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Statesboro city council abolishes alcohol control board

By Charles Minshew
Features editor

Statesboro Mayor William Hatcher announced Tuesday night that the Statesboro City Council abolished the Alcohol Control Board and created new on-site alcohol consumption rules at their regular meeting Tuesday morning.

Hatcher announced the new changes at a reverse town hall meeting at the Nessmith-Lane Assembly Hall last night. The meeting was part of Georgia Southern's observance of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

Director of Health Services Paul Ferguson and Associate Vice-President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Annemarie Seifert were also on the panel at the scheduled meeting.

"I think the Alcohol Control Board was good because it represented citizens and licensees," Ferguson said after the meeting. "It provided another level of objectivity to the process."

According to the City of Statesboro's website, the duties of the Alcohol Control Board were to "review and approve or deny all applications for licenses for the sale of liquor, wine, and malt beverages..." The board was also responsible for recommending changes to alcohol policies and ordinances to the mayor and city council.

According to both Hatcher and Ferguson, to get an alcohol license, an establishment must pass a federal background check and pay a fee. Misdemeanors disqualify a place of business from selling alcohol and severe penalties can be given for people who do not follow the rules.

Hatcher said that the move to abolish the Alcohol Control Board and change the consumption laws was an unexpected one.

"According to Hatcher, the motion to amend the alcohol ordinances was made by Will Britt, seconded by Travis Chance, and the motion carried with an affirmative vote from Gary Lewis. Tommy Bitch voted against the changes and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Brannen was not present.

Hatcher explained that the new rules create a distinction between restaurants, bars and taverns. Restaurants will still be required to maintain a 50 percent alcohol to 50 percent food ratio. Taverns will be required to have 35 percent of sales in food and 65 percent of sales in alcohol. Bars will not have to abide by a certain ratio.

People of all ages will be allowed into taverns before 10 p.m., according to Hatcher. After 10 p.m., only people that are 18 years old or older will be allowed.

People who are 21 years of age or older would be allowed into bars.

"If you're 18 years old and you want alcohol in Statesboro, you can get it," Hatcher said. "I'm appalled at what has happened."

Ferguson said that the new rules will provide a greater challenge to the university when promoting alcohol education.

"Be responsible," Ferguson said. "Be a friend. A real friend recognizes when someone has a problem."

He suggested that people who consume alcohol should do so wisely and do whatever possible to prevent injuries that result from habits like binge drinking and drunk driving.

Ferguson also spoke of the things that Health Services saw when local bars would host "Ladies Lock up Night" a few years ago. He said that cases of date rape and other alcohol-related issues were much higher when those establishments were open. Ferguson fears that the new ordinances could recreate old problems.

Hatcher acknowledged that he did not know when the new rules would take effect. Even though the Statesboro City Council passed the amendments to the ordinances, Hatcher added that a second reading of the ordinance might be needed.

The meeting was designed to allow students to voice their concerns about the alcohol policies of GSU and Statesboro. Their concerns ranged from ordinances on drunken pedestrians, the lowering of the drinking age, and the way that businesses sell alcohol.

Ferguson praised the student meeting by saying "It's great to have a dialogue and not a monologue."
**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.

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**National News**

**Presidential campaign ads turn negative**

McClatchy News Service

McCain and Obama launched a new round of negative attacks on each other Monday, with McCain trying to shift focus away from the economic crisis and Obama testing how hard it is to hit McCain on the issue.

On the eve of the rivals’ second debate, McCain, speaking in New Mexico, suggested that voters don’t know “the real Barack Obama.” A defiant McCain said, “I didn’t just show up out of nowhere. After all, America knows me.”

The McCain campaign also released an ad that takes out of context some of Obama’s statements and votes to imply that he was dismissive of the U.S. troop’s mission in Afghanistan and sought to cut off funds for soldiers.

In Florida, McCain’s running mate, Sarah Palin, continued to play up Obama’s fairy thin ties to Bill Ayers, a former Vietnam-era radical who advocated violence and is now a college professor in Chicago.

