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Approximately 1.4 billion people in developing countries live in poverty.

Campus combats poverty

By Will Douberly
Staff writer

In many American lives, going out to eat is a social event.

However, there are many people around the world, including in the U.S., that struggle to get enough food to survive.

From October 4 through October 10, Georgia Southern will be holding Hunger and Homelessness Week.

The events during the course of this week are designed to bring to light the extreme problem that poverty represents.

According to the United Nations Department of Public Information, 1.4 billion people in developing countries were living in extreme poverty in 2005.

The culture of the U.S. glorifies actors and actresses as well as athletes with million dollar contracts, but it fails to provide to all people, inside and outside of its borders, with the bare necessities for human life.

Spearheading Hunger and Homelessness week is Janna Pennington, who is the Administrative Specialist of Student Affairs in the Office of Student see HOMELESS PAGE 2

Event Schedule

Monday
Poverty Simulation
4 - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Hunger Banquet
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Fisher Luncheon
12 - 1 p.m.

Thursday
Homeless Fair
11 a.m - 2 p.m.

Saturday
Mobile Food Pantry

GADaily Poll:
Do you text and drive?
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Leadership and Civic Engagement.
"The wealthiest fifth of the world's people consume 86% of all goods while the poorest fifth consume one percent," said Pennington. "16,000 children die everyday because they do not have enough to eat."

On Monday, October 6, there will be a Poverty Simulation that is sure to broaden people's views and perspectives on the nature of living on an extremely low budget.
The simulation will take place from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
On Tuesday, there will be a Hunger Banquet from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The price of admission is two canned food items.
This banquet will include a twist that will guarantee blind eyes will open to the global issue of hunger.
Both Monday's and Tuesday's events will be held on campus in the Russell Union Ballroom.
Dr. Donna K. Fisher, a professor in the School of Economic Development and former member of the Peace Corps, will be speaking on Wednesday, October 8, at a lunch discussion from noon until 1:00 p.m.
Lunch for the first thirty participants will be free, and it will take place at the Russell Union in room 2084.
A new feature this year will be the Hunger and Homelessness Fair that will take place Thursday at the Russell Union Rotunda from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
The fair will have several booths that contain information about how to take knowledge of the issue of poverty and actually work towards a solution.
"This isn't just about educating students. It's about practical ways to make a difference," said Pennington.
"We will have information available to those who want to travel to other countries to make a difference, but we will also have information about small, easy ways to make an impact for anyone who is interested."

Perhaps the most promising aspect of this week is the number of people who volunteered to help with the Mobile Food Pantry being held on Saturday, October 4.
"We have over a hundred people working on the Mobile Food Pantry. We've had so many volunteers that I've had to turn some away. It's really encouraging to see this from the student body," said Pennington.
Georgia Southern has encouraged students to get involved with helping those less fortunate not only during this week, but year round.
Pennington stated that studying abroad was an experience that inspired her to work so hard to help others. "I studied abroad in South Africa, and it was just an eye-opening experience. People in one village would have to walk half a day just to get a cup of water. How could I go back to living the same way after seeing that?"
Anyone interested in learning more about poverty and ways to alleviate global hunger is welcomed to attend.
For more information about the schedule of events for the week, visit http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/leadership/hunger_homeless_week.php

myth:
Drinking is central to the social lives of Georgia Southern University students

fact:
In the last 30 days, 70.2% of students refused an offer of alcohol.

Presented by the Dean of Students Office

* drink equals one 12oz beer, one 5 oz glass of wine, or 1oz of liquor; data collected from Georgia Southern University core survey 2007

