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Campus weighs in on ‘suspicious note’ scare
Handling of situation draws comparison to similar scares at other universities

Mark Beavers
Staff writer

When a “suspicious note” was found on campus on September, 24, Georgia Southern issued a vague official statement which left some students to question the university’s response to the threat.

“A lot of people didn’t know about it [the suspicious note] until recently,” junior accounting major Matthew Price said.

There was a reported high police presence around the College of Information Technology the day the note was found.

“I think the heightened security helped some people feel safe, but others felt like it was more dangerous,” Price said.

Price believes that some people were confused about what exactly was going on.

“I knew people who were in the IT building that morning and were confused,” he said.

After the shootings at Virginia Tech, GSU implemented an emergency alert system called Eagle Alert. Price believes that GSU could have used this system to give the students some information about what was going on.

SGA President Brandon Cook thinks students were surprised that a suspicious letter was found on campus.

“You don’t ever expect it to be your campus,” Cook said.

However, Cook believes that the administration handled the situation the best that they could.

“I was completely comfortable with going to class,” he said. “There was nothing for students to react to.”

Senior Communications Specialist Paul Floeckher said that the Georgia Southern University Public Safety Department made the call on how to handle the situation with the suspicious letter.

“The note made no specific threat to Georgia Southern, so classes remained in session,” Floeckher said. see NOTE PAGE 2

GSU promotes Alcohol Awareness
Campus holds week-long activities to educate students

Shari Blackburn
Guest writer

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week kicked off yesterday at Georgia Southern University and will conclude activities this Friday.

The annual event is a week long promotion of safety in alcohol consumption.

“We want people to drink responsibly and become aware that there are options with drinking and transportation,” said Cory Trottie, representative of Health Services.

The activity scheduled for Monday was titled “License and Registration, Please...” Students participated in a simulator, designed to realistically show students the dangers of drinking and driving.

“The simulator is basically a car that students test drive that can calculate in percentage certain laws that were violated while under the influence,” said La’Shanda Johnson, assistant director of Health Education and Promotion.

On Tuesday, October 7 there will be an “AA Meeting,” a reverse town hall meeting which will be held at 6 p.m. at the Nessmith-Lane Assembly Building for students to ask a panel of on-campus and local leaders about alcohol situations.

Statesboro Mayor William S. Hatcher will be one of the panel representatives.

“Student involvement in support safety is a key factor in bringing the effectiveness of alcohol awareness issues,” said Heather Jimenez, a 20-year-old junior.

Events continue on Wednesday, with an activity titled “Intervention.”

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Floeckher noted that the investigation into the suspicious letter is still ongoing.
A similar situation occurred at St. Xavier University in Chicago in April.
St. Xavier University Director of Media Relations Joe Moore said that two violent messages were found on a bathroom wall in a dorm on campus.
Moore said the first message did not have a date on it, but St. Xavier began a communication process with students to give information to the situation after the message was found.
He said a second graffiti message was found with a date. The message read, “Be Prepared To Die 4/14.”
"University President Judith Dwyer closed the campus indefinitely after the second message was found. It ended up being a period of four days,” Moore said.
St. Xavier has a text message alert system, much like GSU’s Eagle Alert, that the university used to notify students of updates.
Moore said that students went home or were put up in hotels while St. Xavier’s police, in conjunction with the FBI and Chicago police, investigated the messages.
Within two weeks a suspect had been identified.
Moore said that St. Xavier, like GSU, did not immediately release the contents of the threatening messages.
"We wanted to give a legal investigation every chance to work,” he said.
In relation to St. Xavier’s reaction to the messages, Moore said that there are a lot of factors involved.
"People always speculate about what an administration should do,” Moore said.

Guest host, comedian Bernie McGrenahan, will bring a life story of alcoholic consequences and defeats.
The show begins at 6 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. He will share his experiences on the issues as well as bring his comedy show “Happy Hour.”
"This will be a big day for the week, and the comedian will talk physically and directly to Georgia Southern students,” said Johnson.
"Thirsty Thursdays" will begin on the ninth which will allow the resident assistants of each hall to provide each on-campus student ‘mocktails’ and alcohol education.
The students will be able to participate in “Hall Crawl” where they will be able to go to each hall to sample the ‘mocktails’ and retain alcohol information. Drawings will be held as well.
“We feel that alcoholism and being away from home really affects our underclassmen and want to bring about awareness to them with alcohol topics,” Trottie said.
Friday, responsibility will be the major topic.
The GSU Health Services structures this day so that all students and participants can take one day to test their responsibility on alcohol and safety.

