Providers eye capping local downloads
By Mark Beavers
Guest writer

Students worried about proposed caps on downloading might not need to worry just yet.

Though some Internet service providers like Comcast are getting ready to begin limiting user downloads, local providers are not officially placing caps on service yet.
If employed, a cap would limit a customer’s downloads to a certain amount each month.

“As of today Northland does not have plans to do that,” Northland Cable Television Regional Manager Rick Hutchison said.

Frontier Communications may start capping downloads at 5gb next year, but right now the ISP is just in an educational mode.

A cap on downloads would affect students off-campus that subscribe to local Internet.

“Nothing is finalized,” Frontier Communications Public Relations spokesperson Karen Miller said.

“Frontier is going to employ a web-based tool that will help customers track usage.”

Miller said that one percent of their Internet customers are using 27 percent of the broadband capacity. Frontier is concerned that these users are subsidizing other customers and is looking into a limit on downloading as a solution for this problem.

“As far as the Student Government Association goes, the budget cuts have had little effect so far. SGA Director of Publicity James Kicklighter said that the main difference was the spending procedure.

“Anything above $300 must be approved, but we still have flexibility,” Kicklighter said. He said
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Student injured in accident
Disabled student struck in campus crosswalk

By Chris Buchanan
Managing editor for news

A Georgia Southern student was transported to East Georgia Medical Center last Wednesday after an accident at a campus crosswalk.

Lindsay Chumley was crossing the intersection of Plant Drive and Forest Drive in a motorized wheelchair when an sport utility vehicle struck her.

According to the accident report filed by Officer Jeff Goody, Chumley stated that she was riding her scooter in the crosswalk and was looking at the vehicle she was passing.

Meanwhile, the report states, the driver of the SUV, Lauren Holland, was watching another vehicle to ensure that she did not pull out in front of it.

Damage was done to the front bumper of the SUV but the report states that no visible damage was done to the wheelchair.

Major ISPs such as Comcast are also planning to cap downloads, leaving some to wonder if local service providers could be next.

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These plans would allow users to choose a cap limit that would suit their needs. The average Frontier user downloads about 1.5gb a month. As of now, Frontier is honoring current contracts and is not capping any usage.

“An Internet usage cap would probably hurt students that play online games and have online classes,” 20-year-old Business Administration major Matt Koerwer said.

Though no plans for download caps are certain, some students would be affected.

“At home, I download more than 5gb in a night, so I would be super pissed,” said 21-year-old Information Technology major Todd Fichter.

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that this also helps make sure that there is no unnecessary spending, saving money.

While things look promising now, there is a proposed budget cut of 8 and 10 percent being discussed as well. With the budget cut going up like this, there is a greater chance for layoffs and changes in the way state departments can serve their students. However, any additional rise to 8 or 10 percent will depend on decisions made by Governor Perdue and the General Assembly.

For more information on the potential effects of the budget cuts see tomorrow’s George-Anne.
Stock market crisis leaves many worried

McClatchy News service

The market, which dropped 500 points on Monday, is still falling at a fast downhill slope.

The dramatic collapse of Lehman Brothers and the hurried sale of Merrill Lynch over the weekend saddled investors with even steeper losses on Monday.

However, securities regulators moved quickly to reassure individuals that their brokerage accounts are safe, and investing veterans said that perspective, not panic, is in order.

"It's too late to panic," said Zachary Karabell, president of Independent Consulting Firm River Twice Research.

"And if it's too late to panic, it's probably time to calmly look at what's going on in light of opportunities."

"Selling doesn't recoup your losses," he added. "It just realizes them."

When an institution of Lehman's size and clout goes under, it's understandable to wonder if your money is safe.

Pakistan reportedly opens fire on U.S. forces

McClatchy News service

Pakistani troops opened fire Monday on U.S. forces who were trying to enter the country's lawless tribal area, local officials said, marking a dangerous further deterioration in relations between the allies in the war on terrorism.

Both armies denied that the reported incident had occurred.

Local security officials and tribesmen in South Waziristan told McClatchy Newspapers that two American helicopters had entered Pakistani airspace in the early hours and were forced to retreat when they came under fire.

Earlier this month, U.S. choppers flew in commandos who assaulted a compound that housed suspected militants.