TEXTING
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"It would be hard for me to believe more people are getting killed and being killed by texting," Cosper said.
There is currently no law in Georgia that prohibits the use of cell phones while driving and statistics on cell phone related accidents in the state.
Robert Balkcom, Assistant Post Commander at Georgia State Patrol Post 45, said that it's hard to prove if someone is texting in a wreck because people are not going to tell.
"I think there should be restrictions on mobile devices," Balkcom said.
Balkcom also suggested that drivers use hands free devices while operating a vehicle. However, using a hands free device does not solve the issue of texting since text messaging requires hands.
GSU Police Major Mike Russell said cell phone-related accidents are not something that Georgia Southern's Public Safety division tracks.
"Most accidents on campus are fender benders," Russell said.
Though texting while driving may not statistically be as great of an issue as driving while impaired by alcohol in Georgia, student Michael Smith disagrees.
Smith totaled his Volkswagen Jetta when he drove into a tree while speeding and text messaging around 11:30 p.m on February 21, 2008.
"People need to be cautious when using a cell phone while driving," Smith said.
The accident shattered 10 of Smith's teeth, cut his lip open and broke his jaw in two places, which required him to wear a brace on his jaw for over a month.
Smith said that he still text messages while driving but not while he is going down the road.
"I do it at red lights and stop signs now," Smith said.
Drug abuse problem among Afghan soldiers

McClatchy News Service

If his job doesn’t kill him, the heroin might.

Mohammad Akbar is a first lieutenant in the highly touted Afghan National Army, considered crucial to the future of this war-torn country.

But for three years, Akbar has also been a junkie, shooting up heroin with hundreds of other addicts in a bombed-out building in Kabul littered with disposable needle wrappers and human waste.

“I come here because of the pressure,” said Akbar, 25, who is married and has a daughter. “Pressure made me an addict. Otherwise, life is too difficult.”

Drug abuse is an increasing problem not just for Afghanistan, which produces most of the world’s heroin and opium, but for the very men charged with protecting the country and enforcing the nation’s drug laws as a Taliban-led insurgency escalates.

Police and army soldiers are using opium and heroin even as they are supposed to stop drug traffickers, who often smuggle drugs out of Afghanistan through police and army checkpoints, according to government and Western officials.

Many Afghans blame the police especially for corruption and involvement in the drug trade.

But rehabilitation experts say the problem also exists in the army, and soldiers themselves confirm it, even though drug use in the security forces has long been a taboo subject for the government.

That’s changing. Recent tests show as many as 1 in 3 of the tested police and police recruits use drugs.

The figure shows just how pervasive drug abuse is and highlights the state of the Afghan police, many of whom use drugs to cope with the stress of facing Taliban-led militants.

These tests, administered this summer by Afghan health-care groups at the request of the British and U.S. as part of new training programs for the police.

The testing program will soon be expanded, and, eventually, any police officer who tests positive for drugs will be kicked out, officials said.

Ohio remains up for grabs between candidates

McClatchy News Service

John McCain came armed with a history book when he traveled to Ohio this week for his first rally since his initial debate with Barack Obama.

“I know that you know,” he told several thousand supporters, that no one has won the presidency without carrying Ohio since Democrat John Kennedy did it in 1960.

The history is even more compelling for McCain. No Republican has ever won the White House without carrying Ohio, and McCain would be hard pressed to make White House without carrying Ohio, and McCain. No Republican has ever won the presidency without carrying Ohio since Democrat John Kennedy did it in 1960.

The state’s jobless rate in August hit 7.4 percent, one of the highest in the country and the highest here in nearly 16 years.

Now the national financial crisis is spreading anxiety.

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Student workers suffer from parking policies

We are continuing our arguments against the current parking policies of the GSU Parking and Transportation system.

Last week, we discussed ticketing in 30 minute parking spots, and the lack of these spots around campus. The continuing growth of campus should also be concerning to the Parking and Transportation office as well.

But there is an issue with their system that is most disheartening. It involves student workers on campus.

For those of you who do not hold a job on campus, the issue is this: there are no passes or parking opportunities for students who work on campus.

None.

This includes the early morning workers and those students who work late into the night.

We know departmental tutors who start work at five and cannot park near their work. This is due to worrying about getting a ticket and the late hour when parking lot gates, such as the one directly in front of the Hollis Building, are opened.

These tutors work until ten, an hour after the buses stop running. If they don't have a pass to park, like someone who lives within the campus border according to the Parking and Transportation office, they would either have to risk a ticket, hail a ride, or walk home alone in the dark.

Mom always told us not to walk a long way alone in the dark.

Students should be especially concerned, after two sexual assaults a little over a week ago. These both happened near the outskirts of campus, where many students walk home to Eagle Village, Southern Courtyard and apartments such as Campus Crossing, Cambridge and University Pines.

