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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS

Lovell success story recalled in lecture at PAC

By Mark Beavers

Staff writer

Captain James Lovell, Commander of the Apollo 13 space mission, gave an inspiring and insightful lecture at the Performing Arts Center Wednesday night.

In a time of uncertainty for many students facing graduating into a bleak job market, Lovell's recalling of his leadership and success during his darkest hours on the Apollo 13 mission sent a message to students that triumph is always possible, especially if we work hard to attain skills in and out of class.

"You probably don't realize it, but this is the best time of your lives," Lovell said to the students in the audience.

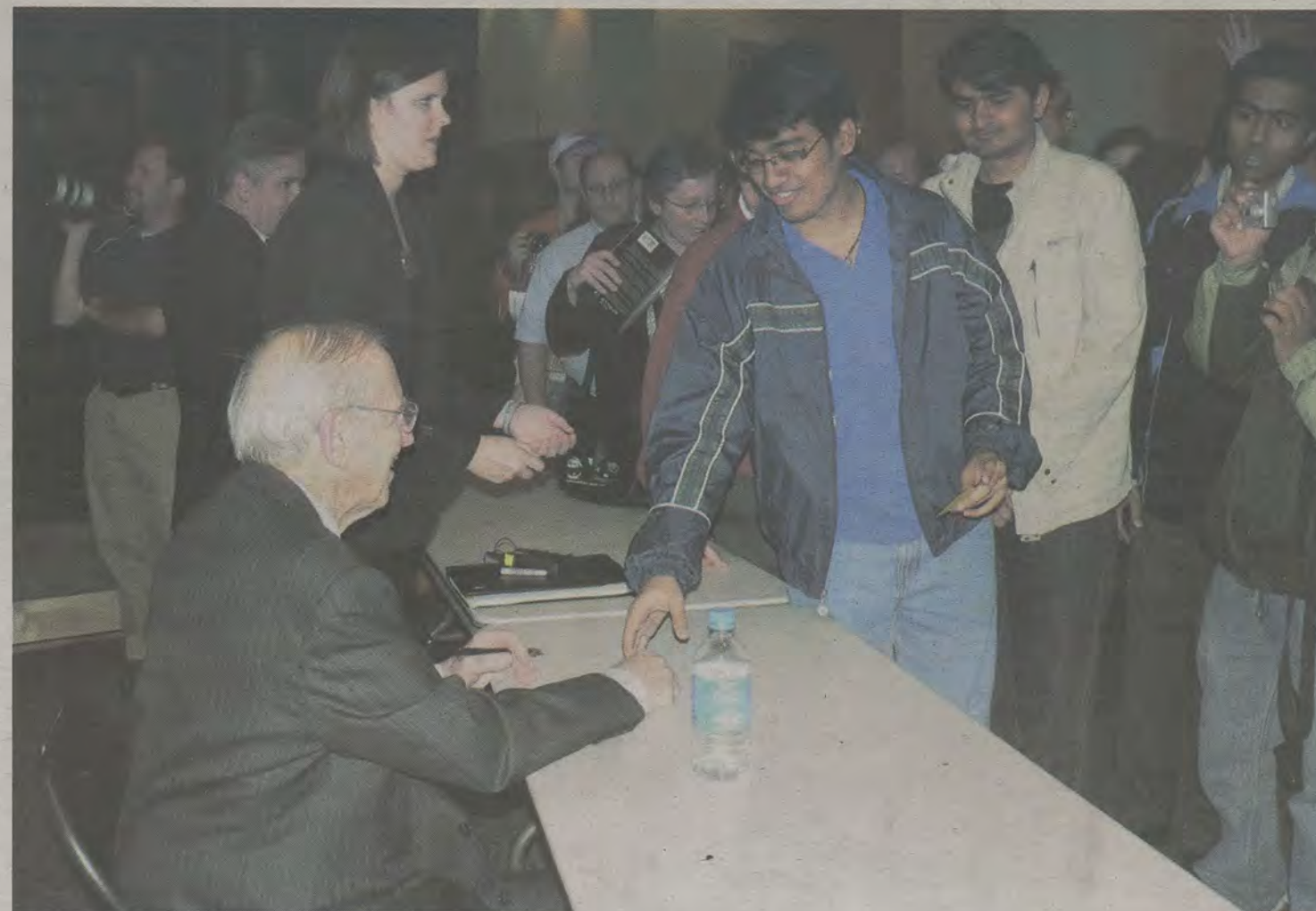
"Besides the academic training here, there are other things you should pick up and learn like leadership, teamwork, initiative...thinking outside the box."

Lovell said that all of these traits came into play during the Apollo 13 incident; an incident which was at first seen as a failure by NASA and according to Lovell, NASA did not realize the true success story of the mission until the Apollo 13 movie was being made.

He recalled the innovative techniques used by the crew and the people at Mission Control that brought the flight back safely.

To save enough energy to allow the crew to survive the trip back to Earth after an explosion severely damaged the space craft, Lovell and the two other crew members, Jack Swigert and Fred Haise, had to shut down the electronic systems on the ship, jerry-rig canisters from the lunar module to remove carbon dioxide, and navigate the ship manually without a guidance computer.

"We were flying by the seat of our pants," Lovell said. "Apollo 13 was a reality; a classic



Deborah Inskeep/STAFF

case of crisis management."

Lovell showed video footage, from space and mission control, of the actual Apollo 13 mission during his lecture. He narrated the silent film and added his own anecdotes about the experience.

"We were three nervous men trying to find out where to store urine for three days," Lovell said, referring to the fact that they could not

dump anything from the ship because Mission Control feared that doing so would send the ship off its return course.

"I think they (the people at NASA) very quietly tore up the very elaborate obituaries they had for us," Lovell said in reference to the crew's survival and arrival back to Earth.

"Always expect the unexpected, when things are going good, when you are in class and you

think you have the exams wired, look ahead. Something is coming down the pipe," said Lovell, noting that this was something he really learned and took to back from the mission.

"What's the moral of this story?" Lovell asked. "I shouldn't be here talking to you. I'm here because of a dedicated group of people in Houston, Texas that used those attributes you should be learning here in college."

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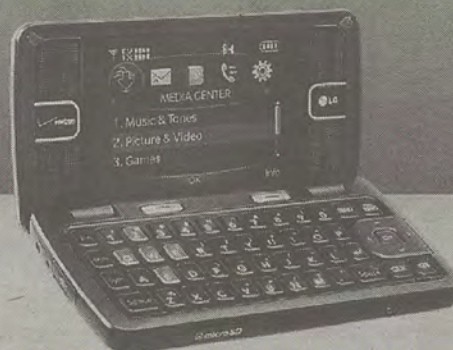


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NATIONAL NEWS



Special Photo

Hackers execute massive credit card data breach

McClatchy News Service

Almost lost in the inaugural festivities on Tuesday was news that cybercriminals had broken into a Princeton, N.J., credit card processor's computer network in what could rank as the biggest data breach in history, involving more than 100 million transactions.

The company, Heartland Payment Systems Inc., said that card numbers, expiration dates and some internal bank codes were improperly accessed, but that no Social Security numbers, unencrypted PINs (personal identification numbers), addresses or telephone numbers were involved.

The company did not respond to several phone calls and e-mails Wednesday seeking further details.

Heartland, which is a public company, pro-

cesses 100 million Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover Card transactions a month for more than 250,000 businesses nationwide. But it has not said which merchants are involved and how many customer records were involved.

That makes it impossible for consumers to know if they have been affected. As a result, consumers need to be alert in the weeks ahead for signs that unauthorized charges have been made on their credit cards and for accounts opened in their name.

Cardholders are not responsible for unauthorized charges fraudulently made by third parties, the company said. Even so, previous victims of identity theft have reported that proving that they didn't make the purchases that appear on their credit cards can be time-consuming and frustrating.

Previously, the largest known breach occurred

two years ago when 45 million credit and debit card numbers were stolen from TJX Cos., operator of Marshalls and T.J. Maxx retail stores.

This latest breach occurred in 2008, but it wasn't until last week that forensic experts brought in after Visa and MasterCard reported "suspicious activity" uncovered malicious software that compromised data in the network, the company said in a statement.

"We found evidence of an intrusion ... and immediately notified federal law enforcement officials as well as the card brands," Robert H. B. Baldwin Jr., Heartland's president and chief financial officer, said in a statement.

"We understand that this incident may be the result of a widespread global cyber fraud operation, and we are cooperating closely with the United States Secret Service and Department of Justice," he said.

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No cash could mean higher crime

The numbers are out, and they aren't pretty. According to McClatchy newspapers, Monday brought with it more than bad weather, it brought with it record high job loss numbers totaling about 33,000 job cuts. These numbers are high, but how do they affect college students, more specifically Georgia Southern students?

Not only do some students have to deal with parents losing jobs, but they have to deal with extra fees burdened on them by the university. However, an extra fee and less money at home is not the only thing GSU students have to worry about, they have to worry about whether or not their wallet will still be in their car when they are done working out at the RAC.

Crime reports have been on the rise, especially reports from people's belongings being stolen at the RAC. As police reports have specified, the items that have been taken have been of great value, including wallets and backpacks. With jobs being lost left and right and people struggling to make ends meet, people are willing to do just about anything to get

by, including steal.

The University Police Department has issued a report to all students Georgia southern accounts, giving them ways to prevent their valuables from being stolen. For starters, always lock up wallets, keys, phones, iPods, and backpacks. Keeping these possessions in a safe, secure area with a lock can ensure valuables leave with the person they came with. They have also advised to keep all vehicles locked while in the parking lot, as much theft has happened right out of people's cars. Also, don't leave valuables in plain sight in vehicles.

These warnings go for not only the RAC, but in all aspects of college life. Always lock bedroom/apartment doors and vehicles, keep valuables out of sight, don't leave things with strangers or acquaintances, and don't let other people in private spaces without complete consent of roommates or family members. There is nothing worse than coming home to find everything you love and rely on completely gone.

