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THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2006

Diversity Driven

GSU sees decrease in minority enrollment

More minorities at GSU than most Georgia colleges

By Frenchi Jones
Staff writer

According to studies completed by the university's Strategic Research and Analysis, the number of minority students has dropped by 2.3 percent since 2000 when African American students accounted for 26.3 percent of the GSU's population, Asian and Pacific Islander students accounted for 1.7 percent and Caucasian students accounted for 69.1 percent.

As of 2005, the percentage of African American students attending GSU has dropped to 22.1 percent, and the number of Hispanic and multiracial students have both increased by a point of a percent. Caucasian students continue to account for more than half of the student population, reported at 72.8 percent.

Although these numbers seem to reflect a slow decline of minority students on campus, GSU Recruitment Coordinator Kevin Chambers said the numbers are not considerate of the total population.

"When you constantly increase the student population you are going to see a change in the percentage of minority students," Chambers said. "However, as we have increased in numbers, we have still stayed consistent."

Chambers pointed out that the total number of minority students admitted to the university has only



Grayson Hoffman/PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

increased or decreased by a 100 students in every year since 2000.

"We have to understand that there are no set numbers," he said. "We have still been able to keep high numbers and we try to bring in the most qualified students."

Compared to Valdosta State University and the University of Georgia, GSU had the highest percentage of

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HOW GSU COMPARES

Institution	Black	N. Amer	Asian	Hispanic	Multi	White
Ga. Tech	7.2	0.2	23.5	4.2	0.9	63.9
Georgia State	28.1	0.2	11.1	3.4	5.7	51.6
UGA	6.3	0.2	5.1	1.9	2.0	84.5
Georgia Southern	22.1	0.2	1.5	1.6	1.9	72.8
Valdosta State	20.9	0.4	1.5	1.9	1.5	73.8
Armstrong	22.1	0.3	3.0	3.2	5.5	65.8
Savannah State	95	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.2	3.8

Week-long events stress diversity

Cultural Diversity Week hits campus next week

By Robert J. Greene II
Staff writer

Take some opportunities next week to learn about a new culture or more about your own culture.

Next week, Sept. 5-9, Georgia Southern will be hosting Cultural Diversity Week. Many programs will be presented throughout the week to highlight the many cultures that are a part of campus life at GSU.

"It is a celebration of everyone," said Georj Lewis, dean of students. "If you can't interact or speak with someone different from you, success will be difficult."

Resources from all across campus are being mobilized for various events going on around campus. One of them, the beginning of a Cultural Book Club series, will be facilitated by Nancy Malcom of the Sociology Department.

"I received an e-mail for all faculty, and I thought it sounded neat," said Malcom on her involvement in Cultural Diversity Week. The program that she is facilitating will cover the book, "Sister Outsider: Essays and Speeches," by Audre Lorde, and will be on Sept. 7 at noon, in room 2044 of the Russell Union.

Numerous other programs will be taking place during the week of September 5 to September 9. On September 5 and 6 will be the "One Race, One People, One Peace" program, which will be in the Russell Union ballroom on both days at 3:30 and 7 p.m.

The program "Igniting Unity in

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Ernesto heads our way

Latest: downgraded to a tropical storm

Impact: high winds, heavy rain

GSU: no plans to cancel class

By Steve Lyttle
McClatchy Newspapers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Ernesto, although weakened to a tropical depression, is still expected to pay the Carolinas a visit Thursday.

Forecasters said chances are the storm will not reach hurricane strength before making landfall on the South Carolina coast.

Ernesto weakened to a tropical depression over Florida, doing little damage as its rain swept northward Wednesday. But it was still threatening enough that North and South Carolina mobilized National Guard troops as a precaution.

Midmorning, the storm's sustained wind topped out at 35 mph, 4 mph below tropical storm strength. Ernesto's rain bands were expected to move into the Atlantic and possibly regain strength on a course toward the Carolinas.

Meteorologists aren't taking any chances. They've issued a hurricane watch for the coast from North Carolina's Cape Fear southward to the Savannah River area in Georgia.

At the coast, tornadoes and rain of 3 to 6 inches are possible, forecasters said.

At 8 a.m. Wednesday, the center of Ernesto was about 75 miles southwest of West Palm Beach, Fla. The storm, with top sustained winds of only 40 mph, was inland and is expected to remain over interior Florida for much of the day.

But forecasters still expect Ernesto to re-emerge into the Atlantic Ocean near Daytona Beach, then move northward toward the Carolinas.

Once the system moves back over the warm ocean water, intensification is expected.

By the time Ernesto reaches the South Carolina coast Thursday afternoon, its top winds are expected to be just a bit below the 75-mph threshold for hurricane status.



COLORFUL ANSWERS

Students offer their perspectives on GSU's diversity.

Sippapas Sirijatuphat
Thailand

Sirijatuphat came to Georgia Southern for study abroad. He wants to study marketing.

Language: Thai and English
He said he knows just one other person at GSU that speaks Thai, his girlfriend, Angongwan Sattabush (Tee).
Favorite food: Tom Yum (a Thai soup).



Sippapas Sirijatuphat

Kasi Watson
Lawrenceville

Marketing major with an emphasis in fashion merchandising
Language: English and a little French
Interests: Music, fashion, criminal psychology, dancing and singing

"People tend to think that because I have a lot of black friends I'm trying to be something I'm not. I'm just not racist," she said. Said that some people still feel the need to be segregated.
Favorite food: pineapple



Kasi Watson

Tenique Brannon

Psychology major
Favorite food: pizza
Language: English and a little Spanish.
Brannon said she hasn't felt stereotyped at GSU. She said diversity is good on campus but she feels like people segregate themselves.



Tenique Brannon

Matt Williams
Canton

Chemistry major
Favorite food: pizza
Language: English
Interests: Going to the beach, traveling and tennis.
Williams said there seems to be good bit of diversity here, but he said more international students would be nice.
"It seems pretty split by race, but it's not so bad. No matter where you go it's split in some way or



Matt Williams

another."
Jonte Kennebrew
Lincoln

Business major
Interests: Sports, video games and movies
Favorite food: fried chicken
Kennebrew said there is a lot of division on campus, mainly between blacks and whites. He said hasn't felt stereotyped and has felt accepted at GSU.



Kelsey Odum

Compiled by Casey Altman

TODAY
High: 93 | Low: 74
Thunderstorms

FRIDAY
High: 95 | Low: 74
Thunderstorms

SATURDAY
High: 95 | Low: 74
Cloudy

SUNDAY
High: 95 | Low: 73
Thunderstorms

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FIRST FRIDAY
Check out First Friday, a downtown arts festival. Plenty of great buys from local artisans — including some GSU faculty. SEE PAGE 2

Jacobs shares 'self' at First Friday downtown

GSU News Service

Megan Jacobs, Assistant Professor of Photography and Digital Imaging in the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art at Georgia Southern will present a solo exhibition.

"Mapping the Self" is to be held in the Legends Gallery at the Averitt Center for the Arts in downtown Statesboro.

"The influence of place on our physicality as well as how our memories inform our impressions drives this work," said Jacobs.

The exhibition opens Friday evening, September 1 with a reception from 5:30 to 8 p.m., during Statesboro's First Friday Downtown. The exhibition will continue through September 29.

Jacobs earned her Master of Fine Art degree, with a focus in

photography, from the University of New Mexico. She also graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Smith College.

"The delicate relationship between our existence as material and as concept is at the heart of my recent work. I use the body as a site in which to explore this ambiguity," Jacobs said about the exhibit.

Her work has been exhibited in Tokyo, Japan; Pingyao, China; as well as California, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Connecticut.

Jacobs explains her work further.

"Simultaneously rooted and vaporous, we are physical—materials which erode, decay, and cease to exist, while also intangible—thoughts and dreams—which are fleeting," she said.

She will have a two person exhibition at Flashpoint Gallery in Washington D.C. in 2007.

"Similar to the body, our environment is constantly changing, though

it's fingerprint is left on the body," said Jacobs.

This exhibition is the twelfth in a series of faculty exhibitions, The Legends Series, which are being held in the Legends Gallery of the Averitt Center for the Arts.

"This work metaphorically explores the synchronized breathing of body and place. Indelibly part fact, part fiction, place is created in the eyes of the beholder," said Jacobs.

