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THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007

Local businesses, residents at odds over proposed alcohol bill

By Will Adams
 Managing editor

To drink or not to drink, that is the question. At least on Sunday in Statesboro, it is. Legislation that would allow Georgians to vote on whether or not to allow alcohol sales on Sunday appears to be dead for the 2007 session.

According to the Atlanta-Journal Constitution, the Georgia Senate Rules Committee failed to set a detailed discussion date for the 2007 agenda for Senate Bill No. 137, which would allow voters to decide on the sale of beer and wine after 12

noon on Sundays.

Georgia is one of only three states including Connecticut and Indiana that still prohibit Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages.

In a town overwhelmed by dozens of churches, Statesboro and its local residents see the new bill as a threat to their well-established conservative community and that the legislation undermines the traditional morals and ethics valued strongly by the town's Christian majority.

Some locals fiercely oppose alcohol

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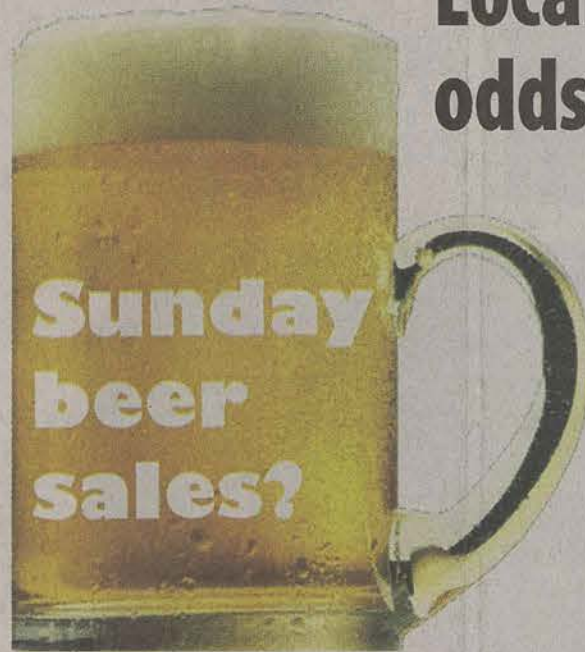


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Frank Fortune/STAFF

Wanda Sykes took the stage Saturday night at Hanner Fieldhouse in front of more than 700 guests.

Sykes keeps em' laughing

By Casey Altman
 Features editor

Comedienne Wanda Sykes was greeted by more than 700 cheering fans at Hanner Fieldhouse Saturday night. She, along with opening act Keith Robinson kept the audience laughing for over an hour.

Sykes opened by talking about her trip to Statesboro. She had to fly into Atlanta, and then board a smaller plane to Savannah.

On the way to Statesboro she said there was nothing, "just trees and trees and land, and oh, there's a college; look at that."

Students were impressed with the quality of Sykes' performance.

Laura Delhomme a senior computer science major said, "It was hilarious, and covered a wide variety of topics. It was very funny."

Together the two comedians brought

up laughable points from a range of topics from President Bush and gay marriage to Ambien and Brittany Spears. Senior international studies major Michelle Adams said, "I thought it was hilarious." Sykes' performance met expectations from her fans.

"I loved her in 'Monster-In-Law,' and I love the 'Sick and Tired' thing," said Jessica Landry, sophomore nursing major. "It [the show] was freaking hilarious."

Sykes performed with no props. She used facial expressions and movement to illustrate her stories.

At one point using her mike stand as a tree while telling a story about an elk and the Grand Canyon.

The show even brought in people from outside Statesboro.

Carley Carden and three of her friends traveled to Statesboro from Macon just to see Sykes' comedy. "Wanda Sykes was bad ass, as good as I thought she would be," said Carden.

Going organic?

USDA seal will appear on certified organic foods and products

By Ashe Johnson
 Staff writer

In a world of continually advancing technology, people have taken a step backward and begun to demand the availability of more natural foods. It seems like overnight organic products have gained immense popularity. Super markets have begun to carry a wider selection of organic products and more and more consumers are seeking out and buying them. So what is all the fuss about?

Organic products are those grown or raised and produced with few to no artificial additives or pesticides. Unprocessed foods such as fruits and vegetables are easily found as organics, along with harder to find products such as organic meat, eggs and dairy.

With benefits to both our bodies as well as the environment, it makes sense to research a transition into a more organic style of living. In order to be considered an organic product, companies and farms must follow a strict code of rules set forth and enforced by the United States Food and Drug Administration for how to raise and maintain their crops or animals. A report in the scientific journal Nature states that organic farming decreases the amount of pesticides contaminating ground water, uses less energy than a conventional farm, and promotes better ecosystems in the areas surrounding the fields.

Buying these naturally grown and processed goods exposes our bodies to fewer harmful pesticide residues. Organic.org points out that "many EPA-approved pesticides were registered long before extensive research linked these chemicals to cancer and other diseases." To many people, it is common sense to avoid wearing down their systems with harmful chemicals whenever possible.

