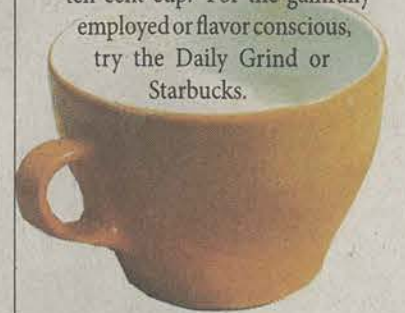
The best coffee on campus, as you probably know, is found in the new Starbucks store. The world's largest coffee chain has found a home here on campus, and students are taking advantage. "The variety and consistent quality are why I will return," said junior Chris Smith, who chose a mocha iced coffee drink. A regular cup of extra-smooth coffee runs about \$1.75.

Around town, there are a couple other noteworthy places to try. A local favorite is Daylight Doughnuts, which is known more for breakfast food than drinks. Service here is friendly, prices are reasonable and the java is good, but not great. Dunkin' Doughnuts is another well-known chain, and their coffee is great. At about two bucks for a cup and a doughnut, this is a great stop.

A final stop for any coffee connoisseur would be the Daily Grind. There are always a couple of different high quality roasts in rotation. The Grind also has one of the best atmospheres around. With occasional live music, the Grind is a great spot for a date or studying.

There is a vast difference in both price and quality of coffee on and off campus. Most of the time, you get what you pay for.

For broke students, go for the ten cent cup. For the gainfully employed or flavor conscious, try the Daily Grind or Starbucks.



Seven nations: Celtic identity

Center for Irish Studies hosts events to honor Celtic tradition

By Lauren Childs
Staff Writer

Beginning August 29 and running through December, the Center for Irish Studies will host Seven Nations: Celtic Identity, a series of events bringing the Celtic nations and the greater topic of regionalism into focus.

These events include informative lectures, concerts, workshops, discussions, meals and movies.

The first lecture, "New Political Structures for Celtic Peoples: Devolution and Beyond," will be given by associate professor of political science, Steven Engel.

Engel will explain how and why certain lands along Europe's "Celtic Fringe" have gained greater political freedom in recent years.

"This lecture will help students to better understand the world," said Director of Irish Studies Howard Keeley.

"If we can learn how other countries are dealing with their conflicts, then it can help us deal with ours, like Iraq, for instance."

The lecture will be in room 1004 see **CELTIC**, page 5

"New Political Structures for Celtic Peoples: Devolution and Beyond"
Tuesday, Aug. 29 @ 7 p.m.
College of information technology, room 1004
Admission: free

"Intermission" (2003)
Monday, Sept. 11 @ 7:15 p.m.
Russell Union Theater
Admission: \$2

"Celtic Spirituality: Old Ways, New Horizons"
Tuesday, Sept. 19 @ 7 p.m.
College of information technology, room 1004
Admission: free

"Gaels of Music"
Tuesday, Sept. 26 @ 7:15 p.m.
Emma Kelly Theater, Averitt Center
Admission: \$10 (\$8 students, seniors, children under 13)

Irish and Celtic folk music nights
Monday, Oct. 9 & Tuesday, Oct. 10 @ 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.
French Quarter Café
Admission: \$2



Special photo



Christine Caforio concentrates on her forehand during a practice drill with a teammate. *Grayson Hoffman/STAFF*

ON THE FIELD

Preseason practice

From last-minute practices to opening games, Georgia Southern University students get ready for a year of competition. Practice fields at the RAC and tennis courts at Hanner have been full of students practicing late to get in shape for those crucial first games.

Freshman Christine Caforio practices at the Hanner tennis courts for hours every day with the tennis team. "I'm very excited about the new season" she said. "We will have a good team this year."

Sophomore Travis Clark focuses in as he waits for a player to get open during a recent practice near Eagle Creek. He has been chosen to lead the football team as the starting quarterback.

Late afternoon volleyball practices led to the team's 300th victory as they swept the GSU Invitational Saturday. Nicole McCray is the new coach for the women's volleyball team and Chris Keen is the new assistant coach.

Soccer has kick-started an awesome season as both men and women's teams won their first games against Mercer. Under the leadership of new men's soccer coach Kevin Kennedy the team pulled out a win.



Chris Collier keeps an eye on his opponent as he tries to get open for a pass from first-string quarterback Travis Clark.

Jamie Tuten/STAFF



Eagles soccer player goes up for a header during a 2 - 1 season-opening win against Mercer.

Victor Martinez/STAFF



Jon Kinsler defends the goal during a 3 - 1 homegame win against Mercer.

Anna Mitchum/STAFF



Christy Dowd reaches for a ball during practice.

Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 29

3:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
MTV's "The Real World"
Ruthie Alcaide
Russell Union Ballroom

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Creative Writing Club
Newton Building room 1113

6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Young Democrats meeting
Russell Union room 2052

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Irish Studies Lecture
IT Auditorium 1004

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
BSA Blaqshion Information
Session
Russell Union 2041

Wednesday, August 30

12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Red Cross Blood Drive
Williams Center Dining
Room

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
The Value of an Internship or
Co-Op
IT Lecture Hall 1005

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
SGA meetings
Russell Union Theatre

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
D.I.M.E.S. Model tryouts
Russell Union rooms 2044,
2048

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Phenomenon of Relation-
ships
Russell Union room 2084

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POLICE BEAT

08-24-2006

- Britt Devos Gordon, 20, of Sanford Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- Tyrone Paul Russ, 19, of Brannen Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- A case of simple assault was reported at Winburn Hall.
- One wall hanging was taken and another was damaged at the Foy Building.

08-25-2006

- Wiley Ross Greene, 19, of Herbert Holton Road, Claxton, Ga., was charged with underage possession/consumption of alcohol.
- Leslie Ann Willenburg, 18, of Winburn Hall, was charged with DUI and possession of a false I.D.
- A bike was taken from Winburn Hall.
- A case of criminal trespass was reported on Olympic Boulevard.
- A wallet was missing from Johnson Hall.
- A window was broken on a vehicle in the Johnson Hall parking lot.
- Several computer components were taken from Southern Courtyard.

08-26-2006

- Stanley William Walton, 20, of Southern Pines, was charged with DUI, public intoxication, underage possession of alcohol, leaving the scene of an accident, reckless driving and driving with a suspended license.
- A computer was taken from Southern Pines.
- A Southern Courtyard resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.
- A wallet was missing from the Landrum Center.

