PRESIDENT OBAMA?

By Claire Gallam
News Editor

The democratic primaries are over and the party has chosen their representative. Senator Barack Obama was named the nominee for the democratic party Tuesday, making him the first African American ever to head a major political party.

The first-term senator captured the Democratic nomination by beating out Sen. Hillary Clinton and there is still talk around Washington about whether or not she will be a VP candidate for Obama.

According to CNN, Obama and Clinton traveled nationwide participating in more than 26 debates, which brought with them nearly 35 million supporters to the polls.

When Obama announced he was running for the Democratic presidential nominee against Sen. Hillary Clinton, many people favored Clinton, mainly due to her 35 years of experience and her husband, former president Bill Clinton. This did not stop Obama, however, from running a strong campaign.

Although Obama is the first ever African American candidate, he never settled with being just the black candidate.

According to CNN, Obama said in a speech given in March, that race is not an important factor at all.

“I have brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, uncles and cousins of every race and every hue, scattered across three continents, and for as long as I live, I will never forget that in no other country on Earth is my story even possible,” he said.

The Democratic presidential nominee announcement occurred Tuesday in St. Paul, Minnesota, which is ironically the same venue the 2008 Republican National Convention was held in September.

Now that the primaries have concluded, Obama is focusing on winning America's support in the election, and is now head to head with Republican candidate Senator John McCain.

McCain will not bring about the necessary change our nation needs. "This is our time. Our time to turn the page on the policies of the past...it's not change when John McCain decided to stand with George Bush 95 percent of the time, as he did in the Senate last year," Obama said.

The fight over the White House has only just begun with McCain and Obama, and it is looking to be a fierce competition between the two.

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GOP rolls out ads featuring Clinton attacking Obama

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Get ready for a special guest star in the Republican campaign against Democrat Barack Obama: Hillary Clinton.

Months of bare-knuckled campaign fights, pitched rhetoric and debate jousting produced a treasure chest of sound bites and videos of Clinton ripping Obama as inexperienced, elitist or simply wrong on various issues.

Now that the Democratic primaries are over and Obama has clinched his party’s nomination, the Republicans are ready to pounce.

The Republican National Committee on Wednesday rolled out new ads quoting Clinton criticizing Obama, the first of what likely will be many such ads.

In one, Clinton is heard in a Democratic debate ripping Obama’s stance that he met with foreign dictators without preconditions if elected.

“I disagree with his continuing to say that he would meet with some of the worst dictators in the world without preconditions and without the real, you know, understanding of what we would get from it,” she says.

Another quotes several Democrats, including Hillary and Bill Clinton as well as former candidates Joseph Biden and John Edwards, pointing out that Obama has little experience in the Senate and suggesting that he has little more to offer than nice-sounding speeches.

“There is no time for speeches and on-the-job training,” Hillary Clinton says in that one. “Senator McCain will bring a lifetime of experience to the campaign. I will bring a lifetime of experience. And Senator Obama will bring a speech that he gave in 2002.”

“When the last time we elected a president based on one year of service in the Senate before he started running?” Bill Clinton says in another bite.

“He will have been a senator longer by the time he’s inaugurated,” said Clinton. “But essentially once you start running for president full time, you don’t have time to do much else.”

Almost as if she envisioned what was to come, Clinton paused, then added, “this is an issue that certainly the Republicans will raise.”

Family of 9/11 victims seek for justice

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Sally Regenhard still sobs at the thought of the price her son Christian, a New York firefighter, paid trying to save those inside the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

“I feel that the 9/11 families have had no justice, no accountability, no responsibility from anyone from either terrorists or local people in New York City who failed this city to national governmental agencies that failed the American people,” she says.

On Thursday, a new chapter opens for Regenhard and other family members of 9/11 victims who have been seeking justice for their love ones.

“There’s no closure for parents. Ever. At least we’ll get an idea of what a modicum of justice looks like, seems like, tastes like,” said Regenhard from her home in The Bronx.

No homogenous group, the families left scarred by Sept. 11 include the tens of thousands adults and children killed that day.

Add the survivors, those who escaped injured, both physically and emotionally and their number is too vast to quantify.

They include people like Alice Hoyland, whose son Mark Bingham fought the hijackers of United 93, bringing it down in a Pennsylvania field rather than perhaps on Pennsylvania Avenue.

