Student Enrollment

Georgia Southern achieves record enrollment numbers

Enrollment, retention rates and average SAT rates climb for 2008-2009

By Shannon Knepp
Assistant news editor

Georgia Southern is growing. This year, GSU is celebrating a 28 percent jump in enrollment.

According to President Bruce Grube, the number of students attending GSU this year is approximately 17,748 with a retention rate that has jumped from 60 percent to 81 percent in ten years.

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According to Vice President of Student Affairs Teresa Thompson, "Georgia Southern has done a better job of getting our strengths. We have a faculty that really cares about their students." Prospective students are being brought in by the idea of GSU's caring and interactive faculty and staff.

The study shows that once these prospective students come to visit GSU and see its staff at work, they are more likely to come back. "We find that if we can get students here, most will wind up choosing [Georgia Southern]," said Grube. Grube also says about 90 percent of undergraduates claim they would choose GSU again.

Also, GSU has more to offer now with larger facilities, such as the new Centennial Place.

According to Dean of Students Georgell Lewis, the new Centennial Place will have room for 1,000 students.

The economy is also a factor in the rise of enrollment. According to Grube, as the economy starts going down and jobs become scarcer and more competitive, people will start coming back to college to get the edge they need to compete. However, this affects the graduate program at GSU more than the undergraduate program.

Graduate students at GSU are going up as well. According to Grube, there are around 300 graduate students attending GSU as of the study.

GSU is not only seeing a rise in the number of students, but also in the quality of students. According to Thompson, 10 years ago the average SAT score for rising freshman was around 920. This year, the average was 1111.

Change can be a positive thing. With more students coming to GSU, the budget cut isn't looking quite as bad. "The jump has been a big help in bad budget times, and helps balance budget cuts," Grube said.

As well as helping out with the budget, more students mean more programming. New students have the ability to bring in more groups to GSU, and more major programs.

"When we plan things, we plan them based on current needs," said Lewis. With more students, this may mean the needs for new programs will be going up.

According to Grube, the College of Business Administration is in the process of bringing a new Ph.D program right now. Soon, business students will see ENROLLMENT PAGE 2.
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right now. Soon, business students will be able to get a doctorate in Logistics and Supply Chain Management.

The rise in enrollment is also a plus for the Statesboro community. According to Grube, "The university has about a 750 million dollar economic impact on this region on an annual basis."

More students is good news for Statesboro business, large and small. "As we grow, it will allow us to attract more chain stores and restaurants, but it also enhances the local business," Thompson said.

However, change can also have its downsides. GSU is known for the personal touch it has with students. With more students coming, this means larger class rooms and the potential for the close student-faculty relationships to dissolve. "As we get larger, we don't want to lose the touch we have with students."

More underclassmen also means less room for upperclassmen. Some areas on campus are not big enough to house the 17,000 plus students, including residence halls and the union. According to Thompson, the union was made for 8,000 students, however it will take some time before it can grow as the funds for a building that is not of academic use have to be private funds.

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NASA’s new rocket ship comes undone

McClatchy News Service

Bit by bit, the new rocket ship that is supposed to blast America into the second Space Age and return astronauts to the moon appears to be coming undone.

First was the discovery that it lacked sufficient power to lift astronauts in a state-of-the-art capsule into orbit. Then engineers found out that it might vibrate like a giant tuning fork, shaking its crew to death.

Now, in the latest setback to the Ares I, computer models show the ship could crash into its launch tower during liftoff.

The issue is known as “liftoff drift.” Ignition of the rocket’s solid-fuel motor makes it “jump” sideways on the pad, and a southeast breeze stronger than 12.7 mph would be enough to push the 309-foot-tall ship into its launch tower.

Worst case, the impact would destroy the rocket. But even if that doesn’t happen, flames from the rocket would scorch the tower, leading to huge repair costs.

“We were told by a person directly involved (in looking at the problem) that as they incorporate more variables into the liftoff-drift-curve model, the worse the curve becomes,” said one NASA contractor, who asked not to be named because he wasn’t authorized to discuss Ares.

“I get the impression that things are quickly going from bad to worse to unrecoverable.”

NASA says it can solve or limit the problem by repositioning and redesigning the launchpad.

Engineers say that would take as much as a year and cost tens of millions of unbudgeted dollars.

