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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2007

Students express need for county transport system

By Avina Darmadjaja
Assistant news editor

While some students are driving around campus in their "hot rides," many other students are still relying on their feet as their only means of transportation.

Freshmen and international students are the two most common groups of students who do not have any access to cars, and have trouble getting to stores around town.

Although the Southern Express provides transportation to and from campus, students are in desperate need for a bus system that will take them across town.

"I wish there is a bus that can at least take me to Wal-Mart," said Hebe Zhang, an exchange student visiting Georgia Southern from Hu Bei, China.

"It is almost impossible to walk from my apartment to Wal-Mart or to any restaurants," said Zhang, referring to the Campus Courtyard apartment across campus.

When she is hungry and the fridge is empty, Zhang has to either phone her friends to ask for a ride or ride her bicycle to her destination.

"But I try not to use my bicycle outside of campus because there isn't a bicycle route," said Zhang. "It's a bit dangerous especially if I have to go through highway 301."

The prospect of a countywide bus system, however, is currently not looking so bright.

"The biggest question is whether it is financially feasible or not," said George Woods, city manager of

Statesboro.

"Sure, it will benefit some percentage of the population, but the rest of them will have to contribute to the project whether they will make use of it or not," said Woods.

Woods said that just like the Southern Express is made possible by student fees and that a countywide transit system will have to be subsidized by the taxpayers.

But just how expensive is it to employ a bus system?

"The cost to operate the Southern Express, which runs 12 buses, is over \$1 million each year," said Bob Chambers, director of parking and transportation.

"That is why you will find that most transit systems nationwide are not paid for by themselves because they are so expensive," said Chambers. "They usually involve taxpayers."

Even though funding is always the big roadblock for a better transportation system, the city of Statesboro is aware of the problem.

According to Chambers, there is a study being done by the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Council to see whether there is a significant need for a transit system in Bulloch County.

"They have hired a consultant to analyze the situation," said Chambers.

"If there are enough needs, then they will go out and look for funds to meet the needs of the people," said Chambers. "So we'll just have to wait and see."



Rachel McDaniel/STAFF

First black student honored

Students, faculty and friends honor John Bradley, the first black student to attend and graduate from GSU

Compiled by staff

President Bruce Grube and a group of faculty, students and friends gathered yesterday morning to honor Georgia Southern graduate John Bradley, the first black student to attend GSU.

A plaque announcing the end of racial segregation at GSU was placed next to a live oak tree that was planted in Bradley's honor last year.

Grube introduced Bradley and told about his entry into GSU in 1965, and the entry of 13 other African American students who started the next fall. He said the area beside the library and the Williams Center was chosen because it is a busy part of campus and more people can appreciate the tribute.

Bradley helped unveil the plaque and told of his journey to GSU. He didn't know that he was going to be the first black student when applying for acceptance. He said he was just looking for educational classes to complete his Masters degree that he started in Chicago.

"I wasn't seeking publicity in coming to GSU," said Bradley. "I just needed education credits after a transfer from Chicago."

Bradley has earned several jazz educator awards through his years of teaching. He taught at Augusta State University, and the still he serves as director of the Georgia Afro-American Jazz Band and the Richmond County All-Country Jazz Band, and conducts at Augusta State University on Saturdays.

The end of the oil

Author to speak on end of the oil age

By Ashe Johnson
Staff writer

As gas prices continue to rise and the United States president advocates researching alternative sources for fuel, it is clear that the end of the oil age will have an overwhelming impact on the future of the environment as well as American society.

Author James Kunstler will explore this topic in his lecture "The Long Emergency: The End of the Oil Age, Climate Change and Other Converging Catastrophes."

The lecture takes place in the Nes-smith-Lane Continuing Education Building on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

It is no secret that the use of fossil fuels has negatively impacted our environment and atmosphere.

Information from the Center for Disease Control's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry indicates that use of man-made fossil fuels are one of the main reasons for the rising levels of Sulfur and CO2 in the atmosphere.

Modern Americans have become heavily dependent on fossil fuels to function from day to day. These fuels are limited and eventually there will be no choice left but to turn to another source for energy.

"I think that will affect America in some of the best ways possible," said freshman Kyle Amezcua. Amezcua feels that "eco-friendly fuels will help everyone."

Amezcua said that if the energy shortage hits us before alternate sources of energy can be created and mass-produced, America could be in trouble.

Kunstler first became interested in the subject of the energy crisis when he began a series of books about the history of suburbia.

"It became obvious that cheap oil was at the center of that story," said Kunstler. He plans to speak about the energy situation and the changes that Americans will have to face when the energy shortage finally hits.

Kunstler has written several books on suburbia and American society and has also been published in such publications as The New York Times Sunday Magazine.



James Kunstler

Georgia House Representative Charles Norwood dies at age 65

Compiled by staff

Rep. Charles Norwood Jr., a blunt-spoken Georgia Republican who sold his dental practice and ran for Congress at age 52, died Tuesday after battling cancer and lung disease.

Norwood, 65, died at his home in Augusta, Georgia, his spokesman said. House members debating the

war in Iraq interrupted proceedings for two moments of silence in his honor.

President Bush, in a statement, described Norwood as "a good friend and a strong, spirited legislator who



Charles Norwood

always stuck to his principles."

Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue called Norwood an "incredible example of strength and dedication" and ordered flags to be lowered at all state buildings.

The vacancy created by his death will be filled by a special election.