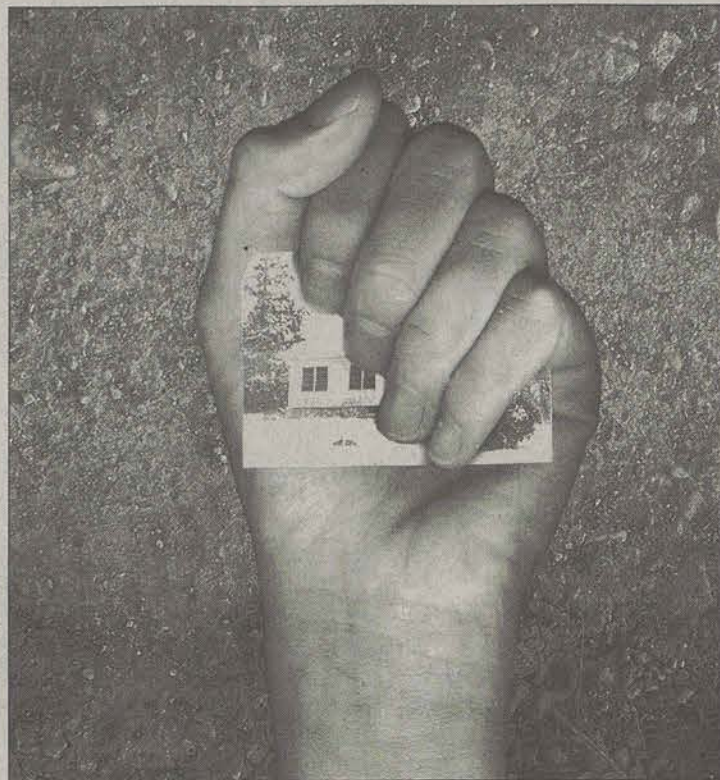
Subsequent exhibitions will open during the First Friday Downtown, which is held in downtown Statesboro the first Friday evening of each month.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information call 871-1712 at the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art, Georgia Southern University or visit the website, <http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/art/>.

Jacobs also has a Website that features her artwork, <http://www.meganjacobs.com>.



Megan Jacobs



Special Photo

Megan Jacobs artwork entitled 'Mapping Self' is one of the photographs that will be displayed at her Sept. exhibit in the Averitt Center.

CALENDAR

Thursday, August 31

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Philosophy Society meeting
Newton Building 2209

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

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Coffhouse Auditions
Russell Union 2048

Tuesday, September 5

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Sign Language class
Russell Union 2075

3:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
One Race, One People, One Peace
Russell Union ballroom

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
D.I.M.E.S model training/practice
Russell Union 2048

Wednesday, September 6

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Igniting Unity in Community
Russell Union 2044

3:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
One Race, One People, One Peace
Russell Union ballroom

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
NAACP general body meeting
Russell Union 2048

POLICE BEAT

08-28-2006

- A case of financial transaction card fraud was reported at the Office of Transportation Services.
- A wallet was taken from Eagle Village.

08-29-2006

- Teeya Lee Davis, 22, of Pommel Court, Conyers, Ga., was charged with financial transaction card fraud.
- A vacuum cleaner was missing from Southern Pines.
- The front entrance sign was taken from Eagle Village.

Pep rally Saturday at the mall

GSU News Service

The Georgia Southern cheerleaders and GSU mascot, Gus, are appearing at Statesboro Mall Saturday, Sept. 2. Meet the cheerleaders and watch them perform from 1-3 p.m. in the center court of the mall.

They will also be handing out schedules for both football and basketball season.

Statesboro Mall, a 262,000 sq. ft. enclosed regional mall anchored by Belk, JC Penney and Goody's is the only mall of its kind in its primary regional trade area.

Statesboro Mall is operated by Hull Storey Retail Group, www.hullstorey.com, which is one of the largest owners of retail properties in the Southeast.

Their portfolio includes over 8



Special Photo

GSU cheerleaders and mascot Gus will help pep up the community on Saturday at the Statesboro mall.

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Student Government holds first meeting

By Adam Crisp
Staff writer

The Meeting: Georgia Southern's Student Government Association held its first meeting Wednesday night. The gathering took about 30 minutes. It was the first time Chris Ford, who was elected president in the spring, presided over a full-scale meeting of the SGA executive board

and the SGA's senate.

The issue: the executive board, which consists of the president and four vice presidents, met with senators, who represent each of GSU's colleges.

The meeting lasted slightly less than 30 minutes. Executive board members, who have met since being elected in the spring, took the chance to update senators and provide infor-

mation on the coming year.

What happened: The SGA heard no new business and didn't receive any comments from the handful of students in attendance. SGA members made plans for their annual retreat.

What's next: The SGA will meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Russell Union. Students are welcome to attend those meetings.

Week

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the Community" will be held, which deals with promoting cultural unity and diversity. On September 7 the program "Facing Transgender: Inclusion, Advocacy, and Empowerment", and also the 4th Annual Unity Fest. Coordinating all of these events is the Multicultural Student Center, headed by Ms. Consuela Pender, who is very excited about the programming this year.

"We are seeing a pro-active

initiative out of this office and the university" on issues of transgender rights, says Ms. Pender, on the "Facing Transgender" program.

"Although we may not have concerns about transgender issues, we want to talk about it now."

She also says that Unity Fest this year will also be a huge event on campus.

"We're expecting more than 500 people at Unity Fest," she says. 500 was the number of students who attended last year's event. According to Ms. Pender, at least 16 events are booked, and it will be hosted by 91.9

The Buzz, with a guest DJ from 94.1 The Beat. But Ms. Pender is looking forward to Unity Fest not just for a huge turnout.

"My hope is that the crowd signifies the unity of all the cultures of the university."

For more information, contact the Multicultural Student Center at (912) 681-5409. If you want to get involved in spring programming for the Multicultural Student Center, which will include a visit to campus by Bernice King, daughter of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., there will be a meeting on September 14th.

Numbers

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African American students enrolled in 2005. UGA had the highest amount of Asian and Pacific Islander students and the population of Hispanic students at all three schools stayed consistent at about 1.6 percent to 1.9 percent.

The Office of Admissions has hired several new recruiters, one of whom was specifically hired to recruit minority students, and Chambers said they will be working to recruit students who come from all types of backgrounds.

"We're hitting the road hard and we have many recruiters that are going all

over the state and country looking for new students," he said.

Consuela Pender, director of the multicultural center on campus, said she believes diversity is essential for every institution. Pender used a candy bar versus a salad analogy to prove her point.

"If you take all of your favorite candy bars and you mix them all together, the finished product would not taste very good, but if you have a salad, all the vibrant flavors can only add to the unit," she said.

"We should be much more of a salad, where individual cultures and ideas can only add to the vibrancy of the society," she added.

Pender included that the number of minority students attending GSU is imperative to a healthy learning environment.

"In order for a university to provide students with a well-rounded education," she said. "They need to ensure that the student body is representative of various cultures, which means they are responsible for recruiting students from all over the world."

Editor's Note: The percentages used in this story were found on the university's Web site at <http://services.georgiasouthern.edu/osra/factbook> and the University System of Georgia's Web site at www.usg.edu.

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Real World star Ruthie Alcaide speaks to students



Jared Siri/STAFF

Former Real World cast member Ruthie Alcaide speaks to a packed room in the Russell Union Wednesday. Ruthie got alcohol poisoning while on the show and now speaks to groups about the danger of alcohol abuse.

By Amy McIntyre
Staff Writer

Georgia Southern students experienced the reality behind reality TV on Tuesday in the Russell Union Ballroom.

MTV's *The Real World Hawaii* cast member Ruthie Alcaide addressed students about her experiences on the show, including her alcohol abuse, which proved to be a major focal point of the *Real World*'s eighth season.

Although she is barely tall enough to ride a roller coaster at Six Flags, Ruthie's huge personality came across as well as it did to millions of television viewers. She frequently had the large audience laughing at her quips and stories, and accepted students' comments during her presentation.

Ruthie's engaging and laid-back personality put people at ease to discuss an otherwise serious topic. She shared a piece of footage showing her passing out at bar and later being whisked away in an ambulance after succumbing to alcohol poisoning. Ruthie was also up front with the inaccurate picture *The Real World* portrays of what really goes on in the house. "There are about 2500 hours of tape that gets edited down to around 8 and a half hours of TV footage," she said. "I was portrayed very one-dimensionally. Most of the footage used for the show showed me inebriated."

"I didn't know how to drink," Ruthie told the students. "I thought you just kept drinking and having a good time and nothing bad would ever happen. After the show, people would just walk up to me and ask, 'Are you drunk?' I learned pretty early on to just turn it around on them. I'd say, 'Yeah—you want to buy me a drink?'"

"Being in the show was a blessing in disguise. The intervention and rehab really helped me to turn my life around," she said.

Now she tries to use her experience to educate others on the repercussions of binge drinking, including alcohol poisoning, rape and possibly death.