Candidates will be “Stomping” GSU today as part of the SGA-sponsored “Stomp the Vote” from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Russell Union Rotunda

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**Driver in bus crash arrested on DUI charges**

**McClatchy News Service**

The driver of a bus that crashed Sunday, killing eight people and injuring dozens more, was driving under the influence, the California Highway Patrol said Monday.

Quentin Joey Watts, 52, of Stockton, Calif., is in critical condition in Woodland Memorial Hospital in Woodland, Calif., one of 35 people authorities say were hurt in the crash of a bus that was traveling from Sacramento to the Colusa Casino, a gaming establishment in rural Colusa County.

Watts was arrested for suspected DUI, the CHP said. The bus is owned by Daniel E Cobb Sr., 68., of Sacramento. Cobb owns Bedine Tours and Cobb's Bus Service, a limited liability company, public records show.

Cobb's Bus Service has a legal filing in the California Secretary of State's office from September 2006 for a "dishonored check," public records show.

On Thursday, Cobb posted an ad on a free local classified advertising Web site on seeking a charter bus driver.

**Students to bring mandatory sex ed to Alaska**

**McClatchy News Service**

Amber Sawyer, a junior at the University of Alaska Anchorage, wants to do something about sex education in Alaska. She, with other Anchorage college students and even some local high schoolers, are banding together to reform the way sex education is taught around the state.

They're reversing roles and telling their parents and school administrators that kids need more safety talk, not less. Their goal: mandatory comprehensive sex education in high school.

It would be a radical shift from the hands-off approach Alaska takes, which leaves sex ed to individual school districts.

The result of the way it is now, Sawyer argues, is hit-or-miss teaching on the sensitive subject. “I met one girl from the Bush who didn’t even know what a condom was,” she said.

The proposed change raises questions about what role, if any, schools should play in teaching beyond the ABCs, especially in a time of stringent federal testing requirements that are pushing schools to curb electives.

Sawyer, who heads a group at the university Voices for Planned Parenthood, is circulating a petition hoping to get attention.

Planned Parenthood of Alaska drafted the original petition and has already collected 1,100 names on it since late August, including 300 people under 18, said chief executive Clover Simon.

Simon said they hope to collect 5,000 names and show legislators “that there is a need for more safety talk, not less. Their goal: more safety talk, not less.”

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When The Sacramento Bee attempted to call the number posted, a message on the voicemail said that Cobb's inbox was full.

Wreckage was cleared from the crash site at 5:35 a.m. PDT Monday, opening Lone Star Lane, a two-lane road that is a favorite shortcut from Interstate 5 to the casino.

CHP Special Officer Robert B. Kays said at the crash scene early Monday that the bus had Texas license plates and had an invalid registration.

Don Kennedy, marketing director at Colusa Casino Resort, said the casino was not expecting the bus.

“We have not heard from any company that has notified us that anything is wrong, and that’s odd,” Kennedy said. “If the bus was coming here, you would expect that somebody from that company would call us and say whatever about arrangements, anything we could do,” such as providing hotel rooms and assisting families of the victims.

Casino officials said in a written statement that the bus involved in the crash “was not scheduled to bring guests to our facility.”

Readers may access the newspaper and its archives at [www.gadaily.com](http://www.gadaily.com).
‘How to Lose Friends & Alienate People’ Manages to Please

Based on Toby Young’s memoir of the same name, “How to Lose Friends & Alienate People” chronicles the awkward British entertainment journalist Sydney Young’s attempts to climb the corporate ladder of the fictional entertainment magazine, Sharps, (and his subsequent mishaps along the way), all the while trying to win the affection of a hot new starlet, Sophie Maas.


While it has some genuine moments of hilarity, “How to Lose Friends & Alienate People” is an overall disappointing film. It really pains me to say that, because I truly held out hope that this would be one of the more inspired comedies of the fall. How can a film with Simon Pegg playing a complete idiot, and a plot that could be described as the anti-“Devil Wears Prada” be bad?

Let’s start with the structure of the film. It gets off to a great start with some humorous slapstick and some good acting, but as the film goes on it loses its way.

It tries to introduce too many plot devices that either don’t flow or don’t belong at all, like an un-needed father-son dynamic that could’ve been ripped from 1000 different films.

Also, the dialogue tries to come off as smart and witty, but it doesn’t really work in some of the scenes.