What happens with Ares I is crucial to the future of the U.S. manned space program and of Kennedy Space Center. KSC is looking at thousands of layoffs after the space shuttle is retired in 2010. Its work force won't grow again until a new rocket launches.

In addition, huge expenditures on the rocket could bankrupt the agency's moon plans and prompt a new president to halt the program, delaying America’s return to space.

NASA officials are now looking at ways to speed up the development of Ares and are reluctant to discuss specific problems. But they insist none is insurmountable.

“There are always issues that crop up when you are developing a new rocket and many opinions about how to deal with them,” said Jeff Hanley, manager of the Constellation program, which includes Ares, the first new U.S. rocket in 35 years.

“We have a lot of data and understanding of what it's going to take to build this”

Still, Ares’ woes have created unprecedented rifts inside the agency.

Now several engineers are speaking out, saying Ares should be canceled because it's expensive and potentially dangerous.

“It's time for a rethink,” said Jeff Finckenor, an award-winning NASA engineer who last month quit the Ares program in frustration over the way the program is being managed.
Sponge holds possible cancer cure

McClatchy News Service

A sponge that lives in the ocean depths off Florida’s coastline holds a compound that might fight pancreatic and colon cancers.

As one of their first projects in Florida, scientists at the Burnham Institute for Medical Research in Orlando have created a man-made version of the substance.

Previous research showed the compound could zap the cancer cells in lab tests. Now the goal is to improve on nature to make it more potent, yet less toxic, so it someday can be tested as a drug for patients.

"The sponge itself only has very tiny quantities of the material," said Gregory Roth, Burnham’s director of medicinal chemistry and exploratory pharmacology.

"By making it synthetically, we can get larger quantities to do the kind of testing we need."

Roth’s lab is working on the project with Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution at Florida Atlantic University, which discovered the substance’s cancer-fighting abilities in routine testing of deep-sea creatures.

Many sponges produce a variety of compounds themselves or harbor microorganisms that churn them out.

Scientists don’t always know what the substances do in nature, though they likely repel predators or serve as chemical signals. They know what they do in the lab.

"This compound is about as potent as the best drug that’s currently used for pancreatic cancer," Wright said.

Elections could lead Israel to the right

McClatchy News Service

Israel appears headed toward new elections that could pull the Middle East nation to the right.

Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni Sunday abandoned efforts to establish a new governing coalition after she refused to meet demands from ultra-Orthodox Jewish leaders that she pledge not to discuss ceding parts of Jerusalem and its holy sites to a future Palestinian state.

Livni’s decision means that Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, who announced in July that he’d resign under a cloud of corruption allegations, is likely to remain in his post until after a new U.S. president is sworn in this January.

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Livni, who assumed control of the centrist Kadima Party last month, was trying to become the second woman ever to lead Israel, but she came up short.

After informing Israeli President Shimon Peres of her call for new elections, Livni said she wasn’t willing to put political expediency ahead of what she thought was best for Israel.

"There are prices that can be paid, there are prices that others are willing to pay, but I am not willing to pay them with the state and its citizens paying the price only to be prime minister of a crippled government," said Livni.

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Where we are putting little plastic spiders in the punch.

Our View

Voting importance well understood at GSU

The past few years have seen an increase in student interest into politics, from hosting congressional race debates, refusing to back down from controversy in city council elections, and hosting a student debate explaining presidential candidates positions.

We believe that this movement, even if just on and around the Georgia Southern campus, is a tremendously good sign. Students (or young people, as the current politicians call our age group) are taking action and getting informed, if not involved in the political arena.

Even those who hate politics are informing themselves about the issues by doing research or attending meetings or debates.

This is a positive sign for our future. As cliché as it may sound, we need to start taking action now because soon we will be in the position to make the decisions that will affect our country.

We will soon be the people to run for city, state and national offices and will be those voting for policies that will affect our jobs and our families.

We are tired of people showing the message of the importance of voting down the throats of college students. We are all intelligent enough, we have seen the ads and heard the lectures about the importance of voting.

These lectures and ads need to be directed at a younger crowd than the college student age group, at least here at GSU. Students here get it.

For example, the registration table was manned at the Russell Union for weeks, and only once or twice was there not a student there talking about voting or signing up.

Another thing to think about is the Red vs. Blue debate happening today at the Union. The Young Democrats and College Republicans put aside the differences between their two parties (something our older constituents seem to find very hard to do), to put together a debate to educate the students of this university about the positions of their respective presidential candidates.

