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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS

SAGE proposes 'green' fee for Georgia Southern students

By Ben Carroll

Staff writer

Student Alliance for a Green Earth (SAGE) is campaigning and researching the possibility of implementing a "green" fee at Georgia Southern.

This fee would be mandatory and would be added to tuition and fees to help financially support environmental projects. This would be in conjunction with current projects.

"Recently, the Landrum Compost project, the Re-lamping GSU project, and other uses for renewable resources have just started," said Lissa Legee, associate professor at the Department of Biology and a coordinator at the Office of Sustainability in the College of Science and Technology.

"We also have to maintain the alternate-fuel bus system," she said.

According to Legee, many of these projects are initially more expensive than the current resources, but after the initial investment towards these projects, the university might save money along with helping the environment.

"People tend to think in the short term, but we need to start thinking of the overall long-term," said Legee.

According to Jessica Sparrow, vice president of SAGE, there has been a very positive attitude toward the green fee from students.

The specific projects that the green fees would go to are renewable energy resources, LEED certified buildings, more energy efficient appliances, bike racks, composting, recycling bins, and retrofitting buildings with more energy saving practices.



Chris Buchanan/STAFF

SAGE polled several students on their willingness to pay a new 'green' fee and how much they would be willing to pay. Of 1,400 surveyed, students were willing to spend \$22 on average. That paid by approximately 17,000 students would yield around \$374,000 for campus environmental endeavors.

"Both surveys had 1400 responses with an average of \$22 per semester," Sparrow said.

"This shows overwhelming support for Georgia Southern University to move in a green direction and demonstrates people are willing to pay to see this change," she said.

With over 17,000 students enrolled at GSU, \$22 per student would amount to \$374,000 that would go toward en-

vironmental projects.

"I have not set a fee amount because to have a fee approved the Board of Regents must mandate a fee across the University System of Georgia," said Sparrow. "Other schools in Georgia are working for the same goal so we are trying to [get] the Board of Regents to see all Georgia schools want this and the fact [that] they need to consider a green fee."

According to research found by SAGE from the the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Georgia had 964 deaths, 837 heart attacks, and 1,352 hospitalizations from the exposure to fine particle pollution caused by coal fired power plants.

Coal is how 65 percent of Georgians get their electricity and is responsible for Georgia Southern's electricity, according to Legee.

According to Sparrow, President Grube signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. The contents of this commitment can be found at www.PresidentialClimateCommitment.org.

"Both our economy and environment are in distress. In the long run, becoming more green will save GSU money and decrease our ecological footprint," said Sparrow.

FEATURES

Get the low-down on the Oscars. Who flourished and what movies flopped.

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What's on www.GADAILY.com

Local televangelist
Michael Guido dies at age 94.

Government plans to spend \$30.8 billion on college affordability

By Anthony Visintainer
Guest Writer

For the past few months, the news has been all about the battle over the stimulus bill. Now that it's been passed, the focus is shifting to the question of where the money will be spent.

One area that is of interest to students here at Georgia Southern is college affordability. The federal government is planning to put a hefty sum of money toward the improvement of education, and students are wondering how much is in it for them.

The government currently plans to put a total of \$30.8 billion toward this area. According to the U.S. Department of Education Web site, the approximate amounts for the subcategories (as of Feb. 18) are, "\$17 billion to close the shortfall in the Pell Grant program and boost grant amounts by \$500 to \$5,350 in the first year and more in the second year, serving an estimated seven million low and moderate-income young people and adults."

"\$13.8 billion to boost the tuition tax credit from \$1,800 to \$2,500 for families earning up to \$180,000."

Those "low and moderate-income adults"



Special photo

The department of Education will see this money within the next 40 days.

receiving the Pell Grant look forward to getting the money, particularly in the way of defraying future costs:

"It's something nice to look forward to; that's a possible \$500 less I'll have to shell out in the coming years," says Jason Richardson, a freshman creative writing and Japanese major.

"The extra money will be a big help to me in

the future," said Stephen Dominey, a freshman biology major.

However, some students have a different outlook and would rather have the government do other things with the money. Kaleigh Leach, a sophomore IT and applied music major, wishes the government would put the money toward student loans:

"I think that with the stimulus, they should either forgive you if you have student loans... and not [require us] to pay it back, or make it so we do have longer to pay it back."

Regardless of the benefits or detriments of the bill, the numbers, while more or less determined, aren't quite set in stone yet, says Director of Student Affairs in Financial Aid Connie Murphey:

"The Federal Pell Grant is in the bill for an increase for 2009/2010. However, we are waiting for the final approval from the U.S. Department of Education. We will not know for sure until they send universities an official notification."

According to the government Web site, the U.S. Department of Education will try to get the first half of the \$30.8 billion to state institutions within the next 40 days, and the other half within six months.

POLICE BEAT

Friday, February 20, 2009

An X-Box and video games were taken from University Villas.

Marcus Alexander Wilson, 19, Sanford Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana.

Saturday, February 21, 2009


Kenneth Taylor Ray, 23, Del Ray Circle, Guyton, was charged with DUI, open container violation, failure to maintain lane and seatbelt violation.

Ali Saleh Al-Araji, 19, Campus Crossing, was charged with possession of marijuana.