"Organic foods are good for your body," said Tiffany Davis, a freshman at Georgia Southern, "but they're expensive. I understand why biotechnological foods exist. It's scary, but I do understand it." Unfortunately, because of the unconventional methods necessary to produce these foods and the strict guidelines set down by the USDA, organic foods will generally cost more than their mass-produced

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Frank Fortune/STAFF

David Harbuck's new record 'Naked in the Rain' is dedicated to the memory of his late daughter, a former GSU student.

'This album was right for my girl'

How a proud father's tragic loss is helping to establish a scholarship at GSU in his late daughter's memory and honor

By Elise Alls / Staff writer

It was just two years ago when 19-year old Brittany "Ally" Harbuck passed away from a tragic motorcycle accident.

She had just completed her freshman year at Georgia Southern where she was a creative writing major. Soon after her death, Harbuck's parents established a scholarship in her name during the summer of 2005.

She is still mourned today by everyone that knew her. In honor of her memory, Harbuck's father, Savannah musician David Harbuck is donating all the profits from his latest record to her scholarship.

When the devastating news of Harbuck's accident reached her peers and professors at GSU, many were heartbroken to lose such a warm and talented young woman.

"I think everyone in our department felt that loss," said professor Eric Nelson, former chair of the Writing and Linguistics Department.

"We wanted to help the family anyway we could, so we decided on a fundraising event on Tybee Island to help the scholarship fund."

Remembering her vibrant spirit and her tremendous love for his music, Harbuck has poured his heart into his latest project, Naked In The Rain. "This is by far my most emotionally accessible work, and it's the best recording I've ever accomplished. From the beginning, I knew this album was right for my girl; I think you can hear that in every note," Harbuck said.

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Attorney General's aide pleads the fifth

McClatchy Newspapers

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' liaison with the White House will refuse to answer questions at upcoming Senate hearings about the firings of eight U.S. attorneys, citing her Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination, her lawyer said Monday.

"I have decided to follow my lawyer's advice and respectfully invoke my constitutional right," Monica Goodling, Gonzales' counsel and White House liaison, said in a statement to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The revelation complicated the outlook for Gonzales, who is traveling out of town this week even as he fights to keep his job.

In an interview with NBC News, Gonzales said Monday he was "really pained" by Republicans and Democrats alike who widely say the attorney general has lost his credibility.

Asked why he would want to remain as attorney general amid so many calls for his ouster, Gonzales said he's been asking himself lately whether it's appropriate for him to stay in his job.

But, he said, "at the end of the day, it's not about Alberto Gonzales. It's about this great Department of Justice that does so many wonderful things for the American people."

Nonetheless, the news was not good for Gonzales.

The House voted 329-78 to strip the attorney general of his power to indefinitely appoint federal prosecutors, approving a bill similar to one passed in the Senate.

President Bush, who is standing by Gonzales, has signaled that he will not veto the legislation.

Meanwhile, another Republican added his criticism to the growing chorus.

"His word is tarnished," said Rep. Ted Poe, R-Texas, said of Gonzales.

Goodling's statement contradicted her boss' promise to allow his top aides to testify before Congress, voluntarily and under oath.

John Dowd, Goodling's lawyer, suggested in a letter to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., that the Democrat-led panel has laid what amounts to a perjury trap for his client.

'ART' IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE

This past Saturday the Stilmoreroots group held their annual Art in the Woods event in Stillmore, Georgia.

This was the fifth year the group involved the community in art in the woods.

The artists go out into the wood and

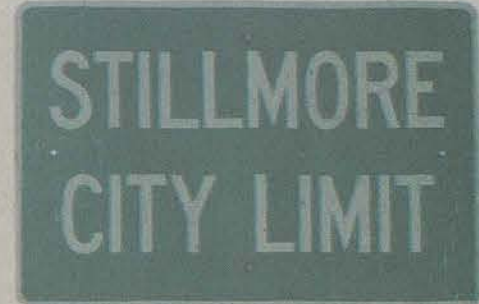
spend a considerable amount of time constructing these installations.

The group's goal is to "create not only challenging, accessible art, but also an environment that inspires community involvement and an experience that provokes thought, dialogue, and new

relationships" according to their website.

The group consists of Jean Gray Drake, Bridget Conn, Anthony Faris, Bryan Ghiloni, Nick Nelson, Desmal Purcell, Mel Cartaya and Brandon Tatom.

More information can be found at www.stilmoreroots.com.



An installation near the entrance including bodies along with candles, shovels and plants.

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Jamie Tuten/STAFF



Old pictures hung from trees as the visitors walked from one installation to another.



This piece by Desmal Purcell, former owner of D.K. Arts, connects people all over the world by including rocks sent from friends and strangers to give the viewer a personal observation of a deeper meaning.



This sculptural piece by Jean-Grey Drake is a tree-like form which allows the viewer to 'Plant a Seed' by adding cloth to the netting.



Printed on textured paper was small jars and an acorn. These prints also included a small piece of paper with individual thoughts for the viewer to read.



