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The George-Anne captures the historic moment in Statesboro and Washington. Page 16



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FCBC

On monumental day, GSU students can say 'I was there'

By Charles Minshew

Reflector Editor-in-chief

Ten Georgia Southern University students were among the massive crowd on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Tuesday for the Inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States.

The ten GSU students, who were chosen through the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, were part of a group of nearly 500 participants from the Savannah area.

The group was able to secure a spot on the National Mall near JumboTron viewing screens even though hundreds of thousand spectators had already made their way to the area earlier that morning.

Tanya Ramnauth, a freshman international studies and Spanish major said that she decided to go to the inauguration "because it was an opportunity of a lifetime." She added that experiencing the event firsthand was "uplifting."

"As an American people, they were able to put aside all of their indifference and work toward something for the better of all," Ramnauth said. She added that Obama helps her realize that as a leader, she can overcome the challenges that leaders face.

"I thought it was a huge success. I was surprised at how smoothly everything went," said Service Learning Coordinator Janna Pennington, who also participated on the trip. "I think that despite the cold temperatures and the exhausting travel that everybody had a wonderful time and found the trip to be very meaningful."

The entire crowd seemed to have broken out in extreme joy around 12:05 p.m., when Obama was sworn in as the nation's first African-American president. During the oath, however, the crowd was silent.

Graduate student Jemelle Nurse, who teaches



Several GSU students stand with Service Leadership Coordinator Janna Pennington in front of the U.S. Capitol Building on the National Mall in Washington shortly after Obama's inauguration.

Special Photo

at Langston Chapel Middle School, said that she was happy to be able to carry her experience back to her eighth graders as well as many other students. Nurse added that many of the students have never been outside of South Georgia.

"The most memorable moment from the inauguration would probably be getting as close to the Capitol as I did," said Nurse. "I was just behind the ticketed seating, so I was able to see the entire Capitol, and I was actually able to see people even though I wasn't able to see their faces."

Obama drew applause and chanting from the crowd at the end of nearly every paragraph of his inaugural address.

"Let it be said by our children's children that when we were tested we refused to let this journey end, that we did not turn back nor did we falter,"

Obama said, drawing upon the words of the nation's founding fathers, "and with eyes fixed on the horizon and God's grace upon us, we carried forth that great gift of freedom and delivered it safely to future generations."

Pennington believes that in addition to this being a major event for many around the world, that it can help GSU's leaders become more effective leaders.

"My hope is that getting to participate in such a large scale event that is important on such a world-wide level can be very impactful for students because it says that the sky's the limit," Pennington said. "A lot of times we create limits for ourselves that don't really exist, thinking that we can't make a difference outside our own local communities, when in reality we all have the potential to make a difference on a really big scale."

Over 500 turn out for viewing of inauguration in Russell Union

By Chris Buchanan

G-A Editor-in-chief

Russell Union was filled with emotion, Tuesday, after over 500 students watched live broadcasts of President Barack Obama's inauguration.

The floor of the union was standing room only with some students choosing to watch the large projection screen set up on-stage for the occasion from the comfort of the second floor balcony.

Reactions varied from standing ovations to tears in the massive crowd.

The historic nature of this event wasn't lost on students.

"I mean it's a little different you know, it's Barack, it's history-making and I wanted to be a part of watching it

and live to tell my kids about it," said Georgia Southern freshmen Kimberly Porter.

Sophomore Blake Baur shared similar views.

"I figure it's going to be important later on so I might as well pay attention," he said.

Both students said this was the first inauguration they had watched.

Student Activities Director Charles Hueber said that he was excited to see students' excitement for a political event.

Free food and drink were available during the event with the broadcast also running on most televisions in the union.

The event was cosponsored by the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, the Office of Student Activities and the Russell Union Student Center.



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OPINIONS

...WHERE WE ARE FREEZING AND
WONDERING WHERE THE SOUTHERN
GEORGIA WEATHER HAS GONE?

Can Obama live up to his word's power?

If you dissect a speech and look at it through the lens of a rhetorician, all it really is is just a bunch of words. However, in our day in age, most of the words said in great speeches are words that are highly valued in society and hold with them some pretty powerful connotations.

In Tuesday's speech by President Obama at his inauguration, he used those very powerful, valued terms when he addressed the problems in our economy, health care, and the state of international relations and warfare. To quote President Obama about the terrorists who have rattled our nation, "we say to you now that our spirit is stronger and cannot be broken; you cannot outlast us, and we will defeat you."

Defeat is such a powerful word, and it holds not only a power but also a promise. A promise that our nation can rise above those attacking us and win against all odds.

Although this is definitely a commendable, and very respectable acknowledgement, can it really be done?

Our nation has been known to put the president on a very high pedestal, and has put the weight of the entire country, and the world, in just his hands.

Previous presidents have taken this honor and have thought they could change the world's and nations' woes with just their own two hands (and the support of very few.) After a very rocky

past eight years, we've seen that road as one that should not be taken again.

Obama has admitted in his speech that his goals are ambitious and that one man in one position can't do it all, however, it is if he doesn't try that there will be a failure.

What is promising with President Obama's words are not the words, or the person speaking them, but instead the reaction to which was given once they were physically spoken. A crowd of millions in D.C., as well as in cities and countries all over the world, cheered, wept, and applauded as he spoke those powerful words.

A man is just a man, and one man cannot change the problems of the country, or the world. But what makes a single man strong enough to battle the problems this country faces is the support system to which surrounds him.

As it seems, there are already cynics out there questioning President Obama's ability to guide our country out of the hole to which it has found itself. To them, Obama stated that it's more clear now than ever that our old government wasn't working to the best of its ability, and will need to change to bring this country, symbolically, back to life.

However, once again, these words hold such power, that if they aren't lived up to, they will be what breaks President Obama. We all hope he will live up to these words' vast power.

Food terrorism is possible in the near future

I used to work for the United States Department of Agriculture. I not only wired electric equipment to be used in other states, but I also performed tests on peanuts, which the facility I worked at was very well known for.



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a machine that was seldom used.

The news last week of the mass recall of pea-

nut butter products by companies in Minnesota, Virginia, and Georgia really hit home and made me think about how easy it would be for future terrorists to take advantage of the United States food industry.