Although there are several inspired scenes, they are few and far between.

Any scene where Simon Pegg is allowed to be Simon Pegg is really funny, especially during an interview that happens to be one of the funniest I’ve ever seen.

Also, there are some funny sight gags that the film has to offer, but my gripe is that when the film should be relying on its story for laughs, it reverts back to these.

As far as acting goes, everyone seems to have had a good time working on this film. Kirsten Dunst, Jeff Bridges, and Danny Huston are fun as magazine employees, but the actor that really shines here is Megan Fox.

Not only is she easy on the eyes, but she also puts in a really funny performance as an actress who’s about to hit it big.

Overall, I don’t think that this is a horrible film, I just don’t think it’s a great one. A character in the film asks “where did it all go so wrong?”, and I couldn’t help but sadly think the same thing.

Let’s be honest for a moment. At one point or another, we have all found ourselves captivated, if not completely obsessed, by the world of celebrities – the glitz, glamour, fame, and fortune of it all.

Then there are the entertainment journalists – our window to high society. “How to Lose Friends & Alienate People” sets out to show everyone the side that we don’t see on television or in the pages of a magazine. Unfortunately, it doesn’t quite deliver on what it sets out to do.

The film starts with promise; however, it quickly devolves into a formulaic romantic comedy. This would be fine if it were backed by a more complex and unflinching take on celebrity-crazed media. It is made all the more disappointing by hints at the greatness that could have been – several scenes just feel like flat out missed opportunities.

One scene in particular struck me as such: Sidney (Pegg) and Sophie (Fox) lay alone by a pool as he proceeds to innocently ask her what it’s really like to be famous. She gives an answer to the effect that the public doesn’t really see her, but an image that she (or her deliciously self-important publicist, Eleanor Johnson [Anderson], perhaps?) wants them to see. Then, the story goes right back to Sydney’s quest to win a place in Sophie’s bed.

It is little moments like this that hint at a depth just waiting to be explored. Instead the filmmakers seem content to simply scratch the surface and continue skating along some preset path.

In the end, “How to Lose Friends & Alienate People” feels more like a run-of-the-mill comedy than the edgy, no-holds-barred satire that it should have been.

While by no means bad – the film features great performances, some hysterical laughs, and several unforgettable moments (Sophie’s undeniably rousing introduction) – it simply plays it too safe to be truly outstanding.

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Special Photo

Sydney Young (Simon Pegg) has quite a few problems while trying to climb the corporate ladder in “How to Lose Friends & Alienate People”
‘First Friday’ centered around community, art

By Vanessa Terrell
Guest writer

On the first Friday of every month, something transforming happens in Statesboro. Students, residents, and out-of-town visitors congregate outdoors with food and music, surveying the local art and businesses their hometown has to offer. This monthly event is, conveniently, named First Friday Downtown.

Historic Downtown Statesboro becomes somewhat of a social block party for the community, and anyone, whether they call Statesboro home or not, is encouraged to attend.

"First Friday was originally intended to be artist-centered," said Amanda Corely, marketing events coordinator for Main Street Statesboro. "It's evolved over the years to be more than that." Along with the Averitt Center, West Main Gallery, The Mud Shack, and other galleries the streets were lined with tables and booths belonging to local artists selling their art. "It's somewhat of a gallery crawl," said Corely. "While promoting artists and local businesses, we want Statesboro to come out and enjoy the community.

Local artists come out to enjoy the event and set up booths and mingle with pedestrians. "It's really a hit or miss," said local artist Jen Galusha, concerning her art sales at First Friday. She sets up her table outside on the streets next to the Averitt Center, displaying her handmade pottery. "But regardless, we have a lot of fun and the weather is just starting to get nice."

The weather was perfect, and from the second floor of the Averitt Center, the sunset was beautiful. Also beautiful was the work of Jane Peak, professor of Art and Ceramics at Georgia Southern. Her ceramic sculptures will be on display until November 2. "With the Special Olympics and Homecoming weekend, this First Friday is a little less busy than I've seen it before," said Professor Peak. But regardless of its turnout, the art did not suffer. The third floor was displaying artwork from Portal Elementary and Nevus Elementary. Each month the Youth Gallery proudly features a new exhibit by Bulloch County students. Visitors were able to see the art and meet the artists themselves, and on each floor, food and beverages were served at no cost.