Obama’s campaign Monday launched a Web site focused on McCain’s connection to the Keating Five scandal and the savings-and-loan industry’s collapse in the late 1980s.

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**Asia braces for hard times economically**

McClatchy News Service

More than a decade after the last major economic crisis, East Asia is spooked by the prospect of a new global financial tidal wave rolling its way.

Some East Asians are putting a lock on their wallets, shunning the fancy banquet banquets that are a tradition in Asia, cutting back on taxis, even buying gold to hedge against calamity.

As fear spreads, it is stoking memories of the 1997 Asian contagion, confidence evaporated and ordinary citizens scrambled to prevent their savings from vanishing.

“I really see the behavior all over again,” said Roger Groebli, head of financial analysis for LGT Capital Management’s office in Singapore. “They are canceling holidays. They stop consuming. They really are scared.”

Bracing for the hard times they fear lie ahead, some Asians have psychologically prepared themselves for economic turmoil, even as their leaders plead for a vote of confidence.

“As many people in Korea are worried about the worldwide financial shocks,” South Korean President Lee Myung-bak said while presiding Tuesday over a weekly Cabinet meeting, according to the quasi-official Yonhap news agency.

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*drink equals one 12oz beer, one 5oz glass of wine, or one oz of liquor data collected from georgia southern university core survey 2007*
Candidates debate on campus

By Shannon Knapp
Assistant news editor

With the election drawing near, candidates running for various offices in Georgia are scrambling to get their voices heard at the Russell Union Rotunda Tuesday.

Stomp the Vote was put on by the Student Government Association to get students interested in November’s upcoming election. SGAs Director of Publicity, James Kicklighter, said the point of Stomp the Vote was to get students involved.

“We wanted to host a forum for candidates running for re-election regionally and locally to help students be more informed on decisions to vote.”

By having Stomp the Vote outside the Russell Union Rotunda, students had the chance to get involved.

“Students who may not care about process or election will have the opportunity to be engaged in the process,” Kicklighter said.

Throughout the day, students walked by and stopped to hear some of the debates and pick up pamphlets, bumper stickers, or T-shirts while on the way to or from the Union.

Some of the candidates present at Stomp the Vote included John Stone, who is running for Congress, Lee Deloach and Liz Johnson running for Probate Judge of Bulloch County, and Chris McFadden, Bruce Edendief, and Sara Doyle, who are running for the court of appeals.

Some candidates saw this debate as an opportunity to speak on important issues to an interested audience.

“Georgia Southern is a great school, and the students are motivated to vote,” Stone said.

Incumbent Judge Lee Deloach was at the Rotunda to take a stand for his re-election against opponent Liz Johnson.

Azam Mughal, Deloach’s Chairman of Georgia Southern to re-elect Deloach, said the reason they were there was to reach out to the students.

“It is a vital part of our community. There are 17,000 plus people out here. Academic people who want to know what’s going on,” Deloach said.

Sara Doyle, who is running for the Court of Appeals said she was encouraged to come out by an email she received from GSU.

“I wanted to get to this part of the state and talk to some people,” she said. “We need all the promotional time we can get.”

Candidates Butch Parrish, John Barrow, Tamela Adkins, and Mike Sheffield did not attend the event.

Don’t miss your chance to be a part of one of Georgia Southern’s biggest traditions! The deadline for Homecoming event registration is Friday, October 10th at 4 PM.

Organizations must turn in a Homecoming Participation form, the associated fees, and additional required event forms (Mud Volleyball and Doo-Dah/Step Show) to the Office of Student Activities, Russell Union 1085, in order to be fully registered.

All Homecoming information and forms can be found at www.georgiasouthernhomecoming.com.

Questions? Email osa@georgiasouthern.edu.

Check out the George-Anne Daily Online at www.gadaily.com!
COLUMNS

October-stress hits campus

Ah, October. The grand month where seasons change, midterms and papers abound, Halloween parties are planned, football is played, professional baseball heats up and the plague begins to rip through campus as the weather cools.

