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As arranged marriages move into the digital age, parents are beginning to hire private eyes to investigate future husbands.

**Students protest alleged profiling at local clubs**

Mark Beavers
Staff writer

Many students go to the clubs at University plaza to have fun. However, some black students are feeling unwelcome at these locations.

Multicultural Student Center Assistant Director Christopher Pugh said that a number of black students have complained about not being able to get into the bars, even though they were following the dress code.

"They're following the dress code, but the owners have come up with other things to keep them from getting in the club," said Pugh, citing students who had come to him concerning the issue.

A Georgia Southern student, who wishes to be called Johnston, and a group of his friends were turned away from Rude Rudy's on October 2. In fact, a Facebook group titled "Expose Rude Rudy's as a RACIST establishment" was formed to discuss the issue and now has over 1,100 members.

"When you have a thousand people join a group in four days it should be an eye opener," said Johnston.

Facebook is not the only place where students are discussing the issue.

"SGA is currently talking about the situation right now," said Dean of Students Georj Lewis.

Lewis said that a couple of African American students have mentioned to him that they have been treated unfairly while trying to gain entrance to the bars, based on dress code.

According to Lewis, SGA is planning to form a group to discuss what has been going on in the plaza.

"I would encourage students to not jump to any conclusions. Rumors are not going to help, negative talk is not going to help, but intelligent and proactive collaboration will help," said Lewis.

Lewis said that students with concerns about the issue should contact the SGA.

Rude Rudy's Manager Jonathan Starkey declined to comment on the situation.

The above picture is used for illustration purposes only, and was not taken at any University Plaza establishment.
McClatchy News Service

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47th annual Kiwanis fair open in Statesboro

By Shannon Knepp
Assistant News Editor

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The first step in planning a wedding in India is not necessarily the florist. Instead, it’s the private detective, hired to find out whether a prospective spouse is all he or she claims to be.

In India, pre-wedding investigations have turned into big business.

Many marriages here, especially those of the elite, are arranged between families using Internet and newspaper ads.

And some people aren’t telling the whole truth in those ads.

"Most marriages here are not love affairs," said Bharat Prakash, who runs Blackboy Detectives in Kolkata. "Certain people overestimate themselves. Certain people hide their divorces or a number of affairs."

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"There are so many girls, certain cases in which women came from small villages or towns to the big city," said Ashish Mathur, who runs Trident Investigations Network in New Delhi.

Keep options open by taking the GRE

By Will Douberly
Staff Writer

Many college students must face a tough decision upon graduation. Is it better to continue their education in pursuit of an advanced degree, or is it time to join the workforce?

While the answer to this question will vary from person to person and situation to situation, students are often advised to take entrance exams to graduate school while still in college.

Taking the exam while in college leads to better scores. Also, students who are uncertain as to what they want to do following graduation can keep their options open by taking the test now.

Dawn Piacentino, the associate director of the Graduate Record Examination program, believes that those who attend graduate school still in school are surrounded by academic support, “We find that people under twenty-three...”

Scores from the GRE are valid for five years after the test.

This means that students who take the time now to participate in the exam will successfully keep the graduate school option open for all half a decade.

Mark McNutt, manager of external relations at Educational Testing Services, sees a new system of evaluating potential graduate students. "We are excited about introducing this; it helps students because it allows them to..." said Piacentino.

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NATIONAL NEWS

European Union set plan to buy into banks

McClatchy News Service

British and European leaders took unprecedented steps here late Sunday to try to halt the financial crisis in its tracks, announcing aggressive action to take big stakes in banks and guarantee lending between banks.

European Union members announced they planned to guarantee loans between banks, called inter-bank lending, for up to five years. And they intend to allow member countries to take equity stakes worth billions of dollars in troubled financial institutions.

The action follows by a bit more than a week a historic $700 billion U.S. rescue package for the banking system. Both efforts aim to stop a widening crisis that the International Monetary Fund warned over the weekend had brought the world to the brink of financial collapse.

The leaders of European nations presented their plan, as a "tool kit" that each country could decide how best to put to use. France, Germany and Italy are all expected to take up the plan formally on Monday morning.

"This is a worldwide crisis and, rather than tearing Europe apart, it has in fact brought us closer together," said French President Nicolas Sarkozy. "This is no easy task." Legislation is required in France, and Sarkozy expected to enact changes by week's end.

