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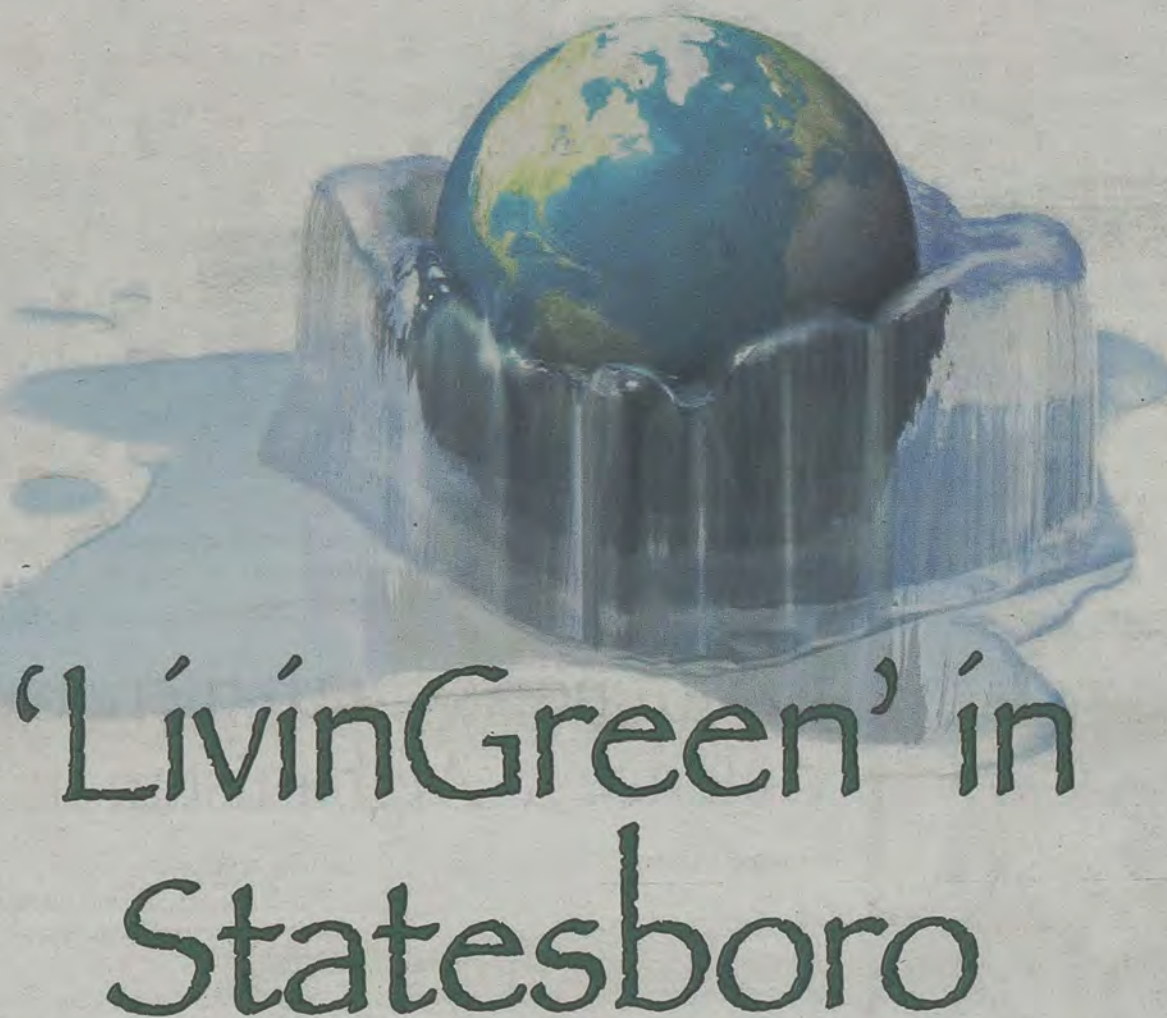


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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS



'LivinGreen' in Statesboro

Southern Adventures challenges GSU students to go green for 30 days

By Sarah Mitchell / Guest writer

Statesboro is a small town, but most students still have to drive everywhere. Taking these facts into consideration, it's amazing to see how many people rely on their cars every day even for the most minute trips, such as driving from one side of campus to another just to drop something off or pick someone up.

