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Summer term students react to ‘unfair’ fees

By Will Adams
Senior editor

Georgia Southern students enrolled in summer classes voiced their opinions about fees and charges they called “unreasonable” and “ridiculous” in a week after a-term classes began.

When students went to pay for summer-term classes, some were surprised to find that the technology fee, a total of 75 dollars for each fall and spring semester was unchanged for shorter summer-term.

“I feel like they’re ripping us off,” said Marlon Aarons, a senior construction management major.

“The timeframe is a lot shorter compared to the spring. The fees should be a lot cheaper because I’m not getting my money’s worth.”

“Even if you take one credit hour, you will be charged the technology fee, because it supports all technology use on campus, from computers and software to my Georgia Southern and email,” said Debbie Powell, an Administrative Director in the Bursar’s Office.

Still, some students disagreed with the fee and among others. According to Powell, other fees such as the health services fee/athletic fee and student activity fee are all prorated for the summer, but are still mandatory.

Nick Jones, a senior construction management major argued against paying for the 115 dollar RAC fee and 25 dollar transit fee.

“If you don’t go in the RAC, you shouldn’t have to pay and there’s only like two buses running, it’s ridiculous,” he said.

Wal-Mart of Statesboro fell victim to armed robbery Sunday when a white male brandishing a pistol forced a store cashier to give him an undisclosed amount of money. Investigations are still underway to apprehend the gunman.

Police investigations continue after armed robbery

Gunman still on the lose after Sunday’s armed assault at Wal-Mart

By Shannon Stuart
Staff writer

Statesboro Wal-Mart was robbed Sunday night when an unknown suspect took an undisclosed amount of cash from the register, according to police reports.

Wal-Mart employee, Shavandra Davis of Statesboro, was working the cash register when she claims an unidentified white male waved a black pistol and took the money from her register.

Other Wal-Mart employees Venesia Walker, Justine Skaar and Ian Catto and Lindsay Sullivan of Claxton also witnessed the robbery, and audio and video surveillance was recorded at the scene.

If convicted, the suspect could face charges of armed robbery, aggravated assault, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime.

Officer Brian Jackson was the responding officer on Sunday, but the case has now been turned over to Detective Terry Briley of the Statesboro Police Department.

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What are your plans for the summer?
GSU to be featured in 25th Stone Mountain Lasershow Spectacular

GSU News Service

A long-standing Atlanta tradition, the Lasershow Spectacular celebrates its 25th anniversary with a brand-new show that includes a sports medley prominently featuring Georgia Southern University.

During the Lasershow Spectacular, Stone Mountain is transformed into a natural amphitheater and the show is projected onto the side of the mountain.

The Stone Mountain Park signature event combines colorful lasers, surround sound and special effects into a 45 minute light show, precisely choreographed to music. Stone Mountain Park's Lasershow Spectacular is the longest running event of its kind in the world.

 Thousands of visitors to Stone Mountain will have the opportunity to see Georgia Southern University featured this summer in one of the most popular events in Atlanta," said Christian Flathman, director of marketing and communications at Georgia Southern University. "Georgia Southern University is very appreciative of the opportunity to be featured as part of such a major event and we hope to hear our alumni singing along with the music this summer."

The Lasershow Spectacular has been named the #1 Spring Event in Atlanta by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. In addition, Stone Mountain Park is listed in Frommer's 500 Places to Visit with Your Kids Before They Grow Up and was cited by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution as one of "35 Natural Wonders in Georgia You Must See Before You Die." Stone Mountain Park is located just 16 miles east of downtown Atlanta.

For more information on the 25th Anniversary Lasershow Spectacular including times, visit: www.stonemountainpark.com.

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POLICE BEAT
May 22, 2008

Brittany Simone Pullens, 18, McCloud Road, Swainsboro for theft by shoplifting.

Raven Shaneear Worthen, 24, East Pine Street, Swainsboro for theft by shoplifting.

A man said a car struck his bicycle in Cambridge at Southern Apartment Complex, and the driver fled the scene. He wasn't hurt but his bike tire was damaged.

Two women were arrested at Wal-Mart after being caught concealing clothing, footwear, body mist and air freshener in their purses.

A woman, W.C. Hodges Road, Statesboro, said a man took a digital camera, air compressor, 12-gauge shotgun and a gold ring and pawned them.

Aman, Olliff Hill Road, Statesboro, reported a Chihuahua puppy stolen.

Georgia State Patrol issued 13 warnings, assisted three motorists and investigated four crashes with no reported injuries.

