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# THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

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Georgia Southern student held at gunpoint on campus at Paulson

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### Remodel brings new challenges for Cone

By Will Adams  
Executive editor

The 4.5 million dollars in construction updates and interior renovations to Cone Hall have been a long time coming - since July 2006 - but are finally complete. Located off Sweetheart Circle next to the baseball stadium, the former residence hall is now the new home of the Student Disability Resource Center, the Academic Success Center and the Regents Center for Learning Disorders. It also provides additional administrative offices for the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health.

"The renovations are really amazing. I know the project managers are very happy

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The construction updates and interior renovations to Cone Hall were completed over winter break.

Tao Ventre/STAFF

### New study reveals caffeine can double pregnancy risks

Women who ingest 200 milligrams or more of caffeine per day are twice as likely to miscarry as women who consume no caffeine, the study by Kaiser Permanente found.

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# Cone

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with the final results and think it's one of the better renovations," said Coordinator of Testing Services Theresa Beebe-Novotny. Once located across the pedestrian from COBA and Newton, the ASC now has larger tutoring rooms and more desk space for students in need of help. "The rooms used to be the size of a small office," she said.

According to Test Proctoring Coordinator Michelle Smith, the SDRC has been able to add nearly two dozen new computers in an expanded lab, along with 18 new testing rooms, each fitted with automated censor lights that help conserve energy. "They tried to make it as environmentally friendly as possible [by] using a lot of the LEED guidelines, but due to the age of the building it could never get [officially] LEED certified," said Beebe-Novotny. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design is a rating system aimed to provide standards for environmentally sustainable construction.

Despite all of the renovations and updates however, students with disabilities aren't able

to enter the front of Cone because of a lack of handicap access and are forced to go all the way around to the back of the building. "With any renovations there are some things that don't make sense," said Beebe-Novotny. "Students will be coming across campus and should be able to enter through the front door."

But getting into the building is only half the battle for disabled students; the SDRC offices are located on the second floor of Cone, and with only one elevator, it takes some students nearly 10 minutes to get all the way upstairs. "I think that they should have figured out [the handicap access] issue before the move," said Donovan Cunningham who frequents the SDRC.

"The SDRC is a relatively small office with a relatively small client base," said Joe Franklin, GSU's vice-president of business and finance. "And the College of Public Health is expected to continue to grow and use more of the administrative offices in Cone."

As for the limited access for disabled students, there are plans in the works to construct access for handicap students at the front entrance. "They're evaluating that situation," said Campbell. And Franklin said that they would look into the problem as soon as possible.

## CALENDAR

### Tuesday, January 22

5 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Reception for Cornel West  
PAC

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
GSU STAND meeting  
A Student Antigenocide Coalition  
Russell Union 2075

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
MLK Speaker: Cornel West  
PAC

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
The Plug  
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship weekly  
meeting  
Russell Union Theatre

9 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
Swingcats  
College Plaza Building 1103

### Wednesday, January 23

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Internship and summer camp job fair  
Russell Union Ballroom A

12 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
American Red Cross blood drive  
Williams Center Dining Hall

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
SAGE meeting  
Student Alliance for a Green Earth  
Russell Union 2044

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
SGA meeting  
Russell Union Ballroom

5 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
GSU Buddhist Organization meeting  
Newton 1109

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
I Miss You conference  
Russell Union Theatre

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
BSA Battle of the Sexes Pt. II  
Russell Union 2047

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Kappa Kream Fashion Show info meeting  
Russell Union 2048

### Thursday, January 24

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
On campus interview - summer job fair  
Russell Union 2041

## POLICE BEAT

### 1-18-2008

An armed robbery was reported between the RAC and the Campus Club Apartments. Between 12:30 a.m. and 1 a.m., a female student was walking in the area when she was approached by a black male, whom she described as being approximately 6 feet tall and wearing a red hooded sweatshirt. The suspect produced a gun and demanded that the student give him her purse. She complied with his demands and he fled on foot in the direction of the Eagles Landing Apartments. The student was not injured in the incident, which is being investigated by the University's Office of Public Safety.

### 1-17-2008

- Robinson Lee Christopher, 24, of Lanier Drive, Statesboro, was charged with possession of marijuana and driving with a suspended license.
- Hendley Ross Holleman, 20, of Burkhalter Plantation, Statesboro, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and possession of a false I.D.

- James Matthew Purvis, 19, of Olliff Hall, was charged with possession of a false I.D.

- A wallet was taken from the College of Business Administration Building.

- A wallet was taken from the RAC.

### 1-16-2008

- Robert Gregory Chung, 18, of Johnson Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana.

- Alexander Scott Wylie, 19, of Johnson Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana.

- A case of harassment was reported at the Carroll Building.

- A door was damaged at Building 805.

- A window was broken at Olliff Hall.

### 1-15-2008

- Nicholas Scott Logsdon, 20, of University Pines, Statesboro, was charged with possession of marijuana, minor in possession/consumption of alcohol, driving with a suspended license, and failure to obey a traffic control device.

- Erich James Raybon, 19, of Kennedy Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and giving false information to an officer.

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## NATIONAL NEWS

# New study reveals caffeine can double miscarriage risk

By Sandy Kleffman

McClatchy Newspapers

Consuming large amounts of caffeine during pregnancy by drinking coffee, soda, tea or hot chocolate increases the risk of miscarriage, a new study reveals.

Women who ingest 200 milligrams or more of caffeine per day are twice as likely to miscarry as women who consume no caffeine, the study by Kaiser Permanente found.

That equals about two cups of coffee daily or five 12-ounce cans of soda.