She welcomes the trial at Guantanamo of Mohammed, who allegedly confessed in CIA custody, “and I do hope that he is found guilty,” she said. “I’d like to see him justly punished for his ugly crimes every day of his life.”

And they include the children whose parents perished at the World Trade Center, and who are still grieving, says Candy Cucharo, director of programs at Tuesday’s Children, non-profit family service organization founded by family and friends of 9/11 victims.

“This is going to be a trauma trigger for them,” said Cucharo, who works with the orphans of 9/11.

Thursday’s arraignment is the first public appearance of the alleged organizers, financiers and trainers of the 19 hijackers, among them Mohammed the man called KSM who has reportedly bragged to U.S. military officers that he masteredmind the mass murder by airplane hijacking “from A to Z.”

He and his alleged co-conspirators have been shielded from the public since their capture across the globe in 2003 and subsequent secret overseas CIA custody, which included waterboarding Mohammed into confessing.

But the arraignment will surely thrust that dark day back into the headlines.

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Assertiveness seminar to be held at GSU

By: Shari Karina
Staff writer

The Continuing Education Center at Georgia Southern University will be hosting a seminar this June on assertiveness training. The event will be open to all students, faculty and Statesboro residents.

The seminar is designed to properly prepare students and individuals for success in all areas of life and the seminar primarily focuses on assertiveness in the workplace.

The event will be on Thursday, June 12 at the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

"Anyone is welcome to the seminar and allows participants to learn assertiveness so that they can maintain their poise and composure in stressful situations," said J. Marie Lutz, continuing education's program development specialist.

The four hour seminar will be conducted by one speaker who will encourage the improvement of communication skills among its participants.

"It's not aggressiveness, it's a middle ground between being a bully and a doormat," said Ale Kennedy, program trainer and speaker for the event.

"A lot of times people feel the need to yell or be quiet in certain situations," said Lutz. "This program will help you deal with various situations and will allow participants to be confident to tell people what they want in a respectable manner."

"The seminar seems really interesting and I know that for myself, communication skills with co-workers and other peers is extremely important for interactions to go smoothly," said Aaron Ocheltree, a GSU sophomore.

A registration fee of $99 is required and due Monday, June 9, by 5 p.m. The charge for Statesboro Chamber members is discounted to $89.

There is no student discount for this event.

SOAR helps students transition to GSU

Compiled by Staff

The transition from high school to college is not always an easy one.

As young adults are faced with accepting the challenges of independence, many colleges and universities that move easier with on-campus programs.

Programs like SOAR, Georgia Southern University's Student Orientation, Advisement, and Registration program, prove to be very helpful to incoming students.

"We conduct eight two-day SOAR sessions for incoming freshmen," says Georgia Southern University Admissions Director Susan Davies.

At Georgia Southern, the eight available SOAR sessions fill up fast, according to Davies.

Right now, only the July 10-11 and July 14-15 sessions have openings for students who plan to attend Georgia Southern University.

"In each session, about 250 students, or about nine percent of the freshman class, come to campus prepared to get a taste of what university life will be like," Davis said.

"They stay in a residence hall with other incoming students, meet their advisors, register for the first semester's courses, and learn about Georgia Southern University's history and traditions. Not only is the SOAR experience fun, it is, without a doubt, the best way to prepare for a successful freshman year," Davis said.

Parents are invited to accompany their student to SOAR and attend sessions in a schedule parallel to that of their students.

Each session provides parents with presentations about what their student's first year will include, both academically and socially.

Experienced staff and faculty are available to answer parents' questions on anything from financial aid, housing, and scholarships to academic programs and personal safety.

"The emphasis on student success doesn't stop when students come to campus for their first year," says Chris Caplinger, director of the First-Year Experience Program at Georgia Southern.

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Summer school a sham?

While some college students are holding summer jobs, hanging out by the pool or just simply doing nothing at all; others are in summer school.

Yes, that dreaded word that once meant you failed a class in high school and had to give up summer vacation plans to sit in a class, just so you wouldn't get behind.

Students take summer classes both to catch up and get ahead. Many use it as their last semester at college, having already walked at graduation in the spring, with only a few last credits to earn in order to get their degree.