Special Photo

Steve Heighway, in the 1970's, is one of Liverpool's most famous soccer players.

Get a kick out of clinic with Steve Heighway

By Michael Cardinal
Staff writer

England is serious about its soccer. This is especially true in Liverpool, the home of the infamous Liverpool Football Club. Liverpool's own soccer star player and coach, Steve Heighway, is coming here to Georgia Southern, and will be conducting three clinics for players and coaches on Wednesday, March 28th. GSU welcomes such a star.

"He is currently the Academy and Youth Development Director for the Liverpool Academy of Soccer in England," said Andrew Hansen, an instructor here in the department of Health and Kinesiology. "He is a very well known individual in soccer not only because he is an excellent player, but also an excellent coach."

According to the Liverpool Symposium website, "Steve Heighway played in the Liverpool Football Club's first ever European Cup triumph in Rome in 1977 and is the Academy Director overseeing the development of the young talent."

"Steve was instrumental in setting up the world leading Anfield Academy which opened up on January 20th, 1999, and as a Director of the Academy he

continues to ensure a steady flow of the very finest young talent."

Heighway has five league titles, two European Cups, two UEFA Cups, an FA Cup and UEFA Super Cup honours.

He led the club to the FA Youth Cup triumph in 2006 and was also in charge when a Michael Owen inspired Liverpool team won it for the first time in 1996. "I love the job, and I feel a great sense of responsibility towards the club," Heighway was quoted saying. "Our record over the years of bringing our own players through is magnificent and we hope there are many more to come in."

The three clinics are on Wednesday, March 28th in the soccer stadium. The first is for the men's team, and will take place from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The second will be for the women's team, and will take place from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Due to NCAA rules, these are for observation only.

The third clinic is a coaching clinic, and will take place in Paulson Stadium from 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

This clinic is not only for high school students, anyone is welcome. Heighway will provide practice sessions, coaching interaction, and tips for other coaches. Each clinic is free.

Legal seminar will address immigration compliance issues

GSU News Service

Employment verification and I-9 compliance are issues that every human resources manager and general manager must know how to handle.

An upcoming Legal Awareness in the Workplace (LAW) seminar sponsored by Georgia Southern's Continuing Education Center will help employers gain a better understanding of these matters.

"Immigration Compliance Issues for Businesses" will be held on Thursday, April 19, at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah.

Running from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., the seminar will be taught by Melissa Azallion, an attorney for the Nexsen Pruet law firm in Hilton Head, S.C. The topics of discussion will include current and prospective immigration compliance laws and their implementation.

"It is up to each employer to examine

documents for every new employee and determine whether the individual is eligible to work in the United States," Azallion said.

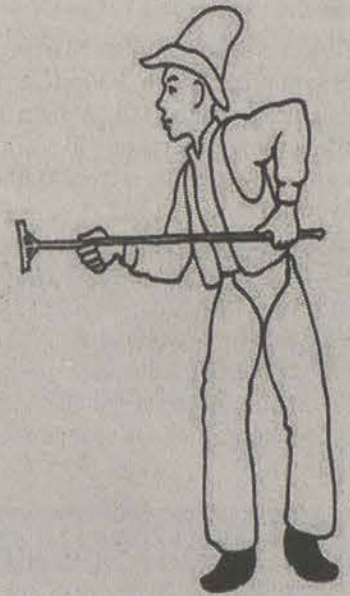
Future LAW seminars in Savannah will include "Recent Developments in the Fair Labor Standards Act" on May 17, and "Workplace Violence in Georgia" on June 21.

Future LAW seminars at Coastal Georgia Community College in Brunswick will include "Coordinating the

Triad of FMLA, ADA, and Worker's Compensation" on May 8 and "Federal Labor and Employment Law Record Keeping" on Aug. 14.

The fee for each seminar is \$69 per person. The fee will be reduced to \$59 per person for anyone who registers for three or more seminars, and for three or more people from the same organization. To register for any of the LAW seminars, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/> or call 912-681-5551.

Put Your Brand on GSU



Help the Alcohol Education Task Force brand the alcohol programming for the 2007-2008 academic school year.

Design a graphic for the theme "Inebriation Education."

Submit entries to Russell Union Rm 2007, P.O. Box 8070 or to kjhamm@GeorgiaSouthern.edu. Do not forget to include your name

and phone number.

Deadline: April 9, 2007

Prize: IPOD Shuffle

Georgia wildfires increase

By Ashe Johnson
Staff writer

March's blustery days are best known as good kite-flying weather; what many people don't know is that March is also one of the most active months for forest fires.

Fire season in Georgia is typically February through April, with the most fires usually occurring during March.

This month alone there have been over 300 fires, scorching almost 2,000 acres of land and destroying two homes so far.

The reason for the increase in fires is believed to be the general drop in humidity combined with the windy weather.

The mild drought that Georgia is in also contributes to increased risk and quicker spread of the fires.

