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TODAY'S WORD

Circumbendibus

(SERcumBINdihbuss) n.
A roundabout process or method.

Grube to resign presidency

By Keith Warburg

Executive Editor

Bruce F. Grube announced last week that he will be stepping down from his position as president of Georgia Southern University effective June 30, 2009, in order to spend time with his family and return to teaching.

"It's that time in my life where I'd really like to spend more time with my wife Kathryn and my family, doing some of the things I can't do, given the demands of this job," said Grube.

Grube's reasons for stepping down are simple.

"I'm in my fourteenth year now of being a president," said Grube. "That's a lot of years. As a

generality, ten years is about the period of time you can do a job like mine and be very effective at what you're doing."

Grube plans to take a year off to work as a consultant and mentor to new and newer presidents in the University System of Georgia. During that time, he will be gathering materials to prepare for a year of teaching.

"One of the great, great pleasures at any university is being with students in learning situations," said Grube. "It's going to take some time to catch up to parts of the discipline I haven't paid close attention to over the years, and I need to recreate materials and notes to best serve the students."

The resignation comes at the end of his tenth year at Georgia Southern. Grube's decade in the position marks the school's highest period of growth and advancement in its more than 100 years.

"I would not feel good about stepping out if I felt that the university was struggling or facing some insurmountable obstacles in front of it. It doesn't," said Grube.

As for his replacement: "Somebody's going to have a lot of fun working with people here and taking [Georgia Southern] to another level," said Grube.

Grube's announcement was coincidentally similar to his appointment, in that he was out of the country.

"The timing of the announcement was actually set by the Chancellor's office. I had already planned



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to be on vacation that week, so the timing was a little off," said Grube.

Grube was appointed to the position while on a trip to South Africa and announced his resignation while on vacation in Costa Rica.

Prior to his appointment by the University System of Georgia in 1999, Grube was the president of St. Cloud University in St. Cloud, Minnesota for four years.

Bruce F. Grube

Education: A.B. - University of California, Political Science. Ph.D. - University of Texas, American Government and Politics.

Previous Position: 1995-1999: President of Saint Cloud University, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Interests: American Institutions and processes, public administration, political psychology.

Source: George-Anne Archives

Founder of IAP receives international acclaim

By Denver Pittman

Staff Writer

Staff member James Oliver was presented with an Honorary Doctorate in Parasitology. Oliver returned to receive the award in the Czech Republic, where he had attended one of his first international congresses in 1971. 25 members of the Scientific Council of the University of South Bohemia presented the award.

Many influential leaders such as the President of

the University of South Bohemia, Vaclav Buzek, were present at the ceremony.

"It caps the career and validates the research we have been doing," Oliver said.

Oliver is the founder of the Institute of Anthropology and Parasitology (IAP) at Georgia Southern University, which houses the U.S. Tick Collection.

The U.S. Tick Collection is a visual attraction of the IAP. It is the largest tick collection in the world with more than a million specimens. It represents

over 850 species.

Oliver stressed that it is one piece of a larger whole. The collection was given to Georgia Southern University by the Smithsonian Institutions in 1990. It is one of the few Smithsonian collections located outside of Washington, D.C.

"The Tick Museum is only one part of the IAP program. It gets the most attention because of its specimens that people can actually view; however, we do other work as well."

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Wednesday
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Baseball travels abroad to Poland

Sarah Goodwin
Staff Writer

Georgia Southern's College of Health and Human Sciences sent twelve faculty members to Poland to host a baseball clinic with coaches from 15 European countries.

This clinic was sponsored by GSU's Department of Health and Kinesiology, Major League Baseball International, European Little League Baseball Association, and the Poland Baseball Federation.

Six faculty members, including Fredd Whitt, dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences, and Barry Joyner, chair of the College of Health and Human Sciences along with six graduate students from the sport psychology program from GSU hosted 30 sessions in four days for the clinic.

The purpose of this clinic, according to Daniel Czech, faculty member in the College of Health and Human Science, was to give coaches knowledge of the sport of baseball, strength and conditioning principles, and sport psychology.

This will also allow for a connection between GSU faculty and European coaches to communicate back and forth concerning different

coaching and baseball issues.

This will create a forum to discuss coaching issues from both European and American perspectives according to Czech.

"The wonderful aspect of this experience was the contingent of professors and Sport Psychology graduate students and the European coaches," said Czech.

