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Check out our concert slideshow online!
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matches to help current sufferers.
Fans of the acts also had a chance to play
Rock Band and Guitar Hero on XBOX 360
consoles free of charge. They also had a
chance to get free Crocs gear such as t-shirts
and merchandise from performers as well
as meet the acts as they left the stage.
According to student and fan Terisha
Mosely, the show appeared to go off without
a hitch from the audience side.
"I love the organization. The show
is very organized with its workers and
its time" said Terisha Mosely. "I am also
excited to have seen Yung Joc. I enjoy his
music."
The tour will continue through Sep-
tember 26 and will include notable schools
such as
Georgia State University, University of
Florida, and Ithaca College.
For more information on the tour,
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nexstepcampustour.com.

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Keep up
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National News!

Read the
George-Anne Daily!

Covering the campus like
a swarm of gnats!

Georgia Southern brings
LEGO robotics to local Schools

GSU News Service

The College of Information Technology at Geo-
ia Southern University is sponsoring a LEGO First
Tech Challenge (LFTC) team, the Eagle Bots, and
has received a $450 rookie team scholarship from
The FIRST Foundation.
The scholarship is one of 10 awarded in Georgia.
The LFTC is the fastest growing, hottest initiative for
engineers around the world. CIT invites interested high school
students in Bulloch County to contact Professor
Robert Cook at 478-0892 or by email at bcook@
gsasouthern.edu.
Cook is constantly looking for new outreach
initiatives for the University. He is a Yamacraw
professor and the NASA Space Grant Coordinator
for the University.
This year the university will be offering Robot-
ics not only for Computer Science majors, but also
as a section in the First Year Experience for Honor
Students.
The lab is also used for a four-week science and
ingenuity enrichment experience in the Uni-
versity’s Upward Bound program (for high school
juniors and seniors).
The equipment from the lab goes on loan to local
schools that participate in the LFTC competitions.
For videos on robotics class, LEGO FIRST League
and computer game programming go to: http://
bcoo.cs.georgiasouthern.edu
Kentucky counties running up tabs with ACLU in Ten Commandments case

McClatchy Newspapers

A long legal fight over courthouse displays of the Ten Commandments could cost two Southern Kentucky counties nearly $400,000.

In a motion filed last week, attorneys with the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky requested fees of $390,588 for representing people who challenged the displays in the halls of the county courthouses in Pulaski and McCreary counties, plus $8,133 in expenses.

The request comes after the ACLU won its request for an injunction barring the displays.

The ACLU sued on behalf of residents in each county, arguing that posting the biblical laws violated the First Amendment ban on government endorsement of a particular religious doctrine.

U.S. District Judge Jennifer Coffman ordered the local governments to take down the copies. The counties later put up new displays of the religious laws with other documents such as the Declaration of Independence.

That was an attempt to define the collections as non-religious historical and educational displays, but Coffman ordered the counties to remove the Ten Commandments.

A federal appeals court ruled in 2005 that the displays violated the Constitution, although it left open the possibility that the counties could cure their earlier problems in posting the Ten Commandments and someday put them back on the courthouse wall.

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Men assaulted with sausage, spices in late-night burglary attempt

McClatchy Newspapers

A burglar who broke into a home just east of Fresno rubbed spices and vinegar on the body of one of two men as they slept in their rooms and then used an 8-inch sausage to whack the other man in the face and head before he ran out the house, Fresno County sheriff’s deputies said Saturday.

Lt. Ian Burrimond, describing the crime as one of the strangest he’s ever heard of, said a suspect was found hiding in a nearby field a few minutes later and taken into custody on suspicion of residential robbery.

Deputies had no problem linking the suspect to the crime.

“It seems the guy ran out of the house wearing only a T-shirt, boxers, and socks, leaving behind his wallet with his ID,” Burrimond said.

Arrested was Antonio Vasquez, 22, of Fresno, Calif.

Burrimond said deputies were dispatched to the victims’ home in the 300 block of South Thompson Avenue near Kings Canyon Road shortly after 8 a.m. Saturday regarding a burglary in progress.

The victims, told deputies they were awakened by a stranger applying spices to one of the them and striking the other with a sausage.

Both the spices and the sausage, Burrimond said, reportedly were obtained from the victims’ kitchen.

