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O.A.R. to play Homecoming
Campus Consciousness Tour comes to Georgia Southern

Claire Gallam
News editor

Sriravong “Swerve” Sriratanakoul, Student Activities Coordinator, has officially announced Tuesday that the indie rock band O.A.R. will be performing at the CRI bandshell to kick off the Homecoming festivities this year. The concert with be on November 6, and will be begin at 8 p.m.

According to their website, www.ofarevolution.com, O.A.R.’s acronym stands for Of a Revolution, and the band began in Maryland. They performed their first show at Ohio State University for 60,000 students and this is where they gained immediate fame among the college demographic. They have recorded sixth albums, including their newest album All Sides. Some of their cult favorites include “Black Rock,” “Crazy Game of Poker,” and “The Wanderer.”

O.A.R. has an extensive following at Georgia Southern, with over 1,000 people already who have already joined the Facebook group and RSVP’d. Their concert will kick off the Homecoming festivities here at Georgia Southern.

“The show is on Thursday night at 8, but there is a pep rally at 7:30 p.m. before the show that everyone should attend. We’ll be announcing the homecoming court then as well,” Sriratanakoul said.

The concert is apart of the nationwide Campus Consciousness Tour, which is sponsored by the environmental group Reverb. The tour, which is an “all green” tour, is set out to promote unique music and environmental awareness.

“The show is a full green tour. The buses use bio-diesel fuel and the band promotes green lifestyles at each of their stopping points,” Sriratanakoul said.

O.A.R. is no stranger to environmental awareness. They launched their “Green Dream” campaign during the summer tour, where the primary goal was to reduce as much of the environmental damage that major touring can cause by implementing green friendly tour buses.

O.A.R. plan to visit 13 states and 14 universities on their Campus Consciousness tour.

CNN producer Peter Dysktra to discuss effect of entertainment on media

Mark Beavers
Staff writer

CNN Executive Producer Peter Dysktra will be coming to Georgia Southern University to present his lecture, Britney vs. The Bioskophe: How Reporting on the Fate of the World Gets Obscured by the More Important Stories. The lecture will take place at the Nessmith Lane Assembly Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21.

The lecture will focus on how environmental issues get buried, said Communication Arts Department Chair Pamela Bourland-Davis.

“If you look at the news, Britney will get covered a lot more than the environment,” Bourland-Davis said.

Dykstra is an award-winning environmental journalist and oversees coverage of science, technology, environment and weather issues for CNN.

“He won an Emmy award in ’93 for his coverage of the Mississippi River floods,” Bourland-Davis said.

Dykstra has also received a George Foster Peabody Award for CNN’s coverage of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and DuPont-Columbia Award for CNN’s reports on the Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004. He has also been an executive producer on investigative documentaries for CNN. The most recent was “Broken Government: Scorched Earth.”

Whether students are a fan of the band or not, Sriratanakoul urges anyone who can to come out to participate in the homecoming activities.

“O.A.R. shows are very high energy and they play along with the crowds really well. These are your

Three-Day Forecast

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House of Representatives discuss students’ issues

By Shannon Knepp  
Assistant News Editor

The Georgia Southern House of Representatives is in order. On Tuesday, October 21 the House will hold its second meeting of the year.

The house was started two years ago and was titled the Student Representative Council, however the name evolved last year to become the House of Representatives. This year, the house has over 30 members.

According to SGA’s Vice President of Academic Affairs and President of the House, Sam Gaston, the house was started for three main purposes.

The first purpose of the House of Representatives is to provide additional representation for students. The role of the house is to “function as a liaison between students and the Senate,” Gaston said.

The second purpose of the House of Representatives is to increase student involvement. If a student isn’t happy about the way things are being run in their college, they can run for a seat in the house, or they can go to the chair of their department.

The house encourages students to voice any problems, questions, or concerns they may have in order to better their department.

Lastly, the purpose of the house is to publicize and promote SGA. According to Gaston, the SGA functions as a connection between the students and the provost and administration.

By getting students involved in the house, it also helps them get involved in SGA.