The recession doesn't seem to be on its way out any time soon, but preventable crime is.

And the gender wars continue...

"Gender" is a word that is constantly misunderstood to mean the same thing as sex; however, the two have very distinct different definitions. Sex is the biological distinction born to us that distinguish men and women from one another, while gender are the socially constructed ideas and norms that people attach to each sex.

Lately, I've been thinking a lot about gender, and how important it seems to be in today's society. I found an article posted by McClatchy newspapers I found to be extremely interesting.



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The study found that BOTH men and women agree that women are more honest, more intelligent, more compassionate, more outgoing and more creative, yet, when asked who would make a better political leader, the study found that BOTH men and women prefer male leaders.

Granted that is only one study, the results were quite alarming. Both SEXES agreed that women were more intelligent and more honest; however,

BOTH sexes agreed men would be a better fit to run a business, government, state, or country.

The battle for gender equality has been waging for centuries, and although I can say there have been great steps made in the effort, there is still a long way to go. That study above is a prime example.

Another thing I found interesting was a personality test I took in, ironically, my gender and communication class. The test, which is the BEM sex role inventory, asks the test taker to rank a set of numerous traits that describe people.

The ranking worked to answer how feminine, masculine, or androgynous someone appeared to be. The ranking went from one being the trait never described you to seven as it always described you. As I marked my answers, my professor instructed us to mark a set of 20 characteristics that were labeled as more masculine and 20 that were labeled as more feminine.

The feminine characteristics were all too predictable, and even a little bit infuriating. A feminine person is sympathetic, gullible, does not use harsh language, is shy, is happy, loves children, is soft spoken and gentle.

The masculine person is self-reliant, independent, has leadership abilities, is willing to take risks,



from UWire.com

and is aggressive, individualistic, and ambitious. Once my "score" was totaled, I found that I am near to very masculine. I've always found myself to be a mix of both worlds, if you will, more androgynous, more equal. But masculine?

When you hear that a woman is masculine, what comes to mind? That she is butch, aggressive, rude, and has a foul mouth. When you hear that a woman is very feminine, what comes to mind? That she is polite, soft spoken, well-behaved, and girly. In today's society, a woman who is masculine is often judged negatively, regardless of who they are.

For example, Hilary Clinton. She is a very intelligent, outgoing, aggressive woman, and people would write these audacious things about her, that she burly or a "bitch." Just because she stands up for who she is and isn't afraid to tell a man he is wrong.

And then there's Sarah Palin, who was labeled as a more feminine person. She loved children, was a family woman, and was petite and well-dressed.

And people would say how "cute" she was, how pretty she was, how great a suit looked on her. See the problem I'm addressing here?

After I took that test, I felt like I was being warped back into the 1950s. When did it become a masculine trait to be ambitious? When did it become only a masculine trait to be independent and made to be a leader? When were those just labeled as masculine traits? I have never been shy, gullible, or self spoken, and let's be honest, kids aren't really my thing. Why can't I still be seen as feminine? I have a closet full of dresses, heels, and make-up, and in my free time, I look up designer goods. Yet, on a test, I'm more masculine because I am aggressive, self-reliant and ambitious.

This study and this test seem to only reinforce the patriarchal hierarchy that constitutes our nation, both politically and socially. According to information posted by the government, women still make 78 cents to a man's dollar. The gender battle is far from over, and tests and studies like that only inspire, and enrage me, to keep fighting.



WEEKLY BUZZ

Today

Lead and Serve Fair - The fair provides students with the opportunity to stop by and learn about the different leadership and service opportunities on campus. Union Commons, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch discussion on Three Little Lessons on Leadership - facilitated by Dr. Constance Campbell, Professor, College of Business Administration. Free lunch served to the first 25 students. Union 2048, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Statesboro Nursing Home Volunteer Opportunity - Come explore an opportunity to give back to the local community! Limited transportation will be provided. Union 2024, 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Joseph's Home for Boys Volunteer Opportunity - Come explore an opportunity to give back to the local community! Limited transportation will be provided. Union 2024, 5:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.



Friday, January 29th

Step Into Statesboro - Put leadership into action and explore local volunteer opportunities. Volunteer for 2 hours in the Statesboro community and join us for dinner when you return to campus. Union Rotunda, 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 30th

Looking for a Meaningful Spring Break Option - The Baptist Collegiate Ministries and the Office of Student Leadership & Civic Engagement have an opportunity for 150 students to serve in New Orleans during Spring Break 2009. The work will include rebuilding homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and sponsoring sports clinics for children. The trip will cost \$75, which includes lodging, transportation, and most food. Applications are available in the Baptist Collegiate Ministries Center (next to Eagle Village), the Office of Student Leadership & Civic Engagement (RU 2024), or online at www.georgiasouthernbcm.com. Applications will be due by 5pm on January 30, 2009! Please consider serving during spring break!

Monday, February 2nd

CULTURAL BOOK DISCUSSION: SUNDOWN TOWNS, A Hidden Dimension of American Racism

Moderated by Dr. Gregory Brock 12 pm- 2:00 pm ~ Russell Union Room 2041 ADMISSION IS FREE!

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Tuesday, February 3rd

Sex & Chocolate: Rainbow Edition - Russell Union Room 2084, 7:30 pm Students will answer each other's questions regarding GLBTQ sex while eating chocolate.

Leadership Workshop Series - "Active Followership" RU 2041 5:30-6:30pm Leaders play so many roles during their journey of leading. We will talk about what it means to transition roles and the benefits of knowing each role that you play and playing it well. Event is FREE!

Wednesday, February 4th

Cinema: 007 Quantum of Solace - February 4th - 5th 8:00PM @ the Russell Union Theater Admission: \$2.00

Thursday, February 5th

Singing in the Shower - 11:00AM - 4:00PM @ Russell Union Rotunda

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Submission of Letters to the Editor

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The politics of being political

I find it quite amusing that Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich is still engaging the American public in a cat and mouse game revolving around the infamous Illinois Senate seat.



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For those of you who are not familiar with Governor Blagojevich, he is the Governor accused of trying to sell President Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat.

In early December, Governor Blagojevich stated to "Good Morning America" host Diane Sawyer that he considered talk show host Oprah Winfrey for the position and later told the hosts of "The View" that she has more

influence than one-hundred senators.

He went on to miss the opening arguments of his impeachment trial on Monday and instead went on a media hiatus promoting himself and the great things he had done while he was in office. He also declared his innocence in front of millions of viewers; viewers that had no legal say to his future? A fatal misstep? I'd say so.

The antics expressed by Governor Blagojevich turn my stomach upside down and make me sick to the very core. He not only thinks he is above the law, but he conceives the idea that people find him funny and actually entertain every golden word that comes out of his mouth.

I can tell you that I don't.

As the trial of Governor Blagojevich continues throughout the rest of the week, I hope that he can find it in himself to step up to the plate, admit his faults, and take responsibility for whatever it is he did or did not do.

A great job in a tough market

I thought it would be no problem. Piece of cake. After years of spending time working hard, building my resume, and improving my skill set, I applied for jobs. I already work on campus for



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what I consider the best office around (Office of Student Activities—oh yeah), so these applications were mostly for spending money.

I applied at 10 locations around town. It would only be a matter of time before one of them called me, begged me to work for them, then the salary negotiations would begin!

There I would be, all the bargaining power on my side as the manager of Wal-Mart or of the Chocolate Chip Cookie Factory saw my Spanish speaking ability, and what I know is SURE to be an above average resume. Let the games begin!

After two weeks, this waiting game was not being played anymore. I was constantly checking my voicemail, thinking that maybe one had called.

Nothing.

I went by some of the smaller stores to follow up.

"We'll call you."

Maybe it's the economy. Hopefully it wasn't me. But finally, I had to make a decision. The time was approaching. My schedule was filling up quickly with work, school, projects and the like. So, with no calls on my cell phone, and no money in my pocket, I changed my plans, veered off the road, and created my own path.

I found a CRI calendar at the RAC one day during my workout. It advertised for an Officials clinic that was free to come to, and once certified, CRI would actually pay me to watch the sports and make the calls. CRI offers Soccer Officials clinic next week, February 2-3 from 9-11 p.m..

What a dream job... You get to stay active, enjoy the sport, and even bring home some dough. And I don't mean the chocolate chip type...

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If you have any questions about the MSL, please contact:

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Subconscious economic solutions

In November, John Cleese gave a lecture on the importance of creativity to the Creativity World Forum. Mr. Cleese, a long time advocate for this cause, stated "intelligence increases when you think less." Of course, he is talking about the value of the



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subconscious thought process, realizing the body of research which proves that when we allow time for ideas to process, they actually improve because we haven't over-thought them.

The global community is experiencing an economic crisis that has not been seen for several generations. The rules governing the great recessions of the past have been thrown out in this new international monetary culture. No longer can the markets function with a *laissez-faire* approach, as the failure of a single conglomerate can spell disaster for millions of individuals. Controls must be re-implemented, as corporate greed takes the better of executives.

evidenced by this week's revelation that Citigroup wanted to buy a plush new jet with their bailout money. Yes, we need to think less about these problems, and start letting the ideas develop organically. If we expect to get out of this economic mess, it's time to quit making hasty decisions.

America's top executives recently came to the White House for a conversation with President Obama, concerning ways to jumpstart the workforce. I'm sure there were some good ideas coming out of that room, because after all, these are the individuals who benefit from a healthy economy. With a new package expected to clear the House at the time of this writing, \$887 billion will be thrown into the marketplace to help restore the economy, beginning with the middle class. As evidenced by former President Bush's package, which has already gotten mixed reviews, I wonder if this is what we need.

Creativity needs time to mature so our less conscious mind can wander, to improve what is considered "intelligent." Perhaps we are thinking a little too much to solve these problems. We should wait until the time is right, not prudent, until the problems have festered properly enough for clear action.