This is something that has not been done here in recent years, if ever. Congressional and local nominees have spoken on campus, but not students debating for the presidential candidates of their respective parties.

The George-Anne Daily’s own poll of 5062 GSU students reveals support for this movement as well.

What we found reflected most of the nation; students appear close to a deadlock, with Republican John McCain in the slight lead.

As students at GSU, we should be proud of the level of involvement in politics that we tout.

We believe that voting (or before) Nov 4 is just a continuation of taking a stand for our future.

Facebook becoming overrun by ads

When I log into Facebook my intention is to see if I have any invitations, friend requests, etc. However, I find my news feed and updates sandwiched between ads to find local singles and bogus make-easy-money-quick scams.

I understand that Facebook benefits from ad sales, which are paid for by the day or by the hit, but this has completely out of control.

What was once a great website to stay in contact with your friends and schoolmates has now become another propaganda marketing campaign for virtually anyone and everyone.

Some of these ads are oh-so-often displayed on my home page when I login are quite practical. For example, I often see ads talking about study abroad opportunities. Being something that I personally have given a lot of thought at partaking in, I feel that this is something that might be beneficial to more students as well.

Granted, most of these are nationally sponsored; I would recommend going through your school for any study abroad opportunities, but who knows.

The aforementioned ads are perfectly fine, but I highly doubt that the majority of the student population at Georgia Southern is interested in finding a love interest or on-line.

Facebook is a social networking site, but I don’t think that having “meet local cowgirls” ads plastered all over the place was the creator originally had in mind when he developed it back in 2005.

Interested in finding out which people are sent which ads, I went through the process of placing an ad without going through with the whole spending money thing. I found out that you can select who you want the ads to display to. For example if it is one of those highly annoying get a girlfriend or boyfriend ads, you can set up that only single users get the messages. (maybe that’s why people say that they are in relationships when they aren’t...hmmm."

I am not a fan of internet dating in general, but I think that these ads are perhaps the only thing that might be more pathetic than people that use match.com or e-harmony.

If you want to use these sites then go right ahead; who knows you might just meet that special someone, but I highly doubt that you will ever get successful results from clicking one of these ads (which I refuse to even investigate.)

I would like to say that I had a solution to this problem, but I do not at this point in time. My only advice would be to make a group saying how this needs to be changed, because apparently that’s how to get anything accomplished when dealing with Facebook.
Simmons to present main points of ‘An Inconvenient Truth’
The former GSU grad will give a lecture about the environment & the economy

Mark Beavers  
Staff writer

A power point adaptation of Al Gore’s documentary film about global warming, *An Inconvenient Truth*, will be presented on Thursday, November 6 at Georgia Southern University.

The presentation, which will be free and open to the campus, will take place in room 1104 in the College of Information Technology building at 7:00 p.m. and will be given by Lance Simmens.

Simmens is a former GSU graduate and currently, the Special Assistant to the Pennsylvania Governor for Intergovernmental Affairs who was trained by Gore to present this variation of the documentary. He has given 70 of these presentations in the last 20 months, including a presentation in London.

Simmens is a point person for alternative energy development in Pennsylvania and is currently working on ways to implement wind and solar power there.

“We need to reorient our minds to a new economic paradigm that is not powered by fossil fuels,” Simmens said.

Simmens said that if we don’t change the economic model away from fossil fuels then we will have a bind for natural resources, which could be a potential catalyst for a global crisis, but he also believes that a change from fossil fuels has the potential for an economic boom.

“The economic benefits of the green revolution are enormous…it’s a tremendous opportunity for college students,” said Simmens.

Simmens believes that everyone will have to take part to stop global warming and enact change.

“Everything is connected to everything else. The carbon emitted in Bulloch County doesn’t just stay in Bulloch County,” Simmens said.

Simmens has been environmentally and economically involved long before being trained to give this presentation.

He helped establish the first Federal Office of Sustainable Development in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in 1993, and from 1981 to 1987, he was the Senior Economic Counsel to U.S. Senator James Sasser on the Senate Budget Committee.

He received the U.S. Department of Commerce’s highest honorary award in 1995 for his pioneering work in sustainable fisheries initiatives in New England and the Pacific Northwest.

Simmens will also be visiting some classes on campus to discuss the results of the 2008 election on Friday, November 7.

“We will take a look at just exactly what happened and what it means for large issue areas, like health care and the economy,” Simmens said.