According to Czech, this clinic was also to inspire an interest in all the coaches about the online Masters Degree Program in coaching education offered through Georgia Southern.

"We would like to create an International cohort of coaches who are part of the Online Program," said Czech.

The Department will find out in the spring about the possibility of an international coaching education for interested graduate students.

"We hope that we can return and make this a tradition, whether in Poland or another European country. Next time we hope to bring another set of professors who can bring their expertise. Professors in pedagogy, athletic training, exercise science, and biomechanics, could help numerous coaches," said Czech.

According to Czech, the accompanying graduate students were wonderful and they were very professional during the entire trip.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Man accused of shooting says he killed for God

McClatchy News Service

Isaac Zamora, the man accused of killing six people during a shooting rampage earlier this week in Skagit County, Wash., told a judge Friday afternoon, "I kill for God. I listen to God."

Zamora, 28, was charged with six counts of first-degree murder and four counts of first-degree assault with a firearm or deadly weapon in Skagit County District Court.

He was ordered held in lieu of \$5 million bail.

District Court Judge Warren Gilbert read each charge which include up to life in prison.

At the end of his arraignment, Zamora was presented with court documents and was asked to sign them to acknowledge he had been charged.

"I'll sign," Zamora told Gilbert. Then he said, "I kill for God. I listen to God."

It was the first time Zamora has spoken during two court appearances, with the first was Wednesday when he was ordered held for the slayings of six people.

NATIONAL NEWS

U.S. takes strict role in Mumbai attack

McClatchy News Service

The Bush administration, anxious to defuse dangerous tensions after India charged that there was a Pakistani link to the Mumbai terrorist attacks, said Monday that it had no indication of Pakistani government involvement.

At the same time, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the U.S. expects Islamabad to pursue any leads that point to a Pakistani connection to the assault on the Indian financial capital that ended Saturday.

What we are emphasizing to the Pakistani government is the need to follow the evidence wherever it leads," Rice said at a news conference in London.

"I don't want to jump to any conclusions myself on this, but I do think that this is a time for complete, absolute, total transparency and cooperation, and that's what we expect."

Rice is cutting short a European trip later this week to visit India for talks on the crisis.

The Bush administration also has ordered the FBI and U.S. intelligence agencies to support the investigation into who was responsible for the attack, which killed at least 170 people, including six Americans.

The India-Pakistan frictions have jeopardized U.S. efforts to encourage the longtime rivals to improve relations. The U.S. wants Pakistan to feel confident enough to redeploy

crack troops from its eastern border with India to fight al-Qaida and allied Islamic extremists in the western, tribal area bordering Afghanistan.

India, which has been battling Pakistan-backed separatist groups in the disputed Kashmir region for years, has charged that unspecified "elements in Pakistan" were involved in the assault.

New Delhi's prime suspect is Lashkar-e-Taiba, an Islamic militant group based in Pakistan that's been fighting in Indian-controlled Kashmir.

U.S. analysts say the group once enjoyed the backing of Pakistan's main intelligence agency, Inter-Services Intelligence, but that support has diminished since 2002, when former Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf banned the group.

Leaders of Pakistan's civilian coalition government, elected in February, have denied any involvement in the Mumbai assaults.

Pakistan has demanded that India document its claim of a Pakistani link, and warned that it may have to shift troops fighting al-Qaida and Pakistani extremists along its border with Afghanistan to its eastern border with India.

White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said Monday the U.S. government, which sent an FBI team to Mumbai last week, has seen nothing to contradict Islamabad's denials of involvement.



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Palin a hit with big GOP crowd in Georgia

McClatchy News Service

Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin lent her rock-star status to U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss Monday in a state fly-around that GOP strategists hope will help put Chambliss over the top in Tuesday's Senate runoff against Democrat Jim Martin.

Palin was greeted by cheers of "Sarah! Sarah!" in what is decidedly Republican country: south Houston County.

More than 2,700 people indicated they planned to show up for the rally at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter, one of several appearances for the duo Monday across Georgia.

Meanwhile, Martin is mustering his own strength for Tuesday's runoff, appearing in Macon Monday afternoon with veterans and in Atlanta Monday evening with rap star Ludacris.

But Monday afternoon, in Perry, the energy belonged to the GOP.

The crowd packed in close, shoulder to shoulder, for, as state Sen. Ross Tolleson called

Palin, "one of the most exciting women in U.S. politics."

