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MEN’S BASKETBALL
Eagle Basketball has released its 2008-2009 schedule, complete with a BracketBuster matchup on February 21.

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The Eagles took four of five final matches in Monday’s Invitational.

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STUDENT INJURED IN ATHENS
A GSU student was injured at last Saturday’s game when an angry fan assaulted him.

A DAY FOR SOUTHERN
The school’s annual fundraiser is set to run all day today. Faculty and staff are expected to raise up to $1 million.

HURRICANES SET TO DEVASTATE KEYS
While the season’s later storms are predicted to miss Statesboro, the Florida Keys are preparing for the worst.

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POLITICAL CONVENTION RECAP
We braved hours of half-hearted speeches and endorsements to bring you our best coverage of this year’s DNC and RNC National Conventions.

Students compete over free parking
Open parking limited as RAC patrons compete with class-goers

By Mark Beavers
Guest writer

Students trying to park at the RAC this semester may be getting a workout just trying to find a parking space. Overcrowding at the RAC parking lot is causing some frustrations among students this semester.

Junior Biology major Joe Kelley said he has trouble finding parking, especially during the early afternoon hours on weekdays.

“I guess it’s because of people parking for classes,” Kelley said. Parking at the RAC does not require a permit, so some students take advantage of the free parking when going to class. Students parking to use the RAC facilities have to compete for spaces with those parking to go to campus.

Kelley admits that even he sometimes takes advantage of the free parking when going to classes.

Even though finding a parking space at the RAC can be difficult, there are currently no solutions to the overcrowded parking situation in the works.

“There is not much parking at the RAC for students on purpose,” CRI Director Gene Sherry said. Sherry said that the parking is limited to encourage students to ride the bus or use bicycles to see PARKING PAGE 3

Cinema Arts Series hosts 25th opening night

Denver Pittman
Guest writer

Last night, Georgia Southern University embarked on its 25th opening night of the John Humma Cinema Arts series.

Since 1983, a collaborative effort between Program Advisor, John Humma and Director Tomasz Warchol has brought alternative film to life in the Russell Union Auditorium. From independent to foreign films, the collection brings contemporary exposure to the students and provides a portrayal into the world of cinema that may have otherwise “slipped through the cracks,” said Warchol.

“There’s no telling whether the first night will be a hit,” said Humma; yet, the program has averaged about 100 students per film in the past.

The program kicked off with the modern day Greek tragedy ‘Before the Devil Knows You’re Dead’ and will come to a close December 1st traditionally with satirical comedy ‘Office Space.’

Though Humma retired two years ago, he is still very active in the program. Both he and Warchol choose the films each year in an attempt to “artistically and intellectually” portray atypical blockbuster hits, said Warchol.

Every year, the program traditionally showcases a classic film.

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The Good, The Bad, and THE UGLY
Take a look at the best and worst of the Democratic and Republican national conventions.

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Student injured in UGA skirmish

By Keith Warburg
Executive editor

A Georgia Southern student was injured last Saturday at Sanford Stadium in an altercation with a University of Georgia fan.

According to reports from the UGA Police Department, student Frank Jefferis was accosted by Chad Boggs of Cummings, GA, who then pushed him down. Jefferis fell down the steps and landed on his face, bleeding on the concrete.

Boggs was arrested by UGA police officers and charged with Battery.

Initial student response at last week’s Georgia Southern v UGA football game was to crowd the injured Jefferis, who was bleeding on the concrete.

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get to the RAC.

Sherry believes that the overcrowding at the parking lot has a lot to do with it being the beginning of the semester and what time of day that people are coming to the RAC.

“People are finding their way around,” Sherry said.

Solving the overcrowded parking situation at the RAC is, for now, in the students hands.

If riding the transit or biking to the RAC is not an option there are a couple of other solutions.

“Students can use the Ceramics Studio lot, and in the evenings, use the RAC pavilion lot,” Sherry said.