"We recommend avoiding caffeine, but if people are compelled to have it, we tell them for sure to limit it," said Dr. David Walton, Kaiser's regional chief of perinatology.

Previous studies have shown a link between caffeine and miscarriage. But critics questioned those findings, arguing that the results may have been skewed since many healthy pregnant women reduce their caffeine intake because of nausea and vomiting.

The Kaiser study addressed that issue by examining both women whose caffeine consumption changed during pregnancy and those who had no change.

It also adjusted for such factors as a mother's age, race and income level, and whether she smoked, consumed alcohol, used a hot tub or had a previous miscarriage.

The study appears online Monday in the Web site of the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, [www.ajog.org](http://www.ajog.org).

"Caffeine crosses the placenta barrier easily," said Dr. De-Kun Li, the study's lead investigator.

Once in the fetus, it may stay there longer because fetuses have an underdeveloped metabolic system, Li said.

In large quantities, caffeine may also decrease placental blood flow and harm cell development, experts say.

Not only should pregnant women limit their caffeine consumption, women who are attempting to become pregnant should consider doing so as well because the first 20 to 40 days after an egg is fertilized is a key time in its development, Walton said. As a result, harm could occur before a pregnancy is confirmed.

The researchers examined caffeine use among 1,063 pregnant Kaiser members in the San Francisco area from October 1996 to October 1998.

Interviewers asked the women about the frequency and amount of beverages they consumed and whether they changed their patterns after becoming pregnant.

The researchers then estimated the amount of caffeine consumed by assuming that for every 150 milliliters of a beverage, coffee contains 100 milligrams of caffeine, tea 39 milligrams, soda 15 milligrams and hot chocolate 2 milligrams.

Even decaffeinated coffee contains some caffeine. They estimated 2 milligrams.

The researchers then compared caffeine use with rates of miscarriage during the first 20 weeks.

"The increased risk of miscarriage appeared to be due to caffeine itself rather than other possible chemicals in coffee because caffeine intake from non-coffee sources showed the similarly increased risk of miscarriage," the study found.

While there was some indication that consuming less than 200 milligrams of caffeine daily might increase the risk, the numbers were not large enough to be statistically significant, and thus no conclusions could be drawn about smaller amounts of caffeine, Li said.

Walton said he is concerned that women who had a miscarriage several years ago will now blame themselves because they drank coffee during their pregnancy. He noted that many other factors can lead to miscarriages.

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People do not seem to realize that their opinion of the world is also a confession of character.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson  
American Poet, Lecturer, and Essayist

## Longer winter break hurts students

Most of the student population probably jumped up and down for joy. It was fantastic. It was like a Christmas present from Georgia Southern itself. We finally had it: a 5-week winter break.

Wah-freakin'-hoo.

The break, which was supposed to symbolize fun, relaxation, and freedom for the common man, was filled with nothing more than an extra week of boredom, despair, and free food. (Well, at least something good came out of this.)

By the third week of vacation, most people had gotten their sleep cycles back and could function again. We had seen all of our friends and family and, at this point, had done everything we might have wanted to do during the break.

The fourth week was just the icing on the cake as you could get as much sleep as you wanted. And just for fun, you could add on some sightseeing trips to your local neighboring towns. (Everyone does that, right?)

Nevertheless, sitting around for as long as we did was counterproductive and only hurt

us as students.

By the end of break, we could not even think clearly. And when we actually tried to write, it was as if we were five-year-olds again.

Sitting around for that long puts you in such a state that when you get back to school, your brain is just not focused. Then you sit there not being able to do anything for at least a week.

Yes, we know why the break was extended. Having to deal with the paperwork of the new students and transfer students is an arduous task. However, the administration should make it a high priority for this situation not to happen again. Starting a week later is nothing more than seven days of insignificance.

In addition, it not only causes issues for the students, but for the faculty and staff who must adjust accordingly to the students' restlessness.

And, the last time we checked, professors don't do that adjusting thing well. But, they've had about five weeks to change their attitudes. And that's enough time to do just about anything.

-Zac Case for the George-Anne Daily

## Growth is good, but tough for all

As all of you have heard for sometime now, Georgia Southern is moving up, up, and up some more. In recent years, enrollment records have been shattered again and again, as the school attracts more freshmen. The campus is buzzing with the recent news that the university is even exploring options for moving up to the Football Bowl Subdivision to compete with the bigger universities. Look around the campus, and the march towards progress moves on, like a well designed and greatly powered machine.

But in the midst of all this, I must humbly ask if we're forgetting about the students who already go to GSU. The people who are here, now, going to class, living in the school's residence halls or off campus, trying to make it through the day without any (unpleasant) surprises.

As a writing and linguistics major, I couldn't help but be stunned, and a bit hurt, when I found out that a few of my friends lost important upper division classes because the people who teach those were needed to teach English 1101 classes.

I'm not going to say that teaching English 1101 isn't important for incoming freshmen, so that they can adjust to writing on a college level. But what did surprise me was just how quickly classes

were lost from the writing and linguistics teaching slate for the fall of 2007. It began with a few small classes, that only had three to four students, but eventually other classes that were on the cusp of getting over ten students were cut, leaving students without the time to look for another class to take before the semester even began.

There's also the age old issue of parking on campus. That's something that may never be fixed, since you can look at decades old issues of the G-A for people complaining about parking, but we are running out of room on campus to put cars at.