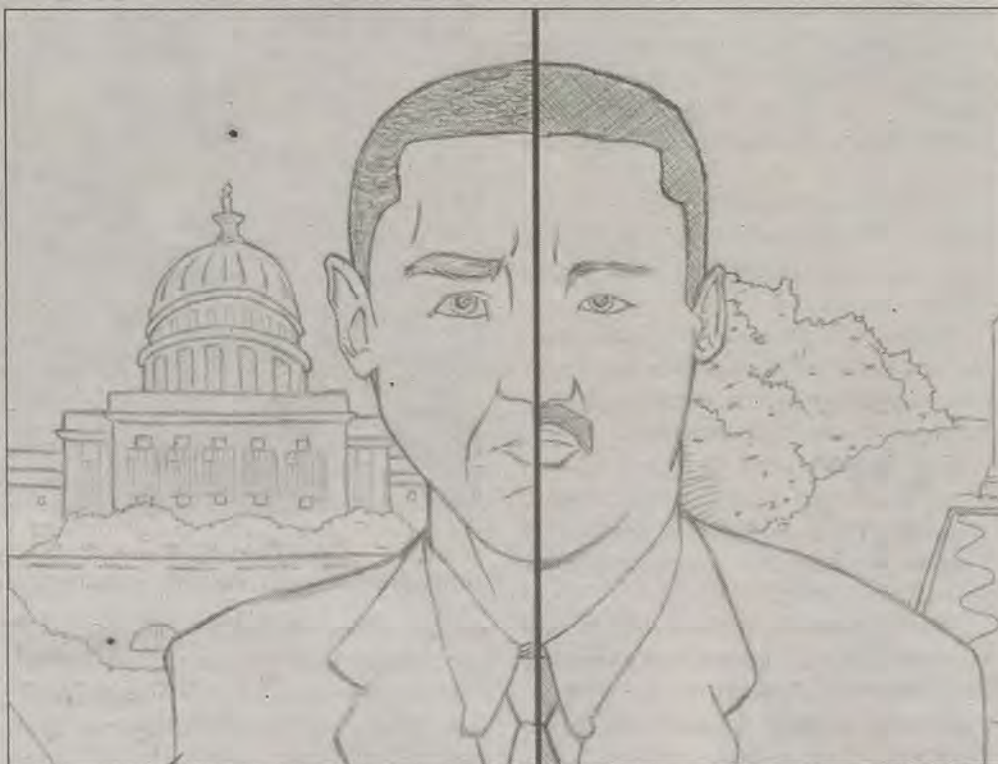
With gaps in the system that allow for salmonella food poisoning to pass from the facility to the consumer, I would actually consider that a form of unintentional terrorism.

I don't think this type of terrorism has been thought about too often, because Americans consider weapons of mass destruction to be large, tangible goods, whereas the notion of bacteria and viruses in the same concept has yet to reach that generalized realm of thinking.

I hope that in the future, our young leaders will pave the way for better food standards and a reform on the current procedures at hand. While our nation's system of preserving the health of our citizens is one of the best in the world, I think more could be done to secure our future food supplies for generations to come.

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How to stick to your new years resolutions

The holidays have come and gone, and this week marks the third week in 2009. We are all finally getting back into the swing of our life post-break with school and work schedules. One thing many of us have trouble sticking to and getting used to, though, are those new years resolutions.



Claire Gallam
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When the clock strikes twelve, everyone is toasting to a New Year and is blurting out resolutions they hope to keep. But when the month of January ends, many of those resolutions disappear.

According to USA.gov, the number one new years resolution that is made is to lose weight. The holidays bring with them lots of junk food, sweets, and alcohol, all of which add to inches on the waistline. Heather Atha, an employee of the RAC, sees this resolution's enthusiasm quickly fade once January ends.

"It's always packed in the beginning of January, but once February comes around, the crowds have really died down," Atha said.

One piece of advice I received in terms of working out and staying in shape that I have distilled in my mind is to look at a work out as something

you want to do, not have to do. If you think of it as something that has to be done, it is more likely to be avoided or thought of as a chore.

Also finding a work out buddy or a friend to confide in about work out goals makes keeping on track and staying motivated much easier.

Another resolution that is made every year involves getting out of debt.

With many people losing their jobs or getting wage decreases and cut backs, many are having to rely solely on credit to pay for necessities, which not only adds to personal debt, but adds to the growing debt of the nation.

The best way to manage debt and not add to it involves making a budget. If you are getting your wages cut substantially, a budget can help keep frivolous spending on the decline and to ensure you can pay for what you need.

According to USA.gov, if you contact the creditors before your account has been turned over to debt collectors, most times they will be happy to find a payment plan that works for you.

Another resolution that is always top at the list involves quitting smoking. With many new states implementing no smoking laws in bars, restaurants, and many public places, the number of people wanting to quit smoking is on the rise.

There are also many over the counter nicotine suppressants, including patches and gum, that are not too expensive and work well.



WEEKLY BUZZ

Monday, January 26th

Student Leadership & Civic Engagement

LeaderShape Information Session 4:30 p.m. Russell Union 2084

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"Marketing Your Leadership Skills"

RU 2041 5:30 to 6:30pm

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Student Leadership & Civic Engagement Leadership Week Movie: Apollo 13

7:00 p.m. Union Theater

The true story of the moon-bound mission that developed severe trouble and the men that rescued it with skill and dedication, featuring the story of our Keynote Speaker, Captain James Lovell. Office of Student Leadership & Civic Engagement The event is Free <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/leadership/>



Tuesday, January 27th

"Effective Communication Within Your Student Organization"

RU 2041 5:30 to 6:30pm

"In this highly interactive session, you will learn some great tips for communicating, ensuring group members understand objectives and goals set for the organization. We will also share some activities you can take back to help facilitate better communication between members."

Event is FREE!!!!!!

Wednesday, January 28th

RELIGIOUS FAIR

11:00 am – 2:00 pm ~ Russell Union Commons

Stop by to learn about different faith groups in this informational fair. Each religion present will have an information table and representatives to talk about their religion.

Lunch discussion on Leadership and Team Dynamics,

facilitated by Dr. Charlie Hardy, Dean, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health. Free lunch served to the first 25 students.

Union 2048, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Captain James Lovell

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Performing Arts Center, 6:30 p.m.

