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RHA hosts PRIDE! DUH-versity Week

By Shannon Knepp
Assistant news editor

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) is teaching tolerance through PRIDE! DUH-versity Week.

“The purpose is to teach tolerance... at Georgia Southern,” said Cindy Kilgo, the residential advisor in charge of the program.

The goal for the week is to teach students multicultural acceptance through a series of interactive events, speakers, and movies.

PRIDE! DUH-versity Week will be held in four major residence halls across the GSU campus. The halls involved include University Villas, Kennedy, Southern Pines and Eagle Village.

Events for the program started on Monday and will continue until Friday, November 14. The events started with free pizza on Monday and the opportunity to meet members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transvestite and Questioning organization (GLBTQ).

Tuesday night, GLBTQ sponsored the showing of ‘Ask Not.’

Tonight is tolerance night. From 8 to 9:30 p.m. at Southern Pines, students can interact with each other in activities to promote cultural acceptance.

Thursday’s event will start at Kennedy Hall at 9 p.m. Students will be participating in a tolerance march that goes from Kennedy to Eagle Village.

The candlelight vigil will honor GLBTQ members who have fallen victim to hate crimes.

There will also be a guest speaker, Bob Ellis, from Savannah’s Stand Out youth program. Stand Out is a program that supports GLBTQ individuals ages 17 to 24 years old.

Friday is Pride Day, where students can stop by Eagle Village between 4 and 6 p.m. for rainbow cake, skittles, music, and rainbow jewelry.

While PRIDE! DUH-versity Week is funded by the Resident Hall Association, some of the groups that will be helping include Young Democrats (Stone Wall Consensus), the Gay-Straight Alliance, and Stand Out. These organizations will be present throughout the week’s events.

“DUH-versity Week is to promote diversity for LGBTQ,” said Corey Dennis, co-chair of the Stonewall Consensus.

As well as attending the events of the week, students can show their support in other ways. For PRIDE! DUH-versity Week, students are encouraged to wear PRIDE colors.

Today’s color is yellow, Thursday’s color is green, Friday’s color is blue, and Saturday’s color is purple.

“This is the first year there has been a week-long program [for diversity],” said Kilgo of DUH-versity Week.

IN OTHER NEWS
AUTO WORKERS FACE LAYOFFS
Detroit auto workers face losing their jobs should one of the city’s three car manufacturers file for bankruptcy.

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Three-Day Forecast

GADaily.com Poll:
How do you think the men’s soccer team will fare in the playoffs?
The documentary brings together China, India and the US in understanding the value of education. By Claire Gallam

The average student spends two million minutes in high school, according to documentarian Robert Compton. Compton will speak at the Performing Arts Center Thursday, November 13, at 6 p.m.

His documentary, titled '2 million minutes,' portrays the serious differences in the importance that the cultures of China, India and United States place on education.

"This is a rare opportunity to see the documentary and hear a lecture from Robert Compton himself. His speeches are normally outside of our budget range, however, he heard how [well] we are training our future teachers and decided to forgo his normal cost and come," said Cindi Chance, dean of the College of Education.

According to Chance, Compton's main concern [and point] to making the documentary is to portray the negative economic impact that could result from the United States' lowered standards in education.

"We as a culture have lowered the value of education. As a child, my father used to say if you wanted to get out of the cotton patch, you needed to get a high quality education. I really do not see that philosophy emphasized as much in today's society," Chance said. According to 2mminutes.com, the documentary profiles six high school students, two in the U.S., two in India, and two in China, to learn how they spend their high school years.

Compton's goal for the film was to tell the broader story of the universal importance of education today, and address the 'crisis' for U.S. schools regarding the low scores in math and science.

The film also addresses how competitive the job market is, globally and domestically, and how students worldwide will be competing for the same jobs.

Chance, who has spent 39 years in the field of education, has seen first-hand how United States citizens' comfort levels have been a main reason for the downplay on the importance of education.

"We, as a nation, have gotten very comfortable. Fewer people are hungry here compared to other countries and overall, we tend to live with a higher standard of living. This has caused our nation to take a more mediocre stand on education, and this is a growing cause for concern," said Chance.

Chance believes that anyone who is a student, has a child in school, or wants to be a future educator should see this documentary and hear Compton speak; if only for the reason of the nation's recent economic slump.