08-27-2006

- A case of harassment was reported at Eagle Village.
- A vehicle was damaged at the Eagle Village parking lot.

Students bring their game

Video Gamers Alliance sponsors Halo 2 tournament

By Victoria Felder
Staff Writer

The video game industry is one of the most popular entertainment mediums in the world and boasts sales of over \$6 billion dollars.

A club for passionate gamers arrived at GSU last year. The Video Gamers Alliance is the official video gaming organization of the university.

During its first year, VGA held five tournaments including two for Super Smash Brothers Melee, Madden and Soul Calibur 3.

Also, the organization collected close to 300 non-perishable items for the Statesboro Food Bank by providing great free-play events for the student body.

Now in its second year of existence, VGA has over 200 Facebook members and close to 100 active members. Not only have they increased their membership in a months time, they have already held two successful events.

The "Halo 2: Gunning for Glory" tournament was held on Friday, August 18. Sponsored by Eagle Entertainment and Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, VGA signed on to host the event, immediately insuring its success.

This event was also sponsored by Moes, Arons, EBGames and Dominos. Prizes were awarded to the top ten competitors with \$500 going to the



Special Photo

From left to right, Joshua Henry, Roshad Lewis and Michael Hughes play Super Smash Brothers Melee on the big screen in Russell Union.

overall winner, Colt Kindard.

Last Friday, VGA held its "Semester Kickoff." This free event was sponsored by the Office of Student Activities, Papa Johns and Bi-Lo.

Over 100 students attended in order to experience what VGA has to offer. Held in the Russell Union ballroom, the event showcased a series of video game trailers as well as the games Super Smash Brothers Melee, and Madden 2006 projected onto a wall.

Gaming is always at its finest when it's on a big screen. Tekken 5, Donkey Konga, Dance Dance Revolution, Soul Calibur 3, Halo 2 and Street Fighter were also available for attendees to

play.

VGA has several other events lined up for the remainder of the fall semester. To learn more, attend a VGA general meeting.

"I always look forward to the VGA meetings," said Michael Coleman a resident advisor in Winburn hall. "They always hold something special. VGA is a great way to meet great friends that have a thing in common with you, video games," he said.

The first VGA meeting of the semester is on Wednesday, August 30, in room 2080 in the Russell Union at 6:30 p.m. Interested members can also check VGA out at <http://videogamersalliance.com> or on Facebook.

GSU gets \$1 million grant

GSU News Service

The National Academy's report to Congress revealed that America's advantages in science and technology have started to disappear, due to a lack of people who have post-secondary training.

Georgia Southern has responded to this impending crisis with a project that is designed to increase the number of students who graduate with bachelor's degrees in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields.

Funded in part by a \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), the project is called ASPIRES, which stands for Advisement and Scholarship Promoting Inquiry-based Research Experiences in STEM.

Based in the Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Technology (COST), ASPIRES features five initiatives that seek to improve graduation rates by increasing the retention of STEM students and improving academic achievement in introductory science and math courses.

In the process, ASPIRES will address the Board of Regents' priority initiative to enhance student progress, which is known as Retention, Progression and Graduation (RPG).

According to Professor Mary Boyd, the ASPIRES principal investigator who started the project and wrote the successful grant proposal, the five ASPIRES initiatives are aligned with the Regents' goal to achieve national performance levels in retention and graduation rates.

"We want to encourage students to consider a major in one of the STEM disciplines, and then we want to make sure that they remain interested and engaged until they graduate," said Boyd, the chair of the Department of Chemistry and the ASPIRES project director.

"By doing these things, we can help to ensure that our nation has the educated workforce in science and technology that we need to be competitive in the coming years," he said.

The demand for a highly trained workforce in the 21st century was one of the points emphasized by the National Academy in its report to Congress, which was titled "Rising Above the Gathering Storm: Energizing and Employing America for a Brighter Economic Future."

Written by a panel that included two Nobel Prize-winning physicists, the report noted that "the scientific and technical building blocks of our economic leadership are eroding at a time when many other nations are gathering strength. We fear the abruptness with which a lead in science and technology can be lost, and the difficulty of recovering a lead once lost, if indeed

it can be regained at all."

In its conclusion, the study made four recommendations to national policymakers.

One of these recommendations encouraged the development, recruitment and retention of top students, scientists and engineers from both the U.S. and other countries.

Intended to provide each student with an inclusive cycle of engagement from their freshman year through their senior year, ASPIRES features three initiatives that seek to increase the retention of STEM students.

A centralized advising center will be implemented to guide students and promote interaction between them and the faculty.

Described by Boyd as "one-stop shopping for students," the center will pair students with faculty advisors from each department in COST.

The advising center will also coordinate activities with Career Services, the Academic Success Center and the Minority Advisement Program.

Students who live on campus will be engaged through Student Learning Communities in their residence halls. Groups of 25 students with similar academic interests will live together in the same hallway, and they will take many of the same classes. Also, an upperclassman will live in the residence hall to provide academic tutoring.

Undergraduate research opportunities for freshmen will be promoted and implemented.

According to Boyd, numerous studies have shown that undergraduate research is one of the most effective ways of promoting student/faculty engagement, which in turn promotes student retention within their major.

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Flag football season begins

Christina Hess

Staff writer

Last week at the Campus Recreation and Intramurals (CRI) Multiplex Fields, students had their first opportunity this semester to get involved in the Flag Football Pre-season tournament.

According to Sarah Fain, Intramural Sports Director, this weekend's kickoff tournament is an excellent opportunity to size up the competition.

Play began Friday night and continued through Sunday afternoon. If you missed the entry deadline, you can come out and support your friends or take notes on your future competitors.

Over 130 teams competed in the CRI's various leagues last year.

Team entry forms are due in the CRI main office by September 5, with play beginning September 11.

"You get to run around yelling and dive in the mud. Every time you go out to play, you see your friends. Flag football has its own social network," said student Stephanie Roach.

CRI will begin holding their Flag Football Officials' Clinics Monday. It will last through Wednesday, August 30. No experience is necessary.

"Complete job training is provided, simply show up. Students can develop leadership skills, earn extra money and make new friends. You just need to love sports and have a willingness to learn," said Fain.

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POLITICS



MCT Photo

A member of the Iranian army fires an anti-helicopter rocket during training maneuvers near the city of Zahedan.

Iran proposes talks on nuclear program

The dispute over Iran's nuclear ambitions veered Tuesday toward a showdown at the United Nations after Iran ignored demands that it shut down a uranium enrichment program that could be used for nuclear weapons.