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Session B: *Now that I Have my Education, How do I get a Job?* Michael Washington, Wal-Mart, RU 2084

11am-11:50am

- Session A: *Résumé Writing*, Ryan Jacobsma, Target Stores, RU 2080
Session B: *Financial Planning for your Future*, Dr. Godfrey Gibbison, COBA, RU 2084

12pm-12:50pm

- Session A: *Résumé Writing*, Ryan Jacobsma, Target Stores, RU 2080
Session B: *Federal Job Search*, Shirley Cheek, Army Corps of Engineers, RU 2084

1pm-1:50pm

- Session A: *Understanding your Benefits Package*, Amy Brown, Dept. of Labor RU 2080
Session B: *Now that I Have my Education, How do I get a Job?* Michael Washington, Wal-Mart, RU 2084

2pm-2:50pm

- Session A: *Understanding your Benefits Package*, Amy Brown, Dept. of Labor RU 2080
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You must register in advance to attend by Friday, February 6, 2009!

Please register online at: <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/career> and click on the Life Planning Conference button on the left menu. If you have any questions, please call 912-478-5197 for more information.

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Universities offering more financial aid Recession leaves many students in dire need of extra aid

By Mark Beavers

Staff Writer

With the economy in its current state, many universities are increasing the amount of financial aid rewarded to students.

St. Mary's University of Minnesota is raising money to increase its Brother James Miller Program for Access, a program that helps low to middle class students afford tuition.

Northern Illinois University recently started a financial aid program called the Huskie Advantage which is geared toward working class families trying to send their children to college.

"We had a lot of working class families whose students wanted to attend a four year research university," Assistant Vice Provost for Enrollment Services at Northern Illinois University Brent Gage said.

Gage said these families were not able to send their students because of risky borrowing situations.

He said that the current economy was one of the reasons why the program was created.

NIU students that are Illinois residents, eligible for the federal Pell Grant and taking part in the

Huskie Advantage program have their costs of tuition met, said Gage.

"I think universities need to look at who their students are," said Gage referring to schools that are considering similar programs. "Universities need to look at levels of unmet need that make attending school difficult. You have to really find something that fits your students."

According to Ellen Seel, Assistant Director of Student Affairs in the Office of Financial Aid, 80 percent of Georgia Southern University students receive financial aid.

In the 2006 - 2007 academic year Georgia Southern students received over \$35 million from state funded academic scholarships and grant programs.

However, due to the recession, more aid may be needed to help students at GSU afford school.

Seel said there is federal legislation pending to increase financial aid.

"It's rough right now for everybody," the Financial Aid Department's Director of Student Affairs Connie Murphey said.

Murphey said that GSU has increased the number of recipients of financial aid every year.

Top Movies of 2008

2008 was a great year for film, and with Awards season upon us, we found it appropriate to compile lists of the Top 5 films we saw over the year. Granted, some films weren't available to us, but the films we've included are among the most enjoyable of the year, in our opinion.

Jonathan's Top 5

#1 The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

David Fincher ("Se7en", "Fight Club"), has created his masterpiece with "Benjamin Button." With a screenplay by Eric Roth ("Forrest Gump"), spectacular performances from the entire cast and groundbreaking special effects, this simple tale of a man that ages backwards is absolutely indelible and unmissable! You'll find yourself hard pressed to come away from "Benjamin Button" and not be moved by its beauty, its imagination, and all that it has to say about life.

#2 The Dark Knight

By now, you've undoubtedly heard of Christopher Nolan's "Batman Begins" sequel, and with good reason - it's a masterpiece. Darker, grittier, and far more complex than the original, "The Dark Knight" is arguably the best superhero movie to date, and one of the all-around best films in recent memory. Not to mention that Heath Ledger's unforgettable performance as the Joker is one that will go down in history.

#3 Wall-E

It's no secret that Pixar knows how to tell one heck of a story, and with "Wall-E" they've reached a new level of mastery. Arguably their darkest and most thematically complex film to date, "Wall-E" is an absolute gem that will appeal to all ages. Not only is it one of the most technically impressive animated films to date, but it's also one of the most important films of the past decade.

#4 Hellboy 2: The Golden Army

Guillermo Del Toro ("Pan's Labyrinth") is a true wizard of the imagination, and with "Hellboy 2: The Golden Army," his follow-up to the 2004 original, he proves it. This is an adventure story through and through, and as such, it's not completely unlike other films in the genre. What truly differentiates "Hellboy 2" is its visual style. It is at one moment weird, at another beautiful, but at all times grand and unforgettable. You have never seen anything like this!

#5 Kung Fu Panda

I'm surely going to get heckled for this one, but when looking back on all the films I've seen from 2008, few were as entertaining as "Kung Fu Panda." Jack Black leads an all-star cast as a big, bumbling panda named "Po" who dreams of becoming a Kung Fu master. At its core, this is a familiar tale about an outsider trying to fit in, but what elevates "Kung Fu Panda" is its endearing characters, its often hysterical sense of humor and wit, and some of the most beautiful and flowing animation this side of a Pixar film.



Ryan's Top 5

#1 The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

Easily the top film of 2008, "Benjamin Button" is a beautiful meditation on love, life, and the way we live it, all wrapped in a wonderful fantasy of a man aging backwards. Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett give amazing performances as Benjamin and Daisy, and David Fincher's direction is subtle and very effective. There's also not enough that can be said about the visual effects of the film, which are stunning achievements in themselves. Overall, this is a wonderful achievement that deserves every accolade it gets, and even more.

#2 Milk

Almost tied for the #1 spot on my list, "Milk" is an inspiring and extremely timely film about civil rights and having the courage to never back down. Sean Penn gives his best performance in years as the spirited Harvey Milk, and deserves an Oscar nomination at the least. Director Gus Van Sant captures the feeling of 1970's San Francisco perfectly, and hasn't directed a film this alive since "Good Will Hunting." Overall, while the film is amazing by itself, the message it carries will resonate far after it's been viewed. The film is a cry for tolerance and equality, and it's a masterful one.

#3 The Dark Knight

Spectacular in every sense of the word, "The Dark Knight" is not only the best film of its kind, but is a fantastic crime thriller that's wrapped in a great morality play. Every player brings their A-games to the film, and Christopher Nolan ups the ante both in the action and the narrative. It also goes without saying that this was Heath Ledger's crowning performance, and he deserves to be nominated, let alone win an Oscar for his eccentric and chilling performance as the Joker. Overall, this film surpassed huge expectations, and managed to be one of the most entertaining films of the year.

#4 Wall-E

I could attribute enjoying this film so much to my inner child, but the fact is that despite it being a children's film, "WALL-E" is a stunning science fiction parable about our world and the way we treat it. It raises many strong points about how we abuse our planet, and where we could be in 700 years which, in my opinion, the results weren't too hard to fathom. On top of this, the film carries a sense of wonder and beauty to the proceedings, and the romance between WALL-E and EVE is touching and charming. Overall, it's the best animated film of the year, and I loved every second of it.