October is where you lose the option to drop a class if you’re failing (October 10th is drop deadline) and panic sets in if you are on a grade borderline.

This month is where the picture of your semester, how hard you have worked and how hard you are going to have to work until finals, finally becomes clear.

Stress is the name of the game in October.

It is easier for me to get to work on an assignment, and not procrastinate, if the people I am hanging out with are forcing themselves to work on something too. It is also easier when taking a break because you don’t have to be alone, you can still get that socializing done that we all need.

As the October freak-outs hit, just take a deep breath. Know you are not alone and that somewhere, probably very close to you, someone is doing the same. Maybe go with a friend for a quick cup of joe or curse your professor’s name together.

Like baseball players (Go Rays) look forward to this month’s end, so do we. I look forward to the Halloween festivities and the coming Thanksgiving break. I look forward to taking a step back and just relaxing.

If only October would end.

Jessica Martin is a senior geology major from Tampa, FL. She is the Opinions Editor for the George-Anne Daily.

I am writing this to let you know that you are not alone.

That is a powerful thing to remember. You are not alone in your stress, your crazy busy days and late-hour nights. Across campus and Statesboro, there are many who are doing the same.

Don’t forget that when you are running around on campus or talking to a friend. Don’t be so hasty to snap at people because you are stressed because everybody is.

It has always been comforting to me to know that I am not the only one who is going prematurely gray.

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FROM GADAILY.COM

Bishop Center Begins Construction

Gee, I wonder where they get the money for this kind of stuff?
- Joseph

Column: Cardiac Eagles

To even hint that Coach Hatcher’s seat should be remotely warm even with a bad season this year is ugaish, tacky and way off base. Hatch did not create this mess he inherited it. If you want to point fingers to GSU’s recent woes on the field and off you need to point a little higher. There has only been two decision makers who have been here since the decline in football and APR issues for all other sports...Grube and Baker.
- JC-GSU

Wow. I went to 1 game, the Northeastern one, WAS NOT IMPRESSED, and vowed to never go to another GSU football game because it was a waste of time. This is why the student section is never packed like it used to be.
- statico32

Valencia Williams
Freshman broadcasting and spanish

“I pray, sometimes listen to music, dance, or take a break.”

Archie Ammons
Faculty biology

“Sleep a lot.”

Chrystian Woods
Freshman political science

“I don’t stress too much, but when I do sometimes I listen to music.”

Tracey West
Sophomore hotel and restaurant management

“Listen to music on my ipod.”

THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY
Statesboro Crossing introduces jobs and stores for community

Denver Pittman
Staff Writer

Development of Statesboro Crossing, an open-air shopping center new to the community, is an outward representation of the progression of Bulloch County.

Georgia Southern University students may be reaping the benefits of a phenomenon which they in fact made possible.

Statesboro has always been considered "Savannah's Best Kept Secret.

Nestled just one hour from its economic hub, Statesboro has become a reservoir for the business-oriented who remains a small-town idealist at heart.

Its beautiful location near the Atlantic Ocean, southern charm of local residents, and the undeniable cultural influence of Georgia Southern University each play significant roles in its created ethos.

"We live in probably one of the top three or four dynamic communities in the state. Georgia Southern students are well-travelled, and it brings new ideas to our community on a regular basis," said City Councilman Will Britt. Georgia Southern University had an economic impact of nearly three quarters of a billion dollars $748 million during the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

According to studies on Statesboro's trade area, the average 16,500 students spend an annual $130 million alone, about $8,000 per student.

"The students pay rent, power, and water. The water bill alone is probably around $4,000 per month, collaboratively. This kind of revenue enables us to keep the city beautiful," said Britt.

"Statesboro has not seen as great of a downturn in the housing and economic market as other neighboring communities because students are spending money that originates elsewhere."

Apart from monetary rewards, Georgia Southern students have given back to the community in many ways.

GSU students have helped impact in the creating of jobs, businesses, and emerging culture. According to Paul Floeckher, Senior Communications Specialist, a recent study showed that Georgia Southern University was responsible for 6,790 jobs created in Statesboro last year.