Ruthie shared guidelines for drinking responsibly, such as having a designated driver and drinking water in conjunction with alcohol during the course of an evening. Her message isn't to tell people to stop drinking—she openly admits that she still drinks—but for students to realize that a good time can be had without binging on alcohol.

Ruthie's discussion on alcohol abuse comes as one in a series of seminars supported by First Year Experience. The series is designed to introduce freshmen to college life and expose them to habits and skills they will need to be successful on campus and in the professional world. Select seminar attendance is required in most

GSU 1210 courses.

Many freshmen, including Nakhisha Stanley and Waheeda Johnson were excited to attend outside of class requirement. "I watched the show, and I can remember thinking how stupid she was to try and drink and drive," said Stanley. Both were interested in seeing how she had grown since the show's end.

Most students reacted positively to what Ruthie had to say. "She seemed very down to earth," said freshman Ryan Thomas. "It's easier to relate to her because of what she's gone through."

Ruthie said the show had drifted from its original purpose of drawing people of diverse backgrounds together to ignite discussion and awareness. Intervention like in her case is a thing of the past. Drinking, promiscuity, and other out of control behavior are almost compulsory for housemates. She hoped *Real World* would return to the basics where issues like alcoholism would once again be addressed.

Coffee House series calls for auditions

By Miriam Edwards
Staff writer

If you possess a gift for music or have a flair for poetry and desire a comfortable environment in which to express yourself, then look no further. Georgia Southern will be hosting a Coffee House Series entitled "First Wednesdays."

This event will occur the first Wednesday of every month from 7 until 9 p.m.

"We want to provide fun entertainment for the students in a relaxed atmosphere," said Bill Pickett of the Office of Student Affairs.

Throughout the school year, GSU's Coffee House Series will host a variety of acts. The showcase will bring professional entertainers as well as amateur performers.

If there is an inner-poet or musician in you waiting to be seen and heard, don't suppress it any longer.

Keyonda Johnson and her committee will be holding auditions for First Wednesdays beginning this week.

Auditions will be held on Thursday, August 31, 2006 in Room 2048 in the Russell Union. They will begin at 8 p.m. and end at 10 p.m.

Johnson said that auditions and presentations had to be free of explicit

language and poetry.

She also said "This is an opportunity for self-expression of students." If students intend to audition for First Wednesdays, they must provide their own equipment, music and material.

"First Wednesdays is looking for students with a variety of talent, not only instrumental or vocal, but with stage presence," said Pickett.

First Wednesdays will offer students a care-free and safe setting in which to

IF YOU GO

What: Auditions for "First Wednesdays"
Where: Russell Union 2048
When: Today, from 8-10 p.m.
How much: Free

mix and mingle.

With the recent addition of Starbucks to GSU's campus, The Coffee House Series, which includes First Wednesdays, will create a new venue for socialization and entertainment.

GSU students are excited about the First Wednesday program.

Whether your talent is your voice, your mind or an ability to appreciate the talent of others, First Wednesdays will provide you with entertainment and fellowship with other students.

Legal seminar will focus on hiring and firing process

GSU News Service

Administrators, human resource personnel and other business people are invited to Georgia Southern University's "Internal Investigations and Documentation, Discipline and Discharge" seminar from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Coastal Georgia Center.

Participants will learn about the legal requirements of running a thorough employee investigation for harassment, accidents and other issues.

From pre-hire procedures through discipline and discharge, the seminar will also cover the most effective ways to avoid employment-related claims against the company.

The monthly Legal Awareness in

the Workplace seminars will continue with Recent Developments in the Fair Labor Standards Act (October 19), Georgia Employment Law (November 9), Federal Labor and Employment Law Record Keeping (December 14), and Best Practices in Running Background and Reference Checks (January 18).

The fee per seminar is \$69 per person, with a discount for anyone registering for three or more. To register for any combination, call 912-681-5551.

For more information, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted>, email seminars@georgiasouthern.edu or call J. Marie Lutz, SPHR at 912-871-1763.

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Like so many Americans, she was trying to construct a life that made sense from things she found in gift shops.

- Kurt Vonnegut

OUR VIEW

Don't waste your financial aid on pointless sh*t

AT ISSUE: Financial aid has been disbursed and students commence with the wasting

Glory, glory, hallelujah. You did the FAFSA. You waited in line at the Financial Aid office, you went for appointments with your counselor and you paid your tuition. The checks were printed, sent to the campus post office and have, at long last, made it to your post office box.

Swarms of freshmen finally take the time to figure out how to open their post office boxes. The weight of rent, phone bills and grocery money has been lifted from your shoulders.

It is a day to celebrate. It is one of the very few nights almost every student on

campus has a few dollars to their name.

I suggest treating yourself to a good meal and perhaps a night on the town as a way to celebrate check day. You have been working hard. Enjoy it while you can.

While you have been working hard and deserve the extra comforts that a fat wallet can provide, try to think about the amount of money you have in your pocket now and how long it will last spending wads at a time. Does this money have to last you all semester?

I don't want to sound like your mom,

but do a little planning before you spend all that money. Plan a monthly budget that includes all the necessities and leaves a few dollars for other desirables, an afternoon at Mugs and Movies, perhaps. Another piece of economic advice, go ahead and pay off your bills a couple of months in advance.

If you just received the biggest check of your life, think before you bust out that check card. Unless it's game day, don't go crazy buying shots for all your buddies. Don't go shopping on-line for clothes that won't be popular next

season, leggings and huge sunglasses, for example. Don't host a keg party this weekend at the expense of decent food next month.

Think about something important that you have wanted for a long time that also has practical application in your daily life. An example might be a nice new bicycle. If you have ever bought a cheap one, you know that they are heavy, clunky and tend to fall apart. Now might be the time to make an informed investment in a bike that will last you for years to come.

Life's full of surprises. Saving even half of your financial aid money could really pay off down the road. While a wild night out in Savannah might be fun at the time, you'll be thanking yourself half-way through the semester when you can afford that unexpected concert ticket or a nice dinner with a significant other.

Don't be that student, don't blow your entire check on tinted windows or a new designer purse and spend the rest of the semester bumming off your friends by complaining about not having enough money to buy food or pay rent.

Brandon Smith AGAINST THE GRAIN

Don't 'bug out' over harmless insects

Killing bugs and insects is an extremely common practice. Many people even go out of their way in order to squash them. I've seen people switch directions only to go off and kill a bug, and almost daily on campus I see people stepping on every bug in sight during treks across campus. But why do we have such a desire to pointlessly kill insects that have no malevolent intentions? Why is it so acceptable to unjustly end life?

I suppose it's because we've all seen the Orkin commercials with the friendly Orkin Man who's been "protecting homes and families for years." Or we've been rewarded and thanked by our families or peers for ridding our homes of insects.

But this positive mentality of killing bugs has grown even larger. Now we'll squash bugs just about anywhere. We'll squash bugs while walking down the paths in the woods.

Are we afraid that the bugs will hurt us or do we just not want to have to think about them? I decided to look up some information about bugs and insects to see just how dangerous these commonly despised things are.

First I checked out the cockroaches. Turns out they're pretty much harmless. About the worst they can do is aggravate allergies because of the dust they create. Then are the mosquitoes. In an area like ours there's really no need to fear mosquitoes, unless you're the type of person who is extremely inconvenienced by the itchy bump left by adult females. Crickets are another insect that I see killed on a regular basis. Well, I suppose it's a good thing, because it turns out these guys can damage paper, but that's about it.

Spiders are another creepy crawly thing that are extremely feared by most people. The strange thing is, there are only two species of spiders in the United States that are "harmful" to human beings. Next comes my favorite, ants. Because ants leave an invisible chemical trail known as pheromones, they are generally found in long, thick trails. Ants are absolutely, one-hundred percent harmless. Generally the only reason ants even go inside peoples' houses is because rain often floods their homes. Or, in the case of a college student, because trash is left laying around for weeks.

So, in a nutshell, insects and bugs are pretty much harmless. I guess that was pretty obvious, as I'm sure none of us have been hospitalized by an ant, or have helped a friend get through a life-threatening experience involving cockroaches. So again, why do we kill them so nonchalantly and why are we so set on the fact that its fine to kill these guys for no reason?

I don't think it's justified. I don't think it's okay for someone to kill 10 different bugs while walking from the CIT to the Union. I don't think it's okay for people to seek and destroy insects while on their cigarette breaks. As a matter of fact I find it quite sick. The thought that people need that feeling they get, whatever it is, whenever they pointlessly killing something is pretty twisted.

It's time for people to think this through. It's time for people to get over their ridiculous and unnecessary fears of insects. So the next time you see a bug exploring what this planet has to offer, remember that this is his one chance at life. His one and only chance. Why take it away without good reason?

