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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS

Former starting quarterback leaves Georgia Southern



Jared Siri/STAFF

Antonio Henton looking for 'opportunities elsewhere' says head coach Chris Hatcher

By Matt Mauney

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Antonio Henton, the starting Georgia Southern quarterback for the majority of the 2008 season, will not be returning to the program in 2009.

Henton plans to seek playing opportunities elsewhere, according to Eagle Head Coach Chris Hatcher. Hatcher declined to comment further on the reasons for Henton's departure from the team and when the matter was brought to his attention.

"Some of these things are between me and Antonio and nobody else," Hatcher said. "I will say this, it has no effect on us whatsoever. We've got a great quarterback in Lee Chapple and a great quarterback in Kyle Collins, and we will wait and see how Billy Lowe does coming back from his injury, but our quarterback position is in great shape."

Henton started in nine games last season, seeing playing time in all 11, and led the team in most passing categories, including completions (156), yards (1,852),

and touchdowns (15).

Henton also led the Eagles in rushing with 628 yards and nine touchdowns.

Henton's last start for the Eagles ended in a 27-17 Homecoming loss to first year Southern Conference member Samford. Backup quarterback Lee Chapple received the starting job for the season finale against Furman and led the Eagles to a 17-10 victory over the fourteenth ranked Paladins.

"Lee Chapple was the starter going into the spring all the way after the Furman game," said Hatcher.

Hatcher declined to comment if this move affected

Henton's decision to leave the team.

It is currently unknown which school Henton plans to play for, but according to the NCAA one-time transfer rule, Henton must sit out one year no matter which program he decides to join, leaving him with only one year of eligibility remaining.

Henton transferred to GSU after spending two years at Ohio State under head coach Jim Tressel.

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- Chris Hatcher
Eagle Football Head Coach

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Special Photo

Kevin Locke, a Lakota Indian artist, to perform at PAC

Ben Carroll
Staff Writer

At 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center, Kevin Locke, or Tokeya Inajin, his Lakota name which means "The First to Arise," will present "Hoop of Life: A theatrical Evening with Lakota Indian."

According to his Web site, www.kevinlocke.com, in the About Kevin Locke section, he is defined as "the preeminent player of the indigenous Northern Plains flute, a traditional storyteller, cultural ambassador, recording artist and educator."

"He is here to offer insight into some environmental issues as well as Lakota History," Consuela Ward, the director of Student Affairs in the Multicultural Student Center, who is one of the sponsors supporting Locke to come to Georgia Southern's campus.

He is also presenting at 3 p.m. in Room 2180, which will be a more academic presentation.

Locke goes around the world presenting his Hoop Dance. On his Web site, he claims that 80 percent of his performances are done with children.

"This is his first visit to Georgia Southern," said

Ward, "we get the opportunity to see how much he has done as well as how much he is involved."

He has performed in almost 80 countries around the world and has 12 album recordings, including titles such as "The First Flute," "Open Circle," "Keepers of the Dreams," and "Dream Catcher." His presentations have been at all types of events and venues. He has received a National Heritage Fellowship award from the National Endowment for the Arts, or the NEA, according to his website.

Locke, in 1992, was a delegate at the Earth Summit, which was the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in Brazil and attended the 1996 United Nations Habitat II Conference in Turkey, which, according to www.un.org, was a conference with two major themes, "Adequate shelter of all," and "Sustainable human settlements development in an urbanizing world", as a featured performer and speaker.

"If we look at the population at Southern, the student body and faculty, Native Americans are a minority," said Ward, "We want our students to learn as much as they can. We are in the one percent of the global community, and we should take advantage for what we have."

POLICE BEAT

February 16, 2009

Officers issued 23 traffic citations, 15 traffic warnings, assisted three motorists, and investigated one traffic accident.

Charwel Lee Brown, 22, Lanier Drive, Statesboro, was charged with reckless driving.

February 17, 2009

Officers issued five traffic warnings, six traffic citations, assisted four motorists, investigated a traffic accident, and responded to a business alarm.

Officers responded to a report of an injured person near Deal Hall.

A Sanford Hall resident reported items were missing from his room.

James Bowden Stone, 19, 615 Spyglass Road, Martinez, Ga., was charged with minor in possession of alcoholic beverages, possession of a false ID, and giving false identity information to a law enforcement officer.

Attention all staff, guest and prospective writers!

There is going to be a workshop this Sunday, February 22 at 12 p.m. in the Williams Center room 2023.

The workshop is being held to find an assistant news editor, but anyone who is interested is urged to attend!

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It's time to move on, GSU

It's been a trying first of the year for the nation. A new president was chosen, the country has fallen into a serious recession, a multi-billion dollar bailout was issued, and the job losses were in the millions for January.

Locally, here at GSU, there have been serious upsets as well. The most prominent on campus right now is the cancellation of the controversial educator Bill Ayers. Although our nation, and our school are strong, these upsets are starting to tear us down and the cancellation of Ayers' visit has the campus divided.

So how are students supposed to handle all of the grief and turmoil impending on them from every possible angle?

Although the Ayers controversy is still fresh in the collective mind of the entire campus, there are new, more pressing matters that must be addressed.

Georgia Southern's budget has been cut by 10 percent, which is causing faculty to lose health benefits. With the possibility of additional cuts in the future the legislature and Board of Regents have even discussed the possibility of furloughs and tuition hikes.

Georgia Southern's athletic department is also

facing some major complications, including the quarterback of the football team leaving to play at another school, and three basketball players being suspended indefinitely.

Nationally, the news is even more dire. The billion dollar bailout was announced, which the government hopes will stimulate our economy, however, may also just send us spiraling further into debt. Companies that have become a part of our daily lives (Blockbuster, Circuit City, etc) are shutting their doors due to the poor economy.

With those closing doors is coming yet another problem even closer to home for college seniors. A graduate must now apply to almost 100 companies to even be considered for employment at one.

However, all of these matters have been overlooked by the students and staff due to the controversy that has us divided.

The decision that was made by the university may not be popular in all circles, but it is what was upheld, and in turn, should be respected by the collective whole.

In a time when our campus is so in need of unity, it's up to our campus leaders – both student and faculty – to pull together the masses for the greater good.



High divorce rates can be prevented if couples are careful in the beginning



Michael Scott
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They say, "Breaking up is hard to do." Well I'd like to add to that by saying that breaking up is hard on more than two.

Although it may be little comfort if you are currently facing divorce, recent estimates indicate that you have lots of company. More than half of all marriages in the United States, according to divorcemagazine.com,

end in divorce.

Divorce used to be difficult to obtain and, usually, impossible without good reason: adultery, abandonment, abuse, alcoholism.

In 1880, according to the historian Robert L. Griswold, one marriage in 21--fewer than 5 percent--ended in divorce.

Over time, there have been peaks and valleys in the divorce rate, such as the period immediately following World War II, when returning soldiers found things rather different from how they

had left them, or were themselves tremendously changed by war.

"But beginning in the mid-1960s," writes Griswold, the divorce rate "again began to rise dramatically, fueled by ever-higher marital expectations, a vast expansion of wives moving into the work force, the rebirth of feminism, and the adoption of 'no fault' divorce (that is, divorce granted without the need to establish wrongdoing by either party) in almost every state."

