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TODAY



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FADE TO GRAY: EAGLES REPORT TO CAMP SATURDAY

"I think we're anxious and excited... we're looking forward to having a new start, a new beginning." - Coach Hatcher

**THREE EAGLES NAMED TO PRESEASON
ALL SOCON TEAM** see **SPORTS PAGE 28**



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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS



HOPE ON DELAY?

By Avina Darmadjaja / News Editor

HOPE scholarships are getting harder to attain. The Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) sets a new standard in determining recipients' eligibility. Though it was signed into law in April of 2004, the change has finally been implemented for first time freshmen attending this Fall.

The changes, in part, were prompted by the inconsistency in the grading systems used by high schools across the state. While some high schools rely on the same 4.0 scale that the GSFC uses, some rely on a 100-point scale. The inconsistency lies on the fact that it is easier to earn a B average using the 100-point scale than a 4.0 scale.

Recent state figures show that the city of Atlanta saw its pool of HOPE-eligible students plummet nearly 53 percent compared with the past two years with the new formula being implemented.

According to recent figures from the Georgia Southern's financial aid office, there are currently 1422 first time fresh-

men already awarded HOPE for the 2007/2008 school year. However, as many as 464 freshmen are awarded "estimated" HOPE scholarship & book allowance. The estimated HOPE is based on the high school GPA calculated by our admission office, which means they may or may not be eligible for HOPE.

"There is still hope for HOPE," said Elise Boyett, associate director of financial aid at GSU, about the students in waiting. However, Boyett also said that it is the student's responsibility to check on the status and make sure that their tuition is paid on the first day of class, Aug. 13.

"We receive new list of students awarded HOPE from the GSFC every Monday," said Boyett. However, to avoid late fees and classes being cancelled, students should try and find other means to pay their tuition by the due date. "They can always get reimbursed once the HOPE status is cleared out."

NEWS

President Grube hosts ceremony at the PAC

President Grube spoke before Georgia Southern faculty and staff at the convocation ceremony held Wednesday in the Performing Arts Center. Grube stated that the school had reached a pivotal point. This year marks the school's centennial anniversary when the doors of South Georgia A&M officially opened, following the December 6, 1906 decision to award the Statesboro community the right to open a place of higher learning the region.

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HIATUS

Your Freshman Survival Guide



Check out Arts and Entertainment for a complete list of everything you need to know to get through the first day of class, including a campus map, bus routes, and what to bring and expect from different professors and classes.

NEWS

Scrambling to find a dorm? Don't bother, there's *no* vacancy

Georgia Southern on-campus housing is completely booked for the Fall 2007 semester. Last year, the university opened with vacancies although full bookings have occurred in years past said Jon Coleman of University Housing.

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Grube

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"What a wonderful occasion this is for Georgia Southern," remarked Grube. "As we move forward we have the opportunity to continue to maintain the stature of this university and continue to enhance it."

Moving forward was the hallmark of the convocation ceremony. The audience was shown a video showcasing the school's past, from its

humble beginnings with approximately 15 students to becoming the first university in the South Georgia.

Grube also announced three milestones the school has reached just this year. This year 17,000 students are being welcomed to the campus and the school will break the 80% mark in school retention. The school also continues to improve the educational standards of the university by welcoming the highest SAT scores to date.

The convocation was also an opportunity to award faculty for excellence. One of the highlights of the ceremony was the awarding of the President's medal to Music Professor Michael Braz. He is only the third person in Georgia Southern's history to receive the award. Grube



Special Photo

GSU President Bruce Grube.

congratulated Braz for being an outstanding educator as well as a genuinely outstanding human being. Braz said that in his 20 year tenure at Georgia Southern, he had never been at a complete loss for words.

Provost Linda Bleicken said that excitement is key in continuing to enhance the university.

"There is always the buzz of anticipation when the new year begins," said Bleicken. "Never is there such an opportunity to start over again and have a chance modeling the kinds of behavior that will transfer students into model students."

SGA President Jon Simpson said he looks up to faculty and staff. He said he believes that it is up to them to generate the kind of excitement that will make higher education worthwhile in steps toward improving the world.



Special Photos

Georgia Southern on-campus housing is fully-booked for the Fall 2007 semester.

Housing

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"Right now, we have about 3,800 people who will be living on campus," said Coleman. "There are about 60 people on the waiting list, and we have turned away about 4 or 5 people due to bookings."

Coleman confirmed that students still on the waiting list were male. University Housing was able to place most people who had applied for housing by the end of June, and those that are on the waiting list didn't apply until July. Housing continued to receive applications as late as the beginning of this week, but those who applied early did get placed.

University Housing does not endorse any off-campus sites, usually telling those who do not get placed to Google Statesboro rentals to avoid legal snares of endorsing one particular place.

Some students complain that university housing is negligent in communicating whether

or not they have been placed.

"I didn't know that I was even on the waiting list. They didn't email me and it wasn't on ResNet," Michael Pratt, an incoming freshman. "My parents called and were really frustrated to find that I was number 52 on a waiting list, a fact that would have made us start searching for off-campus housing much sooner."

This academic year marks the last year Oliff, Winburn and Johnson Halls will be opened for students. These halls, along with the ROTC building and the Student Disability Resource Center will be demolished to make way for Centennial Village, a large-scale suite and apartment style dorm that will house approximately 1000 beds. With three dorms closed for the 2008-2009 academic year, University Housing will be extremely limited to students.

Come 2009, Coleman said that all freshmen will have to stay on campus. When incoming freshmen classes total approximately 2,700 students, Coleman predicts that like it was at UGA, upperclassmen will be told they cannot return to University Housing.

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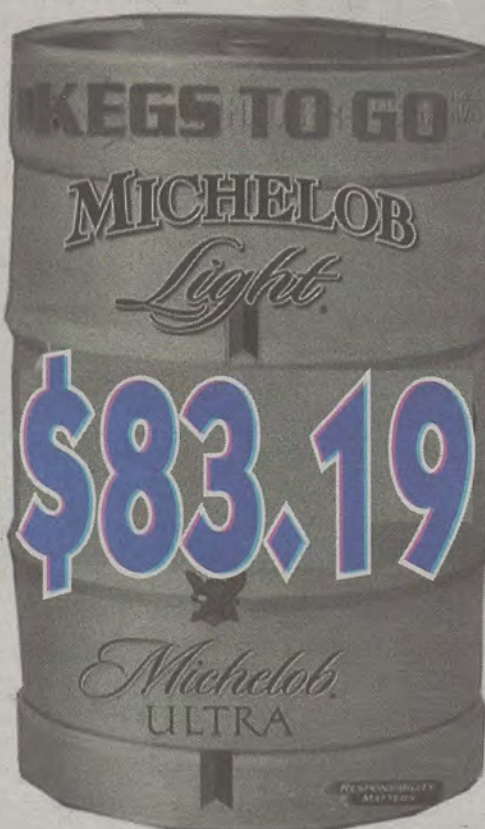


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WEEKLY BUZZ

WELCOME WEEK 2007

Friday, August 10th

Welcome Cookout (5pm-7pm @ Sweetheart Circle-Free food, prizes, and more for all Georgia Southern students, faculty, staff, and families

Saturday, August 11th

Freshman Convocation-(6pm @ PAC) FYRE/RIGS Students Only

Movie: "Accepted" (7pm-9pm @ Russel Union Theatre) <http://acceptedmovie.com>

THINKFAST- (9pm-10pm @ Russell Union Ball Room)

A trivia-based game show that is very effective for team building properties.

WIN PRIZES AND MONEY

Sunday, August 12th

Eagles Night Out (6pm-10pm @ RAC Pavillon)- Enjoy inflatable games, prizes, free food, Enjoy music from Black Violin. All GSU Students are welcome!

Monday, August 13th

Pop into Career Services (10am-2pm @ Williams Center 1047) Visit Career Services for more information about their services and part-time jobs.

Out of State and International Student Welcome Reception (5pm @ Lewis Hall)-Stop by to meet other faculty , staff, and students.

Blizzard Bucks Game Show (9pm @ Russell Union Ball Room)-Step inside the Incredible Money Machine and go for a CASH PRIZE of up to \$500.00!

Tuesday, August 14th

Pop into Career Services (10am-2pm @ Williams Center 1047) Visit Career Services for more information about their services and part-time jobs.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (3pm @ RAC)

Transfer Student Welcome Reception (5pm @ Lewis Hall) -Stop by to meet other faculty, staff, and students.

Residence Hall Association (RHA) Kick-off (6pm @ Watson Hall Courtyard) Interested in a leadership position? Then come to the kick-off and learn about RHA and your hall councils.

Comedian Jessi Campbell (8pm-10pm @ Russell Union Theater)

Wednesday, August 15th

Multicultural Student Center Reception (4pm @ Russell Union Ballroom) - Meet continuing students, faculty, and staff of various backgrounds and experience a snapshot of the Multicultural experience at Georgia Southern University. For more information call 912-681-5409.

Movie: "Spiderman 3" (8:30pm @ Russell Union Ballroom)





Special Photos

Rent: The Musical, featuring American Idol Tamyra Gray, is coming to PAC Apr. 22, 2008.

Tickets for sale

New season subscriptions going on sale for Georgia Southern's Performing Arts Center Series

GSU News Service

On Tuesday, Aug. 14, Georgia Southern's Performing Arts Center (PAC) will begin selling new season subscriptions to its 2007-08 entertainment schedule.