NATIONAL POLITICS

Fair-pay bill approved by Congress

McClatchy News Service

Workers who face pay discrimination would have stronger legal recourse under a bill approved Tuesday by the U.S. House of Representatives.

The House voted 250 to 177 in favor of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which widens the time frame under which employees can claim discrimination in their paychecks. Last week the Senate voted 61 to 36 to approve the bill.

Congress is expected to send the bill this week to the president, who has supported fair-pay legislation, for his signature.

Signing the civil rights legislation so early in his term would be a powerful symbolic act by President Obama, supporters say.

The Ledbetter bill would amend existing legislation to clarify that each discriminatory paycheck creates a new opportunity for workers to file charges against employers.

The act effectively topples a controversial 2007 Supreme Court decision that limited the window to 180 days from the first time a discriminatory

pay decision was made.

Prior to the 2007 decision courts had commonly viewed each new paycheck as a chance to file charges. In some states the window is 300 days.

Ledbetter, who retired in 1998, had worked for Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. for almost two decades before an anonymous tipster informed her she was paid less than male co-workers.

She filed a questionnaire with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and later filed a formal charge.

But in a narrow interpretation of the Civil Rights Act, the Supreme Court decided 5-4 that Ledbetter had waited too long to file the charge because she did not complain within 180 days of when the original discriminatory pay decisions were made.

Critics of the legislation say it will open litigation flood gates, while supporters say it simply restores the law to the way it was interpreted for decades before the Supreme Court decision.

In the spring, Congress may push forward with a companion piece of legislation that could increase awards for claimants who file gender-based wage discrimination charges.



Special Photo

Napolitano orders review for U.S.-Canada border

McClatchy News Service

Just days after being sworn in, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano has ordered a comprehensive review of security efforts along the border between the U.S. and Canada.

Agencies including Customs and Border Protection, the Coast Guard and her department's intelligence branch have been asked to assess the vulnerabilities along the 4,000-mile northern border -- the longest undefended border in the world -- and recommend what can be done to improve security.

While more attention has been focused on the southern border with Mexico, the department has said that the terrorist threat is greater on the U.S.-Canadian border, given its length and limited law enforcement.

"This continuing evaluation will unify our shared efforts and help me assess where improvements need to be made," Napolitano said.

The agencies are to report back orally by Feb. 10, with a final report due on Feb. 17.

Napolitano, the former governor of Arizona, has asked for reviews of other Department of Homeland Security programs, including such things as cybersecurity.

In ordering the northern border review, Napolitano said that since the terrorist attacks of Sept.

11, 2001, border security has become increasingly important for national security.

The review was to look at the strategy, budget and timeframe for improving security, and the level of risk that will remain after the improvements are made.

"As we have designed programs to afford greater protection against unlawful entry, members of Congress and homeland security experts have called for increased attention to the Canadian border," Napolitano said in a statement.

Lawmakers from northern states have long complained that U.S.-Canada border issues have been shortchanged with the southern border a higher priority.

Every year, more than 70 million travelers and 35 million vehicles cross the border with Canada, which stretches from Washington state to Maine.

The border is patrolled by vehicles, helicopters, boats, agents on horseback and, most recently, an unmanned Predator aircraft. Motion sensors and remote video cameras also have been placed along it. Even so, vast stretches often are unprotected.

While there are 16,000 agents on the southern border, there are roughly 1,600 to 1,700 agents along the U.S.-Canada border. The number of agents along the northern border is expected to reach more than 2,200.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Stanford graduate pleads guilty to tax evasion

McClatchy News Service

A former San Francisco Bay Area woman who worked as a high-priced call girl to pay off her Stanford Law School loans has pleaded guilty to tax evasion, ending almost five years of cat-and-mouse with federal prosecutors.

Cristina Warthen, 35, now of Los Angeles but formerly of the California cities of Palo Alto and Oakland, entered her plea Monday before U.S. District Judge James Ware of San Jose, Calif.; she's scheduled to be sentenced June 15.

The maximum penalty is five years in prison and a \$100,000 fine, but Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division Special Agent Arlette Lee said Monday that Warthen's plea agreement indicates she will pay the government \$313,133.74 and serve three years of probation, including one year of home confinement.

In her plea agreement, Warthen, Cristina Schultz, before she married millionaire Ask.com co-founder David Warthen in May 2004, acknowledged she ran an escort business in which she exchanged sexual acts for money.

The TouchofBrazil.net Web site in 2004 featured photos of her in various states of undress

while offering pricing for her company and her nationwide travel schedule; it described her as a "Portuguese-speaking entertainer and physical model."

Warthen now admits that she grossed more than \$133,000 from her escort business in 2003 but didn't file a tax return for that year, and she acknowledges she tried to hide her income by storing cash in a safe-deposit box.

Clients posting reviews of Brazil's services at another Web site gave her rave, and sometimes, explicit, reviews up through February 2004, a month after IRS agents seized evidence and \$61,171 from her apartment, her storage locker and her safe deposit box.

The Justice Department in July 2004 sued to keep that money under federal civil asset forfeiture laws that let the government keep property or money representing a federal crime's proceeds even if the owner hasn't been charged with the alleged crime.

A federal judge dismissed the civil forfeiture action in 2006 as Warthen and the government reached a secret settlement. Prosecutors filed the tax evasion charge against Warthen in September.



Special Photo

Many favorite soft drinks contain high-fructose corn syrup, which is said to have mercury

Mercury found in high-fructose corn syrup

McClatchy News Service

A swig of soda or bite of a candy bar might be sweet, but a new study suggests that food made with corn syrup also could be delivering tiny doses of toxic mercury.

For the first time, researchers say they have detected traces of the silvery metal in samples of high-fructose corn syrup, a widely used sweetener that has replaced sugar in many processed foods.

Eating high-mercury fish is the chief source of exposure for most people. The new study raises concerns about a previously unknown dietary source of mercury, which has been linked to learning disabilities in children and heart disease in adults.

The source of the metal appears to be caustic soda and hydrochloric acid, which manufacturers of corn syrup use to help convert corn kernels into the food additive.

A handful of plants across the nation still make the soda and acid by mixing a briny solution in electrified vats of mercury. Some of the toxic metal ends up in the final product, according to industry documents cited in the study.

Corn syrup manufacturers insisted their products are mercury-free. But the study noted that at least one maker of caustic soda that has used the

mercury-based technology listed the corn syrup industry as a client.

"This seems like an avoidable source of mercury that we didn't know was out there," said David Wallinga, one of the study's co-authors and a researcher at the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, a Minnesota-based advocacy group.

The researchers cautioned that their study was limited. Only 20 samples were analyzed; mercury was detected in nine.

Still, the impact of the findings could be significant. High-fructose corn syrup has become such a staple in processed foods that the average American consumes about 12 teaspoons of it daily, according to federal estimates. Teenagers and young kids tend to eat more of it than adults.

There is no established safe dose for elemental mercury, the type discovered in corn syrup. But the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says an average-sized woman should limit her exposure to 5.5 micrograms a day of methylmercury, the kind found in fish.

If that same woman regularly ate corn syrup contaminated at the highest level detected in the study, 0.57 micrograms per gram, the researchers estimated that she could end up consuming an amount of mercury that is five times higher than the EPA's safe dose.

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Baptist Collegiate Ministries to volunteer in ongoing New Orleans relief efforts

By Anthony Visintainer
Guest writer

This spring break, Baptist Collegiate Ministries is offering a number of volunteer aid programs for students to participate in.

In collaboration with the World Changers Organization and the International Missions Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, BCM is taking a group of students overseas to Athens, Greece.

Although students will be enjoying the change in culture and the mild climate, their purpose there will be more serious.

"They'll be working with refugees, providing relief and help for them," said Donna Blackburn, a campus minister of BCM here at Georgia Southern.

In the past year, the refugee situation in Athens has become an increasingly prominent issue. Refugees from central Asia fleeing through Turkey are meeting a bottleneck in Athens.

The group going to Athens consists of around 24 students, and it will be led by Jerry Johnson, the BCM Director for Georgia Southern.

BCM is also offering service opportunities closer

to home. In collaboration with GSU's Department of Leadership and Civil Involvement, another group is heading south to New Orleans, Louisiana, to help with relief work for Katrina victims.

"We're going to be doing everything from renovation of homes to after-school sport camps and tutoring services to cleaning backyards; basically, we'll be doing whatever they need us to do," said Ms. Blackburn, who is co-leading the group.

Though it has been more than three years since hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, much-needed relief efforts are still underway.

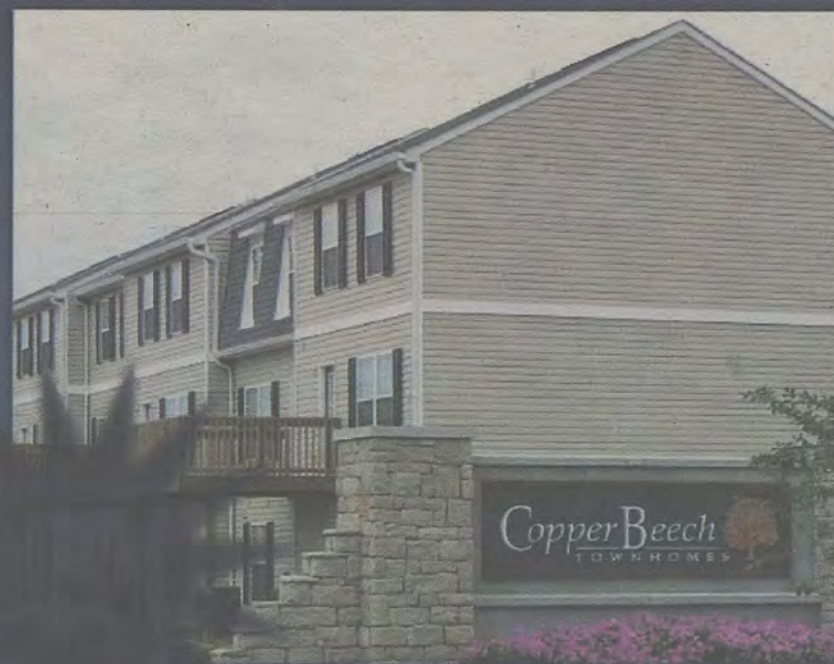
Projects like BCM's spring break volunteer programs is not just an opportunity to travel, it's an opportunity to meet new faces, both from abroad and here at Georgia Southern.