What increased alongside the nation's divorce rate was the number of children involved in divorce. Not long ago, a couple experiencing marriage difficulties would often stay together merely for the sake of their children.

Today, children are increasingly seen as secondary to the perceived personal needs of the spouses and in many cases the pain, hurt and confusion of divorce leave deep scars in kids' hearts. Arguments and tension between parents may make children feel guilty, angry and alone.

Trying to make the children take sides or turn against the other parent creates confusion for the children and places them in the middle of an adult struggle. I can speak from my own experience

from being on the child's side of a divorce that parents can use the children as weapons of anger toward one another.

I was forced to play the "middle-man" and "family spy" many more times than I'd like in my life. More often than not parents don't let their children make up their own minds on the situation.

And unlike the adult experience, the child's suffering does not reach its peak at the breakup and then soon level off once they have had the chance to get acclimated.

Children of failed marriages continue to suffer the emotional repercussions of their parent's divorce as they form their own romantic relationships later in life.

There is also always the money issues. Unfortunately, there will always be the lingering assumption that one parent has done or payed more than the other so all chaos will break loose unless everything gets back to even. And what about major events?

For a child of a failed marriage, a wedding or graduation can open up old wounds at a time when pleasant and euphoric memories are vicariously

replaced with painstaking ordeals: Is everyone going to pay their fair share? Who's going to be invited? Where is everybody going to sit? One parent may be thinking, "What if I don't want to see your mother/father there?" Decisions that are already difficult get further exacerbated with these troubles.

We do not live in a perfect world, and we cannot always make perfect choices. However, if more couples made careful choices up front, resulting in a lower failure rate in relationships, the world we live in would be a much happier place.

We owe it to ourselves, and to any current or future children we may have, to make wise choices of relationship partners. Finding a compatible partner is only the beginning. Compatibility does not mean that there will never be conflicts or challenges. Love takes a lot of work.

Both partners must be willing to make an effort, daily, to create and maintain a healthy relationship. This effort is well worth it. By carefully choosing your partner up front, and by doing the work to keep your relationship healthy over time, you and your children will live much more fulfilling lives.

OPINIONS cont...

Tips to avoid parking fines and "the boot"



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

So ya got the boot. No I don't mean your girlfriend kicked you to the curb or that you didn't make the team.

I mean that big, ugly, yellow piece of iron that is now attached to your truck tire.

Yes, I have seen them-a lot of them. Especially lately, and I'm not sure why. Spring seems to be the season for unpaid parking tickets, or maybe an accumulation from last semester finally caught up.

I admit, I have a few unpaid tickets myself. I am not hiding from the authorities; I simply do not have the extra cash to pay off my debts to the Parking gods.

(Please do not track me down-I'll be in as soon as my refund check comes in!)

So, here are some basic tips for dealing with and avoiding parking tickets. I think we could all use a refresher course.

Tip One: Get your butt out of that lot. You can park almost anywhere on campus after 4 p.m. Except resident hall lots. I found out the hard

way that those lots are patrolled at all hours of the day, night and weekend. And NEVER park in a spot labeled "Reserved for the President". Bad idea.

Tip Two: Keep it in the lines. Last week, I got hammered with a fine for parking over the line. I thought it would not matter, especially since I parked in the back of the lot, my car glistening in the sunlight all by itself. Uh yeah. It does.

Tip Three: If you must park incorrectly, know what the ticket costs are. It may be tricky to say it, but parking in a Service and Delivery area is a \$25 ticket.

If you parked the same car in the grass right next to the area, it's only \$10...sneaky...

Tip Four: Pay your tickets. Yes, it sucks to get them, but if you don't pay, you'll get a big yellow boot. You'll have to walk home, and everyone will point and laugh at you and call you a mooch for always bumming rides and never offering to give gas money.

Clearly, the rules are created so that we can all live in a peaceful, structured environment. If the lots had no rules or regulations, who knows who would park there?

So honor them, be thankful for them, and if you do get booted, pay your friends a couple bucks for gas. Who knows? The boot may be on the other foot soon.

Do you like to draw?

Are your friends constantly complimenting you on your ability to draw and sketch cartoons and caricatures? If so, there's a job here for you!

The G-A opinions section is on the look out for more cartoonists!

If you have a passion for the art and want to get involved, send in samples and information about yourself to ganewsed@georgiasouthern.edu. Or visit us in the Williams Center room 2023.

Letter to the Editor

The Power of Language

The controversy surrounding the cancellation of Bill Ayers' scheduled lecture has raised important questions about freedom of speech, academic freedom, even about one's freedom to hear. But here's another troubling issue.

People have expressed outrage that, "an unrepentant domestic terrorist should be allowed to speak on campus."

Unfortunately, such accusations demonstrate little if any knowledge of Ayers' political life. In speaking to my own students, I have discovered that most know little if anything at all about him.

Students who did know something shared what they had learned from media reports during the presidential election when he was accused of being a terrorist.

Words are powerful because they frame the way we think. In this case the label had its intended effect: it invoked outrage, fear, and suspicion. The question seldom asked, however, is whether such a label is really accurate about Ayers.

Title 22 of the United States Code, Section 2656f(d) defines terrorism, "as premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against non-combatant targets by sub-national groups or clandestine agents, usually intended to influence

an audience". Ayers actions do not stand up to this definitional test nor was he ever tried or convicted as a terrorist.

Ayers was responsible for acts of destruction against a number of symbolic non-living targets. None of these acts were targeted against non-combatant targets nor were they intended to install mass terror.

Ayers claims that he publicly expressed regret for his youthful behavior while his critics maintain that he was never remorseful.

Unfortunately such arguments about Ayers behavior and his remorse obscure the larger question about how the label "terrorist" continues to cloud any considered debate about this man.

Universities are supposed to be places of higher learning where considered argument and deliberative debate are not only tolerated but encouraged. We should always strive to examine where we are in any debate.

To do so require a good faith effort that begins by getting our facts straight. Reasoned recognition about the political agenda of those who craft language can also help in the search for truth and understanding.

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Phelps should be forgiven for his mistakes



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I think people should just leave Michael Phelps alone.

Since the picture of Michael Phelps smoking marijuana from a bong has received much attention from the media, there have been many criticisms of this athlete.

The results of the controversial photograph have been Phelps suspension for three months by USA Swimming and Kellogg Co.'s decision not to renew his endorsement deal.

On Monday, it was announced that drug charges would not be pressed against the swimmer.

Thank the Lord! Of course smoking pot is against the law, but I think the situation was being blown out of proportion.

Everyone makes mistakes and though Phelps is an incredible athlete and idol to some, he is going to have flaws, too.

I have seen numerous comments on news

programs and online from people that are angry with Phelps and/or no longer support him.

This seems unfair and hypocritical. If people applied that "one strike and you are out" philosophy to every other aspect of life then what would happen when one's kid came home from school with their first bad grade.

Would every parent of a less-than-stellar student stop loving their child?