Sunday, February 22, 2009


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March 2-5	Clothesline Project (RU Rotunda, 9am-5pm)
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March 5	Take Back the Night March, Begins at Hanner, 7pm ends at RU Rotunda approx. 7:45
March 5	Take Back the Night Rally, approx. 7:45 at RU Rotunda Performance by Adrenaline, Open mic, & more
March 6	Clothesline Project, Statesboro Courthouse Lawn Part of First Fridays of Statesboro

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Your Student Activity Fees at Work

Poet C.K. Williams has poetry reading for students at the PAC

By Lauren Herrington

Guest Writer

On Thursday, Feb. 19, in the Performing Arts Center award winning Poet, C. K. Williams graced the stage and the ears of students with a poetry reading.

Williams has been writing and publishing poetry for over 40 years and has accumulated many awards.

Some of these awards include the National Book Award for his book "The Singing," the Pulitzer Prize and the Los Angeles Times Book Award for his book "Repair."

His book "Flesh and Blood" won the National Book Critics Circle Award.

At the PAC, Williams turned the night into a self reflecting poetry reading and even gave a taste of the story behind some of the poems.

Williams said he became a poet, "because writing is the only adult activity I enjoyed other than sex."

The night of poetry started off with a few poems: "Yours, from my Window," and "My Mother's Lips," then he revealed his first behind-

the-poem story.

Williams continued the reading with "First Desire," "Dirty Talk D-line Boston," and finally "Peace."

Williams commented on his poem "Peace." "That's the way fights are suppose to end, but sometimes they don't," he said.

Williams went on to share a pair of poems "Shame," and "On the Other Hand."

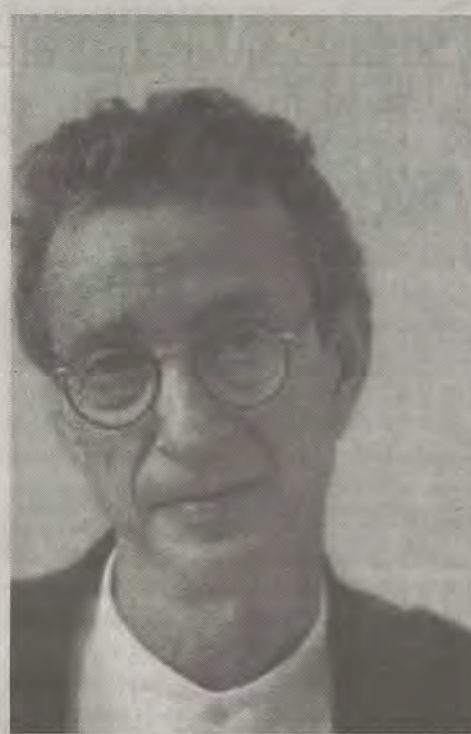
These two poems talked about the same event yet showed both sides of how someone could perceive the event.

Next, he read "Poems from Issa," and "Gas."

With the night coming close to the end he finished off with "The Singing," "This Happened," "The Clause," and "United States."

"The Clause" is one of the most self reflecting poems, this poem explores the mind of Williams himself, and how he describes his mind the opposite of at peace.

At 73, Williams has no plans of slowing down or stopping from writing his works. He even revealed his next publication, which is a book on Walt Whitman.



Special Photo

Poet C.K. Williams came to the PAC Thursday to read his poetry to students.

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Circle K and Delta Tau Delta sponsor GSU blood drive at Williams Center

By Tiffani Addison

Guest Writer

Giving is always the greatest gift, and Georgia Southern students are able to give something that they have plenty of: blood. The American Red Cross visited campus this past Wednesday, Feb. 18 in the Williams Center.

The blood drive was sponsored by Circle K and Delta Tau Delta. The goal for the drive was 75 gallons and is usually calculated by how many sponsors they have for each drive.

The Chairman of Bulloch County's Blood Drive, coordinator Phill Grey, said "within the first hour we had about 20 people give blood, so it's been going very well." Grey also said that

"blood drives at Georgia Southern usually have a good turnout."

The most needed blood types are O negative and positive, which are universal blood types and can be given to anyone.

"They make you feel comfortable and they talk to you about what they're doing and what they're doing it for," said Shantae Martin, who is a sophomore and has given blood six times, all on campus.

Timothy Deaton, who is a freshman, has given blood six times also, four times in his hometown, Athens, Ga., and two at Georgia Southern.

"GSU made me feel more comfortable than anywhere else I've given blood. At the other places they didn't talk to you and explain their

goals," Deaton said.

Deaton also said that he receives calls from East Georgia Medical Center, who also hosts blood drives, because his blood type is O positive.

"They always call on the days they have drives, which is pretty cool," Deaton said.

Graduate student Tiatiannia Garrett came to Georgia Southern from Albany and said that, "the blood drives in Statesboro are a lot better than the past places I've been too."

This was Garrett's second time giving blood on campus.

Garrett's blood type is also O positive and she also receives phone calls from the blood drives when one is being held in Statesboro.



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Ally takes on the RAC: Week 2



Ally Rakoczy is a junior marketing major from Decatur, GA. She is a guest columnist for the George-Anne.

ored dumbbells.