Chance, who required all education students to view the movie at the beginning of the semester, is pushing her students to do their part to raise the nation's value in education.

"Students of mine have written letters to [President-Elect] Obama in regards to our nation's value of education, and have included recommendations to improving our nation's education policy," Chance said. "Instead of being on the defensive about the situation, I am teaching these students to take the best of each culture and find a way to [raise] the expectations nationwide."

Passenger jailed in flight disturbance

McClatchy News Service

A New York woman has been jailed in Charlotte, charged after she allegedly slapped a crew member on the buttocks, pulled the hair of a blind passenger and caused other problems Saturday on a flight from Puerto Rico to Chicago.

Maria Esther Castillo, 45, of Oswego, N.Y., was arrested by federal authorities and charged with interfering with the operations of a flight crew.

According to FBI agent Peter Carricato, Castillo began using profanity at others on the plane minutes into the flight.

A passenger sitting across from Castillo told police that the suspect hit her in the arm, despite her efforts to ignore the woman.

Authorities also said that at one point in the flight, Castillo fell forward, over a blind passenger in front of her and began pulling the woman's hair.

She also is accused with slapping the flight attendant on the rear end and throwing a wet cloth across the plane.

"This behavior continued intermittently, with short periods of calm, followed by loud outbursts," Carricato said.
Rivalry breaks out over energy committee

McClatchy News Service

In the first big-post-election clash on Capitol Hill, two House heavyweights are battling to lead an influential committee that will have jurisdiction over global warming in the new Congress.


Waxman is trying to oust Dingell as chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

While Waxman supporters say they think they've got enough votes to prevail, Dingell is fighting hard to keep the position.

In an interview with WJR radio, he called Waxman an "anti-manufacturing left-wing Democrat" and said it would be a mistake to have him in charge, particularly with the auto industry struggling.

If Waxman is successful in his attempted coup, it means that two Californians would take leading roles in the contentious debate over global warming. Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer is the head of the Senate's environmental committee, which has jurisdiction over the issue.

The 82-year-old Dingell, the most senior member of the House, has long resisted higher fuel standards and tighter limits on greenhouse gases.

A vote is expected next week, when House Democrats elect their leaders for the new Congress, which will convene in January.

It will be the first major test of whether the party's liberal wing, represented by Waxman, has more clout than the party's moderate wing.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California is thought to be closer to Waxman, 69. She has clashed with Dingell in the past, but she's retaining neutral in this fight, at least publicly.

The committee is expected to be highly visible next year, with President-elect Barack Obama promising to make energy issues a top priority.

Detroit's auto workers face job cuts due to fallout

McClatchy News Service

Over more than a century, Detroit's auto workers have survived two world wars, recessions and oil spikes, but a bankruptcy by a U.S. automaker would finally knock their destiny out of their hands.

Despite vows by top officials to avoid bankruptcy, fear is high that dwindling cash reserves could push one or more of Detroit's three automakers into court protection within the next several months.

Even a hypothetical glimpse of the consequences shows why executives insist bankruptcy is not an option.

The fallout would likely range from thousands of jobs cut at factories and offices to the slashing of jobs at suppliers and dealers, the shredding of benefits for workers and losses for investors and pension plans.

While a bankruptcy by General Motors, Ford or Chrysler wouldn't approach the size of the $613 billion reorganization that Lehman Bros. filed earlier this year, it would easily become one of the most complex legal fights ever, with thousands of parties scratching for a piece of whatever's left.

And with one in 10 U.S. jobs supported by the industry, millions of workers could be affected.

"The impact would be devastating," said Kevin Tyman of Argus Research. "The impact of the collapse of GM would be bigger than Lehman Bros."

Delphi Corp.'s bankruptcy offers a scaled-down look at what automakers could face.

After three years in court, the parts supplier has shed 27,000 U.S. hourly employees, more than two-thirds of its blue-collar workers, and cut U.S. salaried employees by nearly half to 7,700.

Despite the steep cuts and renegotiated union contracts, the company has yet to find enough financing to pay its reduced debts and emerge from bankruptcy.

GM Chairman and Chief Executive Rick Wagoner repeatedly ruled out a court reorganization as an option for Friday, even though the company could run short of cash before the end of the year, saying the automaker was convinced "the consequences of bankruptcy were dire."