If this describes you then summer school is the answer, but for others summer school might not be the best answer. The classes many times are very limited and the upper level classes (the ones you probably need to graduate) are tough to get into and some are not offered during the summer terms at all.

I understand the need to graduate on time and the way of thinking that if you are in town over the summer, might as well take a few classes. I myself am taking summer classes for the second straight year. But this leads me to some food for thought. Although you might be earning the same amount of credits in a shorter amount of time, are you being cheated the same quality of education that you receive during the extended fall and spring semesters?

Summer school is set up in a way where you are suppose to have the same amount of classroom time as you would any other semester, but just in a five week period as opposed to three plus months. The average fall/spring classes take place two to three days a week for about an hour while most summer classes meet everyday for around an hour and forty minutes.

The problem with this is that it rarely happens. Very few professors keep students for the entirety of the class every day of the week. Most professors do not want to lecture for this amount of time and students sure don't want to listen. For the teachers that do, students attention's tend to wander off which doesn't allow them to fully retain the information. Also for complex subjects, like upper level history of philosophy classes, students are forced to learn an extensive amount of information in a compressed amount of time. Most students would agree that it is easier having a break for a day or two in between lectures in order to let the subject matter "sink in".

For many of these complicated subjects (and even some core classes like biology and world history which covers a vast amount of information) it is almost impossible to get the same effects out of them than if you took them in the fall or spring. Many professors even cut some of the material covered as well as shorten the number of tests and assignments given to account for the lack of time.

So, if your goal is just to get the credits and get out then summer school is the way to go, but if you actually value your education and want to get the most out of your classes, it might be worth it to stick to the longer semesters.
GSU partners with roommate search website

Roommateclick.com and GSU offer students an easy way to find roommates

By: Shannon Stuart
Staff Writer

Georgia Southern is working with RoommateClick.com to help incoming freshman transition into their new environment by self-selecting their future roommates for on-campus housing.

"If their roommate relationship is happy, students do better, have a better time, and stay in college," Jon Coleman, assistant director of administration for University Housing said.

According to University Housing, more than 600 of the incoming fall freshman class has used this service.

The Web site allows students in need of a roomate to register online, create a profile and take a survey, which is all compiled by GSU housing.

To sign up, all the student needs is a GSU email address.

By having this service intertwined with GSU housing, it allows them to still have some control over the process.

Using roommateclick.com involves the student as an active participant in the selection process

-Vickie Hawkins
Director of University Housing

Students are then able to browse the site, which is free, at their convenience and then and search for potential roommates by their majors or the building they are interested in living in.

They are even able to upload up to five pictures.

"For students to benefit from making a roommate choice, we have to get them engaged in the process," Coleman said.

Previously, freshman choosing to live on campus were given the option to fill out a 15 question survey and were matched according to answers.

Coleman said this method had no statistical benefit, and the results were not much better than random assignment.

"Using roommateclick.com involves the student as an active participant in the selection process," Vickie Hawkins, director of University Housing said.

Coleman learned of roommateclick.com during an annual housing conference last year. Roommateclick.com names Tulane University and Harvard University as current subscribers to the program.

GSU began using roommateclick.com in March by notifying incoming freshman of the optional program and have already received feedback of the ease of the site.

In addition, Coleman thinks this program could keep students less stressed throughout the school year.

"[When] satisfaction is high and stress is low, and when they come to housing with roommate problems, we can support them in working on their relationships," Coleman said.

Coleman also points out that many of the other users on roommateclick.com are not only potential roommates, but could be potential new friends.

Coleman says this is a good way of connecting the incoming freshman to GSU.

"For those students that do not already have a roommate lined up prior to beginning their freshman year, this tool will provide them with a choice and opportunity to live with people that closely match their interests," Hawkins said.

Roommateclick.com is also convenient for other GSU students looking for a place to live or list a sublease.

To search for potential roommates follow these steps:
1. Go to www.roommateclick.com and register.
2. Search Ga. and enter 30458 for the zip code.
3. Begin browsing, and once you find someone interesting, send them an e-mail, and they could be your next roommate.

How to corner presents: Saving your green at the gas pump this summer

It’s no surprise that the gas prices have skyrocketed these past few weeks, and for many disgruntled drivers, like myself, the days of gas for less than 4 dollars a gallon is sadly behind us.