Following their lead I went and grabbed my own set of weights and a jump rope. I picked the shiny red rope (for those 4'9" to 5'5") and posted up on the far side of the room.

Our instructor was bubbly and petite and began the exercises with a countdown. I'm not a very coordinated person, so I was hoping I would be able to at least pretend that I had some rhythm, but I found that the exercises weren't too bad. Aside from looking a bit ridiculous, all the moves—right hooks, left hooks, side kicks, front kicks—are all actually pretty easy.

With the exception of some rather intense individuals in the class who looked like they were either pretty angry or training for the real thing, the pace of the class was excellent. It was intense enough to break a sweat, but not so much that I couldn't keep up.

We used the weights, the jump rope, and our own body weight for more kicks, curls, and squats. I was able to do all of these exercises (albeit awkwardly), and I didn't have to stop once the whole 50 minutes. We ended by stretching it out, and I left with more energy and a slight burn in my butt.

Intent on not letting the after-workout soreness

For my first foray into the group fitness world of the RAC, I decided to start with kickboxing.

I arrived to the class just under the wire (thanks to the difficulty I had finding parking at the RAC, but that's another day and another column...), and was met by several people equipped with jump ropes and small, brightly colored

set in, I decided to attend the Basic Step class the following day.

It was a smaller class of about eight people. Our instructor was really enthusiastic and chatted with us a bit throughout the class.

Unfortunately, I can't talk and concentrate on stepping left, right, and sideways at the same time, but it was nice that she tried to make us feel comfortable. I had taken aerobics my freshman year so I came in thinking I knew what I was doing. Wrong assumption.

While the class started out slowly with toe taps, right steps, and left steps, the pace increased pretty quickly. Our instructor introduced us to several new steps at a time, and then we would apply them in a sequence to the previous steps, essentially building the exercises into a whole series.

My foot started cramping in the first 10 minutes. I figured that was probably not a good sign seeing as I didn't even know that feet could cramp in the first place, but I kept on going.

After all, with only eight people in the class, it would be painfully obvious if I stopped moving. Soon enough though, I was able to catch on.

The class itself was a good workout and pretty fun, but the problem I seemed to encounter (repeatedly) was that if I missed one or two steps in a sequence, I was off for the whole series. I ended up spending a good amount of time going in the opposite direction I was supposed to and tripping over my own feet.

While the class shouldn't be that challenging for any normal person, I seemed to make it more difficult for myself. Yet, despite all my coordination issues, I was able to get a great workout.

Needless to say, I think my experience with my first couple group fitness classes was a great one.

While I'm sometimes awkward and quite clumsy, I was able to really enjoy myself and get a great workout in the process.

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DeGeneres commercials are a fresh take on makeup



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

I was flipping through the channels a few days ago and came across a rather liberating commercial.

The commercial was for Cover Girl Simply Ageless Makeup. However, what really struck me was the actual Cover Girl used to represent the product, Ellen DeGeneres.

At first I was a little thrown off by watching DeGeneres endorse Cover Girl makeup because I have never associated the two together before.

In a way, I was a little disappointed because Ellen is such a funny, strong and liberal woman. I have always thought of her as someone who did not care what people thought. By coming out in the public spotlight, Ellen showed all her fans that she is comfortable enough with herself to actually be herself.

Therefore, I felt as though she did not need makeup to literally cover herself up. By endorsing Cover Girl, it seemed as though maybe she had drifted off her own path and conformed to the shallowness of the makeup and beauty world.

Then, I heard her speak in the commercial. "Inner beauty is important, but not nearly as important as outer beauty," DeGeneres sarcastically proclaimed.

When I heard this, I laughed out loud and a

huge smile replaced my skeptical frown. I realized then that DeGeneres was the perfect person to represent this makeup company.

It almost seemed as though she was making fun of the whole premise of wearing makeup. By joking that outer beauty is more important than inner beauty, DeGeneres isn't taking herself too seriously and at the same time is telling her audience not to take themselves too seriously in regard to their appearance.

For the first time, I watched a television star approach an endorsement by mocking the reason the product exists. In this case the reason was outer beauty and appearance.

This commercial was such a refreshing change of pace in comparison to other ads which make us feel as though we will all remain ugly until we buy a certain product.

This may be farfetched, but in a way this Cover Girl commercial is like a mini revolution in the beauty industry. This is because the commercial did not rely on the insecurities of consumers to sell their product.

Instead, it relied on truth and the willingness of the company to laugh at themselves.

Hopefully, other makeup and beauty companies will catch onto the message that Cover Girl and Ellen have sent out.

Only then will they begin to tweak their ad campaigns so that every woman realizes that their inner beauty is their true beauty. Until then, I can only hope we begin to see more Cover Girls like Ellen DeGeneres in the future.

ATTENTION GSU STUDENTS

What qualities do you want to see in our next president?