Also, there is a double standard in this nation. People have stopped supporting Phelps due to his actions, but a few months ago Americans were happy to support a presidential candidate, who is now the nation's leader, that has openly admitted to smoking marijuana in his youth.

Some forget that Phelps was also charged with a DUI in 2004. That did not keep people from supporting him in 2008. Driving under the influence is not only a danger to Phelps but others as well, where as smoking the reefer at a party is only going to affect Phelps.

So Phelps was caught doing something wrong, he apologized, and he has been punished. I think the athlete has taken progressive steps to right his wrong. Others need to be more forgiving of his actions.



WEEKLY BUZZ

Today

Cinema: Role Models 8:00PM @ the Russell Union Theater Admission: \$2.00

Saturday, February 21st

February 21st Gospel Explosion 4:00PM - 7:00PM @ the Russell Union Ballroom

Monday, February 23rd

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR: MORRIS ROSEN - 7 pm ~ Russell Union Ballroom **ADMISSION IS FREE!** One of 10 children, Moniek grew up in Dabrowa Gornicza, an industrial town in western Poland. His father, Jacob, owned a general store, which he was forced to close in 1938 as the result of a boycott by local antisemites. Moniek attended both public and Jewish schools, and his father hoped that one day he would become a rabbi.

In 1949, after spending several years in displaced persons camps in Austria and Germany, Moniek immigrated to the United States. **PROOF OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER THE PRESENTATION.**

February 23—27

National Eating Disorders Awareness Week Various Times/Locations on Campus

Students will be educated on all eating disorders. The influence biological factors have on size and shape will be highlighted.

Monday—Be Comfortable in Your Genes Table, Russell Union Commons, 11 am - 1 pm

Tuesday—"Every Body is Beautiful," Russell Union Commons, 11 am - 1 pm

Wednesday—"Image Reality Check," IT Auditorium, 7 pm

Thursday—Lunch Discussion, Russell Union Room 2084, 12 pm - 2 pm

Friday—Fearless Friday, Have a day without dieting and feel how empowering a diet free day of self acceptance can be.

Tuesday, February 24th

MOVIE: THE UNTOLD STORY OF EMMETT LOUIS TILL 7:00 pm ~ Russell Union Theatre **ADMISSION IS FREE!** "The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till is a documentary investigating the murder and subsequent injustice surrounding Emmett Louis Till's death. Many consider this case to be the true catalyst for the American Civil Rights Movement." **PROOF OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER THE PRESENTATION.**

Dining for Success - Russell Union Ballroom 5:30pm-8:30pm

Wednesday, February 25th

Eagle Expo Career Fair, RAC 9:00am-2:00pm

First Year Experience - FYE is seeking nominations for: Outstanding First-Year Advocate (Faculty and Staff Award) And Peer Leader of the Year. Nominate a faculty, staff or peer leader that made a difference for first-year students. Visit us online: <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/fye/awards.php> **APPLICATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 25th AT 5:00 P.M.**

Ongoing Events

Student Leadership and Awards Recognition Night!

Does your student organization have exemplary leaders? Did your organization produce an outstanding program this past year? Did you participate in a great community service project? If so, nominate your student leaders, your student organizations, your advisors, or yourself for student leadership and student organization awards. Visit <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/leadership/leadership/leadershipawards.htm> for the Awards Nomination and Application Packet.

All nominations and application materials are due no later than Friday, March 6th, 2009, by 5:00 pm. Nominations and applications can be hand delivered to the Office of Student Leadership & Civic Engagement, Russell Union Room 2024 or mailed to P.O. Box 8114.

If you have any questions concerning the information required, please call 478-1435, or e-mail your questions to leader@georgiasouthern.edu.

For more info, please visit www.eagleentertainmentonline.com



Michael Smith announced as CLASS dean

The new dean of CLASS announced Monday

By Shannon Knepp

News Editor

The search for the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences is over. Candidate Michael Smith has been chosen. The decision was announced in Monday's faculty senate meeting.

Smith was the second candidate to come to Georgia Southern to have a question-and-answer session with students. CLASS students were allowed to come in and talk to Smith about what he would do as head of CLASS.

Smith's main goal he brought up to students is the convergence of the departments within CLASS.

"The whole idea of moving a department forward is moving a department forward together," Smith told students upon his visit January 20.



Brandilyn Brown/STAFF

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

As well as being a Department Chair at USC, Smith is also a graduate of the USC law school.

Smith has taught at several different colleges, including Virginia Commonwealth.

Management majors coming to end at GSU

By Sarah Goodwin

Staff Writer

In the fall of 2008, the Department of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology entered the last stage of phasing out the Manufacturing program and the Industrial Management degree.

This deactivation has been set to take place for two years, according to Mohammad Davoud, the Department Chair and a professor in the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Department.

"Beginning fall term, 2007, no new students were allowed to enter the program. Currently, most students majoring in IM (Industrial Management) have completed their course work... the METEET department will continue to support all IM students to complete the degree requirements," said Davoud.

According to Davoud, the Manufacturing/Industrial Management Program is being phased out due to a decrease in student enrollment in the program.

Several years ago Davoud met with professors, students, and faculty and staff to discuss this decline in enrollment.

"There was several attempts to improve student enrollment, starting in 1998 where external consultants evaluated the viability of the Manufacturing and Industrial Engineering Technology Programs," said Davoud.

After meeting with the consultant, the program numbers needed to increase drastically over a two year period or be eliminated, according to

Davoud.

This is in no way connected to the current economic situation or the recent budget cuts, Davoud adamantly stated.

As Georgia Southern began to grow as a university in the 1990s, the Manufacturing program continued to decline. This led to the deactivation of the program. "There wasn't a demand anymore," said Davoud.

"A letter was sent to each student to briefly explain the phase out process and to reassure all students that we will provide adequate time and support for them to complete the Manufacturing degree program," said Davoud. "No student was hurt in this process."

The phasing out of this program has been supplemented in the accredited Mechanical Engineering Technology (MET) program.

"We will also continue to offer both graduate and undergraduate courses that will provide industry with Engineering Technology graduates that poses a higher level of analytical and technical abilities, as well as insight to manufacturing and technical management," said Davoud.

All of the faculty that was involved in the manufacturing program is now integrated into the MET program to teach in the Materials/Manufacturing component, according to Davoud.

This decision was a collaborative one, made in the best interest of everyone involved. "We continue to monitor the effect on the industry and on our students," Davoud said. "We want to support the industry and our students."

CALENDAR

Thursday, February 19, 2009

Time: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Event: Recycle Mountain
Location: Russell Union Rotunda

Time: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Event: Relamping GSU with Georgia Power
Location: Nessmith Lane Assembly Hall

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Event: Women's & Gender Studies
Location: Russell Union 2073

Time: 6 - 7 p.m.
Event: United Minority Women Society
Location: Russell Union 2044

Time: 7 - 8 p.m.
Event: Statesboro Film Festival Meeting
Location: Russell Union 2041

Time: 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Event: Ballroom Dance Class
Location: College Plaza Building Fen

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The Green Corner presents: how to be green on a budget

By Philip Clements
Features Editor

So, you're finally convinced to live green.

