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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS

Students and faculty protest Ayers cancelation

Group organizes sit-in at rotunda to promote 'academic freedom'

By Chris Buchanan
Editor-in-Chief

Over 40 students and faculty gathered in the "Free-Speech" zone outside the Russell Union Rotunda Monday night in a peaceful "Sit-In" protest of the canceled visit by controversial figure Bill Ayers.

Event co-organizer and Georgia Southern professor Michelle Haberland explained her reasoning for holding the event.

"I happen to teach the course 'The United States in the 1960s' and my class was very excited to hear that Bill Ayers was coming to campus and then the university decided to rescind that invitation," Haberland said. "I will go to great lengths to defend my students' right to learn," she said.

The protest was held on the night that Ayers was scheduled to visit Georgia Southern University as part of the Multicultural Student Center's Spring calendar. The event was canceled last month following concerns from the university that included the security and expense that Ayers's visit would have entailed according to Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Teresa Thompson.

Students and faculty who attended the event had the chance to stand up before fellow protestors and voice their displeasure with the university's decision.

Earlier Monday, Thompson stressed that the decision was strictly budget related and that no written contract was

made. Some students and faculty at the protest felt there was more to the story.

"I don't buy that at all," said Carlyn Pinkins, a history graduate student, "I think that it was used as an excuse to keep people from getting angry."

During the event, questions also arose involving where the group could protest according to Haberland.

"I was under the impression by the George Bush experience and by walking by the rotunda that this was the 'Free-Speech' zone and I was informed that this was not the 'Free-Speech' zone," said Haberland.

"The university attorney explained to me that this was not a department-sponsored event and as such could not be held in the rotunda," she said.

Instead, the protest was held on the periphery of the structure.

Since the cancelation, the university has also attracted the attention of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

Thompson said that the AAUP contacted her by phone regarding the cancelation and that by the end of their discussion the AAUP representative understood their decision.

"I explained all of that to Mr. [Hugh] Hudson and obviously he understood that in light of all the budget cuts that are not only going all around the country but also in Georgia, that it was a reasonable response to the situation," Thompson said.

Currently the AAUP website high-



Chris Buchanan/STAFF

Student sit outside the Russell Union Rotunda to protest the cancelation of Bill Ayers visit to campus. Approximately 50 students and faculty attended the event with some speaking to the crowd during the protest.

lights a similar scenario at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in which Ayers was denied entry because of security concerns.

According to that highlight, "faculty

groups, including the AAUP, expressed concern that the rescission of the speaking invitation was inconsistent with principles of academic freedom."

No reference to Georgia Southern's

specific case, however, is available on the site or in its public archives.

During the protest Haberland said that she hopes to raise enough money to bring Ayers next fall.

FEATURES

Get to know the details of MAME, the latest Broadway musical to come to Statesboro.

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Wise Nurseries donates \$92,000 in plants to Georgia Southern campus

By Ally Rakoczy
Staff Writer

Wise Nurseries of Statesboro recently donated over \$92,000 in plants to Georgia Southern, including shrubs, trees, and perennials.

This is the single largest donation of plants in Georgia Southern history, and they are currently being planted in various locations all over campus.

Matt Wise, owner of Wise Nurseries, explained that one of the reasons they donated so many plants is because of the strong relationship between Wise Nurseries and Georgia Southern.

Additionally, Georgia Southern had the manpower, the space, and the means to plant all of the greenery.

He added that many of the plants donated were part of an end-of-season inventory clear out that might have otherwise gone to waste. Therefore, he felt that Georgia Southern would be the best recipient for such a donation.

Wise doesn't see the donations stopping any time in the future either.

"I foresee [donations] every year. As Georgia

Southern supports Wise Nurseries, we will support Georgia Southern," Wise said.

Indeed, it seems that Georgia Southern's relationship with Wise Nurseries is stronger than ever, as the university has used both the nursery's landscapers and plants for numerous projects on campus, including Henderson Library, the university front gates, the Center for Wildlife Education, and University Housing projects.

As Georgia Southern grows and continues to strive to be one of the most welcoming college campuses in the country, this donation from Wise Nurseries will help Georgia Southern accomplish that goal.

"They will help give more green space to the campus enhance the building and features of the property."

Not only will the plants serve to beautify the campus aesthetically, but they will also be able to serve an education purpose for various classes offered at Georgia Southern, added Wise.

"Many of the plants are new to the market, so they could be used in an educational way," Wise explained.

Wise Nurseries has been in operation since



Special Photo

Wise Nurseries donated end-of-the-season plants to Georgia Southern to beautify the campus.

1996, and provides its services and plants to both commercial and residential projects in Georgia. Besides its work with Georgia Southern, Wise Nurseries has worked on various landscaping

projects in Georgia, particularly the Bass Pro Shop in Macon. Its retail nursery is located here in Statesboro, while its wholesale location is in Pembroke.