For \$270, a season ticket purchaser will have access to 10 outstanding shows that comprise this year's PAC lineup. A season subscription represents a 20 percent savings versus the purchase of individual tickets to all 10 presentations.

In addition, season subscribers have the same reserved seating for all events, and when the next season is announced, they receive advance notice to reserve their seats before anyone else can purchase tickets.

"New subscribers, like our veteran subscribers, will realize that seeing our entire season will give them a journey they couldn't take unless they were in Chicago, New York or maybe Atlanta. Given the variety of entertainment, it's definitely a great bargain," said Albert Pertalion, PAC director.

New season subscriptions may be purchased through the PAC box office.

Individual tickets to all shows go on sale Tuesday, Sept. 4.

For additional information, visit the Web site <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/pac/> or call the PAC box office toll free at 866-PAC-ARTS.

The 2007-08 PAC schedule

(All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.)

Friday, Sept. 28

Country music legend Roy Clark

Friday, Oct. 5

Philadanco Dance Co.

Saturday, Oct. 13

Instrumentalists Edgar Meyer and Mike Marshall

Friday, Dec. 7

Lee Greenwood Christmas Show

Saturday, Jan. 19

"Julius Caesar"

Saturday, Feb. 2

Hubbard Street 2

Thursday, Feb. 7

"The Producers"

Friday, Mar. 14

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"

Tuesday, Apr. 5

Dallas Brass

Tuesday, Apr. 22

"Rent"

Free tutoring available first day of fall classes

By Justin Burris

Executive Editor

The Academic Success Center's (ASC) doors are open for students to receive tutoring the first day of class this fall semester.

According to Janet O'Brien, director of student affairs at the ASC, students are encouraged to come early and take advantage of the facilities, which are provided free of charge to students.

Students are able to visit any time the ASC is open to receive help. Sign ups are only encouraged for tutoring if students require help with a term paper and need individual attention.

"Freshman year when I had Calculus 1 and Physics 1, I was there all the time. They were there to help me with my problems and provide me with tips and help. They were great," said junior mechanical engineering major, Cameron Hagen.

O'Brien states that students who come

early can take advantage of the tutor's knowledge of note taking, study habits and how to mark their textbooks.

In coming early students have the ability to meet the tutors for their subjects and learn when the ASC is busiest.

In addition to public tutoring services, the ASC also maintains a list of private tutors for students who seek one-on-one service, though she advises students take advantage of the free services provided by GSU.

The ASC hours are Mon. - Thurs. 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Subjects offered at the ASC:

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Psychology

ROTC joins in on Welcome Week activities



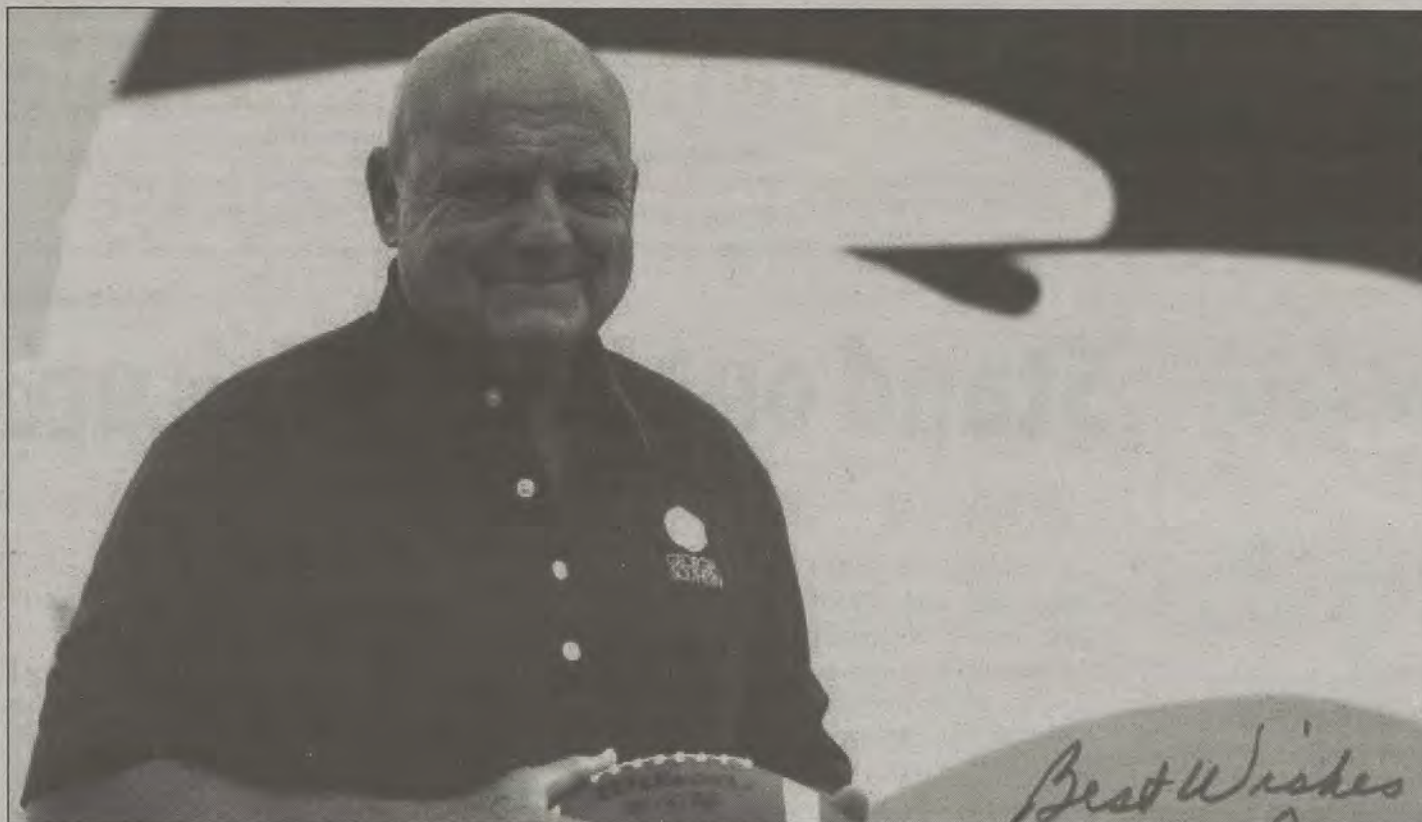
Special Photo

ROTC faculty and cadets start off the year by welcoming freshmen and returning classmen, handing out drinks on Thursday during Welcome Week.

ROTC handing out free drinks and food is a familiar site at the Rotunda during Welcome Week at GSU. This year will be no different.

"We plan to be set up outside the print shop," said Lieutenant Lake, a recent graduate of Georgia Southern now involved in recruiting. "We usually have the hum-v set up, and it's an

opportunity for cadets as well as ROTC faculty to speak to students about the program." Lake said they will be outside the print shop from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 16 and they encouraged students to stop by, grab something to drink, and speak to those involved in the program.



Special Photo

Erk Russell was the beloved GSU coach that led the football team to three national championships.

Erk honored in upcoming state production

GSU News Service

Most people who live in Statesboro know about the legendary Erk Russell. They've seen the game day footage, the newspaper stories and the Internet sites. But how many people knew the man?

"Through the process of oral history, our goal is to interpret for posterity the true legacy of Erk Russell," said Rebecca Kennerly, an assistant professor of communication arts at Georgia Southern University and co-director of a unique 18-month project that will result in a play about the late coach.

"He really sparked the Statesboro community's energy and growth. We want to talk to the people who knew Erk and who were, and continue to be, significantly affected by his life."

Kennerly and her co-director, playwright Scott Garner, introduced the idea of "The Erk Russell Project" to the community earlier this

summer and found many people interested in participating.

They will take the project to the next step when they hold auditions at the Averitt Center for the Arts on Sunday, Aug. 19, in two sessions, from 2 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., and 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The auditions are open to any member of the community, and participants are asked to stay for the entire session.

"Because we are creating a performance that is based on oral histories gathered by participants, our audition process will reflect those skills," said Kennerly.

"Auditions will involve working with another person, talking about Erk, writing interview questions, practice listening, practice watching, and using vocal indicators, gestures, movements and a variety of postures. This is a unique - and fun - audition that will give a taste of the actual oral history process."

Initial development of "The Erk Russell Project" was funded by a grant from the Georgia Council on the Arts. The project director will continue to apply for other grant support.

Participants have begun the process of gathering stories, and Garner has posted a blog about the project that includes some great video and encouragement for everyone - especially men ages 18-50 - to participate in auditions. Garner's blog can be viewed at <http://erkplay.blogspot.com>.

Between Aug. 19 and Dec. 2, the researchers/performers selected for the project will conduct oral history interviews that will be performed in a "staged reading" at the Averitt Center on Sunday, Dec. 2.

The Dec. 2 performances will provide the basis for a fully staged production about Russell that will be performed in the fall of 2008. For more information contact the Averitt Arts Center.

CALENDAR

Thursday, August 9

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Student employee training
Russell Union Theater

1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Dept. welcome back meetings
Science and Technology Bldg. 2117

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Retirement reception
Russell Union 2047

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Operation Move-In training
Russell Union Ballroom

Friday, August 10

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

International student orientation
IT Lecture Hall 1005

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Annual cookout
Sweetheart Circle

5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

PHA bid meeting
Williams Center Dining Hall

Saturday, August 11

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Orientation 2007
Russell Union

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

SOAR
Biology Lecture Hall 1119

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

University Housing
Performing Arts Center

9 p.m. - 11 p.m.