What if a student worker was to be attacked while walking home because they can't park near their paying job on campus? This is a serious concern and it is a wonder if the Parking office has considered this possibility of their policies.

How can you expect a worker not to park where they are working? We know that they used to give select student workers parking passes, but (some of these passes have stopped being offered to these students).

While they advertise for open lots, they still refuse to allow student workers the access to their jobs and continue to ticket at all hours in the evening when these students sneak into a spot in order to go to their work.

They need to allow student workers to park on campus. This could be done by giving them passes to a specific lot, or special passes to the lot nearest their workplace. We understand that it may be challenging to find parking for students who work on campus during the day but they could be placed within the lots that are not full yet and are also able to take advantage of the bus system.

While we know that parking is a problem in certain lots, this does not mean these workers should not be allowed access to their place of work.

“Space Elevator”: Ultimate bridge to nowhere?

As I checked the news last weekend, I came across an article that both inspired me and angered me. I had seen it several months back and never really paid much attention to it until recently.

Japanese scientists are trying to design a "space elevator" that will allow everyday people to travel into space and then back down again to earth in the same day.

The idea seems simple enough; build an elevator tall enough to reach into space and essentially people will pay to travel on it and experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

As easy as that sounds, there is a lot more difficulty to the situation. Japan doesn't have a way to fund the project, so volunteer scientists and engineers have donated their time to the project free of charge.

Also, the carbon nanotube that would ultimately be the guide wire that would lift the elevator up down cannot be manufactured long enough and strong enough just yet.

One false mistake or the bonding of atoms in the wrong sequence and the nanotube could lose its strength by 85%.

This is a risk that no scientist or engineer would ever want to take.

The United States has been involved with the project to a high degree as well. NASA is offering an incentive to anyone or any group that can successfully design the structure and show how it properly functions in all categories.

I will never be a rocket scientist or anything of the sort, but the incentive might tempt me to sit down and draw my ideal science fiction version of the elevator just for the sake of fun.

As happy as I am to see this new step being taken to bring space closer to the public eye, I have to mention that this idea could not come at a worse time.

Our economy was recently struck by the collapse of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and we have not yet begun the road to recovery. The Asian market hit too and everyone attached to it suffered greatly.

Therefore, dropping millions upon millions of dollars into a space project is not a very good idea and will strain the economy even more.

It will take time to see where this project goes, but hopefully it will not end up like Governor Sarah Palin's "The Bridge to Nowhere."

Hopefully the space elevator will be put on hold until the time is right and world economies can fully support the idea.

Don't hit on me while I'm on the phone

There is something that I don't seem to understand.

A few days ago, I was walking to class talking to my mom on the phone. As I was walking, I heard someone yelling, "Hey! HEY!

I stopped to look around the partially deserted campus, expecting to see a close friend or at least someone that I knew.

As I looked up, I saw two guys sitting on a bench staring at me. One of the guys looks at me (my phone still pressed up to my ear) and says, "Do you have a boyfriend?"

Seriously?

There was something about the way the situation happened that just annoys me.

I'm walking to class and get stopped while I'm on the phone to be asked if I have a boyfriend by two strangers? You'll forgive me if I'm slightly cold to this situation.

The biggest shock is that this isn't the first time I've had this problem.

This isn't even the first time this week I've been stopped while on the phone for some guy to try and talk to me.

I will go ahead and assure you that I am not trying to just stroke my own ego.

A lot of my friends have talked to me about the same issue, saying they've been stopped by some random guy who wants nothing more than to annoy them with some pointless question.

My question for those of you who engage in this type of "flirting" is do you really think that this is effective?

Have you seriously gotten any numbers or anything for that matter by stopping some random girl and asking her if she has a boyfriend?

At a bar or some social setting, I could see where this is allowed. Sure, go to a bar and hit on as many girls as you like.

However, you'll have to forgive me for not jumping at the chance to introduce myself after you have stopped me as I'm walking to class to ask me some pointless question.

I guess what I'm trying to say is: save it for the bars, guys. If you can't, or are just that desperate, at least try and be a little more clever than just, "You got a boyfriend?"