Regardless of what it was that finally converted you, whether it was the months of listening to your hippie roommate talk about saving the planet or reading the environmental column in your campus newspaper or simply a heightened state of eco-awareness, you're down with the cause.

But what can you do as a poor college student to help out with the movement? Not everyone can outfit their home with solar panels and adopt a whale.

Luckily, you don't have to do that. There are many cheap and easy ways to reduce your environmental impact and even save money on your energy bill (okay, on your parent's energy bill.)

Here are a few of those things. You don't have to do it all at once. Start with one thing (the easiest is recycling.) Once you've gotten into the groove with that one thing, start doing something else. Before you know it, you'll be the greenest person on the block.

For more information on things you can do, all it takes is a quick Google search of "green living."

Recycle

Dubbed "the gateway drug of environmentalism" by Ed Begley, Jr., recycling reduces your waste by using the used product as raw material to produce more of the same without tapping into new resources.

With almost 10 recycling centers in Bulloch County (including one at Wal-Mart), it's easier than ever to recycle your cardboard boxes, milk jugs and yes, even the beer cans from last night's party.

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This one should be pretty obvious and self explanatory. If you throw a piece of paper or a cigarette butt out the window, it stays there until someone else picks it up.



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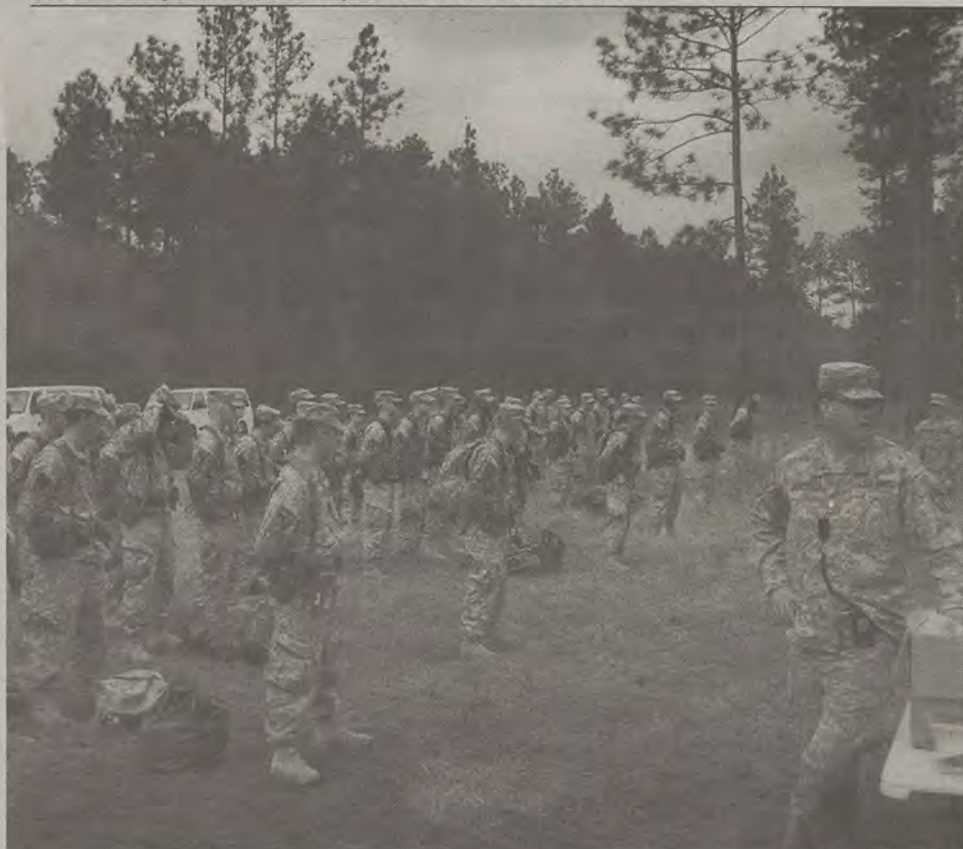
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Eagle Battallion takes no breaks

By Vanessa Stephens

Guest Writer

8:00 a.m. February 7th, a Saturday morning. What were you doing? Probably sleeping.

For the cadets of the ROTC program, there was no rest that Saturday. At 8:00 a.m. the Eagle Battalion, comprised of students from Georgia Southern as well as surrounding schools, stood ready for a full day of training. This weekend's training: land navigation in the woods of Ft. Gordon in Augusta.

The weather was kind while they trained outdoors. It was a warm afternoon and a cool night. The skies were clear and the moon was so full it helped illuminate the sandy trails and brush-littered forest floor. More importantly, the moon helped the cadets better see the pale blue posts that marked the exact spot they were looking for.

Land navigation is basically map reading with the Military Grid Reference System (MGRS), a coordinate system used by the military. Cadets were given a map, a compass, and a set of coordinates. During the day portion, they were given eight locations to find on the map and then find in the actual woods in five hours.

The night portion was shortened to five points in three hours. This training will ensure these future officers understand route planning, how to read terrain, and how to locate their position or another location with ease. Land navigation is only a small portion of what the cadets learn while

enrolled in ROTC; however, it is one of the most emphasized. Just two weeks before training in Ft. Gordon, the Eagle Battalion was in the swamps of Ft. Stewart working on land navigation skills from sun up to well past sun down.

They will be tested through a month-long evaluation camp in Ft. Lewis, Washington during the summer between their junior and senior semesters.

The camp is called LDAC for Leadership Development and Assessment Course. Other training events conducted throughout the year include a combat swim test where cadets must perform several actions in the water, situational training exercises which help the cadets make decisions under pressure, and physical training every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning before the sun rises.

During land navigation, cadets had to keep many things in mind, but there was one very important lesson everyone out there learned. Trust yourself. Land navigation is individual training and in order to succeed, you've got to follow your decisions. ROTC may stand for Reserve Officer Training Corps, but put more simply, it is a leadership training program.

Cadets are taught to lead in every aspect of ROTC. The ability to lead is not only important in a military life, but in any career, great leadership is highly valued and respected. These cadets will have the training and skills to succeed in the U.S. Army as well as in a civilian job.

Pianist George Winston to bring the 'Big Easy' sound to Statesboro

By Philip Clements

Features Editor

Tomorrow night at the Performing Arts Center, pianist George Winston will take the stage to give Statesboro a taste of the classical.

Originally from Montana, Winston has been playing piano for over 40 years. "I was always an avid listener, especially to instrumental music and especially organists," he said.

However, it wasn't until he heard The Doors in 1967 that he actually started playing the organ. "I studied chord structures, music theory, and recordings of organists, especially the great jazz organist Jimmy Smith," added Winston.

"So touched by their music, he recorded a Doors tribute album in 2002. The result was a mix of 13 interpretations of both fan favorites and obscure gems. He glides through classics like "Light My Fire," "Riders on the Storm," and "People Are Strange" and brings new light to the forgotten tunes like "Summer's Almost Gone" and "Love Street."

Even the original Doors keyboardist, Ray Manzarek, expressed his approval and even said, "I love this CD; George has captured the essence of the Doors and added his own unique voice."

