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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS

Committee gears up to choose Grube's successor

By Charles Minshew

Reflector editor-in-chief

The search for President Bruce Grube's successor will soon be underway as the newly formed Search and Screen Committee receives their formal charge from the Board of Regents on Monday, February 23.

According to Susan Herbst, executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer at the Board of Regents, the committee is comprised of people related to GSU and the local community.

Herbst said, "In the case of Georgia Southern, we called a few people in that fashion and got a series of names. We looked at their credentials, and looked for balance by way of discipline, ethnicity, and gender."

Trey Denton, a professor of Marketing, Management, and Logistics will serve as the chair of the Search and Screen Committee. Denton was also the chair of the committee that chose Grube as one of five finalists for the presidency in 1999.

Denton said, "As soon as the committee is charged, we will begin having discussions with multiple groups on campus about what they want in a president. One of the most important groups will be the students."

"Searching for a president of a major university is a delicate process. I think of it as either a dance competition or ice-skating," Denton said. "There are formal steps that you have to do but within each of those steps there is room for your own style."

Denton added that the committee will be as "open as possible" while maintaining "confidentiality requirements" of the

search process.

Section 200, part C of the Board of Regents Policy Manual states that "all parties to the search, screen, and selection process shall maintain strict confidentiality" of candidates while "making efforts to keep the campus community and the public appropriately informed as to the general progress of the search."

According to Denton, soon after the committee has received its official charge, a physical office will be opened on campus.

A web page will also be set up on GSU's website. The page will provide news and other information about the search.

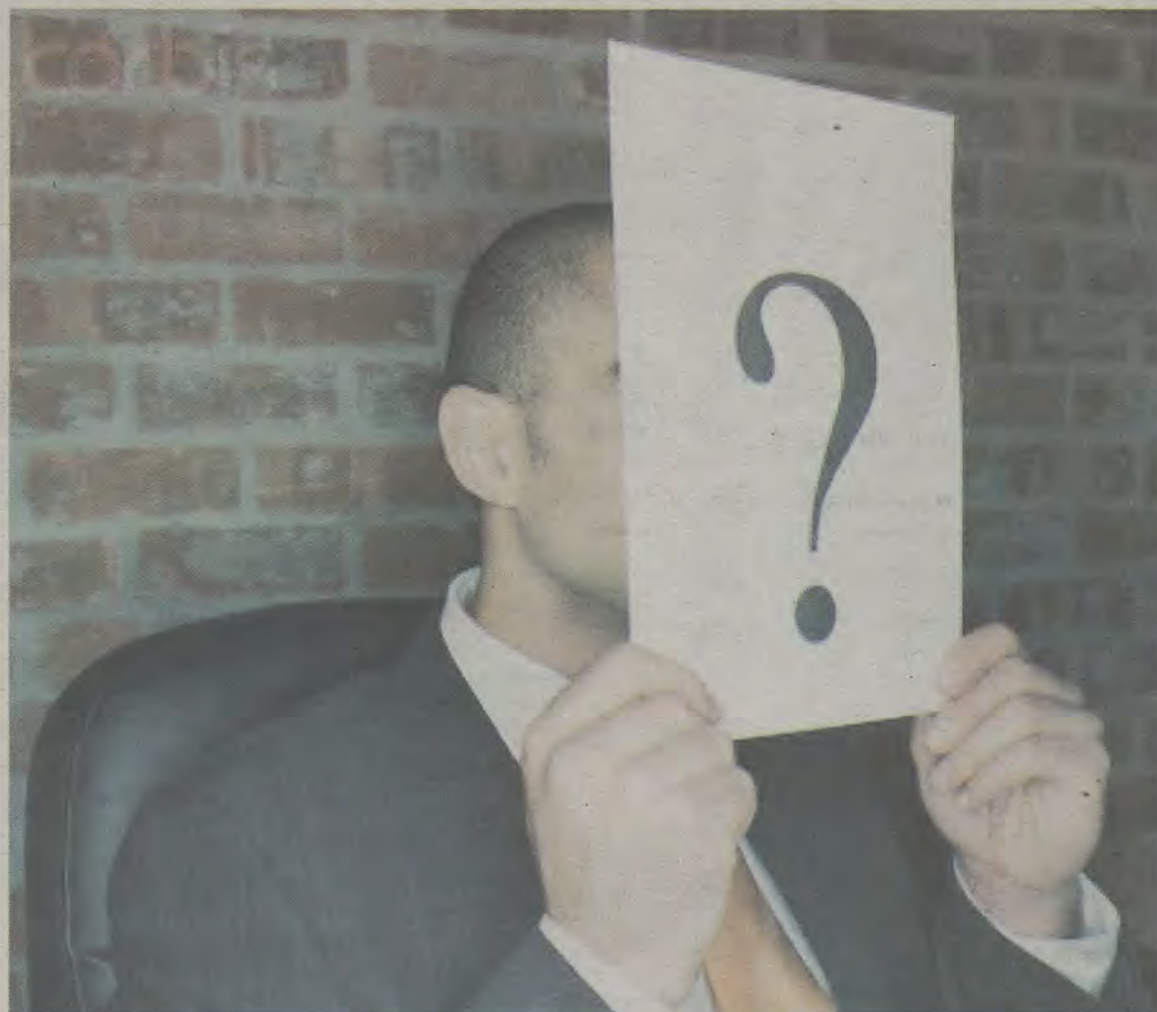
Students, as well as faculty and staff, will be able to submit nominations through this page. People who are nominated for the position will be asked if they would like to apply.

Denton said that anyone with concerns will be able to speak with committee members or contact the committee through the office or website.

At the meeting on February 23, Denton said that the committee will draw up a job description, discuss what the university is looking for in a president, and create a timeline for selection.

"We want to honestly and loudly market this opportunity so that we can attract the best possible candidate pool," Denton said.

According to Board of Regents rules for presidential searches, it will be the committee's responsibility to submit the names of five candidates to a committee at the Board of Regents. The Chancellor of the Board of Regents then makes a recommendation of who to choose for the position of president.



Special Photo

Denton said that the earliest date a president could be chosen is June 30, 2009, but he added that is not likely, considering that the actual search has not yet started.

Herbst said, "The strength of the university and how it has come so far, especially in the last decade, how the campus looks, and just the general excitement is going to attract a really terrific pool of presidents. I

have no concerns at all about the quality of the pool."

When Nicholas Henry resigned as President in 1998, a search committee was formed on July 22 of that year. A pool of seven candidates was chosen by February of 1999, and the Board of Regents chose Grube on March 10, 1999.

Other members of the Search and


Screen Committee include Nursing chair Jean Bartels, Sociology chair Peggy Hargis, associate professor of Counselor Education Fayth Parks, Dean of Students Georj Lewis, SGA President Brandon Cook, Bank of North Georgia chairman Don Howard, GSU Foundation representative Caroline Harless, and Mike Cummings, past chair of the GSU Alumni Association.


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WORLD NEWS



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Kyrgyzstan to close U.S. base used to supply Afghanistan

McClatchy News Service

In a setback to the escalating U.S. military efforts in Afghanistan, the president of Kyrgyzstan said Tuesday that his government will shut down the American air base in his country.

U.S. officials say that the Manas Air Base is vital to plans to send an additional 30,000 American troops to Afghanistan, a linchpin of President Barack Obama's efforts to pacify the country.

The announcement by President Kurmanbek Bakiyev came in Moscow, shortly after the Russian government reportedly agreed to lend Kyrgyzstan \$2 billion, write off \$180 million in debt and add another \$150 million in aid. Although the Russian government didn't release a statement about the decision, the timing and place of the announcement indicated that the Kremlin had been involved.

The Russian government has been pushing to restore its clout in the former Soviet sphere of influence despite deep economic problems at home. It's a trend that most analysts say will make Obama's

dealings with Russia delicate at best.

"It's a direct challenge to the new American administration. Russia is going out of its way to close an American base," said Pavel Felgenhauer, a Moscow-based military analyst.

Two weeks ago, Gen. David Petraeus, the head of the U.S. Central Command, which oversees American military operations in the Middle East and south Asia, said that senior Kyrgyz officials had assured him that there were no discussions between the country and Russia about closing the base in exchange for aid.

The Manas installation is viewed as "the premier air-mobility hub" for U.S. and allied operations in Afghanistan, with about 1,000 military personnel from America, Spain and France stationed there, according to a U.S. Air Force Web site.

Bakiyev explained in Moscow that the decision had been made because "we have repeatedly raised with the United States the matter of economic compensation for the existence of the base in Kyrgyzstan, but we have not been understood,"

Russian news wires reported.

Bakiyev said that after the base opened in 2001 the understanding was that "it was one or two years that were being talked about. Eight years have passed."

Last month, the Kremlin said it would open transportation lines through Russia to Afghanistan to help U.S. forces circumvent the violence-plagued route across the Pakistani border.

Analyst Felgenhauer said the message from the two actions was clear: The Kremlin is willing to help the American military in Afghanistan, but only on the condition that the United States recognizes its authority in central Asia.

Or, more simply put, "we will not allow their bases in our sphere of influence," said Felgenhauer, a critic of Kremlin policy.

Although he didn't cite the base closing, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev made a point of saying in Moscow that Kyrgyzstan and Russia "are open to coordinated action" with the U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan.

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Remembering the price of change

In a time when "change" is thrown around regularly to describe any abstract goal, events like the killings at Moore's Ford bridge are a true testament to just how much some people lost to bring it about.

It's definitely plausible to say that not one of those four who were slain on that summer day knew they were going to bring about a movement and unfortunately they never will.

But they did bring the need for change and along with it people who were willing to fight for it.

Though it has taken over 50 years of continuing investigations, the memory of that events spurred attempts by President Harry Truman himself to look for social reform and continue to motivate a new generation to work for equality before the law.

Even to this day members of that community re-enact that day on the very spot of the murders years before.

While the events of the past can't be

changed, they can be learned from. Through the perseverance of a select group of individuals, namely the Moore's Ford Committee and the students that helped bring them to Georgia Southern, that day will live on in the minds of more and more people.

It won't fade out of mind as the murderers had initially planned.

Sacrifice and perseverance are the two most overlooked elements to change. In today's world, where change is regularly alluded to, it's worth remembering what others have gone through for those results.

As the future leaders of our state and our nation, it's moments like these that we should never forget and battles like that of the committee and more importantly that community that should remind us of the responsibility we carry with that title.

In that way, we can honor the memory of those passed and do our part to better our world.



Love is in the air as Valentine's day quickly approaches



Michelle Vegliante is a sophomore public relations major from Marietta, Georgia. She is a guest columnist for the George-Anne.

In two weeks a holiday will arrive that celebrates the happy union of couples around the country while simultaneously rubbing that happiness in the faces of those who are still single.

Yes, you guessed it- Valentine's Day, also known as Singles Awareness Day, is quickly approaching.

Ah, I can already feel the love in the air. I can almost taste the delicate chocolate hearts and smell the dozens of roses that will be presented to loved ones.

I can already picture the hundreds of talking teddy bears purchased from Wal-Mart that say "I love you!" or "Your Beary Pretty" when you squeeze them.

I have already started to reminisce back to when I was in elementary school and we passed around Valentines and candy to everyone in our class (I always gave my grade school crush, Jonathan, extra candy).

Oh, can't you just feel the love?

Now I will admit that I used to be somewhat

bitter when the subject of Valentine's Day came up. It probably had something to do with the fact that I never had a Valentine, let alone a boyfriend, until I was eighteen.

I was one of those girls who, every February 14th, stood in denial as all her friends received flowers and chocolates from a significant other.

Like others, I would put on a façade and pretend that Valentine's Day is just another media frenzied Holiday invented by Hallmark to make more money.

And the truth is that Valentine's Day really is just another media frenzied holiday invented by Hallmark to make more money-and I secretly longed to be a part of that.

And Voila! My wish eventually came true once I entered the realm of dating. Suddenly, Valentine's Day wasn't so bad.

In fact, I seemed to have overdosed on candied hearts and pink roses! Now that I am with someone who I love, I view Valentine's Day in a slightly different light.

Don't get me wrong, I still think that Valentine's Day is just another media frenzied Holiday invented by Hallmark to make more money.