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said Humma, Jimmy Stewart’s 1983 film Destry Rides Again, a suspense-filled western comedy, will carry on that tradition. It will be the second film shown in the series.

The John Humma Cinema Arts series will show eight films this fall and are open to all Georgia Southern Students, Faculty, and local residents.

All films will be shown on Monday evenings at 7:15 in the Russell Union Auditorium. Admission is three dollars.

Two-time graduate to chair over ‘A Day for Southern’ fundraiser

By Jessenia Martinez
Guest Writer

A Georgia Southern alum and Statesboro native will chair today’s A Day for Southern campus fundraising event.

William Robert “Bobby” Smith, a graduate of GSU’s Masters program and longtime member of the business community, will preside over the 34-year old tradition.

Smith is well known in Bulloch County for his leadership throughout the community, having been a part of several local organizations including Statesboro’s Rotary Club and the Bulloch County Board of Education.

Before his leadership in the community, he attended high school in Statesboro and graduated from Georgia Southern – then known as Georgia Teachers College – in 1949 majoring in history.

“I had a very pleasant childhood – very happy one,” Smith said. “I was raised during the depression, but even with the circumstance it was pleasant.”

After graduation he began working in the family business, Smith Hardware, selling hardware and building supplies.

After many years of working in the business, he decided to return to GSU to receive his Master’s Degree. Upon graduation he was offered a job in teaching at the same school which he taught for 23 years.

“I enjoy teaching,” said Smith, “I enjoy the students.”

His love for the school and the community is what keeps him in Statesboro.

“I’ve lived in Statesboro my whole life. I have only lived outside of Statesboro when I was in the army,” said Smith who also served in the Korean War.

A Day for Southern is a full day of raising money for GSU. The day of fund raising begins at 8 a.m. with a kick off breakfast and ends at 6 p.m. with a celebration of the day.

Proceeds go to the Georgia Southern University Foundation and to the Southern Boosters, which manages money for athletic scholarships and support the athletic department.

Proceeds also are used to support culture and education attractions like the campus Botanical Garden.

“Our goal for this year is 1.2 million dollars,” said Wendell Tompkins Director of Annual Giving.

A Day for Southern began in 1974 raising $60,000 last year’s campaign brought one million dollars which made it the 10th year in a row receiving this amount.
Evacuation orders for Florida Keys expire; Ike lashes Cuba

McCathy Newspapers

As Hurricane Ike continued on its destructive journey Monday morning, ripping through Cuba, the evacuation order in the Florida Keys expired.

As of noon Monday, residents of the Keys who have not already evacuated are urged to stay put.

Even though Ike is expected to pass well south of the Keys, the area will still experience inclement weather.

Authorities in the Keys are asking those who have already left the island chain not to return until after the storm passes, which will likely be Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Cuba is continuing to feel Ike's fury.

Winds, a massive storm surge and heavy rain have destroyed hundreds of homes and toppled trees in the island nation.

As of the 11 a.m. EDT advisory from the National Hurricane Center, the center of the storm was 45 miles west-southwest of Camaguey.

Once a ferocious hurricane with wind gusts at 153 mph, Ike has weakened a bit as it travels over land. It is now a Category 2 storm with maximum winds of 100 mph, forecasters said.

After wreaking havoc in the Turks and Caicos and killing at least 6 people in Haiti early Sunday, the storm will continue to lash Cuba on Monday and Tuesday.

There, it could possible cause up to 20 inches of rain in some areas, flash floods and mudslides.

Ike could also cause a storm surge of up to 12 feet, the National Hurricane Center advised.

The storm is on a westward path toward Havana, and is currently about 290 miles west-southwest of the city.

According to reports aired on Cuban radio, the Tmx River, the biggest in Cuba, and the Yateras River – both in the Guantamano province – are overflowing and causing damage. Seven people were also injured there, though none seriously.

In that same region, more than 1,000 homes have been damaged, 300 of them destroyed.

Landslides have blocked access to the cities of Maisi and Mno.