Palin hit on the same point that has been a drumbeat from Republicans since Chambliss narrowly missed the 50 percent margin he needed to beat Martin outright last month: Vote for Chambliss, or the Democrats may end up with 60 seats in Congress. That's a potentially filibuster-proof margin that would give Democrats added power in Congress.

"It isn't just about your state," Palin told the crowd. "It is about the entire United States of America and our future. ... The eyes of our nation are on this stage. We all have Georgia on our minds."

Palin said GOP leaders understand that there has been disillusionment and frustration with the party, particularly over its less-than-ideal track record of late in the core values of frugality.

Palin said the party is being rebuilt, and re-electing Chambliss is part of the process. "Let us reclaim our good name," Palin said.

Palin said after the noise died down, "You betcha!" The crowd gave up another cheer.

OPINIONS

...WHERE WE ARE REALLY LOOKING
FORWARD TO THE WINTER BREAK.

Submission of Letters to the Editor

The George-Anne Daily welcomes letters to the editor, story submissions and guest columns. All copy submitted should be 350 words or less, typed, and sent via e-mail in Microsoft Word format to gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu or via facebook to Jessica Martin. All submissions must be signed and include phone number for verification. GSU students should include their academic major, year at GSU, and hometown. The editors reserve the right to edit or reject any submission.

COLUMN

How to avoid holiday weight gain

The holiday season is among us, which brings with it many wonderful, and



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not so wonderful, things. For students, it means a whole month off of academia to relax and gear up for the upcoming semester. It also means present buying, caroling, and much-needed family time.

The holiday season also comes fully equipped with an extensive menu and food selection, including everyone's favorite sugar cookies, hams, turkeys, mashed potatoes,

pies, stuffings and yams, all food that is undeniably delicious, and undeniably full of fat. Included with the food comes the drinks, like Eggnog and hot cocoa, which

are already stocked in the refrigerator section and shelves of Wal-Mart.

Every year, as I'm on the plane home in December I vow to myself that I will not gain that dreaded holiday weight (the five to seven pounds that seem to "suddenly appear" right after New Year's). However, as I drove home in the holiday traffic (which is definitely another con of the season), my pants seemed to just feel a little bit tighter than they were just days before. I asked myself, how did I let this happen, ONCE again?

Clearly, the first bit of advice I can give to avoid holiday weight gain is rather simple, exercise! Believe me, I know how hard this can be over the holidays, but just 30 minutes three days a week over the month long break can do wonders for your waistline, and even your holiday stress.

Now, if your holiday season is jam packed with parties and office gatherings, avoiding the holiday pounds can be a little trickier. If you know there will be a multitude of tasty hors d'oeuvres

and sugar cookies at your next holiday party, plan on eating before you leave. Plan a smaller meal to consume before the party, such as a salad with chicken, or salmon and veggies, to hold your appetite down when you are tempted by holiday goodies.

Also, holiday parties aren't just for eating! The point of a party is to see friends and family you haven't seen in a while and catch up, so don't spend the night making friends with the buffet table instead.

Watch the drink intake though. Eggnog contains 343 calories for only one cup, along with 19 grams of fat. Over-indulging on drinks, alcoholic or not, can be just as detrimental as over-indulging on food.

So instead of gaining those dreaded five to seven pounds this season, reiterating the same old "I plan to lose weight" New Years resolution, and feeling guilty for over-indulging, spend the holidays the way they are meant to be, having fun with family and friends.

Holiday gift giving needs a bit of thought

Jingle Bells, Holiday Cheer, and Rudolph roasting on an open fire--er--something like that. It's that time of year again, and the holiday season is upon us. For kids, this means magic, mysteries, and many piles of presents. For us young people, it means buying everyone you know a Christmas gift with your minimum wage job! Ho-ho-oh no!

What are you to do? How in the world are you supposed to buy all those gifts on your budget? Well I'm in the same sleigh as you, my friend--a tight budget, a long list with a few Scrooges on it, and some coins I have been saving all year for this time of year.



While it may be tempting to "re-gift" that piece-of-junk Clock/Weather Radio/Esspresso Maker that your Aunt got for you on sale from Radio Shack last year, hold on just a second. Let's think through this... here are a few things you may want to stay away from when giving gifts over the holidays.

Joey Newton is a graduate student in Spanish education from Americus, Ga. He is a staff columnist for the George-Anne Daily.