However, the idea behind the holiday really is

beautiful. Hiding behind all the candy, chocolates, roses, and stuffed animals lays a small but meaningful gesture of love.

Valentine's Day is a time when couples can celebrate their love and show each other how they feel. Now I know many of you think that they have all year to do so.

However, in many cases couples tend to become routine. They stay together but many times cannot remember the reason they got together in the first place.

To me, Valentine's Day represents a chance for those couples to renew their bond and remind each other why they fell in love.

In other words, it helps people renovate their relationships by offering couples a day to totally get lost in love.

Now I know some of you might be sick with all this love talk or maybe you're just love sick.

Either way, no one can deny their feelings of love for that special someone and I cannot think of a better way to celebrate that than Valentine's Day.

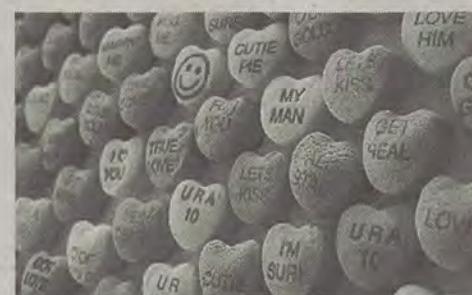
So get out there and embrace Cupid's mission because if you can't beat him, you might as well join the little guy!

Do you feel the love?

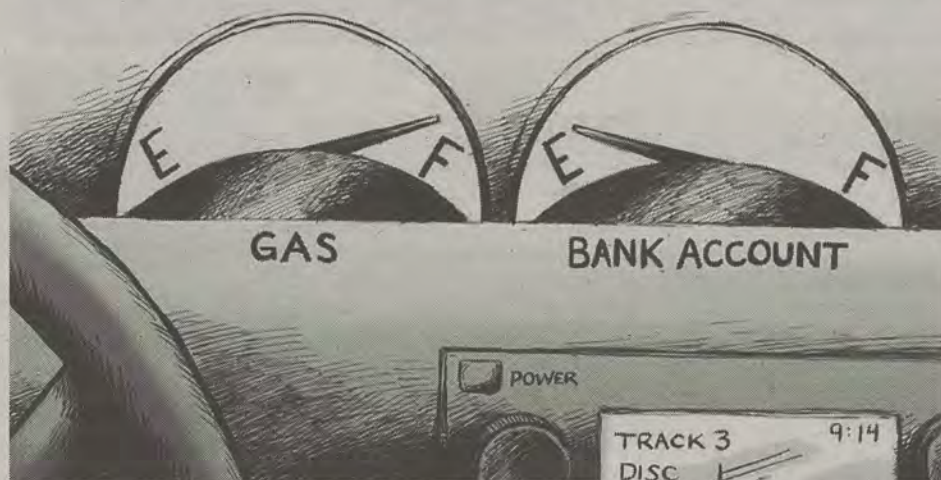
Head on to www.gadaily.com for the Valentine's Day inspired poll.

How do your past Valentine's stack up?

Send in a letter to the editor (gaditor@georgiasouthern.edu) about your most bizarre Valentine's day ever, and the strangest story will be the one that will be published in our Valentine's Day opinion section!



OPINIONS...cont.



If the best things are free, why isn't love?



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help but wonder.

As a child, I was told, "the best things in life are free." Love is undisputedly the best feeling on this earth. So if the adage stating all the best things are free rings true, then love is free right? If you think about it, a feeling should be free; you can't really tax it, regulate it, or sell it on the shelves. Yet, as I grow older and wiser, I've come to realize that love often comes with a pretty hefty fee.

This point is ever so clear in the social networking sites that bombard us during commercial breaks and in our e-mail. The most popular ones include E-harmony and Match.com. These sites claim to have "the ability to match up two people based completely on personality," and have "matched thousands with their soul-mates." Which is great, right? For those lonely souls looking for their mate. However, these matching services come with them a price tag, which monthly, can really add up.

Hallmark's favorite holiday is approaching, and it seems to be the only thing on many people's minds, including my own. I am a sucker for all things Valentine's. However, I stocked up on my stuffed cupids, boxes of chocolate, and singing valentine's cards and saw the total price glare back at me, I couldn't

E-harmony, although boasts to give you "90 days for free!" costs normally around \$40-60 a month. Match.com isn't much better, costing about 30 dollars a month, plus almost \$20 for "extra perks." Finding love never seemed expensive.

Long distance relationships also prove how expensive that feeling of love can cost. I currently am in a long distance relationship, and let me tell you, it is far from cheap.

I love my boyfriend, so I don't mind the add-ups, but for a guy just fresh in the workforce, it's a little bit harder on him. The 5-hour car trips cost nearly \$70 in gas (both ways) and more added up in food and beverages. Also, once we get to our respected areas, the cost of food, drinks, movies, and social activities also takes a toll.

The joys of going out to a movie for less than \$8 a pop are behind us. Even when we aren't traveling we are racking up a bill. The costs of phone calls and texts can really add up to. Who knew when you fell in love you also went broke?

Even if your love is just a mile away, the costs of dinner, movies, and fun continue to inflate, regardless of where you are or what you do!

A few days ago I was chatting with my friend, who was desperate to find a part time job. He never seemed low on cash, so I asked him why. "My girlfriend is expensive, I can't even afford to eat anymore!" I laughed, but understood exactly where he was coming from.

It's not her fault, or his, or anyone's really. The cost of love is just on the rise.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor in Chief of the George-Anne,

As a Georgia Southern student, and president of SSDP@GSU I urge the administration to enact sensible drug policies, and do away with harsh policies that are in place.

1) **Enact a Good Samaritan Policy.** This policy addresses the fact that many students are afraid to call for help in medical emergencies involving drugs or alcohol, because they don't want to be prosecuted under the university's harsh policies such as; dorm eviction, loss of financial aid, huge fines, or criminal sanctions.

This policy grants amnesty to victims of overdose or drug or alcohol related incidents and those who get them help.

This policy gives students the confidence to call for help in chaotic situations, strengthens bonds between the community and the authorities, and sends the message to students that GSU cares more about keeping students in school and alive more than they do about punishing them.

2) **Equalize alcohol and marijuana penalties on campus.** Currently our code of conduct says that anyone who gets caught with marijuana or any other felony drug, such as having Aderall without a prescription, are subject to eviction, even in the middle of a semester, while those who are caught

with alcohol are nearly never subject to eviction.

3) **No drug testing for university employees, faculty, or sports.** Drug testing is a waste of university money. GSU should not deny any employee, faculty, or student the right to be employed or participate in sports by the contents of their urine.

Denying people a job or activity that would reduce the likelihood of them using drugs, will increase the chances that they will use drugs more often, and abuse them.

We do not punish responsible adult alcohol users, why should we treat responsible adult marijuana users any differently.

It's time we started treating drug problems as health and education issues, rather than a criminal issue. Students For A Sensible Drug Policy is dedicated to this.

We do not support, nor do we condemn drug use. We will however give you the facts about drug issues and drug policy, and promote education and awareness. For more information go to www.ssdps.org, or contact Aaron H at ah00220@georgiasouthern.edu or just call @ 478-290-0669.

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Obama's stimulus package far from reasonable



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Wouldn't it be nice if the federal government wrote you a check for \$9,718.49?

Would you save it or would you spend it?

These are some of the questions being tossed around by politicians in Washington D.C. in regards to President Barack Obama's Stimulus Package.

The problem with taxpayers received such large sums of money is

that politicians fear consumers would save the money, rather than inject it back into the economy.

CNNMoney.com reported this week that if every taxpayer were to receive their portion of the \$1.519 trillion accumulated from the bank bailout bill and the stimulus package, then each taxpayer would receive nearly \$10,000 from the federal government.

Instead, a lot of that money is going back to some of the same corporations and banking institutions

that contributed to the hovering recession our nation is currently faced with. At the top of the list being Citi bank.

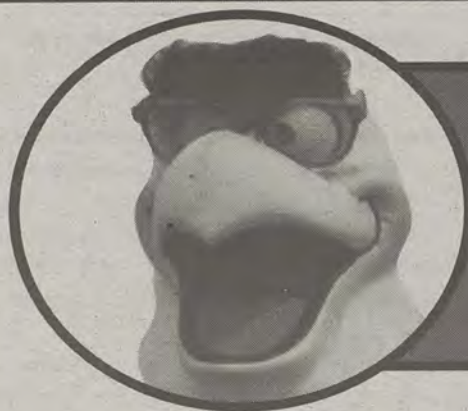
I have a problem with this idea. I don't believe the companies responsible for this whole mess to begin with should be entitled to federal government help.

Yes, a lot of people would in fact save their portion of the package, but with the way the economy is and sales of consumer items reaching an all-time low, I feel that the automobile and electronic industries would greatly benefit from extra consumer spending.

The package is currently being held up in the Senate, with Republicans calling for less spending and more tax cuts.

They feel that a portion of the bill should be used for the improvement of infrastructure, and not added on from taxpayer money, which is a feature the Democrats support.

Whatever the outcome should be, I hope that our economy can get back on the right track. Other nations are scratching at our heels waiting for our prosperity to diminish, but with a little direction from our new president we will be in very good hands.



WEEKLY BUZZ

Today

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

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

Wednesday, February 11th

Life Planning Conference - Russell Union 2047/2048 10:00am-3:00pm

Don Asher: Closing Keynote Speaker for the Life Planning Conference - Russell Union Ballroom 3:30pm-5:00pm & 7:00pm-8:30pm

Livin' Green Fair - 11:00PM - 2:00PM @ the Russell Union Rotunda <http://welcome.georgiasouthern.edu/wellness/>

Thursday, February 12th

Dinner & a Movie (Fireproof) - 7:00PM @ the Russell union Ballroom Admission: \$10 for students/\$15 for non students

DIFFERENT FACES OF ISRAEL - 12-2 pm ~ Russell Union Room 2041 Israel is a country with immigrants from all over the world to include cultures from varying nations, genders, religions, and political ideas. Come learn about multiculturalism within Israel just after their prime minister elections. PROOF OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE PROVIDED

"THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES" - 7:30 pm ~ Performing Arts Center

The GSU chapter of the National Organization for Women and the Women's and Gender Studies Program are hosting the 5th annual benefit production of Even Ensler's groundbreaking, Obie Award-winning play, "The Vagina Monologues." V-Day is a global movement to stop violence against women and girls. V-Day is a catalyst that promotes creative events to increase awareness, raise money, and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations. V-Day generates broader attention for the fight to stop worldwide violence against women and girls including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation (FGM), and sexual slavery. Through V-Day campaigns, local volunteers and college students produce annual benefit performances of "The Vagina Monologues" to raise awareness and funds for anti-violence groups within their own communities. Student tickets are \$5.00 in advance, \$7.00 at the door. Georgia Southern faculty, staff, and community tickets are \$10.00. Tickets will be on sale at the Rotunda two weeks prior to the performance, or they may be purchased by calling the Performing Arts Center at 912-681-0830. For additional venue information, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/pac/pactickets.html>.

Friday, February 13th

Dining for Success Registration Deadline (Seniors & Graduate Students)

Saturday, February 14th

The 61st Annual Miss Georgia Southern Scholarship Pageant

7:00PM @ the Russell Union Ballroom

Admission: \$5.00/\$8.00 (at the Door)

Tickets can be purchased at The Office of Student Activities in room 1056 in the Russell Union

Wednesday, February 18th

Cinema: Role Models

8:00PM @ 8:00PM @ the Russell Union Theater

Admission: \$2.00

For more info, please visit www.eagleentertainmentonline.com



In tequila, study finds a lesson on protecting distinctive delicacies

McClatchy Newspapers

Tequila is legendary for teaching hard lessons, and now it's offering them to communities around the world that produce distinctive foodstuffs, according to a North Carolina State University researcher.

Sales of the liquor, a notorious party fuel, have boomed with globalization. The rural parts of Mexico where it is produced, though, are struggling financially and with pollution because of a law that was supposed to protect its origins, according to a study by Sarah Bowen, an assistant professor in NCSU's Department of Sociology and Anthropology. The law, she found, does little to protect small farmers and local economies.