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Letters to the Editor:

War on drugs keeps students from college

Thousands of would-be students won't be joining their peers on college campuses across the country this semester because they were convicted of drug offenses and automatically lost their financial aid under a little-known federal law. The law has stripped financial aid from 200,000 students with misdemeanor drug convictions.

Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP), a group with chapters on more than 70 campuses across the country, has been working to overturn the penalty since it was enacted and recently filed a class action lawsuit to challenge its constitutionality.

"Students are tired of having our access to education destroyed as collateral damage in the War on

Drugs," said Kris Krane, SSDP's executive director. "The Drug War has been waged to protect young people, but we know firsthand that these punitive policies hurt us instead of help us."

In addition to lobbying for changes in federal law, SSDP students also work to foster sensible drug policies on their own campuses.

"Students on campuses around the country are taking action to foster more sensible drug policies that respect and protect young people," said Krane.

This fall, SSDP is hosting an international conference and congressional lobby day in Washington, DC, November 17-19. Hundreds of students are expected to converge on the nation's capital to learn, lobby

and network with one-another.

"Young people have had it with the War on Drugs. This is our opportunity to take our concerns directly to our lawmakers' doorsteps," said Krane.

Students interested in getting involved with SSDP's efforts to foster sensible drug policies on campus should visit <http://www.Schools-NotPrisons.com>.

SSDP is committed to providing education on harms caused by the War on Drugs, working to involve youth in the political process, and promoting an open, honest and rational discussion of alternative solutions to our nation's drug problems.

- Tom Angell, MBA student at USC

A medical breakthrough or breakdown?

Recently scientists have painstakingly researched and tested a method that would allow them to utilize stem cells without having to destroy human embryos.

This revolutionary breakthrough would allow scientists to harvest stem cells and use them to research cures for diseases and ailments that currently have no medicinal applications. Unfortunately, our president can't see past his religion to make the right call.

I believe that this research is necessary in our lifetime. and it's

overdue. This research could have saved the lives of many people and can save the lives of patients today.

I find it hard to believe that for years Christopher Reeves portrayed the "man of steel" and in the winter of his life had to struggle for every second until the very end. Superman is gone because of the president's personal beliefs and that is just not right.

Of course I can't blame George W. Bush for not backing the bill to fund the research of stem cells. He is just a politician through and through.

He says and does whatever it takes to stay inside party lines.

But I believe that the day his father, mother or his daughters are diagnosed with a disease that is life threatening and can only benefit from the research on stem cells, that will be the day that stem cell research gets a blank check from the American government.

It's just like my grandfather said, "You have to bring it home before people understand."

- William Whitaker, GSU undergrad

Mitch Jones GUEST COLUMNIST

Democrats will not take elections

As the November elections draw near, everyone seems to be predicting that Democrats will run away with the mid-terms and possibly take back control of Congress. While there is a good possibility that seats in the house and senate will be exchanged, I am still not convinced we will see any significant change. The reasoning for my opinion is not because I believe that George W. Bush and the Republican Party have led our country mistake-free. It is because I do not believe Democrats have a clue.

If you read last week's column "How much more can we take Bush?" then you should understand what I am getting at. We have all heard the Democratic Party's talking points over the past few years that Bush lied, compromised our civil rights, and caused hurricane Katrina, etc. Now of course everyone is entitled to their opinion and have every right to disagree about certain issues. However, if you are going to disagree with our president about every issue that our country faces, at least offer some alternatives. Do not disagree just because you happen to hate our president.

If you are going to argue your point of view then at least have something to support your argument instead of spewing false and baseless claims such as "Bush lied." Although your hate for our president may be clear, take the time to review the facts before you open your mouth and make false statements. President Bush did not gather the intelligence regarding Iraq; he made a tough decision based on intelligence given to him by the CIA. Regardless of how you feel about the war, anyone with any intelligence can figure that out. Second, over 500 chemical weapons have been found in Iraq according to <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,200499,00.html>. Although the weapons we thought we might find have not or never will be recovered it is obvious the threat Saddam Hussein posed. We are tired of constantly hearing Democrats complain over events that took place four years ago. The fact is, we went to war and nothing you can say is going to change that. Let's move forward, instead of Democrats still trying to make their point from four years ago when Congress gave the President approval to send troops to Iraq.

I suppose last week's columnist also forgot to research any facts about the number of American deaths in Iraq since the column stated that "only a handful of American men and women military have made it back home without serious injury or death." There have been thousands wounded and over 2,000 have lost their lives, but to say that only a handful have returned unharmed is ignorant and absurd.

So I continue to wonder what platform Democrats are running on for the November elections. I have yet to hear any solutions to any of the problems facing our country. Instead, I still read about them complaining that President Bush "sat silently in a classroom full of children as our nation came under attack." The mid-term elections are a little over two months away, and they are still complaining about irrelevant details that occurred almost 5 years ago. This country is tired of hearing Democrats whine and complain about everything that Bush does. If you do not like it, offer some legitimate and intelligent alternatives. Maybe you have noticed Democrats are not offering any legitimate solutions to the current situations regarding Iran, Syria and North Korea. I can tell you why. They do not have a clue. They are waiting on Bush to take a stand on a policy so they can form a contrasting point of view.

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News briefs by MCT Campus

ENVIRONMENT

Melting glaciers concern scientists

With more glaciers than any state in the Lower 48, Washington state has emerged as a bellwether for global warming.

The signs are not encouraging.

A national environmental group recently reported that North Cascades and Mount Rainier are among the dozen national parks most susceptible to climate change.

At Mount Rainier, the area covered by glaciers shrank by more than a fifth from 1913 to 1994.

From 1912 to 2001, the Nisqually Glacier on Mount Rainier retreated nearly a mile.

Since the first stirrings of the Industrial Revolution 150 years ago, glaciers in the northern Cascades have shrunk by 40 percent, and the pace is accelerating.

The state's official climatologist, Philip Mote, agreed.

"Everything is now retreating, and

the smaller glaciers are disappearing," said Mote, a research scientist at the University of Washington.

Glaciers are affected by two climatic conditions: snowfall, which adds to their mass during the winter, and warm temperatures, which spur melting in the summer. The amount of snow falling in the Northwest is declining, while temperatures are rising.

"The signature of human influence on climate is pretty clear on the continental scale and the regional scale," Mote said.

Other scientists are convinced that global warming has caused glaciers to retreat.

"This is what the models predicted," said Joe Reidel, the park geologist for the North Cascades National Park. "They are melting fast."

Reidel thinks the glaciers and the Earth's climate might be reaching a

tipping point from which there may be no recovery.

"There's more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere now than at any time in the past 20 million years," Reidel said. Carbon dioxide, thought to be a key ingredient in global warming, is emitted by burning fossil fuels such as coal or oil, among other things. Research has shown that none of the other warm periods in the past 20 million years had such a high concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, he said.

"It is clear it is human-induced," Reidel said.

Scientists are still trying to determine what changes the Northwest may experience from global warming. But Reidel said it was clear that stream flows would be reduced as the glaciers shrank, affecting the region's extensive system of hydroelectric dams and salmon and other fish.



Mike Siegel/MCT

Hikers Travis Harder, left, and Mark Harder pass by Nisqually Glacier on the way to Camp Muir Pass. The National Park Service said the Nisqually Glacier on Mount Rainier retreated nearly a mile.

FACTOIDS

By Brandon Smith

❶ Over the last century, the average temperature has climbed about 1 degree Fahrenheit (0.6 of a degree Celsius) around the world.

❷ The United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) projects that global temperatures will rise an additional 3 to 10 degrees Fahrenheit (1.6 to 5.5 degrees Celsius) by century's end.

SCIENCE

FDA approves Plan B emergency contraception

The Food and Drug Administration approved nonprescription sales of emergency contraception to women 18 and over, capping a long, tortuous saga about drug regulation, public health, politics and morality.

Over-the-counter Plan B will be available only in pharmacies, only from pharmacists, only to women with proof of age — and probably not before the end of the year because Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc. must update the labeling of Plan B.

Females 17 and under still will need a doctor's script to buy the \$25 product.

Women's health advocates and medical organizations had endorsed Barr's original 2003 application for

over-the-counter sales without an age restriction. They applauded the FDA's ruling, but said it was long overdue, unnecessarily restrictive and shaped by political pressure.

"For nearly three years, politics took precedence over good science and good health policy decisions, and women's health suffered," said George Washington University professor Susan Wood.

Conservative political and religious groups decried the FDA's decision, contending that easier access to emergency contraception will increase promiscuity, sexually-transmitted diseases and give rapists a way to eliminate evidence of their abuse.