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Beijing prepares for possible terrorist threats to Olympics

McClatchy Newspapers

BEIJING - Health officials said Wednesday that they were prepared for an array of nightmare terrorist attacks on the Beijing Summer Olympic Games, ranging from anthrax and black plague to radiological "dirty bombs."

"We have already made full preparations," Jin Dapeng, the head of medical security for the Olympic Games, said at a news briefing.

Jin said medical teams were undergoing training on how to deal with radiation and biological attack, and that squads could test for 10 biological toxins quickly should an attack be suspected.

Authorities have given no indication that extremist groups intend to target the Summer Games in Beijing, where security will be tight, but experts say that the Olympics always draw a lot of spectators and are an attractive target for global terrorists.

Some 500,000 foreigners are expected to visit Beijing for the event. Security officials already are implementing a number of precautions around the capital, including removing doors from stalls at 200 public toilets near venues for the games.

By the end of June, security agents will have put metal detectors at all subway stations and will randomly frisk some riders, sweep handheld detectors over others and deploy dog patrols along platforms. Subway passengers won't be able to carry liquids past checkpoints. Some 1.5 million people ride the subway every day.

One of Beijing's five subway lines suspended operations twice during Wednesday evening rush hour, once for half an hour, and some passengers feared that a terrorist attack was the cause. But the state news agency, Xinhua, quoted officials as saying that "signal failure" was the reason.

Tens of thousands of surveillance cameras dot the city, and some 94,000 police officers will be deployed to ensure safety during the games Aug. 8-24.

Jin said that 156 first aid stations would be scattered around the capital of 16 million people, with 24 hospitals designated to deal with any Olympics-related health emergency.

Clinton argues strong points for candidacy

McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON - Hillary Clinton's campaign tried again Wednesday to convince Democrats, especially those on the party's rules committee, that she's their strongest candidate this fall, while her rival Barack Obama talked compromise and calm.

Clinton's campaign sent a letter to the party's uncommitted superdelegates, who may have the final say on the nominee, telling them, "When you look at her wins in the important swing states and her strength against (presumptive Republican nominee Sen. John) McCain in head-to-head matchups, there's no question that Hillary is the strongest candidate."

Obama backers scoffed at the notion that Clinton was ahead in the popular vote, or is a better general election candidate. What's important, said campaign manager David Plouffe, is to resolve a dispute over whether and how to seat convention delegates from Florida and Michigan and move on.

"The attention of voters," he said, "is quickly turning to the general election."

Clinton and Obama face four tests beginning Saturday: The rules committee, which will discuss and possibly decide the fate of the disputed convention delegations; Sunday's Puerto Rico primary and the season's last contests Tuesday in South Dakota and Montana.

Obama now has 1,981 delegates to Clinton's 1,779. A total of 2,026 is needed to win.

Obama is expected to top that number after Montana and South Dakota vote Tuesday, but the Clinton camp says that if Florida and Michigan are included, the winner needs 2,210 delegates.

The New York senator is mobilizing for the Saturday rules test, when the Rules and Bylaws Committee will meet in Washington to discuss how to deal with the two disputed states.

Florida and Michigan defied party rules by holding their primaries in January. Obama, like virtually every other major Democratic contender, took his name off the Michigan ballot, but Clinton didn't. Neither of them campaigned in Florida.

Clinton initially supported the party's decision to penalize the two states, but then she won them both and now she's arguing that she's entitled to their delegates based on the popular vote. That could net her some 45 to 50 additional delegates.

Obama, realizing that a compromise could give him the delegates he needs to win, has softened his position lately, saying he's willing to split the Florida delegation 50-50 and is open to a Michigan compromise.
Housing won’t pursue LEED certification for new Centennial Place dorm complex  

By Will Adams  
Senior editor  

Housing Director Vickie Hawkins said her department has no formal plans to pursue the Green Building Rating System’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for the new Centennial Place dorm complex on Georgia Avenue and Forest Drive.

“We are trying to do everything we can, but the extra cost to fund LEED is just not in our budget,” Hawkins said.

“We did think about it, but the cost is going up significantly.”

The new dorm complex will be open by Fall 2009 and will feature apartment style accommodations for freshmen and a courtyard setting similar to Eagle Village.

The newly renovated Recreation Activities Center was updated with dozens of materials and resources along with water efficiency standards and innovative design techniques to create a limited impact on the environment.

“In the demolitions to the old dorms, though, we are trying to re-use as many items as we possibly can,” said Hawkins, who hopes that Housing can work towards earning at least some LEED points.

“I think it’s more of a cop out. They’re trying to be cheap about it. For the environment’s sake they should do it and they should be able to afford it, look at all of the other construction projects on campus. It sounds more like an excuse to me,” said Marlon Aarons, a senior construction management major.