Ford Chief Executive Alan Mulally attempted to reassure Wall Street that the company had enough cash, despite burning through $7.7 billion in three months.

Privately held Chrysler LLC didn't release results, but is suffering from the same economic conditions that bedevil GM and Ford, as sales have tanked amid the credit squeeze and market losses.

Shelly Lombard, analyst with Gimme Credit, said it was now a high probability that GM would face bankruptcy.

"If they think they can stay afloat, they'd probably do it," she said. "This recession is going to be longer and deeper than we ever thought. I don't think they can withstand that."
COLUMNS

I don’t know if you know this but they’re kind of a big deal

Georgia Southern has always prided itself in having faculty who have undergraduate research on their mind.

They look for that desire to work with students and give the students hands-on research opportunities when they are hiring professors for their classrooms.

But I came to the realization of just how special that really was a few weeks ago when I presented my senior project at a national convention.

Now I have to say before I go any further that I love my department. I am proud to say that I will soon (in May, fingers crossed) be an alumnus of the Geology and Geography department. I have worked my tail off for these professors and have been richly rewarded with a great education, in my opinion.

The thing is, my department, like I’m sure all of the departments on campus, didn’t tell me how special its faculty is. I was never once in my four years here told how big of a name in his field my advisor specifically was, until the conference.

Every time I spoke to someone at this conference, they knew his name. Most of them had dealt with him with advice for projects or co-authorship. It was insane!

I had to stop and think...holy crap, he is a big deal.

He is an up and coming star in the field I hope to someday professionally join.

No one ever told me.

I have been this professor’s advisee for four years. I had no clue how prominent he was.

The department doesn’t flaunt him or really any other professor for that matter. Not even a different long time professor, who appeared in a National Geographic television program as an expert in his field!

I am not accusing my department. I know all departments around campus are guilty of this. I know the focus is on undergraduate involvement, which often brings in humble egos.

But man, why do we not know what we have here?

There are a lot of really big people in their field on staff here, and there is no sign of it as they walk down the halls with average students.

I think it may be time for Georgia Southern to start mentioning what it has. Don’t just tell prospective students that we have great faculty; tell them why. Departments, be proud of your people.

Go ahead and flaunt a little.

FROM GADAILY.COM

Sarah Palin: The Unfortunate Loser

why do people hate sarah palin so much to make fun of her kids and why are there even sarah palin hate sites? How pathetic. Please stop the hate. Who cares if she is not foreign policy wonk, thats not a reason to hate her.

-sarah palin

Some one running for vice president of the United States should know this stuff.

-nico
de

Doesn’t make any difference now, does it? It is Nov. 5th and Obama is now the 44th president.

-R. Mitchell

He doesn’t become the president till the 20th of January. Please brush up on your political and governmental knowledge.

-Amanda

The Campus Question

What do YOU think?

Have you seen any of the speakers brought to campus this past semester?

Correy Reese
Freshman
music and fine arts

“No, I have been too busy working”

Emmie Boyer
Junior
chemistry

“I have been to one about hazing...I have heard about a lot that I wanted to see”

Chris Simmons
Freshman
business

 “[I saw] Tim Wise. It was alright.”

Shonta Hope
Sophomore
broadcasting

“No, have not. I work two jobs and go to school. Would like to have seen some.”
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2008

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if things work out. Think you fit me? Meets every Wednesday at 5pm in the joystick. Thanks 706-836-1429

I would appreciate donations for my EET senior design project. We will be using the buttons and scroll wheels off of the joystick. Thanks 706-836-1429

To host the hottest parties with the coldest shots! Jagermeister Tap Machine (NEW* JBM Model) for rent! For more info, contact (706) 836-6878.

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Holiday Helper Tree in Lakeside Cafe
Students help those in need for the holiday season

Ben Carroll
Guest writer

On November 5 through December 3, the Sociology and Anthropology Department and the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement will be sponsoring the 15th annual Holiday Helper Tree at the Lakeside Cafe.

The Holiday Helper Tree is a drive to support many members of the Statesboro community by giving them something to unwrap for Christmas. There are two ways for students to help make this year's drive a success.

Accroding to Leslie Law, a freshman volunteer for the Holiday Helper Tree, all students, faculty and staff are encouraged to grab a tag from the tree. Each tag will have a gift item that someone has requested.