After the man fled, the victims discovered the home had been ransacked and that some money was taken, Burrimond said.

Burrimond said the money was recovered, but that the piece of sausage used in the attack was discarded by the suspect and eaten by a dog.

“That’s right, the dog ate the weapon,” Burrimond said. “I tell you, this was one weird case.”
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It is now only a matter of time before GSU continues to creep up the list and break out nationally among other well-known universities.

Leave family out of the public’s view

Family is something that is crucially important to most people in the world. The devotion we as humans show to our family is a trait of mammalian nature, as we know of many other animals that show such extreme devotion to family. We love them, help them, give them everything we have, including money, time, effort, and even organs.

Last week, when Sarah Palin hit the news circuit as the Republican nominee for Vice President, the news instantly shifted from the candidate and her politics to her family of five children, one of whom is 17 and pregnant.

The media latched onto the story, debating unwed, young mothers and how this would affect Palin's running. The swarm attached itself to this story for days, making it a top story that wouldn't go away.

This is one of the most ridiculous things I have ever seen in politics. This is an example of something I feel should be off-limits.

Leave the family out of it. Politics are no place for what goes on in a candidates home. I don't care to hear that she has a pregnant seventeen year old. That is not rare anymore. I have known plenty of those in my days. I'm not saying it's right, but for god's sake, let it go.

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If you or I get into an argument with our parents, whose business is it? Would you want your conversation posted all over the world to see in a matter that has nothing to do with anyone but you and them?

I know as a public figure that your life is under a microscope for the world to see. I agree to a degree with that. I think, at least in politics, that your work and financial records should be under public eye, as watchdog method. But family should not.

When asked about Palin and her family, Democratic nominee Barack Obama said that family should be left out of it. He understands about the family thing, as it is always brought up in the media about how he is bi-racial, with a white mother and black father.

It is a pathetic act of the media and public to have something to find something to have against a candidate or just to have something to talk about. In a world of beating a topic to death, this topic should be left completely out of it.

Family is sacred and is not for the world to view under a microscopic lens.

Other Opinions:

Don't Be Stupid: Tailgating Do's and Don'ts

It is helpful to know where and when you can tailgate. After the inconsistent behavior of the police in Athens, it is nice to know what GSU's rules are. Is there a rulebook somewhere giving us this info, then I had no idea.

- Jennifer

Raise a finger, just not that one

I am from Gwinnett county, and to be honest, I have seen many men raise a finger or two off of their steering wheels to say hello. So for you to say that because one single person gave you the finger after you "saluted" them, sounds very ignorant to me. What you may not know is that perhaps this guy thought you gave him the finger, so he gave you one back. I am not saying that is the right thing to do, but nonetheless it could be what happened. So before you go stating that since people like myself are from a larger city we have "big city attitudes", maybe you should rethink the situation you were in and put yourself in the other person's shoes.

- anonymous

Our Weekly Poll

Do you think the GSU campus is ready for a major storm?

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Number of Voters: 33
Eagles Fly High After Home Win

Freshman Quarterback Lee Chappie throws a pass during Saturday's Game.

The Eagles and head Coach Chris Hatcher take the field at the start of the game.

The Eagles win 34-20 against Austin Peay during Saturday night's game.

Junior Terence Hall rushes the ball.

The Eagles play again next Saturday at home against Northeastern at 6 pm.
Volleyball loses two at Bear Brawl

GSU news service

The Georgia Southern volleyball team dropped a pair of matches Saturday at the Bear Brawl hosted by Mercer.

Georgia Southern rallied from a 2-1 deficit but fell in set five to Auburn and were swept by Presbyterian.

The Eagles lost 3-2 (21-25, 25-23, 25-23, 16-25, 15-12) to Auburn and 3-0 (25-13, 25-19, 25-19) to Presbyterian to fall to 3-4 on the season.

In the opener, GSU hit .425 in the first set on 18 kills and just one error, and recorded a season-high .237 attack percentage as a team.

But the Tigers rallied to edge the Eagles in the next two sets while holding them to just .073 in the second.

Freshman Bethany Sanford notched a double-double with a career-high 20 kills and 10 digs.

It was her fourth double-double in her last five matches. Also recording a double-double was senior Christy Dowd with 12 kills and 10 digs.