What people probably are not considering into this equation is how much of an impact each of these short car trips are having on the environment.

This is where 'LivinGreen' can be a big help. LivinGreen is a challenge created by graduate assistant Matt Parker, Southern Adventures director Dustin Sanderson and Recreation Therapist/Education Program director Nigel Davies in coordination with CRI's Southern Adventures and Wellness Program.

The goal of the challenge is to minimize fossil fuel consumption and emissions during October, and beyond. LivinGreen began on October 1 and is continuing throughout the month.

When explaining how LivinGreen was started, Parker said, "It started as an idea just to raise awareness about how simple it is to decrease the use of your car, especially in Statesboro."

Anyone who wishes to participate in the challenge can register for free at RAC member services, or at the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement.

Participants can choose to sign up for 10, 20, or 30 consecutive days, and they can sign up anytime during the month.

In signing up for the challenge, the participant is given guidelines to follow, such as carpooling with at least 2 people, riding a bike, taking the bus, and "taking care of multiple things in one trip," in order to minimize or eliminate vehicle use, said Parker.

Once participants sign up, they will receive a LivinGreen T-shirt and a university wellness bag, and will be entered into a prize drawing.

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NEWS

Veazey Hall welcomes Communication Arts students

Communication Arts students discuss some of the positives and negatives of Veazey Hall after moving out of the trailers

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SPORTS



GSU News Service

Former GSU track star to return as assistant coach

"I believe that Nicole was a great hire for not only the track & field team but for the athletic department and Georgia Southern as a whole," said Head Coach Natalie Smith.

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MORE TOP STORIES

Guest Op-Ed columnist speaks out on the Statesboro City Council elections

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq fall to lowest point in more than a year

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Violence rising in Afghanistan, nearly 25 percent more in 2007

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WORLD NEWS AND NATIONAL POLITICS

U.S. military deaths in Iraq fall to lowest point in over a year

By Nancy A. Youseff
McClatchy Newspapers

U.S. military deaths in Iraq fell to their lowest point in more than a year in September, figures show, a continuation of a four-month decline in combat casualties that has analysts debating why.

Sixty-four American service members died in Iraq in September, according to icasualties.org, which operates the Iraq Coalition Casualty Count Web site. Of those, 43 died from hostile action, according to the site, which tracks the casualties of U.S. and other coalition countries.

The last time the U.S. death toll was that low was in July 2006, when 43 troops died, 38 of them in hostile action.

This year, deaths peaked in May, when 126 troops died, 120 of them in hostile action. Since then, the number of troops killed by hostile action has fallen each month, despite predictions from American commanders that they would rise once the U.S. troop buildup was completed and the U.S. began more aggressive action. That buildup was

completed in June.

The decline parallels a drop in casualties caused by roadside bombs, the No. 1 cause of deaths for Americans in Iraq.

According to icasualties, only 27 American troops died from improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, in September, down from the year's peak of 88 in May. The last month when IED casualties were that low was February, when IEDs claimed 27 American lives; 81 U.S. troops died in Iraq that month.

The U.S. began increasing the number of troops in Iraq in February, adding five combat brigades in a so-called "surge" strategy that was completed in June. U.S. troops then began a series of offensives in Baghdad and in conflicted areas north and south of the capital that American commanders had said would likely result in higher U.S. casualties.

Instead of rising, however, casualties have declined, leaving analysts debating whether the surge had succeeded in defeating insurgents or whether armed groups had simply left to avoid combat with American troops.



MCT

Soldiers give final salute to helmet, rifle, dog tag and boots during memorial ceremony at COP Apache in Baghdad for Army Spc. Travis Michael Virgadamo in September.