Detection of wildfires is the key to containing them. The Georgia Forestry Commission utilizes air patrols as well as fire towers to keep a look-out for any new fires breaking out. Employed by the GFC are firefighters known as Rangers if they are needed for duty, they are avail-

able 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Rangers attempt to contain and, when possible, extinguish fires. So what is sparking these fires?

"The number one cause of wildfire is debris burning that gets out of control," said Alan Dozier, the Georgia Forestry Commission's chief of protection.

In order to burn debris on your property, you must obtain a permit and properly prepare your yard. Burning material should be kept as far away from trees and other flammable objects as possible.


Raking the ground around the fire site and keeping a water hose close at hand are also recommended safety precautions when burning rubbish.

Anyone who wishes to get a permit can visit www.gatrees.org. It is suspected that arson may also be responsible for some of this month's infernos.

Possible arsonists present a very real problem for fire fighters. The fires that are started cause a threat to the environment as well as people's homes and the lives of the fire fighters who fight to keep the blazes under control.

Wildfire safety tips from the GA Forestry Commission

1. Keep informed on fire weather conditions.
2. Know what your fire is doing at all times.
3. Identify escape routes and make them known.
4. Be alert. Keep calm. Think clearly. Act decisively.
5. Fight fire aggressively, having provided for safety first.



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Announcement - Student Media Positions Selection 2007-2008

The Student Media Advisory Board of Georgia Southern University announces its selection process to choose student editors and managers of the 2007-2008 editorial boards of the university's official student media (The George-Anne Daily, Miscellany Magazine of the Arts, and Southern Reflector Magazine). Students interested in applying for an elected position will be expected to present (1) a **resumé**; (2) a **cover letter** explaining the candidate's qualifications and his or her plans or objectives for the media position sought; and (3) a **signed waiver** (included with this advertisement) which gives permission to the chairperson of the Student Media Advisory Board to validate the candidate's academic standing. Students may indicate the position(s) sought either in their cover letter or on the waiver form. Please submit a separate application (**resumé, cover letter and waiver**) for each publication.

SELECTION AND TERM: The editorial boards will be selected by members of the committee based on a majority of those voting, according to committee by-laws. The term of office for the editorial boards shall extend through the end of the next spring semester.

QUALIFICATIONS: Specific qualifications for persons holding board positions are listed below. Prior experience may be considered in lieu of stated qualifications. The board positions for each medium are listed in ranking order.

THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY
Executive Editor -- The executive editor should have completed two years of college work, at least one year at Georgia Southern. The executive editor should have served on a student publications staff one year and should display capabilities required for the position, including demonstrable knowledge of basic journalistic and business practices and an understanding of media law and ethics. The executive editor is responsible for the preparation of a commentary section for each edition. The executive editor serves as the chief executive officer of the newspaper and is responsible for the total content of each edition in consultation with editors in chief of companion publications.

Managing Editor for News -- The managing editor for news should have completed at least one year at Georgia Southern and should have served at least one semester on a student publications staff. The managing editor for news should be familiar with basic journalistic practices such as newsgathering and reporting practices, news and feature writing, copy editing and proofreading, photojournalism, layout and design and media law and ethics. The managing editor for news will be responsible for coordinating the editorial content in all sections of the newspaper, such as news, sports, features, companion publications or related media and other duties as assigned by the executive editor. The managing editor for news (with the assistance of the news editor) will be responsible for the preparation of the front page. The managing editor for news is responsible for the overall day-to-day operations and office management of the newspaper, its subordinate divisions (advertising, marketing and production), and all companion publications or related media. The managing editor for news serves as the chief operations officer for the newspaper.

Managing Editor for Operations -- The managing editor for operations should have completed at least one year at Georgia Southern and should have served at least one semester on a student publications staff. The managing editor for operations should be familiar with basic journalistic practices such as newsgathering and reporting practices, news and feature writing, copy editing and proofreading, photojournalism, web design, layout and design and media law and ethics. The managing editor for operations will be responsible for coordinating the editorial content on the website gadaily.com, such as news, sports, features, companion publications or related media and other duties as assigned by the executive editor. The managing editor for operations will work with all entities of student media to determine web coverage and content.

News Editor -- The news editor should know basic news writing and should be familiar with news sources on campus. The news editor should demonstrate news judgment and should have served at least one semester on the staff of the paper. The news editor will be responsible for all newsgathering and reporting operations of the newspaper, including recruiting reporters, providing training in the basics of newsgathering and writing, working in cooperation with the managing editors on staffing the news, features, sports, photography and related departments, maintaining an assignment calendar for the benefit of all departments of the newspaper, and other duties as assigned. The news editor assists the managing editor for news in the preparation of the front page for each edition and coordinates with the managing editor for operations on any online content.