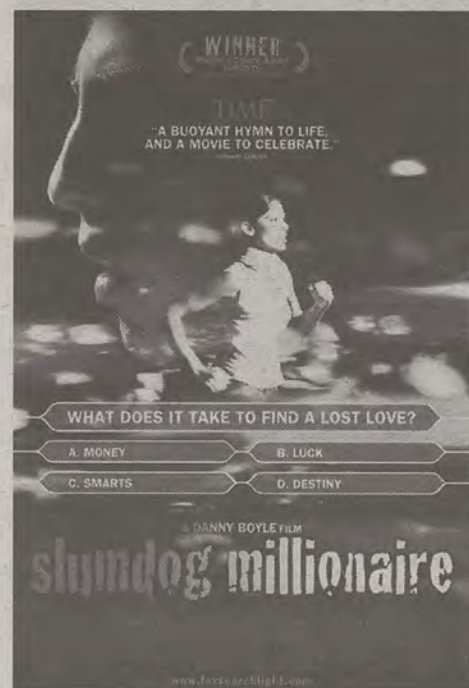
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And the Oscar goes to...

By Ryan Babula
Staff Writer

Oscar Night has always been an exciting night for me, and this year's show was no exception. After last year's lackluster ceremony (both in presentation and award distribution), I was pleased to find that the 2009 Academy Awards was one of the most entertaining I'd ever seen. As far as awards go, it was also one of the most fulfilling as well. I did not once feel that any award went undeserved, and was able to guess many of the winners successfully. Here's a list of some of the winners and my commentary for each. A complete list can be found on oscar.com.



BEST PICTURE:

'Slumdog Millionaire' Happy to say that this was the best film of the year, and it greatly deserved all eight Oscars it won!!

BEST DIRECTOR:

Danny Boyle for 'Slumdog Millionaire' David Fincher or Gus Van Sant were my other choices for this, but Danny Boyle was the most deserving of the award.

ORIGINAL SCORE:

A.R. Rahman for 'Slumdog Millionaire' One of the most unique scores I've ever heard for a film, and I loved every second of it.

ORIGINAL SONG:

'Jai Ho' from 'Slumdog Millionaire' A great song written for a great film.

LEAD ACTRESS:

Kate Winslet in 'The Reader' After many nominations, it was great to see Kate Winslet take home the Oscar. It was long, long overdue.

LEAD ACTOR:

Sean Penn in 'Milk' This could've gone to Mickey Rourke and I would've been happy, but Sean Penn's performance was definitely the best I'd seen this year. A triumph in every sense of the word.

SUPPORTING ACTRESS:

Penelope Cruz in 'Vicky Cristina Barcelona' I have yet to see her performance, but I heard it was amazing nonetheless.

SUPPORTING ACTOR:

Heath Ledger in 'The Dark Knight' This was probably the most somber part of the night. When Ledger's family came to accept the reward, their speech was touching and grateful. It's things like this that make me sad that such a great talent was lost at such a young age. Well done, Heath.



Best Lead Actress Kate Winslet, Best Lead Actor Sean Penn and Best Supporting Actress Penelope Cruz bask in the glory after the Oscar award ceremony.

ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY:

Dustin Lance Black for 'Milk' This was no surprise, and Dustin Lance Black's screenplay was magnificent work.

ADAPTED SCREENPLAY:

Simon Beaufoy for 'Slumdog Millionaire' The same goes for Simon Beaufoy here. Great, great work and highly deserving.

ANIMATED FEATURE: Andrew

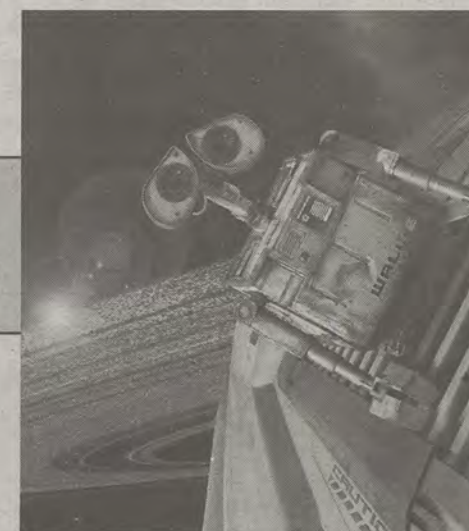
Stanton for 'WALL-E' "WALL-E" could've very well gotten a Best Picture nod, but it was the best in this category.

DOCUMENTARY FEATURE:

James Marsh and Simon Chinn for 'Man on Wire' I've heard nothing but great things about this film, and I hope to see it soon.

CINEMATOGRAPHY:

Anthony Dod Mantle for 'Slumdog Millionaire' Some of the most vibrant work I've ever seen, and it would've been a shame if he hadn't won.



VISUAL EFFECTS:

Eric Barba, Steve Preeg, Burt Dalton and Craig Barron for 'The Curious Case of Benjamin Button' No other film could've taken this award. The effects in "Benjamin Button" were second to none, and were key in telling the story.

SOUND EDITING:

Richard King for 'The Dark Knight' This was a big surprise. I expected "WALL-E" to win this one, but nonetheless, it was good to see "The Dark Knight" win something.

All Special Photos

2009 Oscar ceremony brings change

By Jonathan Pope

Staff Writer

Depending on who you ask, the Academy Awards can mean a number of things. For most, it's a fun night to reminisce over the past year's flicks with family and friends. For us film geeks, it's the Super Bowl. Bets are placed and tensions rise as we try to see who can guess the winners. But no matter who you ask, there is one thing that everyone keeps a close eye on: the ceremony itself.