"Full-time employees at GSU accounted for 1,781 of those jobs," Floeckher said.

"We have 60 different nations represented and literally every state. The exchange of idea is outstanding. Because of GA Southern, we get new families and new ideas every year. The impact is immeasurable," said Britt.

"People graduate GSU and want to stay here and raise a family. It's what we, as a community, have hoped for all along."

"Georgia Southern students have had a tremendous impact on the widening and diverse edginess of Bulloch County," Britt said.

"For the small southern town, young people may be a little louder, a little rowdier, and may stay up just a bit later than most of us, but it creates a young active community. That is what is important," Britt said.

Statesboro Crossing is located on the Southwest corner intersection of Brannen Street at Veterans Memorial Parkway.

It has been under construction for the past year, and will be fully opened by Spring 2008, featuring anchor stores such as: Petco, Avon, Hobby Lobby, Rack Room Shoes, Hibbits, and Books-A-Million.

It is still open for leasing and the owner of the property, CBL Properties, is hopeful that the opening will attract many more budding enterprises to the city of Statesboro.

Hobby Lobby is the only store currently open in the complex; however, October 12th marks the grand opening of the clothing retailer, TJ Maxx.

STORES COMING TO STATESBORO CROSSING

TJ Maxx
Petco
Rack Room Shoes
Books-A-Million
Hobby Lobby
Hibbits
Avon

CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 8

Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Event: American Red Cross Blood Drive
Location: Williams Center Dining Hall

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Event: Hunger and Homelessness Lunch
Location: Russell Union 2084

Time: 5 - 6 p.m.
Event: Zoomba
Location: College Plaza Building

Time: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Event: Lead Scholar Meeting
Location: Russell Union 2041

Time: 6 - 8 p.m.
Event: Greek Life Meeting
Location: Russell Union 2044

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Event: SGA Meeting
Location: Russell Union 2047

Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
Event: Knowing Your Rights
Location: Russell Union 2048

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.
Event: Movie: Waging A Living
Location: Russell Union Theatre

Thursday, October 9

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Event: Hunger/Homelessness Lunch
Location: Russell Union 2084

Time: 4 - 5 p.m.
Event: International Festival
Location: Russell Union 2054

Time: 5 - 9 p.m.
Event: Royalty Candidate Meeting
Location: Russell Union 2044

Time: 6 - 7 p.m.
Event: SCA Meeting
Location: Russell Union 2073

Time: 6 - 10 p.m.
Event: MCAT Review
Location: Nursing Building

Time: 7 - 8 p.m.
Event: Bible Study With The Profs.
Location: IT Lecture Hall 1005

Time: 7 - 10 p.m.
Event: Battle Of The Sexes
Location: Russell Union 2047

Time: 8:00 - 10 p.m.
Event: Movie: Sneak Preview
Location: Russell Union Theatre

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Sexual Assault Awareness can lead to prevention of attacks

By Claire Gallam & Quentin Dupree
News Editor & Staff Writer

Sex crimes are very prevalent on all college campuses, and the student demographic are the main targets of these unwanted attacks.

Students, at Georgia Southern University, have become even more aware of sexual assault after an incident had taken place September 25, 2008 at Southern Courtyard.

Many college students fall prey to these heinous acts mainly because they are unaware of the movements of a predator or lack defense techniques they could use when attacked.

Sexual assault is far from imminent, there are plenty of ways of avoiding it and one way is to learn about it.

One misunderstanding about on-campus rape is that victims are mostly young, attractive, promiscuous, freshmen girls when that's far from the truth.

Another misconception is that sexual assault and rape are one in the same. The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) defines sexual assault as unwanted sexual conduct that stops just before rape.

Rape occurs when there is physical penetration, and often follows events of sexual assault.

The demographic of a sexually assaulted student can be anyone, despite ethnic background, gender, or personality.

Another misconception about sexual assault is who causes it.

According to RAINN in a university setting, students are more likely to be assaulted by someone you know versus someone you don't know and this kind of assault is called acquaintance rape. These types of sexual assaults are more often than not the crimes that go unreported.