The study, co-authored with Ana Valenzuela Zapata, a biologist of the University of Guadalajara, and published in January's *Journal of Rural Studies*, has implications not just for the Mexican communities where tequila's main ingredient, blue agave, is grown and where the liquor is distilled. It also holds lessons for increasingly popular regulations designed to protect some of the world's most distinctive delicacies.

"There's a lot of great tequila out there, but the

rules aren't written in the right way to protect the farmers and the communities," Bowen said.

Such rules and regulations already cover products including wines, vinegars, hams, sausages, olives, beers and even breads. The likes of Champagne, balsamic vinegar and Gorgonzola cheese can be labeled as such only if they come from a designated region and meet other regulations aimed at preserving their producers and distinctive qualities.

Under Mexican law, to be officially designated as tequila, the liquor and the blue agave plant must come from a tightly defined region in five states. Bowen and her co-author studied the area around Amatitan, a town where tequila was believed to have first been made.

Agave takes at least six years to mature, which makes it hard for farmers to react to demand cycles. In the early part of this decade, a major agave shortage put many small tequila makers out of business and prompted larger ones to plant their own agave rather than rely on the small farmers, Bowen said.

That not only cut into farm income, but large companies also used more pesticides, which polluted water supplies. Large-scale agricultural

practices may actually have increased outbreaks of pests and disease, Bowen said.

If the law placed more value on small farmers, that wouldn't have happened and the economy in the valley wouldn't be suffering, the study concluded.

Regulations that protect the product and its small producers help everyone from growers to consumers, said Mary Booth, a Durham, N.C., native who has traveled Europe as a buyer for the supermarket chain Whole Foods.

"To get one of these designations usually means that a region has proven to a government that the product has a certain level of quality and distinctive characteristics," Booth said. "If you're a grower, you don't want someone in the next valley to be able to slap your label on what may be an inferior product."

"For consumers, it's like a guarantee that they are getting what they expect."

And tight controls on the production help the producers. With one variety of French wine, the growing area and the production level are limited, Booth said. After a bumper grape crop, excess wine is sold as a lesser grade, helping to control prices. Bowen came to NCSU this fall after receiving her

doctorate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She picked tequila not because of its notoriety, but because the 1974 law protecting it is the oldest outside Europe. There was enough history to study the effects. In many ways the law has been successful, she said. Sales have more than doubled in the past 15 years and quality has improved, leading other Latin American countries to look to tequila as they ponder protections.

The idea of the study, Bowen said, wasn't to attack such regulations. She is also studying laws that protect Comté, a hard cheese made in eastern France — laws that she said have done a terrific job. Among other things, they mandate that milk used for the cheese come from cows fed mainly by grazing rather than factory-produced feeds, protecting small farmers who own pasture land.

"There is a way to protect the local economies and the environment," Bowen said. "My main point is that doesn't happen automatically, that the way you set up the rules is crucial."

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The tequila study can be found at www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/07430167

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Stanford shatters 20-year record for smallest writing

McClatchy Newspapers

Finally, good news in the world of downsizing: Stanford University physicists have broken the historic record for small writing, opening a new door to computing's future.

Their two letters an "S" and a "U," in honor of their employer are so tiny that if used to print out the 32-volume set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, 2,000 times, the contents would fit on the head of a pin.

Nanoscribes Hari Manoharan and Chris Moon don't plan on writing a Lilliputian library using type a million times smaller than printed text. Rather, they proved that information, if shrunk, can be stored far more densely than previously thought. In computing, small sizing is a big deal because it offers greater speed and storage capacity.

"Writing really small has a long history," said Manoharan, assistant professor of physics. "We wondered: What are the limits? How far can you go?"

Until now, it was assumed that the information, such as computer bits, could not be smaller than an atom.

"Because materials are made of atoms, it was always believed that if you continue scaling down, you'd end up at that fundamental limit. You'd hit a wall," said Manoharan.

But Stanford's new letters are subatomic in size.

That's because the team took advantage of a unique feature of an electron its ability to bounce between different quantum states. In the vibration-proof basement lab of Stanford's Varian Physics Building, the scientists encoded the "S" and "U" within the patterns formed by the electron's activity, called wave function, on the surface of a sliver of copper.



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"What we did is show that the atom is not the limit that you can go below that," he said.

In addition, they demonstrated an important feature of holography. They stacked two layers, or pages, of information in this case, the "S" and the "U" within the hologram. Concentrating electrons in space is, in essence, a wire.

Someday such a structure could be used to wire together a super-fast quantum computer. Because quantum computers could perform many calculations simultaneously, they could do the work in a fraction of the time needed by

conventional computers.

It's the latest accomplishment in a steadily shrinking world.

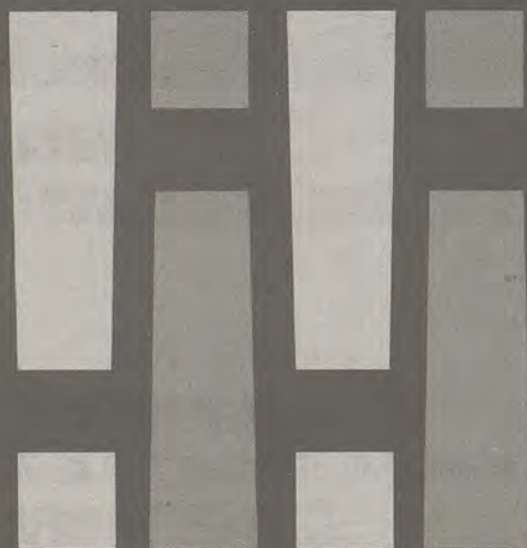
In 1959, physicist Richard Feynman threw down the gauntlet in his now-legendary lecture titled "There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom," promising new opportunities for those who thought small. He offered a \$1,000 prize to anyone who could rewrite a page in text 25,000 times smaller than usual a scale at which a single set of Encyclopaedia Britannicas would fit onto the head of a pin.

He held onto his money until 1985, when Stanford grad student Tom Newman used electron beam lithography to engrave the opening page of Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities" in such small print that it could be read only with an electron microscope.

Stanford surrendered its record in 1989, when scientists at IBM's Almaden Research Center in San Jose manipulated 35 atoms of xenon to form the letters I, B and M.

Their accomplishment does not yet have any practical use, but promises a future payoff to even the casual photographer or "Googler," Manoharan said.

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History specialist to speak about Pope Pius XII

By Sarah Goodwin

Staff Writer

Dr. Gerhard Weinberg will be coming to campus to give a lecture on Pope Pius XII on February 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the I.T. auditorium.

This lecture is sponsored by the History Department, Campus Life Enrichment Committee, and Campus Outreach Lecture Program of the U.S. Holocaust Museum Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, and is free and open to the public.

Weinberg is a specialist in German history, and history of World War II, as well as a retired professor from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Weinberg has produced numerous works, including: *A World At Arms: A Global History of World War II*.

Weinberg has also taught at the University of Kentucky and the University of Michigan.

Pope Pius XII was pope from 1939-1955, during World War II until the beginning of the Cold War.

Weinberg was a Jewish boy growing up in Hanover, Germany, under Nazi rule.

In 1938, after the Kristallnacht, the year of anti-Jewish riots, Weinberg's parents sent

him away from Germany to the United States, according to Dr. Charles Thomas, a history professor at GSU.

After World War II, Weinberg became a historian, and is now the foremost expert in the United States on Hitler, Nazi foreign policy, and the Second World War, according to Thomas.

"You can't deal with German policy and World War II without addressing the Holocaust and the Jews," said Thomas.

The central criticism for Pope Pius XII, according to Thomas, is that he did not help the minorities in Nazi Germany enough.

He was silent about the Holocaust for the most part and chose to ignore the genocide that was happening.

According to Thomas, Weinberg is an engaging speaker who has a knack for captivating student audiences.

"I am hoping we'll have folks from across the campus, from Religious Studies, Political Science, and people from the community," said Thomas. "There is a lingering and inexhaustible interest in World War II out there."

"Genocide is very much still with us, with Darfur, Rwanda, and the Balkans. Seeing what an international figure like the pope didn't do can help us consider what we ought to do," said Thomas.



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Pope Pius XII was the pope during WWII and until the early days of the Cold War.

WebMBA allows students to get masters online

By Ben Carroll

Staff Writer

WebMBA is a new online program where a student can receive a Master of Business Administration Degree, or MBA.

According to Dr. Joe Bocchi, executive director of the WebMBA program, there are five universities who participate in this program; Kennesaw State University, Valdosta State University, University of West Georgia, Georgia College and State University, and Georgia Southern.

The program started in 2000 and had its first semester in 2001.

"We have two semesters, one starting in the January and one starting in the fall," said Bocchi.

"Each semester, two cohorts, or groups, will start the program and each group ranges from 40 to 45 students. The program is designed to last five consecutive semesters."

"Throughout the five schools, there are around 14 cohorts and there are around 250 students total in the program. Once a person applies for one of the five schools and joins the WebMBA program, they will enter into a centralized program within their one cohort; there will be students from all the other schools. WebMBA is an accelerated, online

program, so students finish up in five semesters," Bocchi said.

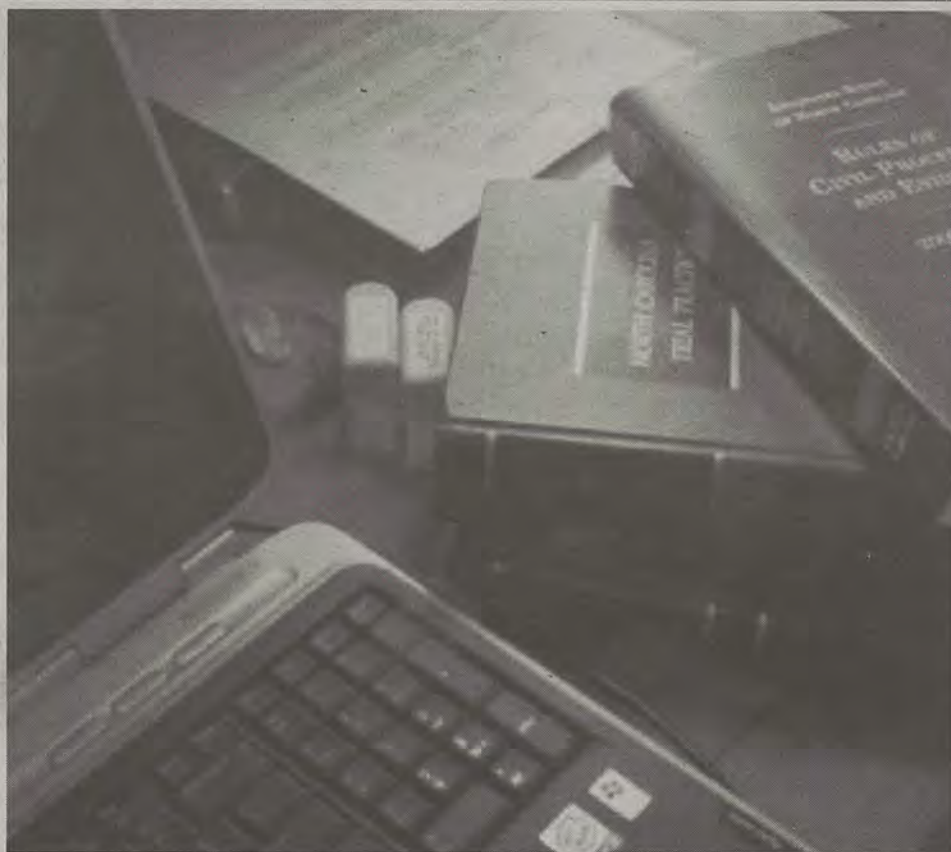
One of the advertised advantages is the difference in price. The total tuition cost of the entire program is \$17,250, in-state. Out-of-state tuition, when spread across five semesters, (which will last about 18-20 months), is different than the average \$3,500 dollars paid each semester for students who are on the HOPE scholarship, which doesn't include the cost of books.

"The program has grown over 400 percent in the last year and a half and we are still looking for ways we can expand the program," said Bocchi.

According to their admissions requirements, an applicant must submit an official GMAT score, official undergraduate transcript, GPA, undergraduate degree, major completion date, courses, institution, and documentation of completion of business foundation courses.

Even though there are many individual colleges who have their own online Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the AACSB MBA programs, other states have a program that is similar, such as Texas.

Priority application deadline is on July 1 and regular deadline is on August 1 for fall 09.