In 1971, after a few years as an organ player, Winston heard recordings of Thomas 'Fats' Waller, one of the great stride pianists

of the 1920s and 30s and decided to pursue solo piano.

In the early 1980s, Winston recorded the solo piano soundtrack for the children's audio book "The Velveteen Rabbit," which was narrated by Meryl Streep. A few years later, He also recorded the solo piano soundtrack for "This is America, Charlie Brown: The Birth of the Constitution," playing in stead of the late Vince Guaraldi.

His definitive style is a mash up of his eclectic list of influences, ranging from The Doors to Bach to New Orleans R&B.

In the process of meshing these influences, he came up with his own style, which he calls "folk piano," that blends the urban sensibility of rock and R&B with the natural and melodic calmness of traditional folk music. "My approach is North American and I basically treat the piano as an Afro-American tuned drum, as well as using the natural overtones that the piano has," he said.

Winston's latest release, "Gulf Coast Blues and Impressions," is a benefit project for Katrina relief. On it, Winston pays tribute to the sounds of the New Orleans and the surrounding area, to which he cites as the biggest single influence on his own playing. "Gulf Coast Blues and Impressions" features both originals as well as pieces by New Orleans' own pianists Henry Butler, James Booker and Dr. John.

The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$27 for students, faculty and staff and \$30 for the public.



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Return to retro: vinyl records are making a comeback



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By Philip Clements

Features Editor

The record comes in a big cardboard square covered with immaculate artwork, giving you something to stare at while you enjoy the contents. Some open up, revealing more artwork, pictures, sometimes even the lyrics.

You pull the record out and you are greeted with a black, plastic circle with grooves that run around it like a racing track. These grooves are the songs you are about to listen to. You can see each song and how long it is.

You place it onto the player, lining up the hole in the middle with the prong that sticks up from the player, making sure not to scratch the vinyl. Then you pick up the tone arm with the needle on the end, find the widened groove that signifies the start of the song you want to listen to (or just start at the beginning of the side) and you gently set it down.

There are a few short moments of silence, maybe a crackle or a pop, and then music blasts through the speakers, coming at you with a combination of rawness and purity that can only be found on a turntable.

Once the side is over, you walk back to the player, turn the record over, place the needle back on top and relive those precious few moments before the music comes back to you.

There's an undeniable physical connection between the listener and the music. You are playing an active role in the act of listening to the music, not just simply sitting there as it pumps through the white earbuds.

What is physical about mp3s? Music today is nothing but a computer file, a collection of bits and bytes that tell your iPod what to do. The songs don't exist in any physical form, you can't see them.

The hardly visible artwork pops up as a tiny little square in the corner of the tiny little screen on your player. All it takes is the push of a button to transport you to a completely different song, a completely different album, a completely different artist.

Now, this is not to say that mp3s are an abomination or a disgrace to what music should be. There are many upsides, including portability and mass storage.

But vinyl has its upsides as well. For starters, because of their general fall from favor, they are the cheapest form of music. A song costs 99 cents in iTunes, but I can go to a yard sale, flea market or even Goodwill and buy an entire vinyl album for \$1. Not only do I get an entire album of music, but I also get the case, the artwork, the physical representation of the music, not just a collection of songs. This allows for more freedom and a greater

opportunity to expand my musical horizons and hear new music (albeit, most records I find are older than I am.)

When an entire album only costs a buck, it's much easier for me to judge a record by its cover. I've bought plenty of records that I've never heard of and, more often than not, I do not regret it. On the off chance that the album completely blows, how mad can I be? I only spent a dollar on it.

But not all of them are that cheap or even that old. In fact, some of the more popular new albums have been pressed onto vinyl. For the price of a CD (roughly \$15-20 depending on where you go), you can get Radiohead's "In Rainbows," Fleet Foxes' self-titled debut, and My Morning Jacket's "Evil Urges." Even Metallica's new album, "Death Magnetic," was pressed into vinyl format.

Record companies are also printing old favorites. In fact, The Beatles' "Abbey Road" was the #2 top-selling vinyl of 2008.

There is also an argument that vinyl sounds better. I used to not believe it, thinking that it was completely illogical that sound quality would actually decrease as technology skyrocketed. But after spending time listening to classic favorites on vinyl, such as The Beatles' "Let It Be" or Pink Floyd's "The Wall" I've come to the conclusion that a well-cared-for vinyl sounds a million times better and more real than the newest mp3.

The clash between analog (vinyl) and digital (mp3) is a long-standing debate between hardcore audiophiles and both sides have their strong points. Without getting too technical, the one thing that has me siding with analog has to do with compression.

These days, in order to make the sound file as small as possible, producers compress the hell out of the songs. This eliminates a wide range of volume dynamics as well as white and background noise. Personally, the white noise and background noise is part of what I love about music. It provides a very intimate feel, like you are really in the same room with the band.

Vinyl was the first form of recorded music and is still around after so many "replacements" have graced our shelves, such as 8-track, cassette tape, CD and now mp3. It has survived paradigm shifts in the way we listen to music and is still going strong. A few years ago, the Library of Congress began converting their sound department, which ranges from speeches to music, to vinyl.

The reason for this lies in the fact that vinyl is the best way to store sound because it has the slowest deterioration speed of any other form.

So, not only has vinyl been around longer than anything else, but it will continue to exist long after everything else is gone. It kinda makes you wonder... maybe our parents got it right after all.

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Lieutenant General Dallaire speaks to students at Performing Arts Center

By Ben Carroll

Staff Writer

On February 17, Lieutenant General Romeo Dallaire presented his experience during the Rwanda genocide.

"The reason [he came] here is because GSU wants to prepare its students for leadership as well as show the power of an individual to do what is right," said Stephanie Frigo, a temp assistant professor in the Department of Writing and Linguistics.

There were 18 different organizations sponsoring this event; including CLEC, ROTC, Writing and Linguistics, University Honors Program, Center for International Studies, Department of History, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, First-Year Experience, Amnesty International, Multicultural Student Center, STAND, Department of Political Science, Center of Women's and Gender Studies, Center for African Studies, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Department of Geography and Geology, Office of Provost and Vice Presidential for Academic Affairs, and the Office of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, according to Frigo.

"All these sponsors came to support this event

because it deals with humanity as a whole," said Frigo, "the humanitarian impact of the genocide is something that we can all respect and relate to."