Cars, like my trusty Lumina, can no longer be filled up for only 25 dollars.

A fill up now costs me nearly 50, which severely cuts into the money I have left available to eat, cloth myself, and have a social life.

However, the pricey trips to the pump don’t have to ruin your summer vacation plans.

I’ve found some ways you can save your green and still have a great summer.

1. Carpool!

Carpooling is no longer just an activity used by soccer moms to transport the neighbor kids to and from practice.

Instead of driving to the beach following your friends, carpool with them.

By riding all in one car, you split the gas costs between 2+ people, which will give all of you more money for the trip and the vacation you’re planning.

If you’re the one stuck driving to Tybee, you don’t have to be stuck paying.

Politely ask your friends for some spare change to feed your hungry tank.

2. Take the bus to class, campus, etc.

Luckily, GSU offers a transit system solely to shuttle students to and from campus.

The bus allows students to get a free ride to and from class, work, etc. and gives them a little break when it comes to paying for gas now a days.

3. Walk or ride a bike.

Not only will you help your wallet, you’ll also help your body!

Walking or biking to campus, your friends house, or to the local supermarket can help dwindled your waistline.

And with the ever-climbing obesity rate in the US today, a little exercise could benefit all of us.

4. Make sure your tires are inflated and your oil is changed!

According to the Federal Trade Commission, properly inflated tires can increase your gas mileage by up to 3%.

Also, clean oil improves gas mileage by reducing the friction between the moving parts of your vehicle.

The FTC suggests using the oil recommended in your car’s user manual and changing it regularly.

The rising gas prices are a burden, but they don’t have to ruin your life!

For more tips on saving your green at the pump, visit http://www.ftc.gov.

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A tv was taken from Johnson Hall.

June 2, 2008

Sean D. Jackson, 24, North Ralph St., Claxton, was charged with driving with suspended licence.

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June 3, 2008

Virgin Vanessa Mincey, 32, Crescent Avenue, was charged with wanted person.

Some cabinets were damaged in a classroom at the College of Education.
June offers a variety of local events

By: Shannon Stuart  
Staff Writer

Throughout the month of June, Statesboro’s calendar is filled with various local activities and events open for anyone interested. Market on Main Street farmers market will be held in the downtown Sea Island Bank parking area. The farmers market will take place on Saturday, June 7. Lasting from 9 a.m. until noon, this week’s harvest offers a variety of fresh grown local food. Food being offered includes french green beans, organic green and wax beans, squash, cucumbers, Vidalia onions, fingerling and Irish potatoes, salad greens, sweet white corn, blackberries, blueberries and strawberries.

There will also be honey, syrup, eggs, breads, locally ground and roasted coffee, cheese, condiments, jellies and jams, and several types of ciders.

Along with fresh food there will be fresh cut flowers and homemade crafts made by local residents.

The next market will be held on Saturday, June 21 and other markets will be held on the first and third Saturday of each month.

In addition to the farmers market in June, the Statesboro Police Department is hosting a benefit barbecue dinner in honor of Detective Ken Scott. The profits from the dinner are going to help aide in the payments for his cancer treatments.

The dinner tickets are $8 and the plate includes barbecue, green beans, potato salad, bread and cake. The plates can be picked up on Friday, June 20 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the old police department on 22 West Grady Street. The tickets can be purchased from Lyn Dedge at City Hall, Donna Bradley at the Statesboro Municipal Court, and the Statesboro Police Department.

Checks can be made out to The Ken Scott Fund. For information call (912)-764-5468.

Make sure to advantage of the fresh fruits and vegetables offered at the farmer’s market, and do not miss the opportunity to help contribute to Detective Scott’s cause.

Also keep a lookout for other activities and events being held throughout Statesboro this summer.

GSU researchers help develop health program

Compiled by staff

GSU researchers in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health are working with the Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council to develop the technology and methods to share those records more effectively.

The collaboration comes as the result of a Georgia Department of Community Health grant to the Safety Net Planning Council. The grant was issued to develop a secure system to manage and share electronic medical information.

The Safety Net Planning Council then contracted with GSU to conduct formative research to develop a pilot program for health information exchange.