#5 In Bruges

While it may not have been on many people's radar this past year, "In Bruges" is a smart, dramatic, and funny film about two hitmen hiding out in, well, Bruges (it's in Belgium). Colin Farrell, Brendan Gleeson, and Ralph Fiennes give great performances as the three hitmen, and Martin MacDonagh directs the film with style and biting wit. I'm a stickler for British films, and this one is immensely entertaining, and it's one that I've gone back and visited many times already. It also makes me want to visit Bruges...just a little bit.

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Braz's Bells: The Man Behind the Campus Chimes

By Chris Buchanan

Editor-in-chief

When students walk down the pedestrian in the mid-morning, they may be surprised to find out that all of the music coming from high atop Henderson Library isn't coming from a large bell tower. It may come as even more of a surprise that the music is in fact a live performance from one of Georgia Southern's top music professors.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, Michael Braz takes the trek to the fourth floor of the library to a small room where he has set up shop.

"It's actually a converted closet, but it makes a very nice tiny little studio," he said.

The bell system, known as a digital Carillon, spent much of the year being stored in the Automated Retrieval Collection (ARC) during the library renovations, but had been returned to its home on the top floor of Henderson shortly after completion.

Though digital, the Carillon system is actually made by the same companies that make the more traditional ones which can weigh several tons.

According to Braz the system in Henderson has samples of three different sets – one for melody,

one for accompaniment, and still another for the hourly chimes.

Over the years, Braz has been in charge of not only playing the music, but also choosing it and in many cases actually writing the arrangements.

"They need to be able to work on Carillon, so that means taking things and rearranging them and making them not quite as complex because if too much is going on it sounds confusing when you try to interpret it with bells," he said.

An avid listener and player of several types of music, Braz has chosen pieces ranging from classical to the Beatles, but almost always ends the mini-concert with the Alma Mater.

"The only time I didn't finish the set with the Alma Mater was I think one or two concerts right after 9-11. I just felt it would be more appropriate to put some other things in there," Braz said.

According to Braz, the bells were introduced to campus by President Bruce Grube near the beginning of his tenure.

"Dr. Grube, in his prior university, was instrumental in them obtaining a set of Carillon and he decided that they would enhance the campus atmosphere," Braz said.

"It's kind of a unifying factor just hearing these

particular sounds all over campus," he said.

Braz set on a committee charged by Grube with choosing the system and was later asked to perform.

He explained that he got the opportunity largely because he had the time available.

"Everybody around here is already so strung-out in terms of their own assignments and everything else that they do right now and I find it a very relaxing part of the week," he said.

During his time playing the bells at Georgia Southern University, Braz remembered one funny moment stemming from the unusual French name of the bells.

"When we first started I actually heard the classical music station in Savannah – the NPR station – call it carrion," Braz said.

Braz said he wasn't sure if they were referring to luggage or dead meat.

Braz's love of music stemmed from an early age



Chris Buchanan/STAFF

when he started playing in junior high. Through his time in school Braz was a part of choral and band music. Only a few years after taking up piano, Braz derived the ability to play by ear.

"I remember the very first tune I played was Louie, Louie," he said.

Braz said that this ability helped him significantly through his music career. In fact, several of the music books in his office contain pages that offer only the name of the song. The rest is filled in by Braz's ability and imagination.

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Search for the dean of CLASS continued Wednesday at Russell Union



Brandilyn Brown/STAFF

By Shannon Knepp

News Editor

The search for the new dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences is continuing with interviews with many qualified candidates.

On Wednesday, January 20, Michael Smith from the University of South Carolina came to talk to CLASS students in an open forum about what he could do for their college.

Seven students, including three from the CLASS student advisory board, came to ask the potential new dean questions concerning the future of their college [and GSU].

One of the major questions brought up by students was the future of the college. When asked what he saw for the future of the college, Smith addressed the economic issues the college faces.

"When you loose money, the first thing you do as an administrator is try and get it back" Smith said.

Smith also addressed some of his duties as a dean, including building some of the departments up. He told the students that as CLASS dean, he

would see what departments are strong, and which are weak. From there, we would work to support the strong departments, and build up the weaker departments.

The main goal of this potential dean is change and unity for all departments of CLASS.

"The whole idea of moving a department forward is moving a department forward together," Smith said when asked if he would encourage the departments to work together.

Smith is currently the Department Chair of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of South Carolina and has been for the past two years.

Smith is also a graduate from the USC Law School. He has taught at several different colleges, including Virginia Commonwealth.

Smith is the second candidate applying for the job of CLASS dean to come to the college and talk to students.

The candidate to come was Laurence Alexander who came and talked to students last Wednesday, January 14.

Two other candidates will be speaking at GSU, the next being Tuesday, January 26.

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CALENDAR

Thursday, 22

Time: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Event: Internationalizing The Curriculum

Location: Russell Union 2041

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Event: Women's & Gender Studies

Location: Russell Union 2073

Time: 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Event: SCA Meeting

Location: Russell Union 2043

Time: 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Event: AALG General Body Meeting

Location: Russell Union 2042

Time: 7:20 - 9 p.m.

Event: Z-Hope: GSU Slice Of Politics

Location: Russell Union 2044

Time: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Event: Carolina Chocolate Drops

Location: Performing Arts Center

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.

Event: Movie: W

Location: Russell Union Theatre

Friday, 23

Time: 8 - 10:30 a.m.

Event: Internationalizing The Curriculum

Location: Russell Union 2042

Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Event: Research Pittaway

Location: IT Classroom 1206

Time: 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Event: Women's Summit Planning Meeting

Location: Russell Union 2001C

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Event: Conversation Hour

Location: Russell Union Ballroom B

Time: 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Event: Academic Affairs/Faculty Luncheon

Location: Nessmith Lane Ballroom

Time: 2 - 4 p.m.

Event: Student Teacher Workdays

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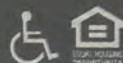
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POLICE BEAT

Friday, 16, 2009

A Georgia Southern University golf cart was reported missing from Southern Courtyard. It was found behind a business on Chandler Road.

Matthew Thomas Versola, 18, Eagle Village, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and manufacturing marijuana.

Saturday, 17, 2009

Officers issued two traffic citations, two traffic warnings, responded to a report of an unruly juvenile at the Henderson Library and a fight at Eagle Village.

A cell phone and a charger were taken from a vehicle at the Wiggins Complex.