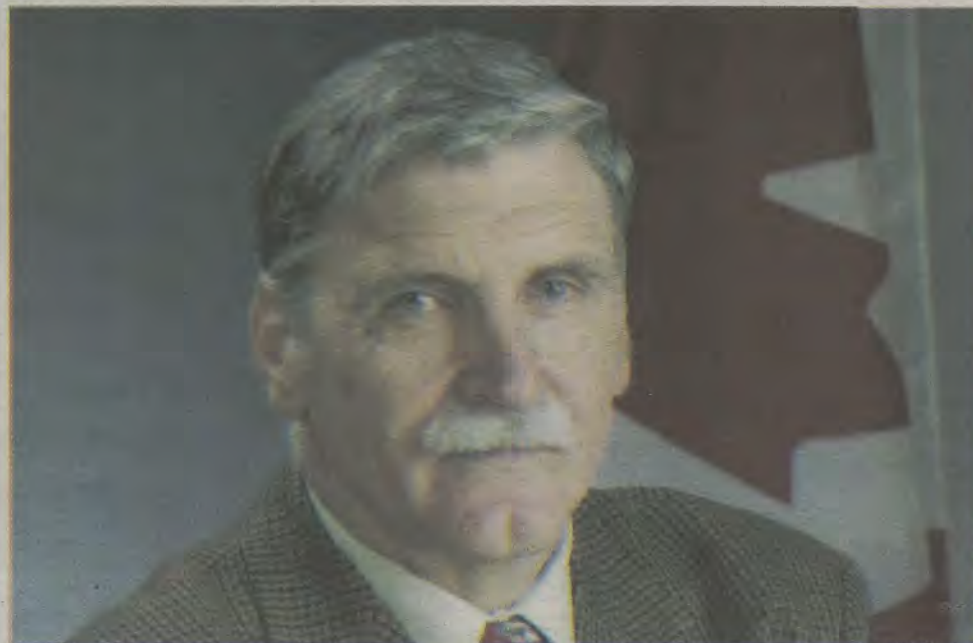
Dallaire was born in Demekamp, Holland in 1946. He enlisted into the Canadian Army in 1964 and received his Bachelor's of Sciences in 1969 at the College Militaire Royal de Saint-Jean. After moving from different ranks throughout the Canadian Army, in 1993, he commanded the United Nations Observer Mission in Uganda and Rwanda. He is now a part of the Advisory Committee on Genocide Prevention, according to his official biography with the National Speakers Bureau.

On April 6, 1994, a group of Hutu militia, using weapons such as clubs and machetes, killed approximately 800,000 people of the Tutsi ethnic group.

All these deaths happened within a hundred days, which averages to around 8,000 people killed each day, according to www.unitedhumanrights.org.

"The reason there wasn't a necessity to go to Rwanda was because we didn't depend on Rwanda economically, so we had no benefit, but we should go in because it is right," said Frigo.

According to his official biography, Dallaire wrote a book on his experience called "Shaking Hands With The Devil - the failure of humanity in Rwanda." It has



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become internationally a best-selling book and has been turned into a movie, "Shaking Hands with the Devil," which released in the fall of 2007. Dallaire is credited with saving around 20,000 people's lives.

"Genocide is an on-going problem, like in Darfur.

After the Holocaust happened, we said we would never let something like that happen again, but it does and it is our, as an international community, responsibility," said Frigo, "we have what it takes to stop these things from happening, but we choose not to."

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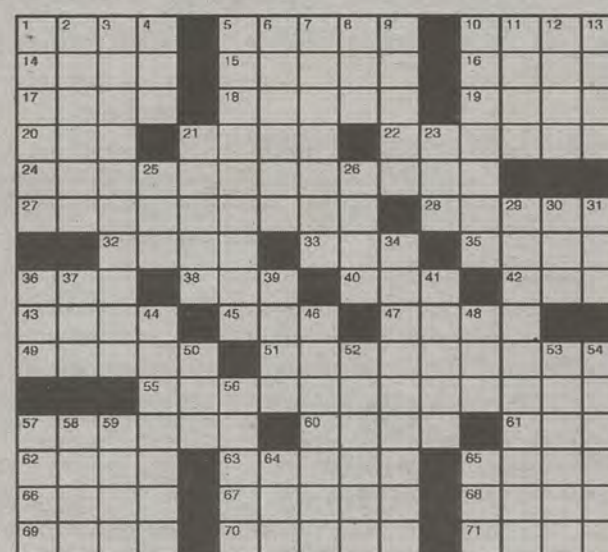
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- 18 God of Islam
- 19 Citrus hybrid
- 20 Tear up
- 21 Dunfermline dagger
- 22 Swirled
- 24 Too much to pay
- 27 Uncivilized
- 28 Woven fabrics
- 32 Candle part
- 33 Butter portion
- 35 Descent
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- 43 Nov. honorees
- 45 Performance grants org.
- 47 Lucy's husband
- 49 Old anesthetic
- 51 Hopefuls
- 55 Corporal Klinger's quest
- 57 Reality rerun?
- 60 Sisters
- 61 Vegetable sphere
- 62 News article
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- 68 Single occurrence
- 69 Makes a lap
- 70 Casts off
- 71 Exploited

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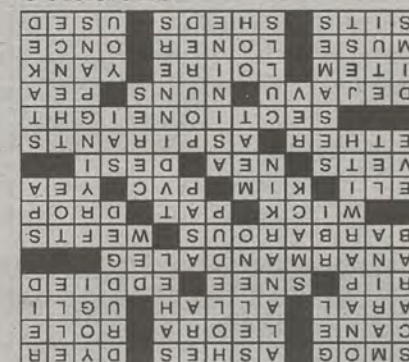
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- 10 Toiled hard
- 11 Baseball's Berra
- 12 Cosmo rival
- 13 Actress Beryl
- 21 Kiss loudly
- 23 Morning moisture
- 25 Slugger's stat
- 26 Quickly, please!
- 29 Kitchen items
- 30 Bunion's location
- 31 Relaxing resort
- 34 At-home fast food
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- 37 Rent out
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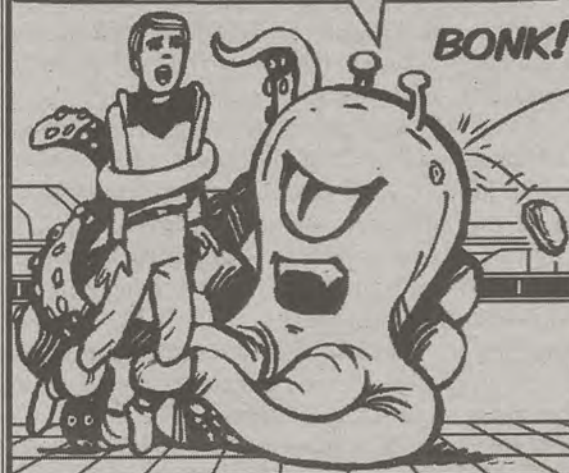
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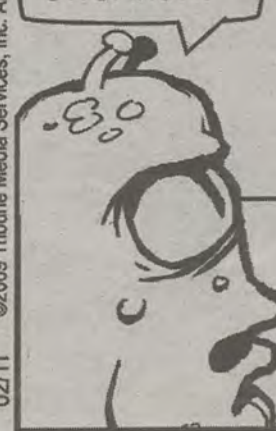
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STRANGE BUT TRUE

Thief shoots accomplice in attempted robbery

By Ron Wilkes

UWire

An attempted armed robbery and murder ended when a suspect accidentally shot one of his accomplices as they fled after a struggle with the victim.

Police responded to apartment G1 of Middle Tennessee State University student Tremayne DeJuan Johnson, a sophomore in business, at 910 Brown Dr. a little before 12 a.m., and arrested 5 individuals at 3:30 a.m. in connection with the alleged crimes, according to Murfreesboro Police Department Public Information Officer Kyle Evans.