Not everyone you meet on campus are trustworthy, that is why it's smart to exercise security.

Paul Floeckher, Communications Specialist, has advised ways to prevent sexual assault.

"Try keeping resident hall doors unproped and prevent strangers who are not known into their building." Floeckher said.

According to a GSU campus alert in response to the assault on September 25, there are a few tips students can take to prevent assaults like this to happen.

One tip a student can use to diminish their chances of getting attacked is to drink more responsibly.

When intoxicated it can be hard to use better judgment and as a result cause situations to arise that may lead to assault, and other crimes.

Another tip listed is to not travel alone at night. Georgia Southern has a campus escort service that can travel alongside students that may prevent them from being targets in a violent crime.

The campus escort number is (912)-478-5234, which is the number to the University Police Department.

If the campus alert is not available, there are blue emergency lights located around campus that will alert campus police and other officials that there is danger.

Public Safety's Captain McCullough encourages students to use these types of escort services and tips.

"I believe the campus is very safe but there are things folks can do to present themselves." Public Safety also hosts self-defense classes for women periodically.

These women's safety classes are called R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense).

For more information on when these classes are and at what times, call the University Police department.

Rape aggression defense classes are free for females and are taught on campus. According to RAINN, the nationwide statistics in 2006 found that there were 272,350 sexual assaults reported.

On average there are at least 2 to 3 sexual assaults on the Georgia Southern campus per year, however, just this year alone, there have been 2 reported sexual assaults this semester already.

These averages also do not take into account the many sexual assaults that happen and are not reported.

Although that number is meek there are still numerous sexual assaults that go unreported for different reasons.

With so many reports going unnoticed, it is important to keep a look out for a few warning signs a victim may have.

According to RAINN, the symptoms to look out for include: sleeping and eating disturbance, mood swings, feelings of humiliation and self-blame, nightmares, anger, anxiety, helplessness, possible Substance abuses, suicidal ideation/behavior, self-harm, and depression.

If someone, family, friend, significant other, has these symptoms, it may be a good time to sit them down and talk to them.

Georgia has a sexual prevention group that is open invitation, called the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault (GNESA). For more information call (404) 815-5261.

Who's Who Honor Society comes to Georgia Southern

Shannon Knepp
Assistant News Editor

National Honors Program Who's Who Among Students is coming to Georgia Southern.

Who's Who is a prestigious honors program that gives national coverage to those who are nominated and accepted.

According to their Website, Who's Who Among Students was created by Pettus Randall, an undergraduate student from the University of Alabama.

He was set to receive many academic honors when graduating, but couldn't accept them due to the financial strain he was already under.

Today, Who's Who Among Students is a prominent honors program with national recognition.

According to Academic Director, Dr. Steven Engel, "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges is one of the most highly regarded and long-standing honor programs in the nation."

Who's Who is awarded in 1,900 different schools in all 50 states.

Associate Registrar, Velma Burden, says that one reason students should be interested in joining is recognition.

"Your name is published in a national book. It's a longstanding honors program," Burden said.

Who's Who Among Students book was published in 1966 and continues to this day.

Who's Who also gives out scholarship money in honor of the founder, Randall. This year, Who's Who gave ten $1,000 dollar scholarships out to students throughout the country last year.

Who's Who also publishes a book that lists your name and a short biography that is available for order in August of each year.

The Who's Who membership looks very great on a resume, as well as on applications for graduate school.

In order to be considered for Who's Who, students must meet certain criteria.

According to Engel, students must have a cumulative grade point average of a 3.0 or higher, campus or community leadership, recognition in an area of study, and must be a junior or a senior.

Students are nominated for this honor and all nominations must come directly from the college faculty, there will be no self nominations that will be accepted.

The deadline for Who's Who Among Students is Thursday, October 23.

POLICE BEAT

Monday, October 6

Officers issued two traffic citations, one traffic warning, assisted two motorists, assisted one sick person, and investigated two accidents.