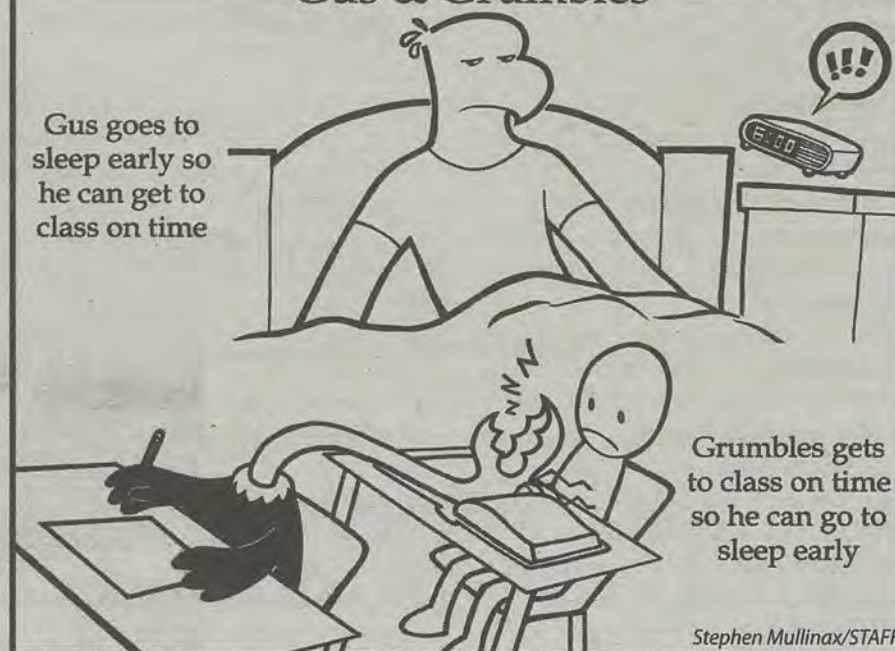
But as the campus continues its expansion, I worry that we'll become nothing more than UGA South, a large, bulky institution that loses a hint of the charm that makes smaller universities unique, and gives them something of an edge on much larger state schools.

I'm not opposed to growth in the slightest. But what I am worried about is that, in the race to build a bigger and better school, we'll forget about the people already here. We may also risk forgetting about the culture that has resided here, a culture of being the feisty underdog that takes pride in its individuality.



**Robert Greene II** is a writing and linguistics major from Augusta, Ga. He is a senior columnist for the George-Anne Daily.

## Gus & Grumbles



## Opinions need to have merit

In the process of our lives, we are instructed to form opinions. In mature settings, these opinions can range from politics to personal ethics. In a normal environment, they subside to simple preferences of taste or the attractive qualities of a person of our liking.

Nevertheless, opinions, no matter the topic, are shaped by our morals, experiences, knowledge, and wisdom.

Or...not.

Apparently, I have been wrong about this whole concept. (Yes, wrong. Feel free to write this day down.)

As I go on through my collegiate career, I continue to meet people that don't have a clue why they hold certain convictions. And, by God, it's baffling.

Oh, we all love to have opinions. For us, they're like the nuggets at Chik-fil-a. You get as many out as you can, and, eventually, you'll find someone who likes some of what you have, even if all of them were only half-cooked.

And that's just not how I like my 8-pack.

You see, without factual knowledge to reinforce your opinion, it's just not worth considering. Sure, you can spice it up, make it more appealing, and add a hint of honey mustard, but in the end, you still have an entrée that lacks vitality.

It's like wearing a tuxedo with no pants. Without that key element, everything else is useless.

President John F. Kennedy once said, "Too

often we...enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought."

Most want to express their opinions, without taking the time to see if their view is valid.

Now, in most cases, one garners their opinions from their parents, or other key figures from their youth, which is perfectly acceptable.

However, there comes a time where an individual must take what he or she has learned, and verify it. Question it. Simply ask, "Why?"

Just don't believe because it's all you have ever known.

You can start with someone else's thoughts, but unless you think them through to your own conclusion, they are not truly yours.

And factual opinions aren't just cornered to serious political agendas or human rights movements.

If you think Parking and Transportation Services need an overhaul, then explain how they can and why they haven't done so already.

Are pit bulls not as harmful as once thought? Describe how you've have had two of them for a year, named them

Peaches and Gumdrop, and they are as sweet as pumpkin pie. Then inform there are other owners who verify your experiences.

It's a simple concept.

Yes, everyone should have an opinion. They should be able to stand ground on something. Just do me a favor.

Know why you do it.

And I'll be waiting with my 8-pack.



**Zac Case** is a journalism major from Sylvester, Ga. He is the opinions editor for the George-Anne Daily.

# MLK speaker Cornel West to give lecture tonight at the Performing Arts Center

By Frenchi Jones

Staff writer

His fierce political and philosophical fervor has led him to be compared to the likes of Malcolm X and Karl Marx. His strong stance on racial justice and moral unrest has made him a hot topic of discussion among enthusiasts and detractors. His role in the Matrix as Councillor West made him a movie star.

Nonetheless, Cornel West, a noted social, religious and economic philosopher, has been deemed as one of America's most sought after "public intellectuals".

Tonight, Georgia Southern students will have an opportunity to hear West speak during the 2008 Martin Luther King Jr. Observance Day program, which is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs and the Multicultural Student Center.

The event will occur at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, on the corner of Chandler Road and Plant Drive.

The event is free and will be open to more than 850 people, but tickets must be obtained in the PAC before 6 p.m. to guarantee a seat. So far, nearly 700 people have registered on the

Facebook event as attending the lecture.

Teresa Thompson, vice president of the office of student affairs, said West is one of the leading speakers on the civil rights movement and that it is her office's goal to ensure that GSU students are exposed to speakers of West's caliber as much as possible.

"When you hear someone who has been through the struggles of those times you have a better understanding of what it was like," she said. "We're looking forward to West's visit and a large population of our campus community attending."