Several buildings on campus are pursuing LEED certifications and have worked towards earning points for their efforts.

Cone Hall, a renovated auxiliary offices building that houses the Student Disability Resource Center and Testing Services on Sweetheart Circle installed automatic lights and other materials that earned points towards LEED certification. But due to the age of the building the certification was not attainable.

How to corner presents: Staying safe in the sun this summer

Summer vacation brings with it many outdoor activities. Whether it is going to the beach, lying by the pool, boating with your friends or playing a round of golf, we spend most of our summer days outside in the sun.

However, just 30 minutes outdoors without proper sun protection, such as sun screen and sunglasses, can leave your skin burnt and eyes damaged, and even force you to spend these sunny days indoors.

If you think just slathering on some of last year’s SPF 20 will do you good, you’re very mistaken.

According to Star-Magazine, sun block does expire, so using last year’s sunscreen can do more harm to your skin than if you didn’t wear any at all. You wouldn’t drink expired milk, so why use expired sun block?

There isn’t just one brand of sunscreen that will work for everyone either. Before you head to the store, do some research to understand just what kind of protection you need to protect your skin.

If your days are spent playing volleyball, rollerblading, or surfing, for example, water-proof sport sunscreen is a must!

When you’re outdoors being active, you perspire, causing non-waterproof sunscreen to drip into your eyes.

So stick to the sun block made exclusively for active people, because it will stick to your skin and will repel sweat or water.

A good kind to try is Coppertone’s Sport Sunscreen Ultra Sweat-Proof 50 SPF. If your more of a bathing beauty and spend your summer afternoons in your terry bikini at the pool, you’ll want sunscreen that protects your face and your body.

When you’re applying, make sure to get your hands, neck, feet and bikini lines, these super sensitive areas are the first to burn.

A good kind to try is Neutrogena’s Fresh Cooling Body Mist sun block SPF 70. Not only will this give you protection, but it’s not sticky like some of the other lotions, it just mists right onto your skin like body mist.

If you’re just going to be lying in the sun, you’ll need to use a sunscreen for your face.

By using the same sunscreen on your face that you do on your body, you could break out, so stick to a sunscreen made specifically for your face.

Try Aveeno’s Continuous Protection sun block lotion for face, SPF 70. It’s made just for your face and also has acne protection in it that will prevent breakouts while you tan!

So after you’ve got your sunscreen, you need to know how to properly apply it. Sure it doesn’t sound like rocket surgery, but by not applying it correctly, you can miss important parts of your body that can still get burnt by the sun.

According to Star magazine, apply sunscreen at least 30 minutes before heading out in the sun; to ensure the active ingredients soak into your skin.

Also, apply it before you slip into your suit to ensure your body gets full protection against the sun.

Bringing a cover-up to wear over your bathing suit can also help.

Just because you put on sunscreen before you got into the sun, doesn’t mean you’re ensured protection the entire day.

Try reapplying every two hours or if you’re not using waterproof sunscreen, right after you’ve played in the water.

Along with sunscreen, you need to make sure you have plenty of water to keep yourself hydrated on those hot summer days.

Many people forget to stay hydrated while their playing beach volleyball or drinking beer with their friends, but the costs of not drinking enough water in the sun can turn deadly.

Not only will you be dehydrated, but also you can even pass out if you go long enough with some H2O. So make sure you have some water in your beach cooler.

Another important staple for safe fun in the sun is a pair of sunglasses. You can get sunglasses ranging in prices from 3 dollars to almost 4 hundred.

Sunglasses are not only something for the fashionista to have on the beach either. Sunglasses protect your eyes from the sun’s harmful UVA and UVB rays.

According to WebMd, spending too much time in the sun without adequate protective eyewear can develop photokeratitis, reversible sunburn of the cornea.

This condition is not only painful, but can result in temporary loss of vision.

Sunscreen, plenty of water, and proper eyewear can ensure your summer is free of painful sunburns and dehydration!

So put on your sunglasses, slather on some sunscreen and get to having fun in the sun!
Go green and save your green this summer

Compiled by staff

Gas prices are not the only things vastly raising in price. The inflation of many products we need is affecting our wallets and causing us to find any way to save money.

Georgia Southern University’s Monique Dipple, the interim environmental sustainability manager, is providing some tips on how you can save money and also help the environment.

One suggestion by Dipple is to regulate your air conditioning. Just turn off your air conditioner so that it is not running all day while you are away.