Responding to international pressure, Iran offered to engage in "serious negotiations" over its nuclear program but declined to suspend enrichment activities. The offer to talk came as part of its long-awaited response to a proposal that was intended to halt uranium enrichment in the Islamic Republic.

The United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China offered an incentive package to Iran in June as an inducement. Details of Iran's response remained under wraps Tuesday, but semi-official Iranian news outlets said it didn't include suspension of enrichment activities.

Supreme Iranian leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei had made it clear Monday that Iran has no intention of abandoning uranium enrichment, which Iranians say is to fuel nuclear power plants, not for weapons. Khamenei vowed to pursue the nuclear program "forcefully."

U.S. officials said they'd ask the United Nations to impose economic sanctions if Iran failed to comply with an Aug. 31 deadline for suspension. Administration officials said they needed more time to study Iran's offer before providing an official response, but their initial reaction was negative.

"Certainly, the rhetoric, particularly in the past few days, has indicated they're not prepared to suspend their uranium enrichment activities," U.N. Ambassador John Bolton said. "Their unwillingness to give up their pursuit of nuclear weapons will result in our

efforts in the Security Council to seek economic sanctions."

The Bush administration's insistence on punitive action by the United Nations is in some ways a replay of the prelude to war in Iraq. In both cases, President Bush prodded the U.N. to enforce resolutions intended to prevent the development of nuclear weapons.

He ordered the Iraq invasion when the U.N. failed to act. Bush has said repeatedly that he's focused on diplomacy in dealing with Iran, but there are no signs of a resolution.

"It's unclear how far we are prepared to go to prevent a nuclear Iran from coming into existence. I don't think anybody knows where President Bush will come down," said Jon Wolfsthal, an expert on nuclear nonproliferation at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a research center in Washington.

SCIENCE

Stem-cell advance could change ethical debate

A U.S. company's ground-breaking technique for growing human stem cells without destroying an embryo has triggered hope the procedure may resolve the ethical and legal dilemmas that have severely limited stem-cell research in this country.

Advanced Cell Technology, an Alameda, Calif., biotech company, disclosed Wednesday in the journal *Nature* that it has developed a way to grow stem cell lines from a single cell extracted from a human embryo.

"This is an important breakthrough," if other scientists confirm the method works without harming

embryos, said Arnold Kriegstein, who directs the Institute for Stem Cell and Tissue Biology at the University of California in San Francisco.

Still, some skeptics think the new technique won't end the debate on the ethics of using embryo cells for research.

Many scientists believe embryonic stem cells one day may yield treatments for a wide range of human ailments, from Parkinson's disease to cancer to diabetes.

Because the cells can grow into any type of tissue in the body, researchers hope to use them to gen-

erate new brain cells, veins, bones, even entire organs. They also foresee using the cells to create genetically uniform tissues that could be used in controlled studies to develop better drugs.

Researchers typically obtain human embryonic stem cells from embryos that are due to be discarded by fertility clinics.

But many people abhor harvesting such cells for laboratory studies. As a result, President Bush has limited federal financing of such research to a few government approved stem-cell lines, which are self-replicating stem-cell colonies.

TECHNOLOGY

Internet shorthand breaking out as the norm

Not only is the Internet changing how we work and play, it's changing how we talk.

"Most def," agrees Archana Eniasivam, 20, of Coral Springs, Fla. That's "most definitely" for everyone still speaking in whole words.

Now that the Internet has fueled an explosion of written shorthand, verbal shorthand couldn't be far behind. Some students don't find it ridiculous — ridiculous — to abbreviate words when they talk, just as they do now when they type.

"Abbreviations have become huge," said Eniasivam, a pre-med student at Washington University in St. Louis. "We shorten everything. Look what the media did with Brangelina."

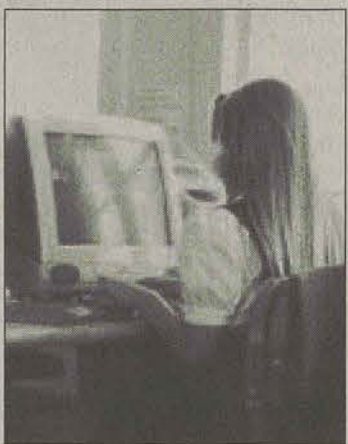
Alan Hamaoui, 18, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., stops short of talking in shorthand, but well-worn Internet abbreviations still form in his brain.

"I've found myself thinking, LOL (laughing out loud)," said Hamaoui, a psych major at University of Central Florida. "It just pops into my head."

With Sierra Schnitzer, 17, a Fort Lauderdale High student, verbal shorthand just tumbles out. After all, she's been chatting online since she was 12.

"OMG (oh, my God) started online and now some of us say it," she said. "It's more like a joke, when you're talking with your friends."

Despite the spread of shortened speech among some students, everyone isn't a fan. Some even find



Special photo

it ridiculous.

"Some of our friends hate it," said Eniasivam. "It is slightly ridiculous to shorten words that don't need to be shortened."

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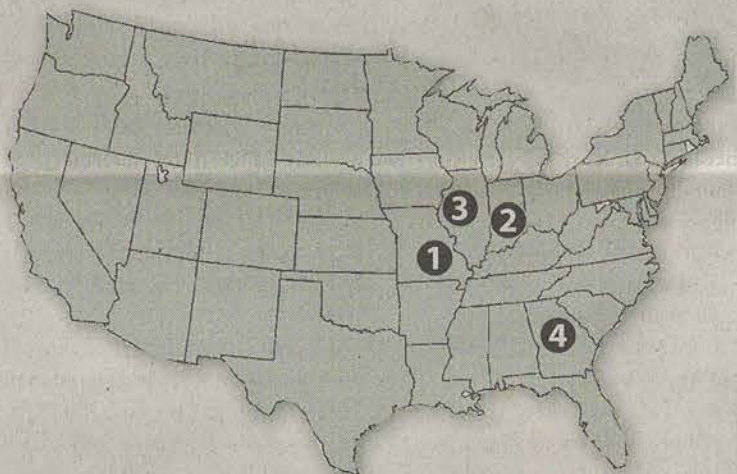
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ONLY IN AMERICA

stories by The Associated Press



Man sends porn pictures of ex-wife

1 CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — A southeast Missouri man will go to jail for breaking into his ex-wife's e-mail and sending pornographic pictures of her to her relatives.