Christopher Allen Slade, 24, was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

Ian William Campbell, 19, University Villas was charged with DUI.

Cameron Clark Eckhardt, 19, charged with underage possession of alcohol.

Two bicycles were taken from the RAC.

A bicycle was taken from the Sanford Hall bike rack.

A book bag was taken from Eagle Village.

A stereo was taken from a vehicle at Southern Pines.
Students hold an all-night fund raiser for cancer

Sarah Goodwin
Guest writer

To kick off homecoming week, Up 'til Dawn will be hosting the annual mud volleyball tournament on November 1, 2008, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The entry fee is $25 per each 6 to 12 person team, and the proceeds will go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The last day to register for the tournament is October 10, 2008, at the Office of Student Activities in the Russell Union.

Up 'til Dawn is a student led and run organization on campus that raises awareness and financial support for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Up 'til Dawn is present on 180 college campuses nationwide helping in the fight against cancer. All money raised is given directly to St. Jude to continue cancer research.

The motto of the organization is "Fight the yawn—stay awake to cure childhood cancer." The students involved in this organization help to raise awareness on their campus and in their communities, as well as educate people on the needs and situations of the hospital.

This non-profit hospital specializes in childhood cancer research. "St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a pediatric research facility that assists and cares for terminally ill children of all ethnicities, races, religions, and despite their family's inability to pay. The hospital runs solely off of donations and operates at over $1 million a day," said Beth Freeman of Georgia Southern's Up 'til Dawn.

Up 'til Dawn volunteer Sharinda Williams described St. Jude hospital as "a hospital without walls. Any research found on diseases is shared with the whole world, so it affects everyone."

Up 'til Dawn is solely volunteer based. "It's a great way to earn volunteer hours, because we are serving the children in the hospital," said Atua Emu, Internal Assistant Director of Georgia Southern's Up 'til Dawn organization.

"I'm very passionate about volunteering because my father was a cancer survivor. It's a great way for Georgia Southern to get involved with St. Jude," said Williams.

Up 'til Dawn sponsors many fundraising events throughout the year. On October 16, 2008, they will be hosting Judestock which is an annual letter writing party to aid in fundraising efforts for St. Jude. At this event, volunteers will write 50 letters to parents, coworkers, and businesses to help raise awareness and support.

There will be games, food, and a disc jockey. Volunteers will be able to register to win a free iPod. This fundraiser will be from 6-9 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.

There will be an event at the end of the spring 2009 semester that will announce the total amount raised during the 2008-2009 school year.

Up 'til Dawn meets the first Sunday of every month at 5 p.m. in the Russell Union room 2054.
‘Roc Da Vote Rally’ shakes RAC with political debates

By Will Douberly
Staff Writer

Tonight at 7 p.m., Alpha Phi Alpha will be throwing a ‘Roc Da Vote Rally’ at the RAC Amphitheatre. There will be free food, t-shirts, and information about the 2008 Presidential Candidates. History is being made at this very moment. The political issues and nationwide problems currently occurring will be studied and examined in great detail.

Who will be elected this November as the leader of a country that is facing numerous obstacles and challenges?

Whatever happens, change is inevitable. “The change that I would like to see in the U.S. is already happening...people are becoming more involved in politics as well as their community and more people are registered and plan to vote,” said Alpha Phi Alpha member Cory Trottie.

Trottie also elaborated on why this election is crucial.

“The upcoming election is vital to the survival of the economy and education as a whole. It’s important for young people to vote because some of the topics at hand affect us directly.”

The rally will include live performances by the following groups: Dyverzion Dance Team, On Point Dance Team, Forte Step Team, Voice in Ministry Campus Choir, Sould Out Campus Choir, GSU Idol Lajon Caldwell, Lenielka Cole, and Jamaal Francois.

Several campus organizations have sponsored the event, including RHA, NCNW, Delta Sigma Pi, NSBE, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., BSA, Dyverzion Dance Team, On Point Dance Team, NBLSA, NAACP, Young Democrats, and College Republicans.

Each organization will be asked on stage questions regarding the importance of voting.