While bold, the European plan has a drawback. There were no figures to indicate how much each country will spend on bank rescues. Those numbers won't be available before Wednesday at the earliest, officials acknowledged.

German newspapers reported on their websites Sunday that Chancellor Angela Merkel will announce a $536 billion plan to rescue Germany's banking system.

Otto Fricke, chairman of the budget committee in Germany's parliament, told the Cologne Stadt-Anzeiger that the plan involves $134 billion for injecting capital into troubled banks and another $402 billion to guarantee loans between banks.

"As in the US, the rescue of banks is hardly a popular notion, and Sarkozy echoed statements of recent weeks made by President Bush and others," German newspapers reported. "We are not handing out gifts to banks," Sarkozy said. "We are enabling banks to operate, because our economy depends on it."

Clinton's campaign with Biden in his hometown

McClatchy News Service

A little more than three weeks before the fall election, Bill and Hillary Clinton joined together for the first time at a rally with vice presidential candidate Joseph R. Biden Jr.

After a brief speech before an adoring crowd of about 2,000 at the Riverfront Sports Complex, Bill Clinton said he had to dash off to a campaign event in Virginia.

But before he left, he gave Biden a rousing endorsement, saying that "Barack Obama could not have made a better choice" for vice president.

Both Clintons vowed to help Obama get elected to the White House, seeming to bury the hatchet with Hillary Clinton's former rival. "This election is too important to sit on the sidelines of history," Hillary Clinton said.

"I haven't spent 35 years in the trenches fighting for universal health care, for children, for families, for women, for middle-class people to see another Republican in the White House squander the promise of our nation and the hopes of our people," she vowed.

Hillary Clinton has thrown her support behind Obama, appearing at 50 campaign events.

Biden, hammered home his message that the Democratic ticket was better on the economy and health care and was going to end the war.
'Body of Lies' transcends boundaries of the typical thriller

Based on the 2007 novel by David Ignatius, "Body of Lies" is a thriller set in the Middle East about a CIA operative, Roger Ferris (Leonardo DiCaprio), who engages in a cat-and-mouse game to catch an elusive terrorist.

Working with his overbearing boss (Russell Crowe) and Jordanian Intelligence, Hani Salaam (Mark Strong), he hatches an ingenious plan to catch the criminal.

As he gets closer to completing his mission, though, he begins to question who he's able to trust, and the morality of the task at hand.

The film is directed by Ridley Scott from a script by William Monahan.

"Body of Lies" is a taut espionage thriller that revolves around the current situation in the Middle East.

RYAN’S TAKE

"Body of Lies" is a taut espionage thriller that kept me on the edge of my seat for the majority of the film.

Yes, the film contains every element of this genre (backstabbing, government conspiracy, and breakneck action), but what sets it apart is the fact that it's set in the present day Middle East.

It made the film much more relevant and its usual plot elements all the more exciting and intense. Also, the film plays like a morality piece as various characters challenge our country's position overseas and the tactics used to get the job done.

Another thing that sets this film apart is the talent it packs. The dream pairing of Leonardo DiCaprio and Russell Crowe does not disappoint for one minute. I always used to think that DiCaprio was just a pretty boy that had no real acting skill, but in the past few years, I've been continuously impressed by his work, and it's no exception here.

Russell Crowe is fun as the smarmy agent who keeps putting DiCaprio's character in danger, and I find it truly impressive that he packed on 50 pounds for this role. All the other actors in this film were very impressive as well, especially Mark Strong as the Chief of Jordanian Intelligence that DiCaprio has to form an uneasy alliance with.

It also goes without saying that Ridley Scott's direction is second to none here. While it's evident that he's extremely capable of staging great action sequences, he does a great job handling the film's intricate plot, and keeping the film moving at a breakneck pace.

If there was one thing to gripe about, it would be a seemingly unnecessary love interest that's introduced halfway through the film. It's a subplot that didn't feel like it belonged in the story, but it wasn't enough to keep me from enjoying the film any less.

Overall, I was constantly engaged throughout the film, and I truly enjoyed everything the film had to offer.

It was an intense ride that constantly had me guessing, and I loved every minute of it.