U.N. reports sharp increase of violence in Afghanistan in '07

By Jonathan S. Landay
McClatchy Newspapers

Afghanistan is currently suffering its most violent year since the 2001 U.S.-led intervention, according to an internal United Nations report that sharply contrasts with recent upbeat appraisals by President Bush and his Afghan counterpart, Hamid Karzai.

"The security situation in Afghanistan is assessed by most analysts as having deteriorated at a constant rate through 2007," said the report compiled by the Kabul office of the U.N. Department of Safety and Security.

There were 525 security incidents - attacks by the Taliban and other violent groups, bombings, terrorism of other kinds, and abductions - on average every month during the first half of this year, up from an average of 425 incidents per month in 2006.

Last year was the most violent since the U.S. post-Sept. 11 offensive that ousted the hard-line Taliban Islamic militia from power and drove Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida terrorists into neighboring Pakistan.

The U.S. failure to capture the militia's top leaders, and the refuge the militia has secured in the lawless tribal region of neighboring Pakistan. There are currently about 40,000 U.S. and NATO

troops in Afghanistan.

The U.N. report said that the nature of the Taliban insurgency has changed significantly since 2006.

Guerrillas have been staging fewer conventional attacks on U.S.-led NATO forces and Afghan troops are relying more heavily on suicide attacks, improvised explosive devices, assassinations, intimidation and abductions, it said.

"The Afghan National Police has become a primary target of insurgents and intimidation of all kinds has increased against the civilian population, especially those perceived to be in support of the government, international military forces as well as the humanitarian and development community," said the report.

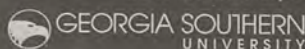
"Another reason must be the realization that these types of attacks are futile against a modern conventionally equipped military force supported by a wide range of air assets," said the report, which also noted improvements in the Afghan National Army.

A U.S. diplomat, who requested anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly, said the Taliban appeared to be trying to counter a U.S. and NATO counter-insurgency strategy which is to undercut public support for the guerrillas through stepped up delivery of reconstruction and humanitarian aid.

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Spoon adopts Blue Crew and they want you

By Cristy Smith

Guest writer

Now that Leslie Spoon has taken on a new role as Spirit and Traditions coordinator for GSU, there are new roles and ways for the student body to get involved. Spoon has started a new student organization called the "Blue Crew," which will help promote school spirit and student participation on campus.

The Blue Crew is looking for outgoing, spirited, motivated, fun students to join this new organization. To be eligible, students must have a 2.5 GPA and must be in good judicial standing with the University.

"These students will be involved with pep rallies, homecoming events, athletic trips, spirit contests and other campus activities," said Spoon. "We will be coordinating with the cheerleaders and the band."

Spoon added that the organization would not be a "pep-squad." The organization would do more than just promote spirit at games, but would also help with throwing out prizes at

events, handing out flyers, making banners and help with other promotional activities.

"Adopting the Blue Crew organization would be an influential asset to GSU," said junior exercise science major and cheerleader Cassie Hobbs. "It would give outgoing students an opportunity to get involved and increase school spirit by collaborating with the cheerleaders during athletic events, in addition to actively engaging the community and student body."

Spoon explained that this organization will not be just another organization or club that only meets a few times a year.

"Members will be asked to attend biweekly meetings, assist in the department planning, brainstorming, and marketing," said Spoon.

If you are interested in joining, there will be a Blue Crew information session on October 17 at 7 p.m. in room 2052 at the Russell Union. Applications will be available then, as well as at the SAC in the Russell Union building. For more information, contact Leslie Spoon at SpiritAndTraditions@georgiasouthern.edu.

Green

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Major prizes include a new bike, and cycling and walking accessories.

The more days participants agree to commit to, the more tickets they have in the drawing.

Southern Adventures has also set up fun activities for participants to enjoy during the weekend, while still being committed to the challenge.

In describing the outcome of the challenge, Davies said, "If it changes people in how they use fossil fuels, then it is being successful."

Davies, being from Australia said, "In Australia things close; there are not 24-hour places, so you have to plan out when you're going to do things and do them in one go."