Sophomore Blaire Brueggemeyer had 48 assists and junior Cristin Haines posted 13 digs.

Sanford was named to the All-Tournament team.

Auburn's Jonelle Wallace posted 16 kills and a .419 attack percentage and Sara Shanks recorded 49 assists.

Presbyterian held Georgia Southern to a .080 attack percentage for the match while hitting .270 to earn the sweep.

The Eagles hit just -.053 in the opening set as the Blue Hose easily won 25-13. GSU rebounded to hit .212 in the second frame but was still out-hit by PC.

Lisa Shelley had 12 kills and a .370 hitting percentage to lead Presbyterian.

Heather Swain posted 10 kills on just one error and Elizabeth Heineman added a match-high 20 digs.

Sanford had a team-best 11 kills and Haines recorded 17 digs for Georgia Southern.

The Eagles return to action next weekend when they host the Bash in the Boro starting Friday at 10 a.m.

Men's Soccer downs Perennial Power Clemson 2-1

GSU news service

Daniel Smith scored the Eagles' two goals in its win over Clemson.

The Eagles (1-1-0) got on the board first when Smith scored off a pass from Jon Cox in the sixth minute.

Nathan Thornton tied the game up for the Tigers in the 24th minute of play.

Smith responded and gave Georgia Southern the lead 2-1 only minutes later.

Cox had two assists on the day.

Newcomer, Fredrick Langseth, also picked up an assist.

Joey Ralph played all 90 minutes in the cage and picked up five saves.

"He [Ralph] played very well for us. He bounced back after giving up the goal and handled himself especially well in the last 10 to 15 minutes of the game," said Coach Kennedy.

Danny Hall and Joe Magidan both had a shot in the game.

Georgia Southern picked up its first win ever against the Tigers.

"It was a great win for us. Clemson is a good team whom we respect. We had a special performance out there today. We defended well and made the most of our chances," said Coach Kennedy.

The Eagles become only the 16th team to ever beat Clemson under the lights at Riggs Field.

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Upcoming games

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NANNY NEEDED: part time a responsible/caring female student to attend 3 school age girls. Please call 912-685-7665 (leave message).

140 Other Announcements


Take over my Campus Club 4 Bel, 4 Bath lease starting 11 August. I'll pay as much as two months of your rent. Call me at 678-472-3320.

First Presbyterian Church of Statesboro College Ministry offers Sunday School and the one who loves you most. Go to http://www.agoodword.org.

Buy or Sell

260 Miscellaneous for Sale

Tall desk with detachable hutch and matching nightstand.- Perfect for a laptop with space for books and materials. Call Melissa at (501)472-0956. $40.

210 Autos for Sale

Full unbreakable Corelle Dish Set for 12 people including matching salt/pepper shakers, sugar bowl, and platter. Call Melissa at (501)472-0956. $35.

Employment & Job Services

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410 Apartments

I'm looking to sublease my apartment for the 08-09 school year. It's in Copperbeach and is one bedroom one bath. Call Erin at 229-201-1880.

Room for Rent in home off Country Club Rd. Furnished bedroom, quiet neighborhood, close to GSU. $350/month includes utilities. Call Ed (912)531-5223.

Room for rent in a wonderful house, 10 mins from campus, RENT is $270 plus utilities. 4th & 2nd still available for Fall 08! Contact Alex at 478-714-1706.


SUBLEASE Available at Woodlands for 2B/2B $400 per month. L ense from 8/4/08 til 7/31/09. Call Sharon @ 912-536-4364.

Quiet, reasonably priced 1 & 2 bedroom apartments, duplexes. No Pets, Application & Deposit required. Flexible leases. $255-$450 per month. PARKER REALTY (912-764-5623).

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440 Real Estate For Sale

3 BR/2 BA 1200 sq ft home for sale. Almost full acre lot in cul de sac of quiet neighborhood, 8 min from campus. $152k. Call Tiffany 912-690-4986.

450 Roommates Wanted

Don't want a lot of roommates. 1 room available in a 2B/2B apart-ment including wate r, elec., cable w/HBO, internet $425/Mur (404) 721-2923.