Juan Carlos Figuera, who owns a bed and breakfast in Holguin, where the storm made landfall Sunday night at 9:45 p.m., rode the storm out in his house with several tourists staying at $25 a night.

But nobody slept much.

"There were many trees falling and lightposts breaking outside," he said.

"The winds were terrible. You could hear many trees falling and lightposts breaking outside," he said.

"There are roofs in people's yards and nobody knows who they belong to."

Figuera said the damage was unbelievable, with trees down on the ground, phone lines knocked down and homes destroyed.

Once Ike leaves Cuba, it is expected to make its way into the Gulf of Mexico as a Category 1 storm.

It will likely intensify into a major hurricane as it heads toward the Gulf Coast, possibly making landfall in Texas, Louisiana or Florida's panhandle.

The court must first decide if it has jurisdiction in the case. Russia also accuses Georgia of crimes against humanity in connection with its massive air and ground attack on Tskhinvali, the capital of South Ossetia, on August 8. Moscow says hundreds of civilians plus a number of its peacekeepers were killed by Georgian forces during the attack. Most residents of South Ossetia have Russian citizenship.

Moscow has threatened to attempt to have Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili tried as a war criminal.

Both Russia and Georgia have been accused by the U.S.-based Group Human Rights Watch of "indiscriminate attacks" on civilians during the fighting.
The 2008 presidential election has been in full swing for almost two years now and the parties finally held their conventions over the past two weeks.

Whether it was the Democratic National Convention in Denver or the Republican National Convention in Minneapolis - St. Paul, both the Democrats and Republicans had their shining moments and the moments they would like to hide away for quite a long time.

We take a look at the good, bad, and ugly moments of the two conventions. Whether you bleed blue or red, lean toward the left or right, or have already made your decision, this roundup should entertain all.

**Clinton Unites a Party**

Hillary Clinton served as a great uniter at the Democratic Convention. Wearing a tangerine pantsuit (her signature trademark), Clinton delivered a rousing speech on the second night of the convention.

"I want you to ask yourselves: Were you in this campaign just for me?" Clinton asked. "Or were you in it for that young Marine and others like him?"

She spoke of the ideals that she fought for in the presidential primary. She assured the delegates and millions tuning in that Barack Obama would carry on these ideals.

"And when Barack Obama is in the White House," Clinton said. "He'll revitalize our economy, defend the working people of America, and meet the global challenges of our time."

Clinton further sparked unity by interrupting the roll call vote on Wednesday, August 27 to make a motion that Barack Obama be the Democratic nominee for President.

**Warner’s Success in Cell Phones**

Mark Warner, former Governor of Virginia, gave the Keynote address Tuesday night, and even though Hillary Clinton overshadowed him, he gave it a nice shot.

A nice shot, however, is not a job well done. Warner compared change and new ideas to a business venture he had in the cell phone industry.

Warner recounted his failed business ventures, one that lasted six weeks and the other six months. He then went into the cell phone industry.

"Friends told me, ‘Warner, get a real job. No one’s going to want a phone in their car,’” Warner said, "But I saw a different future. And with luck and a lot of hard work, I got in on the ground floor of the cell phone industry.”

It seems like Warner could have done a better job by comparing the government in 1988 to today’s government. The cell phone industry was just starting; the government: alive and kicking for over 200 years.

**What You Didn’t See**

Sure, the media coverage of the DNC may have been information overload for most Americans. But, if you were watching CNN or any other major network you probably missed a few speeches.

You missed Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer talk about the real challenges of being an American.

“My family didn’t have much in our little house,” said Schweitzer. “But a few things stand out in my memory: a crucifix and, on our kitchen wall, a framed picture of President Kennedy.”

These were the things that you didn’t hear on mainstream television, but they are things that could change campaign.

The media places a grand focus on people who are well known, but they neglect the people who are getting their start.