West was born on June 2, 1953 in Tulsa, OK. The grandson of a preacher, West became deeply rooted in his religious upbringing and the principles of Mal-

com X and the Black Panther Movement.

West began his voyage as a civil rights leader as a teenager when he marched in civil rights demonstrations and organized protests demanding black studies be taught at his Sacramento high school.



Special Photo

He enrolled at Harvard University at the age of 17 and graduated magna cum laude three years later. The scholar earned his master's and doctorate degrees from Princeton University and is currently serving as a professor of religion and as the director of the Afro-American studies program there.

West is most notably known to scholars for his best-selling book "Race Matters", a book that captured national attention and sparked a controversial debate on race issues.

Consuela Ward-Pender, director of the multicultural student center, said that "despite West's discourse being primarily focused on issues affecting African-Americans, he has something to offer everyone."

"If you look at Dr. West's history, you will see that he is a scholar first," she said. "We are all here to learn and to me that creates for a perfect marriage."

"Although he is a scholar on racial issues, it is important that we understand that race transcends 'blackness,'" she included. "It is about how we all have ownership in our harmonious co-existence. It is not one-sided."

In a brief telephone call made to West on Friday evening, West said he is looking forward to his visit to GSU and that he plans to speak about the legacy of Dr. King and its relevancy to today's current political and social climate.

Brentia Caldwell, president of the Black Student Alliance, said she is extremely excited to hear West speak.

"I think his visit will spark people to think," she said. "I hope he discusses the importance of voting and how important it is to understand how to do your own research and make your own decisions."

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Special Photo

## GSU and family remember Joel Newcomer

By Elliot S. Volkman

News editor

Philip and Sheryl Newcomer may have tragically lost their son, but in response to a battle lost to Leukemia, they are beginning to raise awareness to win the war.

"Leukemia is your whole body, you can live without a breast and even half a liver," said Joel's father Philip, "you can't live without bone marrow though."

Leukemia is, "Cancer of the blood cells. It starts in the bone marrow, the soft tissue inside most bones. Bone marrow is where blood cells are made," According to [www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com). "When you have leukemia, the bone marrow starts to make a lot of abnormal white blood cells, called leukemia cells. They don't do the work of normal white blood cells, they grow faster than normal cells, and they don't stop growing when they should."

Joel went into health services where he was immediately transferred to a hospital for better care.

"The wonderful people in health services took great care of Joel, as did Wayne Atkins of the SDRC and David Matthew," said Newcomer.

Look for Philip Newcomer's editorial on Leukemia in a later edition of the George-Anne Daily.

### Obituary

Joel Benjamin Newcomer, age 20, of Roswell, passed away January 11, 2008 following a long and courageous battle with Leukemia.

Joel loved life and never gave up. He had a great love for fishing, playing his guitar, listening to and writing his music, and seeing dollar movies with friends.

Joel had a natural gift for connecting with people, which led him to help and support other cancer patients.

Survivors include his parents, Sheryl and Philip Newcomer, Roswell; sister, Rachel Newcomer, Roswell; maternal grandmother, Beatrice F. Mazur, Swampscott, MA; paternal grandparents, Rosalyn and Carr Newcomer, Scottsdale, AR; and numerous friends.

Sign the online guest book: [www.edressler.com](http://www.edressler.com). A memorial service was held on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 6:30 pm at Temple Kol Emeth (1415 Old Canton Road, Marietta, Georgia 30062) with Rabbi Scott Colbert officiating.

In lieu of flowers, Joel would be honored if you would donate platelets or blood at ([www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org)), or register to be a stem cell donor at ([www.marlow.org](http://www.marlow.org)), or support research to cure AML Leukemia at ([LLS.org](http://LLS.org)).



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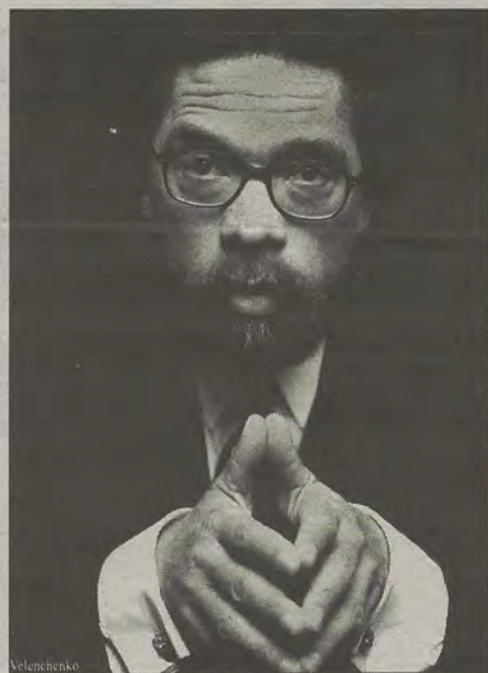
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## Speakers

Cornel West will be speaking tonight at 7:00pm in the PAC as part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Observance Day Program

Lisa Ling will be speaking Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 7:00 in the PAC.



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## Plays



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Hubbard Street 2, The Producers, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Dallas Brass, and Rent are just a few of the plays that Georgia Southern will be proudly hosting this spring.