After last year's less than stellar Oscars, one has to have been wondering if this year's would be any better. Well, thanks to some significant changes to the presentation and the Writers Guild's strike being well out of the way, it's safe to say that the Oscars are back in tip top shape. The 81st Annual Academy Awards turned out to be one of the most enjoyable and well executed iterations of the historic event that I can remember.

First-time host Hugh Jackman kicked off a night that can only be described as "elegant." The theatre was stunning to behold, with a colossal arch of sparking lights and crystal chandeliers hanging brilliantly above the main

stage. Award presentations were grouped, and there corresponding sets were equally fitting and astonishingly detailed (i.e. the award for Best Special Effects was presented in a mock warehouse in front of a large stack of crates with props and set decorations spilling out). It's clear that an enormous amount of effort, talent, and money was spent to make this an event to remember - and oh, how it was! But all credit can't be given to the set alone. The presenters, performances, and acceptances stand among the best the show has seen.

Some highlights from the night included Hugh Jackman's opening number introducing the show and the main nominees, Jack Black's "Pixar" comment, and Kate Winslet's breathless acceptance speech. Of particular note, Ben Stiller gave a hysterically funny (and eerily accurate) rendition, opposite a straight faced Natalie Portman, of Joaquin Phoenix's recent puzzling personality (and hygiene) shift.

My one and only gripe from the night was with the presentation of the acting awards, which also happened to be one of major changes in the show. Whereas in previous years, there was one presenter for each acting award, this year,

there were five.

For each award - Best Supporting Actor/Actress and Best Actor/Actress - five of the previous winners in the category took to the stage following a short montage of that award's history. Each winner was assigned a nominee to introduce. Then, instead of showing a clip of the nominee's work, each previous winner would speak about it and, for all intensive purposes, dote on the nominees.

It's easy to see what they were aiming for and I'm sure it must have been flattering to be in the receiving end, but quite honestly it took far too long and was just not as interesting or informative (for those had not seen the work in question) as the traditional method of showing a sampling of the nominee's work.

Despite my one criticism, this is by the best ceremony I have seen in a long time. The 81st Annual Academy Awards was a true return to form. Recalling the elegance and sheer fun that had been lost in the recent iterations of the show, this was a much needed facelift - an Oscars that will surely go down in history (not to mention that all of the award recipients were aptly deserving of their praise).



Special Photo
Host Hugh Jackman represented a change from the traditional comedian host and added some much needed showmanship and flair.

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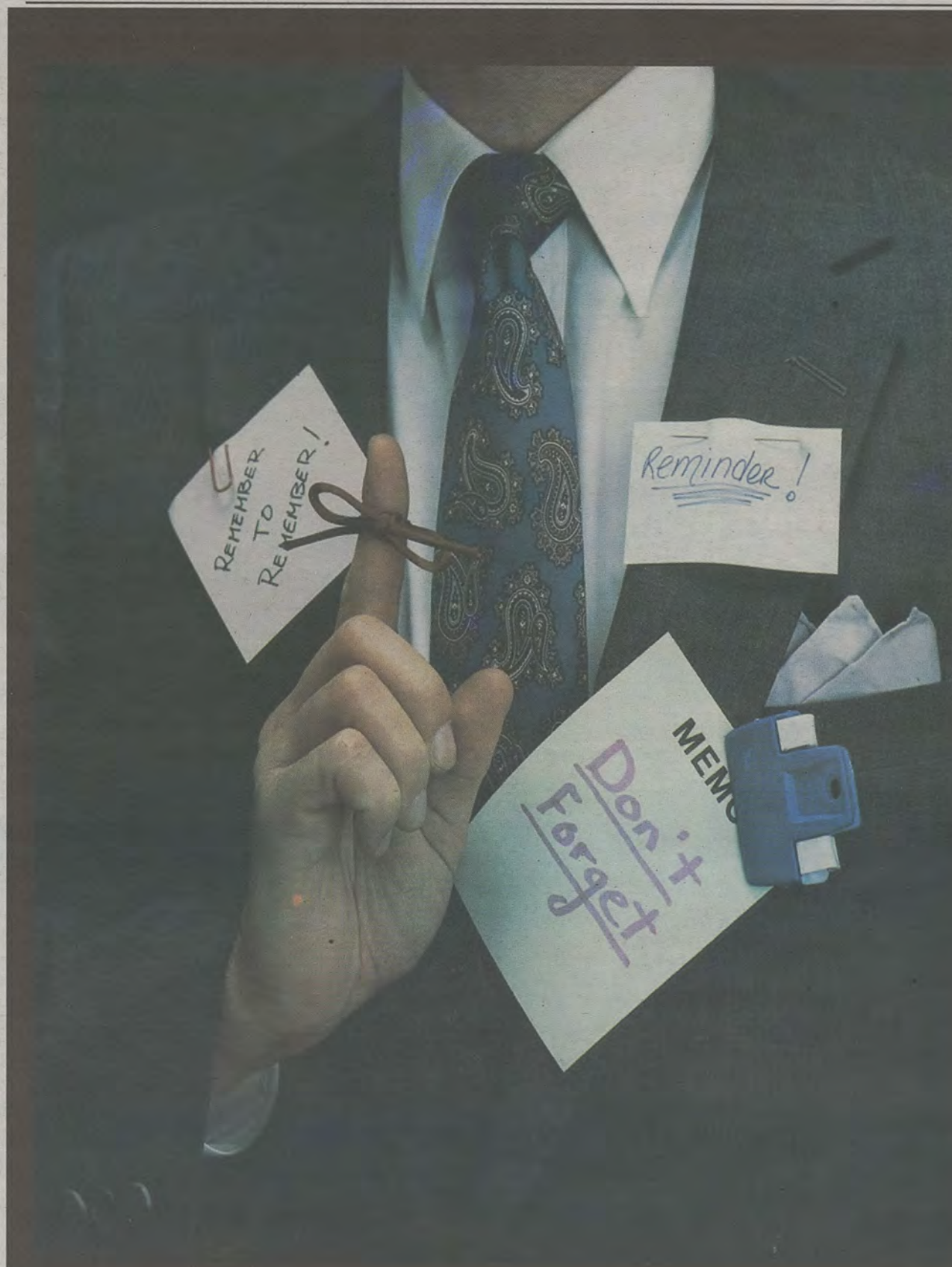
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