A feisty, tobacco-chewing conservative who loved to hunt and who railed against government

bureaucracy, he beat Democratic incumbent Don Johnson in 1994 to become the first Republican to represent his eastern Georgia district since shortly after the Civil War.

Norwood had a dry wit and rarely settled for diplomatic language. When a Democrat complained that Norwood cut off questioning at a mine safety hearing last year, Norwood responded: "When you get

in charge, you get to run the damn thing. Right now, you're not."

He wasn't afraid to criticize his own party when he thought it was veering off course. Last year he called Republicans who backed compromise immigration legislation "turncoats."

Norwood's passion was health

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Jared Siri/STAFF

Swimming and diving team takes second

The team finishes second in the Northeast Conference Championships, a program best place. | **SPORTS, p. 7**

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Fire cuts classes short at Forest Drive Monday

Compiled by staff

A fire in the Forest Drive building drove students from their classes Monday at 3:30 p.m. The building's fire alarms went off just before 3:30 p.m. Students remained in the building for a short while before realizing that the alarms were sounding an actual emergency.

Only a couple minutes after the fire alarms sounded, two University Police cars pulled up to the scene, followed

almost immediately by a fire truck. Two more fire trucks pulled up to the building within minutes of the first.

Police officials directed students to the other side of the street from the building to wait to see if classes would still be held.

Rumors quickly spread among the students waiting outside that the fire started in one of the men's bathrooms. Nearly a hundred students remained outside the building for more than a half an hour until classes were officially cancelled.

Left: Emergency crews prepare to enter the Forest Drive building Monday afternoon after reports of a fire in the building. Tao Ventre/STAFF

Wild Wings

The Wildlife Education and The Lamar Q Ball, Jr. Raptor Center accounts for more than five acres of Georgia Southern's campus. The self-guided boardwalk, wetlands area, old-growth forest and a mountain display give an opportunity to view our native raptors in their natural environments. Many students work at the Raptor center along with Steven Hein, director and artist of the centennial painting commissioned by President Grube. The painting is located in the GSU museum on Sweetheart circle and will be on display until Sept. 2. The wildlife center offers weekend flight shows starting with the reptiles at 2 p.m. and finishing with the bird show at 3 p.m.

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Suzy-Q, a female Eurasian Eagle Owl, looks for food during a flight show.



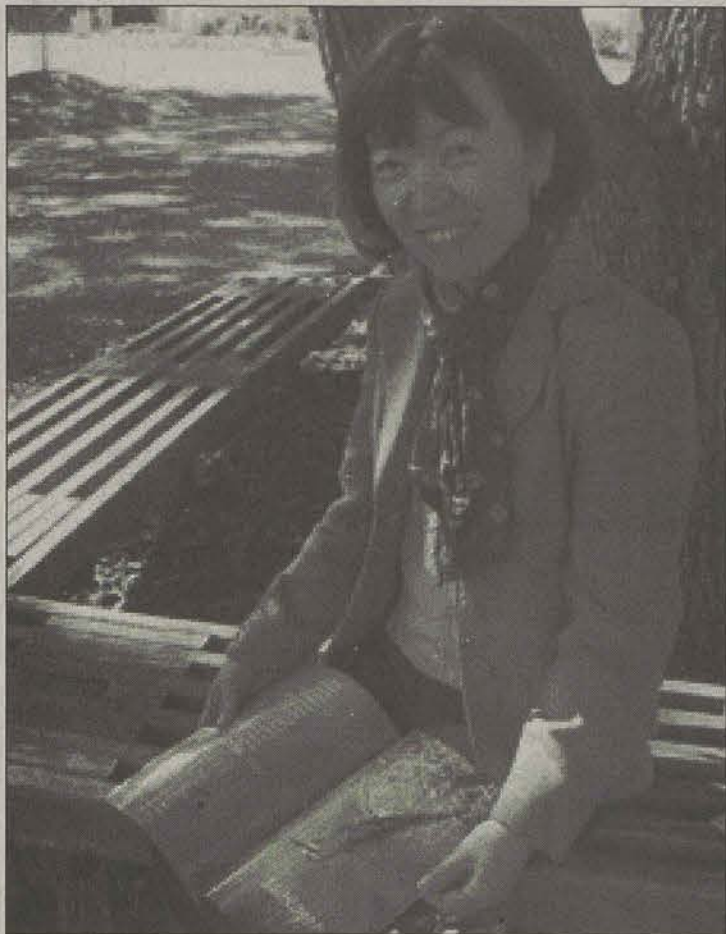
At night, Suzy-Q, a Eurasian Eagle Owl, uses her large eyes for a closer look.



Sophomore Nursing Major Chris Smith handling Phoenix, a Golden Eagle.



Scott Courdini, the wildlife creator shows Metter, a red-tailed hawk, at the spring fishing classic event.



Special Photo

Saulet Nurtayeva will be at Georgia Southern this semester working with the College of Public Health.

Kazakhstan professor hopes to find better health for country

By Avina Darmadjaja
Assistant news editor

Developing nations' governments like Kazakhstan often overlook the importance of public health programs. Public health programs seek to prevent rather than treat a disease through research, community building and the promotion of healthy behaviors.

Saulet Nurtayeva, an assistant professor in the department of oncology and radiology at West Kazakhstan Medical School, is all too familiar with the necessity of public health programs in developing nations.

Nurtayeva is visiting the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health at Georgia Southern this semester as a guest of the U.S. Department of State under the Junior Faculty Development Program, which encourages exchange of faculty between countries.