# GSU in Spring 2008

## Sports



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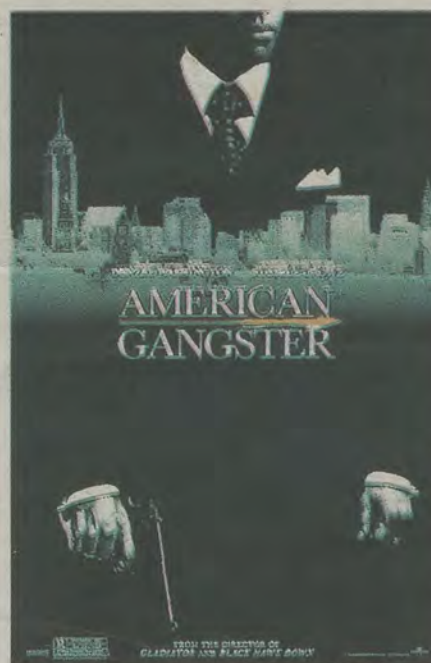
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The Georgia Southern men and women's basketball teams look to continue playing well and position themselves in conference play to make a run at the NCAA Tournament in March. Baseball hopes to continue their solid play against ACC teams when they open the season at home against Boston College. And women's tennis looks to have a solid start when they open the season against Jacksonville.

## Movies



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Eagle Entertainment will be offering plenty of movies for Georgia Southern students to enjoy such as American Gangster, Pure Formality, This Christmas, and Invisible Children.

## Art



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The annual Arts Fest is coming up soon along with the opening of the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art's newly constructed Fine Arts Galleries and Theater complex.



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## CRIME

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As the semester begins and the students come back in town there has been an increase in reported crimes.

Aside from the now infamous auto theft ring that involves nine local suspects; including two officers and three local towing company owners, students have had other legal issues. According to local police reports, the days proceeding the start of the semester has had a steady increase in crimes reported.

On January 18 a student was assaulted at gunpoint for her purse near the stadium.

"I was walking to my apartment alone at 12:30 a.m. when some guy came from behind me and pulled a gun," said Journalism student, 22, Claire Gallam. "I just gave him my purse and blanked out as he ran off."

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation's crime statistics for Bulloch county has reported a decrease in burglaries however an increase in assaults. According to reports the increase in residents, in particular the growth in students, will statistically cause more people to be affected by the criminal activity.

Even though crime has been decreasing in Statesboro, "The United States also had 405.1 Aggravated Assaults for every 100,000 people, which indexed the U.S. as having the 10th highest position for this crime among the states," according to the Web site [www.disastercenter.com](http://www.disastercenter.com).

Crime rates for 2007 have yet to be fully determined however, "law enforcement agencies throughout the Nation reported a decrease of 1.8 percent in the number of violent crimes brought to their attention in the first half of 2007," according to the FBI's preliminary statistics.

### Safety Tips

Don't walk alone at night from the bars.

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# Dog obedience classes offered for canines of various ages

## GSU news service

The Continuing Education Center at Georgia Southern is offering dog obedience classes for canines of various ages.

"Puppy Kindergarten" will run on seven consecutive Tuesday evenings from Jan. 22 through March 4.

Designed for dogs between the ages of 3 months and 6 months, this course will provide advice on house-training and how to deal with puppy behaviors such as inappropriate mouthing and biting.

The fee is \$145.

"Teenager Management" and "Family Dog I" will teach dogs to pay attention when asked, come when called, walk on a loose leash, and lie down and stay.

Management skills, socialization and problem solving will also be stressed during these classes.

"Teenager Management" will run on seven consecutive Wednesday evenings from Jan. 23 through March 5. This course is designed for dogs between the ages of 7 months and

12 months.

The fee is \$165.

"Family Dog I" will run on seven consecutive Thursday evenings from Jan. 24 through March 6. This course is designed for dogs that are 12 months and older and just beginning training, or are new to positive reinforcement.

The fee is \$165.

Dogs and puppies do not attend the first session of each class, but their owners must be present to pick up handouts and reading material.

All of the classes will run from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Dogs Live Happy boarding kennel, which is located in Statesboro at 1140 B Highway 24, behind Bulloch Janitorial Paper and Chemical Supply and across from Mill Creek Regional Park.

To register for any of the dog obedience classes, call the Continuing Education Center at (912) 681-5551.

For more information, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/dogobedience.html> or call (912) 681-5993.



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The Continuing Education Center is offering a variety of dog obedience classes for dogs of different ages.

# Biology alum earns first place in international science competition

## GSU news service

Katalin Patonai has returned to her native Hungary, but the young scientist is still using the knowledge she acquired as a student at Georgia Southern.

Patonai recently won first place in her division at the International Life Sciences Students' Conference hosted by the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia.

Patonai was honored for the research she conducted as an undergraduate assistant to Sophie George, a professor in Georgia Southern's Department of Biology.

Their project focused on *Littoraria irrorata*, a snail found in Coastal Georgia and more commonly known as the salt marsh periwinkle.

"Ecologically and economically, salt marshes are very important to Coastal Georgia," said Patonai, who graduated from GSU in Fall 2006 with a bachelor's degree in biology. "Our research looked at the salt marsh periwinkle and its impact on these marshes."

Patonai attended GSU on a scholarship from the Georgia Rotary Student Program, which provides assistance to international students. In addition, she was a recipient of a Paulson Student Research Award, which

is presented annually by the College Office of Undergraduate Research in the Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Technology. Patonai received the Paulson award for her work with George.

"Dr. George needed a student to assist her in a new study of the salt marshes," Patonai said. "Coming from Hungary, the marshes were a completely new environment for me, so I was immediately interested in the project."

Patonai and George conducted their research at two locations: one at Tybee Island, near Savannah, and the other at Crooked River State Park, just north of St. Marys.

"The salt marshes are vital and beautiful areas in Coastal Georgia," Patonai said. "From an ecological standpoint, they provide valuable shelter, breeding and feeding grounds for various species while functioning as a natural water filtering system. Economically speaking, their resources provide around \$1.5 billion of income per year."