Local and foreign artists, musicians, and business owners take full advantage of the light atmosphere of First Friday every month to showcase and introduce themselves to the community. At the Emma Kelly Theater, Scott Williams performed Celtic music with his hammer dulcimer. Pedestrians gathered to enter the historically preserved theater and experience the tribute to the heritage of Celtic music, and witness in awe the effortless way Williams performed. After the performance, he was available to sell and sign CDs while mingling with his audience.

First Friday is a great event to attend to really experience the community. Take a date out to see the local art and music, have dinner at the Blue Moon Cafe or enjoy a martini from Statesboro Brews. Bring along the family should they come to visit, or round up a group of friends. "I love First Friday Downtown," said Senior Haley Athan. "It's such a nice change from just hanging out in the Plaza all the time. I love that it's so different—you don't even feel like you're in Statesboro."

First Friday is a great event with a comfortable setting to begin the month in a creative and positive way. The next First Friday Downtown celebration will be held on November 7. Do not miss this opportunity to relish the preservation of the historic architecture while entertaining your eyes, ears and stomach with good food and art. Although it is monthly, each event offers fresh entertainment to enjoy.
Georgia Southern ranked in Princeton Review's 2009 edition

Compiled by Staff

Georgia Southern University’s College of Business Administration (COBA) has been named one of the most outstanding business schools in the country by the Princeton Review.

Georgia Southern, with an enrollment of nearly 18,000 students, is featured in the just-published 2009 edition of the Princeton Review’s Best 296 Business Schools.

Ron Shiftier, dean of the College of Business Administration, views this a huge honor for Georgia Southern.

“We are very pleased to be named among the top business schools in the country,” Shiftier said.

According to Robert Franek, Princeton Review vice president of publishing, the selection of schools is based on academics.

“We select schools for this book based on our high regard for their academic programs and offerings, institutional data we collect from the schools, and the candid opinions of students attending them who rate and report on their campus experiences at the schools. We are pleased to recommend Georgia Southern University to readers of our book and users of our website as one of the best institutions they could attend to earn an MBA.” Franek said.

The Princeton Review does not rank the schools in the book from 1 to 296 or name one business school best overall.

Instead, the book has 11 ranking lists of the top 10 business schools in the nation for various categories.

GSU’s MBA program has become the program of choice for both full- and part-time professionals.

“We offer a traditional MBA at our main campus, a program in Savannah, Ga., and also an online MBA,” Shiftier said.

“In an increasingly competitive global business environment and in challenging economic markets, an MBA will differentiate you and prepare you to take the next step in your career,” Shiftier said.

For more information about Georgia Southern University’s MBA program, visit www.georgiasouthern.edu or e-mail mba@georgiasouthern.edu.

Prospective students may also contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at (912) 478-7240.

Georgia Southern’s graduate studies programs have been on a steady incline in the past five years.

According to an article posted on WTOC 11 Statesboro, the nationwide increase of students going into graduate school is up three percent this year.

Along with the MBA program, Georgia Southern’s Graduate Studies program offers 42 other masters programs, many of which are offered online.

Students get made at Georgia Southern leadership conference

By Will Doublerly
Staff Writer

This Saturday, Georgia Southern will be having its Third Annual Leadership Conference "MADE: I Wanna Be a LEADER!" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Office of Student Leadership and is co-sponsored by Student Media.

Amanda Thacker, the Educational Program Specialist in the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, believes that leadership is far more than just a label.

"Leadership is not a position; it is a process. It is a learned skill set," said Thacker.

"This conference is an excellent opportunity for up and coming leaders in the student body. They will have the chance to network with leaders in other organizations and break down stereotypes of people different from themselves. It’s important to examine how we look at other people,” Thacker said.

There will be 4 different LEAD sessions, with 5 to 6 various classes within each session which focus on group and individual leadership skills as well as how the community can positively be affected by good leadership.

The keynote speaker during the conference will be Eric Pucciarelli, who is the Associate Vice President of oXYgen Financial, Inc. Pucciarelli reached this position at the young age of twenty-seven.

According to Pucciarelli, helping others to succeed is a major part of being an effective leader.

This conference is headed by a seven student planning committee.

Committee members include Britt Lanier, Jessica Spielea, Jackie Nunn, Natalia Daines, Justin Little, Tayo Olayinka, and Aona Ilozumba.

The student planning committee is in charge of the theme, marketing, planning, and recruiting. Central to the group’s planning is the wants of the student body.

This committee is an excellent example of the leadership that can be developed by attending this conference.

"After attending the conference, students can choose to sign up to be on the planning committee for next year’s event," said Thacker.

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