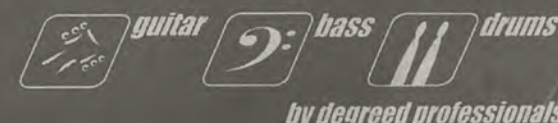
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COLUMNIST

National ID cards are Un-American

The same man that introduced the Patriot Act to congress, Jim Sensenbrenner(R) of Wisconsin, authored another low blow to the ideals of our founding fathers under the guise of combating terrorism - the Real ID Act.

Once it goes into effect at the beginning of 2010, citizens will need what amounts to a national ID card, to open a bank account, enter a federal building, or board a commercial airline. The act will force non-dissenting states to conform to a set of uniform license standards handed down from the federal government.

Sensenbrenner's little document stipulates that the license contain a "common readable technology." And the Department of Homeland Security has voiced interest in the RFID chip, or Radio Frequency Identification Device.

Imagine an America where grandma can't buy a fifth of brandy without a micro-chipped ID. This national ID will make that a reality.

The Pentagon has said, "A massive database that the government will use to monitor every purchase made by every American citizen is a necessary tool in the war on terror." The creation of a national ID card containing RFID technology is a step in that direction.

Wake up.

Terrorism is Capitol Hill's new way of scaring the masses into surrendering power. It's the new Communism, but better because the war on terror will never end. The threat can be used as an endless justification for the enactment of anti-freedom/ anti-constitution documents such as the Real ID Act, the Patriot Act, and the Military Commissions Act.

The founding fathers would not stand for this. They would see Real ID for what it is, an attempt to expand federal power over the people.

American citizens need to wake up from their T.V. induced comas, wipe the saliva off their chins, and educate themselves on the philosophies of their nation's founders. So when handsome "news" anchors, wrapped in American flags, insinuate that the national ID is good for the country, those citizens know better.

There is still hope.

Fortunately, some citizens have pushed their state legislatures into action and to date, 17 states have rejected the Real ID act. Georgia is among them.

"Educate and inform the whole mass of the people," said Thomas Jefferson. Georgians should contact their out of state friends to make sure they know what Jim Sensenbrenner wants for America. The people should contact their state representatives in those other 33 states and make their voices known. "They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of liberty."

Jefferson also said, "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and what never will be." America needs to educate itself, and act. He said, "Do you want to know who you are? Don't ask! Act. Action will delineate and define you."

Write Matthew at matt_d_mannila@georgiasouthern.edu



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OUR VIEW

Stand out and speak up

AT ISSUE: All students, faculty and staff should speak up and voice their opinions

Each year Georgia Southern sees a host of changes. New students, faculty, staff and administrators grace the campus with all sorts of ideas on what they want out of the campus and the surrounding community.

With so many different people on campus, each with their own different viewpoints, sometimes it's easy to offend someone else with your own opinions. But most of the time, that's OK.

As active members of the student body here at Georgia Southern, many of us take for granted the rights with which we are allowed to speak and write freely about whatever or whomever we choose. It's a privilege that is overlooked, but is also sometimes unknown by many.

Change is inevitable, it happens everyday. To make a difference in your own experience at Georgia Southern student on campus here and as a member of the Statesboro community it's crucial to keep in mind the possibility of

change.

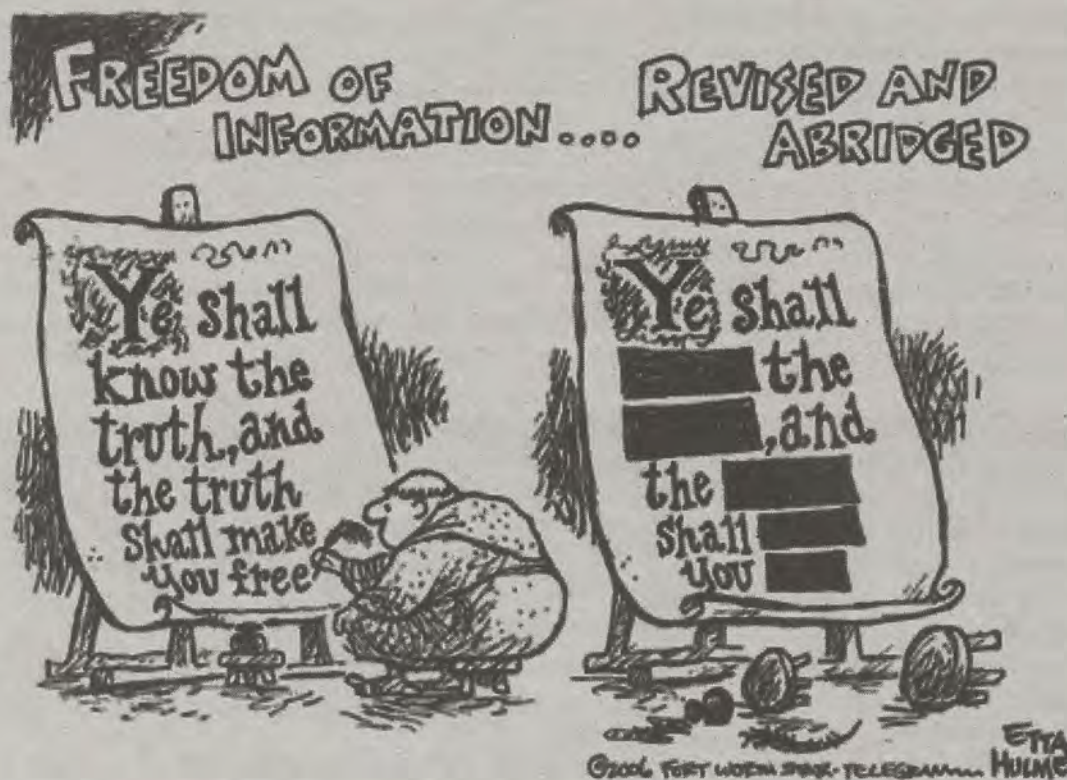
One of the best ways, if not the best way to incite change is to make your voice, opinions and ideas are heard by the rest of the Georgia Southern community.

Don't be afraid of being censored or care about what your peers may think, your life in college is too short to worry about such things.

If you have a problem with the bus system, parking or even professors, take faith in the fact that there are others who on campus who probably share similar views and would be willing to work with you or others on campus to fix the problem.

Using an outlet in the form of an editorial lets others know about different issues and problems and those at fault.

The George-Anne is not just a student newspaper, it's an open forum for any and everyone on campus and in the Statesboro community to discuss problems and issues and to solve them in the best way possible.



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"How fortunate for governments that the people they administer don't think."

— Adolf Hitler
Former Leader of Germany

YOUR VIEW : Stuart Brown | Division of Public Health

Georgian obesity is caused by style of living

Gaining and losing weight to become healthier depends, at the most basic level, on what and how much we eat, and how often we are physically active. Because those factors reflect individual choices, health educators and policy-makers have focused largely on individual behaviors. Recent research, however, shows that where we live, the jobs we hold, the money we make, and the friends and family we have all play a part in the rising rates of obesity.

Approximately 60% of adult Georgians are obese and studies show that 66% of U.S. adults were overweight or obese in 2003 and 2004.

According to an article published in *Epidemiologic Reviews* in June 2007, a recent study conducted by Johns Hopkins University indicated that changes in communities that take effect because of changing social and economic values are needed before real decreases in the obesity epidemic can be made. According to the article, "there is no question that we have made enormous progress in understanding obesity"...including social and individual behaviors and the role of living and working conditions in which we find ourselves. These findings are key to making a difference in the obesity epidemic.

For example, surveys have shown that adult Georgians with a safe and convenient place to walk are more likely to engage in regular activity (42%) than those with no place to walk (27%). Policy leaders need to take all these factors into account.

That's exactly what Georgia has done with its Nutrition and Physical Activity Initiative (NUT&PA). The plan was developed by DHR with input from the Take Charge of Your Health Georgia task force that included citizens

representing different communities, organizations and interest groups from around the state.

The task force considered the importance of relationships that exist between individuals and their environment when looking at various reasons for being active and eating healthy. The factors, or five levels of influence, are used to look at each level as appropriate. The individual factors include awareness and knowledge; the interpersonal factor includes family, friends and peers; organizational factors include policies, the environment, and informal structures within organizations; community factors exist formally or informally among individuals, groups, and organizations; and societal factors include state, and federal government policies and laws that regulate or support healthy actions and practices. Naturally, looking at various levels is more effective than a single-level approach.

According to the Johns Hopkins University study, "political leaders still tend to regard obesity as a disorder of individual behavior, rather than highly conditioned by" the living and working conditions already in the environment."

The environment includes whether or not there are sidewalks, traffic, access to fresh fruits and vegetables, and so forth. "This perception must change in order to recognize that the threat of obesity and its related problems is already affecting the future of young generations."

It is essential for state and local governments to develop city, county policies and ordinances that among other things require safe, accessible sidewalks, bike paths and recreation facilities.

For more information about the plan visit <http://health.state.ga.us/nutandpa>.

THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT

GSU and Statesboro lack cultural identity

Georgia Southern's hometown of Statesboro lacks considerable intellectual culture and social marketability for prospective students.

To most potential students, a sophisticated and culturally diverse town or city is part of the appeal when deciding upon colleges.

The problem is not GSU students, but the ultra conservative residents and bureaucrats who control the town of Statesboro.