Robert Graham, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, believes it is critical for young people to vote.

“This upcoming election will be one of the closest in the country’s history.”

Graham also pointed out the historical implications in this election.

“This upcoming election is very important because of the history it has already made; we will have either the first African-American president, or the first female vice president. A major change is expected to happen,” said Graham.

Corey Brown, a fellow member of Alpha Phi Alpha, expressed a similar passion for the upcoming election.

“Everyone needs to voice their concern as to whom they feel will be the right choice to guide America for at least the next four years,” said Brown.

“Young people are encouraged to vote because we are the up and coming generation. We should be adamant about voting in order to see changes made that will reflect a positive future for both us and our offspring,” said Brown.

It is becoming more apparent that the United States is approaching the proverbial fork in the road. In which direction shall the country travel?

“Both candidates have qualities and leadership that will allow America to come back to its true potential, but there will be different paths taken to reach that goal,” said Brown.

First year residency requirements take effect fall of 2009

By Michael Bevill
Guest Writer

Georgia Southern University seeks to ensure that all students receive the maximum benefit from their enrollment, and is now implementing a policy that requires all freshman, as of fall 2009, live on campus their first academic year.

According to Dr. Theresa Thompson vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, “first year students, as defined by the Office of Admission for Georgia Southern University, will be required to live in the residential facilities operated by the Department of University Housing.”

According to Vickie Hawkins, administrative director of Resident Life, the reason Georgia Southern is so late to implement the policy lies with the lack of space for the students.

“We had to wait until we had enough room, we’re one of the last universities [in the University System of Georgia] to require our first-year students to live on-campus.”

Studies have shown that students who live on campus do better scholastically. “Our surveys show that students who live in the residence halls graduate higher, and with a higher GPA,” says Thompson.

Higher GPA scoring is only one of the few benefits that on-campus living provides. “Campus living encourages the student development process, and they learn to be citizens of a community,” Thompson says.

Hawkins enforces this belief as well. “Campus living brings higher grades, a sense of satisfaction with one’s surroundings, and encourages students to be more engaged, and get involved,” Hawkins said.

Jessica Wolfe, a freshman living on campus at Southern Pines, agrees that “[being on-campus] does help making friends and it’s closer to campus, it makes everything more easily accessible.”

In seeing the positive results themselves, Georgia Southern University has decided to bring about the First Year Residency Requirement Policy.

“I think they’ll find that wherever they go, they’ll find that more and more universities are requiring the same thing,” says Thompson.

Shelly Day, a freshman living off-campus at Eagle’s Landing, has a differing viewpoint.

“I think it’s stupid if you’re already living on your own in Statesboro. Living on campus doesn’t effect how social you are. What if you’re given a roommate you hate?” Day said.

“Some [students], don’t like the facilities so we have plenty of options,” Hawkins said.

The implementation of the policy also coincides with the opening of Centennial Place.

According to Hawkins, new housing arrangements for first-years also includes a new line-up of programming within the residence halls targeted to first-years, including living-learning environments.

Since most of first-year students, about 80 percent, live on campus anyway, the only strain lies with the 20 percent who currently live off campus.

Upperclassmen wishing to live on campus, according to Hawkins, “will have to decide on Georgia Southern earlier.”

As of right now, there is no policy in place to give fair chance for housing to Upperclassmen, but a policy for that is being drafted now and should be available around the Thanksgiving Holidays.

“It’s a win-win situation as far as I’m concerned,” says Thompson. “[this policy will] create a different atmosphere for the University, more pride, and more traditions for freshmen.”

The policy’s approval lies in what type of personality type each freshman happens to be. “It all comes down to what kind of person you are,” says Sean Reich, a freshman living in Watson Hall. “I would love the privacy of living in an apartment, but I like being on campus because you get to meet people.”

“It’s more fun living off-campus; you get to have more fun,” says James Deese, a freshman living off-campus in Bermuda Run.
Under the helmet: Chris Covington

By Latrice Williams
Staff Writer

Defensive back Chris Covington is one of Georgia Southern's elite players. Elected as captain two years in a row by his peers, Covington has been a key player on defense.