"Before Kazakhstan's independence from the U.S.S.R., we had no schools for public health," said Nurtayeva. "They were all schools of medicine. They educated doctors to treat our diseases, but the population was not worried about prevention. There was no need to worry because treatment was readily available and cost was covered by the government."

Following Kazakhstan's independence, however, the people of the

country faced the downside of having a new government with a need for new economic, education and medical systems. The need for public health education is inevitable especially in the area of tobacco use.

"In the U.S., public health education has been able to reduce tobacco use and lung cancer," said Nurtayeva. "We'd also like to be able to do that in Kazakhstan and do it quickly."

Charles Hardy, dean of Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, is pleased to have a chance to collaborate with such a dedicated scholar.

"We have a chance to compare the condition of our region and their region in Kazakhstan to see how they differ and why," said Hardy.

Hardy also said that Nurtayeva came not only to learn more about research and grant writing but also to experience America and its culture.

"We're looking forward to have her share her culture with us," said Hardy. "And hopefully we are able to develop a study abroad program for students and a faculty exchange program to Kazakhstan."

Nurtayeva said she is grateful to be part of this faculty exchange experience.

"What I learn here will help me find ways to bring better health to the people of Kazakhstan," she said.

Course refreshes memories

GSU News Service

Seven Saturdays in a Georgia Southern University classroom can help engineering graduates take the next step up the career ladder.

"Fundamentals of Engineering Exam Review: A Refresher Course" will run every Saturday from Feb. 24 through April 7 in the School of Technology Building on the GSU campus in Statesboro.

The course is only for individuals who have already been exposed to the topics during their undergraduate degree training in engineering or engineering technology.

Each class will meet from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., with a one-hour break for lunch.

By passing the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam, which is given annually in April and October, recent engineering graduates can be called engineers-in-training or engineering interns.

It is the first step toward becoming a licensed professional engineer.

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, which runs the FE exam, calls it "a measure of minimum competency to enter the profession."

The course offered by GSU reviews key topics from 10 fields within the engineering sciences, such as mathematics, statics and strength of materials.

Using the recommended textbook, participants review practice problems and go step-by-step through the processes in each field.

The fee for the course is \$499 per person. This fee does not include the textbook.

To register, visit <http://ceps/georgiasouthern.edu/conted> or call 912-681-5551.

For more information, call Judy Hendrix at 912-681-5993.

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Estrada to speak at GSU

GSU News Service

Jamie Estrada, deputy assistant secretary for manufacturing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, will speak at the annual Manufacturing Industrial Management Program's Achievement and Awards Dinner at Georgia Southern on Thursday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m.

"The annual Achievement and Awards Dinner honors students who, each year, demonstrate academic and leadership abilities in the classroom," said Waldo Meeks, coordinator of the Manufacturing/Industrial Management Program.

"We also honor our alumni whose abilities showcase the training they received in the program. It's exciting to be part of a program that has developed so many successful graduates," he said.

Meeks noted that he is especially pleased to have Estrada as the evening's speaker.

Estrada manages competitiveness issues for U.S. manufacturing companies in the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration.

As manager of 12 industry teams, he works with U.S. and foreign government and industry leaders on international trade policy issues, including opening new overseas markets, expanding opportunities in existing markets and addressing tariff and non-tariff barriers.

Previously Estrada worked for the Intel Corporation, including the company's Government Affairs office, where he consulted on



Special photo

several policy issues, including U.S. competitiveness in manufacturing, R&D funding and tort reform.

"The Achievement and Awards Dinner is an excellent opportunity for industry leaders to learn more about GSU's manufacturing industrial management degree program," said Phillip Waldrop, professor of mechanical and electrical engineering technology.

"The program is uniquely capable of addressing industry's need for hands-on technical management graduates in manufacturing engineering, quality, production supervision, safety and related leadership positions."

Tickets for the dinner, which will take place in the Nessmith-Lane Building, are \$25 for the general public and \$5 for students.

They are available at wem@georgiasouthern.edu or by calling 912-681-5828.

To ensure availability, please purchase tickets by March 9.

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Wednesday, February 21st

Cultural Book Club Discussion - "The Covenant with Black America" by Tavis Smiley. This book is considered a blueprint to addressing the most critical issues confronting to the African-American community. Facilitator: Dr. Ron Bailey 12:00 noon Russell Union 2044. The Multicultural Student Center has this book for sale at \$10.00 each. Please visit our Center in the Russell Union, room 2024.

Thursday, February 22nd

7pm - Russell Union Room 2047 - **Black History Quiz Bowl:** How much African American history do you really know? All are welcome in this team competition. For entrance details, call the Multicultural Student Center at 681-5409.

Friday, February 23rd

9pm - Russell Union Theatre - **Eagle Entertainment FREE Movie Friday:** Thin Line Between Love and Hate - Co-sponsorship with Multicultural Student Center.

Saturday, February 24th

11am-3pm - RAC Pavilion - **Georgia Southern Family Reunion:** Come out and enjoy the "family" atmosphere with a cookout, giveaways, music, dance contests and more!

8pm - Russell Union Ballroom - **Gospel Explosion:** When contemporary Christian and Gospel music combine. All donations will be given to Prevent Child Abuse Bulloch County.

Monday, February 26th

12:01am... buy tickets for the April 27, 2007 **BRAD PAISLEY** show - 8pm at Paulson Stadium. You can buy online at www.etix.com or at the University Store or Office of Student Activities during normal business hours. \$25 for students! Buy in the first five days and get field access **ONLY!** For more info visit www.eagleentertainmentonline.com.