Ultra conservative ideologies, in conjunction with an obstinate ruling majority are impeding upon the growing liberal academic institution that is Georgia Southern.

Yet, despite the numerous accolades and academic achievements, the continued growth and expansion of GSU has added extra, but disparate pressure upon the faculty and staff incongruently to the different colleges and academic departments.

This forces some undergrads to take unnecessary routes to ensure that they're able to obtain their desired degree, most notably withdrawing or transferring to other schools.

That fact are shown by the 2005 retention rate among first-year degree seeking freshmen at GSU, which was only 77%, compared to 91% at University of Georgia and 92% at Georgia Tech.

In order for GSU to continue growing academically and keep student retention rates from falling, the university and the town of Statesboro must offer prospective and current students something more in terms of a college lifestyle and atmosphere.

The conservative bureaucrats and other permanent residents of Statesboro must understand and, accept the inevitability of a significant culture change in the town of Statesboro in conjunction with the university.

Yet, what separates GSU from virtually every other 'college town' in America?

It's just that, a college town. Education is obviously a priority, but Statesboro is not a college town, it's a town with a college in it.

The amalgamation between university professors and students with local residents and the town of Statesboro is non-existent.

Walking into Harvey's or Wal-Mart and seeing UGA merchandise for sale will prove just that. Not selling out every football game will also prove that.

The town of Statesboro must accept the inevitability of a much more liberal and open-minded student body in the near future and offer more in terms of a legitimate college lifestyle for prospective students looking to attend GSU in the future.

Statesboro and Georgia Southern are changing, but not quite fast enough.

Write Will at willa124@yahoo.com

Liberate American Energy Producers, Neuter OPEC

Alex Epstein | Ayn Rand Institute

A recent Reuters report quotes a top OPEC official declaring what price the cartel seeks to bring about: \$60 to \$65 per barrel, he says, is "appropriate."

"It is taken for granted," said Alex Epstein, a junior fellow at the Ayn Rand Institute, "that OPEC, a despicable cartel of tyrannical regimes that coercively limits their oil production to raise prices, can manipulate our energy future on a whim. But such a state of affairs is completely unnecessary; it is a product of U.S. environmental regulations that strangle domestic energy production."

"In a free energy market, the response of competing producers to OPEC-influenced high prices would be to eagerly cultivate new oil sources in America--such as the many untapped sources of oil in Alaska and on America's coastlines--and to vigorously seek to produce truly practical alternative sources of energy, such as coal,

natural gas, and nuclear power. Such actions would drive oil and energy prices down, and with them OPEC's ability to manipulate prices.

"However, thanks to environmentalist policies, America's energy market is anything but free. In the name of preserving pristine nature at human expense, our government has rendered huge oil and natural gas deposits off-limits, has strangled coal production for decades, and has demonized and practically prohibited the pursuit of nuclear power.

"It is only because America has for decades throttled domestic energy producers that the looting dictators of OPEC continue to wield major influence over our energy supplies.

It is time for America to liberate itself from the shackles of OPEC by liberating energy production from the shackles of environmentalist policies."



Will Adams is a senior journalism major from Dunwoody. He is the managing editor of news for The George-Anne Daily.

Bulloch Boys & Girls Club seek student volunteers

Special to the G-A

For those seeking to find a fun, fulfilling way to spend your free time or satisfy volunteer hours for a major then Georgias Southern faculty, staff, and students have an opportunity to volunteer at the Boys & Girls Clubs (BGC) of Bulloch County.

There are just a few steps that anyone interested needs to take. First contact Tammy Horton, the BGC's Director of Volunteer Services and Professional Development, at (912) 764-9696 ext. 32 or at thorton@bgcbulloch.org.

"I will be glad to answer any questions potential volunteers have about the volunteer process," said Horton.

Secondly, volunteers need to set some time aside to attend a mandatory volunteer training class.

"In these classes, GSU students and community members will learn the basic guidelines for their role as a Club volunteer. They will also gain knowledge of the various programs offered at the Club and the specific ways they can get involved with those programs," Horton said.

The first training session will be held on Thursday, Aug. 23 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. or

from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Another session will be held a week later on Thursday, Aug. 30 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. or from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Training sessions will be ongoing and will be held twice a month throughout the year. People can still volunteer even if they miss the Aug. training dates.

Volunteering at the BGC is a great way to give back to the community as well as an opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child. At the BGC, people can work with a variety of age groups from elementary, middle or high school youth.

The BGC also offers programming in the areas of character and leadership, education and career, health and life skills, the arts and sports, fitness and recreation, so there are many areas in which people can volunteer as well as work in an environment in which they have interest.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bulloch County is a United Way agency that opened in August 2001. The Club consists of three units: the Denmark Unit, the Portal Unit and the Elvera Mays Teen Center.

For more information about the BGC, please contact Kellie Folker at (912) 764-9696 Ext. 37. or log onto www.bgcbulloch.org.



Special Photo

Driving drunk leads to thousands of preventable accidents each year.

Officials crackdown on drunk driving

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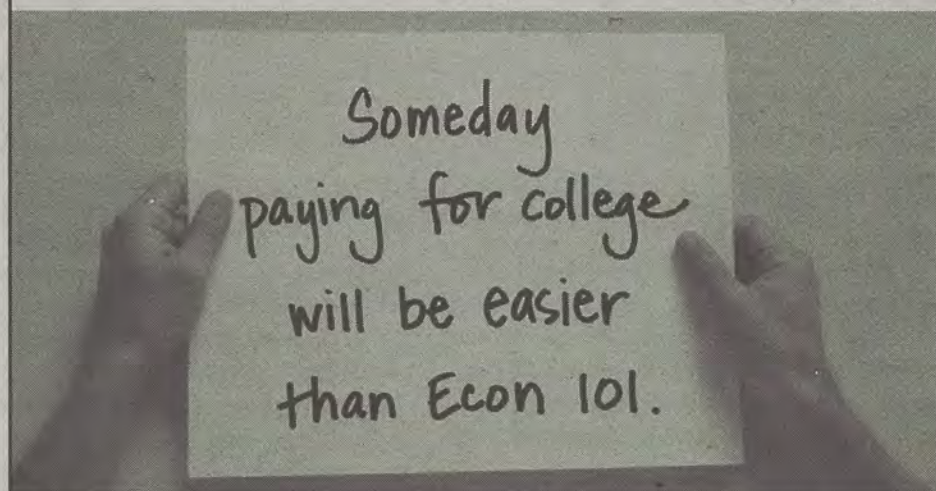
Law enforcement at the local and national levels have begun a highly visible campaign to remove drunk and drugged drivers from the nation's roads and highways titled "Drunk Driving. Over the limit. Under Arrest."

Impaired driving continues to be one of the deadliest crimes in America.

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Education Bachelor's
degree from Manhattan
College, 1965; law degree from
New York University, 1968

Political career

1994-2001 Republican mayor
of New York City; praised for
drop in crime rate, but criticized
for police brutality scandals;
named Time magazine Person
of the Year for his handling of
Sept. 11 attacks



Giuliani sets agenda with 12-point vow

McClatchy Newspapers

They're 12 planks in a platform, a dozen vows to voters that former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani hopes will lead him to the White House.

Taking his cue from "The Contract with America," which Republicans credit with catapulting them into control of Congress in 1994, Giuliani is campaigning across the country on his "12 Commitments," a list he unveiled in June of what he intends to do if he's elected president.

His commitments are, to put it charitably, somewhat vague. But by espousing market-driven approaches to health care, education and energy policy – and reaffirming his stands to end illegal immigration and reduce abortions – Giuliani hopes that the "commitments" will appeal to Republican voters who question his conservative bona fides.

"It sets him apart by putting down markers; it reinforces his strengths," said Republican strategist Bill Dal Col, who managed magazine publisher Steve Forbes' 1996 presidential campaign. "It's different than what most candidates have done in the past. He's rolling out policy early. It reinforces what people believe: that he's got a set of beliefs."

If elected, Giuliani promises to fight terrorism proactively, end illegal immigration, restore fiscal discipline and cut wasteful federal spending, cut taxes and overhaul the tax code, hold the federal bureaucracy accountable, provide choice in health-care coverage, increase adoptions and reduce abortions, appoint strict constructionist judges, make sure that communities are prepared for terrorist attacks or natural disasters, provide school choice, lead America toward energy independence and increase America's role in the global economy.

"This is how I want to be judged," Giuliani said in a June speech in Bedford, N.H.

It's how his rivals in both parties want him judged, too. While Giuliani and his supporters say the 12 promises show aggressive, forward-thinking leadership, his opponents say they highlight inconsistencies between what he's pledging now and how he ran New York's City Hall.

"He has to show his commitment to the conservative cause," said Steven Brams, a New York University political science professor.

"It's a pledge of allegiance even though it refutes part of his past. He's putting himself on the line, sort of like the first President (George H.W.) Bush and the 'read my lips' tax promise."

SPORTS

Home run No. 756 is history for Bonds

McClatchy Newspapers

At 8:51 p.m. Tuesday, Barry Bonds did it. He became baseball's new home run king, surpassing Hank Aaron, when he sent a 3-2 pitch sailing over the right-field wall at AT&T Park.

Bonds' 756th home run, off Washington Nationals left hander Mike Bacsik, traveled an estimated 435 feet and sent fireworks shooting in the sky beyond the outfield bleachers.