William Stevie Reaves Jr., 39, Wolf Pen Lane, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

Sunday, 18, 2009

Officers issued three traffic warnings, assisted three motorists and responded to five alarms.

A door was damaged at Southern Pines.

Elizabeth Marie Seago, 19, Campus Club, was charged with DUI and making an improper turn.

Ryan Walker Johns, 22, Echo Way, was charged with public intoxication.

Monday, 19, 2009

Officers issued six traffic citations, three traffic warnings, assisted one motorist and responded to three alarms.

A jacket was taken from Kennedy Hall.

Peter Tillman Jones, 18, Southern Pines, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and possession of marijuana.

Brooke Marie Mannino, 18, Four Seasons Drive, Marietta, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

Brian Charles Finnegan, 19, Southern Pines, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and criminal trespass.

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
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Library celebrates changes with ribbon cutting

By Anthony Visintainer

Guest Writer

Since the summer of 2004, the Zach S. Henderson Library has been the site of constant construction and renovation. Construction is now finished, and the staff of the Library are glad it's all over.

"It's been four-and-a-half years of basically working in a construction zone," said Dean of the Library Dr. W. Bede Mitchell.

Now, those years have come to an end. A ribbon-cutting has been scheduled to take place on Jan. 21st at 2 p.m. to celebrate GSU's expanded Library.

The improvements made over this four-and-a-half year period are many and welcome. The Library was not originally built to accommodate the amount of technology that is necessary for academics today, and it was running out of space for studying and book storage.

The new additions have been made to fix both of these problems. The technology is now more advanced than most public libraries, said Dr. Mitchell, and the Library won't be needing more bookspace for at least another seventy years.

This is largely thanks to the state-of-the-art Automated Retrieval System, which takes up about 86% less floorspace than traditional storage methods. Furthermore, students won't have to worry about finding room to read or study: the library now seats nearly 2000, and has almost twice as much floorspace as before.

Much of the new floor space is an area called the Learning Commons, where students are encour-

aged to work on group projects and collaborate with faculty.

Other additions include 26 presentation rooms, where students can go to practice upcoming presentations. Three of these are specifically for graduate students.

Even though the expansions and renovations off the Henderson Library have technically been completed since late last semester, the ribbon cutting was postponed until after Winter Break. This was mainly because of finals.

The library was also waiting for the last shipment of furniture to arrive.

Ribbon cutting has a tradition of sorts here at Georgia Southern. "It's always been a great way to celebrate something new on campus," says Dr. Mitchell.

A number of other buildings have celebrated expansions and new openings with ribbon cuttings: a few examples are the RAC in 2007, the Nursing and Chemistry building in 2004, and the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building in 2002.

At the upcoming event, the ribbon will be hung across the staircase leading up into the Learning Commons area, and will be cut by President Grube, Provost Linda Bleicken, Vice President of Business and Finance Ron Core, and the Dean of the Library, Bede Mitchell. Tours of the Library and refreshments will be offered after the ceremony. All faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to attend.

For more information on the Learning Commons and other new areas, visit

<http://gasouthernlearningcommons.pbwiki.com/>

NATIONAL NEWS

Obama calls for unity and responsibility in inaugural address

McClatchy News Service

President Barack Obama used his inaugural address to stake out a new moral high ground for America in the eyes of the world and to parlay his ascendance as America's first black president into a call for ethnic and religious unity.

"Because we have tasted the bitter swirl of civil war and segregation and emerged from that dark chapter stronger and more united, we cannot help but believe that the old hatreds shall someday pass," Obama said in one of the most sweeping passages of his 19-minute speech on Tuesday.

He predicted that "the lines of tribe shall soon dissolve, that as the world grows smaller, our common humanity shall reveal itself and that America must play its role in ushering in a new era of peace."

In electing him, he said, America had "chosen hope over fear."

By turns an ode to optimism, a somber acknowledgment of harsh economic realities and an implicit

rebuke to former President George W. Bush, Obama's address wove between demanding a new course for the United States and a reckoning for the policies of his predecessor.

"We reject as false the choice between our safety and our ideals," he said in one implicit criticism of Bush. He vowed to the world that "we are ready to lead once more."

One recurring theme was how difficult America's problems are, even as he vowed to tackle them: "They are serious and they are many. They will not be met easily or in a short span of time. But know this America, they will be met."

Obama said that Americans had put off unpleasant decisions for too long, and that the time has come to "pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and begin again the work of remaking America," he said.

He repeatedly spoke directly to the world abroad "You are on the wrong side of history," but added, "We will extend a hand if you are willing to unclench your fist."



Special Photo

Hamas reasserts control in Gaza

McClatchy News Service

Hamas officials emerged from weeks in hiding Monday for a defiant "victory celebration" with their supporters outside the gutted parliament-building, the latest sign that Israel's three week assault neither broke the militant Islamist group nor weakened its control of the Gaza Strip.

Entire neighborhoods and practically all government buildings are in ruin, but Hamas police officers were on the streets, assuring Palestinians that they'd rebuild the coastal territory, home to 1.5 million.

Hamas operatives were also passing out cash payments to some of the thousands of families who lost their homes.

"We are here," said Fawzi Barhoum, a Hamas spokesman.

"Hamas political and military leaders are with the civilians. We are with the people. This is the victory of

Hamas against the occupation."

He spoke as U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon visited Gaza and a U.N. compound still smoldering from an Israeli attack and pronounced the destruction "shocking and alarming."

More than 1,300 Palestinians, many of them women and children, were killed, and 5,000 homes were destroyed as Israeli forces tried to cripple Hamas.

The cease-fire, however, held for the third straight day with no major skirmishes.

Since Hamas came to power, Israel has imposed a near-total blockade of Gaza in an attempt to squeeze the group, which it accused of launching thousands of rockets into Israeli territory during the past eight years.

Hamas leaders signaled that they intend to control the reconstruction effort, which early estimates have put at \$1.5 billion.



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Chris Buchanan/STAFF



Charles Minshew/STAFF

Inauguration Day at GSU and D.C.

Left and Bottom: Georgia Southern students gather in the Union to witness the Inauguration of the 44th President of the United States.

Right: GSU student Charles Minshew traveled to D.C. to witness the historical event.



Chris Buchanan/STAFF

String band Carolina Chocolate Drops to perform at PAC Thursday

By Ben Carroll

Staff writer

Tonight at 7:30, the Carolina Chocolate Drops, an African-American String Band, will be performing at the Performing Arts Center.