February 26 - March 1st: Clothesline Project
Victims of various types of sexual and domestic violence are encouraged to decorate a specific colored item of clothing to signify their experience with violence, healing, etc. Shirts made during previous years will be on display in the Russell Union and The RAC on campus. For those interested in hanging a shirt in the current display, items can be brought to the Russell Union Rotunda between 9am and 5pm daily. The color code is as follows: White - in memory of someone killed by domestic/sexual violence; Yellow - survivor of domestic violence; Pink - survivor of rape/sexual assault; Blue - survivor of incest; Purple - survivor of violence due to one's sexual orientation. This international project raises awareness of the incidence of these tragic crimes in our own communities.

Ongoing/Upcoming Opportunities:

The Spring 2007 Regents Exam will take place March 19-21, 2007. Check your WINGS schedule for your testing date, time, and location. See the testing website for the full Regents Exam Schedule. Don't miss the Regents Exam after March 21st because there are no make-up exams. For questions concerning the exam, you should call the Testing Office at 681-5415.

Help the International Studies office at their weekly International Conversation Hour. Volunteers will serve food, help clean up, and spend time with amazing students, faculty and staff from around the world. This opportunity takes place every Friday at 11:15am in Russell Union 2022.

"Go The Distance!" The Southern Ambassadors are recruiting for the 2007-2008 team. Please visit <http://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu/southernambassador> to learn more and print out an application. Applications are due on Friday, March 9, 2007. Join us for a special information session on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 7 pm in Lewis Hall. For additional information, please contact 681-5467 or robeme@georgiasouthern.edu.

Spring Break Trips: Eagle Entertainment will be sponsoring a trip to Panama City, FL for spring break! **WE STILL HAVE SPOTS! SIGN UP TODAY!** Date: March 10th-14th. Cost: \$300 per student -Price includes transportation and lodging (beachfront) -Seating will be limited. Cap is at 55 people on the charter bus. Where: Panama City - Things to do: Water Sports, Nightlife, Shopping, Beach, etc. If interested, you should call 486-7270 or stop by RU 1058 and sign up on the list. Fees Due: \$100 Deposit (non-refundable deposit) \$200 due by Friday, March 2nd by 4pm

The Office of Volunteer Services will be sponsoring an Alternative Spring Break Trip March 10th-March 15th. Help others to rebuild their lives. Join the office for a trip to Waveland, MS. The cost is \$65 a person and includes transportation, lodging, and meals while in MS. Call 681-0010 for more info.

Georgia Southern University Financial Aid Department Reminder:
APRIL 20, 2007 - PRIORITY DATE TO APPLY FOR AID

If you are planning to enroll at Georgia Southern University during the 2007/2008 academic year and want to be considered for financial aid, follow the steps below to apply:
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-Check your financial aid status on a regular basis through WINGS at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/finaid/>.
-Checking WINGS regularly is important - this is how we will notify you if additional information is needed to complete the review of your financial aid record. ALL requested information must be submitted to our office **NO LATER THAN June 15, 2007**, to ensure that your aid is not delayed for fall term 2007.
-Check your Georgia Southern University e-mail account for EAGLEGRAM notices about your financial aid.
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Fischer to speak at Scholars Day

GSU News Service

High school seniors invited to the Feb. 23-24 Scholars Day will get encouragement and inspiration from Amanda Fischer, a senior pre-med biology major who has already been accepted by the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She's headed for PCOM's Georgia campus in Atlanta next fall.

Fischer will speak at the banquet planned for students and their parents Friday evening, Feb. 23.

"Scholars Day is an opportunity for students planning to come to Georgia Southern to interview for significant academic, leadership and honors scholarships," Fischer said.

"It's also a chance for students and their parents to ask questions, tour the campus and learn about interesting opportunities—for example, the Study Abroad Program."

Fischer, who graduated from Claxton (Ga.) High School in 2003, is a self-proclaimed generalist.

She started out with an undeclared major, considered music education and physical therapy, and ended up in the Paulson College of Science and Technology.

Her goal after medical school is to return to rural Georgia to serve as a primary care physician in a family practice—maybe even in her hometown.

"I've always done a little bit of everything," Fischer said, noting involvement in the Honors Program, the Pre-health Professionals, Collegiate 4-H, and five honor societies including Gamma Beta Phi and Omicron Delta Kappa.

She sang in the Women's Chorale

and University Singers, and has worked on campus as a student assistant in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences during her years at GSUs.

In 2006 Fischer was one of eight pre-med students invited to take part in "Pathway to Medical School," a four-week summer internship designed to provide 160 hours of structured primary care experience: 100 hours of clinical shadowing and 60 hours of primary care research.

The Southwest Georgia Family Medicine Residency oversaw the program at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital and Albany Area Primary Healthcare.

Fischer said that part of the summer program was conducting a research project on a specific disease intervention.

With a research partner, she assessed the efficiency of cancer screening in Baker County.

"We presented our research at the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians meeting in November," said Fischer. "I didn't even realize it was competitive, but it turned out that we won first place!"

In her Scholars Day speech, Fischer plans to touch on her experiences gained at GSU, such as participation in study abroad, student organizations, campus involvement, and relationships with mentors.

"My goal is to encourage all the incoming students to come involved outside of the classroom," she said, "and make their college experience the best it can be."

For more information about Scholars Day, contact GSU's Office of Admissions at 912-681-5391 or go to <http://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu/index.htm>.