Simmens received his first degree, a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science, from Georgia Southern in 1976. He went on to earn his Master’s in Public Administration from Temple University.

Political Science Department Head Dr. Richard Pacelle believes that students should take the time to go hear what Simmens has to say.

“I think the economic crisis is the number one issue and the environmental crisis is right behind it. Any student living for the next 40 to 50 years is going to be facing these problems,” Pacelle said.
Greek Street hosts fifth annual Trick or Treat

By Sarah Goodwin

Greek row is dressing up for a huge Halloween bash on Wednesday, October 29. For the past five years this event has been sponsored by the Office of Greek Life and this year's co-sponsor is Verizon Wireless. The annual Greek Street Trick or Treat will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Olympic Boulevard.

Every sorority and fraternity with a house on the row will be handing out candy to local kids that come by to trick or treat. “This is a great opportunity for faculty and staff to bring their kids around to trick or treat, and a way that they can get to see the Greek organization,” said John Oxford, President of the Inner Fraternity Council.

Not only will there be $1000 worth of candy given out, which was generously donated by Verizon Wireless, but there will be moon bounce, dunking booths and games. The members of the fraternities and sororities will be dressed for the occasion in fun and crazy costumes.

“We host Greek Street trick-or-treat to show the community and the faculty that we appreciate their support in Greek Life events. It is our way to give back by putting on an event in a safe environment for the families in the community,” said Danielle Stewart, President of the Panhellenic Council.

There will also be a haunted house at the Kappa Sigma fraternity house for the kids to enjoy. Alpha Tau Omega is bringing Gus, Georgia Southern’s mascot, to take pictures with the kids.

“Basically, it’s just a great way to give local Statesboro kids a fun time,” said Mackenzie Stratton, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

“This is our way of trying to give back to the community,” Oxford said.

“We would like to say thank you, because they (Georgia Southern faculty) help us with all of our philanthropy events and our Greek events. We want to show them the positive impact that Greek life has on our community,” said Elena Bencini, a graduate assistant for the Office of Greek Life.

POLICE BEAT

Thursday, October 23

Officers issued one traffic citation, assisted seven motorists and assisted two sick persons.

An iPod was taken from a vehicle at the RAC parking lot.

A case of harassment was reported at Eagle Village.

A computer was taken from Kennedy Hall.

Wednesday, October 22

Officers issued three traffic warnings, assisted six motorists, assisted two sick persons and investigated one accident.

A bicycle was taken from Eagle Village.

Tuesday, October 21

Officers issued one traffic citation, one traffic warning, assisted five motorists, assisted two injured persons and investigated two accidents.

Ashley Nicole Hammond, 19, Wendwood Drive, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

Sunday, October 20

Officers issued two traffic warnings, assisted seven motorists, responded to a drug complaint at Eagle Village and Kennedy Hall and investigated two accidents.

A banner was taken from Sweetheart Circle.

Two DV recorders were taken from the Carroll Building.

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Honors program holds second political forum
Students study candidates to answer the burning questions of the campus and surrounding community

By Chris Buchanan
Managing editor for news

The University Honors Program held their second of three town hall style political forums Thursday to allow students, faculty and the community to ask questions regarding the policies of the three major political candidates in this year's presidential election.

"Political scientists across the country are watching very carefully the 2008 election," said Political Science Professor Debra Sabia, who moderated the event.

"We expect to see larger numbers of young people coming out to vote," she said.

The panel was comprised of three groups, each of which was charged with studying Bob Barr, the Libertarian Candidate; Barack Obama, the Democratic candidate; or John McCain, the candidate of the Republican party.

Policies included issues on the environment, foreign policy, the economy, gun control and gay marriage as well as several others.

According to Sabia, the groups were randomly chosen from a hat-drawing, as were the individual policies that the members studied.

During the event, questions about everything from the specific definition of 'middle class' to the policies of each candidate on gun control were exposed.

Some questions - particularly from one group who described themselves as "Mom and Pop Corporate" asked for details on Obama's plans specifying whether or not his $250,000 cut-off for business tax breaks would include net or gross profit.

According to Sabia, national polls had Obama ahead of McCain at 50 percent to 43 percent with 8 percent undecided. Conversely, she cited a recent Southern Reflector poll that showed Georgia Southern strongly in support of McCain at 50.7 percent to 41.5 percent.

The group will be having their next forum on Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Kennedy Hall.