Some anti-abortion groups also denounced Plan B as an abortion pill, even though it has no effect on an established pregnancy. It works by preventing ovulation, fertilization or implantation.

Plan B is a high dose of levonorgestrel, a hormone in ordinary birth control pills. As long ago as 1976, research showed that taking multiple birth control tablets at once could be used for pregnancy prevention after sex.

The method works if the pills are taken within five days of unprotected sex — but the sooner after sex, the more effective. That's a big reason advocates wanted to simplify women's access to Plan B.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Lebanon's prime minister appeals for U.S. aid

Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Saniora pleaded for international donations to help rebuild his battered nation, while Syria complained about a new proposal to place peacekeepers along its border to prevent the Islamist militant group Hezbollah from resupplying itself.

Saniora told a news conference that Lebanon is "in dire need of assistance" to repair the billions of dollars in damage wrought by Israeli airstrikes during the 34-day conflict

between Israel and Hezbollah militants. About 35,000 Lebanese homes and businesses were destroyed, along with a large part of the country's infrastructure, including bridges, highways and airport runways.

Saniora called on the United States to persuade Israel to lift an air and sea blockade that he said was strangling Lebanon's economy and slowing the arrival of humanitarian assistance. Israeli officials have said the blockade will remain until a new

international peacekeeping force arrives, which could take weeks.

Oil-rich Saudi Arabia and Kuwait already have donated millions of dollars for reconstruction, while Qatar and other Arab nations have pledged money. President Bush on Monday announced a \$230 million U.S. aid package, a dramatic increase from a previous offer of \$50 million. An international donors' conference on Lebanon is scheduled for Aug. 31 in Sweden.

ONLY IN AMERICA

stories by The Associated Press

CNN anchor leaves mic on in bathroom

❶ NEW YORK — Kyra Phillips, anchor of CNN's "Live From..." unwittingly upstaged President Bush's speech in New Orleans with on-the-air analysis of her husband and the marriage of her brother — all live from a CNN ladies room.

Unaware that her wireless microphone was "live" during her break, Phillips could be heard overriding Bush's prepared address Tuesday as he was seen marking the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

Phillips later apologized to viewers "for an issue we had with our mikes" and "for a little bit of an interruption there during the president."

Joker plants pot at police substation

❷ DULUTH, Minn. — A dozen marijuana plants 4 to 6 inches tall were found growing in a planter near the substation's front door. City Gardener Tom Kasper estimated they had been growing for about three weeks.

"The only thing I can say is somebody has a sense of humor," said neighborhood supervising police Lt. John Beyer. "Now they'll read about it in the paper and say, 'Yeah, that was me.'"

Beyer noted that he, his police officers and the public use the back door entrance to the police station. The front door just off a busy street and is usually locked and not used.

A news reporter spotted the pot plants Saturday and contacted Kasper, who dug up the plants and gave them to Beyer.



It wasn't the first time marijuana has been found growing in a public place in Duluth. In 1990, a citizen pointed out to police that a 3-foot marijuana plant was growing in the northern corner of the Civic Center courtyard near City Hall.

Groom arrested at own wedding

❸ BOSTON — A Massachusetts groom was arrested at his own wedding reception on five charges.

Deric Gendron was arrested for assault and battery on a police officer, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace, according to police.

Police originally responded for a disturbance. When they arrived on scene, they found Gendron outside in the parking lot intoxicated, upset and disheveled, with several relatives trying to calm him down.

After posting bail, Gendron was arrested again later that night after violating a restraining order filed by his new wife.

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SPORTS

This week in GSU sports:

Men's soccer:

Thursday vs. Boston at 5 p.m.

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

Two Eagle football players out for the season

Junior Eagle running back Lyon Jefferson, who accounted for 649 rushing yards and five touchdowns over the last two years is expected to miss the season due to a shoulder injury.

Sophomore Joe Turner will also miss the season due to a foot injury.

Senior line backer David Willingham reinjured his foot in practice and is expected to miss four weeks.

Senior linebacker John Mohring will miss the season opener against Central Connecticut State due to a violation of an institutional rule in December.

Will Adams

WHAT'S TALL?

Hudson needs to earn his pay

The Atlanta Braves needed a reliable workhorse, a guy who could stay healthy enough to pitch 200 plus innings a season, and someone who could help anchor their starting rotation for years to come.

Tim Hudson, a former 20 game winner, with the second highest winning percentage among all starting pitchers in major league baseball is who the Braves were after.

In 2004, John Schuerholz, the envy of every General Manager in baseball, pulled off the impossible: a blockbuster deal that sent a few highly touted Atlanta minor league prospects to Oakland for A's ace Tim Hudson.

Once again, Schuerholz and the Braves looked like geniuses...until now.

With an aging John Smoltz, the Braves needed Hudson to stabilize an unreliable starting rotation when he joined the staff a last season.

The Auburn alumnus was hailed as a savior in Braves Nation and many likened his presence on the staff to that of former Braves pitching greats Tom Glavine or Greg Maddux.

Tim Hudson didn't need Leo Mazzone's guidance or to have his career resurrected in Atlanta. All Tim Hudson needed was to be himself: a consistently good pitcher that gives his team a chance to win every time he takes the mound. The Braves needed Tim Hudson to keep Atlanta's tradition of dominant starting pitching alive and help them finally get past the first round of the playoffs.

Whom the Braves got in that trade is not the same Tim Hudson who posted an earned run average just over three while averaging 15 wins in the six seasons he played for the Oakland A's.

The Braves got a guy in return who has failed to live up to expectations and has been quite possibly the biggest disappointment in the recent history of the Braves consecutive division titles.

With a record of 25-19, Tim Hudson has pitched well in his two seasons after getting traded to Atlanta, but not well enough to justify his contract of almost \$60 million.

Hudson is getting paid to pitch like Curt Schilling and Pedro Martinez, not like the number three or four guy he's pitching like...not bad, but not good enough.

Hudson must make some serious adjustments if the Braves want to win wild card by season's end and he must then rediscover the magic that made him one of the best pitchers in baseball in the upcoming off-season.

For the Braves to be successful and compete with the Mets for another N.L. East division title next season, Hudson must prove to the front office, his teammates, Bobby Cox and especially himself that he can still be as effective and intimidating as he was in Oakland.

Next season the Braves rotation could feature crafty veteran John Smoltz returning once more, with Mike Hampton and Horacio Ramirez returning from injury, along with stud Kyle Davies.

Tim Hudson will need to be pitching his best in order to anchor a rotation that could legitimately compete for a World Series ring next year.



Will Adams is the sports editor of The George- Anne. He is a junior journalism major from Atlanta, Georgia.

Golf opens season in Scotland

Eagles to participate in International Collegiate at St. Andrews



Looking at hole number 15 at the Torrance Club Course at St. Andrews Bay in Scotland.

Special photo

By Lelan Washington and Will Adams

Staff writer

The Georgia Southern men's golf team has been invited to play in an international tournament at The Torrance Club at St. Andrews Bay in Scotland to start the season.

"This is a once in a lifetime event for most of our players to travel back to the birthplace of golf, get to visit and play golf in St. Andrews. Our players will have a great experience in Scotland and it'll be something they will remember forever," said Mays.

The Torrance Club at St. Andrews Bay, designed by the late Masters champion Gene Sarazen, is quite possibly the toughest and most challeng-

ing course GSU has ever played.

"The team will get to tour St. Andrews, [but] mainly we will be playing golf. They (tournament committee) have a treat in store for them when they get to play Carnoustie (site of next year's British Open)," said Mays.

Head Coach Larry Mays looks to build upon last season's SoCon Championship in his seventh season with the Eagles.

"The players came in ready to go. I guess a trip to Scotland will do that for you. They have been practicing hard and qualifying has been going well. This will be an interesting year. We have a lot of young talent and a

bunch of players that don't have a lot of college experience," said Mays.

Under Mays, GSU has qualified for six straight NCAA Regional tournament appearances, and produced three first team All-Americans, proving that GSU is capable of handling the international competition in Scotland.

"Right now it is wide open," said Mays. "We will depend on Bryan Jones to give us some much needed experience at the top of the line up. After that every spot is up for grabs. I do look for Ryan LeFevre and Jordan Johnston to continue their good play from their freshman year."

The national competition at the

International Collegiate includes Wake Forest, North Carolina, Coastal Carolina, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Baylor.

International schools competing include the University of St. Andrews, University of Stirling and R&A Select.

"The field in Scotland is stacked with good teams, it should let us know real fast where we stand going into the year," said Mays. "Wake Forest, UNC, Texas A&M, Baylor, Coastal Carolina and Texas Tech are all coming off great seasons."