"However, these areas also experience massive die-offs, with complex reasons in the background. The herbivore salt marsh periwinkle can overgraze huge areas, turning previously dense vegetation into mud flats. In such cases, their numbers can increase dramatically, which suggests predators do not

have the ability to control the periwinkles' abundance.

"Therefore, the investigation of predator-prey interactions is an important approach to understanding and preventing these die-offs."

Data was collected during the summer and fall of 2006.

"Our study sought to answer two questions," Patonai said. "First, does shell size and shape differ between the two sites and over time? Secondly, if there are differences in shell morphology, can this be due to difference in predation risk at the two sites?"

Patonai's presentation at the International Life Sciences conference addressed the answers to these questions. Held in November 2007, the conference attracted participants from 20 countries.

Patonai presented her research in the conference's orange section, which included research projects devoted to zoology, botany, systematics, evolution, basic ecology, microbial ecology, biodiversity, etology, biogeography and paleontology.

Titled "Differences in Shell Size and Shape of the Salt Marsh Periwinkle in Coastal Georgia," Patonai's presentation focused on information collected from Tybee Island and

Crooked River.

"According to preliminary data, the two sites differed significantly in vegetation cover," Patonai said. "In comparison, Tybee Island was considered an exposed habitat, and Crooked River was a sheltered habitat. Because shelter gives prey a chance to seek refuge and escape predators, we expected to find differences in predation risk between the two sites."

"Our findings suggest that predators seem to exert strong selection on periwinkles at the exposed site, so they represent a potential control mechanism."

Today, Patonai is pursuing a master's degree in ecology at Eotvos Lorand University in Budapest, Hungary. She has fond memories of her experience at GSU.

"I was fortunate to participate in great classes, memorable field trips and research projects," Patonai said. "I enjoyed the extensive facilities, which offered many more resources than had been available to me. I especially loved the centralized campus, which is not very common in Hungary, where university buildings are spread out across the city."

"The academic standards are quite good, too, and I made friendships that will last a lifetime. I would go back again, without hesitation, if I had the chance," she said.

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## ADVICE FROM ASHLEY

# Fun ways to keep the chill out this winter

Ashley Ferguson

Staff writer

It has been ridiculously cold this past week-end. So-cold-I-don't-want-to-move-cold or the so-cold-I'm-tipping-the-delivery-guy-extra-cold. It's going to warm up a bit – just a bit – this week and you can't stay inside forever. Well, the question is: What to do to keep yourself occupied from the cold and stay warm?

Firstly, hit up the RAC. There is nothing like a Spin Core class to warm and tone your body. Go for Hip-Hop dance classes, yoga, Pilates, spin classes, or the infamous Awesome Abs. You'll leave the RAC wondering why it's so hot when the temperature is 35 degrees.

Ladies, call up your girlfriends and look into the stars. Get together and read each

other's horoscopes. Whether you take them seriously or read them for fun, trying to predict the unknown can help pass the time and avoid the cold.

For anyone who enjoys being the host or hostess, call up your friends and have a potluck. Warm, delicious food and good times; that will warm you up fast.

Let's not forget that the Superbowl is coming up at the beginning of February. There is the opportunity of having a pretty good party if you don't mind that half of your guests will be glued to the television set for most of the evening.

The other big event of February, is of course, the Georgia primary, and on these long cold days, don't miss out on the heated political debates. Even if you have no idea what you are

talking about, it's still fun to argue once in a while, especially when it's cold enough to keep you from getting overheated.

Pamper yourself. Salons and day spas are meant for you to forget everything and focus on yourself. Besides, the cold dries out your skin and cuticles so a manicure might not be that bad of an idea. Go for a massage to warm your skin and muscles.

Now the best thing is that if we college kids had the funds, pampering would come to us instead of us having to go there. Well, that's just one thing to aspire to one day.

Gentlemen (and gamer nerds of all kinds), I know what some of my friends did this weekend: World of Warcraft and Rock Band. I prefer Rock Band because it's the only game where your friends are cheering you through

a setlist in Boston.

You can get an early start to the Spring-cleaning. Sorting through closets and a messy room warms you up and is highly productive. Or if you think you need more winter clothes, take up knitting.

For those who don't mind a trip, take a day to Savannah. The Hermitage Ballet will be appearing in Savannah on February 8 and the The Savannah Music Festival is just around the corner. Besides these attractions, there is always plenty of shopping at the Savannah and Oglethorpe Malls, and the only cold you will be experiencing is the walk from the car.

Maybe you have some better ideas. There are plenty of things to do out there without staying cocooned under a blanket all day. Whatever they are, implement them and stay warm.

## CLASS READS

## "Wounded" reclaims the voice of the storyteller

Amy McIntyre

Features editor

**Class:** Writing and Healing

**Professor:** Dr. Margaret McLaughlin

**Book:** The Wounded Storyteller

**Author:** Arthur W. Frank

Arthur W. Frank's book, "The Wounded Storyteller," is an amazing work to say the least. I was immediately taken off guard by its content, in part due to my own approach to the work. When I first sat down to read "Wounded," required reading for my 3000 level course, Writing and Healing, I was expecting to read a book about writing as a way to alleviate pain or deal with some great life crisis, but I encountered something that is much more than the typical "writing to make you feel better" line.

What is central to the book and what sets it apart from my expectations is the idea of a story told through a wounded body. This concept was at first difficult for me to grasp. I asked myself: what is the difference between a story a wounded body tells through their body and the story about a wounded body. This concept is still malleable in my mind it involves because many oncepts.