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NATIONAL NEWS

Stem cells used to treat Virginia student's multiple sclerosis symptoms

By Frances Correa

U-Wire



Special Photo

Scientists have been experimenting with stem cells, which have the ability to cure many diseases and illnesses.

Edwin McClure, a Virginia Commonwealth University advertising graduate student, participated in a stem-cell study, published Jan. 29, that might have unveiled a treatment for multiple sclerosis.

According to the lead author of the study, this is the first study to show an actual reversal of the disability.

McClure has not had symptoms since he was treated.

McClure was diagnosed with MS in 2000 when he was a senior in high school. Although he initially thought it was just a cold, he knew the condition was more serious when his vision began blurring.

"It was like someone turning down the dimmer switch," McClure said.

When his neurologist told him he was showing the symptoms of MS, he was surprised and confused.

"It threw me for a loop," McClure said. "This is a disease that typically hits 40-year-old white women and I'm like, I'm an 18-year-old black

male. Somebody didn't get the memo."

McClure said being hooked up to an IV for the steroid treatments forced him to confront this sickness. He suffered from extreme fatigue, allergy attacks, heat intolerance and bad balance. McClure said his symptoms made it difficult to spend time with his loved ones.

"It's a huge burden of being a constant burden to those around you," McClure said.

McClure's mother, Bernice McClure, said she was devastated but would not lose hope.

"I was hoping to find whatever was out there that was going to help him long-term," Ms. McClure said.

In 2005, two years after the diagnosis, Dr. Katarina Bilikova told Ms. McClure about the clinical trial, led by Dr. Richard Burt at Northwestern University. The trial uses the patient's own stem cells to regenerate the immune system and reverse the symptoms of MS.

The trial consisted of 21 patients. McClure flew to Evanston, Ill., to participate. During the course of the trial, doctors took out McClure's own stem cells and used them to grow more cells. He then was given a course of chemotherapy to wipe out his immune system. The treatment took

nearly a month.

McClure called this time "the lock down period." He was not allowed to go anywhere or have any visitors. He continued his undergraduate classes online.

"The hardest part was thinking about all my friends. I was just staying home watching 'A Different World' re-runs," McClure said.

Meanwhile, he was able to keep his disease hidden from his friends back at school. He said he didn't want to tell anyone, for fear of seeming weak.

McClure's hair started falling out after four weeks. He said the one thing he thought about was his high school football coach.

"He always said, 'If your minds are weak, your bodies are weak,'" McClure said.

It was this mantra that helped McClure decide to shave off his hair.

McClure's harvested stem cells were then transplanted back into his body. Three years later, McClure said his symptoms have disappeared.

"This is the first study to actually show reversal of disability," Burt told Bloomberg.com on Jan. 30. "Some people had complete disappearance of all symptoms."

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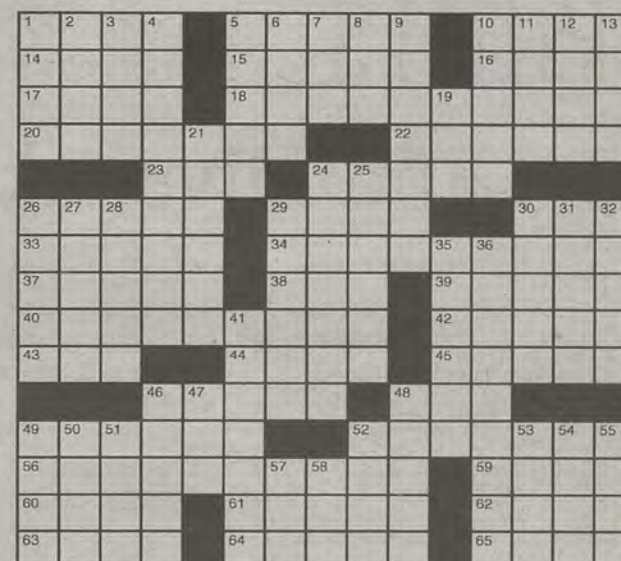


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- 23 Grafton of mysteries
- 24 Stick on
- 26 Glide on ice
- 29 Pie-cooling ledge
- 30 Employ
- 33 Fragrant conifer
- 34 Timber borders
- 37 Not hidden
- 38 Make free
- 39 Gives off
- 40 Pussyfooting
- 42 Get all melodramatic
- 43 Letters that blast
- 44 Transition point
- 45 Talk continuously
- 46 Stable mothers
- 48 Manger morsel
- 49 Scale notes
- 52 Power gaps
- 56 No matter what
- 59 Burnsian hillside
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- 63 Pipe fittings
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- 6 Actor Bates
- 7 Soak up rays
- 8 Concealed
- 9 Bit for a horse
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COMPLETE COVERAGE

Check out *GADaily.com* for coverage of yesterday's Lady Eagles basketball game at Wofford and coverage of golf's second and third round at the Hayt Invitational.