American ground raid into the tribal territory, and it's possible that the latest reported operation followed the same pattern.

In a word, yes.

"I don't think anybody's money in accounts is at risk," Karabell said.

"There's no reason to be running down to your bank or phoning your broker."

Customers of credit unions also are protected in a worst-case scenario, said Daniel Penrod, an analyst for the California and Nevada Credit Union League, an industry trade association.

As with the FDIC insurance that guarantees bank deposits, credit union savings are insured up to $100,000 per account and $250,000 for individual retirement accounts.

While credit unions were not part of the disease, we're definitely dealing with the symptoms," Penrod said. "But for the most part credit unions are showing great strength in their capital reserves."

Regulators also looked to keep investors calm.

The Securities and Exchange Commission said it's taking steps to ensure that Lehman clients will not be adversely affected by the firm's collapse.

Up to 20 people, including civilians, died in the earlier attack, enraging the Pakistani army and public.

One security official in South Waziristan, who spoke only on the condition of anonymity as he wasn't authorized to talk to the press, said: "American helicopters came and there was a space (border) violation. Pakistani scouts (paramilitary troops) fired artillery as a warning and they left. The helicopters did not land."

Other reports said that troops had directed gunfire at the helicopters, which were just inside Pakistani territory.

The Reuters news agency quoted an official saying that the fire came from Pakistani soldiers based at a border checkpoint known as BP-27.

"The villagers had some firing incident, according to the reports I've received," said Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas, the Pakistani army spokesman.

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‘Spore’ puts universe in hands of gamers

By Charles Minshew
Features editor

Have you ever wished to be God? Well, now you can sort of do that without screwing up the real world.

"Spore," the new creation of Maxis ("Sim City," "The Sims") and Will Wright, truly allows you to play God by creating your own species and evolving it before forming a government.

The massive simulation game, which will set you back about 50 bucks can be played on either PC or Mac. There is also a companion "creature creator" for PC, Mac, and the Nintendo DS.

In "Spore," the object of the game is to create a viable creature that can last for billions of years from the cell stage all the way to the frontiers of space.

There are five distinct modes of gameplay in "Spore": Cell, Creature, Tribal, Civilization and Space. Each level of life provides new and interesting challenges for your gaming experience.

The cell stage is simple enough to explain. You control a single-celled organism that earns DNA points and evolves over billions of years in the tide pool. During this time, the cell gains features of herbivores and carnivores as well as attributes of health, speed, and strength.

These creatures can be as weird or as plain as you want them to be. For example, my creature called "Walshew" is an omnivore, allowing it to eat both plants and animals, making it easier for the creature to advance inside of the creature stage. As the cell makes landfall, the creature enters the second stage.

In the creature stage, the activities of the creature are much more visible than that of the cell stage. Not only do you learn to adapt to the environment, you also work to either impress or eradicate other species through primitive fighting tactics and hunting. All of this is done while evolving further, including growing a brain as well as defensive features.

The easiest stage and probably the shortest for most people is the tribal stage. It is your job to either eliminate or ally with five neighboring tribes. Each tribe you overtake or befriend adds to your totem pole and gives weapons and upgrades to your creatures.

After completing this easy portion of the game, the player enters what could be the toughest and longest part of the game.

The Civilization Stage allows you to make enemies and have friends, but there is one problem. Friends don't matter. You have to conquer every single city in this stage before advancing to the space stage.

The biggest flaw in the game comes in this stage. If you happen to lose, you get to start over but it puts you right back in the moment before you lose. This causes an infinite loop of loss after loss and the only solution is to either cheat or quit the game in its entirety.

The final frontier is, of course, space. This stage is the summation of all of the advancements that your creature has made in its inferior forms.

In this stage, the most unlimited amount of gameplay is provided. After beginning the space stage two days ago, I have only begun to scratch the surface on various rank levels and missions.

The mission log lists around ten different ranks and the universe map shows hundreds, if not thousands of planets that house empires and possibilities for expansion.

Overall, "Spore" provides hours and hours of fun through superior gameplay and extreme user input.

The controls for "Spore" are fairly basic, consisting of the arrow keys and mouse movements.