RYAN’S RATING

JONATHAN’S TAKE

From sci-fi horror ("Alien") to a gritty gangster film ("American Gangster"), Ridley Scott is arguably one of the most well rounded directors working today. With "Body of Lies," he adds yet another genre to his already impressive cannon - espionage thriller, a category already cluttered with an excess of post 9/11 pieces. Thus, Scott faces the challenge of making this film stand out above the rest.

Fortunately, "Body of Lies" manages to transcend the boundaries of its genre, and with it, Scott attempts to make some rather bold, if not quite original, commentary - mainly, whether or not we belong in the Middle East and what repercussions we have caused from being there. These are questions that have been asked since the day the war began, yet we often shy away from thinking about the answers. This film may just force you to make up your mind.

Instead of beating you over the head with objective viewpoints, the film brings you into the action with unflinching imagery and honesty, from both its scenery and its characters. Leonardo DiCaprio gives a powerful performance as CIA operative Roger Ferris, backed by an appropriately subdued Russell Crowe as his boss, Ed Hoffman. Together, they bring the tightly wound and relentless story to life.

Despite the overall taut narrative, though, there were a few subplots (one in particular that is crucial to the overarching events) that could have been explored a bit further. This minor complaint is undoubtedly due to another of the film's strengths - its sleek pacing.

If you are familiar with director Ridley Scott, you’ll know that his films tend to run a bit long (sometimes close to the three-hour mark). He packs so much into them, that it's often hard to avoid. Whether inherent in the script, or by Scott's own choosing, "Body of Lies" is his most streamlined film to date (just over two hours); and nothing is lost in the process.

Quibbles aside, "Body of Lies" is that rare film that is far more than the sum of its parts. As well, it is yet another magnificent piece reinforcing Ridley Scott as a true master of the filmmaking art.

JONATHAN’S RATING

Showtimes

Carmike 12 Cinema (Statesboro Mall)

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4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

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**GSU Comm Arts dept. holds debate watch**

By Ashley Harper  
Staff Writer

A political debate as heated as the McCain-Obama controversy has not taken place in the US in quite some time. Georgia Southern University will definitely not miss out on any of the action.

Wednesday, October 15, Georgia Southern’s Society of Communication Scholars is hosting Debate Watch 2008 at 8:30 p.m. in Veazey. Students, faculty, staff, and the community members are all encouraged to come watch all three of the debates between John McCain and Barack Obama and discuss them after the viewing.

According to Patrick G. Wheaton, assistant professor of Communication Studies, individuals should not discuss why one should vote for a specific candidate rather they should come learn more about them.

“We ask that participants not respond/interact during the debates because that may cause us to miss what is being said,” Wheaton said. “After the debate, we turn off the sound and then have a discussion of the debate.”

The debate is viewed as an educational opportunity for individuals to learn about the candidates and to better understand the issues in which they represent.

Before each debate takes place, individuals are given a questionnaire to fill out. These questionnaires will be used by the Commission on Presidential Debates and National Communication Association to better understand if and how much these debates affect individuals’ opinions and decisions.

According to Dr. Wheaton these questionnaires also help find possible changes for other debates in the future, such as 2012.

The questionnaires show if these debates even matter.

Dr. Wheaton said the questionnaires also help them answer a few questions, including: “Do the debates change voter preferences? Do the debates affect candidate images?”

“Research suggests that debates do not change the voter preferences of many voters; the single greatest effect of debates is to reinforce audiences.”

The political debates are known to both help and hurt a nominee. Debates draw attention to the candidates, and open many individual’s eyes.

“The debates are the single largest audience in the campaign cycle,” Dr. Wheaton said. “For example, in 2000, approximately 36 million voters participated in ALL of the primaries. But each of the 4 debates in 2000 drew audiences of at least 37 million,” Wheaton said.

“In 2004, the first Bush-Kerry debate had a TV audience of 62.4 million, the second debate had 46.7 million, and the third debate had 51.1 million,” Wheaton added.

“In 2008 the first McCain-Obama debate was viewed by 52.4 million, the Biden-Palin VP debate drew 69.9 million viewers, and the second Obama-McCain debate drew 63.2 million. The Biden-Palin debate ranks as the second most watched presidential debate of all time, second to the Reagan-Carter debate in 1980,” Wheaton said.

According to past research, debates are also known to teach voters more about the specific issues in a particular campaign.