Members of the Obama and McCain panels listen to questions during the forum.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Elderly woman nabbed for pushing marijuana; several pounds found in car trunk

McClatchy News Service

Ruth Davis banked on looking like just another granny in the slow lane.

But the 65-year-old Floridian was on business. A high-dollar delivery, 33 pounds of premium pot, was locked up in the trunk of her rented Chevy Impala. She set her cruise on 74 as she headed north on Interstate 95 through Johnston County, N.C., bound for New York.

A North Carolina trooper got in her way that morning last December and, by chance, stumbled across a new type of drug mule.

"I'm not someone you'd think would be doing this," Davis said this week during an interview at the Johnston County jail. "I guess that's why it was such a brilliant plan."

From 2006 to 2007, the number of people over 60 charged with trafficking drugs in North Carolina state courts nearly doubled.

In 2007, at least 54 elderly people were arrested for trafficking everything from marijuana to powder cocaine.

The aged are just the latest of disguises drug lords use to move drugs up and down the East Coast. Drug agents have seen all sorts of trickery: drugs stashed in wrecked cars hitched to tow trucks or stowed in minivans filled with families bound for vacation.

A spokesman from the Drug Enforcement Administration said they've seen some cases of retirees being recruited by drug lords, their loot stashed in Cadillacs or motor homes. "It's a good disguise," said DEA special agent Chuvalo J. Truesdell. "This is not a place you'd think to look."

The North Carolina Highway Patrol has been on the lookout for elderly traffickers, but had not encountered one until Davis.

"Elderly traffickers have kind of been like the unicorn," said Sgt. B.K. Henline, who's in charge of the patrol's interdiction team based along Johnston County's Interstate 95 corridor. "We'd heard about it but never seen it."

Davis, too, would have slipped through the county had Trooper G. Taylor not pulled her for speeding on December 12.

Davis is an unlikely trafficker, she says she's not a drug user. She has never been a smoker of any kind and doesn't even care much for the taste of alcohol.

"I have a good life, really I do, but I was in a rough patch," Davis said. She said she knew she was breaking the law but decided she wasn't hurting anyone.

Seven years ago, doctors discovered Davis had a blood disease. It was a long, painful ordeal, one she braved without health insurance. The bills mounted and still linger. She owes more than $20,000. Then, her daughter got into a bad car crash and needed plastic surgery to reconstruct her face, costing $3,000.

"So when a friend asked Davis if she wanted to make some quick cash, she nodded. The friend linked her with a drug trader who quickly hired her to drive some of his supply from Miami to Manhattan."

This was her sixth run, the last she needed to finally have enough to settle her debt and buy her daughter plastic surgery.
Students take a stab at pumpkin carving competition

Students gather Friday night in the Russell Union Commons from 5 to 8 p.m. to participate in the pumpkin carving contest held by the Office of Student Activities.

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Women studies sponsor brown bag series

By Sarah Goodwin
Staff Writer

The Women and Gender Studies Program invites the GSU community to be a part of their monthly Brown Bag Series which takes place one Thursday every month.

This program is designed to link new faculty into the existing Women and Gender Studies Program according to Lori Amy, Director of the Women and Gender Studies Program.

The Brown Bag Series is essentially a time when the faculty and students gather to discuss new research, on-going projects, and evolving issues.

"Since the Women and Gender Studies issues bridge all disciplines, colleges, and constituents, we really need a space to share our work across all of these boundaries," Amy said.

Each meeting features a different speaker, presenting issues pertaining to their interests. The main focus for this semester has revolved around the approaching election.

One of the most moving speakers for the Brown Bag Series, according to Amy, has been Paula Bray, Assistant Director of the Physical Plant, who spoke about the need of custodial workers who had not completed high school and struggled with literacy issues.

The result of this talk was the birth of a G.E.D/Literacy Initiative formed from the Faculty in Public Health with help from Mondi Mason, a specialist in community based participatory research, to aid these employees in furthering their education.

This program has now received grants to support the educational services provided to Georgia Southern staff.

"I really cannot speak highly enough of the faculty and staff affiliated with the Women and Gender Studies Program and the great things that they are doing," Amy said.

On November 11 and 12 from 7-10 p.m. in the Russell Union, the Women and Gender Studies Program is working with GSU Chapter of the National Organization for Women in hosting auditions for the annual Vagina Monologues premiering February 12, 2009.