There are no special key combinations to memorize but without a standard mouse for a laptop, some map movements may be difficult.

These standard mouse functions are especially hard when using a MacBook or MacBook Pro that has no right click function on the mousepad. The right click is needed to move throughout the game. So, when it comes to Mac systems, an external mouse is a necessity that all gamers must have.

These map movements come in handy the most during the space stage, when you are traversing faraway empires via many randomly placed planets.

All of your creatures are automatically uploaded to the Sporepedia at www.spore.com. Currently over 18 million creations have been uploaded in a period just over a week.

"Spore" has definitely taken simulation and strategy gaming to new heights. It takes the elements of life decisions from "The Sims," city building strategies from "Sim City," mixes it all together with war strategy and brings it to a galactic stage. "Spore" is a must have for any hardcore gamer.

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ASC ‘Rocks Out’ Rotunda

By Quentin Dupree

Guest Writer

When a student is having difficulties keeping up with the pace of his or her class they could be subject to continue performing poorly due to mounting stress and confusion.

In times of academic peril it can be hard to ignore your pride and ask for help especially from a stranger or that very individual assigning you all of your challenging exams.

However, on Georgia Southern’s campus we have struggling students who now have a place to go whenever they seek help with their studies.

On August 15, 2008 an open house was held at the Cone Hall for the new Academic Success Center located on the second floor.

Students in search of tutoring were welcome by staff, refreshments, and a brand new academic facility.

Computers, desks, textbooks, and tutors were incorporated in the Academic Success Center.

Even in the midst of the open house students were hard at work studying and preparing for future scholastic challenges.

To help promote the opening of the new Academic Success Center and the “Rockin Toward Academic Success” workshop series, the “The Just ASC” band performed at the Rotunda earlier that day.

The Just ASC band is a group of musicians based in the Grace Community Church who specialize in classic rock music.

They did covers of the songs “Roadhouse” and “Blister in the sun” during their set.

The one thing that might be as interesting as the band is the double meaning of their name which can stand for an acronym for the Academic Success Center or the token phrase of a tutor to “just ask.”

With a large campus there are a lot of free facilities students might not know about.

Mike Czech, the assistant director of the Academic Success Center and lead guitarist for The Just ASC band, understood the need for promoting this open house to these students.

“We hope to reach as many students as we can to help them to get acclimated and ultimately succeed in college,” Czech said.

Czech also hopes to bring attention to his current workshop and to maybe create another workshop to prepare students for the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

The center offers help from education specialists to undergraduate students.

The tutoring is free and they do cover a wide range of subjects like accounting, statistics, and calculus III.

Czech also stated how it was a great thing to see students learning in a comfortable and effective atmosphere that could revive the school’s library.

With the new tools and the enthusiastic staff the Academic Success Center will be sure to center students in their academics.

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GSU to double teaching grads

GSU News service

As local school systems face teacher shortages and rising numbers of children in the classroom, they have found one source for well-qualified graduates at Georgia Southern University.

Georgia Southern University last year graduated 326 new teachers, among the top in the state of Georgia.

Georgia Southern was part of a University System of Georgia initiative to educate and prepare additional teachers.

Last year, 4,240 students graduated from University System of Georgia institutions.

Since 2004, Georgia Southern University has demonstrated a significant increase in the number of teachers (326 graduates in 2008 versus 217 graduates in 2004).

“If you’re a parent, a teacher, a principal or local school board member, you definitely see the need for more well prepared and qualified teachers,” said Cindi Chance, Ed.D., dean of the College of Education at Georgia Southern University.

“We’re proud that not only are the best students choosing Georgia Southern University for their education, but that they are succeeding and making meaningful contributions in the lives of young people throughout the country.”

Metlife and the National Association of Secondary School Principals named Georgia Southern alumnus Molly Howard, Ed.D., National Principal of the Year.

For the last three years, the Georgia Teacher of the Year has been a graduate of Georgia Southern’s College of Education.

To reach more students, GSU has expanded the number of online teaching programs including certificate, masters, doctorate and Education Specialist programs.

Available online, many of the degree programs are targeted at another important group, current teachers who want to expand their skills and move up in the school system.