“A study by Kathleen Hall Jamieson of the Annenberg School of Communication found that viewer knowledge of issues raised in the debates was 30 percent greater than knowledge of issues not discussed in the debates,” Wheaton said.
Flu prevention important for students

By Ben Carroll
Guest Writer

Every student, faculty, and staff member has the opportunity to get vaccinated for the flu with the help of the Health Center.

We all remember in high school where our parents had to take us to the doctor or when we would be too cool to get the vaccine, but with finals coming around and the constant stress college students live under, we can’t afford to get sick and it’s our responsibility to get the shot.

Any student, faculty and staff member can walk into the Health Center and receive their vaccination.

If you are short on time, contact the Health Center by calling 912-478-5484 or make an appointment online for the 4,000 flu shots available. The process only takes a few minutes.

Without an appointment, the process will take longer, and there may be no vaccines available.

On Oct. 15, 23, and 30 from 8:30-11:30 in the Russell Union, students can bring 13 dollars and receive their vaccination.

Dr. Paul Ferguson, the director of the Health Center, emphasized the importance of students getting vaccinated because of how easily the virus spreads. Most students live in dorms and apartments with multiple roommates, causing college to be a breeding ground for the flu.

Each year, the strand changes. According to Dr. Ferguson, last year’s vaccination missed the strand it was trying to prevent. Because of this, there were people who got the flu regardless of the vaccine.

This year, Dr. Ferguson claims that the three dead viruses contained in the vaccine should do a good job protecting people against what is predicted to be a rough flu season.

“It’s important for students to get the flu shot before the break because students often go home, get the flu, and bring it back to college and everyone around them is exposed to it,” Dr. Ferguson said.

Once a patient gets the vaccine, it will take two weeks for the protection to set in. After receiving the shot, the patient will be protected from the virus for a year.

For more information on flu prevention methods or to make an appointment, visit MedBuddy-U at http://services.georgia-southern.edu/health/changes_grad.php.

This is very important because graduate school’s requirements for a certain GPA is rising as more and more competitive students are fighting for the big programs.

Moradian says that “having access to official grades on CampusBuddy helps students avoid the potential impact of taking a certain ill-advised professor or course. The future admissions to careers and grad schools of the student’s choice relies heavily on GPA, so knowing what you are getting yourself into is very important.”

It only makes sense that one of the biggest social networks is combining with a program that could have important information for anyone who wants to go to college.

Instead of wasting time on Facebook, something that most every student is guilty of, we can use Facebook for good and not procrastination.

Moradian said, “Our Facebook integration makes it easy and convenient to see and meet others. The CampusBuddy Facebook application makes it simple to seamlessly socialize with others from the comfort of your own Facebook profile.”

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Women’s Soccer holds on for a 1-1 tie in overtime against the College of Charleston

By Latrice Williams
Staff writer

Sunday at Eagles Field, the Lady Eagles took on the College of Charleston Cougars. The Eagles came out looking for a win after a loss this past Friday to the Citadel. After two overtime attempts, the Eagles and Cougars ended the game deadlocked at a score of 1-1.

The first half of the game started out slow for both teams. Defense was a huge factor in why both teams could not score.

With a little over 13 minutes left in the first half, Eagle Danae Kamoloa assisted Ashley Touissant in an impressive head shot over the goalie to score the first goal of the match.

Lauren Santos had a remarkable seven saves, three of which came from corner kicks which could have easily given the Cougars a win. Seven minutes into the second half, Christy Barrow scored for the Cougars, bringing the score to 1-1.

The rest of the second half left each team fighting to score another goal to seal the win. Unfortunately, the ball didn’t go either way and overtime was the only option.

Although the Lady Eagles failed to bring home an unshared win, credit must be given to the Eagle defense, who collectively blocked 24 shot attempts from the Cougars, 12 of which were corner kicks.

“We started out a bit slow at first, but we picked up the momentum towards the end. We just didn’t get a chance to score again, but I am still proud of the girls,” said GSU Head Coach Ashley Hart. “Charleston is a really good team. They are at the top of the conference. We did not come out and play as hard as we could have. Fortunately they didn’t get too far ahead of us.”

The Lady Eagles are currently ranked eighth in the conference, holding the same record as Furman.

This Friday the Lady Eagles will face Western Carolina on Eagles Field at 4 p.m.