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Many universities, like GSU and Valdosta, are offering students the ability to get an MBA online.

Ring of Honor: real pro wrestling for real fans

By Sam Gordy

Guest Writer

Well, forget the WWE. Now there's a new player in town. "ROH! ROH! ROH!" is the only thing anyone can hear. Fans from around the country get ready for an amazing show and jaw dropping action.

Ring of Honor is a fairly new professional wrestling promotion founded in 2002 in Philadelphia. It's professional wrestling without all of the drama, story lines, and theatrics; unlike many of the different wrestling shows you might see on television.

It is known as an "independent federation." That simply means they use athletes that not many people have heard of to try and gain them recognition. It also means that ROH is not mainstream and is not televised. ROH has made some big names in the wrestling business, such as AJ Styles, Samoa Joe, CM Punk and LAX.

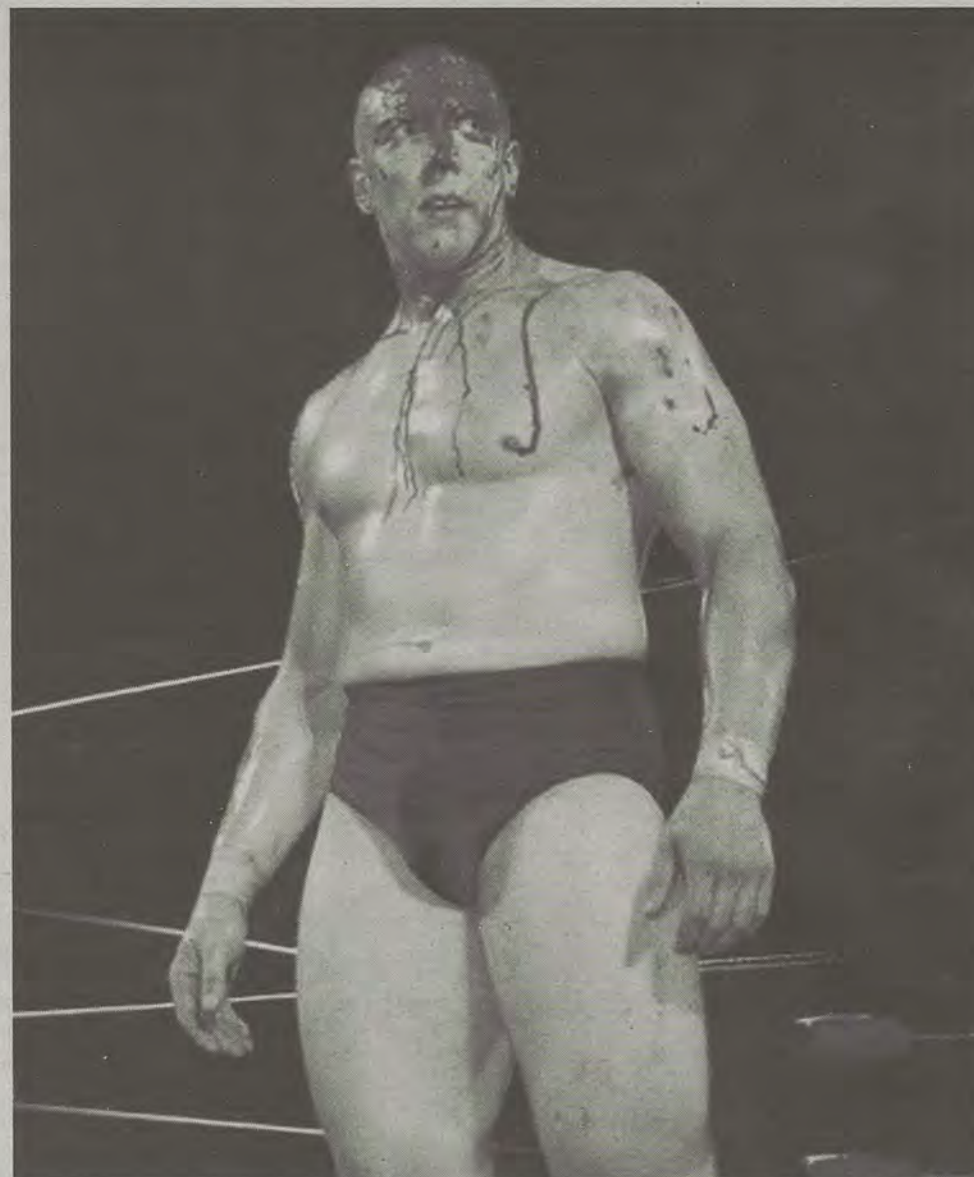
Ring of Honor events usually take place inside high school gymnasiums. For those of you who remember the old ECW, the shows take place in

similar venues. ROH also works with other companies around the world, bringing in wrestlers from many different countries, such as England and Japan. They do that so they can put on the best performance they can have at a show.

Going to my first show, I really didn't know what to expect. I paid my \$20 ticket, rather than \$80 or \$90 for a WWE show. While waiting outside for the doors to open, the ROH stars are just walking around; you could go up to them and talk or get an autograph/picture. Unlike other "superstars," the wrestlers go outside just to see what's up.

I didn't sit down once throughout the entire show, the whole building just felt like this huge ball of energy and excitement. The show went all around the building. Shows can range from a hard-hitting match to a high flying match.

The difference between ROH and WWE are the matches themselves. ROH is a lot more hard hitting and the style is different; ROH is creative with everything they do. The punches, kicks and slams are all different which makes the match something new and something you have never seen. Plus, the action is closer to you because of



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the small venue. The action you'll see in ROH will surprise you.

When I see wrestling on television it makes me laugh. ROH and WWE are just so different. ROH doesn't have interviews or talk in between matches, wasting everyone's time like WWE does. It doesn't have crazy, grand, pyro entrances that take up half the show like the WWE does. There are no fake marriages or deaths of any kind in ROH. The only similarity between ROH and WWE is they have wrestlers with fake names.

In most independent federations, the fans are as much a part of the show as the wrestlers. Most wrestling events from the "indies" are done in small venues so the wrestlers can clearly hear the fans and the fans critique most of the matches by yelling out whatever they feel is necessary to be said.

Fans can also be a little too close to the action, especially when the match falls out onto the floor or into the seats and stands.

During matches, fans usually help out wrestlers by handing them their chair to hit their opponent over the head with, showing how to interact with a fan and not make it seem fake like the WWE does.

ROH has finally started to get noticed. Entertainment Weekly did an article on them in July of 2005, Mick Foley (Mankind) has come to several ROH events and has said that it's some of the best wrestling he had ever seen. Recently, ROH was in the Golden Globe nominee movie appropriately titled "The Wrestler."

If you have ever liked professional wrestling, give Ring of Honor a try. It has completely changed my mind of what I thought professional wrestling was.

For more information, go to: www.rohwrestling.com or Youtube "Ring of Honor Wrestling."

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Wellness Center challenges students to live green in February

By Vanessa Terrell
Staff Writer

The month of February during this academic year has a focus on the environment. The LivinGreen Challenge this month is about Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Respect. According to Nigel Davies, University Wellness Program Director, it is primarily an education month. "We have numerous activities and presentations on how to more effectively live green," said Davies.

Events this month include Litter Clean-Ups, a Bike Maintenance Clinic, Recycling Educations, and many other clinics. The main event of this month is the keynote presentation by Ed Begley, Jr. six-time Emmy nominated actor and current star of "Gary Unmarried" and "Living with Ed," will be presenting his theme "Live Simply So That Others Can Simply Live" on February 16 as part of LivinGreen Month.

"University Wellness Program, Office of Sustainability in COST and Campus Recreation and Intramurals are excited to have such an inspiring and entertaining leader in environmental solutions share his knowledge with the campus community."

said Davies. This event will be held at the PAC on February 16 at 7:00 PM.

The focus on the LivinGreen Challenge is to educate, inform and then to inspire. There are many ways to contribute to conserving the environment and resources; and this LivinGreen Challenge concentrates on these important values.

"Many people think they are LivinGreen by recycling, but that is really the very LAST step in the LivinGreen process," said Davies.

The Challenge heavily emphasizes the "Buy Not - Buy Less - Buy Locally - Buy Green" approach. The month of LivinGreen encourages all to begin by reducing what we buy, use, and waste. Then, to use what we do buy until we can no longer use it.

Second, what we cannot use anymore we should find new ways to use them. All month long there are events that suggest how we can do this.

Third, once we can no longer reuse these



things, find a way to recycle. Most things can be recycled, and Bulloch County has 16 recycling centers.

"Always respect our environment...there is no Planet B!" said Davies.

On campus there are numerous pro-

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grams, events and organizations that are focused upon LivinGreen, living more sustainably.

"This is a critical time in the future of the earth and it will require humans to significantly change the way we live and use the limited resources we have," said Davies.

The month of February is LivinGreen 30 Day Challenge, but the program encourages students to "live green" continuously. For more information visit <http://welcome.georgiasouthern.edu/wellness/LivinGreen/index.html>.

LivinGreen Calendar

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| 2/9 | 11-1p.m.: LivinGreen Fair at the Russell Union Rotunda (Bring a reusable container and get a free drink!) |
| 2/10 | 5-7p.m.: Leave No Trace Clinic at the SAC |
| 2/11 | 8p.m.: Adventure Movie at the SAC |
| 2/16 | 7p.m.: Speaker: Ed Begley, Jr. |
| 2/17 | 5-7p.m.: Leave No Trace Clinic at the SAC |
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Beat the meat: an argument for the vegan lifestyle

By Gweb Johnson

Guest Writer

No steak, no cheese pizza, no milk chocolate, not even Skittles. Adults, teens, and kids around the globe are saying "no" to the use of animal products and "yes" to veggies, tofu, tempeh, and soy alternatives for their favorite foods. Many have never heard of such a lifestyle and even more are wondering, "Why?"

It's called Veganism (pronounced VEE-gun-ism). Veganism is a lifestyle choice that asks practitioners to abstain from the use of all animal products. Veganism is also much larger than the products we consume. Vegans also abstain from the use of leather, wool, suede, silk, and any other product that comes from an animal or is an animal by-product.

Many people adopt a Vegan lifestyle for a variety of reasons. Some may follow a certain religious creed or are seeking a healthier diet. Others may want to decrease their carbon footprint or other environmental reasons. Most if not all vegans agree that the animal's well-being is the most significant reason for making the switch.



It is no secret that non-human animals must die for the products that we enjoy on a day-to-day basis. What many people may find shocking are the conditions and methods that these animals must endure for our enjoyment.

"On U.S. farms, an average of seven egg-laying hens spend their entire lives in a battery cage with a floor area the size of a vinyl record cover. Living on wire floors that deform their feet, in cages so tiny they cannot stretch their wings, and covered with excrement from cages above them, these chickens suffer from various diseases and obsessive pecking, which is curbed by searing the beaks off young chickens." (1)

Chickens aren't alone in their suffering. As with any mammal, cows produce milk only when pregnant and stop after their calves have been weaned. Cows are forced to become pregnant to

ensure a constant supply of milk. If the dairy cow delivers a female calf then that calf is destined to become a dairy cow herself, often made to suffer through the same conditions as her mother and eventual slaughter once her milk production has decreased. Male calves are sold to veal farms, tethered to stalls, deprived of food and exercise, and soon slaughtered for meat. (2)

This is only a small portion of the overall picture. Animals are now "grown" and "harvested" for the "needs" of humans and this has become so customary that many don't stop and think of the adverse effects this can have on the animals, our bodies, or the planet.

"The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization has linked animal agriculture to a number of other environmental problems, including: contamination of aquatic ecosystems, soil, and drinking water by manure, pesticides, and fertilizers; acid rain from ammonia emissions; greenhouse gas production; and depletion of aquifers for irrigation." (3)

The planet's condition isn't the only thing at stake under an animal based diet. We inhabit the earth with 6,706,993,152 people (July 2008 est.) and the lifestyle choice of many effect the well-being of others.

"The United Nations has reported that a vegan diet can feed many more people than an animal-based diet. For instance, projections have estimated that the 1992 food supply could have fed about 6.3 billion people on a purely vegetarian diet, 4.2 billion people on a 85 percent vegetarian diet, or 3.2 billion people on a 75 percent vegetarian diet." (4)

The message is clear, and the facts are real. Everything we do in this life has an effect on our immediate environment and the future. I feel that we have a personal responsibility to seek out knowledge and promote lifestyle choices that enhance life, not take it away.