“At a time when universities need to increase the number of students they prepare to become teachers, we have not only continued to grow, but have done so in a way that not only helps with traditional college students, but also with current teachers pursuing their graduate degrees,” says Chance.

GSU education students not only receive an outstanding classroom education, but get practical experience critical to being successful on day one in a classroom.

Students participate in extensive field experiences in teacher preparation with a minimum of 1,000 hours in public school classrooms.

Undergraduate students are advised by full-time advisement staff in the Student Success Center while graduate students are advised by faculty in their specific program areas.

Advanced degree programs are designed for the needs of teachers, school leaders, and school support personnel with off-campus, online and distance learning courses offered in many of the graduate programs.

Combined with low student-faculty and student-supervisor ratios, Georgia Southern University students maintain consistently high pass rates on required state certification tests.

In addition to increasing the number of qualified teachers, GSU has also taken a leadership role in working directly with local school systems in the First District and Heart of Georgia Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) areas.

“Georgia Southern University along with Armstrong Atlantic State University and Coastal College of Georgia are working directly with local school systems to identify critical need areas specific to their operation,” says Dr. Chance.

“The goal is to take a much more targeted approach to meeting their needs as we educate future generations of teachers.”

Stephanie Kenney, Ed.D., associate dean of the College of Education at GSU is leading the three institution task force and has already met with superintendents and has begun to gather data on their specific needs.

“This approach enables the universities to work directly with local systems so that we cannot only identify their needs, but structure and put together programs that will get them the teachers they need as Southeast Georgia schools continue to grow,” Kenney said.

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Freshman running back Leander Barney help the Eagles set up the tying score with 90 seconds left to play in the fourth quarter

SHOW ME THE MAUNEY

Overtime is too much time for the Eagles

Matt Mauney

Now that the college football season is in full swing, it's about time I write my first column.

Some might not be happy about what I have to say but someone has to say it. So brace yourselves ladies and gentlemen, because here we go.

The Georgia Southern Eagles came into this season with high expectations.

After a strong showing against the former No. 1 University of Georgia Bulldogs in the season opener, the Eagles were primed and ready to dominate teams with more balanced skill levels.

As GSU enters the fourth week of competition with the non-conference schedule out of the way, a few things are starting to become clear.

1. The Eagles are managing to win; but dominate? Not so much.

After a weak first half showing against Austin Peay, followed by a nail-biting overtime thriller against Northeastern, the Eagles have to play more consistent for the entire 60 minutes of the ball game in order to keep winning the games.

2. The offense has become un-Fosterized.

The offense is clearly different than last year's when it was run by Walter Payton Award Winner Jayson Foster.

It has glimpses of productivity but lacks the every-snap big play ability that Foster was able to provide.

Ohio State transfer Antonio Henton is mobile enough to buy time in the pocket where a play can be made, but it will never compare to the “always a chance to convert” option that was here last year, which brings me to my next point.

3. Being able to convert and stop conversions.

With the more pass-first style of offense that the Eagles are running this year, the third down efficiency has taken a major hit.

With three games in the books, the Eagles are only managing to convert third downs 23 percent of the time compared to last year when they converted 38 percent of the time.

The defense has let opponents convert on third down 33 percent of the time, a 7 percent improvement from last season.

4. You have to hold on to the football.

The Eagles have already turned the ball over seven times this season compared to the twelve times they turned it over in 2007.

With eight returning starters, the GSU defense has to be the stronghold of the team but opponents have continually been given a short field to work with, against a defense that is on the field almost 25 percent more than they were a year ago.

5. Do unto others as they do unto you.

On a brighter note, the key to the past two victories for the Eagles has been forcing turnovers. A Northeastern fumble by tailback Alex Brownfield in GSU territory gave the Eagles the ball late in the fourth quarter, much like the Eagles were able to do something about that kicking game.

With smart plays on offense and consistency on the defensive side of the ball, the Eagles will be able to compete with what looks like one of the toughest group of teams the Southern Conference has ever assembled.

Elon is not Austin Peay or Northeastern and I don’t think I have to remind anyone of what happened last year.

If the Eagles play consistent, smart football they will have a good chance to come away with a win this Saturday.

Oh yeah, and if they want to keep playing these back and forth chess matches, they might want to do something about that kicking game.

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