"There were two juveniles and three others, one of whom is at Vanderbilt, involved with the incident," Kyle Evans said. "The three individuals who approached the apartment were all wearing face masks when they barged in, causing the owner of the apartment to struggle with them before the weapon discharged the first time."

According to police reports, three suspects were identified as Deonday Antwon Evans, 19 of 1969 Old Castle Dr.; Lisa Marie Watson, 21 of 350 Tremont Dr. and Edward Pope, 19 of 2709 Calias Court. Pope was struck by shots fired by one of the suspects as they fled Johnson's apartment.

Deonday Evans, Watson and the two juveniles, 16 and 17, have all been charged with aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary, attempted first-degree murder and reckless endangerment with a weapon after confessing to police that they went to the apartment to commit a robbery. Their bond is set at \$700,000.

According to police reports, Detective Edward Gorham responded to a home invasion when the victim, Johnson, told him that three men wearing masks, later identified as Deonday Evans, Pope and one of the juveniles, barged into his home.

Pope then allegedly pointed a gun at him when Johnson grabbed his arm, struggling with him before the gun went off and struck a wall.

Watson and the other juvenile waited in the car while the other suspects approached the apartment.

Police reports then state that as the three suspects fled the apartment, Deonday Evans was most likely to have been the one who turned around and fired three shots at the apartment, striking Pope in the process.

In an e-mail sent to faculty, implied that the incident could possibly be connected with the shooting of MTSU student Shashanka Pulluru, which happened just a week before.



Special Photo

IT offers students the ability to learn virtualization

By Cameron Powell

Guest Writer

Georgia Southern's own College of Information of Technology is one out of ten VMware institutions in the world to teach virtualization.

Corus Consulting and Canvas Systems are partially responsible for the vast donation they made of equipments valued at \$126,000.

Professors of the IT building said that it is hard to put a price on a donation that will add to an IT student's education and even their career in the long run.

Virtualization is changing the way that businesses organize and manage resources, making it easier and increasing the rapidness of IT response.

This new system will bring great benefits and opportunities to the college as well as the students as they prepare themselves for the working world ahead of them.

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

The benefits will lead to give students hands-on experience of skills with leading technologies.

"With the equipment from Corus Consulting and Canvas Systems, our students will now have the access to an educational experience that not many in the world have today," said Timur Mirzoev.

Students certified as Virtualization Professionals will make Georgia Southern graduates much more competitive in the job market.

"These graduates will be productive employees on day one," said Brian Hoffman, managing director of Technology Services for Corus Consulting and Canvas Systems.

The college will also be in high recognition as being the only kind in the Southeast United States and also one of only 10 universities in the world to teach this new technology.

Georgia Southern will become an institution of innovation and a leader in IT education.

According to Mirzoev, virtualization will ultimately save money, help to make computer systems perform at an efficient rate and allow for fast data and resources recovery in case of a catastrophe.

Because only 10 universities in the world teach VMware technology, our IT graduates will be in great demand.

"As a university, our goal is to be one of the leaders in this field," said Mirzoev.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Stimulus package to affect student aid

By Hannah Hoffman

U-wire

The stimulus package passed through the House of Representatives in January.

Republicans have criticized the bill for spending too much money and senators have reduced allocated spending for the federal work study program and higher education construction in an effort to trim down the package.

The Senate bill also reduced the House's proposal for Pell Grant funding by about \$1 billion, though both bill versions allocate more to Pell Grants than there previously was.

Elizabeth Bickford, head of financial aid at Oregon, thinks spending is necessary during the current economic climate.

Regardless of which package passes, Bickford said the decision to add to Pell Grant funding, which is in both versions of the package, would directly affect University students.

More students will need financial aid during a recession, she said, and even returning students who don't have a Pell Grant now could receive one for next year.

"Our students will benefit from any increase in

financial aid," she said.

Aaron Polk, president of the College Republicans at the university, said, "I completely disagree with (the stimulus package). We've seen in history that we've never spent our way out of a recession."

The Pell Grant budget will increase under either version of the package, but the rate of change is different.

In the new Senate version, the maximum amount available under the grant is increased by \$280 during 2009-10, but will increase by \$400 during 2010-11. In addition, the Senate version of the package will increase the number of recipients by 175,000 during 2009-10 and 250,000 during 2010-11.

That contrasts with the more generous House package, which would increase the maximum amount by \$500 and the number of recipients by 800,000 over the next year instead of the next two.

Bickford sees positives to both proposals. The House proposal, she said, sends "more money to more students faster."

The Senate package, on the other hand, "could be more sustainable," she said, because it spreads the funding out over a longer period of time.



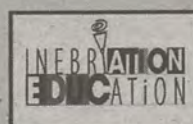
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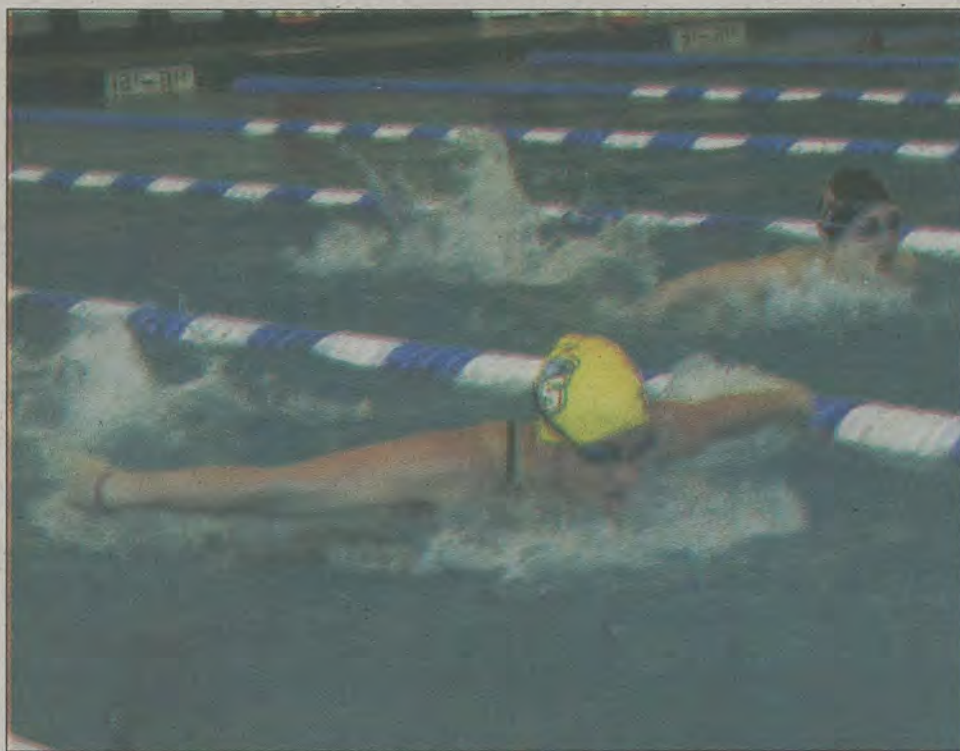
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Swimming and Diving heads to CCSA championship



Kelly Vermiel/STAFF

A GSU swimmer turns on the heat in the back stretch of a butterfly stroke event vs. Campbell in January. The Eagles won the match, 178-105.