MISCELLANY MAGAZINE OF THE ARTS
Editor in Chief -- The editor in chief should have completed two years of college work, at least one year at Georgia Southern. The editor in chief should demonstrate both the interest and the talent to create a quality publication which showcases the arts -- literary, visual, and, to the extent practicable, performance arts -- on behalf of the university's students, and to promote the arts in the university community through the staging of various arts-oriented events. The editor in chief will select contributors for the magazine. The editor in chief should be familiar with basic editing and design duties, as well as media law and ethics. The editor in chief is responsible for all editorial operations for each edition, which will be published as a supplement to the student newspaper, and will coordinate its publication with the executive editor. The editor in chief will be responsible for the total content of the magazine.

SOUTHERN REFLECTOR MAGAZINE

Editor in Chief -- The editor in chief should have completed two years of university work, at least one year at Georgia Southern. The editor in chief should have served at least one year on the staff and should be familiar with magazine copy writing, magazine photojournalism, online writing, layout and design of pages and media law and ethics. The editor in chief is responsible for all editorial operations for each edition, which will be published as a supplement to the student newspaper, and will coordinate its publication with the appropriate editors of the student newspaper. The editor in chief serves as the chief executive officer of the magazine and is ultimately responsible for the total content of each edition.

DEADLINE: The deadline for the receipt of all applications for any of these positions is **Friday, April 13, at 5 p.m.** Applications should be sent to Kelley Callaway, interim chair of the Student Media Advisory Board, in care of Box 8067, or delivered in person to Room 2022, Williams Center.

COMPENSATION: Payment rates for board members are pending final budget approval by the Student Activities Budget Committee and the Student Media Advisory Board.

INTERVIEW DATE: All candidates for board positions **MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY** for interviews on **Friday, April 20 at 3 p.m. in Room 2009 of the Williams Center.**

APPLICATION FORM AND WAIVER

INFORMATION: Questions regarding these positions should be directed to the advisors of the media: Ryan Honeyman (The George-Anne Daily) at 681-0172 or Box 8055; Laura Valeri (Miscellany) at 681-0151 or Box 8026; or Logan Thomas (Southern Reflector) at 486-7459 or Box 8067. Additional information and interpretation of the qualifications may be obtained from the interim chair Kelley Callaway (681-0069 or Box 8067).

Position(s) applied for (Please check ALL that are applicable):

GEORGE-ANNE		MISCELLANY	REFLECTOR
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Editor	<input type="checkbox"/> Managing Editor/News	<input type="checkbox"/> Editor in Chief	<input type="checkbox"/> Editor in Chief
<input type="checkbox"/> Managing Editor/Operations	<input type="checkbox"/> News Editor		

1. Students interested in applying for an elected position are required to present (1) a **resumé**; (2) a **cover letter** explaining the candidate's qualifications and their plans or objectives for the media position sought; and (3) a **signed waiver** (included below) which gives permission to the chairperson of the Advisory Board to validate the candidate's academic standing.
2. Students seeking a position on an editorial board must have a **CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE of at least 2.0 and must not be on scholastic or disciplinary probation**. If at any time a board member drops below these standards, that member must relinquish the position.

I, _____ do hereby authorize the Student Media Advisory Board, in relation to the above criteria for board positions, to contact the GSU student records representatives to validate my academic standing and disciplinary standing for compliance. This validation may be at a time of application and at any time during the period I would hold a board position.

Signed _____ Box No. _____

Eagle ID No. _____ Date _____

E-Mail address _____

This (1) application/waiver form (or facsimile), together with a (2) resumé and a (3) cover letter for each medium in which a position(s) is sought, is due by Friday, April 13, 2007, by 5 p.m. delivered to: Student Media Advisory Board, Kelley Callaway, interim chair, Room 2022 Williams Center Box 8067.

Weekly Eagle Buzz



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BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY FOR BRAD PAISLEY. Go online to www.etix.com or stop by the University Store. \$25 for GSU students. Reserved seating and field ticket access for sale. Buy now...tickets are selling fast. For more info visit www.eagleentertainmentonline.com.



Career Services will sponsor the Martin Yate Presentation from 2pm-3:30pm in the Nessmith-Lane Assembly Hall. Martin Yate is one of the leading experts on job search strategies and will share his secrets to finding the job of your dreams. <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/career>

7pm - Performing Arts Center - For Colored Girls who have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Unfur. FREE Admission. Passionate and fearless, author Ntosake Shange's words reveal what it means to be of color and female in the 20th century.

March 28th, 2007

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March 31st, 2007

10am-2pm - RAC Pavilion - Native American Festival

1pm-4pm - Russell Union Rotunda - Volunteer Services Kids Carnival

Ongoing/Upcoming Opportunities:

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.

The Offices of Admissions and Orientation are now accepting applications for student employment for Summer 2007, Fall 2007, and Spring 2008. We are looking for highly motivated students who are seeking a fast-paced professional environment. Our student staff positions provide invaluable experiences that compliment any degree program. Applications may be picked up at Lewis Hall or online at <http://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu/studentapp>. Applications should be turned in at Lewis Hall no later than 5 PM on Tuesday, April 6, 2007.