Anthony Civarelli, the lead singer of the punk band Gorilla Biscuits sings about his compassion towards animals in the song 'Cats and Dogs':

"My true compassion is for all living things and not just the ones who are cute so I do what I can. I wanna save lives and I've got a plan."

That plan is made clear through the commitment of a vegan lifestyle. There are plenty of reasons: it's easier than ever, and if done correctly you'll be doing your body and the earth a favor in the long run. So educate yourself and get out there and beat the meat.

(1 -4) All sources and additional information can be found on www.vegan.org.

For more information, video Google search the documentary "Earthlings" or visit www.goveg.com, www.veganfreak.com, or www.veganoutreach.org.



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Vegan Chocolate Chip Cookies

This is a fast and easy introductory vegan desert recipe that is an after dinner favorite for my girlfriend and I. Whenever I let a friend try these cookies they can't believe they're vegan. Vegan cooking can be fun, easy, healthy, and great tasting. (Editor's Note: I've had them and he's right; they're delicious.)

- **1 cup nonhydrogenated margarine, at room temperature
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1 tablespoon molasses
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

** For the margarine I suggest picking up, "Smart Balance Light." It's the only margarine I know of at Wal-Mart that is Vegan (it also says it on the back label.)

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Cream together the margarine and sugar until fluffy. Add the molasses and vanilla. Add the flour, baking soda, and salt, and mix well. Fold in the chocolate chips. Drop by teaspoonfuls spaced a little over 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, until ever so slightly browned. Let cool on the baking sheets for 5 minutes, then transfer to a cooling rack.

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Bonnaroo: king of festivals

By Philip Clements

Features Editor

What do Bruce Springsteen, Snoop Dogg, Al Green, and Phish have in common? They are among the 100+ lineup at this year's incarnation of the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival, which will be held June 11-14.

Bonnaroo, which began in 2002, is a four-day festival held each summer on a 700-acre farm in Manchester, Tennessee. The name is a Cajun slang word first made popular by Dr. John in the 1970s, meaning "a really good time." And a good time, it is.

Bonnaroo is known across the country as the best music festival in America. Rolling Stone Magazine even declared it "the ultimate over-the-top summer festival" as a result of last year's event. For four days, music fans of all sorts converge in Tennessee to dance, play, laugh and imbibe illegal substances together.

Multiple stages provide festival-goers with the freedom to choose between several different acts at any given time, allowing each individual to customize their festival experience. The main stage, dubbed "What Stage," has a capacity of roughly 100,000 and is where the more popular acts of the weekend perform. "Which Stage," the second stage, has a capacity of 30,000.

In the past, acts like Dave Matthews Band, Metallica, Radiohead, Widespread Panic, Kanye West, Willie Nelson, Bob Dylan, Pearl Jam, and Talib Kweli have brought huge crowds to the fields of Tennessee.

This year, in addition to the acts named earlier, will feature performances by Nine Inch Nails, Beastie Boys, Wilco, Erykah Badu, Moe, The Mars

Volta, TV on the Radio, Elvis Costello, Merle Haggard, Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Neko Case, Paul Oakenfold, the Zac Brown Band and countless others. The full lineup is available on the festival website. Keep an eye out for changes in the lineup, as there are always additions and cancellations.

In addition to all the great music, 100 acres of the grounds are devoted to an entertainment village, full of various events and activities for festival-goers to participate in if they are ever in need of a break from the relentless music (as crazy as that sounds.)

In the village, you will find an arcade stocked full with classic games, theater performers acting out scenes on any available ground, a beer festival, an around-the-clock cinema and even a "silent disco," a tent where everyone listens to a musical performance via wireless headphones.

Another feature of Bonnaroo is the comedy tent, which has brought to the stage many popular stand-ups over the years, such as Zach Galifianakis, Janeane Garofalo, David Cross, Flight of the Conchords, and Lewis Black. Last year, Chris Rock even performed on the main stage, which was one of the largest comedy performances ever.

In theory, you could go to Bonnaroo and not see a single musical performance. But who would want to do that?

Right now, tickets are \$224.50, but there is only a limited amount available at that price. Once those are sold out, tickets will rise to \$234.50 and then \$249.50. For those of you that are broke college students, Bonnaroo will be providing a payment plan.

For more information, check out the festival website at www.bonnaroo.com or the unofficial message board at www.inforoo.com



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Students should secure items at RAC

By Mark Beavers

Staff Writer

An Eagle Alert was issued to students on January 27 in response to recent thefts in and around the RAC area.

The alert stated that "there have been numerous thefts from the RAC area in the past two weeks."

However, according to CRI Director Gene Sherry, the thefts are not a new problem at the RAC.

"We've noticed in the past that we have a little rash of (theft) in the beginning of the semester then it goes down to nothing," Sherry said.

He said that there have been eight to 12 cases of items, mainly wallets, being taken at the RAC this semester.

Nobody has been caught or charged with taking any of the items from the center yet.

"We have not caught anybody taking something (because it is) hard to do. They are just picking up something that's just lying there," Sherry said.

The high volumes of people using the RAC daily also make tracking thefts difficult. Approximately 4,000 students, faculty and staff use the RAC daily, said Sherry.

Sherry believes there would be fewer thefts if students would be more responsible with their belongings.

"You just can't leave your wallet setting out in public," Sherry said. "When you are in the weight room, there are cubbies that people put their keys and IDs in. Don't."

Sherry noted that the RAC provides lockers for students to put valuables in, there are also signs near cubbies telling students to lock away valuables, and staff often warn students as they enter the RAC that they need to lock away important items.

According to Sherry, new students that are unfamiliar with the RAC are often the victims of theft.

If a student were to notice that his or her belongings were missing, the student should report the missing item to the RAC staff. The RAC staff will then notify public safety so that a report can be filed.

Georgia Southern nursing students and faculty members visit state legislature

By Sarah Goodwin

Staff Writer

Faculty and students from the GSU Nursing Department attended Georgia Nurses Association Legislative Day on January 27.

Three faculty members and between 40 to 50 students from GSU ventured to Georgia State University to discuss pressing issues facing nurses in the work force today.

Several colleges around Georgia attended the conference, including the University of West Georgia and Georgia State University, with Georgia Southern having the second largest group present.

"The biggest issue discussed was about cutting \$30 million from the budget for school nurses, mostly in rural schools," said Sarah Anzjon, a second semester nursing student.

According to Linda Upchurch, an instructor of nursing, this is a big concern facing schools in poorer rural areas because a lot of times that is the only medical attention these children can receive.

"The schools especially in this area depend a lot on federal and state funding for school nurses," said Upchurch. "Some counties might not be affected because they are getting funding from outside sources."

Many of the students and faculty that attended have taken the initiative to write their Congressmen and to try to stop this cut from taking effect.

"I have already drafted a letter to my congressman,

and I will probably have it in the mail by tomorrow," said Anzjon. "I think it's important to be politically active in whatever profession you choose."

Although the nurses who attended this meeting were able to talk to state senators and representatives, it is still not certain as to what they will decide making, said Upchurch.

"For many students in Georgia, the school nurse may be the only health care provider they see. School nurses provide services such as tube feedings, suctioning, and giving scheduled medications," said Upchurch. "Of course, they also provide care to students who have problems such as asthma exacerbations, coughs, colds, and injuries."

Besides the cutting of the nursing budget, the goal of the meeting was to review the current GNAL proposals, learn how to successfully lobby for the cause, and be able to talk to state representatives and senators so that they know where the nurses stand, according to Maricel Williams, a junior nursing major at GSU.

Another major issue discussed at this meeting was the nurse shortage. According to Upchurch, the field of nursing will need 1 million new nurses by 2012.

This shortage is due to a considerable amount of nurses retiring from the profession as well as nursing schools having to turn away students from the program due to faculty shortage, limited classroom space, and budgetary issues.



Special Photo

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Texas professor survives recession by dumpster diving for useful household items

By Jessica Mayers

McClatchy News Service

The secret to economic survival this year may lie in the dumpster.

Just ask Jeff Ferrell, a professor at Texas Christian University who spends part of his day buried in trash.

The 54-year-old scrounger extraordinaire has furnished his Arlington Heights, Texas, home with the refuse of fellow Fort Worth residents.

As the economy continues to wilt, Ferrell's daily glimpses into the detritus of others offer both financial perks and a cultural critique on American consumerism, consumption and collection.

The dumpster "is a visible manifestation of how far it is from the haves and the have-nots," said Ferrell, who tries to "bridge that gap by dumpster diving."

In the world of garbage, Ferrell is the arbiter between the consumer and the landfill. "This is late capitalism, not in its early stage when your shoes

were worn out so you got new ones," he said. "Now you get them because the style changes. It's marketing, not need."

But as necessity demands consumers tighten their budgets and rethink their spending, resourceful activities are taking on a new meaning. But dumpster diving?

"You're not just finding things," said Ferrell, "you're finding things to keep from buying. It gets to be a self-sustaining system, the opposite of wasteful."

Two days of scrounging sat on his coffee table one recent afternoon.

It included a suit, an unopened bottle of champagne, a metal pot, binoculars, rhinestone earrings,

a reading light and a bag full of Banana Republic boxers.

Ferrell said he's seeing the same Neiman Marcus sweaters and Gucci bags tossed away in more affluent neighborhoods than he did a year ago.

But he's encountering more middle-class residents digging for wood to build a shed or searching for school clothes that fit their kids.

"It's more people than you would believe," he said, who are choosing to make valuable what others have discarded,

be it out of financial necessity, moral principle or environmental duty.

Ferrell, a leading cultural criminologist who attended Southern Methodist University and has taught in Great Britain and throughout the U.S., spent almost a year in the alley-surfing underworld as research for his 2005 book, "Empire of Scrounge: Inside the Urban Underground of Dumpster Diving, Trash Picking, and Street Scavenging."

He and his wife realized they could live off her \$270-a-week grocery clerk salary with his full-time scrounging.

Ferrell's findings point at an object in his house and he probably hauled it back from a local dumpster on his bike, from his vintage turquoise bathtub to the brown worker boots on his feet, have saved the couple hundreds of dollars annually, said his wife, Karen Eang-Ferrell.

"It's a mixed blessing," she said, chuckling. There was that diamond bracelet he found for her that sits in a lock box at the bank, and the costume jewelry she secretly loves.



Special Photo

GSU hosts annual Vagina Monologues

Proceeds are contributed to Statesboro assault center

By Tiffany Colston

Guest Writer

On Thursday, February 12 at 7:30 the Vagina Monologues will be performed at the Performing Arts Center for students looking to be entertained with a comedic and dramatic performance.

This year's theme is Vulva the Revolution and will include various monologues about sex, love, rape and birth.

The monologues range from a monologue concerning a woman who witnesses the birth of her grandchild, which alters her negative view of vaginas, to one about a woman who learns to accept her body after overcoming sexual abuse.

Others that may spark the curiosity of students concern an older woman who recounts her early sexual experiences, along with a male-to-female transgender who overcomes his body dysphoria.

In order to prepare for the production, V-Day chocolate vaginas, bags and T-shirts are being sold at the Russell Union Rotunda.

For several weeks those participating in the event have been spreading the message about taking a stand against sexual assault against women.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday at the rotunda students have the unique opportunity to learn more about the campaign that led to the development of Vagina Monologue performances throughout the world.

Founder of the campaign, Eve Ensler initially met with several of her female friends and they frequently discussed about women's issues, sex and their vaginas.

After interviewing women around the world in the early 1990's, she used their insight concerning these issues to create the Vagina Monologues.

The intimate interviews with the women led to the depiction of their life experiences in 1996, when the Tony Award- winning monologue de-

buted off-Broadway.

She eventually utilized the money she earned from the original production to launch the V-Day Campaign.

The non-profit organization's mission is to ultimately end violence against women. Each time it is performed donations go to sexual assault prevention organizations around the world.

In Statesboro, 10 percent of the proceeds are contributed to the Statesboro Regional Assault Center.

Director of the show, Reuben Hayslett feels that the show includes a diverse group of people who are striving for change.