Alfred Seals, 47, of Cape Girardeau, pleaded guilty Wednesday to misdemeanor tampering with computer data, and was sentenced to 20 days in jail.

Seals gained access to his wife's e-mail account without her consent, then e-mailed the woman's family a Web site link and message stating, "something nice to see," according to a probable-cause statement.

The link took users to a Web site that contained several pornographic pictures Seals took of the woman when they were married.

The woman immediately suspected her ex-husband and went to police.

Traveler calls his penis pump bomb

3 CHICAGO — Cook County prosecutors say a 29-year-old man traveling with his mother desperately didn't want her to know he'd packed a sexual aid for their trip to Turkey. So he told security it was a bomb, officials said.

Madin Azad Amin was stopped by officials on Aug. 16 after guards found an object in his baggage that resembled a grenade, prosecutors said.

When officers asked him to identify it, Amin said it was a bomb, said Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Lorraine Scaduto.

He later told officials he'd lied about the item because his mother was nearby and he didn't want her to hear that it was part of a penis pump, Scaduto said.

He's been charged with felony disorderly conduct, said Andrew Conklin, a spokesman with the Cook County state's attorney's office.

Amin faces up to three years in prison if convicted.

Five detained for ringing phones

2 CROWN POINT, Ind. — A judge detained and questioned a row of spectators when a cell phone rang for a third time in her courtroom, later ordering two people to serve community service for contempt of court.

When no one admitted having the ringing phones Wednesday, Lake County Criminal Court Judge Diane Boswell told all five people in the row to sit in chairs reserved for jail inmates. They stayed there for more than an hour until the morning court call ended.

Boswell found three people in contempt of court because they initially refused to say who had the ringing phones.

Cynthia Cannon of Gary agreed to pay a \$100 fine after admitting that her phone was one of those that went off. The judge ordered her to do community service.

Ex-con sues jail

4 ATLANTA — A vertically challenged ex-con who did time for meth and marijuana is suing the Georgia prison he did time in under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Aspiring rapper Byron Rhodan is an ex-con who happens to be about four feet tall.

Rhodan is suing the state prison system because he fell off the sink in his cell while shaving.

According to the plaintiff, also known as Lil' Dirty, a prison guard ordered him to cut off his stubble, but wouldn't give him anything to stand on so he could see the mirror.

Rhodan says the lack of accommodations for a man of limited stature violates the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Starbucks: already addictive



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Starbucks Coffee opened last Monday on the GSU campus to rave reviews from the student population. "I plan on spending half of my meal plans here," said Brooke Chavis, a freshman and customer at the coffee house last week. Although lines at Starbucks have been long they seemed to move quickly. Along with hot coffee, Starbucks offers desserts and cold drinks as well as wireless Internet.

Karr won't be charged in death of JonBenet Ramsey

By Adam Lisberg and Corky Siemaszko
MCT News Service

BOULDER, Colo. — The man who convinced Colorado prosecutors he might be JonBenet Ramsey's killer was unmasked as a liar Monday after his DNA failed to match genetic material on the slain 6-year-old's body.

John Mark Karr claimed he "accidentally" killed his "little princess" a decade ago while engaged in a sex act that involved strangulation and "tasting her blood." The evidence said otherwise.

"Because his DNA does not match that found in the victim's blood in her underwear, the People would not be able to establish that Mr. Karr committed this crime despite

his repeated insistence that he did," Boulder District Attorney Mary Lacy wrote in a motion to quash Karr's arrest warrant.

In addition, Lacy wrote, Karr's kin provided "strong circumstantial support" for their belief that he was celebrating Christmas with them in Georgia when JonBenet was killed in Boulder.

Saying, "This case is not closed," Lacy vowed "to continue to investigate leads and pursue justice."

Monday night, Lacy was criticized for letting Karr go after spending thousands of taxpayer dollars on a first-class flight from Thailand and a chartered jet from California to Boulder.

"I find it incredible that Boulder authorities wasted thousands of taxpayer dollars to bring Karr to

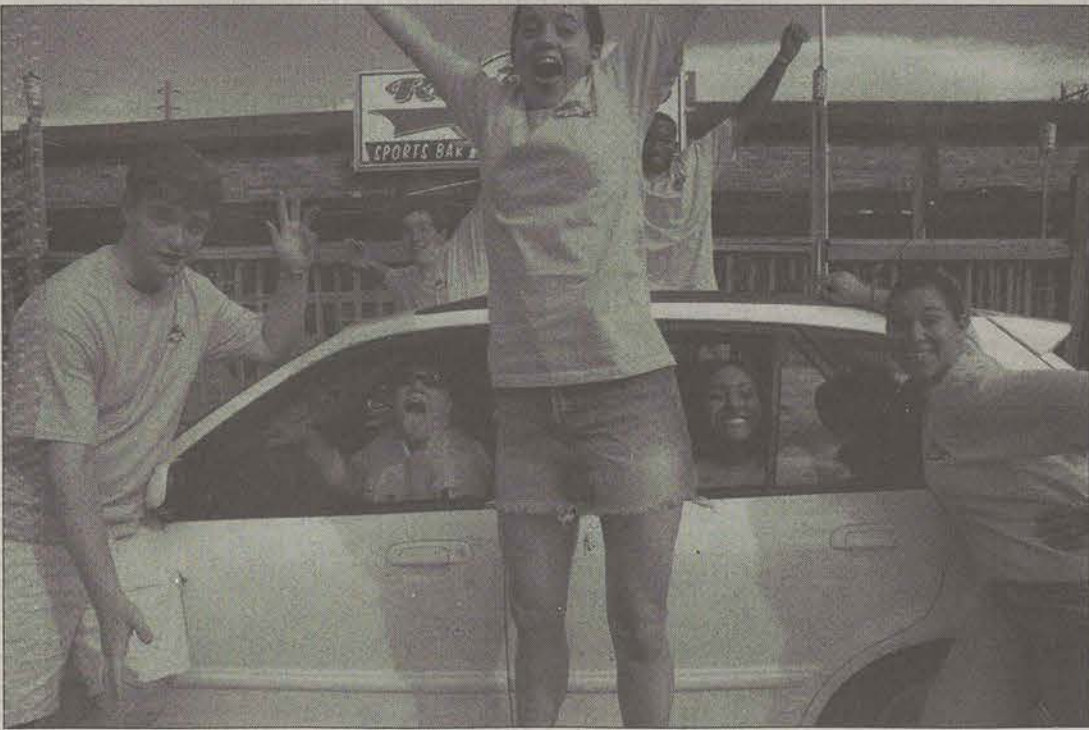
Colorado given such a lack of evidence," Gov. Bill Owens said.