"They will then sign for the tag with the volunteer at the tree and give the volunteer their name and number. Anyone who signs for a tag will be responsible to bring that present back to Lakeside by December 3," said Law.

Eileen Sconyers, professor of Sociology and Anthropology, says, "The goal of the program is to get rid of all the tags by the Thanksgiving break. This will give all the volunteers who grabbed a tag a chance to shop over Thanksgiving break and have the present under the Holiday Helper tree by December 3 at 3 p.m."

Gift presentation needs to follow certain protocols.

"If you decide to wrap the present, make sure the tag is securely placed on the outside of the present," said Sconyers. If the tag is inside of the present, volunteers must open the present to find the recipient.

"Tags should be taped to the gift if it is not wrapped. Once the gift is under the tree, the gift-giver will get an ornament with their name on it that will be hung from the Holiday Helper Tree. There are a total of 17 different local organizations that are sponsoring these families. Each tag is color coordinated with each organization.

Students wishing to volunteer may help in many ways. Students can be a "tree-sitter" and check out tags on one of the shifts between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., help wrap the presents as they are returned to the tree, or help deliver the items to homes. Students interested in volunteering should contact either Diana Hensley (Russell Union room 2024) at 478-0010 or Eileen Sconyers (Carroll Building Room 1003) at 478-9443.

Special Photo

CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 12

Time: 7 - 4 p.m.
Event: Mini Food Show
Location: Nessmith Lane Ballroom

Time: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Event: GSU Stand
Location: Russell Union 2042

Time: 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Event: Red Cross Blood Drive
Location: Williams Center

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

Time: 5 - 7 p.m.
Event: Leadershape Interest Meeting
Location: Russell Union 2084

Time: 6 - 8 p.m.
Event: SGA General Meeting
Location: Russell Union 2080

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Event: Thankful For Life Dinner
Location: Russell Union Ballroom

Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
Event: Health Services Lecture
Location: Performing Arts Center

Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
Event: Colleges Against Cancer Meeting
Location: Russell Union 2075

Time: 7 - 10 p.m.
Event: Auditions For Vagina Monologues
Location: Russell Union 2047

Time: 8 - 9 p.m.
Event: SSDP Weekly Meeting
Location: Russell Union 2044

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.
Event: Movie: Hancock
Location: Russell Union Theatre

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.
Event: Film Showing: Thomas Klein
Location: Newton Building

Time: 8 - 11 p.m.
Event: Commissioned II Love Bible Study
Location: Russell Union 2080

Time: 8:15 - 10:30 p.m.
Event: Spring Break-Greece Meeting
Location: Russell Union 2064

Thursday, November 13

Time: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Event: Orlando 08 Prayer
Location: Russell Union 2044

Time: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Event: Soar Advisory Council Meeting
Location: Russell Union 2080

Time: 2 - 5:30 p.m.
Event: Phonathan Interviews
Location: Russell Union 2071

Time: 4 - 5 p.m.
Event: Cumberland Island Trip Meeting
Location: Russell Union 2043

Time: 5 - 8 p.m.
Event: Model U.N.
Location: Russell Union Theatre

Time: 5 - 6 p.m.
Event: Student Advisory Board Meeting
Location: Russell Union 2075

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

Time: 6 - 8 p.m.
Event: Dream Team Meetings
Location: Russell Union 2075

Time: 6 - 8 p.m.
Event: Survivor Remembrance Event
Location: Russell Union Rotunda

Time: 6 - 8 p.m.
Event: Dr. Brenda Marina Workshop
Location: Performing Arts Center

Time: 6 - 10 p.m.
Event: RAD - Women's Self Defense
Location: Nessmith Lane 2903

Time: 7 - 10:30 p.m.
Event: Greek Awards Ceremony
Location: Nessmith Lane Ballroom

Time: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Event: Christian Campus Bible Study
Location: Williams Center Dining Hall

Time: 8 - 11 p.m.
Event: Civil War Film Fest
Location: Russell Union Theatre

Time: 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.
Event: Neo Truth Model Workshop
Location: Russell Union 2052
GSU offers congressional internship in D.C.

By Denver Pittman
Staff Writer

Georgia Southern University is going to offer a 10-week internship opportunity for 2009 summer semester in the nation's capital. Students from all fields of study are encouraged to apply.