"Our goal is to create awareness about violence against women and to change people's perceptions about them," Hayslett said.

In his opinion, changing people's cultural perceptions of vaginas could help stop violence against them.

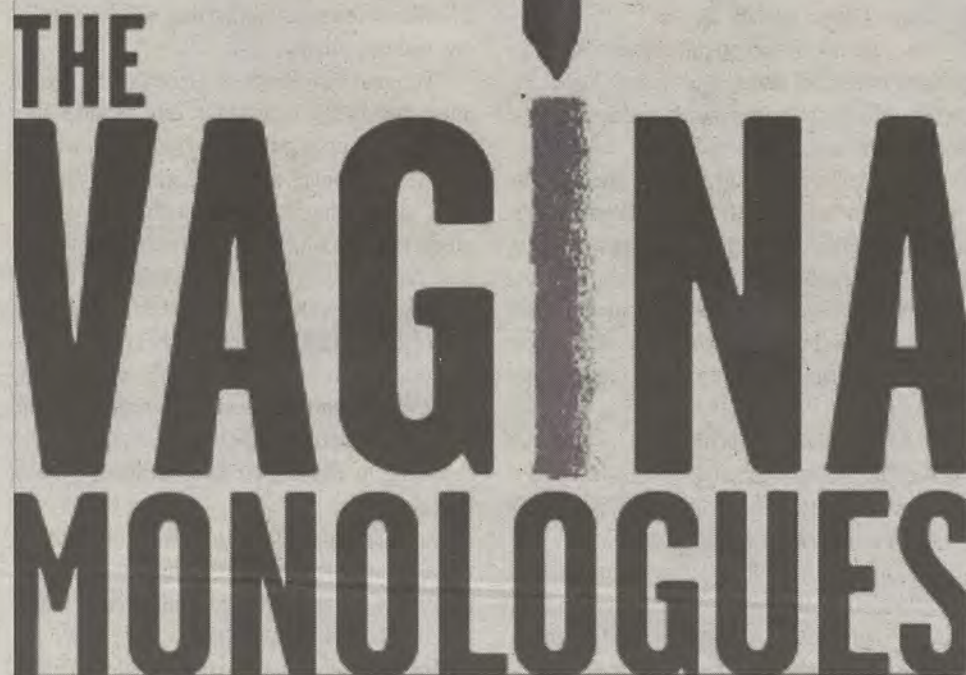
Co-director of the show, Elizabeth Haymans expressed that the issues confronted in the show will wake people up to the issues that women face, but don't discuss.

"Up until this show women haven't been given the opportunity to speak so frankly about themselves," said Haymans.

There is no doubt that raising awareness while promoting the show is essential. According to cast member Elizabeth Hobbes, people with lack of knowledge about women's sexuality and the exploration of heterosexual and homosexual relationships will leave more aware.

Cast member, Virginia Fuller is adamant about supporting the cause until the violence stops, especially since she is a victim of sexual assault.

To purchase tickets go the PAC or visit the V-Day table at the Russell Union Rotunda from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. everyday until Feb. 12.



THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

Special Photo

Do you find things going on campus that just bug you, and you want to share your views with other students/faculty/staff on campus? Well then pick up a pen and write an opinion column for the George-Anne!

We are currently looking for new, fresh, interesting opinion columns and writers this semester! For more information, contact Claire Gallam, the Managing Editor of News, by emailing her at ganewsed@georgiasouthern.edu.

Shannon Knepp, the News Editor, is also on the lookout for an assistant this Spring semester! Candidates need to be able to be available one hour a day, weeknights, and be knowledgeable in news and journalism, AP style.

Contact Shannon if you are interested by e-mail at ganewsed@georgiasouthern.edu or stop by room 2023 in the Williams Center.

Background information on the Vagina Monologues

Who wrote it:

Eve Ensler

How long has the show been running:

13 years

Where was the first show:

West Side Theatre, Manhattan

What is V-Day:

A non for profit global movement to stop violence against women and girls and it promotes creative events to increase awareness and raise money for battered women's shelters, sexual abuse shelters, etc.

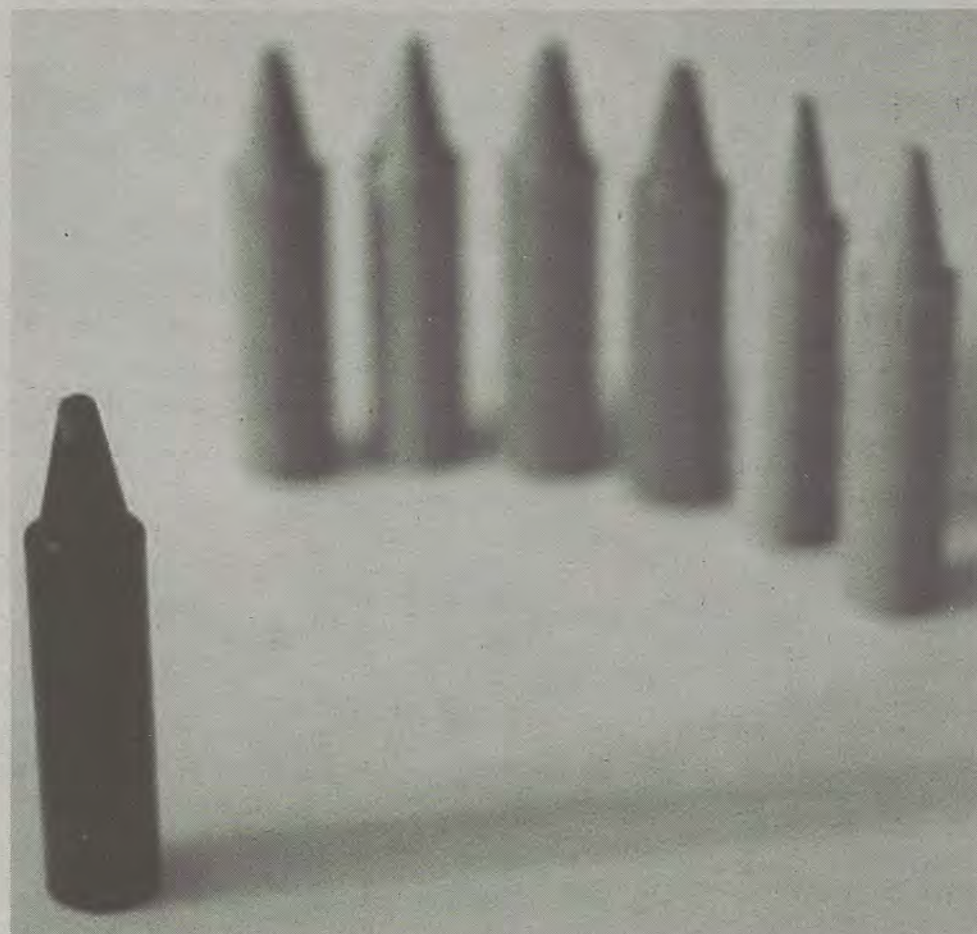
What is the show about:

Every monologue somehow relates to the vagina, whether it be sex, love, rape, menstruation, mutilation, masturbation, birth, orgasm, the variety of names for the vagina. The show features monologues from different women throughout the show.

When is the show at GSU:

Thursday, February 12 at 7:30

Information from www.vday.org



Special Photo

SGA campaigns to end discrimination at GSU

Students work with NAACP for campus wide campaign

By Mark Beavers

Staff Writer

Discrimination in various forms still occurs and is still an issue today, and the Georgia Southern community is no stranger to claims of prejudice, as some may recall the incident where some students were turned away from a local bar last semester.

The Campaign to End Campus Discrimination is a program that Student Government Association started during the 2007 – 2008 school year to provide students who are uneasy about going to the police with discrimination issues an opportunity to at least document how they were treated unequally.

According to SGA Senator Charles Feagain, one of the members that initially put forth the idea of the campaign, students that feel they have been discriminated against in some form, whether hate, ethnically, or racially related, can go online to www.gsuga.com and download an 'incident report.'

The form allows students to document what happened to them, the people involved, the location, and the reporters contact information

concerning an occurrence of discrimination.

After filling out the form, student would return it to a SGA officer or the Student Activities Center.

"(The report) is for documentation purposes. It's not evidence," Feagain said, noting that the basic function of the form is to provide a way to file away reports for future reference and for research.

Feagain also said that the form is not the same thing as filing a legal complaint and that SGA cannot provide legal advice, but the forms will better help SGA understand the issues going on and help inform students.

"(The campaign idea came about) in response to a lot of the stuff people didn't feel comfortable going to the police with," Feagain said.

"I didn't really see anything getting done. Civil rights are something I've always been passionate about," said Feagain.

Feagain also noted that the creators of the Campaign to end Campus Discrimination got together with the NAACP to create the report form.

Feagain said the SGA's goal in the campaign is not to give students legal advice, but point them in the right direction.

CALENDAR

Thursday, February 5, 2009

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Event: Dos Thursday Luncheon

Location: Russell Union 2001C

Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Event: Rising Above the Turmoil

Location: Nessmith Lane Ballroom

Time: 6 - 7 p.m.

Event: Class Ring Ceremony

Location: Nessmith Lane Assembly Hall

Time: 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Event: SCA Meeting

Location: Russell Union 2043

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.

Event: Movie TBD

Location: Russell Union Theatre

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.

Event: Engl/Film 3232

Location: Business Admin. Building 1107

Friday, February 6, 2009

Time: 10 - 10:30 a.m.

Event: AOD Task Force

Location: Russell Union 2073

Time: 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Event: Alcohol Education Task Force

Location: Russell Union 2052

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

Time: 2 - 4 p.m.

Event: Fullbright Information Meeting

Location: Russell Union 2080

Time: 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Event: My Sisters Keeper Meeting

Location: Russell Union 2043

Time: 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Event: Oliver

Location: Performing Arts Center

Saturday, February 6, 2009

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Event: ACT Exam

Location: Russell Union Theatre

Time: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Event: LSAT Exam

Location: Williams Center Dining Hall

Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Event: Kaplan MCAT Course

Location: Nursing/Chemistry Building

Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Event: Collegiate 100 Seminar Series

Location: Russell Union 2044

Time: 5 - 11 p.m.

Event: Ballroom Dance

Location: College Plaza Building

Time: 7 - 10 p.m.

Event: Looking for Love

Location: Russell Union Ballroom

Sunday, February 8, 2009

Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Event: Kaplan MCAT Course

Location: Nursing/Chemistry Building

Time: 12 - 8 p.m.

Event: New Member Anti-Hazing Meeting

Location: Russell Union Theatre

Time: 4 - 6 p.m.

Event: NSBE General Body Meeting

Location: Russell Union 2048

Time: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Event: Up 'till Dawn Meeting

Location: Russell Union 2054

Time: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Event: GSU Show Choir Meeting

Location: Williams Center Dining Hall

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

Event: Campus Prayer

Location: Russell Union 2073

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.

Event: Miss Purple Essence Pageant Practice

Location: Russell Union 2080

GSU launches new online campus tour

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern University has launched an online tour that gives prospective students and their parents a first-hand look at its scenic campus without having to leave home.

The new tour is accessible from the University's Web site at: www.georgiasouthern.edu.

Recognized as one of the most beautiful college campuses in the country, Georgia Southern's campus features expansive green spaces designed with the University student in mind.

With nearly every campus building within walking distance, the campus has been transformed during the past 10 years to include numerous new buildings and residence halls, a recently renovated library and a pedestrian path that runs through the center of campus.

"This online tour will provide students, particularly those that would have to otherwise travel long distances, the opportunity to see our campus without ever leaving home," said Susan Davies, director of admissions at Georgia Southern University.

"While there is no substitute for seeing the

campus in person, our online tour is the next best thing."

Georgia Southern University asked current students and Southern Ambassadors Clay Turner and Waneik Montgomery to host the online tour which was designed to show off some of the most popular features of campus.

From the beautiful scenery of historic Sweetheart Circle to taking an "inside" look at our newest residence halls, the short tour gives prospective students the feeling of what it's like to be on campus.

"We pride ourselves on being a major research university with the feeling of a much smaller private college," said Davies. "Our campus not only amazes prospective students and their parents, but also alumni that have not been back in a while."