Ms. Blackburn expressed BCM's eagerness to accept more volunteers:

"We would love for students to come and be a part of it. The deadline is this Friday, and the fee for coming is \$75."

To volunteer for a spring break program, or just to learn more about it, call Baptist Collegiate Ministries at 912-687-0196.

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Georgia Southern's Collegiate Taekwondo tournament date set for RAC

By Michael Scott

Guest Writer

The World Taekwondo Federation is coming to town for its third annual collegiate tournament on January 31. This tournament will take place at Georgia Southern's Campus RAC.

Taekwondo incorporates the precision of the linear karate moves and shows a hint of kung fu in its flowing moves. It is both a system of self-defense and personal improvement. What makes Taekwondo unique and distinct from other practices is the Korean-originated fast-twitch high kicking. Taekwondo is a Korean word that means "the way of hands and feet."

Under WTF, sparring is a full-contact event and takes place between two competitors in an area measuring 10 meters square. Each match or bout consists of three semi-continuous rounds of contact with rest between rounds. Some moves that may be witnessed would be flying kicks to body/head, flying punch to body, kick to body/head and more

that would fulfill any action junkie's thrill more than any Hollywood directed film could.

Available for interview on the tournament was RAC club Taekwondo instructor Michael Coleman. The 2nd degree blackbelt said, "I expect a nice turnout, better than previous years due to the updated scoring method." Instead of the original paper-scoring, what the audience now sees during a match is a screen showing the round number, time left on the clock, competitor names, score, deductions, warning states, and user keys. "This sport teaches you discipline," he said, "And at the level of black belt it's a little different. It's more competitive, their mind set is different."

Come watch all skill levels participate in this bracket style tournament. For the interest of the sport that is one of the most popular styles of martial arts practiced worldwide, used for defense, sport, and exercise, or for the entertainment of combative competition. Witness the RAC transform into a dojo. Kick off starts at 10:00 a.m. January 31.

Noted fraud expert to speak at forensic lecture

David Sawyer to present 'From the Forensics Accountant's Case Files'

Sarah Goodwin

Staff writer

David Sawyer, a CPA Certified Fraud Examiner, is coming to the Georgia Southern campus for the first time on Tuesday, February 3 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the RAC.

Sponsored by the Fraud and Forensic Accounting Program out of the School of Accountancy in the College of Business, Sawyer is the sixth annual Distinguished Forensic Lecturer to speak at GSU.

"The topic is entitled, 'From the Forensics Accountant's Case Files: War Stories, Horror Stories, and Lessons Learned,'" said Donald Berecz, a professor in the School of Accounting.

David Sawyer is a CPA certified Fraud Examiner and a Certified Internal Auditor, as well as a forensic accountant and a litigation advisor.

"As a forensic accountant and litigation advisor, he has served as consulting or testifying expert in dozens of investigations or disputes involving fraud, corruption, embezzlement and a variety of other legal disputes," said Berecz.

According to Berecz, Forensic Accounting is the use of accounting principles, theories, and techniques to a certain question in a legal dispute and encompasses all fields of accounting. "Forensic accountants have the knowledge and skills to detect, investigate, prosecute, and prevent fraud and white collar criminal activity," said Berecz.

Parade Magazine in its annual report in on

"What People Earn" in April 2007 listed forensic accountants as "the hottest job for college graduates."

U.S. News & World Report has described forensic accountants as "the bloodhounds of bookkeeping who sniff out fraud and criminal transactions in corporate financial records." It also spotlighted forensic accounting as one of the "20 hot job tracks of the future" and one of eight "careers to count on."

David Sawyer is the Managing Director for his company, Sawyer and Company, which he established in 2003. Sawyer has served with two of the Big Four accounting firms, who are the four largest international accountancy firms that handle audits for publicly traded companies, as well as some private companies.

"Also a former internal auditor for Fortune 500 corporations, he regularly consults with businesses and governmental entities on improvements of internal controls, as well as fraud prevention and detection," said Berecz. "[He] has addressed thousands of professionals and students on the topic of fraud examination and forensic accounting."

"You can teach in the classroom until the cows come home, but you can't substitute the impact a professional will have when speaking to current and potential fraud investigators and forensic accountants about current topics and case work," said Berecz.

To learn more about forensic accounting visit <http://coba.georgiasouthern.edu/forensic>.



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Top On-Campus College Films

By Ryan Babula
Staff Writer

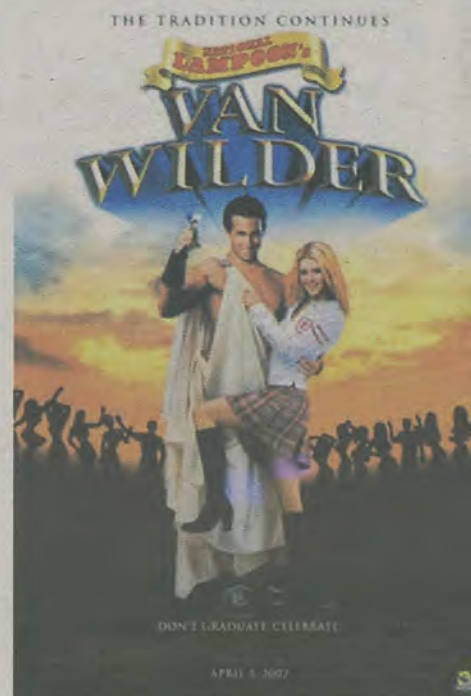


Accepted

"Accepted" follows a group of teens as they create their own college after being rejected from every one they applied to. While this would never happen in a million years, the film is good at showing the sense of community the students have living together and is an entertaining comedy as well.

Old School

The first of two fraternity based films on this list, "Old School" takes the powerhouse trio of Luke Wilson, Vince Vaughn, and Will Ferrell, drops them in a college setting, and the results are hilarious. The film is instantly quotable, and even relatable in a few ways. I mean, how many of us haven't met at least one "Frank The Tank"?



Van Wilder

"Van Wilder" is another great comedy about college life. It follows the hilarious exploits of one over-involved and long overdue student as he tries to stay on campus. If there were any film that could stress getting involved, this is it. The main character is one of the most well-known and liked on campus, and that's all due to his immense campus involvement.



Animal House

The second fraternity based film listed here is a comedy classic. "Animal House" is, in my opinion, one of the most iconic college films ever made. While it exaggerates very heavily, the film is great viewing, and it's one that I revisit very often with my friends.



Undeclared

While I know this is a list compiling the top films about college life, there's one TV series on DVD that captures the essence of living on campus better than all of these combined. Produced by Judd Apatow ("Knocked Up," "The 40 Year Old Virgin"), "Undeclared" follows six friends as they complete their first year of college, and it is one of the most relatable shows I've ever seen regarding college life. It takes every experience you could have (dealing with your R.A., having a long distance relationship, going to the bars, etc.), and examines them hilariously and truthfully. This is probably one of the best TV series I've ever seen, and I've revisited it many times.

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'Underworld' prequel pleases fans



By Jonathan Pope
Staff Writer

"Underworld: Rise of the Lycans" is the prequel to "Underworld" and "Underworld: Evolution," taking place centuries prior. The film tells the tragic tale of forbidden love between Sonja (Rhona Mitra), princess of the vampire clan, and Lucian (Michael Sheen), a Lycan (werewolf) and slave to Sonja's father, Viktor (Bill Nighy). Their affair, and Viktor's rage after discovering it, plunges the vampires and Lycans into a brutal war that is further chronicled in the previous two "Underworld" installments.

Being the third installment and directed by the series' former special effects supervisor, Patrick Tatopoulos, "Underworld 3" could have been a recipe for failure. Fortunately, that's not the case. While by no means perfect - still suffering from some of the same issues as the first two - this is certainly the most cohesive and well executed film in the series.

The visual style and art design are par-

ticularly well defined. Everything feels appropriate to the medieval setting, with that unique and unmistakable "Underworld" twist. From the vampire clan's armor to the intricate corridors of Victor's castle, it's clear that this was a labor of love with immense effort poured into it.

As one would come to expect from the series, the action scenes are similarly well handled. Swords and shields have taken the place of guns and grenades, often lending "Underworld 3" a more brutal feeling than the first two. Special effects also play a large role in the film, and they're pretty good - a definite step up from the previous installments. It's a shame, then, that the film is so dark.

The series' trademark blue tint and dark atmosphere abound, but occasionally overpower. At times, it's near impossible to clearly distinguish what is happening on screen - a major issue when so much of the film looks so good.

From a plot standpoint, the film offers few surprises, especially if you are already familiar with the "Underworld" mythology (which it's probably safe to assume that if you're reading this, you are). However, actually witnessing the events - which were previously told only through minor flashbacks - unfold is something that fans are sure to enjoy.

Ironically, therein lies the main issue.

"Underworld: Rise of the Lycans" is pure fan service. Those who are familiar with and enjoy the series' formula will find plenty to like here. Others are likely to feel left in the dark, wondering how all the pieces are supposed to add up. Thus, it's a difficult film to recommend to the unfamiliar.