With one out in the fifth inning, and the count 3-2 on Bonds, the crowd took up a chant of "Barry, Barry, Barry." Bonds responded by hitting the next pitch beyond the deepest part of the outfield.

Like Saturday, when he tied Aaron's 33-year-old record, Bonds was greeted at home plate by his son, Nikolai. He then hugged his teammates, his family and tipped his cap to the fans.

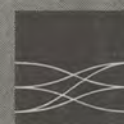
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QUICK, WHAT'S NEW

McClatchy Newspapers

Democrats to face questions about gay rights

The high anxiety that gay rights provokes in Democratic candidates broke into the open early this campaign. Sens. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., and Barack Obama, D-Ill., both dodged in March when asked to respond to Gen. Peter Pace's declaration that homosexuality is immoral; only after criticism from gay supporters did Clinton and Obama issue stronger repudiations.

There will be no such time to recover when Democratic candidates appear Thursday at a live televised forum in L.A. to face questions from gay-rights activists including singer Melissa Etheridge.

Bush promises to veto program for poor children

President Bush vowed Wednesday to veto legislation that would increase funding for a popular health-insurance program for poor children.

In a meeting with economic reporters, Bush also shrugged off Wall Street volatility as normal market behavior, discounted fears that credit was drying up in the U.S. economy and said the housing sector problems still pointed to a "soft-landing" scenario.

BitTorrent: Old idea, new business model?

BitTorrent is rolling out a service that could usher in a whole new era of television.

Beginning next month, the San Francisco video and media distribution company will offer some of its library of television and feature films – which include titles such as "Letters from Iwo Jima" and "24" – for free as streaming videos, supported by advertising.

While it's too early to know how consumers will respond to the new service, it and similar offerings on the way from BitTorrent rivals point to a potential revolution in how consumers access television and movies.

Migrants feel effects of immigration debate

Four out of five Mexican and Central American migrants are finding it more difficult to land a job in the United States, with almost half blaming immigration laws, according to new study by the Inter-American Development Bank and the Bendixen polling firm.

The study, which for the first time demonstrates the effect of the immigration debate in Washington on the streets, also shows remittances are growing but at a much smaller pace.

Lawmakers plan Katrina tour to seek area needs

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., House Majority Whip James Clyburn, D-S.C., and about 13 House members will tour New Orleans and the Mississippi coast Aug. 12-14, just before the two-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

The entourage, which is expected to include a few Republicans, will focus on the region's needs in education, health and housing.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

From Universal Press Syndicate

Can't possibly be true

• Sweden's English-language news outlet reported in June that the government's employment service had granted Roger Tullgren, 42, supplemental income benefits based on his illness of addiction to heavy-metal music. Tullgren (with long, black hair, tattoos and skull-and-crossbones jewelry and who said he attended nearly 300 concerts last year) said he had been addicted for 10 years but finally got three psychologists to sign off on calling his condition a disability. His employer now permits Tullgren to play his music at his dishwashing job.

Ironies

• The representative from Boulder, Colo., in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in May was 14-year-old Miss "Maithreyi Gopalakrishnan" (that's M-a-i-t-h-r-e-y-i G-o-p-a-l-a-k-r-i-s-h-n-a-n).



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We break down some of the best and the worst movies of the
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Get the scoop on the
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Welcome Week Events

Friday, Aug. 10th
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Saturday, Aug. 11th
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Monday, Aug. 13th
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Tuesday, Aug. 14th
Comedian Jessi Campbell
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Wednesday, Aug. 15th
Spiderman 3 Outdoor Movie
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Thursday, Aug. 16th
Grant Edmonds Show
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9 p.m. -10 p.m.

Band Bios



Special Photos

The Sophomore Attempt just recently put out a new record will be performing in Statesboro in support of the Eccentric Energy Entertainment ApexRoxxx concert series in the next few months.

ApexRoxxx returns with more concerts

Special to the G-A

After an awesome first year of support, Eccentric Energy Entertainment returns with another year of ApexRoxxx concerts for GSU students and for the community.

"There was such a great response over the course of this past year that this one will have more than double the concerts with a couple bands coming back but also some new artists that will finally get to make their way through the Boro," said Matt Vigliotti of Eccentric Energy. Their first concert will be on August 17 at Apex with Jacksonville, FL favorites, The Sophomore Attempt, who just recently put out a new CD.

These guys are popular with fans of

FalloutBoy and All-American Rejects. Also playing on that show is a real up-and-coming band out of Atlanta called The Rise of Science.

Their ambient sound w/ high vocal harmonies is very hard to compare to any other band but reminds people of Circa Survive or The Mars Volta.

Other bands to play are Florida's Boys of Summer and Maryland's American Diary. Both are awesome powerpop bands that are also really great performers.

Be on the lookout for more lineups of ApexRoxxx online at www.myspace.com/apexroxxx or on the facebook group Statesboro Rock-N-Roll. Many super lineups have been posted so there will be something for everyone.



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New restaurant opens for business downtown

By Elliot S. Volkman

Staff Writer

A new restaurant has made its debut in downtown Statesboro with a fresh new taste. Hugo's located on Mainstreet where DK Arts used to be, across from the Sea Island Bank, has opened its doors and is already becoming a hit.

The Georgia Southern alumni couple who owns Hugo's came back to offer "the freshest seafood in town," said co-owner Lacy Richardson.

"Each week Robby, [husband and co-owner], drives to Darien, Georgia, to be sure they get the freshest white shrimp."

In addition to the fresh seafood and a raw oyster bar, "we also have 'land

lovers' stuff such as steak, chicken and burgers," said Hugo's waitress Lyndsay Cole.

"Lunch is from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. and dinner from 5 till 10 p.m., closed Sundays."

With an average meal costing around \$10 to \$12, Hugo's may appeal to many people even on a student budget.

There is also a selection of vegetarian food, and has a fully stocked bar.

Customers are already giving great reviews may ensure this new restaurants' placement among the few already settled in Statesboro.

"Hugo's is classy with a beachy twist. I give the food two thumbs up, it was very tasty," diner Lauren Stanley said.

GSU alumna Crystal Greene said her

HUGO'S RESTAURANT



Audra Grossman/STAFF

Hugo's Restaurant co-owner stands outside on South Main St. in downtown Statesboro. Hugo's offers fresh seafood and a raw oyster bar.

recent experience at Hugo's, was nothing short of great. "The Food was good! Anything from a fresh juicy hamburger to chicken fettuccini! They also have a bar with awesome drinks! Overall Hugo's is a great change of scenery when you get tired of the same old restaurants you

always go to!"

Whether or not Hugo's stays a hit still remains to be seen, when the other half of Statesboro returns back in the fall.

So for those of you searching for fresh seafood and a change of scenery try out Hugo's.

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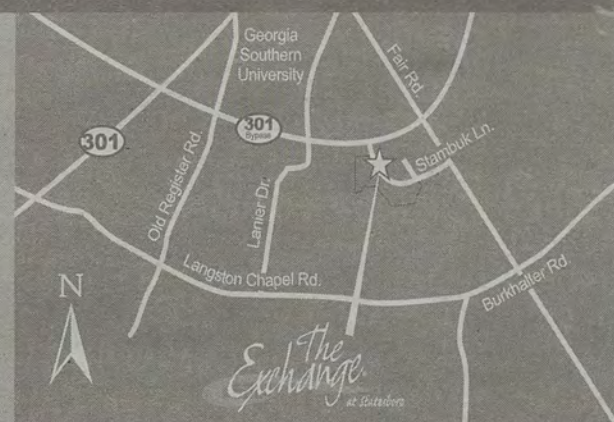
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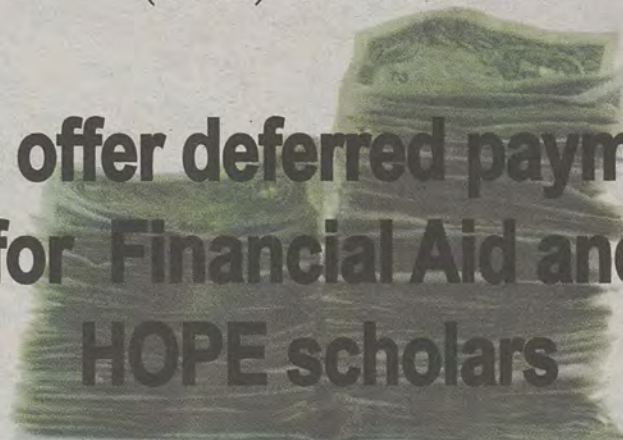
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Summer Movie Blockbusters

This summer saw a host of movies at theaters across the nation that promised great things. Some hit the mark, others flunked out. See which ones made the cut

Fantastic Four : Rise of the Silver Surfer - This was slightly better than the first Fantastic Four movie, but still not all that great. The best that can be said about this movie is that according to rumors there will be a spin-off Silver Surfer movie.

Harry Potter 5 - The movie was a collection of scenes that lacked former Harry Potter film magic. The anti-climatic fight between Dumbledore and Voldemort was more likely to leave you wondering why you stood in line with a smelly crowd to be the first to view the movie at midnight.

Transformers - Michael Bay set out to make a popcorn movie that would appease fans and not lose newcomers. He succeeded in making an incredibly enjoyable film with edge of your seat action and well-timed humor. Not perfect, but good enough.

POTC : At Worlds End - In a word: disappointing. Horribly scripted, awfully directed, and just plain stupid. This is a perfect example of go home and try it again.