Georgia Southern University Financial Aid Department Reminder:

**DO NOT MISS OUT ON FINANCIAL AID FOR 2007 2008!
THE APPLICATION PRIORITY DATE IS FAST APPROACHING!**

- If you need financial aid for 2007 2008, and you have NOT applied, do not delay! Complete your 2007 2008 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> remember to list Georgia Southern's school code, 001572, on the application.
- Questions? E mail your Financial Aid Counselor, <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/finaid/>, or call (912) 681 5413 and ask to speak with your counselor.
- Don't delay, apply today if you need financial aid for Fall term!

Important Dates and Deadlines

March 29	Academic Standards Committee meeting, 2:00 p.m.	May 28	Memorial Day - Administrative offices closed - No classes
April 1	Final deadline for domestic graduate students to apply for Summer 2007 admission	May 29	Classes begin for College of Education Graduate Session
April 4	Final date to hold terminal or comprehensive examination, theses or dissertation defenses	May 29	Fee payment deadline for registration or changing registration during Drop/Add period
April 4	Honors Day, 8:30 a.m.	May 29-30	Drop/Add College of Education Graduate Session
April 11	Deadline to submit electronic theses and dissertations to College of Graduate Studies for final format review	June 1	Final deadline for international graduate students to apply for Fall 2007 admission
April 30	Last day of classes	June 1	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty, Term A
May 1-4	Final exams	June 1	Mid-term grades for freshmen due, Long Term
May 4	Deadline to submit final verified (approved) electronic theses or dissertations to College of Graduate Studies	June 6	Attendance Verification Deadline for College of Education Graduate Session
May 4	Final date for graduate and undergraduate students to apply for Summer 2007 graduation	June 8	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty, College of Business Administration Graduate Evening Session
May 5	Residence halls close, 12:00 noon	June 14	Classes end for Term A
May 5	Commencement	June 15	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty, Long Term
May 6	Residence Halls close at 12:00 noon for students participating in Commencement activities (permission required)	June 15	Term A exams
May 10	Employee Tuition Assistance Program Registration for Summer 2007, via the web beginning at 3:30 p.m.	June 15	Final exams for Evening classes, Term A, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
May 4	Final date for graduate and undergraduate students to apply for Summer 2007 graduation	June 15	Academic Standards Committee meeting, 2:00 p.m.
May 10	Employee Tuition Assistance Program Registration for Summer 2007, via the web beginning at 3:30 p.m.	June 16	Residence halls close at 12:00 noon for students attending Term A
May 10	Academic Standards Committee meeting, 10:00 a.m.	June 17	Residence hall check-in for Term B at 1:00 p.m. in the Residence Halls
May 13	Residence hall check-in, 1:00 p.m. in the Residence Halls	June 18	Classes begin for Term B
May 14	Academic Standards Committee meeting, 10:00 a.m.	June 18	Final date to hold terminal or comprehensive examination, theses or dissertation defense for Summer graduates
May 14	New Student Orientation and Registration, Russell Union, 8:00 a.m. NOTE: Enrolled and former students should refer to WINGS (http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/registrar) for specific registration times.	June 18-19	Drop/Add, Term B
May 15	Fee payment deadline for Summer Semester 2007 (First Day of University Classes)	June 20	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty, College of Education Graduate Session
May 15	Classes begin for Long Term, Term A, and College of Business Administration Graduate Evening Session	June 25	Deadline to submit electronic theses and dissertations to College of Graduate Studies for final format review
May 15-18	Drop/Add	June 26	Attendance Verification Deadline for Term B
May 18	Deadline for M.Ed. students to register to take the comprehensive exam during Summer	June 26	Final exams for Tuesday/Thursday, College of Business Administration Graduate Evening Session
May 22	Attendance Verification Deadline, Classes starting May 15-18, Long Term, Term A and College of Business Graduate Evening Session	June 26	Mid-term grades for freshmen due, Term B
May 24	Mid-term grades for freshmen due, Term A	June 27	College of Business Administration Graduate Evening Session ends
		June 29	Final exams for Monday/Wednesday, College of Business Administration Graduate Evening session
		July 1	Final deadline for domestic graduate students to apply for Fall 2007 admission
		July 4	Independence Day - Administrative offices closed - No classes

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GSU retail wins big



Special Photo

From left to right: Jenny Salerno, Ashley Murray, Brittany Dixon, Kathleen Gruben, Chris Wilson, Ashley Ferguson and Tiana Ross

By Ashley Ferguson

Staff writer

The College of Business Administration had a victorious representation in Toronto, Canada last weekend. Two marketing students, Ashley Ferguson and Chris Wilson, placed first and second respectively in a retail competition known as Charette, the first annual event conducted by the American Collegiate Retailing Association.

The competition is similar to "The Apprentice" where the students were put into teams and given an assignment which they had to present a solution to in four days time. It was a chance to put business sense and creativity to the test in a real world case study.

Kathleen Gruben, professor of the Center for Retail Studies, held interviews for the six students that did an excellent job in representing Georgia Southern. Each student had a background in marketing, retail management or fashion merchandising.