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Wednesday, February 11, - Sunday, February 15, 2009
All students with an application will be able to select a room by logging into the RMS student web at <https://rmsweb.aux.georgiasouthern.edu/>. Students will be able to select their room in Centennial Place, Southern Courtyard, Watson Commons and University Villas as well as their roommates. Rooms will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

Monday, February 16, 2009
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On-Campus Housing: Our Experiences

In lieu of this being our on-campus housing issue, we here at the George-Anne decided to share with you some of our own on-campus experiences. From hijinks in the halls of Eagle Village to the dangers of crossing Chandler Road, living on campus greatly enriched our first-year experiences at Georgia Southern University and continues to be a source of fond memories.

University Community

By Charles Minshew
Reflector Editor-In-Chief

Since my arrival in Statesboro in the latter part of 2007, I have chosen to call on-campus housing my home away from home. Now that I think about it, I probably will call it my home until I graduate from Georgia Southern. I will admit, on-campus housing has its problems, but there are definitely some perks.

First of all, there is no monthly rent to pay. The housing fee for the semester is paid at the same time as all other GSU fees. Seeing that scholarships and loans pay the balance, I never have to physically hand over a dime for now. But remember the economics example: There is no free lunch. I'll be paying those loans later.

Second, all of the rooms are close to the center of campus, with the exception of Southern Courtyard, Southern Pines, and University Villas (where I currently live.) However, it only takes a 15-minute

walk to get to a building such as Veazey Hall.

The only gripe about University Villas is that there are no sidewalks. Sometimes dodging traffic can be a hassle. Traffic is probably a hassle for students living in Eagle Village, too. If you have any problems, there is a chain of command to take your complaints to. Call the housing office or SGA since your living arrangements are part of the university. Make your voice heard!

The sense of community formed by living in University Housing is visible. There is nothing that bonds a group together more than a fire alarm at 2 a.m. in the morning. Seriously, when you have to walk down a hallway to do your laundry, you are going to meet someone you might have not known before.

While the price of housing keeps going up, I still see the benefit of living on campus. But it's not for everyone. So, if you feel like it's best for you to live somewhere two miles from campus, do it. It's all about personal choice.



and unflattering to dorm life, I must say that it made me grow close to the people around me. I became closer to my neighbors than I had ever been to high school friends, and one year later we were roommates.

Dorms give students, especially freshman, the opportunity to make friends much faster than living in an apartment. Also, living in a dorm was a very convenient arrangement as far as class went. I never took the bus, I was only ten minutes away from my farthest class, and I had Landrum right across the street.

While I'm enjoying the freedoms of apartment living, I must say that I do miss the convenience of my old dorm from time to time and would suggest dorm life to any student.

Blank Canvas Campus

By Jessica Martin
Sports Editor

My experience with University housing has been an interesting one. We have had issues in the two years together, but I can never forget the good times. No matter what, my freshman year in particular was as great of an experience as one could hope for.

We arrived that day, in the heat of August 2005, parents dropping us off in front of our first college home. There were people everywhere, dragging in bins and pushing buckets full of dorm stuff. I walked in with my parents and sister, completely new to the frenzy. It was somewhat comforting to be walking into a building completely new to the experience, too. No other newly freed students wandered the halls before us.

Eagle Village was a blank canvas for us to make our mark on. It was ours to lay the first of the multitudes of stains on the walls and carpet. No other scratches on doors or dents in the hall would be as old as ours. It was like a newly laid cement sidewalk block. You just had the urge to run through it to leave a footprint behind.

The moment I left that dorm and moved the next year into another did I realize how much I loved the indoor halls. The halls were wide and (most of the time) well lit, with fresh carpet for bare feet. I remember many interesting times I had in those

Eagle Village Hijinks

By Keith Warburg
Executive Editor

Having lived off-campus for two years, I couldn't be more satisfied with my housing decisions. I have complete freedom, much more responsibility, the chance to build credit, and a great little bulldog. All of that in mind, I wouldn't have traded my on-campus experience for anything.

I spent my freshman year with two completely different guys in Eagle Village. The hall was still relatively new, I had my own bedroom and bathroom, and didn't have to walk by molding sandwiches in the hallways (Brannen folks, you know).

While I'm not in great communication with the guys now, we had some good times. Once, our A/C unit froze over, so we scraped the ice off and had a snowball fight in the hallway until our R.A. (my



hallways. From almost getting hit by a baseball when turning a corner, to a water fight that carried from within one individual's room, down the hall, and into another's bathroom.

I made my first college friends within those halls. I met some of those friends that you keep for lifetime. I met one of those - my roommate of three years - across the hall from me that year. I had homesickness and the elatedness of handling things on my own in Eagle Village.

Every year and living place has its problems and I am not saying that neither my freshman year nor Eagle Village were problem free. I am simply saying that of all of the happenings that year, the only ones I seem to always recall were the great ones. And I came away with many of those memories and a pretty strong stepping stone for moving forward in college life.

current roommate, ironically) made us stop.

Another night we crept into our neighbor's room with a 'discovered' key and made their shower and sinks into goldfish bowls while they slept. I think one of them still has their fish.

My best memories, though, all come from the sense of community I had with my neighbors. We went everywhere together, left our doors unlocked for each other to come and go as pleased, and had some pretty life-changing experiences together (like taking my roommate to the hospital for stitches).

When asked, I always encourage incoming students to live in the residence halls, at least for a year. The friends you make there last much longer than the neighbors that, trust me, you'll never get to know off-campus. Even though it's great having the freedom to do as I please in an unsupervised manner, I love my experience in the halls.

All Special Photos

Transitions in Olliff

By Shannon Knepp
News Editor

It was quite the experience, going from having my own space to suddenly sharing a bathroom with 30 other girls. I was pretty worried about the whole thing.

I was a freshman and going to live in Olliff Hall, which is now sadly gone and being replaced with Centennial Place. It was one of only a few traditional dorms left on campus, and while it sounded fun I wasn't sure how I felt about suddenly having no space of my own.

Upon arriving, I quickly realized a few things that hadn't been considered. For instance, the bathroom being down the hall. I had obviously already understood that I would be sharing with an entire floor of girls; however, I was not ready for some of the adventures that would stem from this.

For example, no one told me that tours would be given to prospective students in Olliff Hall, which became an inconvenience to me once when I walked out wearing a towel and toilet paper on my leg from a particularly bad cut from my razor only to see a group of potential students staring at me.

However, while all of this may seem awkward

Dean candidate Lo speaks in union

By Shannon Knepp

News Editor

The search for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Dean continued last Tuesday.

Candidate Celia Lo came to the Russell Union at 1 p.m. afternoon to talk to students about what she would want to accomplish as CLASS dean, and to answer students questions and concerns.

Student advisory board member, James Kicklighter, escorted Lo from the Dean luncheon to the meeting with students.

"[Lo] feels that learning should be student centered," Kicklighter said of Lo. "[She wants] to have a very open door policy with students that promotes learning."

On the issue of what she sees for CLASS, Lo wants to see the different departments working together.

Lo is also an advocate for the developing research department of CLASS.

"[Lo] has an extensive background in research. [She] could bring a lot to the table in that regard," Kicklighter said.

Lo is also interested in getting successful alumni

to come in and talk to students to keep CLASS majors in CLASS.

Lo is currently working as the Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Alabama, and has been since 2002.

As well as being Department Chair of the University of Alabama, Lo is also a graduate from there.

According to Lo's curriculum vitae, she got both her master's and PH.D from the University of Alabama in Sociology.

Lo has also had several journal articles published, one being titled, "Protective Factors, School Context, and Alcohol Use: A Multilevel Analysis."

The dean of CLASS will be over ten different departments. So far, two other candidates have talked to students, including Laurence Alexander and Michael Smith.

There will be one other candidate coming to talk to CLASS students. Jerald Hale from the University of Georgia will be coming to talk to students Thursday at 2 p.m.

Hale is the last scheduled potential dean to come talk to the students.



Special Photo

GSU one of ten to teach VMWare virtualization Donated computer equipment gives students rare experience

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern University's College of Information Technology, the only one of its kind in the Southeast United States, is now one of only 10 universities in the world to teach the cutting-edge technology of virtualization on VMware software, thanks to VMware and a donation of computer equipment by Corus Consulting and Canvas Systems.

Corus Consulting and Canvas Systems values the equipment at \$126,000 but professors in the College of Information Technology said it is hard to put a price on what the donation will add to an IT student's education and career potential long term.

"With the equipment from Corus Consulting and Canvas Systems, our students will now have access to an educational experience that not many in the world have today," said Timur Mirzoev, Ph.D. who is already using the donated equipment in two of his IT classes this semester.

"We now have x86-based and UNIX servers, FC, iSCSI networked storage, switches, firewalls, VoIP and much more dedicated specifically to education. We believe that this type of experience will give our graduates an additional competitive edge when they start their job search in an already in-demand field."

The new equipment is being used to teach virtualization, which allows one server to host multiple virtual computers without the loss of their purpose or function. In addition, virtualization is changing

the way businesses deploy and manage resources, simplifying and speeding IT response.

Designated a VMware Academy, Georgia Southern University's College of Information Technology may teach VMware courses and certify students as Virtualization Certified Professionals.

This certification saves future employers thousands of dollars in training costs and makes Georgia Southern graduates much more competitive in the job market. The designation as a VMware Academy was one of the key elements that impressed executives with Corus Consulting and Canvas Systems and prompted the computer equipment donation.

"Georgia Southern University's College of Information Technology is now not only unique to Georgia and the Southeast, but the world. We wanted to work with an institution that was both innovative and a leader in IT education.

Being one of only 10 VMware Academies in the world is an outstanding accomplishment for Georgia Southern and shows their commitment to preparing outstanding IT professionals," said Brian Hoffman, Managing Director of Technology Services for Corus Consulting and Canvas Systems.

"Georgia Southern graduates will possess hands on skills with industry leading technologies that very few IT students in the world have - including many graduates of the most respected universities in the world. These graduates will be productive employees on day one."