This is a fun, eye-opening challenge to cut down the huge problem of fossil fuel consumption and emissions in the US, and become more aware of the environment.

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• Ride with a friend

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• Keep balanced

Uneven tire pressure causes your vehicle to use more energy.

• Take the bus to class

Look around you while on the bus. Think how many less cars are on the road.

• Keep up to date

A well-maintained vehicle runs more smoothly.



Chris Buchanan/STAFF

Spirit and Traditions Coordinator Leslie Spoon hopes to promote spirit with the Blue Crew.

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OPINION

Submission of Letters to the Editor

The George-Anne Daily welcomes letters to the editor, story submissions and guest columns from people both inside and outside the GSU community. All copy submitted should be 350 words or less, typed, and preferably sent via e-mail in Microsoft Word format to gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu. All submissions must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification. GSU students should include their academic major, year at GSU, and hometown. The editors reserve the right to edit or reject any submission.

Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten.

- B. F. Skinner
Psychologist and author

Local alumni give voice for students

Over the last several years, student-city relations have been strained at best. Many residents in Statesboro seem to have a negative view of the students of Georgia Southern University, perceiving them as "only temporary residents and not worthy of the same rights as the people who lived in this town for their entire lives," said Nathan Queen, who is running for the Councilman of District Two.

Along with Will Brit and Travis Chance, Queen wants to give a voice to the students of GSU and wishes to develop a strong relationship between the university and the local community. This viewpoint of temporary residency has been reflected in the city council for many years. For example, the council established many ordinances to try and control issues such as drunken driving, parking issues and disruptive parties.

However, current and former students perceive the formation and execution of these ordinances as forms of suppression towards our student population. This may change, however, with the upcoming election on November 6. Three men, Nathan Queen, Will Brit and Travis Chance, are all working to give a voice to the students and wish to develop a strong relationship between GSU and the local community.

The president of CSA, Cameron Lewellen, said, "Whether they know it or not, Georgia Southern students represent the economic heartbeat of the community." According to research done by Lewellen, GSU students spent \$431,758,003 in the year 2006, which contributed to an overall economic impact of \$653,440,929. Also, the 6,956

full-time jobs provided by the university create a total of 9,544 jobs for the community, including construction and food service. It is with this information that Lewellen said, "If we have this much of an impact on the city, then we should have a say in where that money goes."

One common aspect among Queen, Brit and Chance is that they all have strong associations with GSU and feel that a few ordinances passed by the council recently, as well as in the past, are unfair towards the students.

Two examples are the current parking ordinances, which dictate that one cannot park in his/her own front yard or park overnight in front of a bar without it being towed under a \$120 fine. These ordinances were enacted after the spring semester ended and before the fall semester began, when most students are away.

Also, these ordinances are "selectively enforced" according to the current state manager George Wand. "This sounds a little too close to discrimination: specifically against the students," said Queen. Brit and Chance both agree. They all also want to see more businesses move close to the campus, allowing students a variety of things to do, as well as promoting the economy of Statesboro.

Many life-long citizens fear that Queen, Brit and Chance may harm the values of their beloved town. "We do not want to do anything to jeopardize Statesboro or the values of the community. We just want to give a younger perspective [to the council] and to be fair to all citizens. We believe that everyone deserves to have a voice," said Chance.



Derek Joyce is a freshman psychology major from Norcross, GA. He is a guest columnist for The George-Anne Daily.



Corey Ricker/STAFF

Getting your foot in the door may be harder than expected at GSU

Does Georgia Southern have a responsibility to make the school accessible for handicapped students?

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, a business must make "reasonable accommodations" for handicapped employees. The business can still decide whether or not to accommodate customers.

As I understand it, the school is fulfilling its legal needs to accommodate students and accommodations for faculty are on an as needed basis. However, is the school fulfilling its social responsibilities?

The Student Disability Resource Center provides for a great deal of special needs including technology such as Braille printers, assistive listening devices and computers with voice output. The Center provides an exhaustive list of services, which show that the school does indeed care about students with disabilities.