Spider-Man 3 - Probably the most disappointing movie this season Spider-Man 3 ended the trilogy on a horribly cheesy note.

Ratatouille - One of the better Pixar films as of late, plenty of laughs. It's no Toy Story or Finding Nemo, but with plenty of laughs it ranks up there.

The Bourne Ultimatum - Matt Damon is back in action as Jason Bourne and he does not disappoint. If you liked the first two Bourne movies then this one will be right up your alley

Entertainment Quickies

'CONTENDER' STEPS BACK IN RING

ESPN is extending its boxing franchise "The Contender," ordering up a third season of the Mark Burnett-produced show for a September premiere. The show, which features 16 fighters vying for the Contender championship and a share of a seven-figure purse, will debut at 10 p.m. ET Sept. 4. Boxing legend Sugar Ray Leonard will be back as host and mentor.

HOT PILOT 'OAKS' FALLS TO FOX

Kevin Reilly has wasted little time putting his stamp on his new job at FOX, giving a series order to a drama called "The Oaks."

Capping a quick but intense bidding frenzy by several networks, FOX won the project from writer David Schulner ("Once and Again") by giving the project a series commitment and bringing in "The Shield" creator Shawn Ryan as showrunner.

'GOSSIP GIRL' GETS EARLY,

Good news travels fast, or in the case of the CW, gossip does.

The CW will premiere its teen soap "Gossip Girl" on Wednesday, Sept. 19, a week earlier than scheduled, the network confirmed Monday.

RETURN ENGAGEMENTS FOR 'TALENT,' 'COMIC'

NBC has picked up new seasons of "America's Got Talent" and "Last Comic Standing" for 2008.

Harry Potter 7 arrives amidst masses of trussed up nerds



By Amy McIntyre

Assistant news editor

On the eve of July 21 I along with hundreds of other people stood in a line that snaked between every aisle of the Books-A-Million bookstore in Charleston, West Virginia. To be quite honest, Deathly Hallows was the highlight of my summer and nothing, not even a store that smelled like a foot locker or standing behind a grown man dressed as Dolores Umbridge could keep from purchasing my book.

I was wearing a Slytherin House costume and pushing my sleeping, two-year-old niece in a stroller, who had come dressed as a fairy, convinced she was going to a tea party.

The store was unbearably hot and I can vouch I saw Dolores's mascara running, it being the evil plans of the employees to overheat us out of the store so they wouldn't be stuck there too long after

midnight.

The whole scene was replete with a countdown until midnight, one that I bellowed out as loudly as the ten year old in line behind me.

After turning in my book voucher, I laid my hands on the coveted seventh and final installment of the iconic boy wizard series. In no way, shape or form would I have waited unit later in the day to purchase my Deathly Hallows.

I hadn't only been waiting for number seven since finishing Half-Blood Prince but much longer. This was the resolution a build dating back to my junior high years when I first opened Sorcerer's stone. Finally, Harry Potter, the boy who lived in a broom closet under the steps, would vanquish the Dark Lord Voldemort.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows delivered. It was extraordinary, amazing, and dare I say...magical. For all those who thought that Harry Potter might get the

axe in the end, you were right, but then again thanks to a few handy plot twists, a scene at King's Cross station and Rowling's own speculations about the afterlife, Harry Potter rose again without having to wait three days.

Now for those Dark Lords out there, here might be some key advice when trying to take over the world: don't go after the kid who just survived death. You might get your rear end handed to you by a bunch of high-schoolers and misfits. As far as spoilers go, that is all I offer.

Now, some may just see Harry Potter as another kid's book, but it really has some real-world advice. First of all, don't trust the government.

It's most likely controlled by vampires. Secondly, when you are ever in a sticky situation, make sure you have your wand at the ready. And lastly, steer clear of lightning bolt scars; they will undoubtedly put you on the fast track to trouble.

French Harry Potter fans dressed up as witches from the series.

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First Day SURVIVAL GUIDE



10. The County Line – This one clocks in at number 10 because it isn't exactly in Statesboro, but it's pretty much there for Georgia Southern students. "The Line" as it is often referred to in slang is the closest liquor store to campus. Just don't get caught using a fake ID.

3. El Sombrero – An awesome Mexican restaurant that's close to campus. The food is great, the service is fast, and it's not too expensive. It's almost impossible to spend four years in town without going to this place, but just in case make absolutely certain to eat there before you leave town for good. Don't worry if you can't find anyone to go with you just stop by the George-Anne office and buy us lunch!

5. Paulson Stadium – It's Fall and that means it's time for Georgia Southern Football. The season starts September 8 with our brand new head coach Chris Hatcher. Expect great things from the Eagles this year including the return of the Triple Option. Paulson Stadium has also played host to concerts and events like last spring's Brad Paisley concert.

7. The RAC – The Recreational Activities Center has recently been remodeled to include more basketball courts, an Olympic size swimming pool, and a climbing wall. All making it a whole lot more likely that those of us who've been here for three years and never stepped foot in the RAC might actually try and stop by.



4. Wal-Mart at 4 a. m. – Our Wal-Mart is open 24 hours and believe us there are people there at 4 a. m. If you've got nothing better to do and it's extremely late at night or early in the morning take a ride over to Wal-Mart. Its eerie, uncomfortable and fun all rolled into one.

6. Mugs'n Movies – Where else can you drink a beer during a movie? They also serve food and other beverages as well if you're underage or into that sort of thing. Just be sure to get there early and snag a good seat. Go to the middle tier against the back wall get a table in the center just trust us.

9. The Pool Hall – The best thing about downtown Statesboro is Main Street Billiards, which has increased in popularity exponentially since acquiring a liquor license. This is the place to be if your apartment complex doesn't have a pool table.

2. Wild Life Center – When you've had a stressful day of difficult classes, demanding professors and annoying classmates, take a break to watch the birds soar and the snakes slither.



8. Don Corleone's Pizza – Otherwise known as "the Hookah Bar" or "Eagle Diner" to those of us in the know. As you might have guessed Corleone's serves pizza, typical diner food, and Hookah.

1. The Tick Museum – It's kind of boring and smelly, is only open once a week on special request, and is more than a little spooky. It also contains the largest tick found on record. Creeeeepy.



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Your first homework assignment - getting to know the places, phrases and slang of the 'Boro

'Boro - Slang term for Statesboro, Ga
COBA – College of Business Administration.

COE - College of Education

CIT - College of Information Technology

Comm Arts – Sometimes known as that dingy little trailer park shantytown next to the IT building this is where people go to get degrees in things like journalism and broadcasting.

The County Line - Liquor store that sits on the county line and is the closest place to get liquor.

Dry County – You can only buy liquor in bars and restaurants in Bulloch County. Also no beer is sold on Sunday.

Sorry. See: **The Line, The County Line**
El Sombrero – (See also: **L Som, El Som, The Hat**) Legendary Mexican cuisine so good that you'll come back to Statesboro 20 years from now just to eat there. The South Main location is always packed with students; so don't be surprised to run into people you know.

The G-A – (See also: **Shameless Plugging**) This is an

affectionate nickname for the George-Anne Daily. Seriously, people like us!

Greek Row – Nickname for Olympic Boulevard where all the Fraternity and Sorority Houses are.

Grube (GrOO BEE) – (See also: **The Grubster**,

Grubelicious) The President of Georgia Southern University Bruce Grube is a giant among men (seriously he's like 6'7"). Also an all-around cool guy. If you see him walking by be sure to shake his hand.

Hatcher, Chris - Georgia Southern's new football coach

The Hookah Bar – This is another name for Don Corleone's Pizza. The same location has had several different names and owners, so rather than keep track we call it the Hookah Bar for seemingly obvious reasons.

The Line – Slang term for the liquor store "The County Line" which as the name implies sits on the county line and

is the closest place to get liquor.

New Bar – (The Plantation Room) Even though it has been around for 3 years nobody has ever bothered to learn its real name. The New Bar is one the two bars attached to Rum Runners in University Plaza.

PAC - Performing Arts Center

RAC – Acronym for Recreational Activities Complex, but nobody would be caught dead calling it that.

Sweetheart Circle - Historic part of campus where the original buildings were first established. Now it is a great place for students to relax and hang out.

Don't wander around all day like a lost puppy!

You may not feel ultra hip with your nose buried in a map, but you'll feel a whole lot sillier when you get dropped from your classes because you didn't know where they were!

What to bring:

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Packpack
Paper
Something to write with
Water
Sunblock
Sunglasses
iPod
Sandals
Hat
Watch
Cell phone (on vibrate)
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Campus map
Textbooks
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(gotta have some reading material).

What to expect:

At least one syllabus
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Summer Regents' Exam. * July 2, 6, & 9.

See <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/testing> for the exam schedule or information to schedule the exam.

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Florida Gators highlight 2008 Eagles basketball schedule

GSU News Service

A clash with the two-time defending national champions Florida Gators in Jacksonville, Fla. highlights the 2007-08 Georgia Southern men's basketball schedule released this week.

The slate features 13 games in Hanner Fieldhouse, including non-conference tilts against Mercer (Nov. 26), Fort Valley State (Dec. 10) and Asbury (Dec. 20).

The season begins Monday, Nov. 12 at Florida State, in conjunction with the Glenn Wilkes Classic. The following weekend sees GSU travel to Daytona Beach, Fla. to continue the Classic against Cleveland State (Nov. 16), UAB (Nov. 17) and Stetson (Nov. 18).