Special photo

Fischer will speak to potential students.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 20

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
100 Years at GSU Museum

6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
The Plug
IT Auditorium 1004

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
NAACP/MAP dinner
Russell Union Ballroom

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
BSA general meeting
Russell Union 2041

8 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Equestrian team meeting
Russell Union 2080

9 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Swing Cats
Williams Center Dining

Wednesday, February 21

12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Immigration lecture
Russell Union 2080

12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Cultural book club
Russell Union 2044

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
RUF
Russell Union 2043

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Cool majors
Russell Union 2080

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Racial conflict lecture
Russell Union Theater

6 p.m.
SGA meeting
Russell Union Ballroom

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
NAACP meeting
Russell Union 2080

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Political science club
Carroll Lecture Hall 2227

Reconciling Past Racial Conflict and Looking to the Future: A Case Study of the Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission



**Cynthia Brown,
Commissioner of the Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission**

**Wednesday,
Feb. 21, 2007, 5:30 PM,
Student Union Theatre**

NATIONAL NEWS



Chuck Kennedy/MCT

Sen. Hillary Clinton talks to other members of Congress as she arrives for President Bush's State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress in the House of Representatives Chamber on Tuesday, January 23, 2007

'Conversation' is the talk of the campaign trail

McClatchy Newspapers

Politicians say it, at least: Americans crave a "conversation" — not a debate, dialogue or sterile discussion, certainly not a spate of speeches — to address issues that really matter.

"Let the Conversation Begin!" implored the campaign banners that flanked Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton on recent presidential campaign stops in Iowa and New Hampshire.

Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois, another Democrat who is seeking the presidency, articulates a public yearning "to have that conversation" about topics ranging from immigration to Iraq to energy policy — the last of which would amount to a conversation about conservation.

Here's a conversation starter: "What gives?" Consultants, linguists and political scientists will tell you that "conversation" carries profound connotations.

Some call it a rhetorical shot across the bow, signaling that our elected leaders haven't been listening to you, as we surely will. Some say the word

found new life in cyberspace, where blogs and discussion boards invite "conversation" (and choose to call it that, as opposed to what others call unbridled rants).

Even President Bush, a self-described "decider," availed himself to a "Conversation on Medicare Prescription Drug Benefits," as the White House press office billed the event last year. When appearing in Florida, however, Bush never used the c-word in his speech.

More than a few experts — and, more importantly, at least one comedian — argue it's a gender thing.

Earlier this month, Jon Stewart, the host of "The Daily Show," lampooned Clinton's call for "a national conversation." Leaning toward the camera, he offered: "I don't think that slogan is going to help you with men."

"You may as well get on the campaign bus — the 'I Think We Really Need to Talk!' Express — to unveil your new Iraq policy: 'America, let's pull over and just ask for directions,'" Stewart joked.

QUICK, WHAT'S NEW

McClatchy Newspapers

Bush pays homage to nation's first president

People marched in place or danced a jig for warmth to the beat of a fife and drum corps on a frost-covered field outside George Washington's historic Mount Vernon home Monday, as President Bush

paid homage to the nation's first president. His 275th birthday is Thursday.

Without mentioning Iraq, Bush drew comparisons between America's first wartime president and the current one.

Train bombings an attempt to derail peace talks

Suitcase bombs that exploded on an Indian train to Pakistan, killing at least 66 people in the ensuing fire, were the work of terrorists bent on derailing

India-Pakistan peace talks on the eve of a visit by Pakistan's foreign minister, officials in Delhi and Islamabad said Monday.

N.J. couple rings in law with first recognized civil union

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Government in action

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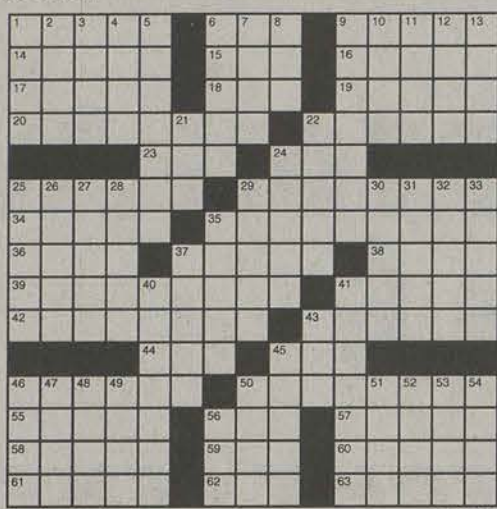
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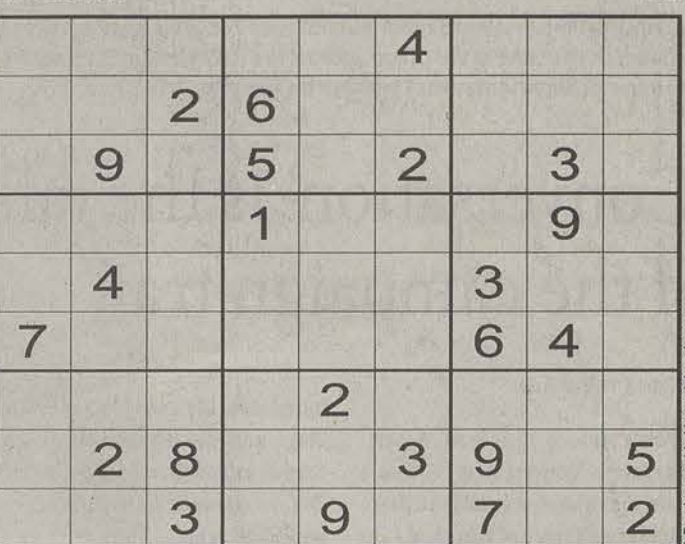
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Solution Trivia Puzzle 61

SPORTS

Who's
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NASCAR: Kevin Harvick. Harvick pulled through a crash filled final lap to beat Mark Martin and win the Daytona 500 title.