According to Gaston, the house is “a more hands on branch” than the Senate. While a SGA senator’s main duty is to talk to students, they also have a lot of other duties that take up their time.

The house is there for students to have someone to voice problems, questions, or concerns to in a more hands on way. The Chair goes to the house meetings and gathers problems, questions, and concerns gathered by the house representatives so they can take them to the dean of their college or, if the problem is big enough, to the provost.

The purpose of this is so the problems, questions or concerns can be addressed by the right person.

The meetings for the house are held every three weeks. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 21 and will be an open meeting. The meeting will be held in the Russell Union, room 2044 at 5:00 p.m.
U.S. announces plan to intervene in banks

McClatchy News Service

President Bush on Tuesday confirmed that the United States will take equity stakes in nine banks, backstop virtually all non-interest-bearing bank accounts and guarantee most new loans between banks.

The White House plan marks the first such deep government intervention in markets since the Great Depression.

Nine banks have "volunteered" to sell equity stakes worth a combined $1.25 billion to the U.S. government. The Treasury will get preferred, nonvoting stock.

Other banks have until Nov. 14 to offer equity stakes to the government. The Treasury said that $250 billion of the $700 billion rescue plan that Congress approved last month would be deployed for this confidence-building step.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. will temporarily guarantee all new senior debt issued by FDIC-insured banks, thrifts and holding companies.

Essentially, the FDIC will insure loans between banks until the crisis subsides. It will be paid for by premiums and transaction fees.

The FDIC will guarantee all non-interest-bearing accounts in banks and thrifts that it insures and recently more than doubled the insurance it provides on bank deposits to $250,000.

Man killed in Romania by a drunken horse

McClatchy News Service

Traffic police tested a horse for being over the alcohol limit after it went out of control and killed an elderly man in the southwestern Romanian county of Gorj, the Ananova news agency said on Tuesday.

Police made the unusual request after an 86-year-old man died from injuries sustained when he was hit by a cart, which was being pulled by a horse that "looked out of control."

ION ILIUTA, head of the local veterinary authority, said: "We never had such a request before. Maybe to see what kind of blood it is, yes, but to find out if the animal was drunk, never."

The blood test came back positive. The 56-year-old owner said he was returning home after having bought the horse earlier at a fair.

Police believe the horse was given alcohol to make it appear stronger and healthier.

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Balancing trust and safety

Recently, a girl on Georgia Southern’s campus was sexually assaulted. While the details of this horrendous offense are clouded due to codes of confidentiality, the repulsiveness of its occurrence remains intact.

I have heard numerous rumors regarding the attacks. One such rumor states that the attacker is a construction worker who works on campus.

Another rumor states that the nature of the assault was actually rape. Still another was that more than one person had been attacked.

Regardless of who the attacker is, and regardless of when or where this occurred, the main focal point to be fixated upon is the existence of the attack itself. The details, such as when, where, and by whom, only matter when determining how at-risk the victim was at the time of attack.

Perhaps the victim was minding her own business and was blindsided. Or maybe she believed that her attacker was in need and went out of her way to help him in the spirit of kindness. Either scenario should be found appalling.

Perhaps this happened at night, when the victim would be most vulnerable. Or maybe this happened during broad daylight, which would make the attack even more disturbing.

But the degree of vulnerability is irrelevant in regard to the right to be safe from such an attack.

Ladies: We live in a fallen world. People are capable of doing great things; by the same token, people are capable of unspeakable atrocities.

It is absolutely necessary to take precautions to ensure your safety. Is an attack of this nature ever your fault for not maintaining a borderline-paranoid mindset?

No, absolutely not. Precautions shouldn’t have to be taken in the first place, but sadly, some human beings will take advantage of any opportunity to exploit another person.

This means it is necessary to strike a balance between being too trusting of people and being unreasonably cold or callous.

First, if someone needs help or assistance, use your instincts. It might be possible to determine the degree of danger by listening to your gut.

Second, realize that gut instincts and initial impressions are not reliable at times. The most dangerous victimizer is the one who slips in under the radar. Therefore, at all times, protect yourself.