Swim and Dive takes third in CCSA Championship

By GSU News Service

Swimming and Diving finished third in the CCSA Championships Saturday in Athens, Ga.

The Eagles finished third in the 200 yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:34.87.

Lauren Parr finished first in the 200 yard IM consolation with a time of 2:07.12. Parr finished second in the 400 yard IM with a time of 4:25.75.

Courtney Martz won the 50-yard freestyle preliminaries with a time of 23.61. Martz finished fourth in the finals.

The Eagles' 200-yard medley relay team finished third with a time of 1:45.00. GSU finished in the top four spots in the 100 yard butterfly consolation.

Martz and Lindsay Goodman finished in fourth and fifth place in the 100-yard backstroke. Goodman finished fourth in the 200 yard backstroke with a time of 2:03.92.

The Eagles finished third in the 800 yard freestyle relay with a time of 7:36.51.

The Eagles finished with a total 472 points in the competition, 14 points ahead of fourth place Gardner-Webb.



Kelly Verneil/STAFF

A GSU swimmer goes through her stroke in the butterfly event in a recent match.

Eagles teams competed in loaded weekend of sports

Compiled by Staff

The Georgia Southern Eagles athletics had a busy weekend this past weekend, with all spring sports competing in at least one game over the three-day period. With basketball coming to a close and baseball kicking off the season (see pg. 16), the Eagles were busy in competition.

The men's basketball team is winding down their rocky season and headed for the Southern Conference tournament. Saturday, the Eagles competed in the national ESPN Bracketbuster's event, playing non-conference Jacksonville State. The Eagles managed to snap an eight game losing streak, using free throws to lock up the win over the Gamecocks, 66-63. GSU was the only of four SoCon teams competing in the event to get a win.

Tyler Troupe sank five free throws in the last minute of the game to seal the lead. Antonio Hanson led the Eagles in scoring with 19 points, while Ben Drayton III added 17 and Troupe had eleven. GSU shot 35.6 percent from the floor and sank 25 of 32 free throws while the Ospreys shot 34.8 percent and also went 25 of 32 from the line.

The Eagles have three games remaining until the

SoCon tournament (Mar. 6-9). They will close out the season in front of the home crowd in Hanner on Monday Mar. 2, at 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Eagles basketball team played their home finale at Hanner on Saturday, falling to conference foe, Davidson, 65-57. The two teams are currently tied for fifth in the conference with a 10-8 conference record.

J'Lisa Ogburn led the Lady Eagles in scoring with 15 points, while seniors Ashley Rivens and Ashley Melson both had ten points in their last game at Hanner. Jessica Geiger paced the Eagles on the boards with seven rebounds.

The Eagles had an early lead late in the first half but could not hold on against the streaking Wildcats, who have won ten straight. The Lady Eagles have two road games left, App. State and UTC, before the SoCon tournament, which begins Thursday, Mar 5.

The Lady Eagles softball team had an eventful weekend, hosting the Holiday Inn Eagle Classic. They played five games overall, but came away with only two wins. On Friday, the Lady Eagles faced Charleston Southern. The game was a close fought contest until senior Robyne Siliga hit a two-

run homer in the final inning to give GSU the 4-2 win. Kristan Glover pitched a complete game in the victory. The same day, GSU fell to the Mercer Bears, 8-1.

Saturday was a rough day for the team. The team first fell to the Belmont Bears, 8-1. Brianna Streetmon proved solid, blanking the Bears in four innings of relief. Playing Head Coach Maggie Johnson's former team, Radford, GSU fell 9-1. Streetmon again was solid in relief. Unfortunately, the lead was too great in both cases for the team to climb back.

On Sunday, the Lady Eagles came roaring back, defeating Oakland, 11-8. Amanda Hall and Glover both had three RBI's to bring life back into the team and Streetmon again gave a stellar performance in just over three innings, striking out two and recording no hits in for the win.

Both tennis teams were on the road this weekend. The women's team opened its SoCon season with a tight victory over Elon, 4-3. Sophomore Ali Beavers clinched the victory for the Eagles from the two spot, winning four games (6-4 match) to get the final point. On Sunday, however, the team fell to UNC-Greensboro, 5-2. Senior Shea Huxtable and sophomore Melanie Rolle picked up the points

for the Eagles.