GSU will play a grueling 36 holes on Saturday, while finishing the third round of 18 on Sunday to complete

the 54 hole tournament.

The Demon Deacons of Wake Forest University won the inaugural International Collegiate in 2002 with a total score of 860, while GSU had 915 total points, finishing 10th.

Key players include senior Toshi Hirata, sophomore Jordan Johnston, who made an appearance in this year's U.S. Amateur Championship and sophomore Ryan LeFevre.

Despite senior Bryan Jones and Ben Kishigan's absence, the Eagles will look to improve upon 2002's last place finish.

GSU News Service contributed to this story.



James Hall/STAFF

GSU Swimming and Diving will start the season against the College of Charleston on October 14 at Hanner.

Swimming team prepares for season

GSU News Service

The Georgia Southern swimming and diving team will open the 2006-07 season with a dual meet at home on Saturday, Oct. 14.

The schedule, released earlier this week by head coach Nate Kellogg, features four home meets and four away meets, seeing GSU travel to North Carolina, Virginia and Florida.

GSU starts off this year's campaign against the College of Charleston and Northeast Conference opponent Howard on Oct. 14 in the Hanner Natatorium.

But the Eagles won't be home for long as they leave for Davidson, N.C. to compete in a dual meet against Davidson and Emory on Oct. 21.

Starting off competition in November, the Camels of Campbell University and the Golden Tigers of Brenau University come to Statesboro on Nov. 11.

The 2006-07 season marks the novice season for the Golden Tigers with a team consisting of all freshmen.

Nov. 17-19 brings the Eagles to Radford, Va. for the Highlander

Thanksgiving Invitational.

GSU faces one more opponent before 2007, traveling to Miami Dec. 9 to face Florida International.

Coming into the new year, the Eagles start off with two home meets, beginning with a conference match-up against Radford on Jan. 6.

Two weeks later Georgia Southern competes in a two day home dual meet Jan. 19-20.

Participating teams include Wingate and in-state foe Savannah College of Art and Design.

January closes out with a fifth and final dual meet in Jacksonville, Fla. where the Eagles will face NEC rivals Gardner-Webb and host North Florida.

The GW Bulldogs are the reigning Northeast Conference champions and have maintained that title for the past three years.

"We are looking forward to all of our opponents" said Kellogg. "They are all good quality teams and there will be no real easy wins. We are going to have to go out there and get them every time, which is fun."

Men's basketball to play at Duke

GSU News Service

Twelve games at Hanner Fieldhouse and a trip to Duke University highlight the 2006-07 Georgia Southern University men's basketball schedule, as announced by head coach Jeff Price last Thursday.

Returning three starters and eight letterwinners from last year's 20-10 team, the Eagles open the upcoming campaign playing in the College Basketball Experience Classic in Durham, North Carolina at Cameron Indoor Stadium. Georgia Southern's opening round game on Sunday, November 12 will be against either UC-Davis or Columbia. The Eagles could face the host Blue Devils on Nov. 13.

The Eagles travel to Big 10 Conference foe Illinois on Nov. 17 then on Dec. 19 face Atlantic Coast Conference member Clemson. Price knows those games will prepare his team for a rugged Southern Conference schedule.

"The Clemson and Illinois games are road games that will test our mental toughness, and hopefully will prepare us to again have the best road record in the SoCon."

Last year Price and the Eagles recorded the most road wins and best road winning percentage of any SoCon member (7-7, .500), en route to their third South Division title in five years. They registered convincing road wins at Illinois State (Missouri Valley Conference member) and Arkansas State (Sun Belt Conference) outside the league and also at Southern Conference foes Charleston, Chattanooga and Furman - all three perennial tough places to play.

Georgia Southern opens its home schedule on Nov. 25 against Winston-Salem State, the first of a home-and-home meeting. On Nov. 27 GSU travels to Mercer then returns the trip to Winston-Salem State on Dec. 2.

The Eagles travel to Drake University, participating in the Bulldogs' Tournament on Dec. 8-9. In addition to host Drake, Northern Illinois and Troy are also scheduled to appear. Pairings have not been announced yet.

"This is another great opportunity to play on the home court of a Missouri Valley Conference team in what I see



Jared Siri/STAFF

GSU junior forward Louis Graham blocks a shot during a game last year against Illinois. The Eagles begin the season in November.

as a very competitive tournament," said Price.

After a home game against Flagler, the Eagles open defense of their South Division title at Appalachian State on Dec. 16. Three days later Georgia Southern travels to Clemson, marking the first game against the Tigers since 1979. A home game against UNC Greensboro on Dec. 30 closes out the 2006 portion. On Jan. 2, the Eagles host Pikeville College, coach Price's alma mater, which is also the last scheduled non-conference game.

This season the SoCon expanded its schedule to 18 games. The Eagles have a home-and-home with every South Division team save for Davidson, and play every North Division member twice except for Western Carolina.

On Wednesday, Feb. 29, the

Southern Conference Tournament opens play. The tournament returns to North Charleston, South Carolina, and the champion will receive the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

As he enters his eighth year as the Eagles' head coach, Price is encouraged about the upcoming schedule for his program, which has recorded at least 20 wins two of the last three years and recorded the second-most wins during that span than any other Southern Conference member.

"We worked extremely hard to put together a schedule that will challenge our team and impress anyone who follows Georgia Southern basketball. We have seven underclassmen so they will have to mature quickly, but I think that will help us get better come January," said Price.

Thursday,
August 31, 2006

OUR PICK

Football Season
Next Saturday is GSU's first football game of the season. That means food, friends and of course tailgating. What better way to support our school and have a blast in the process? The game against Central Connecticut begins at 7 p.m.



ALL AROUND TOP TEN

SONGS, MOVIES, DVDS

DVD RENTALS

1. Inside Man
2. V for Vendetta
3. Bring It On: All or Nothing
4. Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector
5. Ultimate Avengers 2
6. The Shaggy Dog
7. Prison Break: Season 1
8. The Benchwarmers
9. Laguna Beach: Season 2
10. Final Destination 3

MOVIES

1. Invincible
2. Talladega Nights
3. Little Miss Sunshine
4. Beerfest
5. World Trade Center
6. Accepted
7. Snakes on a Plane
8. Step Up
9. Idlewild
10. Barnyard

ALBUMS

1. Christina Aguilera
Back to Basics
2. Lyfe Jennings
The Phoenix
3. Trace Adkins
Dangerous Man
4. Cherish
Unappreciated
5. The Cheetah Girls
The Cheetah Girls 2
6. Various Artists
NOW! 22
7. Rick Ross
Port of Miami
8. Obie Trice
Second Round's on Me
9. Various Artist
"Step Up" soundtrack
10. Nickelback
All the Right Reasons

Source: Entertainment Weekly

WHAT IS NOW PLAYING

Carmike Cinema 12
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- Barnyard
5:20, 7:30, 9:40
- Snakes on a Plane
(4:00), 7:00, 9:40
- Crossover
5:35, 7:45, 10:00
- Talladega Nights
(4:10), 7:05, 9:30
- The Descent
5:20, 9:40
- Accepted
5:30, 7:45, 10:00
- Crank
5:20, 7:25, 10:00
- Material Girls
7:15
- World Trade Center
(4:00), 7:00, 9:55
- Beerfest
(4:20), 7:30, 9:50
- Step Up
(4:15), 7:10, 9:40
- Invincible
(4:15), 7:00, 9:30
- The Wicker Man
(4:15), 7:00, 9:45

Parenthesis denotes matinee

GSU student makes it to second round of 'Idol'

By Casey Altman
News Editor

Georgia Southern student Trent Herring has made it past the first round of American Idol auditions. He competed with nearly 10,000 other people in Birmingham, Alabama.

"I did it last year and wanted to see how far I could go with singing and performing to get away from classes," Herring said.

This year he wanted to stand out and be noticed. He was.

After waiting in line for nearly 12 hours, from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m., to audition in front of the show's producers, Herring passed through the first round of auditions by singing "True to Your Heart" by Stevie Wonder. The GSU drum major wore his band uniform to the audition. He said that last year he auditioned in normal clothes and was sent home.

"I'm glad he tried again and made it. It is something he has wanted to do for a long time," said friend, Merideth Turner.

According to Herring, on September 17 he will audition in front of the show's executive producers. If he passes that round he will get to perform in front of Simon, Paula and Randy.

"My main goal is to make it to Simon and Paula," he said.

While his band uniform did help

him get noticed, Herring is not sure if he will wear it to the next round.

"I want people to take me seriously," he said.

While he waited for his turn at the auditions, he was interviewed by E!