1) Gift Cards for Closing Stores.

Nothing says "Merry Christmas" like an invalid gift card. Even some very popular stores--Circuit City, Linens and Things, and Movie Gallery, among others, will be closing down for good after Christmas, so check out the stores before getting the cards.

2) Used Undergarments. Nobody likes a pair of baggy tube socks from the 70s, unless you are wearing them for "fashion." And everything in that 25 cents bin at Goodwill only cost 25 cents for a reason...

3) Birthday Gifts Wrapped in Christmas Paper. People with winter birthdays HATE this! They already get less in the first place, since their birthday presents are usually an afterthought to all of the holiday cheer.

Put a little thought into your loved one and at least wrap the gift in newspaper, or turn the holiday paper inside out, or heck, give them their birthday gift a few weeks before--but wrap it in the BIRTHDAY PAPER. Please.

4) Unthoughtful Re-gifting. Don't get me wrong, I'm a re-gifter to the bone, but re-gifting takes some thought! Make sure you remember who gave the useless junk in the first place. When you go to their house for the holidays, don't take that gift back.

However, when you go see your cousins on the other side of the family...

The Holiday season does not have to leave you broke. The important thing is that you put thought into whatever you decide to do for your friends and family.

And if you don't feel like doing that, I heard of some nifty gadgets for ten bucks in the gift bin...

The break is a time to truly give thanks

I can honestly say that I really needed the Thanksgiving break that we had last week.



Marshall Hooks is a junior political science major from Dawson, Ga. He is the Deputy Managing Editor for the George-Anne Daily.

With my classes finally coming to an abrupt end, a little peace and relaxation was something I feel was quite deserved.

I was excited to go home. I could finally see my parents, my sister, and my dog, Madeleine. Needless to say, after the initial joy of being at home wore out its welcome and my feelings began to dredge on wanting to go back to States-

boro, I was truly able to understand the underlying impact that Thanksgiving illuminates.

I spent my spare time during the break

building a doghouse for my sister's dog. It was a task that I was not prepared for, but willing to undertake.

With no formal training in construction, I had the many years spent in math classes to thank for my understanding of angles, degrees, and symmetrical cohesion.

When I wasn't constructing the doghouse, my sister and I were inside playing the old school version of Sonic the Hedgehog on my Xbox 360. A recent graduate of the University of Georgia, my sister hardly came home because she was so busy with school. Our schedules always conflicted and the instances when she did come home for a small break, I was either out of town or out doing my own thing.

The distance between us was non-existent and I felt that I could talk to my sister about anything. She never hesitated to answer my calls late at night and I look back now and know that I was blessed to have a sister that always had my back no matter what.

My parents surprised me early in the week with tickets to the Georgia vs. Georgia Tech football game on Saturday in Athens. They acquired tickets from a family friend and to my disbelief, were eleven rows from the field! The time I spent with them at the game was beneficial because it had been a long time since we had gone to a baseball or football game together.

Not only am I thankful to have parents who truly care about me and would do anything in the world for me, it was nice to be with them so we could bask in the eventual defeat of the Bulldawgs. Then again, coming from a family of Georgia fans, I am pretty sure I was the only one pulling for Georgia Tech.

As I wind down my last article for the semester, I want everyone who reads this to truly reflect on what they are thankful for.

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my lease at Garden District. I have the master bedroom in a three bedroom townhouse. Located by the pool and has ample parking. Includes walk-in closet, private bath, large bedroom, apartment fully furnished, balcony off of living room, and great roommates. Rent is \$425 and you are able to have a pet if they are in a cage! This is the largest bedroom in the apartment with the largest bathroom and walk-in closet!

I am transferring after this semester and need someone to sublease 1 room from a 4B/4BR apartment in Campus Crossings. I live with all girls in building 12 pool view. It's a fully furnished brand new apartment. \$459 a month with extended cable, fitness cetner, tanning bed, and awesome amenities. If interested please call me ASAP 404 791 7936!