The men's team was in Jacksonville, Fla this weekend. On Saturday, they faced North Florida, losing 5-2. Gregory Bekkers picked up the singles point and the tandem of Joris De Weerd and Matthew Sands got a win in the top doubles spot. On Sunday, the team redeemed themselves, defeating Jacksonville 5-2. Jayraj Jadeja clinched the match for the Eagles in his singles victory from the number three spot.

Track and Field competed in the Clemson Invitational in South Carolina this weekend. The results from this meet are not yet released. But the week was a bright one for the Lady Eagles. Sophomore Lynndsey Hyter was named last week's SoCon Track and Field Athlete of the Week, the first honor of the season for the team.

The GSU golf team was also in action, competing in the John Hayt Invitational. Senior Logan Blondell led the Eagles charge into a tie for third place after the first round. Blondell was individually tied for fourth that round. The team was only two strokes out of second place (The second round was held on Monday and those results were not released at press time).

Eagles Sports Calendar

Men's Basketball

Thur 2/26	@ Elon	7 p.m.
Sat 2/28	@ Davidson	7 p.m.
Mon 3/2	vs. Citadel	7:30 p.m.
Fri 3/6	SoCon Tournament	TBA

Women's Basketball

Sat 2/28	@ App State	1 p.m.
Thur 3/5	SoCon Tournament	TBA
Fri 3/6	SoCon Tournament	TBA
Mon 2/24	SoCon Tournament	TBA

Women's Tennis

Tue 2/24	vs. Jacksonville	2:30 p.m.
Sat 2/28	vs. Samford	10 a.m.
Sun 3/1	vs. USC-Upstate	11 a.m.
Sat 3/7	vs. App State	12 p.m.

Men's Tennis

Sun 3/1	vs. USC-Upstate	2 p.m.
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Senior catcher Griffin Benedict gets a hit during the weekend series against Presbyterian. Benedict was a big factor in the Eagles victories.

Eagles to face in-state rival Georgia Tech

By Jessica Martin
Sports editor

The Georgia Southern baseball team will look to keep their strong play going as they face in-state rival Georgia Tech.

The Eagles completed the three game sweep of the Presbyterian Blue-hose to open the 2009 season (see recap below).

Georgia Tech, ranked twelfth in the country, completed a three-game sweep of their own, defeating Lipscomb in their season opening weekend series.

The season opening game for both teams showed a pitching delight for fans. Georgia Tech starter, sophomore Deck McGuire, pitched a three hit shutout over Lipscomb. He struck out 13 batters in seven innings. McGuire is on the Wallace Player of the Year watch list.

GSU's season was led off with a solid performance on the mound by junior transfer Chris Mederos. Mederos only gave up one run in nearly six innings for the win, as well as striking out eight.

Offensively, the Eagles are lead by senior catcher Griffin Benedict, who had a huge weekend.

Benedict had more than one hit in each game and was an active force offensively and defensively. Senior Phillip Porter also had a solid weekend for the Eagles. Porter had a total of four runs and two RBIs on the weekend.

Georgia Tech also played a solid offensive series. Sophomore Thomas Nichols hit a walk off, two run home run in the final game to give the Yellow Jackets the win, 5-3, over Lipscomb.

First pitch is today (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. The two teams will play again tomorrow at 4 p.m.

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Recap of Presbyterian Series

The Eagles began the series in a destructive effort over Presbyterian, winning 7-1.

Junior transfer Chris Mederos was solid on the mound for the win, striking out eight in just under six innings.

Senior catcher Griffin Benedict contributed two RBIs and forced two unearned runs on an error.

Game two of a three game series belonged to the Georgia Southern Eagles as they defeated the Presbyterian Blue-Hose, 7-6.

Andy Moye started the game for the Eagles. The Eagles came from behind in the ninth to get the victory, behind strong batting of A.J. Wirnsberger, Phillip Porter and Benedict. The Blue-hose committed five errors in that inning.

The final game was a little easier for the Eagles, defeating the Blue-Hose, 10-8.

Two Eagles, senior Brian Pierce and freshman Eric Phillips, combined for six RBIs to lead the offensive attack.

Starter Michael Hester pitched 3.2 innings and Colin Snow picked up the win in the effort. Senior closer Kyle Kamppi earned his first save.

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SCOUTING REPORT

Number 12 Georgia Tech started their 2009 season with a three game series against Lipscomb, whom they beat in all three games. This is the sixteenth time under Head Coach Danny Hall that Tech has been listed on the preseason Top 25.

Tech was picked to finish second in the Coastal division of the ACC, behind favorite North Carolina, who has been part of the collegiate baseball tournament in Omaha the past three years.

Sophomore shortstop Derek Dietrich was named to multiple national awards preseason lists, including the Wallace Player of the Year, Brooks Golden Spikes Award and second team All-American.

Sophomore right-handed pitcher Deck McGuire was also named to the Wallace Player of the Year watch list.

AT A GLANCE

2009 overall record: 3-0
2009 Conf. Record: 0-0 (ACC)
2008 overall record: 41-21
Starters Returning: 7
Pitchers Returning: 9
Returning letter winners: 21

DID YOU KNOW?

Under current Coach Danny Hall, the Yellow Jackets have lost only one home opener, in 2005 to Georgia State.

Tech is ranked in the top 15 in the country on four different pre-season polls.

GAME WEATHER



High: 63-73°

Low: 39-47°

Mostly cloudy