I have no doubt that you guys can do better.
Bestselling author to speak Monday
Andre Dubus III will discuss House of Sand and Fog

By Mark Beavers
Staff Writer

Award-winning author Andre Dubus III will be reading from his new novel, Garden of Last Days, at the Nessmith Lane Assembly Hall tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Following the presentation, there will be a book signing.

Dubus' novel, House of Sand and Fog, which he wrote in his car, was a #1 New York Times bestseller.

House of Sand and Fog was also featured an Oprah's Book Club selection in 2000, and a fiction finalist for the National Book Award, the Los Angeles Times Book Prize.

House of Sand and Fog was also adapted into a movie starring Ben Kingsley and Jennifer Connelly in 2003.

For his other works, Dubus has also received the National Magazine Award for fiction, The Pushcart Prize and a Guggenheim Fellowship.

Dubus has also taught at Harvard, Tufts, The University of Massachusetts at Lowell and Emerson College. He has also worked as a bounty hunter, private investigator, bartender, corrections counselor and a carpenter.

The book reading and signing, sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and CLEC, is free and open to the public.

Psychology dept. sponsors weight clinic

By Ben Carroll
Guest Writer

The Psychology Clinic is sponsoring a weight loss management group called the "Think Thin" Weight Management based on Judith Beck's new Weight Loss Workbook.

Members of community and the faculty receive One-on-One counseling with Supervised Student Therapists who work for the Psychology Clinic for a cost of $5 to $35 depending on your income.

According to Pam Fendt, an assistant professor in psychology, a person can participate in this program along with any accepted health program.

This program begins by emphasizing and fixing the thoughts and theories of normal habits people do while dieting.

"While people are dieting, they think if they get knocked off their diet once in a day, the diet is ruined and they might as well eat anything they want because you already messed up," Fendt said.

The book has different activities for everyday, such as a to-do list, measuring system, and a discomfort chart.

These activities are not there for just busy work but it helps keep a person aware of their eating habits.

This program consists of eight weeks, each week having its own specific purpose. The first three weeks of the program are not the usual first three weeks of a diet.

Instead of diving into the diet, participants are assigned their own advanced doctorate student therapist, and, with the help of the therapist, are prepared to diet through activities.

In Week 4, participants begin the actual diet. One of the main points of the program is the idea of binge eating.

According to Dr. Fendt, many people who are on diets believe that if they eat very little one day, they can "binge eat" the next and it will even out, and Dr. Fendt made it very clear that this isn't the case.

Overcoming binge eating is one of the reasons this program is very successful.
3.45 PM to 4:30 PM

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6.30 PM to 7:30 PM

New room for rent in spacious private home within walking distance of GSU campus. Room includes private bedroom, kitchen privileges, utilities, wireless internet access, unlimited long distance, laundry. Quiet neighborhood, large screened porch perfect for relaxing and studying, large fenced yard. Has 2 dogs. 1 dog would consider renting with a pet on approval. Additional tenant is female 18 year old doctoral student looking for quiet, respectful female tenant. Rent is $500/month + security deposit $100/rent month will remain month to month. Call (404) 389-2052.

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Voodoo plant could double as biofuel source

**McClatchy News Service**

For generations, Voodoo practitioners in rural Haiti have sworn by the mystic qualities of Jatropha, an indigenous plant believed to purge evil spirits.

However, Jatropha shows tremendous promise as a source of biofuel in Latin America and the Caribbean, and especially Haiti, which suffers from chronic shortages of diesel fuel and electricity.

In June, Miami hosted a Jatropha World 2008 Conference that trumpeted the plant’s properties. Alternative fuel sources such as Jatropha will likely share the spotlight again at an energy panel during the annual Americas Conference in Miami.

It has been known for decades that the oil-producing seeds of the Jatropha curcas, once they are crushed and processed, can be a potent source of energy.

But now the plant is sparking heightened interest as oil prices skyrocket and reports filter out of India and Nepal of power plants there being fueled by Jatropha.

The United States and Brazil signed an agreement last year to help Haiti, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador and St. Kitts and Nevis explore the potential of Jatropha.

Scientists from both nations have toured Haiti to scout the potential for the plant’s commercial cultivation.

"Jatropha offers a great opportunity for Haiti," said Mark Lambrides, chief of the energy and climate change division at the Organization of American States.