It is worth noting, however, that 37 million tuned in to see Barack Obama deliver his acceptance speech.
PALIN TAKES THE STAGE

The GOP delegates as well as the rest of the country learned all about Vice Presidential nominee Sarah Palin. The governor from Alaska introduced herself at the GOP convention on Wednesday night. Palin spoke about her husband Todd, who is a commercial fisherman, her son Track, who will deploy to Iraq on September 11th, and their newest addition Trig, who was born with Down's Syndrome.

"I guess a small-town mayor is sort of like a 'community organizer,' except that you have actual responsibilities," Palin said, attacking Barack Obama, Joe Biden and the Democratic Party with fury. Through all of this, Palin was the talk of the town not only in Minneapolis / St. Paul and the rest of the United States. She fought back at Obama's claims of experience. The fiery speech at the convention has earned the VP nominee a new nickname: "Pitbull Palin".

GUSTAV CHANGES GOP PLANS

Hurricane Gustav rained on the Republican's parade Monday, even though the storm brewed over 1200 miles away, cancelling or downplaying many of the planned events for the first day of the convention. Instead of having a multitude of reporters on the convention floor, networks subjected their reporters to the wind and rain of the major hurricane as it made landfall close to New Orleans, the same area ravaged by Katrina in 2005.

The White House's response to the disaster was less than perfect and organizers did not want to have a party while citizens of Louisiana were suffering. As a result, President George Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney cancelled their appearances on Monday night, with Bush opting to appear via satellite on Tuesday. Turns out, the storm was not as bad as expected and the convention continued as planned on Tuesday.

HE PROBABLY SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT

On the first full night of the convention, former U.S. Senator Fred Thompson gave a speech entitled "The Courage and Service of John McCain." Sure, the speech contained these things but there were also contradictions.

"In high school and the Naval Academy, he earned a reputation as a troublemaker," Thompson remarked, "But as John points out, he wasn't just a trouble maker. He was the leader of the troublemakers."

Then Thompson talked about McCain's honor and the lack of it as well.

"He never violated the honor code," Thompson said. "However, in flight school in Pensacola, he did drive a Corvette and date a girl who worked in a bar as an exotic dancer under the name of Marie, the Flame of Florida."

DID YOU KNOW?

Alaska Governor Sarah Palin is not the first woman to be the Vice Presidential candidate for one of the major American political parties.

Geraldine Ferraro, a Democrat, was the first to do so when she ran alongside Walter Mondale against Ronald Reagan in 1984. The two carried only Montana and Washington D.C. in the election for a total of 13 electoral votes.
GSU golf finishes sixth

Georgia Southern University opened the 2008-09 season with a sixth place team finish at the inaugural Maryland Intercollegiate Tournament. The 18-team event, shortened to 36 holes due to Tropical Storm Hanna, was played in two rounds Sunday (Sept. 7) at the River Marsh Golf Course at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort.

The Eagles followed their round one 292 score with an even-par 284 in the afternoon. The two-round total of 576 placed Georgia Southern one stroke back of the host Terrapins.

Arkansas used identical rounds of 12-under 272 to finish at 544 and win the team standings by 20 strokes. North Carolina State was second at 564 with VCU in third at 565. North Carolina carded a 574 to finish in a tie for 17th overall. Fellow Southern Conference members UNC Greensboro (10th, 586) and College of Charleston (11th, 589).

Senior Jordan Johnstun shot 73 and 70 to finish in a tie for 17th overall. Fellow senior Drew Lethem shot an opening-round 73 and followed with a 75 to finish in a tie for 23rd.

"We were hoping for a top five finish. We went up there and with the craziness of the weather (Tropical Storm Hanna) it was a wild weekend," said head coach Larry Mays. "It is our best start in a few years though. Drew got off to a good start and Jordan played solid all day long. We were breaking in a rookie (Sean), who had a rough first round then came back to shoot 4-under so that was a pretty strong showing for a freshman. Joe and Spencer were right there as well."

The Eagles travel to Florence, South Carolina, next weekend (Sept. 15-16) to compete in the Raines Development Intercollegiate at The Country Club of South Carolina.