The program is also working with Doris Wilson, an Infectious Disease Investigator for the Department of Public Health, to host an all day HIV/AIDS testing event on December 1, 2008, as well as a performance at the Averitt Center and a march through downtown Statesboro to raise money and awareness for HIV/AIDS.

"One of the most important functions of the Women and Gender Studies Program is to bring faculty, students, and community members together to think about and develop strategies to address problems that we are all facing," Amy said.

Homecoming candidates hold meet and greet

By Ben Carroll
Guest Writer

On Tuesday, many of the nominees for Georgia Southern Homecoming King and Queen will have a meet-and-greet at Eagle Village at 7 p.m.

This event is primarily for the candidates for our homecoming king and queen to put their name out to the student body. It will take place outside of Eagle Village, if weather permits, and the Residents Hall Association.

Along with meeting the candidates, everyone will also be treated to a grill-out, which is also depending whether weather permits.

The meet-and-greet will be hosted by the R.H.A, Resident Hall Association.

This is the first time this event has been held, but after talking to the President of the R.H.A, Deborah Swafford, this event could become annual depending on the success of the event.

This event is designed for the student body and the candidates to feel comfortable around each other.

"This event will be a great chance to give the student body who are interested in homecoming to meet the candidates and it will help the candidates get their names out there," Swafford said.

Matt Mauney, a candidate for Homecoming king, shares the same view as Swafford.

"It's a good chance to get to know the other candidates and the meet the student body," according to Mauney.

All of the candidates have been invited to the meet-and-greet, but this isn't a mandatory event that they have to attend. If you can't attend the meet-and-greet, there are other ways candidates have put their name out.

Some of the candidates have Facebook groups that are either made by themselves or by their friends, such as Jessica Vanner and Matt Paige.

In these groups, which have sent invites to mostly everyone in the Georgia Southern network, it shows the candidates' resume, which mostly includes their student involvement throughout the campus and

This event, along with all the other homecoming events, will lead up to the student body voting for their homecoming king and queen on Monday, November 3rd and will end on Wednesday, November 5th.

The voting will be online and the announcement of the homecoming king and queen will take place at halftime during the Homecoming game against Samford University.
Announcements

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We are looking for a drummer and a female vocalist to join our band. You must be willing to play Christian Genre comprised mostly of Contemporary Christian and Christian Rock.

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Adrenaline Show Choir represents the basis, structure, and foundation for the music history of the future. By combining hard-hitting vocals with dance styles ranging from hip-hop to ballet, Adrenaline Show Choir is the biggest thing to hit the musical world!

Practicing a few days a week, this group works to perform for community service events, to put on volunteer opportunities and to put on shows that debut some of the best performers at GSU. Currently, Adrenaline is working to help the American Diabetes Association, and already has a full list of community involvement and volunteer activities planned. They plan to run a canned-food drive for Thanksgiving, take part in making cards for St. Jude’s patients, running Locks of Love, and of course, putting on dozens of performances throughout the school year. They will be performing on October 25th for the Walk for Diabetes and will be featured in the GSU Unplugged series on November 20th. Advised by Katherine Lee Elbracht of University Housing and Directed by Founder, Adam Pulver, this group is already spreading its wings all across the nation and is being asked to perform as far as Washington, D.C. and plans to travel to the well-known Disneyland next year.

Good Luck Adrenaline, and congrats to all that you will and have already done!
GSU political parties hold debate
College Republicans and Democrats face off

By Jessica Martin
Opinions Editor

Tonight, The Young Democrats and College Republicans will co-host the Red vs. Blue Debate 08 in the Russell Union Theatre starting at 7 p.m.

This event will include the two groups debating the views of their respective endorsed presidential candidates.

Both will have a panel of four student members debating the topics, and Karen McCurdy, associate professor from the Political Science department, will be moderating.

McCurdy has been involved over the years with student groups working on putting together congressional forums that have occurred on campus.

"Each election year, it is always interesting to see what ideas students come up with," said McCurdy. "This is a very interesting variation on being active."

According to Greg Johnson, President of the College Republicans, the topics that will be discussed include the economy, Iraq, climate change, energy, health care, and education.

Both Johnson and Ashley London, president of the Young Democrats, expressed they have been working on doing a debate for some time.

London said the groups have approached different departments around campus about the event, including the Political Science and Communications departments, as well as University Housing.

The groups recently held a radio debate on 91.9 The Buzz, according to London.