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
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Georgia Southern University Honors Student Awarded Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

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Georgia Southern University honors student Rose Marie Sheahan has been awarded the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. Sheahan, an International Studies major and University Honors Program student, will use the award for study at Nagoya University of Foreign Studies in Japan.

The Gilman award is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and the Institute of International Education. Sheahan is the fifth Georgia Southern University student recipient of a U.S. Department of State award in the past two years.

Growing up in rural Springfield, Georgia, Sheahan had dreamed of traveling to Japan. "I have always been fascinated with Japan's culture and language and wanted to learn more about this vastly different society," said Sheahan.

Departing on March 12, 2009, Sheahan will take part in academic programs at Nagoya University of Foreign Studies that focus on Japanese language and culture.

The University Honors Program serves as the campus clearinghouse for nationally competitive scholarships and fellowships and is committed to helping prepare all Georgia Southern University students for these awards.

One of the main objectives of the University Honors Program is to provide students with the opportunity to obtain a global perspective. "Ideally, all of our students would spend a semester or year

abroad. I applaud Rose for receiving this prestigious award in order to broaden her educational experience," said Steven Engel, Ph.D., director of the University Honors Program at Georgia Southern University.

As a requirement of the scholarship, Gilman recipients will also complete a project upon return to their home institution. Sheahan plans to initiate a tutoring program pairing Japanese exchange students with American students at Georgia Southern University. "I believe this program will not only have a positive impact on the Japanese students, but also on the American students who will learn more about the culture from those who live in Japan," said Sheahan. She also plans to assist the Center for International Studies with promoting study abroad opportunities, especially to students like herself from rural Georgia.

After graduating from Georgia Southern University, Sheahan plans to teach with the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme. JET, an organization that promotes grass-roots international exchange between Japan and other nations, offers positions assisting teachers of English in Japanese public school classrooms.

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program offers grants for undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue academic studies abroad. Such international study is intended to better prepare U.S. students to assume significant roles in an increasingly global economy and interdependent world.



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College administrator says rising housing costs are necessary due to economy

By Anthony Visintainer

Guest Writer

In the upcoming Fall 2009 semester, housing costs are rising significantly – as much as \$300 for some residence halls. If prices go up, people are going to react. The reaction among the student body here at GSU is mostly a dissatisfied one.

Many students are unhappy with the rise in prices to the point of voicing complaints. "I think it's crazy," said Eric Fisher, a freshman chemistry major.

The rise in cost has got upperclassmen talking, too.

"What with all the different costs, it's a couple hundred bucks cheaper for me to live off-campus." Said Thad Oviatt, a senior electrical engineering and technology major.

Oviatt believes that the costs are rising in order to help the university pay for Centennial Place, which is itself an object of conversation. Costs for

living at Centennial Place are as high as \$3200, and though many students are excited about having the new building on campus, they aren't excited about the cost of living there.

"I want to live there. I'm probably going to, but the prices are so high," said M.K. Mills, a freshman biology major.

Dissatisfaction is not the only reaction, though. Some students are voicing concerns. Kayla Perry, a freshman biology major, is worried about keeping up with costs. "I think that my scholarship is paying this semester, but I'm not sure how I'm going to pay for [housing]."

However, the costs are necessary, says Vicky Hawkins, the administrative director for Residence Life at GSU. The rise in prices is largely a result of economic factors that are beyond the university's control.

"Most of our cost increases are related to inflation. The higher cost is going to be there because the cost of the different factors of housing is going

up. For example, we are expending 20 percent more on electricity than last year, and other utilities have gone up, and are going to be more expensive in the future."

Hawkins also confirms that the rise in cost is also necessary to help the university pay for new construction. "We also have to pass along some expenses to our students, particularly debt services we are paying for our new building [Centennial Place]."

Even though prices are going up, the university still wants on-campus housing to be affordable for students, because of the opportunities and convenience it provides.

Hawkins reaffirms GSU's Housing mission statement: "We want to provide a safe and affordable environment for students to live on campus... and we want students to realize that living on campus is the

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- Vicky Hawkins

Administrative Director for Residence Life

best option."

Hawkins pointed out that, even though prices are going up, the price range is still very wide.

"The expenses range from \$1775 to \$3200, so students should consider the fact that if they need cheaper living prices, they could live somewhere like Brannen." Hawkins continued to say that when convenience and amenities are factored in, living on-campus is worth it.

Though some students are complaining, Hawkins does not think that the rise in prices will have any adverse effect on the number of students living on-campus. In fact, if anything, the number of students living on campus is going up.

"I can tell you right now that our numbers are increasing for the coming year. I honestly don't think [the rise in prices] is going to have a bearing," Hawkins said.

To view the housing costs for the fall 2009 semester, visit <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/housing/rates/08-09/fall09.php>



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CALENDAR

Thursday, January 29

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

Event: Leadership Lunch Discussion

Location: Russell Union 2048

Time: 1 - 1:45 p.m.

Event: CLASS Dean Search Student Meeting

Location: Russell Union 2042

Time: 4 - 5 p.m.

Event: Visiting Poet Workshop

Location: Newton Building Classroom 2204

Time: 5 - 6 p.m.

Event: Inspire Meeting

Location: Russell Union 2043

Time: 5 - 6 p.m.

Event: Meeting with Students

Location: Education Building

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Event: Poetry Reading by David St. John

Location: Business Admin. Building 1124

Time: 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Event: CCF Bible Study

Location: Carroll Building Lecture Hall

Friday, January 30

Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Event: Course V: Cost Approach to Value

Location: Nessmith Lane 2904

Time: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Event: Strategic Life Planning

Location: Nessmith Lane 2901

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 C

Time: 12 - 1 p.m.

Event: Suicide Prevention

Location: Carroll Building Classroom 1024

Time: 1 - 3 p.m.

Event: CLASS Dean Search Committee

Location: Nessmith Lane 1905

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Event: I'm in Charge! Now What do I do?

Location: Nessmith Lane 2908

GSU to pick annual 'Student employee of the year'

By Sarah Goodwin

Staff writer

The Financial Aid Department is sponsoring the annual GSU Student Employee of the Year Award for the 2008-2009 school year.

This award is given to a student every year on campus that excels on the job.

"Only the best and brightest student workers will be nominated for this honor," said Denise Roberts, a student financial aid counselor in the Financial Aid Department.

The nominees for this award will be recognized at a ceremony on campus during National Student Employment Week, which is April 12-18.

The winner of this award will be recognized at this event, and receive an engraved plaque as well as a monetary award, according to Ellen Seel, the assistant director of Student Affairs.

Every January the Financial Aid Department sends out a campus wide email announcing the competition. "We have contacted nine members of

the faculty and staff and have asked them to serve on this year's selection committee," said Seel. The student employee with the highest score given by the committee wins the award.

This is not only a campus wide competition. The winner of the campus Student Employee of the Year award will be entered into the regional competition, and if they win there, will go on to compete nationally.

This award is sponsored regionally by the Southern Association of Student Employment Administrators and nationally by the National Association of Student Employment Administrators.

The winner of last year's Student Employee of the Year award was James Thompson, employed by the Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Technical Support Department, according to Seel.

The nominations for the student employee contestants are due by February 4, to Denise Roberts or Ellen Seel in the Financial Aid Department.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Some Floridians have licenses to keep big cats at home

Mcclatchy News Service

In Southwest Ranches, Fla., a 100-pound Siberian lynx named Sasha roams Steve and Barbara Burk's house like the alpha-male predator he is.

At times the powerful cat paws playfully at a llama, a goat or another critter in the menagerie of animals the Burks invite in to wander the house. At other times Sasha grows bored with the barnyard hoi polloi and retires to his bedroom, furnished with a double bed and a television.

"He is very socialized, very affectionate," said Barbara Burk. "If he wanted to, he probably could kill me. He has never given me any reason to be worried, but I always have to think that possibility is there."

About 30 residents of Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties in Florida hold licenses from the state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to keep as personal pets carnivores that include all wild felines with the exception of lions, tigers, leopards and jaguars.

Many who have exotic medium-sized cats, including cougars, servals, and caracals, for example keep the animals caged outdoors as they would be

in South Florida zoos and wildlife sanctuaries. But other wild cats have been turned into household pets. They are let loose in the living room, walked outside on leashes and lavished with the same affection and trust as any dog or domestic cat.

West of Lake Worth, Fla., Bob the bobcat also has his own bedroom. There he romps with his owners, Felicia Serpico and David Linde, and likes to dart through a 7-foot polyester tunnel from Ikea.

"He's very loving, very happy," said Serpico, a psychologist with a private practice in Sunrise, Fla.

At about 30 pounds, Bob is a third Sasha's weight, but he, too, is a wild cat. Serpico keeps that in mind.

"We can trust that he is a bobcat," said Serpico of Bob. "He has strength, stubbornness, agility and sharp teeth. We read him really well. If he's in a bad mood, we're not playing."

Many wildlife organizations and government agencies oppose keeping wild animals as pets.

Beth Preiss of the Humane Society of the United States, said, "A smaller cat such as a bobcat can be as dangerous to a child as a lion or tiger."

CORRECTIONS

In Tuesday, January, 27 edition, in the story concerning Operation Rolling Thunder, the George-Anne printed that Katie Fallon said there were a total of 142 DUIs in Athens in two days.

There were actually 102 DUIs given.

In the story concerning the SSDP, the SSDP does not condone drug use, they are for a sensible policy.

POLICE BEAT

January 25, 2009

Stuart Joseph Schrick, 18, Eagle Village, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and public indecency.

January 26, 2009

Officers issued one traffic warning, assisted three motorists, assisted one injured person, responded to one alarm and investigated one accident.

A case of CDs and several books were taken from a vehicle at the Recreation Activity Center.

A wallet was taken from the Recreation Activity Center.

A bicycle was taken from the Russell Union.

William Christopher Rustin, 18, Valley Court, was charged with reckless driving and failure to notify owner involving an accident.