Karr's arrest 12 days ago briefly dispelled the cloud of suspicion that had been hanging over JonBenet's parents, John and Patsy Ramsey. Patsy Ramsey died of ovarian cancer this year.

"For me it's never been a question of John and Patsy being under that stupid umbrella (of suspicion)," Patsy Ramsey's sister Pam Paugh said.

Karr, a 41-year-old former school teacher from Alabama who had been on the run for five years, was nabbed a dozen days ago as he was prepping for a sex-change operation.

In a bizarre public confession, Karr claimed he was with JonBenet when she was killed and answered "no" when asked if he was innocent.



Grayson Hoffman

ShuttleGus volunteers pose, left to right, Jon Simpson, Samuel Gaston, Beth Feagain, Callie Preast, Bryan Toles, Jennifer Thompson and Lissete Claudio.

Safe

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a street team that went out to the bars and different house parties promoting ShuttleGUS and putting the phone number 681-3709 in people's phones as well as announcing it over the bar's sound system.

Jasmine Stinson said that she liked going out in Statesboro's nightlife to talk to the students and hear the positive feedback from the program.

"It was an exciting opportunity and I appreciate the enthusiasm shown by the people we met," said Street Team member Jasmine Stinson.

"I had a lot of fun and it was great

seeing that students took advantage of this great program."

There will be a volunteer training on Sunday September 10. Join the "I Support SafeRides" Facebook group for more information.

If you ever need a SafeRide, call ShuttleGUS at 912-681-3709 Friday and Saturday from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Celtic

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of the College of Information Technology building on Tuesday August 29 at 7 p.m.

There will also be a movie screening of John Crowley's *Intermission*, starring Collin Farrell. It will be held in the Russell Union Theater on Monday September 11 at 7:15 p.m. Admission is \$2.

Dr. Hemchand Gossai, Director of Religious Studies, will be giving the lecture "Celtic Spirituality: Old

Ways, New Horizons."

He will examine the evolution and present-day revival of distinctive Christian traditions in Celtic countries. The lecture will be held on Tuesday September 19 at 7 p.m. in room 1004 of the IT building.

There will also be a "Gaels of Music" variety concert. The concert will feature Irish folk singer, Danny Doyle as well as Savannah-based Harry O'Donoghue and Georgia Southern student Jonathan Murphy.

There will also be a variety of other performers. The concert will be

at the Averitt Center for the Arts on Tuesday September 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for students and can be purchased on campus. All of the proceeds go to the Eddie Ivie Scholarship for study abroad in Ireland.

"The purpose of all these events is to enrich classroom experiences," said Keeley.

"We care about our students and want to give them a fuller experience," he said.

For more information on these and many other events, visit www.class.georgiasouthern.edu/irish.

Weekly Eagle Buzz



Tuesday, August 29th

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.

Former MTV reality star gets real. The First Year Experience (FYE) Success Series program is bringing a former reality star to campus. After publicly battling her alcohol problems on MTV's "The Real World," Ruthie Alcaide has come out on top. Since the show aired, she has overcome her issues and will talk about what happens when alcohol and drugs take over your life. She will also discuss her experience with alcohol poisoning and her road to recovery. Alcaide will conclude her talk with a question and answer session. Her presentation will be held in the Russell Union Ballroom on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Alcaide's visit is sponsored by the First Year Experience and Health Services through an alcohol education grant from the Georgia Office of Highway Safety. The presentations are free and orientation classes are strongly encouraged to attend. For more information on events in the FYE Success Series, visit <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/fye/success.htm>.



Wednesday, August 30th

The Office of Health Education and Promotion will be sponsoring, "Sex and Chocolate" at 7pm in the Russell Union 2041. There will be an informal talk about college sex and free chocolate goodies.

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.

Thursday, August 31st

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.

Ongoing Opportunities:

Volunteers are wanted to help serve and clean up at the International Conversation Hours put on by International Programs. Volunteers can meet at the Office of Volunteer Services, RU2022 at 11:15 on any Friday.

The Office of Student Leadership will be sponsoring a fall Leadership Conference on Saturday, September 23rd at 9:00am to develop leadership skills while networking with other students. GSU students pay \$10 which includes breakfast, lunch, and a free gift! Sign up today! Visit us at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/leadership> or you can call 871-1435.

Sign up in the Southern Adventures office for, "You, Me, and the Trees." This opportunity will get you up in the air on the ropes course! It's free and fun. Call 486-7227. This program will take place on September 8th at 5pm.

Wanna learn to eat healthier, make good choices, and enjoy exercise? Attend the Weight and Lifestyle Management session on September 5th from 5:30pm-7pm at the RAC. Call Michele for any questions at 681-5436. FREE SESSION!

Cultural Diversity Week Sept. 5-8

The Multicultural Student Center will host Cultural Diversity Week Tues., Sept. 5, through Fri., Sept. 8.

Tuesday, Sept. 5, and Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom "One Race, One People, One Peace" will be presented. This interactive performance looks at issues surrounding diversity. The presentation is part of the First Year Experience Success Series and is also sponsored by Institutional Compliance, the Multicultural Student Center and the President's Office. The presentation is free and all orientation classes are strongly encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, Sept. 6, at noon the Baha'is of Bulloch County will present "Igniting Unity in the Community" in Russell Union Room 2044. Members of the Baha'i faith will discuss their practical strategies and spiritual principles used to promote cultural unity in diversity in every aspect of life.

Thursday, Sept. 7, at noon in Russell Union Room 2044, a Cultural Book Club Discussion will be led by Nancy Malcom, associate professor of sociology. The book "Sister Outsider: Essay and Speeches" by Audre Lorde will be discussed. The book is a collection of Lorde's work from the 70s and 80s. Lorde, who was one of the foremost writers on the issues of sexism, homophobia and race, wrote from her perspective as a woman, an African American, a lesbian, a feminist, a poet, a mother, a teacher and a cultural activist. Free pizza will be provided.

At 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7, the interactive audio conference "Facing Transgender: Inclusion, Advocacy and Empowerment" will be held in the Nursing and Chemistry Building, Room 1002. This audio conference will increase awareness of the transgender variant populations, proactively identify campus actions steps, and learn to be an advocate for transgender needs. To reserve a seat, contact the Multicultural Student Center at ext. 5409.