The members of the Carolina Chocolate Drops, or the Drops for short, include Dom Flemons, from Arizona, Justin Robinson, from North Carolina, and Rhiannon Giddens, also from North Carolina.

The members met at the Black Banjo Gathering at Appalachian State University in the Fall of 2005.

This is the Drops first performance at Georgia Southern. They have performed all across America and have toured in Canada and Europe. Last year, they played about 100-150 gigs.

The main commonality of the three artists in the Drops is their passion of keeping tradition of their type of music.

"In the 19th century, blues and country separated their music styles, but the roots of the two genres are the exact same. The roots of these styles is what drives the Drops," said Denise Duffy who is one of the managers of the Drops.

The Drops joined the Music Maker Relief

Foundation in the spring of 2006. According to their website, musicmaker.org, The Music Maker Foundation "helps the true pioneers and forgotten heroes of Southern music gain recognition and meet their day to day needs."

The Drops are among 250 plus southern rooted artists that the Music Maker Relief Foundation manages. The foundation helps all of these artists who are 50 years old and above with basic needs, such as food. Music Maker will be celebrating their 15th anniversary this April.

"The Carolina Chocolate Drops provide a wonderful bridge to the past to both blues and country," said Duffy.

One of their major supporters is Joe Thomas. He is an 80 year old man who helps the Drops master their music.

Thomas helps them with both their bow techniques and their songs. "For the first two to three year of the band, they visited Joe about 1-2 times a week," said Duffy.

The tickets are being sold for \$25 to students and \$22 for patrons and can be sold at the door.

For more information on the Carolina Chocolate Drops, or for music information, visit to the foundation's web site or call the foundation at (919)643-2456.



Special Photo

CRI holds Spring Break 'Training Camp'

By Mark Beavers

Staff writer

Students looking to lose some of holiday weight might be interested in a limited time class being offered at the RAC. CRI is offering a new fitness class for students looking to shed a few pounds before Spring Break.

The program, Spring Break Training Camp, starts tonight and will run for eight weeks every Wednesday night from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room on the second floor of the RAC.

"The goal is to basically get people back into working out after the break and get them back into their Spring Break bodies," CRI Public Relations Assistant Emma Knight said.

Knight said that this is the second year they have offered the program, and both men and women can participate. Each week participants will have a different workout routine to help shape their bodies.

"There was an interest (in having the program), more so for girls getting ready to go to the beach so they can feel more comfortable in their bodies," Knight said.

Students can sign up for the course at the member services desk in the RAC. The training camp will cost students \$10 to register, but that fee does include a t-shirt.

The class is limited to 30 participants. Knight said that about 15 students have already signed up, so students looking to get involved should act quickly.

"It's a good opportunity for students to have a scheduled workout," Knight said.

For students who are tight on cash or wanting to go at their own pace, the RAC also offers various fitness classes to help students get in shape. These classes are included in the RAC fee students pay with their tuition.

Some of these classes include spin classes, yoga, pilates, awesome abs, aqua sculpt, and boxing.

The RAC offers anywhere from two to six classes a day, going from 6:15 a.m. to 9:20 p.m.

For those looking to lose more than just a few pounds, the RAC is offering their yearly "Biggest Loser" competition. According to the RAC website, the contest must be a GSU student, willing to dedicate five hours or more per week, and must lose at least 20 pounds.

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Forest Drive to become student walkway

Students and buses are set to share the new pedestrian

By Sarah Goodwin
Staff Writer

Forest Drive and Georgia Avenue are in the works of becoming GSU's new pedestrian.

"It is still in the planning stage. It's on the master plan," Chuck Taylor said, the director of the project.

The plan for the pedestrian is to make Georgia Avenue, which is in front of Landrum and all the way down Forest Drive into a walkway for students.

The pedestrian will be half walkway for students and half bus lane.

This improvement will not affect the transit system as the bus will be running the same route it does currently according to Parking and Transportation director, Bob Chambers.

However, Forest Drive will no longer be open to public traffic.

This project has been in the works since at least 2004, where it was brought up in the President's Personnel Advisory Meeting on December 1.

This new improvement will cause the loss of the Carruth building parking lot and the 41 faculty and staff parking spots located behind COBA and Newton according to the Faculty Senate Meeting

in March 2003.

This project, which was originally planned to be underway in fall 2005, is currently on the construction list, but does not have a estimated starting or ending date.

"This project is still in the process of planning and getting funding issues resolved," said Taylor.

According to Taylor, the committee does not have a schedule or a final plan. It is still pending and nothing has been approved as of yet and funding is still a major issue for this project.

As of Fall 2008 the conceptual designs for the pedestrian were being prepared for a presentation to the administration.

The plans for Spring 2009 are to finalize the conceptualized plans and begin the construction documents, according to the Physical Plant projects list.

The most recent pedestrian constructed on campus was on the section of pavement on Georgia Avenue in front of the Biology building and the Math and Physics Building.

This constructed began in June of 2008 and was completed in November of 2008. Taylor was also the building manager for this project.

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Ceramics lot open to hold RAC parking overflow

By Sarah Goodwin
Staff Writer

The parking lot behind the ceramics building is now being used as an overflow parking lot from the RAC parking lot.

According to Bob Chambers, the director for the Parking and Transportation Department, the ceramics lot will be opened after 4:00 p.m. to students without permits.

This lot is the closest parking lot to the RAC, according to Chambers, and is only about a five minute walk from the lot up to the RAC.

"I think the lot should be a first come first serve lot," said one art major. "It is close to the RAC which is free, but it costs like \$130."

"Maybe if they wouldn't overcharge for parking passes maybe I wouldn't be annoyed about it and more people would buy them to park there," said

art major Brianna Barnett.

Because of the project load and demands for art majors, this parking lot is constantly in use. "I'm in art classes and I've gotten numerous tickets to park there," said Barnett.

"It's so frustrating. It's not an art parking lot but if they made it one it would be easier for us. I'm just annoyed."

"The ceramics lot is physically closer to the RAC than the Paulson Stadium parking lot," said Chambers.

Another overflow lot that is available to students is the M.C.

Anderson Multiplex lot by the RAC Pavilion off of Old Register Road by the 301 Bypass.

This lot is closer to the RAC, but for students who are not familiar with campus, this lot can be hard to find according to Chambers. This is a free lot for students and is available all day for overflow parking.



Chris Buchanan/STAFF

Student journalists discuss media bias

By Chris Buchanan

Editor in chief

Media bias was front and center Wednesday when Student Media and the Multicultural Student Center held their first joint panel discussion with students.