At Campus Club Apartments a tenant reported a Play Station and PS3 games stolen.

Bobby Lee Faulkner, 21, Lanier Drive second degree criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct.

January 27, 2009

Officers assisted four motorists, issued two traffic citations, five traffic warnings, and investigated two traffic accidents.

An Eagle Village resident reported his bicycle was missing from the bike rack.

Gregory Darrell King, 18, 4417 Eagle Village, Statesboro, was charged with entering a motor vehicle with intent to commit theft or felony.

Kelvin Bernard Hunt, 18, 2207 University Villas, Statesboro, was charged with driving under the influence, driving with suspended or revoked license, driving wrong way on a one-way street, expired tag, and giving false identity information to a law enforcement officer.

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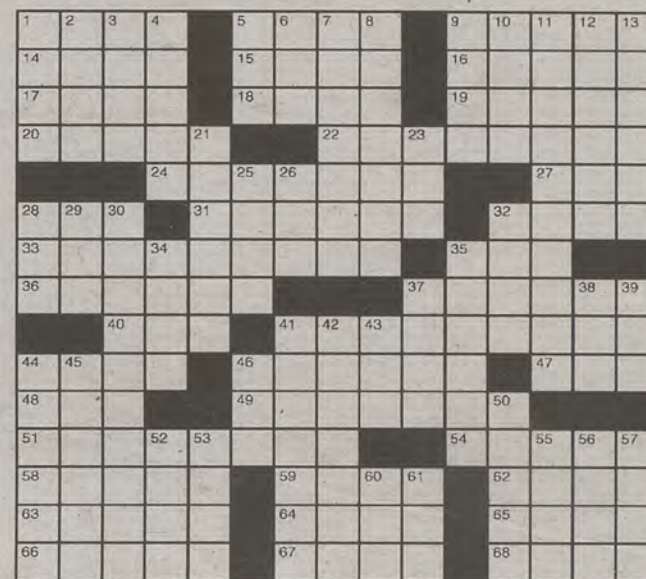
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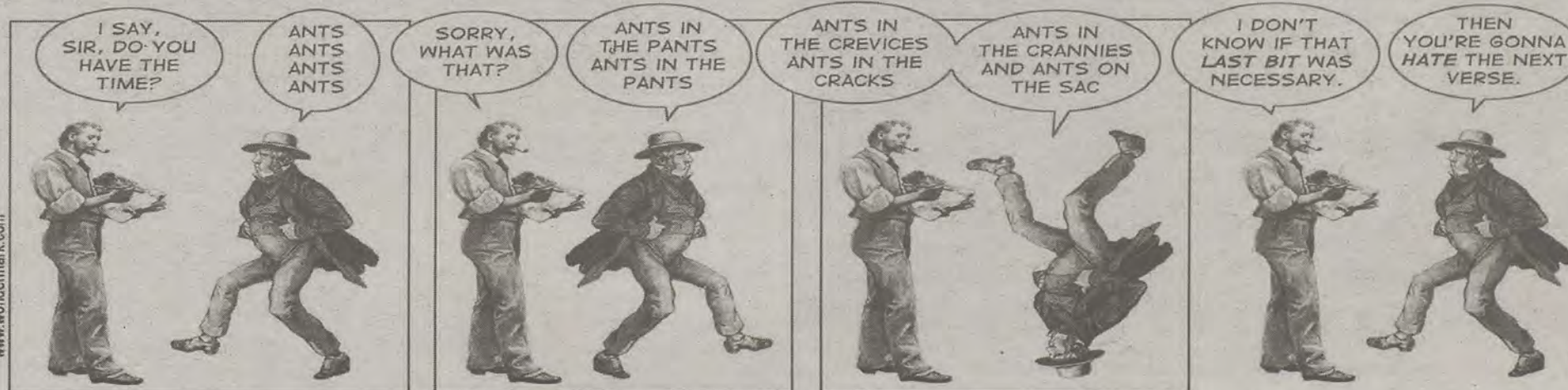
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Leadership and Civic Engagement Week teaches students to be better leaders

By Ben Carroll

Staff Writer

Students had the opportunity to get involved in leadership this week as the third annual Leadership and Civic Engagement Week kicked off.

Leadership and Civic Engagement Week offered students different speakers and ways to get involved.

On Monday and Wednesday, from noon to 1 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., a topic had been chosen for each day and a faculty member led the discussion.

"The lunch discussions [aren't] a lecture, but place where a faculty member will sit at a table with students and give them leadership tips," said to Jodi Middleton, the assistant director of Student Affairs and the Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement.

Discussion leaders include Georj Lewis, dean of students, who is leading the topic Creating Your Leadership Legacy, Teresa Thompson, vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, leading the topic "It is All About People," Charles Hardy, dean of Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, leading Leadership and Team Dynamics, and Constance Campbell, professor at College of Business Administration, leading "Three

Little Lessons on Leadership."

At each of the lunch discussions, the first 25 students will get a free lunch.

This year's Keynote Speaker is Captain James Lovell, an astronaut from Apollo 13, where he talked about his own experience on the Apollo 13 mission and his decorated career. Due to Apollo 13's "failed attempt to land on the moon, he talked about a new angle of leadership."

"There are many opportunities for students to get involved. We need volunteers on Thursday and Friday," said Middleton.

On Thursday, at 3:30 to 4:45 p.m., in Room 2024 in the Russell Union, a group will meet and go to volunteer at the Statesboro Nursing Home. Later that day from 5:30-7:15 p.m. in the same room, another group is leaving to volunteer at the Joseph's Home for Boys.

On Friday, Step into Statesboro starts under the Russell Union Rotunda at 1 p.m. and goes to 4 p.m. This is where students can find volunteer opportunities around Statesboro.

"This is the most developed week we have had," said Middleton.

"We are going to see how this week goes before we think about any more events we can add to the week. We are going to definitely rely on student feedback."



Special Photo



Ellen Susan/SPECIAL

This photo is one of several taken by Susan for the upcoming art exhibit scheduled for Jan. 30.

An old spin on modern warriors *Ellen Susan's portraits come to Georgia Southern*

By Jameelah Nasheed

Guest writer

Students will get a rare chance to see a more in-depth look into the humanity of American soldiers when Ellen Susan's portraits go on display in the Center for Art and Theatre on January 30.

The exhibition, entitled "Soldier Portraits," is comprised of old-world style portraits of American soldiers, many of whom have deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq.

Susan's work is distinguished by her use of the photographic technique known as the wet collodion process, which was used in the production of photographs during the American Civil War.

The wet collodion is a slow process that produces black and white pictures but provides different color variations. It takes from 10 to 30 seconds to capture an image, which contributes to the intense and more emotional connection between the subject and the camera.

One of Susan's reasons behind the creation

of Soldier Portraits is "to produce physically enduring, visually arresting images of people sent repeatedly into war zones."

In contrast to the media coverage presented on a daily basis, she provides a more personable image of the contemporary American soldier.

"I don't think you can see anybody's soul in a photograph, but if the appearance is compelling enough, it lets you imagine that you can and then consider the face and the person it belongs to, and what they might be all about," Susan said in a release.

Event Coordinator Travis Linville commented on the importance of the event.

"With today's current political climate, it's a profound experience to be able to see these soldiers as individuals and to be in the presence of artwork that's documenting the current era," Linville said.

The art will be on display in the CAT until March 12.

For more information on the art and other events at the CAT visit <http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/art/>.

It Should Be Noted

Don't forget team's identities, but expect the unexpected

This Sunday will mark the conclusion of the NFL season. On February 1, the Pittsburgh Steelers take on the Arizona Cardinals in Super Bowl XLIII (43).



Thom Cunningham is a sophomore journalism major from Acworth, Ga. He is a sports writer/columnist for the George-Anne.

What do we know about these two teams' style of play? Pittsburgh had the number one defense in the NFL this regular season, while Arizona has a dangerously efficient offense led by former Super Bowl MVP Kurt Warner and rising receiver Larry Fitzgerald.

It should be noted that Super Bowl XLIII will focus the identity of Pittsburgh's hard-hitting defense versus

Arizona's quick scoring offense.

Pittsburgh's defense was the best in the league during the regular-season, but it should be noted that Arizona's offense has not been stopped by any team this post-season. The Steelers' defense relies

on its speed and intensity to get pressure on the quarterback. They are able to rush only three or four men and still get enough pressure on opposing quarterbacks.

The Steelers' linebackers also get the edge due to their ability to stop the run and make tackles. Arizona's rushing attack was ranked last this past regular-season while Pittsburgh's run defense was ranked second.

Experience could play a factor in determining the result of Sunday's game. This will be Pittsburgh's second Super Bowl in four years, which means their roster is full of players with experience. Cardinal quarterback Kurt Warner has plenty of experience as this will mark his third Super Bowl start. Warner has proven himself by winning a Super Bowl and MVP award.

The identity of Arizona's offense resembles the identity of Warner's old Super Bowl team; the St. Louis Rams. Warner had a large number of offensive weapons with the Rams such as receivers Torrey Holt and Isaac Bruce. Not to mention a hall of fame half back in Marshall Faulk.

The current Cardinal offense shows similarities with Warner's old Super Bowl teammates. Arizona

players such as wide receivers Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin can compare to the great Holt and Bruce, while the skill level (and Hall of Fame potential) of running back Edgerrin James can compare to Faulk.

What about the Cardinals' defense versus Pittsburgh's offense? The Cardinals are full of young and inexperienced individuals who will be facing an older and much more experienced Pittsburgh offense. Arizona's defensive line gets the edge against the Steelers' offensive line due to the Cardinals' ability to get off of the ball.

Plus, if you watch any of the Pittsburgh games, you already know that the Steelers' offensive line gives up a lot of sacks. It should be noted that putting pressure on Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger will translate to turnovers for the Cardinal secondary.