GSU faculty members Mondi Mason, assistant professor of community health and health behavior, and Renee Hotchkiss, assistant professor of health services policy and management, are co-investigators on the project.

By conducting individual interviews and focus groups, Mason and Hotchkiss will assess the readiness of providers and patients across six health clinics affiliated with the Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council.

“Our goal is to maximize the benefits of sharing medical records among Safety Net stakeholders,” says Mason.

“As part of this project, we are looking at how information is shared and who has access. We want to consider and alleviate concerns of both the patients and the medical providers.”

“This project will lead to better care for patients,” says Dr. Diane Weems, chief medical officer of the Chatham County Health Department and chair of the Safety Net Planning Council.

“This health information exchange will allow our providers to be more effective, and our patients will be able to participate more fully in their own health care.”

Several graduate students in the health services policy and management program are assisting Mason and Hotchkiss as they conduct focus groups.

“This experience will provide critical data collection and analysis skills that they can easily transport to other projects and jobs in the future.”

In Chatham County, the Safety Net Planning Council wants to eliminate that lag and bring its key stakeholders to the forefront in this effort to expand the use of electronic medical records.
The Single Stigma

By: Reuben Hayslett
Staff Writer

In the summer students empty out from Statesboro, leaving behind them two special gifts for the rest of us: heat and humidity. It’s not enough for the sun to come up over the horizon and steam the sidewalks at 10 a.m., its partner in crime—the air—swells in your mouth like giant cotton balls and seizes sweat out from all your pores. So when my friend Les called to say he had bought me a ticket for Sex and the City online ‘what to wear?” became just as much a functional question as it was a fashion question.

I couldn’t throw out just any old thing because for me Sex and the City wasn’t any old show. When I graduated high school and moved to Orlando as a bright eyed, naïve film school student Sex and the City became my handbook for singleness. I tripped around Orange Avenue and OBT with the ever changing skyline of Disney and Universal as my designated “other woman.”

When the show ended in 2004 I found myself, like Carrie, in a different city with a different man of significance. I said good-bye to Sex and singleness that night when I told my boyfriend the big four-lettered “L” word.

Four years later I trekked across Gentilly and Brannen in my vintage white jeans and a bright green fitted polo to match my bright red hair to see what my four fictious girlfriends (and the fifth I like to call Manhattan) were up to these days. I found Carrie, Miranda, Samantha and Charlotte not unlike myself and my friends. Carrie was researching her next book, Samantha moved out to LA to manage her boyfriend’s film career, Miranda was settled nicely in Brooklyn with her family while Charlotte did the same in her Park Avenue apartment.

Since 2004 my best friend Les has gone back to school to get a degree and has embarked on the amazing journey of gender reassignment.

My fabulous friend since forever, Simora, is stylishly strutting down the streets of Harlem now, living the dream and coordinating with designers for Jay-Z’s clothing line Rocawear.

Sabrina purchased her first home back in Iowa and is staring down a promotion at the same factory both our parents worked for when we were children. A factory that, in this economy, is surprisingly still thriving. And I am back in Statesboro, finally pursuing my dream: writing. But there was one scathing difference between my Sex and the City girls and my friends: we’re all still single.

As I sat in the Statesboro theater, watching Carrie trapse around Manhattan in bridal couture and Samantha, Charlotte, and Miranda each with their leading man in tow, I got to thinking about my friends, singleness and relationships. Les, Simora, Sabrina and I are all attractive, intelligent, goal-oriented and finally living the lives we’ve wanted for ourselves. We’ve all matured through bad break-ups, became educated through school and opened ourselves to new experiences. Each of us, I believe, is a great catch, yet there exists no man, or woman, in sight for us.

How a devoted Sex and the City viewer found his life in a less glamorous position than its characters four years after the finale.

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Welcome to Testosterone. Party of two.
Back in Iowa, Sabrina was struggling with her own man-problem. His name was Nick and he was a med school student. They had dated for two years and then broke up over Christmas. They got in a fight over future plans and commitment. Sabrina wasn't looking for marriage or a ring if she wanted it bad enough. After two years she just wanted to know that the relationship would eventually lead somewhere. But then the argument turned heated and Sabrina resolved she just wanted to know that the relationship or a ring on her finger. She could buy herself a super cheap.