Other universities representing the United States were Auburn University, University of North Texas, University of Alabama, University of Alabama - Birmingham, Marymount University and University of New Hampshire. The Charette was held at Ryerson University in part with their School of Retail Management.

The competition began last Wednesday when the teams received their assignment: create a plan to optimize the retail space for the Toronto International Film Festival Group's 2010 endeavor, Festival Centre. The teams went straight to work assigning roles amongst themselves, doing research and trying to develop a concept.

Thursday consisted of tours of major businesses in Toronto to understand the task at hand, speaking with retail industry experts and then a proper beginning to their presentations. Friday was strictly a work day, as team members worked diligently into the wee hours of the morning.

Presentations took place Saturday afternoon. GSU students were complimented on their presentation skills.

Gruben intends to have GSU host the event next year, with the activity taking place in Savannah. She hopes the second Annual Charette will bring even more retail opportunities for GSU students.

The opportunity was well received by the participants. Winner Wilson said, "[The Charette] was a great learning experience. I will take away new knowledge and friends."

Brittany Dixon, another participant, said, "It was an absolute wonderful experience that gave me the opportunity to apply what I've learned in the classroom to the real world."

CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 27

11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
M. Yate: Knock 'Em Dead
Nessmith-Lane Hall

5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
HR discussion panel
Russell Union 2080

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity
Russell Union 2052

7 p.m.
Author Ntosake Shange
PAC

8 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Iota poetry night
Russell Union Ballroom

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

POLICE BEAT

03-24-2007

- Marcus Samuel Edge, 18, of Olliff Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

- Wesley Barker Hargraves, 18, of Brannen Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol, obstruction of an officer and criminal trespass.

- Jesse Lee Kunimoto, 19, of Olliff Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol, obstruction of an officer and criminal trespass.

03-25-2007

- Sharif Rashad Gaynor, 18, of Olliff Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana.

Martin Yate

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Nessmith-Lane
Assembly Hall

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NATIONAL NEWS

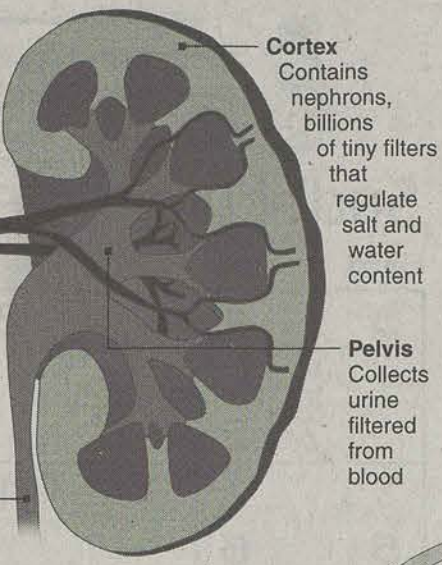
Toxin in pet food recall identified

Acute feline kidney failure

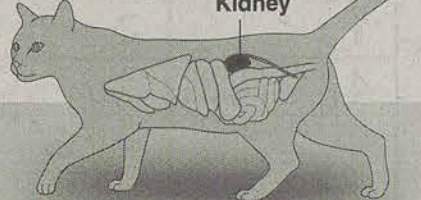
Acute kidney (renal) failure in cats, which is similar to kidney failure in dogs, generally results from poisoning or ingesting other toxins.

Inside a cat's kidney

Kidneys filter waste, produce urine, control blood pressure, regulate potassium, calcium and other electrolytes and help to produce red blood cells



Kidney failure
Nephrons die off, animal poisoned by waste



Symptoms

- Dehydration
- Little or no urine
- Can progress to chronic kidney failure, marked by excessive thirst and urination, loss of appetite, diarrhea, vomiting

Treatment

- See pet's vet immediately; acute kidney failure may be fatal
- Usually treated with diet, fluids, drugs; can require dialysis

Source: Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine/Virginia Tech, Feline CRF Information Center, Novartis Animal Health UK
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McClatchy Newspapers

The toxin in the pet food that sickened dogs and cats and sparked a massive nationwide recall was identified as aminopterin, the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets said in a statement on Friday.

Aminopterin, a derivative of folic acid, can cause cancer and birth defects in humans and can cause kidney damage in dogs and cats, the statement said. Aminopterin is not permitted for use in the United States.

Media reports identified the chemical as rat poison. The manufacturer, Streetsville, Ontario-based Menu Foods Inc. had said it believed the culprit was wheat gluten that it had been receiving through a new supplier.

Last week, Menu Foods said it recalled "cuts and gravy"-style dog and cat food in cans and pouches manufactured at two U.S. facilities. The food is made and sold under private-label and national brands. The recall affected 53 brands of brands of dog food and 42 brands of cat food.