Before I give my prediction, it should be noted that there are two different types of predictions. There is final-score-and-pick-a-winner prediction, and there is how "experts" predict how the game will play out or unfold.

Saying, "Pittsburgh's defense will stop Arizona's rushing game," or "Arizona's passing attack will hurt Pittsburgh's defense" is not a prediction to me.

It is just a team's identity, but it won't determine what will happen come gametime. The favorite team could lose to the underdogs by 26 points, like the Giants when they lost to Baltimore.

A perfect 18-0 team can have their dreams shattered, like last year's Super Bowl between New England and New York. The entire game can come down to literally one inch.

Just ask Kevin Dyson of the Tennessee Titans when he fell short of the end zone by one inch as time expired in Super Bowl XXXIV.

So will I be surprised if Fitzgerald has no touchdowns? Will I be surprised if Cardinal cornerback Antonio Rodgers-Cromartie picks off Roethlisberger to win the game? Will I be surprised if Pittsburgh wins by two touchdowns?

It should be noted that when watching Super Bowl XLIII, you can expect what is expected (keys to victories and team's identities to winning), but note the past Super Bowls as evidence that the most unlikely scenario can play out or unfold.

That is what has made the Super Bowl such a special event, its unpredictability.

Enjoy the game on Sunday.

Prediction: Pittsburgh 30, Arizona 10.

Peterson among inaugural class inducted into SoCon Hall of Fame

By Southern Conference Press

Yesterday, The Southern Conference announced the inaugural class for the league's newly created Hall of Fame.

The inaugural class features ten of the greatest student-athletes to ever compete in the Southern Conference and includes such legendary figures as Sam Huff (West Virginia), Arnold Palmer (Wake Forest) and Jerry West (West Virginia). Megan Dunigan (Furman), Dick Groat (Duke), Charlie Justice (North Carolina), Melissa Morrison Howard (Appalachian State), Adrian Peterson (Georgia Southern), Frank Selvy (Furman), and Valorie Whiteside (Appalachian State) also were named to be enshrined in the conference's inaugural class.

The ten inductees will be honored at a ceremony on May 4 at the Chapman Cultural Center in Spartanburg, S.C.

"We're extremely proud of this announcement, one that's been 88 years in the making," said Southern Conference Commissioner John Iamarino.

The achievements of this first group of induct-

ees are truly remarkable. These 10 individuals are wonderful representatives of the great history of the Southern Conference.

Student-athletes who competed for a minimum of two seasons in the Southern Conference were eligible for consideration, along with coaches and administrators who spent at least five years in the league.

A pool of 254 candidates from the conference's current and former member institutions were nominated for the inaugural class. The pool of former student-athletes, coaches and administrators was cut down to 45 individuals who comprised the final ballot.

A voting panel of 20 media members and league administrators made the selection of the inaugural class.

Peterson was a member of the GSU football team from 1998-2001 and currently just completed his seventh season in the NFL as a running back for the Chicago Bears.

As an Eagle, Peterson won two Walter Peyton awards (the only other Eagle was Jayson Foster) and led GSU to their last national championships in 1999 and 2000.

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Construction on Eagle Field near completion



A worker walks in front of a dugout being built in softball's new Eagle Field.

GSU News Service

By GSU News Service

Georgia Southern's Eagle Field is nearing completion of its latest set of additions.

The newest additions to the softball complex include locker rooms and bathrooms in a building behind the playing field.

The new building will not only allow the players a place to prepare for the game but will also provide the fans a better gameday experience.

"It is a nice change for the players, as it will give them a place that they can call home," said head coach Maggie Johnson.

A new brick retaining wall was installed around the area behind home plate. Its addition will enhance the overall appearance of the stadium.

The infield was also improved with the addition of new dirt and the field was laser graded to allow for better drainage.

"It is going to be a bit of an adjustment for the girls when a ball goes to the backstop. When a pitch goes by the catcher, it now bounces right

back which will make things interesting," stated Johnson, "With the netting in place of the chain link backstop, it is also a really nice upgrade and adds better visibility for the fans."

The bullpen is being reworked using warning track material and is being redesigned so that the pitchers will throw in the same direction as they would on the field.

"It will be nice to have our own area beside the batting cage," said Johnson.

Over the past couple of years, the athletic department has added new seating, a press box and a new scoreboard to the softball complex.

The ribbon cutting of the latest additions to Eagle Field will be held on February 13th at 1 p.m. followed by the season opener against Troy.

Last season, the Lady Eagles reached the Southern Conference championship game, losing a heartbreaker to Chattanooga, 1-0. (They lost the first game to UTC 3-2 earlier in the day in the best of three series).

Their 37-30 record was the second highest in GSU softball history.



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The Eagles basketball team faces off against Samford tonight at 8 p.m. in Birmingham, AL. Check GADaily.com after the game for the score and coverage.

Men's Tennis begins season on Sunday

By Molly McNally

Staff writer

Last year's Georgia Southern Men's Tennis Team ended their season 8-12, and this year the boys are back ready to start their season full swing.

The team is led by four seniors, Joris De Weerd, Phillip Prins, Alonso Rodriguez, and Matthew Sands.

"All four seniors are defiantly players to watch this season," said head coach Justin Miles, "But I expect good things from all of the upperclassmen players, hopefully they can lead by example and set a good standard for this season."

The team consists of an array of diversity, represented by players from a variety of different cultures. One such player, Alain Garrido, of Spain led the Eagles at a tournament at Florida State this past November. Garrido made it to the quarterfinals where he lost to Dan Cornei from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The Eagles hope to build and improve upon last season. They are faced this season by a packed

schedule filled with many important conference games, including a March match against Furman, the reigning Southern Conference champions.

Another key player to watch this season is Gregory Bekkers. Bekkers ended the season earning All-conference honors with his doubles partner, Philip Prins and in 2007-2008 he won a career-high with eleven singles matches.

"Bekkers had a great season last year," said Miles, "And we hope he can do it again this season."

Also joining the team this year is Bekkers' younger brother, Thomas Bekkers.

Thomas Bekkers credits his big brother as being one of the biggest influences on his athletic career. Together, these brothers from Antwerp, Belgium, and the rest of the Eagles Men's Tennis team will come together to compete for Coach Miles' and the SoCon crown this 2009 season.

"This season I expect my players just to come out every match and compete," said Miles.

The Eagles will begin their season, this Saturday with a home match at 2:30 against Hampton.



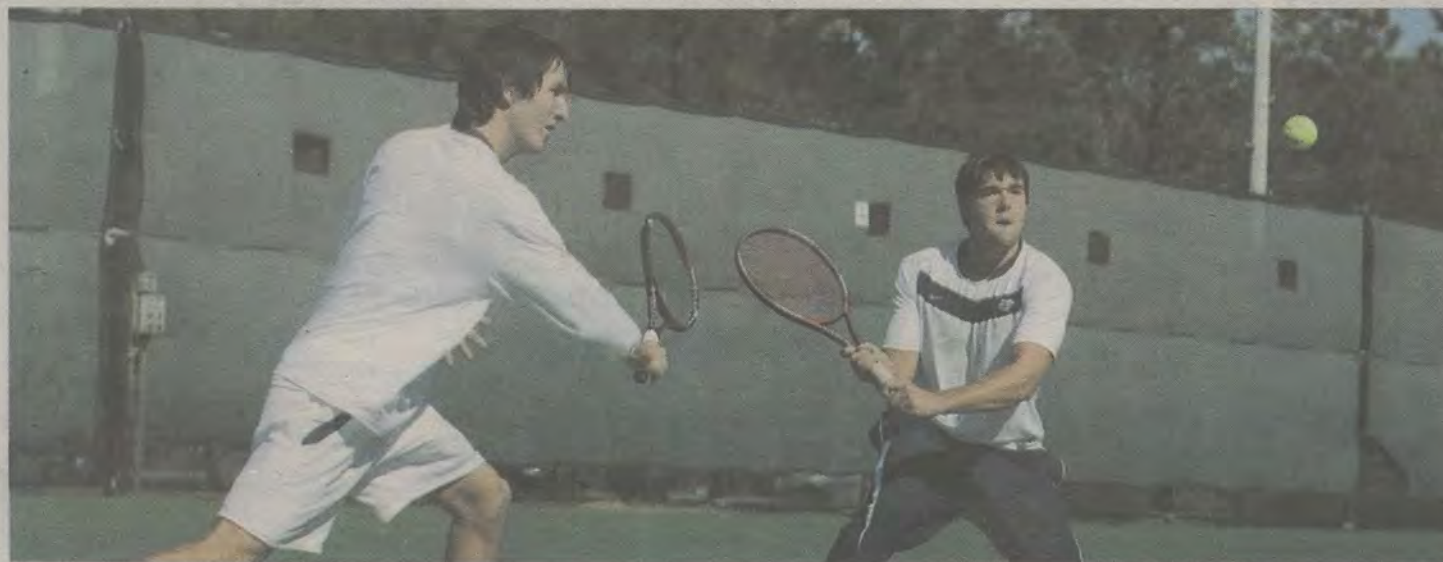
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Top: The men's tennis team huddles up after a doubles match last year vs. Wofford.

Right: Mark Paetz gets air on his serve in a match last year.

Bottom: Gregory Bekkers and Philip Prins compete in a doubles match last season.

Look in next week's GA for a look at the Lady Eagles tennis team.



This Week in Eagle Sports

Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009

Men's Basketball at Chattanooga - 5 p.m.
Swim and Dive vs. Campbell - 12 p.m.
Track and Field at Niswonger Classic - TBA
Women's Tennis vs. North Florida - 1 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009

Men's Tennis vs. Hampton - 2:30 p.m.
Women's Tennis vs. Hampton - 12 p.m.

Monday, Feb 2, 2009

Women's Basketball vs. WCU - 5 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. App State - 7:30 p.m.

*Note: These games are not only Greek night, but also the 500th Men's game at Hanner Fieldhouse.