The fourth annual Unity Fest will be held Thursday, Sept. 7, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Russell Union Rotunda. The event will include free food, entertainment, music, giveaways and showcases from student organizations in celebration of diversity as a campus and as a community. The Unity Fest will be rescheduled in the event of rain.

To conclude the week, an International Conversation Hour will be held on Friday, Sept. 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Russell Union Room 2080. Free refreshments will be provided as international issues are discussed. For more information, contact the Multicultural Student Center at ext. 5409.

GRE review sessions to be held

The Office of Testing Services and the Ronald McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program are offering GRE Math and GRE Verbal review workshops. GRE Math review sessions will be held on the following Tuesdays: Sept. 12, 19, 26 and Oct. 3, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Lisa Yocco, assistant professor of mathematics, will lead the sessions. The registration fee is \$80 plus materials. GRE Verbal review sessions will be held on the following Thursdays: Sept. 14, 21, 28 and Oct. 5, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Mary Marwitz, assistant professor in writing and linguistics, will lead the sessions. The registration fee is \$80 plus materials. Participants registering for both sessions may do so at the special rate of \$100. As seating is limited, register today at the Academic Success Center between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Checks and money orders are the only form of payment accepted in the office. The registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 8. For more information, visit the Office of Testing Services website at <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/testing> or call ext. 5415.

Recycled Percussion to perform Sept. 11

The band that brought the terms "power-percussion" and "junk rock" into mainstream music will bring its unique sound to the Performing Arts Center on Monday, Sept. 11, at 7:30 p.m. Recycled Percussion uses just about any recycled product—from plastic buckets to jackhammers—to create music. They also have a traditional drum kit and a DJ to create a mix of music. Their Web site states, "the combination of power-percussion and hip-hop melodies drives the momentum of what is called the most ballistic live music show of the decade." The group has appeared on NBC's "Today Show" and has performed during NBA playoff games. The Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) named Recycled Percussion the Performer of the Year 2006. Tickets for students are free with a Georgia Southern ID, and are only available beginning one hour prior to the show. Tickets for Georgia Southern faculty and staff members with ID are \$5 and tickets are \$10 for the general public. Tickets for these groups are on sale now. The performance is sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. For more information, call ext. 7270. To purchase tickets, call ext. 7999 or toll free (866) PAC-ARTS.

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Sunday vs. Stetson at 1 p.m.
- Women's soccer:**
Friday vs. Oral Roberts in Tulsa, Okla. at 8 p.m.
Sunday at Tulsa at 12 p.m.
- Volleyball:**
Friday and Saturday- Jacksonville Invitational



180 women attend "Ladies Locker Room"

The Georgia Southern football program hosted its annual "Ladies Locker Room" on Friday night. The event was held in the Parrish Football Center, and Head Coach Brian VanGorder was the keynote speaker. In addition to a weight lifting exhibition and a question-and-answer session with a referee, a dinner was door prizes were handed out and all who attended received a GSU gift bag.

Dustin Evans begins pro career in Rome
Former GSU standout could be one of the next 'Baby Braves'

By Will Adams
Sports editor

As Dustin Evans walks off the charter bus at Grayson Stadium in Savannah, he knows that every start he makes brings him one step closer to fulfilling his dream of playing in the big leagues.

Picked 68th overall in the second round of the major league draft this past summer, Dustin knows that he must be prepared with his best stuff if he wants to turn his lifelong dream into a reality.

"I always expected to play baseball professionally," said Dustin. "But now baseball is a job and you've got to be on your toes and not mess up, so I have to be ready to perform day in and day out."

Growing up in Taylorsville, just outside of Rome, Dustin dreamed of painting the corners like former Braves great Greg Maddux and striking out the side like John Smoltz.

And with a 2.28 ERA in six starts and four relief appearances with the Class-A Rome Braves, Dustin may be another one of the next homegrown Braves prospects to play at Turner Field.

"It's pretty special," said Dustin. "I grew up watching the Braves and was a huge fan, so it's really a dream come true."

After high school, Dustin had already established himself as one of the best young power pitchers in Georgia and was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in the 2003 Amateur Draft, but instead chose to get an education and play for Rodney Hennon and the Georgia Southern Eagles.

"You can't put a price tag on college and all of the friends you make," said Dustin. "I'm glad I came to Georgia Southern, it was the best college experience I could ask for."

"I think he made a wise decision," said Head Coach Rodney Hennon. "You see a lot of kids make some mistakes out of high school, but he had a lot of room to improve, not only from a baseball standpoint, but mature and work towards a degree."

"It's been a pretty gradual transition," said Dustin. "I feel like I was prepared a lot more coming from college into the draft than coming straight out of high school."

In high school, Dustin achieved great success, boasting a 0.89 ERA during his senior season, but it was at

GSU where Dustin really came into his own as a pitcher.

"Looking at him coming out of high school, we felt he could be a power arm coming in, but with his body projected well, there was a lot of upside," said Coach Hennon.

He learned how to develop his breaking ball and change speeds through his college career and work both sides of the plate and not just

throw the ball by people, but locate," said Coach Hennon of Dustin's development at GSU.

"He has a strong work ethic," said Coach Hennon. "He comes from a good family with strong support at home and has always been committed both as a player and as a person."

Not too many college baseball players are lucky enough to be drafted by their favorite team and then have a chance to play in the minor leagues in their hometown. But for Dustin Evans it's just another day on the diamond.

"It's good to live at home and get home cooked meals and [my] laundry [done]," said Dustin. "It's kind of like high school again but with no class to worry about and I get to see my hometown buddies at the games supporting me."

While boasting a fastball in the mid-90's, the Braves love Dustin's

potential, but a full repertoire of pitches is needed for him to be effective as a starter.

"I'm working on a curveball now instead of my slider and it's coming along pretty well, but I'm throwing my changeup a lot more and trying to develop it," said Dustin.

With help from injured Atlanta Braves starter John Thomson, Dustin is able to keep things in perspective, while learning the finer points of what it takes to be a success in the minor leagues and one day the majors.

"[John Thomson] just talked about not getting caught up in everything," said Dustin. "[We discussed] how to pitch to hitters, because you learn so much by just watching a guy like him pitch, I watched closely and learned a lot because he's a guy that's been there and performed."

The incentive is already there, but more importantly Dustin realizes his potential, which is part of what keeps him so focused on what lies ahead.

"You have to grow up because nobody is there to tell you what to do," said Dustin. "It's your choice whether or not you want to work, nobody is there to make you."