If someone you do not know comes to your apartment door, do not let them in. If you feel compelled to help them, speak through the door; rarely will the event arise when entry to your home will be necessary.

And don’t walk to places alone; this is especially important at night.

Men: Real men do not force themselves onto others sexually. People’s opinions on sex differ greatly; some believe that sex is only to be had within the context of marriage.

Others believe that sex is something to be had with someone they are comfortable with and care about. Still, others believe sex can be had just for pleasure’s sake.

Whatever your opinion of sex, we can all agree that it is an intensely personal and intimate experience that should always be shared between two consenting adults.

What meaning does sex have if it must be obtained through physical coercion? Forcing someone into a sexual encounter is an inherently selfish and cruel crime. Guys, remember that the girls that turn your heads are still people.

People, regardless of physical appearance and characteristics, have the right to be safe and live life without fear of being harmed.

We as a people need to look out for one another. Lining dividing people by social class, race, and gender are superficial in comparison to the all-encompassing circular line that includes the entire human race.

It is time to strive towards a greater respect for our fellow man; let us strive together, that we might create a better world to live in, even if this begins with small, unheard steps that are only apparent after the decreasing amount of pain faintly glimmering in the eyes of our brothers and sisters.

Submitted by: Will Douberly

Will Douberly is a junior journalism major from Tampa, FL. He is a staff writer for the George-Anne Daily.
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SGA on ShuttleGUS

As it is Alcohol Awareness Week, Student Government also feels it is important to express the role of consumption in the lives of college students. Misconceptions about its use are a lynchpin of collegiate mythology, promoted in films such as “Animal House” and “Old School”, novels, and editorials throughout the country.

However, a recent study from the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs at Georgia Southern shows “in the last 30 days 70.2% of students refused an offer of alcohol.” Personal experiences, while valid, are simply experiences that are not always shared with the rest of the public. Individuals may place themselves in environments that are not conducive to generally accepted reality.

As the statistics prove, the majority of our students choose to stay in tune with socially accepted norms about alcohol consumption.

Considering most of our students are under the legal drinking age, we’re doing well and “as it is Alcohol Awareness Week, Student Government also feels it is important to express the role of consumption in the lives of college students.”

Indeed, the mission of the Dean of Students Office is “to provide leadership and vision for delivering student services that facilitate personal development and intellectual growth.”

This is why the office provides Inebriation Education, which is a progressive education program that helps students make responsible choices.

Additionally, the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management allocates funding for your Student Activity Fee, and appropriates a certain amount of funding to the Student Government Administrative Board. In turn, the Student Government Executive Board allocates a certain portion to our ShuttleGUS initiative.

The goal of the program, like our Inebriation Education program, is to “provide programming to familiarize the consequences of alcohol consumption,” while providing a secure environment to students who may be in placed in situations out of their control.

While we all must accept responsibility for our own actions, there are times when we cannot manipulate our surroundings. Indeed, for the 70.2% of students who chose not to accept alcohol, there are individuals who choose to be irresponsible and drive under the influence.

By James Kicklighter
SGA Director of Publicity

Student on Profiling

I was actually witness to the incident cited on October 2 at Rude Rudy’s from start to finish. I have no affiliation with the establishment besides being a patron and am writing this to give an unbiased and true version on what happened.

It was around 9:30 or so when “Johnston” and a group of around eight or so black students arrived. “Johnston” and all but two of them were dressed to the T, in suits, ties, the whole nine yards. They all were allowed to enter.

The other two were wearing very baggy clothing, not just a shirt with sleeves that went past the elbows as “Johnston” says. These two were told by the bouncers at the door that they were not in dress code and asked to go home real quick, change and come back.

The two then left to do just that. It was only after they left that “Johnston” and his friends, who had all gotten in, started yelling and screaming about how it was racism that they were not allowed in. The group continued to yell at the bouncers for about five or ten minutes saying that they wanted to fight them.

One of the bouncers walked out the side door and came up behind the situation just in case it escalated. He made a comment about how this was ridiculous and did not need to happen.