With a quick read of the directions, you can program your thermostat to your desired timing and temperatures and never have to worry about turning it up or down.

Dipple also advises that you check your own tires to see if they are properly inflated.

According to the Rubber Manufacturers Association, 45 percent of drivers wrongly believe that the correct inflation pressure is printed on the tire sidewall.

Another 15 percent do not know where to find the correct pressure.

The Department of Energy states that properly inflated tires can also improve gas mileage by around 3.3 percent and save 9 cents per gallon at the gas pump.

Think your TV, DVD or computer is not consuming electricity when it is turned off? Truth is, they are still using electricity.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, even idle televisions can cost you five dollars per household.

Put power strips on all of your electronics; that way, when you’re not using them, you can switch all of them off at once.

Also, choose a Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulb to replace old light bulbs.

These bulbs last up to 10 percent longer and require 75% less energy than traditional light bulbs according to the Alliance to Save Energy (ASE).

You can also save by shutting your blinds.

By reducing the amount of sunlight coming into your house during the day, especially when you are not there, you will reduce the cooling load of your air conditioner.

The ASE recommends that you consider targeting east and west facing windows and if possible, aim to shade windows at the gas pump.

Many of today’s hot water heaters have thermostat units that are set to a default temperature of 140 degrees or higher so turn the thermostat down to 115-120 degrees and save some serious green.

You should replace your furnace filter at least once per year, and replace or clean your air conditioning filters and vent openings and intake regularly.

The cleaner they are, the easier it is for your air conditioner to push and pull the air around.

Consider turning out your lights or office lamps during particularly sunny times during the day.

Also, by making sure your lights are off at your house before you leave, you can save yourself thousands of dollars in electric bills per year.

By running only full loads in your dishwasher and washing machine you’ll save money on your electricity and water bills.

Not only will these tips help save money, but they’re also helping the environment.

GSU to offer free music downloads

Compiled by staff

Many colleges and universities across the nation are working hard to prevent illegal music downloading on their campus by students.

Georgia Southern University is also doing its part to stop illegal downloading on campus.

GSU is now partnering with Ruckus Network, Inc. to offer students a free and legal way of downloading unlimited music.

The service is available to Georgia Southern undergraduate and graduate students at no cost to the University or users of the program.

The new service, available through www.Ruckus.com, provides students with access to more than three million songs of all varieties, including pop, rock and roll, and country for example.

“The decision to offer the service is based on continuing student requests to offer a free music file sharing service,” said Georj Lewis, dean of students at Georgia Southern University.

“We are very excited to make this safe and legal alternative music service available to students at Georgia Southern University,” Lewis said.

Ruckus allows users to legally download and share their music, create multiple playlists, recommend music to friends and peruse their peers’ media libraries.

The program is comparable to iTunes, but without the cost.

To ensure the legality of the program, Ruckus is licensed through major international record labels and many independent labels and musicians.

Also, downloaded music files are unable to be freely transferred to mp3 players or burned onto CDs.

“This service offers students a safe, free alternative to illegal file sharing software they may be tempted to download from the Internet,” said Lee Davis, Georgia Southern Universities chief attorney.

The recording industry has stepped up its copyright enforcement efforts, and Ruckus provides access to the same music without the legal risks.

Ruckus has already had success after being made available to almost 200 colleges and universities across the nation.

Among those participating in the program are Duke University, Clemson, North Carolina State and Princeton University.

To begin using Ruckus, Georgia Southern students must first create an account at www.Ruckus.com, and then create it using their Georgia Southern university student email address.

For a total list of alternative legal download sites is available at: www.georgiasouthern.edu/musicdownloads.
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The return of ‘Sex’

By Avina Darmadjaja
Senior editor

Leave it to Carrie Bradshaw and the gang to make faithful viewers and curious critiques alike antsy with anticipation for their summer “Big” comeback. ‘Sex and the City: The Movie’ is one of the most anticipated TV-series-turned-big-screen-movie ever, thanks to the winning combo of well-written script, killer on-screen chemistry between the cast, sexy Manolo Blahnik heels, and, of course, the effervescent energy of New York City.

SEX AND THE LADIES
Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda first stole the hearts of millions of viewers exactly 10 years ago, when they instantly became heroines by making it okay - even desirable - for women to be accomplished, fashion-obsessed and single. Promotional photos from the new ‘Sex’ movie feature Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker) in a wedding dress, causing many to wonder whether the poster girl for independent women finally decided to give her hands in marriage.