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I am looking to sublease my 1Br/1Ba in a 4Br/4Ba at The Pointe (Statesboro Place). The rent is only \$350 a month and is all inclusive, the apartment is fully furnished with new furniture and a washer and dryer. Two nice roommates who keep to themselves, both are 22 and are gsu students. Call Julie if you are interested at 706-877-8007

I am graduating in December and need to sublease 1Br/ 1Ba in a 4Br/ 4Ba at The Pointe(Statesboro Place). The rent is only \$350 a month and is all inclusive, the apartment is fully furnished with new furniture and has a washer/ dryer. Two nice roommates who keep to themselves, both are 22 and gsu students. Sublease starting in January but can start on Dec. 13th if needed. Call Julie if you are interested

at 706-877-8007

looking for someone to sublease my room in a 3r/3b apartment at the exchange immediately and through the spring semester. rent is 340\$/ month and is all inclusive- on the 3rd floor with a big balcony, next to basketball court and pool, full size kitchen, access to game room and weight room. each room has a deadbolt lock, very short drive to campus.

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I am studying abroad next semester and really need to sublease my apartment in University Pines from possibly mid December at the earliest until July. You can resign the lease if you want to stay longer! I will pay for January and December rent!! It is a 4bd/ 4bth with 3 other roommates that are really cool, they keep to them-

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Roommate needed on Robinhood Trail for the Spring Semester. Rent is 300 a month plus utilities which avgs out around 360-370 a month all total. Nice room, awesome house.

2br/1bath. great location. large porch overlooking pond(stocked) with dock. washer/dryer. \$325/person includes water and sewage.

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I am giving away a female Beagle that I have had for over a year now. She needs room to run around and play in. I can't provide that in my apartment. If you have a yard or lots of time to play with her inside, please give me a call or email me. I will give you her cage, food, food and water dishes, a leash, toys and more. She is very energetic and very nice. She has all her shots and medicines taken care of. Please help me find a good home for this precious dog.

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'Australia' has zany opening but is a strong film

Ryan Babula
Staff writer

There's something great about an old-fashioned epic romance. I admire these films for their stirring narratives, their memorable characters, and their timeless feel. It's a shame that Hollywood doesn't produce many films like this anymore, and after watching "Australia," my feelings were only reinforced. Despite its flaws, this film is a sweeping epic, and while it's not a classic, it's a great film that truly honors the genre it's in.

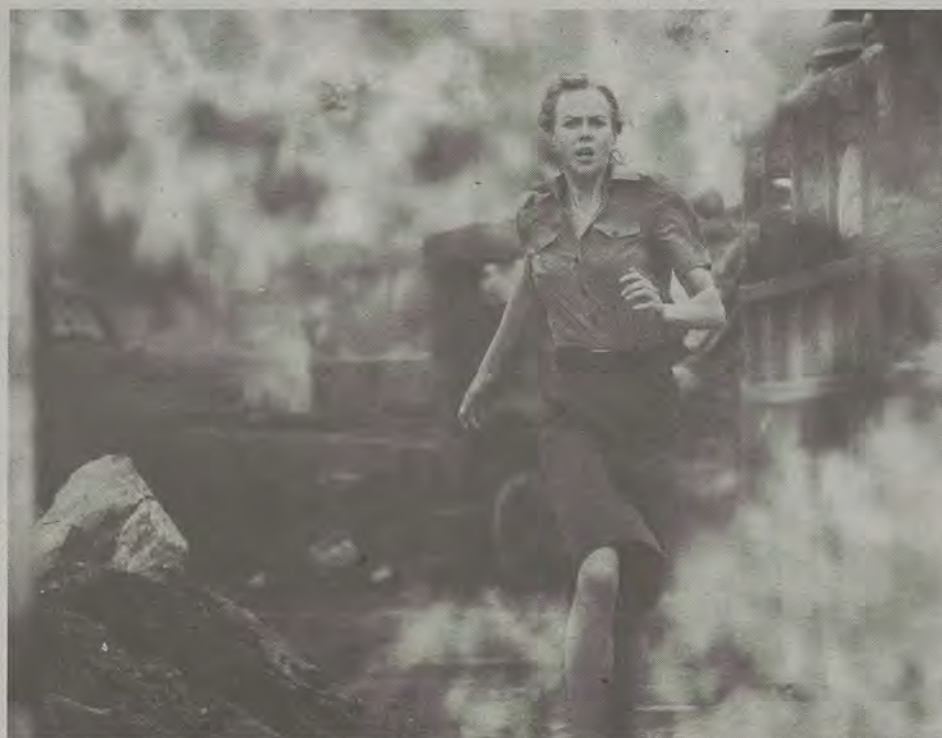
Set during WWII, the film follows Lady Sarah Ashley and Drover (Nicole Kidman & Hugh Jackman) as they fight to keep her late husband's ranch from a greedy cattle baron (David Wenham), all the while preparing for the imminent attack on the city of Darwin by the Japanese.