GSU News Service contributed to this story. Photo of Evans contributed by staff photographer James Hall.

Dustin Evans



Summer 2006- Started 7 games for Orleans Cardinals in Cape Cod League. Finished 2-2 with a 2.27 ERA.

Spring 2006- Finished 5-3 with a 6.41 ERA during his last season at GSU.

2005- Sophomore year, SoCon Pitcher of the Week in May. Tied for second in SoCon with nine wins. Ranked third in SoCon in strikeouts.

2004- Freshman year, appeared in 20 games, was the starter in six. Pitched 6.1 scoreless innings in April.

Team	W	L	ERA	Avg.
Danville Braves	1	1	1.69	.147
Rome Braves	2	2	2.88	.242

Men's soccer wins season opener



Anna Mitchum/STAFF

Eagle senior Brad Mitchum broke a 1-1 tie with a penalty kick in Saturday's game against Mercer. The Eagles defeated the Bears 3-1.

GSU vs. Mercer

Box Score

Goal by period	1st	2nd	Total
Mercer	1	0	1
Georgia Southern	1	2	3

Scoring summary

Time	Team	Scorer	Assists
18:10	GSU	Jon Kinsler	Jason Tindall and Austen Peacock
44:17	Mercer	Vincente Arze	Penalty kick
53:42	GSU	Brad Mitchum	Penalty kick
79:35	GSU	Julian Donaldson	Unassisted

By Michael Burnside
Staff writer

The Georgia Southern soccer team took on the Mercer Bears in the first game of the season on Saturday. Although Mercer attempted to be the aggressor of the game, penalties and Eagle resilience disrupted the Bear's game plan.

The Eagles struck first with a goal by Jon Kinsler in the 19th minute of the game. After a red card left the Eagles a man down, Mercer's Vicente Arze scored off a penalty kick to tie the game with less than a minute to go before the half.

Eagle senior Brad Mitchum broke the tie in the second half off of a well-placed penalty kick. Sophomore Julian Donaldson put the nail in the coffin with a free kick that found its way into the net unscathed.

The win on Saturday was not only the Eagles first win of the season, but also Coach Kevin Kennedy's first victory of his new career with the University's soccer team.

"It feels great. The first win is always special," he said.

Coming off of a mediocre 7-10 season, Coach Kennedy is trying to find a balance between building a young team and immediate success.

"We want to win now, but it has to be taken in steps," he said.

With a win over Mercer and the team's optimism, success does not seem far away. Kennedy is shooting to be in the "top four of the Southern Conference."

The Eagles face off against the 1-0-1 Boston University Terriers this Thursday at 5 p.m.



Elena Moore/Staff

The GSU volleyball team celebrates after Friday's 3-0 victory over Campbell. The Eagles won all three games this weekend, winning the invitational.

Volleyball sweeps invitational

By Eric Robinson
Sports editor

The Georgia Southern ladies' volleyball team is 3-0 after sweeping the Georgia Southern Invitational this weekend. Sophomore Christy Dowd was named MVP, scoring 49 kills and 35 digs in the three games.

Charleston Southern opened up the tournament with a 3-0 victory over Savannah State on Friday. The Eagles started strong in the second match, defeating Campbell 3-0. Sophomore Bailey Coleman had 13 kills and Dowd had 14 digs as the Eagles beat the Fighting Camels 30-21, 30-24 and 30-23.

"It's a great feeling. Campbell came in here and played a great match but we played very disciplined and took care of business, which was the game plan from the beginning," said Head Coach Nicole McCray.

"Tomorrow's going to be a long day, we're glad to come in here and get this win, but we've got to focus on Savannah State first. Hopefully we can come in here and play our game early in the day," she said. "We've never played at 12 o'clock before so

if we can come in here and focus from the beginning I think it will be a great day."

The early game time didn't bother the Eagles, as they easily defeated the



Christy Dowd

Savannah State Tigers on Saturday in three straight games, 30-6, 30-11 and 30-6.

Coleman and Dowd were the lead scorers, with 11 and 14 kills, respectively, and each had only one offensive error. The Eagles were lead defensively by Dowd and seniors Flava Pereira and Staci Anderson with 10 digs each.

Senior Mae Chabra and junior Amy Haines each had a blocked shot. "I'm really proud of my team," said Dowd. "We've been working a lot on passing, and I thought we did very well."

Campbell opened up the day with a 3-1 victory over CSU, and later defeated Savannah State 3-0, leading into GSU's final match against the

Buccaneers.

The Eagles' final game would be the closest of the tournament. After taking game one 30-22, the Eagles lost game two 30-27, despite 12 kills from Dowd and 15 digs from Anderson. The loss would be the first and only one of the tournament for GSU.

Game 3 was taken over offensively by Dowd, who had 18 kills. Chabra had 20 assists and Anderson had 21 digs as the Eagles regained momentum, winning the game 30-13.

The momentum carried into game four, where the Eagles would complete the victory winning 30-23 following 10 kills from Dowd, 7 assists from Chabra and 10 from junior Natalie Rodriguez.

The victory over CSU was the 300th for GSU volleyball. The wins also mark the first for McCray and Assistant Coach Chris Keen.

"It means a lot to [Coach McCray and I] to have the first two matches of our career at the division I level be wins," said Keen.

GSU will play their next match against Lafayette on Friday at the Jacksonville Invitational.

Women's soccer falls 2-1 in season opener against UNF

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern sophomore Ashley Toussaint scored 1:47 into the match, but two North Florida goals later in the first half proved to be the difference in the Lady Ospreys' 2-1 women's soccer win Sunday afternoon.

After several shot attempts by the Lady Ospreys, Elizabeth Gowan scored the equalizer in the 28th minute to bring UNF back into the game.

In the 39th minute of play, the Lady Ospreys pulled ahead off a header by Lisa Taylor. She was assisted by Jessica Jowers. Freshman Lauren Santos made seven saves and allowed both goals in 90 minutes.

The Eagles return to action Friday, making the program's first trip to Oklahoma to participate in the Grover Invitational, hosted by Tulsa.

Former GSU baseball player called to major leagues

GSU News Service

Former Georgia Southern University baseball standout Brian Rogers got the call all baseball players await. Less than a month after getting traded to Pittsburgh at the Major League Baseball trade deadline, Rogers was called up to the big leagues Monday by the Pirates.