The panel discussion entitled "Cultural Biases in the Media: Perceptions of Media Groups being Biased," dealt with issues of cultural and gender discrimination in media broadcasts, news coverage, commercial, and the job market.

Bias itself was also discussed in depth.

"Whenever a person creates something even if its fiction or fact, there is some sort of bias in that person's head and sometimes that bleeds out onto the paper," said George-Anne Sports Editor Jessica Martin.

Members of the panel included two MSC representatives and three representatives from the office of Student Media. All panel mem-

bers currently work for some form of media publication.

Students in the audience offered several follow-up questions as well as some solutions to the problems with bias they saw in the industry.

Coastal Courier reporter and Georgia Southern Alum Frenchi Jones pointed out the importance of diversity in solving such problems.

"It is so important for all the faces of our country to be represented not just in the staff of newspapers and television stations but especially in the editorial boards and publishers because they are the gatekeepers of information and they decide what's important," she said.

Moderator and George-Anne Managing editor of news Claire Gallam saw the idea as a success.

"It gave students on campus who may not have known about student media more information about us and about how they could get involved in changing their world," she said.



Chris Buchanan/STAFF

Eagle Dining to introduce new composting project

By Ben Carroll

Staff Writer

Starting on February 16th and extending to March 13th, the Eagle Dining Service is going to start their pilot composting initiative, where the official goal is to "acquire baseline information needed for determining the feasibility of a sustainable composting operation at Georgia Southern University."

With the current situation, Georgia Southern has no special recycling process, but this project could jump start a major new "green" development at Georgia Southern.

"In the waste that the students leave on their plate, about 80 percent of the waste is compostable. The compostable waste can be used for fertilizers for any agricultural set-up, whether it's a farm or the flower beds around campus," said Tripp Eldridge, Graduate Student at the GSU Botanical Garden.

This project is only going to be done at Landrum.

The pilot will give the Dining Service a great chance for knowing whether or not they will have the capabilities to set-up the system at all the Dining services around campus.

The goal of this project is based on the success of this pilot program.

In the project outline, it states that the variables such as the "labor, equipment, materials, training, contamination, and transportation" will be some of the main areas that a feasibility study will observe.

A feasibility study will also categorize the waste

from the other dining services to see if a compost project will be effective.

The system of this compost project will start with the support of the employees.

"When a student finishes their meal, they will put it on the conveyer belt in Landrum," explains Alli Harper, the administrative/marketing assistant for the project, "Behind the scenes; the employees will sort the waste into compostable trash bags, so it takes the support of the employees to make more effort."

This waste will pass through the hands of the following organizations; Southern Disposal, Longwood Plantation, and the Georgia Southern Botanical Garden.

"Bob Miller, the general manager of Landrum, and his employees are very supportive of this environmental effort," said Jeff Yawn, the director of Eagle Dining Services. "We have so much support for this project from university staff and other organizations."

Some of the other main supporters of this project are Dr. Lorne Wolfe, Co-President of the Compost project, Dr. Lissa Legee, Professor of Biology, Bryan Hooks, Head of Grounds Maintenance, Monique Dipple, Environmental Sustainability Manager, and Aaron Herlocker, a SAGE student representative.

"To have so many people involved with this project gives the project the highest possibility of success," said Yawn. "As students, anyone can vocalize their opinion for the project and eat as much as you can at Landrum so the success of the project can be measured."

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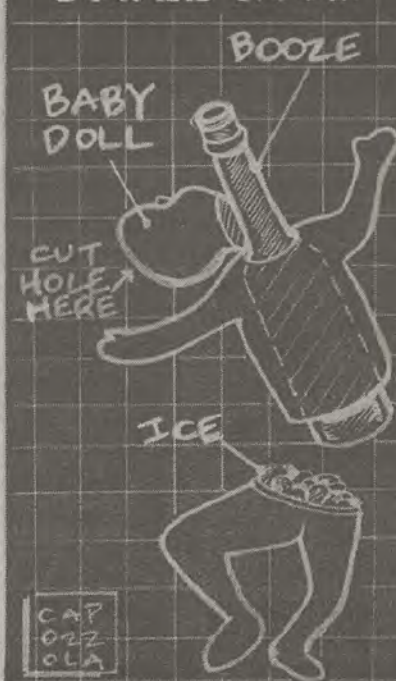
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Georgia Southern student in *Mamma's Boy*

By Mark Beavers

Staff Writer

Georgia Southern students watching the reality series *Mamma's Boys* may have noticed a familiar face or two among the cast.

Mamma's Boys, which finished airing with the season finale last Monday night, placed 32 girls in a house together to compete for the affection of 3 boys and their moms.

At the end of the series after eliminating most of the competing girls, each boy chose their perfect woman.

22-year-old Senior General Studies major Mindy Finney was not only one of the 32 women competing for the affection of one of the three boys but also a finalist chosen by one of the boys, Jojo Bojanowski, as his "perfect girl."

Finney said she heard about the auditions for the show through a sorority sister.

She made the cut and moved into a mansion in Santa Barbara, California along with the other 31 girls.

The finalists ended up competing for the three boys in the Virgin Islands.

There after the three boys each picked a girl, the couples spent three days together without the

moms when the series ended.

Finney said she stays in touch with the boy who picked her.

"I've talked to him everyday. Right now we are just friends," Finney said.

Seeing herself on TV was weird at first, Finney said.

"It was very surreal."

Finney thinks being on the reality series was an amazing opportunity.

"It was the most amazing experience in my entire life. I was able to come out of my shell."

Finney, who was on the 2007 Homecoming Court at GSU, plans to graduate this May.

"I want to do something with marketing or promotions either in Atlanta or L.A.," she said of her future aspirations.

Finney was not the only cast member on *Mamma's Boys* familiar with Georgia Southern.

Callie Stilwell, another one of the contestants who was eliminated earlier in the series, also attended GSU, and contestant Madeleine Aseron, who was also eliminated, is from Statesboro.

"I didn't know anybody (on the series) before the show," Finney said.

Finney said that the show helped her make friends with people across the country.

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Track and Field open season at UNC Classic

By Jessica Martin
Sports editor

The Georgia Southern Track and Field team begins the 2008-2009 season on Saturday at the UNC Classic.

Last season, the Eagles placed third in the Southern Conference Indoor Championship and third in the SoCon Outdoor Championship. The team brought home four SoCon event titles and sent six athletes to the NCAA East Regional Competition.