NFL: Norv Turner. The San Francisco 49er's offensive coordinator was hired to be the next head coach of the San Diego Chargers on Monday.

Who's
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Golf: Phil Mickelson. Lefty lived up to his reputation this weekend when he blew a lead in the final round of the Nissan Open and eventually lost in a playoff to Charles Howell III, who has not had a PGA victory in over four years.

Winning Weekend



Jeremy Beckham lays down a bunt in Saturday's game against New Jersey Tech. The Eagles (8-2) are on their best season start since 1981.

Eagles annihilate New Jersey Tech in three-game sweep

GSU News Service

John Ducey pitched six hitless innings helping Georgia Southern complete a sweep of NJIT, 17-2 Sunday afternoon at J.I. Clements Stadium. The Eagles (8-2 overall) won their seventh straight while NJIT fell to 0-3.

Georgia Southern, off to its best start since 1981 (9-1), out-scored the Highlanders 56-7 in the sweep: winning 34-1 Friday night and 5-4 on Saturday afternoon.

Ducey (2-0) hit a batter in the third, and walked a batter in the fourth and sixth inning but no one advanced past first base. He threw 73 pitches, 44 for strikes, fanning six batters.

In the seventh, Burt Barto came on in relief. Chris Shehan made a diving stop on Austin DeRogatis' shot down the third base line. He got up in time to throw him out, preserving the no-hitter. However, during the next at-bat Kwesi Mitchell broke up the bid with a double to left field. Mike Turner lined a RBI single to erase the shutout.

"Sure I thought about it (the no-

hitter), going through the game you know what's going on. You are the one throwing the game and as a pitcher you know the situations you're in. I wanted to go out every inning and throw just like the last inning and try to keep in rhythm," said Ducey. "We knew we could not take this team for granted, we wanted to keep playing hard."

Mike Economos put the Eagles on the scoreboard to start the second inning. The senior right fielder skied a shot against the wind down the left field line, crossing over the foul pole for his third home run of the season and a 1-0 lead.

Jeremy Beckham drew a one-out walk in the third. Matt Miller hit a shot into the left field gap. Beckham scored for a 2-0 lead, but Miller was nailed trying to stretch his team-leading eighth double into a triple.

Georgia Southern sent 13 batters to the plate during an 8-run fourth inning to blow the game wide open. Jeremiah Parker lined a leadoff single. Brian Pierce dropped down a sacrifice bunt, but pitcher Matt Melody could

not field the ball which put both runners aboard. They advanced on a wild pitch then scored on Beckham's 2-run single. That chased Melody for relief pitcher Bobby Wyrwa.

Later in the inning, all with two outs, A.J. Wirsberger hit a 2-run single and Shehan lined a RBI double. During his second at-bat of the inning, Parker ripped a 2-run double. Phillip Porter lined a RBI single to cap the scoring.

The long layoff did not affect Ducey as the senior right-hander got a groundout and two strikeouts during a 1-2-3 fifth inning.

"I did my best to stay loose between innings, I didn't get tired or cold at all. It made it a lot easier to pitch with that big of a lead. Our hitters went out and did a great job," stated Ducey.

Miller drew a leadoff walk in the fifth, eventually scoring on no hits. He took second on a balk, third base on a flyout and scored on a groundout by Wirsberger for an 11-0 lead.

After NJIT scored in the seventh, GS responded with four of its own. Griffin Benedict delivered a RBI single, then

Shehan followed with a run-scoring double. Third baseman Turner could not get a clean throw to first on Will Southwell's grounder, allowing two more runs to cross the plate.

In the eighth, Chris Hollis lined a RBI triple, then Shehan tied the GS record hitting his third double of the game, another RBI. Shehan, becoming the third Eagle in the last eight days to tie the single-game doubles record, drove in a game-high three runs.

GS out-hit the Highlanders 18-6, led by Shehan's 3-hit effort and two hits apiece from Porter, Miller, Economos, Benedict and Parker. Five Eagles scored two runs. Wirsberger joined Shehan with three RBI of his own.

Six different NJIT players accounted for the six hits. Of the 27 base hits GS was tagged for on the weekend, Mitchell's double was the only extra-base hit allowed by the Eagles pitching staff.

Melody (0-1) was charged for five runs (three earned) on seven hits in 3.1 innings. He walked two and struck out five.

Track Concludes Indoor Season

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The 2007 Southern Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships concluded Sunday at Clemson University with Georgia Southern claiming a fourth straight third place team finish.

Of the Eagles 122.5 total points, 42 of them were scored by senior Nicole Brown with 32 points coming from day two performances. In addition to her Long Jump title from Saturday, Brown added titles in the 60M with a season best time of 7.60 and in the 200M, also with a season high mark (24.43).

Brown's fourth and final crown came in the Triple Jump with an NCAA provisional qualifying distance of 41'10.5". The title winning mark was 7.5" better than her previous personal best and GSU indoor record of 41'03". Senior Brittany Chase set a new career best in the event with a fifth place finish of 38'11".

In the 4x400M Relay, Brown was joined by juniors Amber Wilson, Carla Ballard and senior Rashedah Arnold in achieving the runner-up spot and a season best time of 3:49.70; nearly an eight second improvement from the previous 2007 high of 3:57.36 (Niswonger).