SEX AND THE CITY
New York City has long been Hollywood director’s favorite movie backdrop. The city has been beautified, CGI’d and even destroyed for movie making purposes. Even so, ‘Sex and the City’ offers a fresh, raw take on NYC. From glamorous Manhattan to one of the girls’ new dwelling in the Brooklyn, trendy brunch spots to the infamous sex shops, ‘Sex’ viewers get to experience the New York in all its marvelous glory.

SEX AND THE MOVIE
The HBO version of ‘Sex’ wrapped with a big bang in 2004 after six strong seasons. Soon after, talks of making the big screen version of the series quickly died down, reportedly due to brawls between the ladies. Kim Cattrall, who plays Samantha Jones, recently confided during an interview with Oprah that she was the one who stalled the production because her father was sick and she wanted to “take a break.”

SEX AND THE KING
After what seemed like forever, Sarah Jessica Parker decided to pitch the movie once again last year. This time she was in luck; every single cast and crew decided to come back, including ‘Sex’ Writer/Director, Michael Patrick King. A former stand-up comedian, King is the genius behind the unstoppable ‘Sex’ brand. He is responsible for the entire storyline of the new movie (“which included some ‘dark moments,’” said Parker.) and also for bringing along Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson as Louise, Carrie’s assistant. Hudson also sings one of the soundtracks, titled “All Dressed in Love.”

SEX AND THE MANOLOS
‘Sex’ is known especially for its daring fashion choices - huge flower pins, vibrant-colored dresses, notorious Manolo Blahnik heels. This time, designer Patricia Field returns to bring her signature ‘Sex’ style back.

SJP’s Carrie Bradshaw does it again. With her signature flower pins, flowy hair, successful book deals and... a huge engagement rock from Mr. Big. This girl owns the city, regardless of whether or not she actually makes it to the altar.

Sweet Charlotte has been seen with a huge belly and glowing skin in many of the pictures taken by passersby. Now in a blissful domestic life with “hairy Harry”, Kristin Davis’ alter ego seems to get everything she’s ever wanted.

Cynthia Nixon’s Miranda reportedly moves from Manhattan to the less-glam Brooklyn to live in a more spacious home with husband Steve and son Brady. It’s nice to see her style evolved from wearing only bland lawyer suits to bold dresses with huge earrings.

Kim Cattrall’s character, Samantha Jones, is known for having endless supplies of “boy toys”. It seems like life really does mimic art in her case, as Cattrall is currently in a relationship with a chef, who is 23 years younger than she is.
Early exit doesn't dampen season

By Leighton Maher
Guest writer

Georgia Southern came short of their season goal, losing 12-9 in the quarterfinals of the Southern Conference Tournament to the University of North Carolina-Greensboro Spartans ending their season.

Will Southwell, a returning junior on the team, explained the disappointment of the early exit.

"Our goal was to win the Southern Conference Championship and go on to regional but we fell short," Southwell stated. Even with the loss in the tournament, the season was not a complete failure.

"We had a lot of injuries on our pitching staff this year which limited our depth," Southwell said. "Sometimes we had to run the same guys out there everyday without rest."

That lack of rest showed for the pitchers who finished the season with a combined 7.04 ERA.

The team will have some solid returning members of the pitching staff underlined by Drew Murray who went 8-1 with a 6.66 ERA and Kyle Kamppi, with 5-4 and a 6.18 ERA respectively.

With Murray and Kamppi, GSU will be returning all members except for five and will have a total of 12 seniors on their roster next year.

Southwell likes the prospects of next year's team.

"We will have a lot of experience coming back next year and will have a lot of seniors to lead the team... we will be back to compete for the Southern Conference Championship and we will have a great team to achieve that goal."

Chris Shehan. Starting in all 58 games this season, Chris Shehan set an all time Georgia Southern record when he scored his 84th run in last week's Southern Conference tournament. He was just one shy of the SoCon season record for runs scored. He ended the season with a total of 77 RBIs, 22 homeruns, and a .438 batting average. He also set a personal-high with his 15-game hitting streak to end the year.

Jeremiah Parker. Senior infielder Jeremiah Parker started in 56 of his 57 appearances. He ended his season with a .326 batting average. He had 60 runs scored, 70 RBIs and 14 homeruns. Parker played in a career total of 164 games and had a .316 career batting average, hit 35 homeruns and had 154 RBIs.

A.J. Wirnsberger. Sophomore infielder started in all 58 games and ended the season with a .325 batting average. He had a total of 63 runs scored and 74 RBIs. He led the Eagles in triples, a 13-game hitting streak and came just under Shehan with 21 homeruns. Wirnsberger tied a SoCon record after hitting three grand slams in a season.

In a previous game against USC Upstate, Chris Shehan hit his career high of four runs scored.