"Everywhere we compete, we think our season is going to be great," said Head Coach Natalie Smith.

The team will compete in four invitational tournaments before the SoCon Indoor Championship during the weekend of Feb. 28. After the UNC Classic in Chapel Hill, N.C. the team will be competing in the Niswonger Classic in Tennessee the next weekend.

"We have a lot of talent but also a lot of heart," said Smith.

Three major returning players for the Lady Eagles are sophomore Lynnndsey Hyter (sprint/jump), junior Melanie Trumbo (multi), and junior Shaunta Hamilton (jumps), according to Smith.

"I really see them carrying a big part of the team this year," said Smith.

Hyter was one of the six to compete in the East Regionals last year, placing thirteenth in the Triple Jump, and recording a career best in the SoCon Indoor Championship. She was named All-Conference (outdoor) in the Triple Jump and 100m Hurdles at the end of the season.

Trumbo received All-Conference honors in High Jump (both indoor and outdoor), Pentathlon (indoor), and Heptathlon (outdoor). She also entered the GSU record books for multiple events.

Hamilton also went to the East Regionals and placed twenty-third in Triple Jump and fifteenth in the Long Jump. She was named All-Conference in Long Jump in both indoor and outdoor.

Smith also anticipates a breakout season

from returners senior London Ryles (sprints) and junior Laura Fuller (distance). Kassi Lee (Casey). Two freshman, Morgan Jefferson (sprints) and Sarah Herndon (throws) also stood out to Smith.

"They are really getting after it," said Smith.

GSU will be hosting its first invitational ever on Saturday, March 28.

"Everybody wants to host," said Smith, "We have one of the top tracks in the region. We have a great track surface and it will produce some great races."

But the Eagles won't stop there. GSU is also playing host to the SoCon Outdoor Championships this year, entering the rotation amongst the conference for the first time. The team will defend their home track April 25-26.

"There is no place like home," said Smith, "For the first time in the three years that GSU fans have been able to see our team... we are excited about the chance for the fans, classmates, and parents to see the girls."



GSU News Service
Shaunta Hamilton competes in a last season race. The junior is a player to watch for GSU.

Pack the House in Pink returns to GSU on Saturday



File Photo

Last year's "Pack the House" attendance earned GSU an NCAA award.

By Jeff Harrison
Guest writer

For a fourth consecutive year, the familiar blue and white colors of Georgia Southern University will be replaced by a sea of pink inside Hanner Fieldhouse.

On Saturday, January 24, Georgia Southern will once again join in the fight against breast cancer, by taking part in the NCAA's Division 1 "Pack the House" challenge.

According to the NCAA, GSU will be one of 291 colleges around the nation competing in this year's contest.

The event will begin with the Lady Eagles squaring off against UNC Greensboro at 3 p.m. and continue as the men face division rival Furman at 7 p.m.

Last year's promotion produced the fourth-largest crowd to ever attend a Georgia Southern women's basketball game and the seventh-largest for the men - the most in 16 years.

"We are hoping to surpass those numbers again this year," said John Ramfjord, assistant director of Eagle Sports Marketing.

Due to the success of last year's "Pink Out," Georgia Southern became a recipient of the first

"Pack the House Challenge Award" given out by the NCAA.

The school was one of 32 inaugural winners and was judged best in the Southern Conference. For their efforts, the university was awarded \$500 to donate to a non-profit organization of their choosing.

The money was given to the Women's Service League of Statesboro to aid their battle against breast cancer.

Along with Eagle Sports Marketing, GSU sororities Zeta Tau Alpha and Phi Mu will once again support and raise money for the event. Joining the sororities for the first time will be GSU fraternity Kappa Alpha Psi.

The three organizations will be selling T-shirts and raffle tickets to raise money for breast cancer research.

"The girls always put in a lot of work. They raise a lot of money and we couldn't put this on without them," said Ramfjord.

The day's activities will begin with the annual "Hanner Hooligan Tailgate" before the game, in the Hanner Fieldhouse parking lot.

All Georgia Southern students and ticket holders are invited to the tailgate, where free food and drinks will be given away.

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Twelve GSU athletes honored by SoCon



File Photo

Mark Beville (no. 8 in blue) kicks towards the goalkeeper (red). He would score on this play.

GSU soccer player among few with 4.0 GPA

By Thom Cunningham
Staff writer

The 2008 Academic All-Conference Team was recently released with numerous Georgia Southern representatives. The team consists of all Southern Conference student-athletes that have met detailed qualifications on the field and in the classroom.

Junior soccer player, Mark Beville, was one of the GSU student-athletes honored. Beville earned the highest GPA among SoCon student-athletes with a 4.0 for the Fall 2008 semester. Beville is only one of six in the conference to be honored.

"It is a very nice honor to be apart of the Academic All-Conference Team," said Beville, "It is a great award to receive and I'm proud."

Beville is an Economics major in the College of Business Administration.

"Its not like I study every night," said Beville, "I just manage my time very well. Good time management is key because I have so much to do and it helps me stay organized."

GSU men's soccer Head Coach Kevin Kennedy spoke highly of his athlete's accomplish-

ments.

"What makes Mark such a special kid is that he has maintained a 4.0 through his (junior) year here," said Kennedy, "He has started every game accept two. His ability to exercise his schedule around not only soccer, but school, tells you what type of kid he is and what he means to this team."

It should be noted that Beville's success helps support the idea that student-athletes can make the grades if desired, despite time constraints.

"I just try to lead by example," said Beville, "If other guys want to follow then that's okay, but if not, that's okay to."

Although Beville's 4.0 GPA is impressive, eleven other GSU student-athletes were named apart of the Academic All-Conference team.

In total, 166 student-athletes at GSU earned a 3.0 or better during the fall semester. All sports were represented amongst this list. Football had the largest number of players on the list.

58 of the 166 were named to the Dean's List (having a GPA of 3.5 or higher). Baseball lead all sports with student-athletes on the Dean's List and softball came in second.

Fall 2008 All Academic Student Athletes at GSU

In the seventh year of All-Academic Teams in the Southern Conference, twelve Georgia Southern student-athletes were selected. These athletes represent multiple Eagles sports and had to have a minimum of 3.2 and play in half of the team's games/events to be considered, according to the SoCon website.

Mark Beville (Economics)
Brett Layson (Business)
Adrian Mora (Business)
Daniel Smith (Exercise Science)
Michelle Uzoh (Undecided)
Laura Fuller (Chemistry)

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