The problem is that many buildings on campus have the bare minimum of accommodations. The Information Technology Building for example has only one door that is handicap accessible.

And the last time I was there on a Sunday, I noticed the handicapped entrance was locked. The "Starbucks" in the Russell Union doesn't have handicap accessible doors. Two days ago I saw a girl in a wheelchair struggling with the door while attempting to leave "Starbucks."

Portions of the University web site are not compatible with reader software for the blind. What is the point of offering software for disabled students when our web site is inaccessible?

The image on the front page of Student Disability Resource Center's web site shows in an almost Gary Larson-esque fashion the two front stairways into the building.

These are problems that the University has a responsibility to fix. Our student fees pay to fund school programs like athletics and the RAC, but why not handicap accessibility?

Disabled students pay student fees as well as the rest of us, so why not put some of those funds toward accessibility?

I believe that this is an issue of the utmost importance that Georgia Southern and the Student Government Association should address as soon as possible.



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Brian Prusa/STAFF

The Communication Arts department finally moved into its new home last week in the renovated Veazey Hall dorm.

Veazey finally welcomes Comm. Arts students

By Ashley King

Guest writer

Veazey hall opened its doors last week as the new communication arts building. As many know, the old trailer located next to the information technology building had been home for communication arts students for almost two decades.

"It's nice to see the communication department get a nice building to match up to the other departments on campus," said public relations major Sarah Ewer.

Along with a new building, communication arts students received more smart classes, computer labs and what Ewer said is a "more updated and modern feel."

The classrooms have white boards instead of the chalkboards that were used in the trailer, and curtains cover the windows, adding what some say is a "nicer feel" to the rooms.

What some students are not fond of is the location change and the extra time it takes to walk to class. "The only downfall to Veazey I've seen so far is how far away from most of the other buildings on campus it is," said Ewer. "But I guess that is a small price to pay to move out of the old trailer."

Some students don't seem to be happy at all about the change. "I don't like how it takes 30 minutes to walk to class," said third-year business student Sean Ransom. "And the columns in the middle of the class are annoying."

But despite some of the negative feedback, much of it is positive. One big step up for communication arts students is the ability to work in what are considered "smart classrooms."

Now that many of the communication arts courses are held in Veazey's smart classrooms, teachers are able to use their power points in class instead of taking time to write their notes on the board. For some students, having a board to read is a new concept in their class.

Theatre appreciation class is still being held in the 'black box' room in the trailer, where theatre teacher Kristyl Tift has to constantly repeat herself because of a lack of something to write notes on for her students.

Tift says she and her students are excited about the new building and are eager to start classes in Veazey next semester, despite the problems that some students have encountered.

"You enter a place that is yours," said Tift. "It's something new and fresh that won't fall apart when it rains."

GSU offers 'Education To Go'

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern has virtual-reality students.

Without setting foot on the Statesboro campus, people of all ages and interests can take non-credit classes for professional development or personal enrichment through the University's Continuing Education Center.

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A nurse who wants to specialize in elder care can choose the Certificate in Gerontology course.

A teacher may be interested in Solving Classroom Discipline Problems, and a fledgling author can select from classes on poetry, mystery writing and getting published.

The most popular courses focus on creating Web pages, learning computer programming, speed Spanish, basic accounting, grant writing, and fiction writing.

"Because there is no physical classroom,

courses are never canceled due to low enrollment," said Judy Hendrix, the program specialist in charge of the Education To Go courses.

All participants must have Internet access, a Web browser (Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator), and an email address. Participants can log on to study or complete assignments at any time of the day or night.

A new section of each course begins on the second or third Wednesday of each month. During the next three months, courses will start on Oct. 17, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

Each course runs for six weeks with a two-week grace period at the end.

Two lessons are released each week for the six-week duration of the course. Students must complete each lesson within two weeks of its release.

The fee for each course varies.