The Eagles in D.C. Program offers Georgia Southern University undergraduate students congressional internships in Washington D.C. Participants can expect to gain real world experience typically unavailable in the traditional classroom setting.

According to a survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), more than 95 percent of employers weigh hiring decisions on the applicant's experience. Employers are seeking students who can provide examples of their accomplishments that exceed beyond the degree and resume.

"It is a complement to what students are learning in the classroom," Dr. Annemarie Seifert, associate vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management said.

"More and more students are graduating with Bachelor's degrees; internships are a great way to stand out."

The internship offers dynamic levels of opportunity depending on the individual's skill and qualifications.

Students in the past have attended hearings, drafted memos, and worked conjointly with political figures in Washington.

Eligible students must have completed at least thirty-six hours by January 1, 2009.

To complete the application process, applicants must also submit an essay in order to evaluate their writing skills.

During the 10-week program, students will obtain professional experience in areas such as phone etiquette, learning to communicate effectively, and appropriate business attire.

At the same time, they will work inside the Nation's capital and surround themselves with D.C.'s cultural atmosphere.

The University will also provide support and resources to maximize the student's experience. Housing and a stipend to accommodate expenses is also available.

After the trip, each participant is required to submit a reflective essay on their experience to the Office of Student Affairs.

"Overall, the experience gives students a story to tell," Seifert said.
Check out gadaily.com for play-by-play coverage of last night's GSU vs Duke men’s basketball game.

Men’s basketball defeats Houston 65-63

“You could really tell our defense was way ahead of our offense at this point in the season,” said Price. “I thought our zone threw them off in the first half then we switched defenses a little bit in the second half. Our man-to-man when we had to get stops at the end of the game, we did. We showed a lot of heart and were really scrappy.”

Five of Georgia Southern’s six newcomers saw action, including junior Sandy Perry who scored 12 on 6-of-10 shooting.

“I thought Sandy Perry was really good – he stood out and played well,” said Price. “Antonio Hanson struggled a little bit from the field but he’s going to be a good player. We played our two freshmen in the first half – not a lot; but we wanted them to get a feel for the game. We just have to continue to play those guys.”

Pearson notched his first career double-double and shot 7-for-10 from the floor, including 2-for-3 from long range.

“It was obviously a hard-fought win,” said GSU head coach Jeff Price. “You had two teams with a lot of new players early in the season and two teams that really struggled offensively. We were really solid on the defensive end. Our zone was good in the first half and we had to get stops in the second half with our man-to-man and we did.”

GSU held a 65-60 lead with just under four minutes left on a tip-in by senior Julian Allen. Desmond Wade hit a long 3-pointer with 2:42 to play, but the Cougars missed their last three shots and committed two turnovers in the last 1:31.

2007-2008 men’s basketball standings

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C. of Charleston edges volleyball

GSU news service

Georgia Southern led the College of Charleston in hitting percentage and blocks, but CofC came away with the win, a 3-0 (27-25, 25-23, 25-22) sweep Sunday afternoon at Hanner Fieldhouse.

Georgia Southern held a .274-.259 advantage in hitting percentage and outblocked the Cougars 11-3.

The Eagles led 21-19 in both set one and two but allowed the Cougars to a 3-0 and 4-0 run, respectively, and eventually lost each set.

“I thought we did some great things, really moved the ball around well and thought our hitters did a great job of adjusting to our sets but we couldn’t put enough shots together in critical moments,” said Callihan. “A mistake here or mistake there against a quality opponent will be the difference.”

Sophomore Michelle Uzoh recorded seven blocks, including one solo, and had six kills with no errors. Freshman Parker Small tallied five kills with no errors and had two block assists. Freshman Lauren Claybaugh matched Uzoh with six assists and one solo.

“We did a good job against a pretty difficult setter to read – she does a good job of taking the ball high which makes it difficult on middles to read and react but we did a nice job of closing, our pin players did a good job of setting the block in the right places so it was definitely a strong point for us today,” said Callihan.

Senior Christy Dowd shared match-high honors with CofC’s Emily Sawin with 13 kills on 24 swings.

The Eagles close out the regular season next weekend with home matches against Furman on Friday and Wofford on Saturday.

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR NEEDED!

Drop resume off to Courtney at The George-Anne in the Williams Center. Call 478-5246 or email Gasports@georgiasouthern.edu for details!