He said that while it was cool to make the show, he felt like it was making fun of him.

He said that he wants to be careful because the next round will be televised. "They can make you look however they want," he said.

Herring said he has been interested in music as long as he can remember. He sang at church as a youth, has been in band for several years and won GSU Idol in 2004.

"He has an amazing voice... nice and rich," said friend, Lucas Welch.

But Herring is not counting on his musical talents to pay his bills. He is currently focused on applying and being accepted into a medical school.

Friends have faith in his talent. Welch said that Herring will go all the way to the finals. "With his charm and good looks he will 'woo' everyone," Welch said.

Watch "American Idol" season 6 on Fox at 8 p.m. New episodes will premiere mid-season.



Photo illustration

Trent Herring poses by a brick wall with his trumpet in hand. Herring has made it to the second round of tryouts for "American Idol."

The laws of the leggings: Do's and Don'ts

Ashley Ferguson
Staff Writer

The first time I opened up a magazine and saw leggings, I almost died. Naturally, most women had the same reaction. Leggings are a fall fashion staple that people either love or

loathe.

The main problems with leggings are that 1) women are going to start channeling the 1980s, which is not what the trend is about and 2) plus-sized women do not think they can pull the look off. In response to these obstacles (and since nobody needs to walk around campus wearing leggings incorrectly), here are the "Do's and

Legging Do!

Don'ts of this comeback trend.

This fall, proportions are very important. Wear leggings with a denim miniskirt and an extra-long graphic t-shirt (not a GSU shirt or something like that). Also, try a minidress and an oversized belt.

Tunics are also a good choice, as are oversized sweaters when it starts to get a little chilly. However, do not go crazy '80s with the oversized

sweaters. Nothing over-the-top, no sweaters that looked like paint was spilled on them. Simplicity is sexy this fall.

In the shoe department, go for flats, closed-toe pumps, or stilettos. Flats are for a more casual look – and our dreaded campus walkways – and high heels work for a night out. Ankle boots are hot once the weather gets cold and give an edgy approach to leggings, which is ideal for a punk or London chic style.

No flip-flops and no tennis shoes; and if anyone sees that happening, please tell them because leggings and sneakers are just tacky. Chucks are okay, just not sneakers.

It does seem that leggings are just a hassle because if they are not worn right, they should not be worn at all. However, keep in mind that this trend is back for a reason. I am excited for the weather to cool off about 5 degrees so we can comfortably wear them.

For the women who think their thighs and butt are too big for this to work, it can be done: I saw a plus-sized woman on the bus last week pull off the outfit beautifully. The leggings, the flats, the oversized belt, the extra-long striped t-shirt and the denim miniskirt; it was perfect.

All that I – and the other fashionistas around campus and the world – ask is to think before you get dressed.

A final note: lots of simple color, proportioned layers,

and do not over-accessorize. In the words of Tim Gunn, "Make it work." Happy shopping.

Legging Don't!



Special photos

THE BOTTOM LINE

By NICK ABNEY

Fun for the family

For those looking for some wholesome activity this Labor Day weekend, the First Friday for Folk Music series is being held at the Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. The church is located at

429 Abercorn St. in historic downtown Savannah.

Entry to the event is free, but there is a recommended donation of \$2. Also on hand will be refreshments of baked goods and soda.

The artists at the event will be Carrie Hamby from Florida, Savannah's Kathy Waters, and GSU's own professor of English Richard Flynn and his band Midlife Crisis.

Family-friendly environment, recommended \$2 donation and good music this Friday.



Ingest the Young Dro ‘best thang’ yet ‘Beerfest’

By Jeff Martin
Assistant Hiatus editor

“Beerfest” delivers exactly what the trailers promise: excessive amounts of alcohol consumption, gross out humor and ridiculous German stereotypes.

Despite appearing to be a movie almost completely devoid of plot, “Beerfest” manages to have a charming message. It’s something about the importance of friendship and overcoming cultural differences, but mostly the movie is about beer.

“Beerfest” is currently playing on the Mugs ‘n Movies screen at the local Carmike Cinema. This is extremely appropriate because the lounge style



Special photo
Beerfest is a hilarious romp through the underground drinking circuit.

theater serves, among other things, beer, and the only thing that could possibly improve a movie about beer would be to have a cold one while watching it.

The movie, which was made by the guys that concocted “Super Troopers” and “Club Dredd,” centers on two brothers who form a team of the best alcohol drinkers they can find in order to compete in an underground international beer drinking competi-

tion. The team competes over the course of a year to become drinking-game-playing titans as well as to increase their tolerance for alcohol to positively unsafe levels. At one point in the film, one of the characters must get drunk in order to recall a set of directions. After having trained for a year he is able to consume an entire case of beer and feel nothing.

The movie tends to shy away from the more direct evils of alcohol like drinking and driving, alcohol poisoning and, except for one very mild scene, hangovers. The entire movie contains only one alcohol related death, but the cause is only indirectly due to beer.

Every popular drinking game around is featured in the movie, including both versions of beer pong, quarters and a few games that you’ve probably either never heard of or wish you hadn’t. Of notable absence was the game of flip cup. No doubt the scene is buried somewhere in the deleted scenes. The movie ends with a cameo by Willie Nelson and alludes to a possible sequel featuring an underground marijuana smoking competition held in Amsterdam.

Beerfest is an extremely fun movie with far more plot than expected. Even moviegoers who do not drink will love this movie. This film is for almost anyone who can get into an R-rated show, and if you go see it at the local theater you can even enjoy a brew while you watch.

‘Beerfest’

Cast: Paul Soter, Cloris Leachman, Erik Stolhans.

Running time: one hour and fifty minutes.

Playing at Carmike Cinemas (4:20), 7:30, 9:50

Grade - 4 of 5 ★★★★★

By Rodney McGill
Staff writer

Earlier this week rapper Young Dro’s new album, “Best Thang Smokin” was released and its going to be an instant southern classic. Young Dro’s summer anthem, “Shoulder Lean”, has had clubs going crazy, and people everywhere were anxious for the release of his first solo album.

With help from fellow Atlanta T.I., the Young Dro album is destined to be among the King’s top projects.

The album features collaborations with Houston’s Slim Thug, Atlanta’s own Jazze Pha, and one of the craziest producers in the industry today, Nitti. Young Dro is definitely not your average rapper from Georgia.

He is a mix of raw snap and hood, without the dancing. A lot of southern



Special photo
Young Dro’s debut album is an instant hit and will be topping charts.

rappers seem to rap about the same thing nowadays. Young Dro offers more than just his experience as a drug-selling teenager. He sings about his entire life.

Of the fifteen tracks on his album, four are already certified club and hood hits. This is mainly because they are songs from his mix tape, Day One, which also features DJ Drama. The album offers a different look at Bankhead, while the “Lean with it, rock with it” era is still in, Young Dro seems to step outside the box.

In a recent article for XXL Magazine, he said, “If you listen to my music you’ll know that I’m not going to stand in the shadow of nobody. We all kings!”

Don’t think that he has forgotten about you ladies. The song “We lied,” tells the story of the average break up and what happens after the love is lost. Young Dro goes back to his gangster persona with a song called “Gangsta” that shows his more aggressive side. He is definitely lyrical, and perhaps one of the best lyrical artists that the south has to offer. Djuan “Young Dro” Hart is the beginning of the already rising south.

‘Best Thang Smokin’
Young Dro

Label: Atlantic/WEA

Released: Aug. 29, 2006

Prices:
samgoody.com - \$18.98
barnesandnoble.com - \$18.98
bestbuy.com - \$9.99

Grade - 4.5 of 5 ★★★★★

Hellogoodbye’s ‘Zombies! Aliens! Vampires! Dinosaurs!’ doesn’t take itself too seriously

By Edgar Fernandez
Staff writer

For a California band that has had only an EP released, Hellogoodbye has gained notoriety at a fast pace. Of course, Myspace has had something to do with that (what would today’s bands do without the internet?), but the main reason is their funny, upbeat songs. Now, finally, the band has released their first full-length album entitled “Zombies! Aliens! Vampires! Dinosaurs!”

The band’s sound is somewhat varied. Although most of the songs have an electronica, powerpop sound, there are a few slow paced ballads with an acoustic melody.

Overall, the band’s style can be described as zany and more than a bit quirky (take the album’s title for instance), and their music is neither

complex nor mature. In fact, some of it could be the background music for a manufactured pop diva’s latest music video. Yet, Hellogoodbye manages to get away with it, probably because the band does not take itself too seriously.