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Share a 4 Bdr house with 2 other females Fully furnished Big screen TV's Bedroom has pvt bathroom \$333 per month Pets allowed call 478-954-0720

1 roommate needed! Burkhalter plantation. \$425/month all inclusive. Currently 1 fem 2 males, pref fem but not nec. No pets. Contact Megan: 912-713-1568.

Two rooms available in 3BR/2BA House.Great front and back yard, 57 inch TV, and XBOX360. \$375 utilities negotiable.no deposit; Call John 813-220-2075

480 Sub Leases

Need someone to take over lease for a 3BR Apt at Copper Beech for spring semester ASAP. \$405 plus util. New, furnished, 3.5 bath Call Ryan 404-626-0752

Looking for someone to sublet 2BR Apt. at the Exchange ASAP. \$499 util. cable internet included. New, furnished, priv. bath. Call Jessica 478-494-8221

Services 600 - 699

610 Education & Tutoring

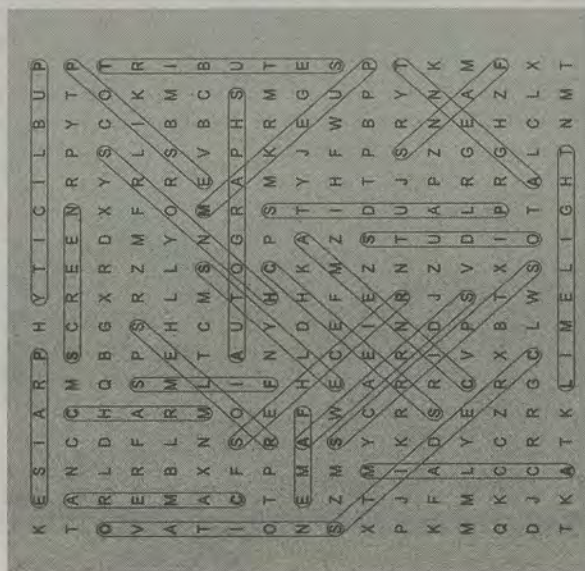
FUN & STUFF Visit our Web site for list of things to do that are educational and fun. <http://www.stp.georgiasouthern.edu/funstuff/>

Miscellaneous 900 - 999

910 Pets & Pet Supplies

Miniature Dachshunds pups \$200 ea. CKC reg. 1st round shots given. Call 682-6419 or 489-6188.

Cheats



Bed and Breakfast

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Chris Buchanan/STAFF

Local high school students are listening to a lecture during recent SAT workshop in GSU's Information Technology building.

GSU offers programs to help local, underprivileged teens attend college

By Philip Clements

Guest writer

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) is Georgia Southern's program for low-income and potential first-generation college students.

The EOP is comprised of three main programs, Upper Bound, Educational Talent Search and the McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program.

The EOP is a federally funded program that was created to help those children that need extra academic assistance due to their financial situations. All programs within the EOP are offered free of charge to its participants.

Upper Bound is an intensive academic program that focuses on guiding high school students to college. It is made up of about 100 students that come from low income families in Bulloch, Candler, Evans, Emanuel and Screven Counties.

Some of the things that Upper Bound provides its participants includes SAT workshops, college tours and financial aid workshops for both student and parents.

Twice a month the students are bused to GSU for counseling and academic tutoring and then, also twice a month, counselors visit the students at their high schools and provide the same service.

There is also a summer residential program

that allows the students to live in a dorm and take classes at GSU for the course of six weeks. Upper Bound also provides the students with a monthly stipend and will pay for two SAT tests and one ACT test.

"We do everything we can to make sure that these kids are able to realize their dreams and achieve them," said Deborah Lee, director of Upper Bound at GSU. "We're looking to level the playing fields for everybody."

The Educational Talent Search (ETS) is a program similar to Upper Bound, but its reach extends all the way to middle school students. It's also not as intensive and so is able to help up to 900 students at a time.

ETS helps students research and prepare for college, check out the options that lie before them, fill out the paperwork and take the tests necessary to get into the best colleges they can.