"We are expecting a great crowd, around 75 to 100 people," said London. "Since [the debate] is so close to election, we think people will be excited."

There will be a table at the door with representatives from both groups, where students can write questions they think should be addressed in the debate, according to Johnson.

"At the end of the debate, some of these questions will be read and answered by the panel," Johnson said.

"I think people need to make a more informed decision on who they are voting for, rather than just who their friends or parents are voting for," said Johnson.
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Saturday, November 1
Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Event: Mud Volleyball
Location: RAC Pavilion

Monday, November 3
Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Event: Picture Yourself In The Past
Location: Russell Union Rotunda

Time: 7 p.m.
Event: GSU Idol
Location: Russell Union Ballroom

Voting for Homecoming King and
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Tuesday, November 4
Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Event: Sculpt for the Hungry
Location: Russell Union Rotunda

Time: 7 - 10 p.m.
Event: Black Light Casino Night
Location: Russell Union Ballroom

Wednesday, November 5
Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Event: Xbox Game Zone
Location: Russell Union Commons

Time: 7 p.m.
Event: Doc-Dah/Step Show
Location: Hanner Fieldhouse

Thursday, November 6
Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Event: Fabulous Fads
Location: Russell Union Rotunda

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Event: Pep-Ralley
Location: RAC Bandshell

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Event: Homecoming Announcement
Location: RAC Bandshell

Friday, November 7
Time: 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Event: Parade
Location: Sweetheart Circle

Time: 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Event: Homecoming Celebration
Location: Sweetheart Circle

Time: 7 p.m.
Event: WALL-E (Outdoor Movie)
Location: Sweetheart Circle

Saturday, November 8
Time: 12 p.m.
Event: GSU Football Game
Location: Paulson Stadium

Monday, November 3
Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Event: Picture Yourself In The Past
Location: Russell Union Rotunda

Time: 7 p.m.
Event: GSU Idol
Location: Russell Union Ballroom

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Eagles win 38-31 after an overtime comeback

GSU news service

"That could be one of the best comebacks in Georgia Southern history," is how head coach Chris Hatcher described Georgia Southern's 38-31 overtime win at Western Carolina on Saturday afternoon (Oct. 25). The Eagles pulled to 4-4 overall and 2-3 in the Southern Conference while Western fell to 2-7 and 0-5.

Georgia Southern, down 28 points early in the fourth quarter, pulled off what is believed to be the largest fourth quarter comeback in program history.

The turnaround started after Gene Singleton intercepted an Antonio Henton screen pass and raced 31 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter. On the Eagles' next drive Chris Collins forced a fumble on Lee Chappie - the sixth turnover of the game - but the Eagles quickly bounced back.

Redshirt-freshman Brett Layson blocked Blake Cain's punt and the Eagles were in business on Western's 27. Four plays later Chappie found Raja Andrews for a 12-yard score. It was the first TD reception by Andrews tackled Joe Jaynes on first down for a 10-yard loss. Chappie rushed for 14 yards, Zeke Rozier had a 13-yard scamper and Chappie got down to the one on a 6-yard run. Jarrell Crawford scored his first collegiate touchdown from a half-yard out and Adrian Mora nailed the extra point... 31-10 with 10:43 remaining.

Another 3-and-out by the defense eventually set up the Eagles on their own 49. Chappie rushed for 14 yards, Zeke Rozier had a 13-yard scamper and Chappie got down to the one on a 6-yard run. Jarrell Crawford scored his first collegiate touchdown from a half-yard out and Adrian Mora nailed the extra point... 31-10 with 10:43 remaining.

On the ensuing kickoff Patrick Bolen tried the onside kick. As the coverage team sealed Western on the block, Bolen was able to recover the ball on the GS 41.

Chappie hit Tim Camp for 24 yards then the redshirt-freshman quarterback rushed for another 13. After a sack, GS faced 3rd-and-19. Chappie hit Terence Hall for 18 yards, down to the 13. On fourth down, Henton came back to the field. On a double-reverse and pitch back to Henton, the sophomore QB found Andrews wide open in the endzone for another TD... 31-17 with 6:39 left.

Warley rushed for a game-high 102 yards on 22 carries, but the Catamounts only recovered 9 yards and matched a career-high with 38 receptions for 192 receiving yards - setting a GSU season record and tying Sharpe's career record for most 100-yard games.

"Raja is a real good leader. He has been battling an injury all season but he keeps making play after play. Raja is really deserving of the honor," said Hatcher.