Switching from running back to defensive back, he made an immediate impact that has helped the team to many victories.

"When I first started playing football at Georgia Southern, I was playing running back. Coach Hatcher came to me and asked would I switch to defensive back. I told him I would do whatever was needed to help us win."

Covington began playing football at the age of 8, and has been guided ever since by his father.

"My dad played football at Delta State in Mississippi, and I look up to him a lot."

In high school, Covington also played baseball, but was more skilled in football. While playing for Brookwood High School, he was honored by USA Today as the 'National Player of the Week,' rated as one of the 'Top 50' high school prospects in Georgia by the Atlanta Journal Constitution, and ranked No. 65 by Georgia Football Monthly.

Covington committed to Georgia Southern his senior year of high school. "I fell in love with the team, the school, and admired the coaching staff. The fans are always here for us, win or lose."

When asked what his goal here at GSU is, he replied, "I would like to see us get to the National Championship. I am a senior this year and I would like to see us get that far."

Although Georgia Southern lost their last two games, Covington is optimistic about what the future holds. "It is possible for our team to make the playoffs. We have had some bad breaks, but anybody who comes to watch us play knows that we never give up. I don't think we have been ahead by halftime at any of our games, but we come out in the second half and play to win."

His biggest accomplishment thus far was being re-elected as captain. "I am proud to be captain of this team...to know that your peers look up to you and respect you means a lot to me."

Before games, Covington says he rarely gets nervous. "I hardly ever get nervous before a game. In the locker room I usually sit and think and get my nerves out. After that first hit, I feel a lot more ready to play."

Everyone knows playing football can be very challenging, stressful, and sometimes even intimidating, but what keeps Covington motivated is, "the tradition of the school."

"There is so much pride here at Georgia Southern. The people here believe in this team and it keeps me focused."

When asked about ever wanting to throw in the towel, Chris said there has never been a time when he wanted to stop playing football.

Aside from football, Chris loves spending time with his family, friends, and his dogs. If he was not playing football, Chris is sure he would be in the military. "Being in the military is something I feel compelled to do."

Following graduation, Covington would like to stay connected with Georgia Southern in some kind of way. "I have actually thought about coaching or staying connected with the team somehow. I want to instill work ethic in the younger players."

Covington will graduate in the spring with a degree in Criminal Justice.

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Soccer falls in overtime

By Dereck Hardge
Staff writer

The Georgia Southern Men's soccer team squared off against Furman Tuesday, October 7, losing 2-1 in the second overtime.

The Eagles scored the first goal in the first period, off of a midfielder BJ Reine's foot. Furman was kept scoreless in the first half along with being kept to one shot.

The second period began, with the Eagles still leading the game 1-0 and trying to add one to their lead. The Eagles took lesser shots and had more fouls, while Furman took nine shots and gave only one foul in the half.

Georgia Southern led the game, until 79:47 of the game when Furman's Patrick White scored their first goal of the game with a header into the net to send the game into overtime.

After having some chances themselves, the Eagles gave up the game-winning goal to Furman's Patrick Murray with 10:45 left in overtime.

Eagles Coach Kris Kennedy said after the match, "I applaud the effort, we played a tremendous half, the second half we gave away free kicks, overtime it came down to a chance here and there, we played very well, I'm a little disappointed, but we have to prepare for Saturday's Game."

Eagles goalkeeper, Mike Gubosh, is still optimistic about the team's chances to make the playoffs.

"Hopefully things will go our way the rest of the season, we stuck with it today, we fought hard, and we just got unlucky in the end," said Gubosh.

With seven games left in the season the Eagles will begin to turn their focus to the playoffs.

"We're playing better each game, we just have to get in position and get ready to have a home game for the first round in postseason," said Reine.

With the loss the Eagles move to 2-6-0 (0-2-0) on the season. The Eagles will travel to Appalachian St. for their next game. The game is scheduled for October 11 with kickoff at 1 p.m.