It was then that “Johnston’s friend” who was wearing a very baggy orange polo said that he agreed but he had his pistol and wasn’t afraid to shoot someone if [stuff] went down, while saying this he made a gesture tapping his waistband on top of his polo. The bouncer then went inside and told this to Starkey and the head bouncer.

It was then that Starkey went outside and pushed “Johnston” out of the doorway not nearly hard enough to make him fall or even stumble as he said. Starkey then proceeded to call 911 and announced that he was doing so.

By Lee Sellinger
Junior Accounting Major

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Library commons centralize students’ needs

By Will Douberly
Staff Writer

After four years and 22.75 million dollars, Zach S. Henderson Library is close to becoming a finished product.

The newest addition, the library commons, offers more than just space and new computers.

“It encompasses several learning technologies not formerly offered in our previous computer lab, and the service desk combines personnel from the library and Information Technology Services to provide students with “one-stop shopping” for all their research and project needs,” said Bede Mitchell, dean of the library.

Sonya Shepherd, the associate department head of Information Services, was also enthusiastic about the new centralized structure of the library.

“Now we don’t have to send students to several different places on campus for help; they can just come to the library.”

With the commons opening the library now has seating for 1,200 people, 30 study rooms, well over 200 computers, and ample amounts of study areas.

The third and fourth floors of the library are the quiet floors, with books A-J on the fourth and K-Z on the third.

The third and fourth floors contain several places to study, as well as more than 24 computer print stations.

The old computer labs on the first floor have been converted to three teaching labs.

The bottom floor features 50 computers, and all are connected to printing devices. In addition, current periodicals can be found on the first floor.

Soon to be implemented on the ground floor is a presentation room where groups will be able to check out the room in order to prepare for class speeches and presentations.

As great as the first, third, and fourth floors are, the second floor is the main attraction. “This floor is central to the library. It is the heart of all that happens here,” said Shepherd.

Kendria Lee, an information specialist, further emphasized the importance of the learning commons. “It’s great that students are now able to come to one place to get what they need.”
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On the Court: Willie Powers

By Derek Hardge
Staff writer

Georgia Southern basketball guard Willie Powers is from Gainesville, Florida, has impressive basketball stats, as well as an experienced background in basketball.

"What inspired me to play basketball is the fact I wanted a better life for myself; I wanted to go further. My father also preached to me, that I could use basketball to get that college degree. I got to where I am now, because my father pushed me to be better, I have hard work ethics, and I work out all the time," said Powers.

In high school, Powers attended PK Younge, where he was awarded three-time 'Area Player of Year' and 'All State' performer. He averaged 23.4 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 4.8 apg, and 3.0 spg in his senior year.

Powers led his school to state runner-up finish (2006-07), three district championships (2004-07), and two county crowns (2005-07). During this time, Powers also captured the Panama City Bay Christmas Tournament MVP, and also Florida ESPN Radio 'Player of the Month.'

When asked why he chose Georgia Southern with all of his recognition in Florida, he responded with how "[it] feels like home, [it is] only three and half hours from Gainesville, my family can see me play, it's the perfect distance as far as growing up, and if something happens, it's easy to get back home."

Now a sophomore playing guard for the Eagles, Powers has his rookie year stats to build upon. With numbers from his freshmen year, basketball fans have a lot to look forward to for the (2008-09) season.

Powers began his rookie season scoring in double figures in the first 10 of 11 games.

"Last season was pretty good, but disappointing towards the end," Powers stated. "We could've made it to the postseason with end of seasons wins."

Powers started 31 times and played 32 games, was listed on the Southern Conference All-Freshmen team by media and coaches, and averaged (11.5 ppg, second on team), with 84 assists, 47 three-pointers, 40.5 three-point percentage, with a career high of 26 points vs. Mercer (11/07).

He was Ranked fourth among So-Con freshman in scoring, With an average shooting of 51.3 percent from the floor, and 44.2 percent from three-point range.

"I want to help bring the SoCon championship to Georgia Southern," said Powers. "The 08-09 season will be just as good if not better than last year, if the team comes together, and buy into the coaches system."

Any basketball for Powers after College? "Depends on rest of college career. What better way to get paid, and do something you love."