Frank explains that a key concept concerning a wounded storyteller is the story that comes out

of a wounded body is in fact affected by the illness. This story is different and inherently unique. Much of today's problem, Frank asserts, is that the wounded person's story is often reduced to no more than a file concerning that patient's illness. The patient becomes known only by their illness, almost as if to reduce their humanity. The only story they are left with is to regurgitate the list of medical terminology he or she has received from their doctor.

This is where Frank introduces the idea of reclaiming the voice. This idea of reclaiming is nothing new, but here Frank employs it to describe what those who are ill have the power to do. Reclaiming, for Frank, means that the "wounded" have an opportunity to take back their individual voice.

To put it plainly, many of us know that when we enter a doctor's office, the doctor usually has little or no time to speak to us. He wants to hear what is wrong, and the response many of us give comes out in the form of some prescribed form.

Those who are constantly in and out of the doctor's office for severe illness begin to lose touch with the individual story they have in dealing with their illness. Frank gives the example of Audre Lorde's own reclaiming, which is put forth in her book "The Cancer Journals." Lorde here

takes back the exclusivity medical professionals have in detailing her illness.

For many who think that the material of an ill person's story is too exclusive, I found I could connect with the material. I was drawn to the material because of the exploration of the way people react to illness. Frank described illness as a wreckage. The life map you were using did not have this destination, and there doesn't seem to be a knowable direction afterwards.

I think that an idea of an interruption in life is not exclusive to people dealing with illness. Many of us encounter things that are life altering interruptions. Having to come up with a new life map is something, I believe, that many of us face.

"The Wounded Storyteller" is not the exclusive material of Writing and Healing. I would recommend it to people because it has taught me something about the connection and responsibility we have in telling people our stories.

### Want to write a review?

If you are interested in writing a review for class assigned readings, email [hiatus@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:hiatus@georgiasouthern.edu) or call the George-Anne and ask for Amy at (912) 681-5246.



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"The Wounded Storyteller," by Arthur W. Frank, is an amazing work that gives a voice back to those people who have suffered from an illness and have lost their individual story in the shuffle of the medical profession.

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# International educators participate in elite program



Jessica Eanes/STAFF

The 18 educators participating in the International Leadership in Education Program (ILEP) have arrived at GSU from all over Asia. They will be on campus until late May.

By Eric Dodson

Staff writer

For its second year now, Georgia Southern is hosting the International Leadership in Education Program (ILEP). This program brings 18 elite educators from the Near East, South and Southeast Asia to GSU.

These are all English teachers on the secondary education level from their respective countries, 9 different countries to be exact. They were selected into this program from thousands of applicants after a strenuous interview process.

"This program gives Georgia Southern students and faculty an opportunity to interact with individuals from other countries and also to increase cross cultural communications," said Cordelia Zinskie, one of the co-coordinators of the program.

This program is funded by grants from the US Department of State.

GSU professor Ming Fang brought the program to GSU last year. At that time the program was only offered to 14 teachers. In addition to Zinskie, professors Jennie Rakestraw and Judi Repman are co-coordinators of this

year's program.

"Hosting this program is a great honor to GSU. Only three other sites in the country were selected as host," said Repman.

These other sites include Kent State University and South East Missouri State University.

During their time on GSU's campus the international teachers will be taking classes on English and Educational Technology. They will also be visiting Savannah, Atlanta, and local civic clubs in the Bulloch County area.

Upon completion of their classes they will participate in an internship at local schools paired with local teachers.

"The work they do in the public schools is a huge benefit," said Repman.

"This has been a great opportunity for us to experience the US," said Ismail Ramadan, a professor from Egypt.

"This experience will help us achieve a collaborative understanding between people of different backgrounds, cultures and religions," said Mukhamad Nurochman of Indonesia.

The international teachers arrived on campus on January 11 and will be returning home on May 26.

## Board of Regents approves Doctor of Nursing Practice degree

Program already underway and expected to open in time for Fall 2008 semester

By Ashley Dunn

Staff writer

Starting fall 2008, Georgia Southern will offer five doctoral degree programs. The newest addition, Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), is available through GSU's School of Nursing.

"Georgia Southern will now be among a select group of four Georgia universities (Emory, Medical College of Georgia, and Georgia State University) who offer a doctoral degree in Nursing," said Fred Whitt, Dean of the College of Health and Human Science.

GSU is one of two that offers the program online in Georgia and one out of 54 in the country.

The implementation of a doctorate in the area of nursing is a bonus for students at GSU that are currently enrolled in the School of Nursing.

"It's definitely a benefit to consider and makes you consider the possibilities of gaining advanced skills in your field of study," said Dena Tankersley, senior nursing major.

Many GSU students in the School of Nurs-

ing, like Tankersley, now have the advantage of continuing their studies pass a Master of Science in Nursing.

"Current nursing majors will now have the opportunity to continue on directly with their nursing studies, going from a Bachelor of Science in Nursing straight on to Master of Sciences in Nursing and the Doctor of Nursing Practice," said Jean Bartels, Chair of the School of Nursing.

Due to the popularity of the program many students have shown interest.

Bartels explained, "Nurses who hold a master's degree in nursing as either an advanced nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist" are qualified prospective students.

Other eligible students include nurses who possess a master's degree and serve as nurse executives, nurse educators, or nurse anesthetists.

The program comes at a good time for the health industry and students looking to help fill the void.

"This degree program comes at a time when grave shortages in nursing faculty and

advanced nurse practitioners is affecting nursing education and the health care outcomes of the states," said Bartels.

Once finished, DNP graduates will have several skills that range from knowledge of management/administration of nursing facilities to nurse instruction in an education setting.