The Classic, organized by Sport Tours International, has Florida State, Rhode Island,

Alabama-Birmingham and South Florida serving as hosts of the first round games who then will be joined by four other schools, including Georgia Southern the next weekend.

"That's an exempt tournament so it only counts as one game so it gives us an opportunity to play four games," said head coach Jeff Price. "More importantly they're four games in the south, in the state of Florida, and three of them on a neutral court. Any time you can play three teams on a neutral floor, it's to your advantage, particularly when it's in a nice place like Daytona Beach. Florida has been a great recruiting ground for us."

With the Southern Conference expanding its league schedule to a full 20 games, the Eagles open conference play Nov. 23, the day after Thanksgiving, at Furman.

"I don't think anybody likes to play conference games in November," Price added, "but I think the tradeoff is great - you get to play everybody in our league twice and it allows our fans to get to know teams better from the [Southern Conference] North [Division]. Plus, it allows us to get more home games, which is important to us because we've had a hard time scheduling quality home games."

The home opener is set for Nov. 26 against in-state rival Mercer. The homestand continues with the SoCon lid-lifter Dec. 1 against Appalachian State and concludes Dec. 10 with Fort Valley State.

The Eagles take on Florida Dec. 15 at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena and return home Dec. 20 for the final game before Christmas against Asbury College.

"Anytime you get to play the team that's back-to-back national champions, it's big. I like the fact that we're playing them in Jacksonville so it's closer for our fans and more like a neutral floor. Having an opportunity to play them is great for our program."

Following the Christmas break the team travels to Corpus Christi, Texas for a tournament hosted by NCAA Tournament participant Texas

A&M-CC Dec. 28-29. GSU opens play Friday against Atlantic 10 member Rhode Island.

The new year begins with a road trip to Davidson (Jan. 3) and UNC Greensboro (Jan. 5). A home game with the College of Charleston (Jan. 10) breaks up the road trip, which concludes with away contests at The Citadel (Jan. 12), Elon (Jan. 17) and Appalachian State (Jan. 19).

The month of January ends with home games against Wofford (Jan. 24) and Furman (Jan. 26), and road contests at Western Carolina (Jan. 28) and Chattanooga (Jan. 31).

Georgia Southern plays five of its next six at home against UNC Greensboro (Feb. 4), Western Carolina (Feb. 7), Chattanooga (Feb. 9), at Wofford (Feb. 14), Elon (Feb. 16) and The Citadel (Feb. 20).

On Feb. 23 the Eagles will participate in BracketBusters. Last year's event, sponsored by O'Reilly Auto Parts, included 102 teams and had 14 games televised by ESPN2, ESPNU and ESPN360.

"The most positive thing about it is it gives us a quality opponent. Our schedule is spaced out a little better than it was when we did it two years ago when we had to play three games in five days."



* New Attendance Policy for First Day of Class *

Students not attending the first day of class will be automatically dropped from the class. This new policy is being piloted for **Summer 2007** Term A and Summer Term B courses. The policy will be fully implemented for Fall 2007. Students enrolling for Summer 2007 or Fall 2007 should review the new policy and be aware of its implications.

○ Further information regarding the policy and its implementation can be found at the following link: <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/registrar/AttendancePolicy.htm>.

○ Frequently asked questions may be found at: <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/registrar/AttendancePolicyFAQ.htm>.

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Tao Ventre/STAFF

Center Ryan Hynes battles for a rebound in an Eagles loss to the Davidson Wildcats last season on Jan. 23, 2007 at Hanner Fieldhouse.

Former football standout in camp with Giants

GSU News Service

Former Georgia Southern football standout Charrod Taylor begins training camp this weekend with the New York Giants. Taylor signed a free agent deal in May and impressed the coaching staff during rookie workouts so much he was invited back to fall camp.

Taylor said he is projected to play defensive end for the Giants. As he begins his first fall camp, the 27-year old rookie admitted he really isn't nervous.

"I'm excited more than I am nervous. When I was up here in May (rookie camp) I got all my nervousness out then. Now it's time to get to work."

Taylor said his major attributes are his endurance and strength, traits he displayed during his career at Georgia Southern.

In 2005 he suffered a groin injury and instead of missing the possible 6-8 weeks, Taylor sat out just two thanks to his dedication to rehab and workout ethic. His summer workout plan was much of the same.

"This was the same summer as always for me, just working hard, lifting weights, running and getting ready to come up here to training camp,"

said Taylor. "I haven't come out and asked the coaches what my chances are. As long as I go out and work hard, everything will be good."

The Giants hold their training camp on the campus of the University of Albany.

Taylor reported Friday (July 27) and starts practice on Saturday.

According to the Giants schedule, the team will go through two-a-days on Saturday and Sunday in shells with the first practice in full pads on Tuesday.

During his time at rookie camp, Taylor was able to get a good feel for the organization.

"I really was impressed with the togetherness of the team. New York is not a team where there is a lot of bad blood. Working with the guys has gone quite well. I think there's a good atmosphere here, and a love of football in the air."

A two-time All-Southern Conference defensive lineman, Taylor was second on the Eagles making 48 tackles during the 2006 campaign. He recorded 6.5 tackles for a loss, 2.0 sacks and four quarterback hurries.

In his final collegiate game Taylor recorded a career-high nine tackles, including 3.0 for a loss. He finished his four-year career with 95 tackles, 17.5 for a loss.



Tao Ventre/STAFF

GSU's Charrod Taylor fights in the trenches against Appalachian State last November at Paulson Stadium in Statesboro.

Football completes third day of practice

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern football worked through day three of fall camp at the football practice fields. Wednesday's sessions marked the first practice in shoulder pads and also the last of splitting the squad between the two hour morning and afternoon sessions. The Eagles will hold their first full-squad practice Thursday morning.

Head coach Chris Hatcher thought the coaching staff and the players certainly benefited from the split squad practices.

"Oh no question, you get a lot more looks at folks. Not only do you find out who can do some things, you find out some of the guys that may not be quite ready yet to contribute this season so it's a great evaluation tool. It's a great learning tool for those players too," said Hatcher.

The coaching staff progressed each of the first three days installing the offensive and defensive schemes.

According to Hatcher Wednesday's practice session starting catching up with some but he saw progress.

"We installed a little bit more today and you can tell that after having day one installation, day two and day three it started catching up, especially with those younger guys," said

Hatcher. "We had good intensity but we're not in game shape. We are no where near ready to play right now, but we're getting better each day and that's all that we need to do at this point in the season." Hatcher anticipates a much higher tempo from everyone once the entire squad comes together.

"I expect the tempo to be a lot faster. Right now we've been real cautious taking plenty of breaks because we have very few people out here," said Hatcher. "I expect us to have a little better tempo and I expect our guys to know a little bit more tomorrow than they did today."

Thursday and Friday's session will run from 9:15-11:30 a.m. Friday is also the first day the team can practice in full pads.

Saturday's schedule includes three different practice times: 8-10 a.m., 2:15-4:15 and 7:15-8:15 p.m.

The first two will be in full pads while the night session will be in shells.

During Wednesday's two hour afternoon session there was no escaping the heat index. Temperatures were nearing record highs and according to Assistant Athletics Director/Head Athletic Trainer Brant Berkstresser, Wednesday's heat index during practice ranked among the top five since he's been here.

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GSU hires new assistant volleyball coach

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern head volleyball coach Nicole McCray has announced the hiring of Chuck Rey as assistant coach.

Rey comes to Statesboro after successful stints as head coach of the Low Country Volleyball Club and as assistant coach at Bluffton High School.

Rey's duties will include: working with the setters; creation and implementation of effective match, practice, conditioning, and nutrition plans; recruiting and assisting with travel preparation.

"We're really excited to have Chuck be a part of our program," said McCray. "He brings great enthusiasm and a love for the game that is very hard to find. The girls have really opened up to him and he's been great in the gym and in the office. He has a lot of qualities that I look for in an assistant coach."

Serving as LCVC's head coach since 2003, he led the team to six top-three finishes in the last three years, including wins in the Gold Division at an USAV Palmetto Region Tournament and the Power Division at the 2007 USAV Palmetto Region Championships.

In 2007 alone, he guided the squad to one first place finish, two second place finishes (Gold Division, AAU Classic Tournament at Disney;

Silver Division, Peachtree Classic) and a third place result (Open Division, USAV Palmetto Region Championships).

All accomplishments are the highest finishes in the history of the club. He has also served as a board member for the Club since 2004.

From 2004-06 Rey was the assistant coach at Bluffton High.

In their inaugural season, the Bobcats were crowned Region VIII champions and were Region VIII State runners-up in 2005 and Region VIII Lower State champions in 2006. During his tenure BHS accumulated a record of 57-18.

In all three seasons Rey coached at Bluffton, the team received the AVCA Academic Achievement Award for maintaining a team GPA of 3.3 or higher. Only 125 high school teams in the nation achieved this distinguished award.

"I am extremely excited to be coaching at Georgia Southern University and working with head coach Nicole McCray," said Rey.

"She has great passion, energy, and a demand for excellence that pushes the team to be their best. I am confident the program will return to its winning ways and be successful for many years to come."

As a player Rey was a setter for the Arizona State club team from 1991-94 that achieved a third-place finish at the Club Nationals in 1994.

Three Eagles named pre-season All-SoCon

GSU News Service

Three Georgia Southern Eagles received Preseason All-Southern Conference accolades when the preseason teams and polls were announced Tuesday (July 24) at the SoCon Football Rouser. The event was held at the Embassy Suites in Greenville, South Carolina.