The Eagles also showed domi-

nance in the final event of the meet, the 20lb Weight Throw. Junior Monique Pitts, senior Emily Greeson and freshman Jessica Irizarry claimed the third (51'08.25"), fourth (50'10.25") and fifth (49'07.25") spots, respectively.

Other events with top five Eagle finishes were the 60M Hurdles with Wilson clocking in at 8.93 for third and senior Lauren Jacobs taking fourth (9.06), while Arnold came in third in the 400M with a time of 57.87.

At the end of the weekend, GSU had competed for four titles, three school records, two NCAA provisional qualifying marks, 15 career bests, 12 season high marks, 12 All-Conference Selections and Brown was named the 2007 Indoor Field Athlete of the Year.

"I was a little disappointed because we were a better team than we had showed" said head coach Natalie Smith. "The positives are that we had a number of best performances. With [Nicole] Brown, I stood as a spectator today. I was really impressed with her and it's only the beginning. The team as a whole still has more work to do but as a coach, I need to help them see their potential. I did expect more today, but I don't doubt that we are ready for the outdoor [season]."



Brian Prusa/STAFF

A Lady Eagle slides into base during a game against Charleston Southern. The team went 3-2 over the weekend to improve their record to 3-5.

Softball loses final at GSU Invitational

By Claire Gallam
Staff writer

The Lady Eagle softball team hosted the Georgia Southern invitational this weekend, hosting the Samford Bulldogs, Bethune-Cookman Wildcats and Charleston Southern Buccaneers.

The Lady Eagles began the invitational with a 3-1 loss to Samford. Samford quickly scored three runs in the first two innings and kept the lead with very strong pitching by their starting pitcher Stephanie Royall. The Eagles scored a run in the sixth inning.

The second game proved victorious for the Eagles with a 7-0 win over Bethune-Cookman. They took the lead by scoring two runs in the fifth inning. Senior Katie Smith contributed by hitting a two run double. Senior Maria Laurato added three more runs for the Eagles with a three-run homer. Freshman Jenny Side also helped with a 3 for 4 performance at the plate, hitting two runs and two RBIs.

"Jenny is really growing on the plate and is also a very strong hitter, as well as one of the best we have offensively," said Head Coach Natalie Poole.

In the outfield, senior Logan Free pitched a one hit shut-out and struck out 10. She walked seven.

"Overall, I was pleased with my

performance this weekend," said Free. "I've had some personal obstacles to overcome and I definitely made a large leap in overcoming them this season."

On Saturday, the Eagles started off with a 3-0 win over Charleston Southern. Pitcher Melissa Laliberte threw a two hit shut-out, striking out 13. Senior Maria Laurato gave the Eagles the lead by scoring three runs in the fifth inning. In their second game against Charleston Southern, the Eagles walked away with a 1-0 win. Laurato walked off an RBI double in the seventh to score the only run of the game. Logan Free struck out thirteen, gave up five hits and only three walks.

In the championship game the Eagles lost a close game to Samford, 2-1. Samford took the lead with a two run single at the bottom of the sixth inning. Samford's starting pitcher, Royall, struck out nine, gave up five hits with no walks.

Poole believed the Eagles started off the season a little slow, but did very well this past weekend.

"We've played very good teams so far, which we have handed our losses too," said Poole. "We've also made a few errors and have given up too many hits and walks this season. I want to work on giving up less hits and giving more runs."

Swimming and Diving finish second

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The Georgia Southern swimming and diving team finished up the final day of the Northeast Conference Championships with 610 points and a program best second place finish.

The finals portion of day three competition started off with sophomore Nicole Hutchison claiming the title in the 3-meter Dive with 192.95 points. The crown was Hutchison's second career title in the event and first ever conference championship.

GSU continued to show dominance with the second event, the 1650y Free. Sophomore Heather Jones demolished her previous personal best time of 18:13.84 with a sixth place finish of 17:42.87; an improvement of 31 seconds.

The mark is also a new school record that previously stood at 17:42.95 (a 0.08 second difference), held by Jennifer Mayhew since 1997.

In the 200y Breast, the Eagles controlled the top five claiming spots one, three and four. Freshman Mackenzie Garrot obtained her second conference title of 2007 clocking in at a career best 2:22.30. Junior Kimberly Morris and newcomer Ashley White finished back-to-back at third and fourth. Morris' time of 2:25.29 is a season high while White's mark of 2:25.64 is a career best.

The final event of day three was the 400y Free Relay. Sophomore Katelyn Woolfolk, freshman Jordyn Pasley, junior Amanda Gerdeman and freshman Courtney Martz tapped in at a season best 3:36.82 and claimed third place. All-in-all, GSU competed for three individual titles, 30 career best marks,

eight season-high times, and two school records over the three day meet.

"We had some outstanding performances today and throughout the weekend" says head coach Nate Kellogg. "Going into this weekend I wasn't sure what to expect but I knew we were capable of doing it all. I'm very excited. It's a step in the right direction."

The second place finish is the best-ever conference performance for the Eagles. Since joining the NEC in 2003, GSU has consistently finished in the top five with their previous best finish coming in 2004 when they tied Central Connecticut State for third. Since then, the Eagles took fifth in 2005 then improved to fourth last season.

Gardner-Webb's 2007 championship marks the fourth straight NEC crown for the program.

Fans deck out in pink Local teacher wins award

By Brittany Hall
Staff writer

Georgia Southern's colors were no longer blue and gold at last Thursday night's 2nd Annual Pack the House in Pink basketball game against Elon.