"This new Doctor of Nursing Practice program will be an extension of our vision and mission as a college, and significantly advance the strategic plan of the College and University," said Whitt.

The DNP program joins the resume of graduate nursing education at GSU, which has been ranked 11 in the country by US News and World Report for the past three years.

With recent approval from the Board of Regents, the program is underway and is expected to be available on schedule in time for fall 2008.

Anyone interested in learning more about the program can contact the School of Nursing to add their name to the list of those requesting more information.

### Nursing Graduate Programs Offered at GSU

- ~ Master's of science in Nursing
  - Nurse Practitioner (Family, Women's Health)
  - Clinical Nurse Specialist (Community Health)
- ~ Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate
- ~ Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate
- ~ Community Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Certificate
- ~ Doctor of Nursing Practice (expected Fall 2008)

Information gathered from College of Graduate Studies web site.

# SPORTS

**Who's  
HOT**

**NFL:** Eli Manning. Critics believed the Giants quarterback wouldn't be able to bring N.Y. to a win in the harsh weather. Despite all doubts, he brought the Giants to an unpredictable 23-20 overtime win against Green Bay Sunday night. He faces an even tougher task against the undefeated Patriots in Superbowl XLII.

**Who's  
NOT**

**NCAA basketball:** North Carolina. The former number-one Tar Heels were upset at home by Maryland, 82-80 dropping them to second place in the Atlantic Coast Conference behind Duke. The Tar Heels fall to the number five spot in the polls.

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT BASKETBALL

### Men drop crucial SoCon game against Mountaineers

Appalachian State men's hit 13 three-pointers and pulled away late in the game as the Eagles fell 88-81 Saturday afternoon at the Holmes Center.

The Mountaineers improve their winning streak six games. The Eagles fall to 12-6 overall and 5-3 in conference play. They will return home this Thursday as they face Wofford in Hanner Fieldhouse.

### Women remain unbeaten at home with win over C of C

Three Eagles scored in double figures, leading Georgia Southern to a 64-47 Southern Conference victory over College of Charleston, Saturday afternoon, at Hanner Fieldhouse. With the victory, Georgia Southern remains unbeaten at home (7-0) and extends its win-streak to five games.

Georgia Southern improves to 10-8 overall and 6-1 in conference play and claims sole possession of the second spot in the SoCon rankings, behind only Chattanooga (7-0).

## SWIMMING AND DIVING

### Eagles continue impressive season with win at home

The Georgia Southern swimming & diving team continued its hot streak by extending their dual meet winning streak to nine on Saturday, as the Eagles edged Florida Gulf Coast and dominated Campbell at the Aquatics Center at the Recreation Activities Center (RAC).

## TRACK AND FIELD

### Hyter highlights weekend

The Georgia Southern track & field team concluded the Niswonger Invitational with a strong performance from redshirt-freshman Lynnsey Hyter who finished first in both the long jump and triple jump.



Laura Pallini/STAFF

Walk-ons line up for their attempt to impress Head Coach Chris Hatcher and the coaching staff Monday morning.

## Players aim to impress coaches at tryouts

By Matt Mauney

Sports editor

Student athletes from all over came out on what was frigid Monday morning with one goal on their minds, to make the cut and the roster of the 2008 Georgia Southern Eagles football team.

The tryouts brought a variety of athletes, many of who were standouts on their high school teams and some who had scholarship offers from other schools but decided to come the GSU instead and try their luck at walking on one of the most prestigious football programs in the Football championship subdivision.

Freshman Kyle Griffin was the defensive captain for two years on his high school team of Houston County. Griffin was familiar of Eagle Head Coach Chris Hatcher when he was coaching at Valdosta State and was excited at the chance to possibly play for him.

"I heard a lot about Coach Hatcher when he was at Valdosta State and think that he would be a great coach to play for," Griffin said. "I had a few offers from some other schools but I want the chance to play for a team like Georgia Southern. I decided to come here as a student and have always had a passion for football so when I heard about the tryouts I thought why not."

Other prospects didn't know much of

anything about the storied history of Eagle football but instead just wanted a chance to play the game at the collegiate level. Freshman Nick Henderson from Campbell High School was one of these athletes.

"I've played football all my life. My twin brother plays for Jacksonville State and I feel like I have a good chance to play here since I'm already here as a student. I don't really know anything about the history of the program here," Henderson said. "I didn't even really know about the football team before I got here, I just came here because I like the school."

Henderson played tight end in high school and initially tried out at that position before some members of the GSU coaching staff convinced him to tryout as a defensive lineman.

"We're always looking for offensive and defensive linemen," said defensive coordinator Ashley Anders a few weeks prior to the tryouts.

One athlete came a long way to try to make it on a big time football program. Junior Julian Douglas transferred from a small junior college in New York to come to GSU and now hopes he can make the team.

"I am a big UGA fan and originally wanted to transfer there and try to walk on the team but some of the coaching staff said I was too small to play receiver for them so I decided to come here and try my chances," Douglas

said. "I heard that Georgia Southern is set to play Georgia next season and I hope that I can make the team here so I can play against some of the star players on the Bulldogs and prove that I can play on that level."

The open tryouts were a one day event. The majority of the players will not reach their goal of walking on a premiere college football program, but in the coming days a select few will receive a phone call for more evaluation and be one step closer at being a member of Eagle football.

### 2008 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent
Apr 12	Blue & White
Aug 30	Georgia
Sept 6	Austin Peay
Sept 13	Northeastern
Sept 20	Elon
Sept 27	Wofford
Oct 4	Chattanooga
Oct 18	App. State
Oct 25	Western Carolina
Nov 1	Citadel
Nov 8	Samford
Nov 15	Furman

Bold denotes home game