One thing that's great about the film is how good it looks. The director, Baz Luhrmann, truly loves his country, and it shows in how he captures the amazing vistas and terrain of the Australian outback. Kidman and Jackman are the backbone of this film, and they give great performances as the two lovers. Their romance is what propels

the story, and they sell it all the way. Brandon Walters is really good as the Aboriginal boy that acts as the film's narrator, and Wenham makes a great evil villain.

The film juggles many subplots successfully, and even has some relevant things to say about race relations and class differences, but while all of this is compelling, there are certain things about the narrative that didn't entirely work for me. One thing that threw me off is the way it relies on Aboriginal traditions (i.e. magic) to propel certain character points. It comes off as hokey, and at some points took me out of the story. Also, for the first 30 minutes, the film relies on this zany introduction style that doesn't flow with the rest of the film. It was as if the filmmakers didn't know what kind of film they wanted to make, and if you're not familiar with Luhrmann's previous work, then this may take you off guard.

Despite these flaws, the film works because of its sweeping nature and amazing storytelling. It clocks in at 165 minutes, but feels half as long because of the way it envelops you in its grandiose nature. The film is a great spectacle, and I wish there were more movies like it being made today.



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RYAN'S
RATING



SHOWTIMES

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
7 p.m.

EagleVision service broadcasts live games

By Ben Carroll
Staff Writer

EagleVision, a live video broadcast, will broadcast over 27 games of men's and women's basketball games throughout the season beginning.

EagleVision is a live video broadcast that a subscriber can watch online. The videos are streamed through the Georgia Southern Eagles website with the support of the athletics department.

So far, they have made certain commitments to particular sports to stream their games live through EagleVision. They will cover selected home women's volleyball games, baseball games, all home games of both men and women soccer games and selected away men and women soccer games, selected press conferences and interviews with Georgia Southern coaches and players.

This service does have a price. There are two subscription packages that anybody can pay for. The first is a year-long subscription that will cost \$89.95 and the other one is a monthly subscription that costs \$9.95.

Both of these subscriptions consist of live broadcasts of everything that EagleVision streams online. While you are paying for a subscription online, they will only accept Visa and Mastercard.

Patrick Osterman, the athletics media

relations director, is one of the leaders on EagleVision.

"We started last year at the end of September, so we were able to finish up Football season and do all of Baseball and Basketball."

Along with the video, Chris Blair and Radio on the GSU Radio network do the audio for the games so, along with both packages with no extra charge, subscribers get to watch and hear the games. "They really help and when they do it for free, it really adds to the package."

According to Osterman, one of the most common questions is why can't they do every sport. The limited technology and streaming abilities keep some sports from being broadcasted. Subscribers are also limited on wireless internet, which is too unpredictable when it comes to streaming video.

If you miss a game while on the road and still want to watch it, EagleVision has an archive with all their videos so you can watch and hear the games.

"The goal of this service is to give the customer the greatest value for their money," says Osterman. "We are excited about the attention it brings to the Athletic department and it is a great opportunity for students and parents to watch the games that, for whatever reason, they can't make it to. It is a great value to them to sign up and watch [the games]. We are going to get more features and try to keep moving forward with this."

POLICE BEAT

Friday, November 19

Shadrick Marquice Harris, 20, South Zetterower St., was charged with DUI and failure to meet headlight requirements.

Several vending machines were damaged at the Newton Building.

Saturday, November 20

Gregory Martin Durland, 20, Greenbriar, was charged with financial transaction card theft and financial transaction card fraud.

Sarah June Day, 22, Cape Courage Way, Suwanee, was charged with DUI and failure to meet headlight requirements.

Sunday, November 21

Henry Franklin Clay, 38, Statesboro, was charged with Littering on Highways and Driving Under the Influence.

Monday, November 22

Justin John Gillette, 20, Statesboro, was charged with Public Intoxication.

CALENDAR

Time: 5 - 6 p.m.

Event: House Of Representatives
Location: Russell Union 2044

Time: 6 - 7 p.m.

Event: Surfin' Seniors
Location: Russell Union 2073

Time: 6 - 8 p.m.

Event: Don't Stress It
Location: Russell Union Ballroom

Time: 6 - 9 p.m.