On Saturday, September 29, the EOP took roughly 100 students from both Upper Bound and the ETS to Atlanta to attend a College Fair.

There were more than 50 colleges at the fair with information booths, many offering the chance to win scholarships on the spot.

"The big deal is to see that all these colleges exist," said Lee.

The third part of the EOP is the McNair program. The McNair program offers information and aid to current college students hoping to move on to graduate studies.

McNair scholars are offered a number of seminars, field trips and financial aid and admission workshops, plus test preparation.

Former SGA President Chris Ford is currently working on an advanced degree as a McNair scholar.

Ford said he enrolled in the McNair program because, "I thought it would be a good way for me to learn how to do graduate research and to help me decide about higher education."

Ford was recently granted an internship with the Council for Opportunity in Education that took him to Washington D.C.

"It has opened up doors for me," Ford said of the McNair program.

EOP also includes 'America Reads,' a work study program that sends GSU students to elementary schools to help children learn to read. Another EOP program is 'On Eagle's Wings,' which is a mentoring program that offers GSU students the opportunity to mentor middle school and high school students.

"The EOP does not focus solely on helping our kids get into college," said EOP director Sue Hawks-Foster. "Rather, we take a more holistic approach and we try to create a good citizen as well, one that votes and gets involved in his or her community and has a positive effect on society."

Hawks-Foster said, "I enjoy helping our youth aspire to better things and reach their dreams."

CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 3

8 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Sukkah Festival Display
Russell Union Rounda

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Max & Ruby
PAC

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Campus wide HIV testing
Russell Union 2080

3:30 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.
Dr. Zwald guest lecture
Hollis room 2103

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

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Overcoming Obesity
Russell Union 2041

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Rocky Horror Rehearsals
Russell Union 2042

8 p.m. - 11 p.m.
First Wednesdays Caribbean dance
Russell Union commons

POLICE BEAT

10-01-2007

- A bicycle was taken from the Johnson Hall bike rack.
- A bicycle was taken from the Russell Union bike rack.
- A book bag was taken from the Russell Union.
- A display board and tablecloth were taken from the Administration Annex Building.
- A laptop computer was taken from Brannen Hall.
- A mirror was damaged on a vehicle in the Eagle Village parking lot.
- A PlayStation was taken from Southern Pines.
- A wallet and cell phone were taken from Brannen Hall.
- Officers issued two traffic citations, investigated five traffic accidents, assisted three motorists and one sick person, and responded to three alarms.

SPORTS

Who's
HOT

MLB: Colorado Rockies. The Rockies won the final NL wild card spot last night when they beat the San Diego Padres 9-8 after 13 innings. Colorado will face the Phillies in the first round.

Who's
NOT

MLB: Andruw Jones. The Braves announced Tuesday that they are cutting ties with their center fielder who's spent his entire career with the organization.

No homework. Just football.

It's Monday night, around midnight, and I'm staring at a white screen and a blinking cursor.

College football is to blame.

I should be in bed, dreaming of sweet

things like Eagle national championships and Maria Sharapova, but games like Oregon vs. Cal and Florida vs. Auburn have left me with a tall stack of homework because I couldn't turn away from the TV. I anticipate the rest of the



Zac Case

semester going the same way — more games and more work to be done at the last minute, or maybe not done at all.

Now, trying to justify watching a game over doing homework for my professors is no easy task. However, here's a remedy that could work better than saying grandma keeled over for the sixth time or that Fido scarfed down your history paper.

Just fill in the appropriate spaces and let these words do the rest.

Dear (insert name of professor here),

It is with my deepest sorrow and anguish that I regrettably inform you of my reasons for not finishing my work over the course of the semester. Being that it is fall, one obstacle has taken precedence over my life — and over your tremendously well-taught class — so it is my duty as a student to request your understanding and patience during this time.

College football has kicked off, and so has my life. I do enjoy reading chapter after chapter of the textbook you wrote — which, by the way, is more than worthy of a Pulitzer, and it's a crime that it didn't win — but I can't control myself now that some form of college football will be on the TV nearly every night.