To access the online tour, prospective students and parents can visit: www.georgiasouthern.edu and click on the "Watch a Video Tour" link at the top of the University's home page.

Students may also schedule a personal visit to campus by clicking on the "Plan a Campus Visit" link.



Special Photo

Georgia Southern is now offering a campus tour that will be strictly online, geared to those students who are unable to make the tour the times they are scheduled.

Students sing on capital steps for cause SAPA members part of "Day to end violence" campaign

By Angela Ogburn

Special to the G-A

Eight students in Georgia Southern University's show choir, "Adrenalin," will be performing for a cause today on the steps of Atlanta's Capitol building.

The group will be performing for the "Day to End Violence" campaign, which is hosted by the non-profit coalition Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault (GNESA). The group will be performing the song, "When You Believe" under the direction of GSU student Adam Pulver.

"The people that will be going to perform have cried over this topic and they truly feel what this is about," said Pulver.

Several of the members are additionally involved in GSU's student organization, Sexual Assault Prevention Advocates (SAPA).

The student group's mission is to promote discussion among peers regarding the issues of sexual violence and increase awareness and

sensitivity regarding sexual assault.

SAPA is sponsored by the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) at GSU, which works to raise awareness of sexual assault issues in the GSU community.

The day will begin with an informational session by GNESA regarding current and proposed Georgia laws and statutes regarding sexual violence. During the event, participants will also get the chance to speak with legislators about concerns and make requests to enhance services to victims of sexual violence.

GSU students who were chosen for the event include Pulver, Kevin Solomon, Lauren Martin, Theresa Swanson, Tabi Kenny, Sierra Powell, Brittany Coughlin, and Eileen Ndem.

To learn more about SAPA or SART and how you can get involved, contact SAPA Advisor Angela Ogburn at aogburn@georgiasouthern.edu or 912-478-5541.

"The people that will be going to perform have cried over this topic and they truly feel what this is about."

- Adam Pulver
"Adrenalin" Choir Director

POLICE BEAT

Monday, February 2, 2009

Officers issued three traffic citations, five traffic warnings, assisted four motorists and investigated one accident.

A bicycle was taken from Kennedy Hall.

A cell phone was taken from the College of Education Building.

Charles Thomas Standridge, 20, Wellington Circle for driving too fast for conditions, passing in a no-passing zone, DUI under 21.

Wesley Wilson Vance, 19, Brookton Road, Cumming for underage possession of alcohol.

Magnum Steed Owens, 23, Lanier Drive for failure to maintain lane, DUI (refused test).

Richard Albert Statman, 20, Autumn Trail, Grovetown for underage possession of alcohol.

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

Officers issued one traffic citation, four traffic warnings, assisted one motorist, assisted one sick person, responded to one alarm and investigated two accidents.

Jonathan Reid Cooper, 19, Eagle Village, was charged with possession of marijuana.

Hunter Nicholas Frey, 19, Pine Hill Drive, Cleveland was arrested for failure to yield, DUI under 21 and this was his second offense.

Martika Myeia Evans, 19, Lanier Drive for failure to maintain lane, DUI and refused to take the test, giving false identity to law enforcement officers, driving with a suspended license, improper lane change.

Brandon Antoine Alford, 22, Woodland Drive for a probation violation.

Former UN Commander Lt. to speak At GSU

Dallaire is known for his efforts to stop genocide

GSU News Service

Former United Nations Commander Lt. General Roméo Dallaire will speak at the Georgia Southern University Performing Arts Center at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2009.

Dallaire served as the commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda and was in command during the Rwandan genocide of 1994, which was a result of the war between the Hutus extremists and the Tutsis.

In his book "Shake Hands With the Devil: The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda", Dallaire gives his account of the Rwandan genocide which took 800,000 lives in 100 days.

In addition to speaking about his experiences in Rwanda and how he feels the United Nations and world reacted to the crisis, Dallaire's presentation at Georgia Southern University will focus on the many challenges facing today's peacekeepers around the world.

Dallaire's presentation is free and open to the public.

Dallaire was born in the Netherlands to a Canadian staff sergeant. Once he was old enough,

he enrolled in the Canadian army as a cadet. He also attended the Royal Military College of Canada with a Bachelor of Science degree and was commissioned into The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery in 1970.

After retiring from his U.N. command and the Canadian military, Dallaire began a career as a member of the Canadian Senate and became a renowned expert and acclaimed speaker on human rights and genocide prevention.

He was appointed a Fellow of the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University where he researched conflict resolution and the use of child soldiers.

Dallaire's humanitarian efforts have been recognized around the world and he has been honored with the Officer of the Order of Canada (2002),

Grand Officer of the National Order of Quebec (2005), and received the Aegis Award for Genocide Prevention from the Aegis Trust.

Dallaire's visit to Georgia Southern University is sponsored by the Department of Writing and Linguistics.



Special Photo

Dallaire, pictured here with skulls, helped to stop the genocide in Rwanda.

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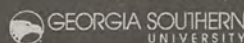
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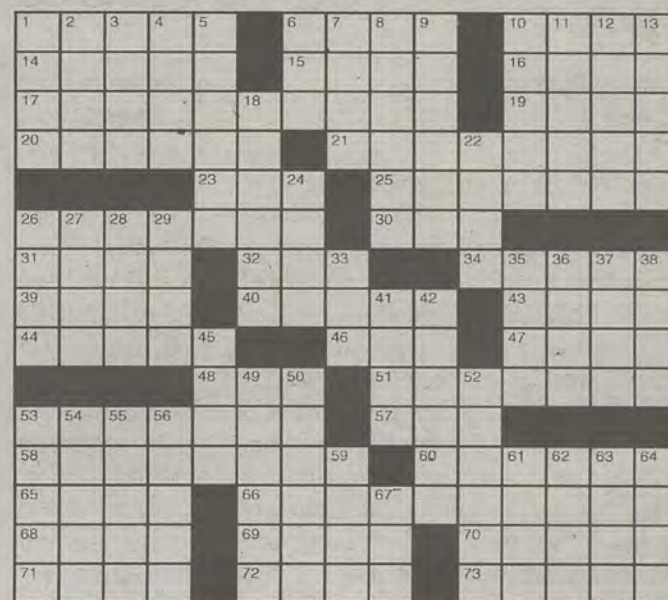
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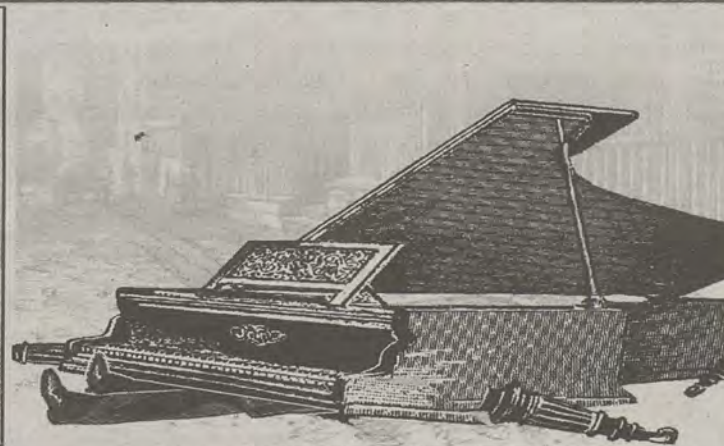
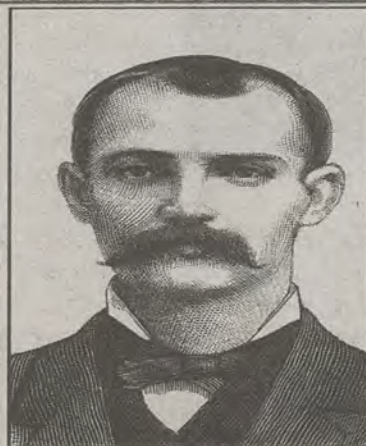
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GSU involved in national 'teach-in' on effects of global warming

By Anthony Viscintainer
Staff writer

This Wednesday was the beginning of the "Solutions for the first 100 Days," a National Teach-in with the goal of getting Congress to pass laws that will stabilize the global climate within the next 100 days.

Colleges all over the country are getting involved, and GSU is not an exception.

On Wednesday, Georgia Southern held a Global Warming Solutions Symposium, involving a panel of representatives from the Statesboro City Council, the Statesboro City Manager's office, and a number of organizations and university committees.

To usher in the event here at Georgia Southern, Dr. David Kreller gave an introductory presentation Monday titled: "Climate Science for Dummies, a Presentation for the Rest of Us!"

The purpose of the talk was to get people informed on and interested in the issue of climate change.

"At present, there is a big gap between established science and public understanding

of the issue.

There's lots of confusion and misinformation, and I saw an opportunity to give an introduction to climate science that would set people straight," said Dr. Kreller.

One common mistake that many people make is to focus too much on temperature.

"A lot of people focus on temperature, but there's more to it than just that. There's the problem of the acidification of the oceans... that's a huge problem. The pH level of the ocean is coming close to leaving what it has been for the past 40 or 50 million years. This will have a seri-



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ous impact on the climate," said Dr. Kreller. Another possible problem is the looming rise in sea level.

Dr. Kreller also gave a number of cautions in his presentation.

Among them were warnings not to ask policy makers to "Stop the Greenhouse Effect," or "stop climate change," as both are "silly, impossible, and, if taken literally, very dangerous."

The truth behind the greenhouse effect is that it is necessary for life to be sustainable on Earth.

The problem is not the existence of the greenhouse effect, but rather the

increase in the concentration of greenhouse gases, or GHG's, in the atmosphere. As for the change in the earth's climate, that's not completely unnatural either.

"Basically, the climate has always been changing. The fact is, we have taken it beyond the way it's been in the past," said Kreller.

The earth's climate goes through natural cycles as a result of a number of factors. Among them are the earth's cyclical changes in axial tilt and orbit shape.

In the past few decades, however, the trend of climate change has been alarmingly different: the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere has reached unprecedented levels.

To combat this, Kreller urged students and people everywhere not only to petition the government, but to take measures in their everyday lives: to buy fuel-efficient vehicles and waste less materials, and not to buy houses that are larger than necessary.

"Based on what I've read, I think it's clear that we're already in trouble. We need to really get busy trying to rectify the situation so it won't get out of control," said Kreller.

IT department is one of ten VMware Academies to teach virtualization

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.

Virtualization is taught 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

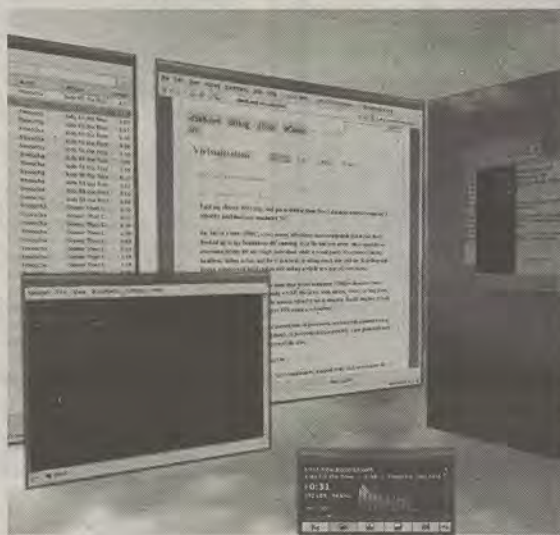
our graduates an additional competitive edge when they start their job search in an already in-demand field."

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 thou-



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sands 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 South-

ern 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."

According to Mirzoev, virtualization will ultimately save money, make computer systems perform more efficiently and allow for fast data and resources recovery in case of a disaster.

Mirzoev says 90 percent of businesses in the world will virtualize their computer systems within the next five years.

Many U.S. government agencies already require disaster recovery plans that rely extensively on virtualization technologies.

But because only 10 universities in the world teach VMware technology, Georgia Southern University's College of Information Technology graduates will be in great demand. "As a University, our goal is to be one of the leaders in this field," says Mirzoev.

Melson leads Lady Eagles on and off the court

By Latrice Williams

Staff writer

In a sport predominantly dominated by men, it wasn't until recent years that women were honored for their skills on the court.

At Georgia Southern, Ashley Melson broke the mold...and a few records.

This season, Melson reached an impeccable 1,000 points, becoming the 18th player in Georgia Southern Women's basketball history to reach this milestone.