By Molly McNally
Staff writer

The Lady Eagles Swimming and Diving Team were just named an Academic All-American Team for receiving a 3.38 GPA during the Fall 2008 semester.

And now the Eagles take on their next challenge, the CCSA championships in Athens, Ga.

The Eagles finished this season with a 6-8 record, with one of the highlights of their season being their Senior Day win against Campbell.

"We always want to win on Senior Day," said head coach Nathan Kellogg. "The team came out fired up and executed well overall."

Two girls were acknowledged by the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association for their tremendous efforts in helping the Eagles score the win against Campbell.

Junior Lauren Parr broke the pool record for a 100 fly with a time of 58.12. She currently ranks seventh overall in the CCSA, and her three first place wins in the Campbell meet got her the CCSA Swimmer of the Week.

Fellow teammate, senior Katie Creighton also was honored by the CCSA with the Diver of the Week award for her contributing wins in the Campbell meet. This is the second time Creighton was honored with this award.

Other highlights this season for the Lady Eagles include meet wins against Radford, SCAD, College of Charleston, and New Orleans.

The team will face eleven other women's teams in the championship. CCSA is a conglomerate of four different conferences: the Atlantic Sun, the Big South, the Mideastern and the Southern Conference.

Other SoCon teams competing this week will be Davidson and College of Charleston. Radford, Campbell, and North Florida are among the competition that are non-SoCon but familiar to the Eagles.

The Eagles have won both matches against Radford and split with Campbell this year, but lost to both College of Charleston and Davidson when they faced them.

The Eagles hope to find their next win this week as they travel to Athens for the CCSA championship, which will take place February 19-21.

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Suspended players leave team short-handed



Rob Eakins/STAFF

Coach Jeff Price talks to Antoine Johnson.

By Jessica Martin
Sports editor

The Georgia Southern Eagles basketball team has been short three of its players due to suspension for violating institutional rules. The suspension has left the team with a short bench as well as some unanswered questions.

The three players are Antoine Johnson, Julian Allen and Trumaine Pearson. Johnson, a junior starter, has been a contributing force behind the Eagles this season, including a career high 17 points and five rebounds in the January 31 game against Chattanooga. Allen, a senior, is also a starter and averaged 11.9 points before the suspension. Pearson, also a senior, averaged 15 minutes per game and had ten blocked shots (second highest on team).

The statement that has currently been released is that the three were suspended indefinitely for a violation of institutional rules and athletic department rules.

"I'm telling you what I know [the statement above], what they told me," said Head Coach Jeff Price. "No one believes me, but I know nothing more."

"They are suspended indefinitely until such time that a decision can be made on the issues involved," said Athletic Director Sam Baker.

Baker declined to comment on what the issues surrounding the players were.

"They [school officials] are looking into something," said Price.

He was unsure when they would return, if at all this season.

Without the suspended players, the Eagles have struggled to compete, even just to field a team. They have been playing without the three since the Feb. 5 game against Elon and have lost all games (four, at press time) since then.

"It is obviously been extremely difficult," said Price. "I feel for the [remaining team] players and the hand they've been dealt."

For three of the last four games, only nine players have dressed. Last week's Furman game was a low for the team. Due to injuries to Anthony Marshall and Blake Thompson, the team was forced to dress only eight players for the game. Four players played over 30 minutes in the 70-60 loss.

The Eagles will play four more games before the Southern Conference Tournament (March 6-9).

QUICK HITS

Stories by GSU News Service

Women's soccer adds eight to 2009 squad

Georgia Southern women's soccer adds eight student-athletes for the 2009 season. The 2009 signing class comes from six different states including Ohio (1), Florida (1), Georgia (3), Indiana (1), Tennessee (2) and Louisiana (1).

"We have a big class coming in, and it includes girls from all over the United States. Each player has played at a high level and has faced some of the top club teams in the country," said head coach Ashley Hart. "They should be able to come in and help us compete right away."

The Lady Eagles added two forwards, four midfielders and two defenders.

Georgia Southern lost five players from last year's team including first team All-SoCon member Ashley Toussaint.

"Danae Kaimulua, Jenny Anderson, Sara Oland are going to have to step up and contribute more in that area," said Hart. "In this class we have Holly Dyer and Courtney Collins who are both forwards. They should help us balance out our attack."

The Lady Eagles look to improve on their 4-11-3 (2-8-1) record when they hit the field in the fall.

Eagles golf heads to North Florida Tournament

Georgia Southern golf team will be competing in Ponte Vedra, Fla this weekend in the John Hayt Invitational. The host of this tournament is the University of North Florida.

The team opened the season last weekend in the Gator Invitational, hosted by the University of Florida. They collectively finished 13 out of 14 teams, but individually had some impressive performances.

Senior Drew Lethem tied for 26th place with a score of 215. Sophomore Joe Monte was the next Eagle on the leaderboard, tied for 50 with a score of 218. *and contests.*

SoCon announces changes for 2009-2010 season

By Jessica Martin
Sports editor

The Southern Conference announced this week multiple cost containment measures for the 2009-2010 athletic season. These measures will take place on the university and conference level and they will apply exclusively to next season.

"Obviously with the economy around the country, the presidents of the Southern Conference members asked the commissioner to charge the athletic directors to come up with some thoughts that they could review that could help in reducing the cost of the conference office plus the conference institutions," said Athletic Director Sam Baker.

According to Baker, the athletic directors from all twelve SoCon schools met and went over the ideas put together by committee of three athletic directors, chaired by Larry Leckonby of The Citadel. After meeting for two days, the directors decided on a number of measures.

The biggest change being made involves the conference tournaments at the end of the regular season. Instead of sending all teams in the conference, as is the way things are done now, next season will have only the top four teams competing for the championship. This measure will affect six different sports: men's and women's soccer, men's and women's tennis, softball, and volleyball. GSU fields teams in each of these six sports.

"The idea was that if we could reduce the cost of having to go to the tournament, in some cases eight teams in some cases four teams, wouldn't be going so they wouldn't be spending that money," said Baker.

The group looked at many other different measures as well, including things that would affect other sports. Track was one of those talked about, according to Baker, but because track does not play by seeding teams and sends teams to qualify for other events, they felt there wasn't a way to change the tournament layout. Golf was another sport where this situation arose.

Contracts also tied GSU and the others schools to

current ways in other sports, such as baseball, where GSU holds a contract with College of Charleston, among others. Another example of this is both basketball teams being in contract with Chattanooga (UTC) for the next two years.

Other measures include changing baseball in conference series from three days to two days, to try to combat travel costs. The teams will still be playing three games, however in a different format. Instead of one game a day over three days, the new format will have one game on Friday and a double-header on Saturday.

Conference football and basketball rousers, or media events, will not be held next year, as well as media guides will no longer be printed, but still will be available online. Conference calls will also be utilized more for continual communication with the media. Post-tournament banquets were removed.

"The key thing is that this is for one year. We are to go back and review it next year after we've done this, to see where the economy is and if we can go back to the way life had been before," said Baker.