"He left and I was still pissed. I was mad for a week and half but now that I've calmed down I feel so ashamed of myself, you know? That was really childish."

"At least you learned your lesson."

"But now I really want to apologize. I know that the relationship's over and I don't even want to get back together with him. I just wanna say I'm sorry for the way it ended. I feel like I have to so I can move on."

"So what's stopping you?"

"Him! That bastard won't return my calls or my emails. I text him three times a day saying: let me apologize. He never says anything back."

"Three times a day? I think he's gotten the message."

"Yeah but now he's being childish. Why won't he talk to me?"

"He's a full time student right? He might be saving up for one of those jock strap cups, you know? Just in case."

"Ha ha, funny, funny. Oh hey, I've got to go. I'm gonna call him while I know he's home."

"How do you know he's home?"

"Because I'm kind of in my car parked down the street from his parents' house."

"Sabrina?"

"It's not technically stalking, is it?"

"I'm sure the judge will let you know when he hands you the restraining order. Sabrina, go home. And don't call him."

"I just want to say I'm sorry."

"So much so that you'll go to jail?"

"There was a pause over the phone."

"Maybe. If he files a restraining order doesn't that mean we both have to appear in court? Then I'll get to see him and say I'm sorry."

"My ex tried to apologize to me in court and no one, me, the judge, the bailiff, wanted to hear any of it. Go home, please."

While my friends suffered through relationship drama I remained immune, due in large part to the fact that I have no kind of significant relationship to speak of. I was single. Not recently broken up single, I'm new to the area single. Not I'm single by choice single. Since I said "I love you" after the last episode of Sex and the City and subsequently had my heart, and my computer, broken I haven't been able to date anyone past a week or so. This fact came into stark light when Les bought my ticket to the Sex and the City movie and offered to purchase a plus one.

"No, I don't have anyone." I said.

Right from my lips those words became stone cold reality in the piping hot summer afternoon. I realized I don't have anyone. I don't have two men pining after me. And as I walked all the way to the theater I was swept up in love. I left my single stigma in the streets of Manhattan, the icy winters of Iowa and the subtropic, climate-changing heat of south Georgia and Florida. Sex and the City taught me that when you wear the clothes and the hair all fall in sync, and in chic. And I've learned, like Carrie, Miranda, Samantha, and Charlotte that maybe you don't get love from the big wedding ceremony, the Vivienne Westwood dress, or even the perfect boyfriend, or girlfriend.

We get love from where it exists, from the hearts of our family, and our friends turned into family. Most importantly, we get love from ourselves. I left my single stigma behind in the movie theater that night. I bravado through the humidity, walking home with my best friend Les on the phone. My bright red hair frizzed in the heat, my polo shirt held dampened semicircles of sweat under my arms and my white jeans tracked dirt throughout the mile walk home. But as long as I had my friends I was all dressed up, in love.
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The 10 genres of The Greatest Man Alive (Variations on a Shaker Hymn)

0:00 - Rap-Rock for geeky white kids
0:20 - Arena Rock, a la Coldplay
1:28 - Emo/Acoustic love ballad
2:00 - Revolutionary War Hymn
2:30 - Queen harmony rock
2:49 - Pinkerton-era Pop-Rock
3:11 - Gospel shuffle
3:41 - 90's Rock anthem
4:17 - Spoken Word
4:40 - A Capella cathedral choir

By: Keith Warburg
Executive Editor

A few months back, I sat down and put together one of the most difficult lists I’ve compiled. It took hours of listening, parsing, and mulling to settle on the final decision: my top five albums of all time.

Much in the vein of High Fidelity, every choice had a specific reason for being there, has a special story behind it. At the top of the list was Weezer’s first album, nicknamed the Blue Album. I got it in 2003, mainly because my girlfriend was really into them, and only because I begged my mom to get it for me (I was 14, give me a break). Since then, I’ve collected their other four albums (in order of release): Pinkerton, Weezer (The Green Album), Maladroit, and Make Believe.

As many Weezer fans have done in years of late, my interest in the band has dropped. I remain fascinated by their early works, but slightly bored by songs like Beverly Hills (geek rockers at the Playboy mansion? Really?) from newer LPs.