Rogers was dealt from the Detroit Tigers to Pittsburgh for All-Star first baseman Sean Casey on July 31st. While at Triple-A Indianapolis Rogers posted a 1-1 record in seven appearances out of the bullpen. Rogers, who started the year at Double-A and was chosen to play in the All-Star game last month, was 3-2 with a 2.39 ERA in 37 appearances at Erie.

Rogers joins San Francisco Giants catcher Todd Greene as current Eagles playing in the Majors.

Katrina's devastation remains one year later

By William Douglas and Steven Thomma
MCT News Service

GULFPORT, Miss. — President Bush saluted the resilience of Hurricane Katrina survivors Monday and promised that their plight had not been forgotten a year after the storm cut a swath of death and destruction along the Mississippi and Louisiana coasts.

"Even though we've been through about one year together, one year doesn't mean we'll forget," Bush told community leaders at a luncheon in Biloxi, Miss.

"As a matter of fact, now is the time to renew our commitment to let people down here know that we will stay involved and help the people of Mississippi rebuild their lives."

Bush's stops in Mississippi and New Orleans were part of a two-day trip to mark the first anniversary of a hurricane that killed 1,695 people, displaced 770,000 others and caused at least \$96 billion in damage when it hit land on August 29, 2005.

Bush is using the anniversary to reassure gulf residents and Americans that his administration is on top of the recovery effort after doing an admittedly poor job in the initial days following the hurricane.

Before leaving Washington, he was briefed by Homeland Security officials on Tropical Storm Ernesto, which has cut through the Caribbean, put Florida on alert and caused some jitters in this region.

Last week, the White House put out a four-page document detailing what the administration has done for Gulf Coast residents in the past year.

It said that Bush's stewardship helped secure \$110 billion in federal funds for recovery efforts, for repairs to New Orleans' damaged levee system in time for the 2007 hurricane season and for removing tons of post-Katrina debris from the gulf.

But several experts said that even those recovery efforts have been problematic.

Of the \$110 billion, only \$77 billion has been released and only \$44 billion has been spent.

Funds from a \$17 billion program to rebuild about 204,000 homes in Louisiana and Mississippi are just now starting to flow into the region.

Federal emergency officials have expressed confidence that New Orleans' levees are ready for a major hurricane.

However, the head of the Army Corps of Engineers, which repaired the system, said it's not clear whether the levees can withstand a big hurricane.

Bush acknowledged some of the problems on Monday, particularly in getting people back into their homes.

"I know there's some frustration," he said of federal-state efforts to get homeowners money so they can rebuild their properties. "The checks have begun to roll. They're beginning to move."

Still, despite White House attempts to show Bush leading a more focused recovery, his early handling of Katrina's aftermath continued to dog him.

An Associated Press-Ipsos poll released this week showed complaints about Katrina have eroded confidence in Bush's handling of the disaster and

trust in the country's ability to handle another one.

The survey found that 31 percent of Americans now approve of the way Bush handled the hurricane, down from 46 percent a year ago.

It also found that 56 percent don't believe that the country is ready for another disaster.

Bush doesn't share the nation's pessimism.

He marveled at the progress made in one neighborhood that he had visited four days after Katrina hit.

"I was struck by the beauty of the beaches," he said. "The beaches were pretty rough after the storm, as you know."

"Today they are pristine and they're beautiful. They reflect a hopeful future, as far as I'm concerned," he said.

Sensing a political opening, Democrats planned to counter Bush's trip with a broad array of events on the Gulf Coast and around the country designed to underscore complaints about the federal government's response to the hurricane.

The main effort was a three-day trip to the region starting Monday by 25 House Democrats and Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., the House minority leader.

Their schedule included tours, town hall meetings and daily news conferences.

Individual Democrats planned a conference call Tuesday morning along with the Campaign for America's Future, a pro-Democrat group, to outline the federal government's "failures" and to charge that hurricane rescue and recovery was hurt by "the conservative ideology of disinvestment, cronyism and corruption."



Hurricane Katrina left nothing undamaged, with rubble from houses and buildings scattered across the land. Even a McDonald's sign was not left unscathed, as the hurricane bent the arches into a new shape.

Through a student's eyes

GSU student Beth Feagain attended an alternative spring break trip to Mississippi in March. Below are some of her personal accounts of what she saw of the disaster's aftermath.

I don't believe anyone can mentally prepare themselves to see the massive emptiness that remains in these once thriving towns.

We drove through many neighborhoods where nothing remained with the exception of concrete slabs that once formed the foundation of these citizens' livelihood.

When you spend a day shoveling strangers' picture albums, favorite games, family heirlooms and high school diplomas, you begin to grasp the massive devastation and sorrow that this natural disaster caused.

As an amateur photographer, I normally shoot a massive amount of film on trips.

I packed 26 rolls of film to go to Mississippi and shot 4. Our group took a trip down to the beach area to see what was left on the shoreline. My sister and I decided to take a walk down one of the streets where there were no houses left standing.

I discovered a portfolio of negatives on a bookshelf. Of course all of the negatives were ruined and I had to stop and cry to think that someone's

life work and research had been destroyed in a matter of hours.

After that point, I didn't really feel the need for a camera. The pain is so eminent that I couldn't bring myself to photograph much. What I shot was for my memory—not for my portfolio.

At one of the houses belonging to an older couple, we helped them scrub their hardwood floors, remove water stains and find their furniture and belongings which had washed into the woods behind their house for about 50 feet.

When we left, the elderly couple was so touched by how much we could get done. They said it would have taken them up to two more months to accomplish themselves what we accomplished in a few hours.

We also removed all of the belongings from over 12 low income apartments that needed to be gutted and rebuilt in order for new tenants to move in.

The manager of the apartments, Mr. Danny, oversaw our efforts. Almost every student on the trip had

an emotional breakdown at these apartments because all the tenants' belongings were still in the house.

Things that used to be treasure, from clothes hanging in the closet to dirty dishes still in the sink, had turned to trash because of the storm. Everything we threw away formed a line of trash about a half-mile long line of garbage.

As we packed up to leave, he came around to each GSU vehicle at the site to say goodbye to us and he burst into tears at the first vehicle.

From a student's perspective, I have gained so much insight into what is going on in the world around me. I know that my help is needed along with so many others.

My most vivid memory from the whole trip is spending an entire day rehabilitating a site and feeling like we conquered the world because we made a difference in someone's life. Then we would drive away from the site and realize how much more was still left in ruins. The important thing to remember is that we made a difference in so many others' lives.



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