Eagle fans were decked out in pink, supporting breast cancer awareness and a local Statesboro resident, Kathy Brunson, who lost her battle with breast cancer.

Brunson was a beloved member of the Statesboro community who is survived today by her husband, Hoke and her four kids.

Her love for GSU athletics inspired her good friend Jo Helen Propes of the Statesboro Service League to raise money for breast cancer research.

The Statesboro Service League is a local group that holds many fundraising and charity events throughout the year.

"The reason I came up with this idea was because Kathy, Hoke and their children were big fans of GSU athletics," said

Propes. "Honoring her with Pack the House in Pink is a great way to celebrate her memory."

Propes worked with the athletic department and with GSU's Greek Life to coordinate volunteers and publicity.

The color to wear was pink because that is the color that symbolizes breast cancer awareness.

"This event has made my job more worthwhile because it benefits someone else," said Kyla Clark, student athletic marketing coordinator of Pack the House in Pink.

"It's great being able to bring GSU and Statesboro together for such a great cause."

Phi Mu sorority, Sigma Chi fraternity, Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, GSU's Sports Marketing Department and the Statesboro Service League teamed up to organize and get the word out for this valuable cause.

"We think Pack the House in Pink is a win-win situation for the local Statesboro community, the fight against cancer and GSU athletics," said Director of Sports Marketing, Brent Jones.

"This is the first time some residents, and it's great they can raise money for Breast Cancer research and GSU is excited to be a part of the fight."

Pack the House in Pink helped raise money by having a 50/50 raffle with half of the proceeds going to funding mammograms for Bulloch County, and the other half going to the winner of the raffle.

Phi Mu, Sigma Chi and Zeta Tau Alpha members were on hand to collect donations during half time.

"We wanted to get involved because of the great cause and also because Ms. Kathy was a Phi Mu alumna," said President of Phi Mu sorority, Christa Stephens. "Our sisterhood lasts forever."

Promises of continuing this great event have been made and preparations for next year's 3rd Annual Pack the House in Pink are already in the works.

"I'll keep doing it until I can't anymore" said Propes.

To find out how you can help to fight against breast cancer, go to www.breastcancer.org.

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A hunger for education, for herself and for her students, led high school English teacher Deborah Carico to win the Golden Award from Georgia Southern.

Carico is a 12-year teaching veteran who is currently at Bulloch Academy, a private school in Statesboro that serves students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

The Golden Award honors the memory of Dorothy Smith Golden, Professor Emerita of Writing and Linguistics at Georgia Southern.

It is awarded each February at the annual Student Success in First-Year Composition Conference on the Georgia Southern campus.

"Deborah was not happy with being solely a classroom teacher; she hungered for education for herself," former Bulloch Academy teacher Julie Strickland wrote in her nomination of Carico for the award.

"This desire led her to the Georgia Southern Writing Project Summer Institute, a place where she could collaborate with other teachers of writing, and a place where she could grow as a student of writing."



Deborah Carico (left) was presented the Golden Award by Kathy Albertson, an assistant professor at GSU.

Special Photo

Held on Feb. 2, this year's composition conference attracted high school English teachers and college composition professors from five states.

Carico's presentation at the conference addressed methods of helping students understand literature better through dialogue

analysis in writing classes.

To qualify for the Golden Award, a teacher or professor must have at least five years of experience in composition; demonstrate specific techniques, approaches and qualities that make their instruction outstanding; and make a significant contribution beyond the classroom to their school.

According to Strickland, who now works at GSU, she and Carico introduced online blogs for students throughout Bulloch Academy's high school to discuss the books they were reading. Carico also recruited campus adults to participate.

"Everyone on campus, from the office staff to the counselor to the headmaster, was reading and blogging together," Strickland wrote.

To learn more about the 10th annual Student Success in First-Year Composition Conference, which is scheduled for Feb. 1, 2008, or to nominate a teacher or professor for the 2008 Golden Award, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/ssfyc.html>. Or contact program manager J. Marie Lutz at seminars@georgiasouthern.edu or call 912-871-1763.



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Charles Norwood speaks during President Bush's visit to Statesboro last fall.

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care. Taking on insurance companies, he spent much of his political career pressing for a "patients' bill of rights" aimed at giving consumers better access to care, including greater ability to sue insurers.

More recently, he focused on the issue of immigration, saying the country faces a "true invasion" and calling for nearly 40,000 troops on the border. He was one of just 33 House members to vote against renewing the Voting Rights Act last year, arguing that it discriminates against Southern states over long-past racial transgressions.

Norwood prided himself on serving his district, touting his success in cutting through federal regulations a decade ago to allow a constituent to bring home a stuffed polar bear he had killed on a hunting trip in Canada.

Born in Valdosta, Georgia, on July

27, 1941, he attended public schools before going off to boarding school at Baylor School, a military academy in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

While there, Norwood shot and killed a close friend while playing quick-draw with what they thought was an unloaded pistol. An advocate for gun rights, he said the accident convinced him that education and training are the best gun control.

He married his wife, Gloria, in 1962 while at Georgia Southern College. He earned a doctorate in dental surgery from Georgetown University in Washington, volunteered for the Army and served a combat tour in Vietnam in 1968, earning two Bronze Stars.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Charles and Carlton, and four grandchildren.

The family scheduled a public visitation Wednesday and public memorial service Thursday, both in Augusta.



Above: Fire fighters rushed to enter the building to assess the situation.

Right: Students wait across the street for classes to resume.

Below: Shortly after the fire alarms sounded, two University police cars and three fire trucks showed up on the scene.

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