The Eagles were picked to finish fourth in both the Coaches' and Sports Media Association polls.

Wide receiver Jayson Foster (Canton/Cherokee County) was the lone Eagle named to the preseason First Team.

Foster, a First Team pick by the coaches following last season, was one of two wide receivers named. The senior caught 33 passes for 368 yards and three touchdowns last year, including a Georgia Southern single-game record 85-yard reception for a touchdown at The Citadel. Senior offensive lineman Russell Orr (Thomasville/Thomas County Central) and junior defensive end Larry Beard (Fairburn/Sandy Creek) were Second Team picks.

Orr has started the last three years at tackle,

including last year when the Eagles led the nation in fewest quarterback sacks allowed (6). Beard also played in all 11 games, registering 21 tackles including five for a loss.

He broke up three passes and recorded one interception.

Georgia Southern received 30 points in the Coaches' preseason poll. Defending champion Appalachian State registered seven first-place votes for 49 points.

Furman received the other first-place vote totaling 43 points. Wofford finished just ahead of the Eagles with 33 points. The Citadel (27), Elon (18), Chattanooga (16) and Western Carolina (7) rounded out the poll.

The Sports Media Association poll reflected the Coaches' poll. App State received all 27 first-place votes. Furman (180), Wofford (160), Georgia Southern (120), The Citadel (119), Elon (74), Chattanooga (68) and Western Carolina (35) finished out that preseason poll.

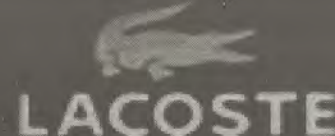
Georgia Southern, led by first-year head coach Chris Hatcher, opens the 2007 season on September 8 at Paulson Stadium against West Georgia. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.

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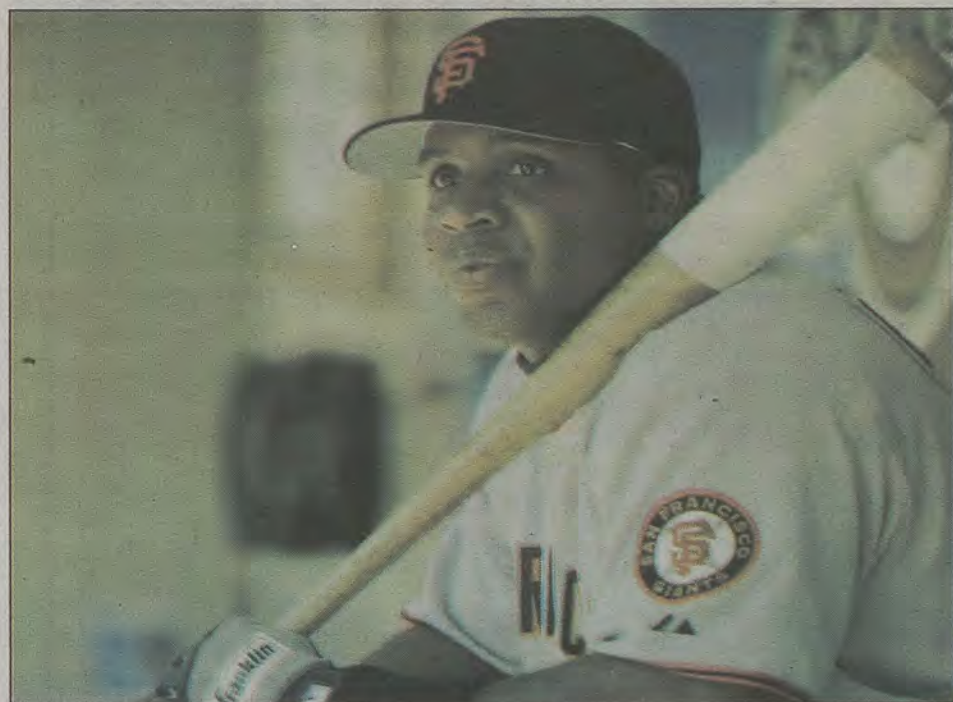
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Barry Bonds finally has the record, but the debate still lingers

McClatchy Newspapers

It's over. Barry Bonds is the all-time home run leader, and early indications are that baseball will continue to be played, possibly even in daylight if the sun comes up.

Records only matter if we think they do. When you hear that Hank Aaron's 755 home runs constituted "one of the most hallowed records in sports," ask yourself this: Who did the hallowing? We did.

If you see Bonds as the home run king, that's your prerogative. Me, I see him as an all-time great player who would have finished with about 600 homers if he had stayed clean. Records, like money, can't buy class.

By now it is an accepted fact that Bonds used performance-enhancers. Not even the super-sized, super-strong Bonds could shove aside this mountain of evidence. His defenders are left with a canard: "Steroids can't make you hit a baseball."

This is true. It is also true that a rod can't make you catch a fish. This is about artificial help. Steroids, like spitballs, help players improve their performance.

Bonds had more natural talent than any player of his generation, and thanks to the Bay Area Laboratory Co-operative, he apparently had access to the finest performance-enhancers anywhere. The result was inevitable.

Bonds is surly, narcissistic and detached from reality but still not nearly the baseball-wrecking devil he has been made out to be.

Bonds did not cause baseball's drug problem. He simply took advantage of it.

I'm not remotely defending Bonds. He had a choice and made the wrong one. But he is no

more responsible for baseball's steroids mess than Jason Giambi, Ken Caminiti, Jose Canseco or the dozens of players who surely injected but have not been caught.

Bonds is not necessarily the worst offender. He is merely the most successful one.

There is no need to demonize Bonds; his actions are bad enough. But people continue to demonize him anyway. Baseball commissioner Bud Selig has hired former U.S. senator George Mitchell to conduct a so-called unbiased investigation into steroid use in baseball.

I'll save both men some time, and I won't even charge for my work.

This is what happened: Major League Baseball had no rules governing steroid use. Many players used them. Some later admitted the drugs boosted their performance. MLB eventually got shamed into instituting a drug policy.

I ask: How is that all Barry Bonds' fault?

I would like Bonds to admit what he did. I would like him to say the drugs he took helped him become a better player in his late 30s than he had ever been before.

I would also like Selig to admit that he is more responsible for what happened than Bonds is. After all, Bonds' job is to help the San Francisco Giants win. Selig's job, at least in part, is to protect the integrity of baseball. You tell me who failed worse.

And while we're at it: Players Association leader Donald Fehr is supposed to represent the players' best interests. That should mean more than lining their pockets. He, too, failed.

Bonds got his record, Selig continues to run a highly profitable sport and Fehr is still in charge of a powerful union. All they surrendered were pieces of their reputations.

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Who's
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MLB: Barry Bonds. Hank Arron was dethroned as the all-time homerun king Tuesday night when Bonds blasted number 756 to the deepest part of the ballpark. Although there is controversy surrounding Bonds, he sits proudly as the sole homerun "giant".

Who's
NOT

MLB: Mike Bacsik. The Washington Nationals starting pitcher will now forever be known as the man who served up the record breaking homerun 756 to Barry Bonds. Many pitchers say that they would hate to be known for that but Bacsik takes it in stride.

SI.com

TOP 10 COLLEGE FOOTBALL UNIFORMS

By Zac Case and Matt Mauney
Sports Editors

When the first uniforms were used in collegiate football, the teams had

nothing more than matching sweaters and handkerchiefs wrapped around their heads.

Now, of course, teams have a

much more colorful exterior. SI.com picked out the top 10 uniforms and G-A sports staff added their own commentary to the list.



Georgia | Although the uniforms look better with red home jerseys, the silver pants offer a nice contrast on the road. But, as endearing as the helmet logo, ripped off from the Packers, has become to Dawgs fans, the uniforms were better before the mid-'60s, when the helmets were solid silver.

USC | The never-out-of-style Cardinal and Gold uniforms have been classics for Heisman winners from Garrett to Bush.



Georgia Southern | With no money for uniforms in 1982, the Eagles wore Statesboro High's jerseys. Erk Russell once said, "We couldn't even put a stripe down the middle of our helmets. We used a strip of tape. Those kind of things screamed, 'Team.'" Keeping the same uniform look since, GSU considers the uniform to be a reminder of their humble beginnings and championship tradition.

Notre Dame | Green is not usually the color of choice for these Irishmen. Fearful of the curse that follows their green jerseys, Notre Dame wears its slick blue and gold attire to bring them luck on the gridiron.



Wofford | As the only SoCon rival of the Eagles to make it into the top 10, the Terriers Black and Gold scheme is bold for a team whose mascot is a just small dog.



Ohio State | The Scarlet and Gray have kept a similar uniform throughout the years, although the team did make changes to its top in 2006. Fans cried out in disgust for white stripes on the sleeves instead of gray ones even though the pants and helmet did, indeed, stay gray.



Texas | With all apologies to the neon orange Volunteer fans, no one makes better use of this color than Texas. And, with one of the most recognizable helmets in college football, the Longhorns' uniforms are the ones to beat.



Yale | As one of the oldest football teams in history, the Bulldogs have had plenty of time to make their uniforms stylish in every degree.

Auburn | The 'War Eagles' have one of the most original uniforms in history, which contrasts with their in-state rivals, the University of Alabama, which received honorary mention on the list.



Michigan | The Maize and Blue are an incredible match, either at home or away. Also, Michigan's headgear MIGHT be the nation's best, and is necessary in rating "The Victors" the nation's best fight song.