**URGENT** 2 roommates needed in Copper Beech for the 08-09 school year. 4 bedrooms, $350/month utilities included. Can move in any time! Call for more info!

ROOMMATES NEEDED: Large 3BR/2BA Newer Home. 72" TV, DishHD/8DR/DSL, leather furniture, home gym. $375 electric. Call Foresti or Riba (478-494-4792).

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470 Student Housing

BRAND NEW 4BR/4BA house in Burkhalter Plantation. $400.00 Month+ 1/4 Utilities 912-536-6005. Chad/282, w/d incl, breakfast bar in kitchen, 2 walking closets per bedroom, large patio, 1 block from campus. Rent only $600. Call Chris 404-316-9491.
Eagles defeat Austin Peay 34-20

By Katherine Cox
Staff writer

Saturday night the Eagles tried to bounce back from the loss handed to them from previously ranked number one University of Georgia, against the Governors of Austin Peay State University.

Darrel Pasco, kick returner for the Eagles, got things rolling for GSU with an 11 yard return after Austin Peay won the coin toss.

Antonio Henton got the go ahead to start tonight, and the passing game was solid through the first half, completing five of 9 passes for 49 yards. Switching off, Lee Chapple (14) completed just three of six passes, for 21 yards and was sacked twice.

The rushing game was up and running at the start of the first quarter. Two rushing touchdowans were scored for the Eagles to take a 13-0 lead until late in the second quarter.

A 36 yard complete pass to Raja Andrews from Henton surged the Eagles onto the Austin Peay 4 yard line. Adam Urbano took over the rest of the way, punching in a touch down from the 1-yard line to give the Eagles a 6-0 lead.

The point after attempt was failed by Jesse Hartley, bringing his 50 consecutive points made to an end.

The Eagles defense held strong for the rest of the first quarter and into the second, only faltering near the end to allow the Governors to even it up at half time, 13-13.

After a 12 yard pass to convert a 3rd down attempt, momentum swung to the favor of the Eagles again after a slight lull from the first touchdown. Running back Samair Baker followed up with a 17 yard run.

Fumbles tainted much of the third quarter for GSU.

“At halftime we were just ‘out there’. We had no emotion, we were a flat group and they just stuck it to us. We tried reverses, we tried to fake a punt and fumbled when we would have gotten a first down. We just couldn’t do anything right,” said Hatcher.

“And then I challenged them at halftime to come out and play better and then all of the sudden they had a great drive. We didn’t do much, but in the fourth quarter our defense really stood up and forced some big turnovers. We then got behind that big offensive line and Henton and those running backs did a great job of running the football and we came out of here with a big win.”

APSU came out of the locker rooms ready to go, and jumped out to an early touchdown. Austin Peay quarter back Garry Orr completed an 8-yard pass and the Governors went up 20-13.

The Eagles weren’t about to give up yet, though. GSU battled back from miscues and poor ball handling to force Austin Peay to have fumbles of their own.

“The Eagles finally caught a break in the 4th quarter and capitalized on the Governors mistakes.”

Just after the whistle for the start of the fourth quarter, MarkKeith Wylie forced a fumble from APSU and J.B. Shippy fell quickly on the ball to recover for GSU.

Henton kept the ball this time for himself, and punched in a 4 yard touchdown. The point after kick would make the score 20-20.

Another keeper from Henton would put the Eagles up 27-20 halfway through the 4th quarter, this time after a 16 yard touchdown run.

The Eagles thought they may have sealed the deal with seven minutes left in the game from a pass ruled incomplete by game officials.

GSU cruised to the end of the game, looking stellar while closing out this bout with Austin Peay University.

Henton almost collected his 3rd rushing touchdown of the night, but was stopped short and pushed back 15 yards after another GSU personal foul.

Henton passed for 68 yards, completing 10 of 16 passes and had no sacks. He also rushed for a team high 103 yards.

The fourth and final touchdown for GSU was icing on the cake for the Eagles, and another fumble was forced with two minutes left to drive the win home.

The Eagles finished up with a final score 34-20.

Georgia Southern displayed a solid offensive and defensive showing that impressed and silenced its’ doubters.

Chris Covington led the Eagles defense with 11 tackles and one fumble recovery.

The Eagles next home game is Saturday, September 16 against Northeastern University at 6 p.m.