Event: Young Democrats Meeting
Location: Russell Union 2080

Time: 7 - 9 p.m.

Event: GSU Hillel Presents: Rabbi Singer
Location: Russell Union 2075

Time: 7 - 11 p.m.

Event: Campus Outreach Meeting
Location: Williams Center Dining Hall

Time: 7:15 - 9:15 p.m.

Event: LDSSA Meeting
Location: Russell Union 2073

Time: 9 - 11 p.m.

Event: Swing Cats Society
Location: College Plaza Building

SPORTS

*Bold denotes home games

Upcoming Events

Dec 1- Dec 6: Basketball 'Toys for Tots'

Wed. Dec 3: Women's Basketball vs High Point @ 7

Sat. Nov 22: Women's Basketball vs Elon @ 2

Sat. Dec 6: Men's Basketball vs Samford @ 7:30

Weekend update

Basketball:

'Toys for Tots'

Georgia Southern Basketball and Eagle Sports Marketing are teaming up this holiday season to help bring every child in Statesboro their Christmas wish.

Georgia Southern Athletics will conduct a toy drive beginning Monday, December 1st culminating on Saturday, December 6th. Fans are encouraged to bring their toy donations to the Lady Eagles' basketball game on December 1st against Appalachian State, the Eagles' men's basketball Game on December 6th against Samford or to the Eagle Sports Marketing offices in Hanner Fieldhouse throughout the week.

Football:

Covington named 'Defensive Player of the Year'

Senior Chris Covington was named 'Defensive Player of the Year'. Georgia Southern landed four players on the All-Southern Conference teams as voted on by the Southern Conference Sports Media Association. The conference office made the announcement for the SCSMA on Wednesday afternoon (Nov. 26).

Covington and fellow senior Dakota Walker earned First Team honors on defense. Senior Raja Andrews and redshirt-freshman place kicker Adrian Mora earned Second Team accolades.

Covington becomes the third Georgia Southern player to ever receive the 'Defensive Player of the Year' honor, joining: Alex Mash (1993 by coaches and media) and Freddie Pesqueira (2001 by coaches).



Jared Siri/STAFF

Basketball trounces App State

By Latrice Williams

Staff writer

The Georgia Southern Eagles women's basketball team defeated the Appalachian State Mountaineers, 69-53 Monday night at Hanner Fieldhouse.

At the start of the first half, the Eagles struggled with ball control with the Mountaineers coming out strong defensively, holding the Eagles scoreless for the first three minutes of the game. The beginning of the game looked very promising for the Mountaineers, but they couldn't hang on to the lead as the Eagles took the victory.

With 12:06, GSU forward Jessica Geiger hit a long three to give the Eagles their first lead, 12-10. GSU got the offense into rhythm in the middle of the first half, leading the Mountaineers by as much as 13.

The Eagles led going into the half, 35-22.

GSU guard Ashley Melson drilled a three to start the second half, giving the Eagles a 16 point lead.

After ASU made a push to regain the lead, Eagles Ashley Melson and Jessica Geiger pulled all the stops against the Mountaineers to push the lead to 20 points with eight minutes left to play. The Eagles continued to be dominant throughout the second half, shooting 81 percent.

ASU struggled offensively the entire game, shooting just 50 percent.

GSU Head Coach Rusty Cram was thrilled with his team's performance.

"At the start of the game, they had a lot of pressure on us and we couldn't do anything offensively," said Cram. "We needed to get some of that pressure off of us. We finally got going offensively and I think the second half was when we really played our best."

Ashley Melson led the pack for the Eagles with 20 points.

"I wasn't worried when we were down in the beginning," said Melson. "I knew that we would start scoring eventually, it's just they were really on us defensively. Coach stressed rebounding so we started doing that. But I knew we would come out with a win. They have a young team and that gave us an advantage."

The Eagles are now 4-2 and 1-0 in the Southern Conference. GSU will travel to North Carolina to take on High Point University Wednesday night at 7.



Jared Siri/STAFF

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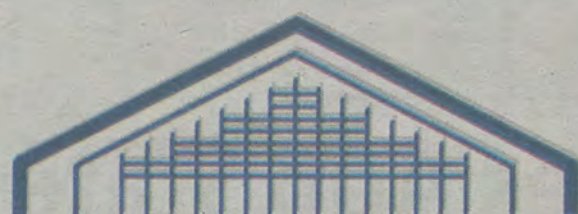
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