The name-brand foods are sold under national brands such as Procter & Gamble Co.'s Iams and Eukanuba, Colgate-Palmolive's Hills Pet Nutrition and Nestle's Purina Mighty Dog.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

From Universal Press Syndicate

Can't possibly be true

• Karen Madden, 38, goes on trial in Harrisburg, Pa., after allegedly confessing to stealing \$550,000 worth of jewelry and handbags from the residence of her former boss, who is the chancellor of the state's college system. The chancellor, testifying at a July hearing on the charges, said Madden had called her recently and apologized but then went on to say, "I hope you and I can still be friends, and I would like to use you, can I use you as a reference, just for the work part?"

• Britain's Home Office announced in November that it had agreed to a settlement in a lawsuit by 197 heroin-addicted prisoners that it was "assault" and a violation of the European Convention on Human Rights for them to have been almost immediately denied all drugs when they were arrested. For forcing the inmates to go "cold turkey," the government agreed to pay each the equivalent of about \$7,000.

QUICK, WHAT'S NEW

McClatchy Newspapers

Bogus diplomas sold at an alarming degree

Need a college degree to get ahead? Don't want to attend classes to get it? Well, hop on the Internet and buy a fake transcript and diploma.

Phony diplomas are proliferating on the Web, leading to fears of academic fraud and a constant legal battle by universities to protect their good names.

Officials at Kansas State University, for example, recently instructed their trademark-licensing agent to send a cease-and-desist letter to a Web site that offered a fake Kansas State diploma and transcript for \$249.99. On any given day, the same thing could be happening at many other universities.

States try use of GPS to protect social workers

In October 2006, Kentucky social worker Boni Frederick was fatally beaten and stabbed when she took a baby for what was to be a final visit with the child's mother, who had been found guilty of neglect.

Although fatalities are rare, this

case and others like it are a call to arms for state child-welfare agencies already battling high worker-turnover rates, a crush of baby-boom retirements and a nationwide shortage of skilled new social workers. Proposed plans including keeping track of workers with GPS.

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Alcohol

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at all, calling for a complete ban of any type of beer or wine during the six other days of the week.

"I disagree with the sale of alcohol sold in Bulloch County period," said Mike McNure, a paint technician at Flying Colors who has been a resident of Statesboro for nearly 30 years. "I just don't see any good in it. Just think of the deaths and DUI's that have occurred whenever they allowed alcohol back in the 80s, it leads to trouble," he said as he loaded groceries into his car at Harvey's off Fair Road.

Despite being denied for the 2007 legislative session, some business owners in Statesboro are eagerly awaiting next year's resolution.

A few streets across town from Harvey's, Bi-Lo Co. Manager April Williams is crossing her fingers, hoping the new bill passes through.

"It would help our business tremendously because a lot of people get upset because they purchase kegs on Saturday and might need their deposit on Sunday, but can't get that money until Monday and that's bad for our business," said Williams, who believes that someone else shouldn't dictate when you can or can't buy alcohol.

"It should be your choice; just because [some people] don't want to buy it [on Sunday] it shouldn't keep other people who believe it's ok to drink on Sunday from doing so," she said. "I don't think it would have a negative effect because I don't think you would buy any more on Sunday than you would on Saturday."

Brook Hall, manager of Lanier Drive's Fast & Easy beer and wine store, agrees: "It would be good for us as a business, it would help every business in town, as far as bars and stores go. A lot of big franchises and companies will likely want to come here because of it," Hall said who thinks the extra tax benefits of liquor



Victor Martinez/FILE

Statesboro students may support Sunday sales of alcohol, but some community members do not.

sales would help even more.

"This is a very big county and especially in this town they sell a lot of alcohol, they'll go and buy their liquor in another county and won't give their money here, so it's just stupid and a bad decision for the city because we can make a bunch of money in taxes for the city," he said.

Organic

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and harvested counterparts. The general difference in price is anywhere between 10 and 40 percent. In the past, much organic food was

produced on smaller-scale farms by individuals. Today, these small farms are being bought by larger organizations and companies such as Horizon and General Mills. In the future, such moves may lead to a drop in the price of organic goods.

While grocery shopping, it is

important that you check any organic foods for a USDA certification seal. Because many organic goods are still produced by small outfits, there is a market for falsely advertised organic foods. This seal is official proof that the company is offering organic goods.

Harbuck

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Associate Professor of Writing and Linguistics Laura Milner remembers her former student as a dynamic and vivacious student who loved to write and was well on her way to living out her dream of owning

her own independent bookstore and becoming a writer.

Milner recalls her love and admiration for her father. "Ally just adored her father; she called herself a daddy's girl," said Milner. "This would really please her if she knew he had done this."

Harbuck will be touring and performing songs from 'Naked in the Rain' throughout 2007.

The tour kicked off in Savannah at the annual St. Patrick's Day extravaganza. 'Naked in the Rain' will be available for sale at all of Harbuck's shows, and can be ordered from www.cdbaby.com. All profits will directly benefit the Brittany "Ally" Harbuck Memorial Scholarship Fund at GSU, keeping her memory alive and encouraging other young students in creative writing.



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