So when I found out that the band was recording again, and calling the effort The Red Album, my interest was less than perked. However, when Red hit shelves on Tuesday I found myself pleasantly surprised to here some old Weezer glory.

The cover features a posed shot of the band, with sheepish lead singer Rivers Cuomo sporting a thick mustache and a cowboy hat, a drastic change from the decade of coke-bottle frames and t-shirts.

The disk inside the cover is as much of a throwback to the original color-coded albums as the cover. Sounds differ from track to track, sometimes changing genres four or five times in one song (see ‘The Greatest Man That Ever Lived (Variations On a Shaker Hymn)’).

Tracks that really stand out include “Heart Song,” an acoustic power ballad canonizing Cuomo’s musical influences that features a Weezer origin story in the final verse.

“Dreamin” is strongly reminiscent of Maladroit’s “Keep Fishin,” a rock shuffle with the classic Weezer bridge slowdown. Coming in at 5:12, this one could easily be split into two different songs.

One of the most promising songs on the record is “Thought I knew,” in which bassist Scott Shriner takes the vocals for a simple, fun song that recalls Sister Hazel or Blues Traveler. The coolest part about this one, though, is that the bassist sings, the singer drums, and the drummer plays guitar.

My favorite track on the album is “Cold Dark World,” a love song in a minor key that could easily have been a Smashing Pumpkins cover song. The dark, biting music and melody say “I’m after you, and you’ll love me whether you like it or not,” but the lyrics send a sweeter, more subtle message. If you’re not particularly a Weezer fan, but you’ve got Gish and Siamese Dream in your car’s sun visor, grab this one on iTunes and imagine Billy Corgan singing.

The album’s first single, “Pork and Beans,” is classic Blue Album Weezer. The catchy anthem drips with sarcasm as Cuomo details what it takes for them to be cool, and how they’re doing everything to the opposite of that. The reasoning: label Geffen Records pushed the band to start the album off with a hit, leading to the line “Timbaland knows the way to reach the top of the chart/ Maybe if I work with him, I can perfect the art.” As Cuomo told Entertainment Weekly, “No one pushes Weezer. I’m a huge Timbaland fan, but there’s no need to have him on the Red Album.”

The freshest breath this album gives the listener is a band mix-up. On nearly half the tracks, band members play each other’s instruments instead of their own, and in some of the songs, Rivers does none of the singing at all. In the album notes, guitarists Brian Bell and Cuomo admit that (drummer) Pat Wilson did some of the best guitar playing on the record.

Overall, Weezer’s latest attempt is sure to win back some fans that have wandered from the fold, by going back to the sound(s) that brought them to the band in the first place.

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You get nervous again seeing that the ball is headed right toward the foul pole but the closer it gets, you see that it is going to land on the winning side.

You jump up cheering ecstatically, then after your celebration you turn your attention to the third base umpire called the winning home run a foul ball.

You can't believe what just happened and to add insult to injury, during your tirade you see the ball game end and your team lose as the batter swings through strike three.

Sound familiar? Well, it should. Just because this might not have happened to your favorite ball club yet (and if so not to this dramatic of an effect) let me assure you, it is just a matter of time before a scenario like this plays out and the game and the season is dramatically affected.

The concept of instant replay is a highly debated topic in baseball today and rightly so.

One argument is that if instant replay is approved only for special circumstances (for example to judge if the ball in the opening of this column was fair or foul) will “open a can of worms” and soon there will be pressure to put every call in subject to review, from balls and strikes to close plays at the bases.

This is just something that will have to be dealt with. If it makes the game more “fair” then so be it.

Now, having said this there is definitely a need for strict stipulations if instant replay is approved. Limiting reviews to home run controversies might work and a possible limit of review per game similar to the NFL’s challenge format.

With today’s technology there is simply no reason not to have reviews in baseball. For example, I can’t count the number of times that I have been watching Sunday Night Baseball on ESPN and saw numerous missed ball/strike calls after seeing it on replay with the K-Zone.

So why not use this technology for every game? It’s understandable that different home plate umpires have different sized strike zones as long as they stay consistent with their calls.

This is something that is not an issue just in the majors either; there have been plenty of games on the minor league, college, and high school levels that were decided by blown calls.

Because of financial issues it is not probable that instant replay will ever make it down to the college and high school ranks.