Voodoo priests have used it in burial ceremonies to banish evil spirits, as a remedy for constipation and as an acne cure. The toxic seed is dropped into a kerosene lamp, and the longer the lamp burns, the longer the harm is supposed to endure.

The energy situation for Haiti is far worse outside the capital. A little more than one in 10 of the country’s nearly 9 million citizens have access to the limited supply of electricity, according to state-owned Electricite d’Haiti.

But Jatropha, which grows up to 13 feet high, could do more than fulfill the nation’s energy needs. It could also help reforest a country that has been denuded by rampant clear-cutting.

"There are about (1.5 million acres) of dry and arid land, which is suitable for Jatropha plantations and would create thousands of rural jobs," said Reginald Noel, a biofuel pioneer in Haiti, whose car runs on biodiesel.

"Even if you were to harvest just what’s being used as hedging, you could still get enough of the crop to produce oil for villages," said Johanna Mendelson-Forman, who is an advocate for Jatropha.

In the prospect of Jatropha becoming a major source of biodiesel fuel, Haitian Voodoo priest Jean said: "I don’t like the competition."

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**POLICE BEAT**

**Tuesday, September 30**

Officers issued two traffic citations, five traffic warnings, assisted three motorists, assisted one injured person and investigated an accident.

A drug complaint was reported at Southern Courtyard.

A bicycle was taken from the Forest Drive Building.

**Wednesday, October 1**

Officers issued three traffic citations, two traffic warnings, assisted six motorists, assisted one sick person, responded to three alarms and investigated four accidents.

A watch was taken from Watson Hall.

A purse was taken from the College of Business Building.

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**Thursday, October 2**

Officers issued three traffic citations, three traffic warnings, assisted two motorists, responded to two alarms and investigated four accidents.

A case of harassment was reported at Eagle Village.

**Friday, October 3**

Richard Alan Vanderhave, 19, Park Chase Drive, Snellville was charged with underage possession of alcohol.

Davon Alfonso Williams, 18, Smart Street, Sylvania was arrested for theft by shoplifting.
Dining for Success Program

Seniors, come enjoy one-on-one time with employers prior to the Eagle Expo to learn the rules of Dining and Business Etiquette! Mocktails will be served prior to dinner to give you an opportunity to network with the sponsors.

October 21, 2008
5:30 - 8:30 PM
Union Ballroom

Deadline to secure a seat is Friday, October 10 - no exceptions.

To register for the Dining for Success Program, complete the bottom of this form and return it to Career Services, located in the Williams Center, Room 1047, with a check for $20. This deposit will be refunded if you attend the event or cancel by Oct. 17, 2008. This event is open to seniors. Students who have not attended the event previously will receive first seating priority. First come, First Served!

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Make check payable to Career Services and return to Williams Center Room 1047 or mail to the address above. No cash or credit card deposits will be accepted.

Women's soccer defeated by Samford

By Latrice Williams
Staff writer

Georgia Southern faced off against the Samford Bulldogs yesterday (Oct. 5) at Eagles Field. Coming off of Friday’s overtime win against Chattanooga, the Eagles were amped to pull off another win, but failed.

“I think we came out flat today. We can’t give any opportunity for another team to win, especially since this was a conference game. We did not step out against them like we could have,” said Head Coach Ashley Hart.

The Eagles allowed Bulldog Mary Shelton Baker to score within the first eight minutes of the game.

“Timmy was our one-on-one game where Mary was one on one with Lauren Santos, but she was able to score from there,” said Head Coach Ashley Hart.

Throughout the remainder of the first half, both teams played defense extremely well.

Lauren Santos had a save that kept the Bulldogs from going up 2-0.

Ashley Toussaint and Jenny Anderson both made several attempts to score, but could not get past Bulldogs’ goalkeeper Cayley Winters.

Samford put up good defense that caused the Eagles to remain scoreless for the remainder of the first half.

The Eagles went into halftime trailing 0-1.

Although the Eagles came out with a loss, they fought hard throughout the entire game and allowed the Bulldogs to only score once. Lauren Santos had three saves to keep it a low-scoring game.

Since this was the Eagles’ second conference loss, they are now ranked eighth in their conference. Next week the Georgia Southern Eagles travel to South Carolina to take on the Citadel. The game begins at 4 p.m.