The majority of the songs in the album follow the same formula: upbeat intro, sing-along verses and a catchy chorus, with the required variances every now and then. The first song in the album “All of Your Love” becomes quite dull fast, but the album picks up with the second song. “Here (In Your Arms)” is more interesting since the rhythm keeps changing and the use of electronics sounds good. Other great songs include “I saw it on Your Keyboard,” which has the best lead-up and “Touchdown Turnaround,” another one of my favorites, which uses a great amount



Special photo
Hellogoodbye’s new full length album delivers on what their EP promised.

of synthesizers without getting in the obnoxious. Both songs have great keyboards. “Homewrecker” and “Baby, It’s a Fact” were my least favorite ones, probably because both of them were so boring. This

band’s sound may throw people off, especially those who have a taste for mature, serious music. But for those that enjoy silly, nonsensical pop songs done with style, the album will feel like a refreshing experience.

In the end, Hellogoodbye have a bright future ahead of them and, if this is just their first album, it will be interesting to see what these guys will do next.

‘Zombies! Aliens! Vampires! Dinosaurs!’
Hellogoodbye

Label: Drivethru

Released: Aug. 8, 2006

Prices:
samgoody.com - \$12.98
barnesandnoble.com - \$10.38
bestbuy.com - \$9.99

Grade - 4.5 of 5 ★★★★★

FALL 2006

RECRUITMENT CALENDAR

DATE	COMPANY	JOB TITLE	RESUME DEADLINE	MAJORS RECRUITED
09/15/06	GH&I	Staff Accountant - Business Advisory, Tax, Audit Internship - Business Advisory, Tax, Audit	August 28th	Accounting & Master of Accounting
09/20/06	Mauldin	Staff Accountant/Intern Staff Accountant	August 30th	Accounting & Master of Accounting
09/21/06	HAW	Entry Level Staff Accountant, Tax Season Intern	August 31st	Accounting & Master of Accounting
09/21/06	Draffin & Tucker	Staff Accountant	September 5th	Accounting & Master of Accounting
09/26/06	PF Moon	Information Session	N/A	Construction Management
09/27/06	BB&T	LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATE I & II	September 11th	All
09/27/06	Hancock	Staff Accountant, Internship	September 6th	Accounting & Master of Accounting
10/03/06	Nichols Cauley		September 12th	Accounting & Master of Accounting
10/03/06	Norfolk Southern	Management Trainee	September 12th	Business, Finance, Marketing, Logistics, IT, CE/CET, EE/EET, ME/MET
10/04/06	Eagle Global	Management Trainee	October 2nd	Business, Econ, Finance, Logistics, IT, IS, Management/Marketing/ Mech. Eng/Mech. Eng Tech
10/05/06	United McGill	Sales Engineer	September 15th	
10/10/06	Porter Keadle Moore	Staff Accountant (Full-Time/Internship)	September 19th	Accounting & Master of Accounting
10/16/06	Jones & Kolb	Entry Level Staff Accountant	September 25th	Accounting & Master of Accounting
10/16/06	Wachovia	Financial Center Associate	September 25th	College of Business Admin/ College of Liberal Arts
10/17/06	ABF	Management Trainee, Management Intern	September 26th	Business & Logistics
10/18/06	Moore Colson	Accounting Intern	September 27th	Accounting & Master of Accounting

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Cinema arts series begins with a Tarantino classic

By Avina Darmadjaja
Staff writer

It is amazing how one's passion can make a big impact on others. One of our own, professor John Humma, had such a passion that he turned it into a vision and realized it by pioneering the Cinema Arts Series here at Georgia Southern.

When it first started, the program was known as the Film Classic Series, and ever since its premiere in 1983, has screened over 500 quality films.

This year, however, is a special year because the program has reached its quarter of a century birthday, making it the longest running cultural program at GSU.

Starting this year, in honor of Professor Humma's contribution as

the pioneer of this series, the program changed its name to the John Humma Cinema Arts Series.

New program director Professor Tom Warchol said, "Professor Humma is the father of this program and we would like to honor his lasting legacy by naming the program after him."

Professor Humma's main purpose in starting the program was to bring good films not usually shown here in Statesboro so faculty and students can take advantage of them.

As a female college student myself, my definition of "good films" is very limited to "chick-flicks" and several other genres that can easily be considered mainstream.

As I spoke with both Professor Humma and Professor Warchol, however, they definitely opened my

eyes to explore the types of movies that they are showing in the Cinema Arts Series; mostly independent movies, more famously known as "indies," and foreign movies.

Upon further research, I learned that many of these indies are actually critically acclaimed films, although most of them haven't even made it to the box office. One of the reasons is, of course, the limited budget that these independent movies have compared to other big-budgeted blockbuster movies.

Many independent filmmakers have no aspirations to make strike it rich over night. The fact that these moviemakers do not care so much about making another "Titanic" that will make them billionaires is very refreshing.

Independent movies directors try to stay as true to the artistic aspect of a film and the originality of the story as possible. Take "Jackie Brown" for example. The series opener was shown Monday, and you will be amazed at how real the film comes across and just how honest cinema arts can be.

In the United States, the idea of foreign movies is still, well, foreign. However, if we look past the inconvenience of having to read the subtitles, we will soon realize that movies from other countries can be very interesting. Not only do we learn about other peoples' cultures, which will surely enrich our knowledge, but we can also be entertained at a different level.

In support of this semester's "Seven Nations: Celtic Identity" program, Cinema Arts Series is showing an Irish

movie titled "Intermission," starring the cinematic genius of Colin Farrell ("SWAT," "Phone Booth"). This movie is in English, but we'll get a chance to see how lives intersect in the most absurd ways in contemporary Dublin.

No matter what kind of genre you enjoy, journey of exploring indie and foreign movies can be very enjoyable, and even life-changing if you let it.

As unorthodox as you think these movies are, they can capture your emotions on many different levels.

All films are shown every other Monday evening at 7:15 p.m. in the Russell Union Auditorium. The last screening is on November 20, 2006. The Cinema Arts Series are not subsidized by activity fee and all funding comes from ticket sales. Admission is a mere \$2.

Jamie Tuten/Photo illustration

TRASH TALKIN'

Back stage Emmy antics and a new celebrity couple on the block

Emmy Excitement

On Sunday night, the annual Emmy Awards were held at the Shrine Auditorium in Hollywood. The usual suspects were nominated - "Grey's Anatomy," "The Sopranos" - but the winners were somewhat of a surprise. Kiefer Sutherland won his first Emmy and Best Actor in a Drama Series for the Fox hit "24."

Blythe Danner (Gwyneth Paltrow's mom) won Best Supporting Actress in a Drama Series for the recently canceled "Huff." Another surprise winner of the night was "Seinfeld" alum Julia-Louis Dreyfus, who won Best Actress in a Comedy Series for CBS's "The New Adventures of Old

Christine."

The big news of the night was not just the award winners - it was the ac-

tion at the party's afterwards that have gotten some attention. Paula Abdul, American Idol's nicest judge, was in

attendance at the HBO after party. Anyone who watches American Idol could tell you that her behavior on the show is strange - from her half closed eyes to her slurred words, she has definitely caused some controversy for the show. According to E! Online, her party behavior was more of the same. Abdul was spotted wobbling around the room looking like she had had "one too many" and slurring her words when people tried to talk to her.

The only Desperate Housewife's cast member in attendance Sunday was good sport Eva Longoria. The ladies of Wisteria Lane were shut out in terms of award nominations - not a single one, nor the show itself got a nod. E! Online reported that Teri Hatcher was not feeling like playing nice. A friend of Hatcher's called her camp to see when she was getting to the Emmy after parties and got a definitive answer: "She's [Hatcher] not doing anything Emmys. She won't be



Special photo

Newly divorced Jessica Simpson has found a new beau in John Mayer.

Odd couple

On a totally different note, some celebrity couple news has to be reported. Blonde pop singer/actress/media mo-

gul Jessica Simpson has been officially back on the market since her divorce from Nick Lachey became official in June. Lachey has been dating MTV VJ Vanessa Minnillo for a couple of months and appear to be getting more serious about their relationship. According to Us Weekly, Simpson has hooked up with a new singer hottie - pop crooner John Mayer. The celeb magazine says that the two have been privately dating since the end of July. Simpson has confirmed the duo are dating. The two first met at a Grammy party last year, but sparks began to fly only recently.

In somewhat related news, both of the singers have canceled recent appearances due to similar illnesses. According to AP News, Mayer cut out on his scheduled Hartford, Conn. concert with Sheryl Crow due to laryngitis and Simpson has been ordered to rest her voice due to vocal strain. Coincidence? I think not.



Special photo

Donald Sutherland congratulates his son Keifer Sutherland on winning his first Emmy for his role as Jack Bauer on "24."

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