The senior guard from Newnan, Georgia has graced the courts with hardcore skills since the age of ten, and has been unstoppable ever since.

She averages 13 points per game, four rebounds, one assist and two steals. Melson was also named to the preseason All-SoCon team and is the Lady Eagles top returning scorer.

"I had confidence that I would reach 1,000 points. As a freshman I set many goals for myself, and I knew that I wanted to score 1,000 points. That's a big achievement. The last person to

do it was Tiffany Brown and I wanted to be next. It was definitely a goal of mine that I set when I first got here. It's a great accolade," said Melson.

In high-school, Melson earned All-State Honorable Mention awards as a senior and received the "Atlanta Constitution-Journal" Best All-Around Senior award, named Best Offensive Player two straight years.

She was voted team MVP in 2004-05.

"I was always confident that I would play on the next level and I knew it would be fun to play in college. I always felt like I would be able to compete on another level," she said.

GSU was a top choice for Melson ever since she was recruited by the school.

"I came to Georgia Southern because of the atmosphere, tradition, and my family like it here as well," said Melson. "It's very family oriented."

Before game time, Melson prepares herself to play hard, but doesn't put too much pressure on herself.

"I don't set any certain goals before each game. I don't think, oh, I have

to score a certain number points or make a certain number of rebounds. I just focus on getting our team the win and everything else falls into place," said Melson.

As a senior, Melson looks forward to a gratifying postseason.

"I do think that we can win a championship. This season is going good for us and we just have to continue to work hard. It's very exciting to think about because I know we can do it, but if we do fall short, I would still be happy if we made it to the NIT," said Melson.

Melson has contributed to the team in a tremendous way.

On the court of Hanner Fieldhouse, Melson leads her team to victories with poise and pride. Unafraid to fight for a rebound or split past her defender, Melson makes the game look effortless.

"Off the court, basketball has taught me, patience, hard-work, dedication, but most importantly leadership. As a senior, it's very important to me that I lead this team and be an example on and off the court," said Melson.



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Ashley Melson goes up for a shot during the Pink-Out game against UNCG

Softball lands four players on All-Southern Conference preseason team

By Thom Cunningham

Staff writer

The Southern Conference recently released the preseason rankings as well as the all-conference team for softball. Georgia Southern was represented by four of its players, the most among any team in the conference.

"It says a lot about the type of athletes we have at this university and this team," said first year Head Coach Maggie Johnson.

The four Lady Eagles named to the All-Conference team consist of Jenny Side, Nina Iduate, Amanda Hall and Robyne Siliga.

"Of course I feel very honored," said Hall. "It shows a lot of the hard work that we put into this team."

"This tells people that we have a

great group of girls that are talented and want to win," confirmed Siliga.

Iduate is a junior second base/shortstop for the Lady Eagles. This is her second year on the All-Conference first team (last season). She was ranked third last year in the conference for batting average (.377) and was tied for first in hits (75) and runs (31).

Side is a junior and plays catcher for the team. She was All-Conference second team last season. She led the SoCon in homeruns, RBIs, and in bases. Side is also one of only three in GSU history to hit .600 or better.

Hall is a senior infielder for the Lady Eagles. She was a member of last year's All-Conference second team along with Side. She was third in the SoCon in bases and tied for third in doubles.

Siliga is a senior infielder/catcher. Last year, she was named the Southern Conference Player of the Year. She was second in the SoCon in batting average (behind Iduate) and RBIs (behind Side). She was first in the conference in walks (38) and on base percentage (.500).

Although GSU has four first all-conference representatives, the Eagles also have two of its players on the second All-Conference team. Megen Smith and Michelle Beasley made the second team, but their teammates believed they should have made the first.

"They have enough talent to be on the first team," said Siliga. "You can't do anything about it though."

"A few more girls definitely deserved to be on the team," said Hall.

Beasley is a senior outfielder. She also made second team All-Conference last year. She was only one of two players to start every game last season.

Smith is a sophomore who plays pitcher/firstbase for the Lady Eagles. She was among teammates on the second team All-Conference list last year as a pitcher. She had a 13-9 record and posted a 2.49 ERA for the season.

With all of these players making the All-Conference team, just how good is this team? Considering the Lady Eagles have been to three consecutive SoCon title games, they're not that bad. They do, however, have a 2006 championship to prove that they are for real.

"We might have the most individual players on the all-conference team, but we were picked to finish fourth," added

Johnson. "How do you have the most members named to the All-Conference team and see us in fourth? It shows that the conference believes we are individually talented, but doesn't think we can win as a team."

The SoCon picked GSU to finish behind Chattanooga, College of Charleston and Elon. With a fourth straight title appearance in sight for the upcoming season, the Lady Eagles could be playing the "no respect" card.

"I kind of use our fourth place ranking as a means of motivation for our team," said Johnson. "We got there last year, but we want to win it all this year."

The regular season opens at home for the Lady Eagles on February 13 against Troy.

GSU Football Signing Day 2009



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Coach Chris Hatcher speaks to the gathered media at a last year press conference.

By Thom Cunningham

Staff writer

Yesterday was one of the most important days in collegiate football. It is the day where high school players decide which program to attend for their collegiate football careers. It is National Signing Day, which meant a new class of players will join the Georgia Southern Eagles.

"Today (February 4th) was a lot of hard work and stress," revealed Head Coach Chris Hatcher. "Just waiting for faxes from different players to come in."

Stress and hard work ended up paying off for Hatcher's staff. GSU signed a total of 30 prospects, which Hatcher spoke highly of.

"I'm very excited about this recruiting class," commented Hatcher. "All of these players come highly recommended by coaches, administrations and their community."

"We got a lot of student-athletes," added Hatcher. "We try to get the highest caliber student as well."

The main focus for Hatcher's recruiting dealt

with receivers and linemen.

"Our number one position we were concerned with was our wide receivers," stated Hatcher. "Our top three concerns were receivers, offensive line and defensive line. If you look at the list of our recruits, a majority of our players are linemen."

The Eagles were able to sign seven wide receivers, six offensive linemen and five defensive linemen.

Two of the offensive linemen recruited measure at 6'4" and 6'5", giving necessary height to the o-line. Jack Whittle, a defensive end from Dublin, measures at 6'6". Cole Gordon is a recruit from Naples, FL measuring in at 6'7", making him the tallest GSU recruit this year.

Gordon won't be the only receiver catching all the hype. Patrick Barker from Nease High School in Ponte Verda, FL is the number one ranked receiver in the state of Florida!

"We had a great relationship with his high school," commented Hatcher. "They ran the same scheme as us and we were able to get a 'gem steal' with him."

Another recruit Hatcher spoke highly of was quarterback Brent Osborn, a 6'4" signee from Valley, AL.

"I really liked him at camp," said Hatcher. "He has a great arm and is intelligent. I believe he can take the reigns when Chapple and Henton are gone."

A very solid group of receivers and linemen give high hopes for the Eagles offense in the future. Along with a standout quarterback, these players might just fit the role of what Coach Hatcher wants to accomplish in the future.

"Were getting more comfortable so players can adjust to our scheme," elaborated Hatcher. "These recruits fit that mold."

"Recruiting is a gamble," added Hatcher. "We'll go anywhere and everywhere to get the best possible players."

Other notable recruits include two defensive backs, one half back and a place kicker from Statesboro High.

OVERALL - A

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Complete List of Signees

Name	Position	Height	Weight	HS/JUCO
Patrick Barker	WR	6-2	185	Nease HS (FL)
Anthony Brown	TE	6-2	215	Cairo HS
Drexel Copeland	WR	6-0	180	Mt. Zion HS
Jake Gambino	OL	6-3	295	St. Thomas Aquinas HS (FL)
Cole Gordon	WR	6-7	205	Naples HS (FL)
Taylor Johnstone	OL	6-4	315	Chapel Hill HS
Lawrence Martin	OL	6-3	280	Seabreeze HS
Bryant Meeks	OL	6-3	280	Fannin County HS
Brandon Nolley	WR	6-0	225	Hancock County HS/GMC
Brent Osborn	QB	6-4	215	Valley HS (AL)
Hunter Poole	OL	6-5	315	Lincoln HS (FL)
Darreion Robinson	RB	5-9	185	Clarke Central HS
Jamical Tatum	OL	6-1	235	Troupe HS/GMC
Jamere Valentine	WR	6-0	205	Myrtle Beach HS (SC)
JJ Wilcox	WR	6-0	190	Cairo HS
Mitchell Williford	WR	6-3	187	Peachtree Ridge HS
Graden Bozeman	PK	6-1	165	Statesboro HS
Willie Burden	DE	6-1	230	Statesboro HS
Andrerel Coleman	DL	6-2	290	Middleton HS (FL)
Darius Eubanks	DB	6-2	185	Thomson HS
Eric Key	ATH	5-9	175	Colquitt County HS
Arlestor McKinnon	DE	6-0	240	Brooks County HS
Larry Murphy	DB	5-10	165	Gibbs HS
Josh Rowe	LB	6-0	200	Opelika HS (AL)
Laron Scott	DB	5-9	170	Warner Robbins HS/Butler CC
Darryl Walker	DB	6-2	176	Callaway HS
Calvin West	LB	6-1	205	Pebblebrook HS/GMC
Jack Whittle	DE	6-6	225	Dublin HS
Chris Williamson	P	6-2	185	Marist HS

Thom's Top 5 GSU Signees

5 - Darreion Robinson (RB, 5'9", 185) - Clarke Central HS

Robinson is currently enrolled at GSU signing in February. He finished his high school career 4,045 yards, a Clarke Central record. Robinson averaged 6.5 yards per carry throughout his career, and recorded a 4.44 time in the 40yard dash.

His older brother, Dunta Robinson, currently starts cornerback for the Houston Texans. Robinson's speed will help the Eagles in their rushing game.

4 - Hunter Poole (OL, 6'5", 315) - Lincoln HS

The strength is obviously there for Poole. The 315 pound linemen won the FSU shot-put and discuss challenge, earning MVP for Field events in 2007. Poole also set the Georgia state, USA and world record benching 402.2 pounds in a Georgia Weightlifting Competition.

3 - Cole Gordon (WR, 6'7", 205) - Naples HS

Immediately making an impact with his height, Gordon seems to be a key player for the Eagles offense in the future. Gordon was named an All-District and All-County All-Star member in his senior season. He will compliment any receiver that lines up opposite with him.

2 - Darius Eubanks (DB, 6'2", 185) - Thomson HS

I am always fond of tall defensive backs. Sometimes you just need a 6'2" corner to cover big receivers. The taller the better when it comes to cornerbacks. I'm not taking anything away from smaller cornerbacks, but it helps to have height.

Eubanks also turned heads when he recorded six interceptions in just five games. He also runs a 4.55 in the 40-yard dash, giving him speed to compliment his height. This could be a very dangerous player in the future, and just what the Eagles secondary needed.

1 - Patrick Barker (WR, 6'2", 185) - Nease HS

Of course Barker is the number one prospect GSU got this year, he was the number one receiver in the entire state of Florida. Barker was named to the First team All-State in 2008 and twice named All-County. Coach Hatcher said receivers were his main concern, not anymore.

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Hanner celebrates 500th men's basketball game

The home of Georgia Southern's basketball and volleyball teams celebrated a milestone Monday night. Hanner Fieldhouse hosted its 500th men's basketball game in which the Eagles faced conference foe, Appalachian State. The Eagles fell to the Mountaineers, 95-82, in front of a crowd of 2,113 fans.

In the game, Ben Drayton scored a career high 22 points to lead the Eagles in scoring. Tyler Troupe and Anthony Marshall tied for top rebounding with seven rebounds each.

Since play began at Hanner in 1969, the Eagles hold a .713 win percentage and have gone 356-143 all time. Current coach, Jeff Price, has been with the program since 1999 and has posted a 96-26 record under the same roof.

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Right: Ben Drayton, who had a career high in this game, puts up a shot over the defense, as teammate Anthony Marshall looks on.

Bottom left: Antoine Johnson goes up for a shot over the App. State defense.

Bottom middle: Gus waves the GSU flag to pump up the crowd at Hanner.

Bottom right: Tyler Troupe shoots over App. State defender Josh Hunter.