There is no reason not to at least test instant replay out in the majors and see how it works out. Then, as the system is perfected (much like it was in the NFL before moving to college football) it can be implemented in other levels like the College World Series for instance.

Curry to be named Detroit Pistons head coach

By Will Adams

Staff writer

Georgia Southern alumnus Michael Curry was hired as head coach of the Detroit Pistons to replace fired head coach Flip Saunders Tuesday, according to ESPN.

Curry, who graduated from GSU in 1990 with a degree in finance, played in nearly 600 NBA games, despite averaging only five points per game from 1993 to 2005.

He played for the Philadelphia 76ers, Washington Bullets, Detroit Pistons, Milwaukee Bucks, Toronto Raptors and finished his career with the Indiana Pacers.

For the past few years, Curry has served as the President of the NBA Players Association and previously worked as an assistant coach for the Pistons.

Track & Field Concludes Season at NCAA East Regional Championships

GSU news service

The Georgia Southern track & field team finished the first day at the NCAA East Regional Championships at the Mike Long Track in Tallahassee, Fla.

Senior Carla Ballard ended her stellar career in the preliminaries of the 400m hurdles. The Morrow, Ga. native ran a time of 1:01.35 finishing the event in 25th place.

Lynndsey Hyter and Shaunta Hamilton both competed in the long jump during the first day of competition. Hyter posted a distance of 19’02.00” for a 13th place finish, while Hamilton leaped a distance of 17’09.75”.

The track & field team concluded the 2008 season at the NCAA East Regional Championships at the Mike Long Track in Tallahassee, Fla.

Florida State University was the host institution, while Virginia Tech came away with the NCAA East Regional Championship.

Georgia Southern competed very hard and did well during the second day of competition. Senior Jennifer Charles finished ninth in “Flight 1” and 29th overall in the shot put.

In just her second year as a member of the track & field team, the Green Cove Springs, Fla. Native threw a distance of 43’03.25.

The Eagles had three competitors in the triple jump event. Shaunita Hamilton leaped a distance of 39’06.50” earning a 23rd place finish. Hamilton and Demetrie Anthony finished fourth and fifth in “Flight 1”. Anthony and Lynndsey Hyter posted distances of 39’03.25” and 39’01.75” respectively.

Sophomore Melanie Trumbo participated in the high jump, but did not record a mark.

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Shehan slighted before the draft

His totals on offense placed him in the top ten nationally for eight different batting categories and in the top twenty for two others.

With Major League Baseball's First-Year Player Draft taking place this weekend at Disney's Wide World of Sports, most who have seen Georgia Southern's Chris Shehan play would expect to see him scooped up very early.

After covering the team for a portion of this year's season, that is exactly what I thought.

Most of college baseball felt the same way and showed their respect by making him a semi-finalist for all three major 'National Player of the Year' awards.

In two of these, he was placed in the top ten nationally for eight different batting categories and in the top twenty for two others.

Out of curiosity, I decided to look into where the ''experts'' thought Shehan might land in the draft, and you can imagine my surprise when I found his name missing from Baseball America's top 200 prospects.

This is a guy who finished with a .438 batting average with 77 runs-batted-in, 22 home runs, 98 hits, and a .835 slugging percentage.

His totals on offense placed him in the top ten nationally for eight different batting categories and in the top twenty for two others.

So how can these professionals, who get paid to cover baseball, slip up so much? It's not his size (6'0", 205) and it's definitely not his stats, so what is it?

There is no real clear-cut answer to this slight by Baseball America.

With seven of the first ten prospects coming from traditional powerhouse Division-I schools, the topic of the "mid-major" schools getting less than their due could be brought up.

This is not really the case with baseball with such schools as Rice and Cal State-Fullerton doing so well on the national stage.

Some may also argue that the early exit for GSU in the conference championship played a part in this.

The biggest reason for the exemption may come from the younger players.

Of the top 200 prospects, 90 are entering directly out of high school.

However, even if you were to add up all these reasons, it still would not be enough to convince me that he is not a top-200 player.

Shehan had an amazing year and almost everyone in college baseball took notice. With there being fifty rounds in the MLB Draft, he will definitely be drafted high but not quite high enough.

By Leighton Maher