Hall caught three passes for a season-high 46 yards. Camp caught his fourth TD pass this year, finishing with 40 receiving yards on three receptions.

GSU rolled up 503 yards of offense, compared to Western's 236.

Walker finished with a career-high three sacks (4.5 tackles for a loss in all), seven tackles, one forced fumble, one pass breakup and one quarterback hurry.

True-freshman Dubose, making his first collegiate start, led the team with eight tackles. Brandon Echols also made seven tackles.

Warley rushed for a game-high 102 yards on 22 carries, but the Catamounts only recorded 92 yards overall on the ground, Jaynes completed 13-of-35 passes for 144 yards and two scores. Every one of Western's scoring drives was 53 yards or shorter.

Michael Shaw led the defense with 16 tackles and Adrian McLeod finished with 15 stops.

The Eagles travel to The Citadel next Saturday (Nov. 1), kickoff scheduled for 1 p.m.
Eagles in D.C.

The Eagles in D.C. Program offers a paid internship opportunity to work in our Nation’s capital while making progress towards a Georgia Southern University degree. Eligible students must have a GPA of at least 3.0 and completed 36+ hours at Georgia Southern University by January 1, 2009. Students from all majors are welcome.

Please join us on October 30th @ 5:00 pm in Russell Union, room 2080 for more information.

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Men's Soccer

The Georgia Southern men's soccer team defeated the Wofford Terriers 1-0 Saturday night in Spartanburg, S.C. The Eagles improve to 5-7-0 (2-3-0), while the Terriers fall to 5-10 (1-4).

Wofford started the match with a couple of shots including one on goal. Georgia Southern, on the other hand, managed only one shot in the first on a header by Jon Kinsler.

The Eagles took nine shots in the second half. Joe Madigan, Mark Beville, Smith, Jon Cox and Langseth all had shots on goal in the second half.

The Eagles return to action Tuesday against Mercer at 4 p.m. at Eagle Field.

Men's Golf

Georgia Southern shot a second round 314, identical to its first round score, to hold down ninth place at the Landfall Tradition.

The tournament is played on the Nicklaus Course at the Country Club of Landfall.

The final 18 holes will take place on Sunday morning (Oct. 26).

Iowa saw its 22-stroke lead trimmed following its second round 312. The Hawkeyes are ahead of Tulsa by 11 strokes.

Georgia Southern's 628 puts the Eagles 13 strokes back of host UNC Wilmington in third place.

"It was another cold and rainy day today. The course was playing tough today and we didn't play well," said head coach Larry Mays. "We have our work cut out for us tomorrow if we want to finish strong."

Men's tennis competes in Crimson Tide fall championship

The Georgia Southern Men's Tennis team competed in the Crimson Tide Fall Invitation at University of Alabama.

In the Bear Bryant singles bracket Senior Joris De Weerdt was defeated by Mathieu Thibaudoux of Alabama 2-6, 2-6.

In the John Hannah singles bracket junior Gregory Bekkers lost against Domagoj Anic of Southern Mississippi in three sets 7-6(7); 3-6; 4-6. Bekkers was also defeated in the consolation round by Krywacz 6-7(3), 2-6.

In the Johnny Musso singles bracket, freshman Alain Garrido was defeated by Kevin Fleck of Clemson in the first round.

In the consolaltion round Garrido went on to defeat Andrew Poole of Southern Miss 6-2, 2-5 (Poole retired after illness in second set) in the first round of the consolation bracket.

Garrido defeated Troy State's Bastian Maucher 6-2, 6-2 in the consolation semifinals. Garrido is set to play in the Johnny Musso consolation finals Sunday (Oct. 26).

In the Bart Starr singles bracket sophomore Wesley Powell fell to Samford's Mathew Harris 3-6, 0-6 in the first round.

In the Steadman Shealy singles freshman Edio Castanhel lost to Yannick Yoshizawa of South Florida 7-6(1), 1-6, 2-6.

In doubles action, Bekkers and Powell were defeated by Creighton Blanchard and Houssam Yassine of Alabama (2-8) in the white bracket.

In the red doubles bracket Castanhel and De Weerdt lost to Clemson's Rok Bizjak and Gera Boryachinsky 5-8.

This upcoming Saturday Nov. 1-3 the Eagles compete in Tallahassee, Fl. for the Seminole Fall Invitational.

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