Women's Tennis

The Georgia Southern Women's Tennis team concluded the Brevard Mountain Invitational yesterday.

The Lady Eagles were victorious in four of the five finals matches that they played.

"I was really excited about how we competed at the tournament. I am also proud of how my upperclassmen performed. It was a great start to the season," said Coach Bonner.

In the A draw of singles, Kristi Kegerreis defeated Jenny Gomez from Gardner-Webb 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

In the B draw, Christine Caffo lost to Liz Sneed from Carson-Newman 6-3, 5-7, 10-5.

Jessica Fuller won her match 6-3, 6-4 in the C draw.

In doubles action, Sheik Huxtable and Molly Maddox defeated Amanda Bartlett and Liz Sneed from Carson-Newman 8-6.

In the B draw of doubles, Fuller and Kegerreis defeated Julian Reyes and Madeleine Billetz from Pfeiffer 8-1.

The Lady Eagles return to the courts for the Thomasville Invitational at Thomasville, Ga., which starts next Friday.

The Office of Career Services is working hard to provide graduating seniors and alumni with the opportunity to interview with the leading companies in a variety of industries.

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Men's basketball releases 2008-2009 schedule

GSU news service

A trip to Florida and a home BracketBusters matchup highlight the 2008-09 Georgia Southern men's basketball schedule released this week.

The slate includes 10 non-conference games, 20 Southern Conference tilts and potentially seven games against schools who reached postseason play a season ago, including Duke, Drake, Austin Peay and Florida.

"This is probably one of the most challenging schedules we've had in the last 10 years in regards to non-conference opponents," said head coach Jeff Price. "We're playing at Florida, at UTEP, in Cameron Indoor, at Drake's tournament, who was an NCAA Tournament team, not to mention we play Davidson twice who was an Elite Eight team. So with the addition of what they've done in the league, the schedule is as good as it's been in the last 10 years."

The addition of Samford to the conference brings an end to a home-and-home series against every league team. The Eagles will face Appalachian State and Western Carolina just once during the season.

The season begins Nov. 10-11 with the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic in Durham, N.C. GSU will open with Houston followed by either Duke or Presbyterian.

Georgia Southern fans will see their team in action for the first time Nov. 14 against Reinhardt College. A trip to UTEP on Nov. 18 precedes home games against Austin Peay State in a rematch of last year's BracketBusters matchup and the SoCon opener against new member Samford.

"They're bringing a different style," said Price of the new league school. "Samford plays a Princeton-style offense. They're going to have some success in the league their first year because I don't think any of us have experience playing against a team like that. Just the unknown that they bring will allow them to have some success."

The 2008 calendar year wraps up with a tournament at Drake in Des Moines, Iowa and a game at Florida in Gainesville. Last year the Gators edged the Eagles 52-49 in Jacksonville.

Georgia Southern starts the new year Jan. 3 at home against Chattanooga then goes on the road for three straight at The Citadel (Jan. 8), Charleston (Jan. 10) and UNC Greensboro (Jan. 15). GSU plays three of their next four at home with Davidson (Jan. 17), Wolford (Jan. 22) and Furman (Jan. 24) coming to Hanner Fieldhouse interrupted by a trip to Western Carolina (Jan. 19).

January concludes with a road swing to Samford (Jan. 29) and Chattanooga (Jan. 31) while February opens with a three-game home stand vs. Appalachian State (Feb. 2, Elon (Feb. 5) and UNC Greensboro (Feb. 7).

The Eagles venture to Furman (Feb. 12) and Wolford (Feb. 14) and host Charleston (Feb. 19) before a home BracketBusters game on Feb. 21. Matchups will be based on RPI and announced weeks ahead of the scheduled date.

The regular season concludes with games at Elon (Feb. 26) and Davidson (Feb. 28) and the home finale will be March 2 against The Citadel.

The Southern Conference Tournament will be held March 6-9 in Chattanooga, Tenn. at the McKenzie Arena.