In the past, I would have resorted to an anecdote about a family member's sudden death or forged a doctor's note in an attempt to disguise my absences. However, I confess my past deceptions in hopes of your understanding for the plague that has recently entered my life.

Watching game after game is the only remedy known to relieve my addiction for the sport, but hopefully a doctor will put together a cure so I can be free again.

Comparing my disability to mental issues or some kind of disease would be a farce, but I cannot turn off the TV when a game is on, nor can I turn away. It is beyond my control. I apologize a thousand times for my hindrance and present this issue in hopes of sympathy for my uncontrollable situation.

College football has devastated — and continues to do so — my ability to learn. Curse Walter Camp and everyone else who helped create college football. Those scoundrels have doomed me.

Also, my recent absences from class are due in part to the five or six games that were televised Saturday, combined with the huge lack of sleep throughout the weekend, and thusly I was unable to report to class at the scheduled time. I only felt it necessary to be in the best shape to absorb the masterful teaching for which you are legendary, so for me to be at less than 100 percent would be shameful to you. And I dare not shame my professor.

So in turn, I cordially request your sensitivity toward the issue. In due time, I hope to have moved past this affliction that ails me, and together we can work through this impairment.

Sincerely Yours,

(insert your name here)

P.S. Please don't fail me 'cause I'll get in a lot of trouble with my mom. Thanks.



GSU News Service

New assistant coach Nicole Brown competed at the NCAA championships last year.

Brown named assistant track coach

GSU News Service

Nicole Brown, Georgia Southern's only track & field athlete to compete at the NCAA Championships, has been named assistant track & field coach by head coach Natalie Smith.

"I believe that Nicole was a great hire for not only the track & field team but for the athletic department and Georgia Southern as a whole," said Smith. "Brown will be working in the area of sprints and jumps which she has had a lot of success in and she has a really good understanding of what it takes to be successful in those areas."

In addition to her sprints and jumps coaching responsibilities, Brown will be in charge of the team's recruiting, practices, scheduling and other administrative duties.

An accomplished athlete, Brown was the 2007 Southern Conference Field Performer of the Year (indoor) and 2007 SoCon Track

Athlete of the Year (outdoor). She holds 11 GSU school records as well as two SoCon records (60m indoor, long jump outdoor).

Brown was named to the NCAA All-East Region team in 2007 for her performance in the 4x100m relay and the triple jump. She also claimed the East Regional Championship in the triple jump in 2007.

In addition to her outstanding career on the track, Brown also excelled in the classroom. She was a four-year member of the Socon All-Academic team and was named to the All-District Academic second team by ESPN the Magazine.

Brown received her B.B.A in Information Systems with an emphasis on Enterprise Security from GSU in the spring of 2007.

"I am really excited for Nicole and I am even more excited as her former coach to see her choose this as her career opener," said Smith. "I saw her grow as an athlete and now I have the opportunity to see her grow as a professional. I am really happy for her."

Brown's Achievements

2007 - Named Assistant Coach

2007 - SoCon Field Performer of the Year (Indoor)

2007 - SoCon Track Athlete of the Year (Outdoor)

2007 - NCAA All-East Region

SoCon All-Academic Team

Holds 11 GSU records

Holds 2 SoCon records

GSU SPORTS CALENDAR * box denotes home game or match

Men's Soccer

10/10	USC-Upstate	7 p.m.
10/13	Davidson	7 p.m.
10/20	App. State	12 p.m.

Women's Soccer

10/4	Charleston	7 p.m.
10/7	Greensboro	7 p.m.
10/11	Furman	12 p.m.

Men's Tennis

10/5	GT Invitational	TBA
10/12	UNF Invitational	TBA
10/18	ITA Southeast	TBA

Women's Tennis

10/5	JU Invitational	TBA
10/12	UNF Invitational	TBA
10/20	ITA Fall	TBA

Volleyball

10/5	Charleston	7 p.m.
10/7	The Citadel	2 p.m.
10/12	App. State	7 p.m.