Sexual Assault Awareness 2009

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| February 5 | Day to End Sexual violence
Atlanta, GA—Capital hill |
| February 12 | Vagina Monologues
(PAC, 7:30pm) |
| February 23-25 | RAD: Self-Defense Training (Bishop Building.) |
| March 2-6 | Clothing Drive for SANE (Runway, Market District) |
| March 2-5 | Clothesline Project (RU Rotunda, 9am-5pm) |
| March 4 | Bernie McGrenahan, Comedian
(PAC, 7pm) |
| 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 |
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Students can purchase their cap and gowns at the gala, as well as pay the graduation fee.

Annual Graduation Gala to begin March 3

By Nikki Wiley
Guest Writer

The Annual Graduation Gala will be today and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building.

The Gala makes preparing for graduation easier by combining resources from various areas throughout campus, such as Postal Services and Financial Aid, into one convenient location to help students with their different graduation needs.

"The Gala is a one-stop shopping experience for graduating students," Amy Rowell, Career Services assistant director, said.

According to Rowell, the Gala will provide a variety of different services to graduating students in attendance.

Students will be able to check graduation plans and pay graduation fees, in addition to clearing any other outstanding fees that may hinder graduation, such as parking fines or library fees.

Students will also be able to take graduation portraits in cap and gown without making an

appointment.

Graduation invitations, announcements, rings, cap and gowns, as well as professional framing for diplomas will be available for order.

Students may leave a forwarding address with Postal Services and receive assistance with resume writing and job searching and will have the opportunity to learn about the graduate programs Georgia Southern offers and how to stay involved as an alumni member.

Financial aid counselors will also be present to speak with students and answer questions.

"The Gala happens once every year," Rowell said.

"All potential undergraduate and graduate candidates for commencement in spring, summer or fall 2009 are encouraged to attend," Rowell said.

All students attending should bring their student ID.

The Gala is a campus-wide production, with sponsors from Career Services, Alumni Relations, Financial Aid, The University Store, and The Office of the Registrar. Herff Jones and Lifetouch are also among the sponsors.

Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be given.

POLICE BEAT

February 25, 2009

Meghan C. Gallagher, 18, Statesboro Place, was charged with DUI.

February 26, 2009

Sean Eric Whitfield, 22, South Main Street, was charged with DUI and disorderly conduct.

February 27, 2009

Casey Louis May, 19, Southern Pines, was charged with possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute and possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute near a school.

Patrick Thomas Johns, 20, Bermuda Run, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol, public intoxication, obstruction of an officer and possession of a false I.D.

February 28, 2009

Luke Joseph Pfaff, 20, Carillo Lane, Toney, Ala., was charged with DUI.

March 1, 2009

A case of harassment was reported at Eagle Village.

Kelvin O'Neal Damps, 20, University Village, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and public intoxication.

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Ally takes on the RAC: Week 3



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

This week I decided to take on two seemingly opposite classes—spinning and yoga.

I had come to the conclusion that spinning would be intense and rigorous, taxing most of my muscles. Then yoga would be relaxing and bring me into a Zen-like calm, stretching out all the tenseness that spin-

ning would inject into my muscles.

Well, my plan took a slight deviation when I arrived to a spinning class that was already to capacity, and therefore I was not able to participate.

Slightly disgruntled, I decided not to waste a perfectly good visit to the RAC. There was no other class offered at the time that I hadn't already taken, so I thought there was no better time to do a circuit in the weight room.

I made my way into the weight room with all the machines. I decided against taking on the one with the massive dumbbells and sweaty guys in sleeveless cut-off tees.

It was pretty crowded, so I started off at the squat machine. With its bicycle-like handles hovering over the shoulders it was easy to maneuver and I squatted out three sets of twelve without a problem.

I tried to ignore the grunting from guys on the machines around me as they huffed and puffed out their last sets, and I hovered somewhat awkwardly by the machine I wanted next while its user joked

around with some girls as he haphazardly pumped out a few reps.

I decided he was taking too long, and after giving him a hey-I-need-that-machine-stop-flirting-and-move-kid look, I moved on to do the adductor and abductor machines. After I opened and closed my legs with the machines to awkwardly wide angles, I tried out the hamstring curl and then the leg press after the guy using it before so kindly finished.

I ended my mini-workout with a few ab exercises and left with a feeling that I was glad that I did some form of working out that day.

Switching gears, I went to yoga for my next class later in the week. When I arrived I was instructed to get a mat, block, and strap (for stretching purposes). I made a mental note to bring my own mat the next time. (Who knows what kind of foot germs have been all over them?) I then situated myself in a dark room with quiet music playing in the background amongst a group of barefoot individuals.

The class flew by, and with various poses that pulled, arched, and stretched my limbs into submission, I found myself relaxing just a few minutes into the class.

I made it my goal to work on my flexibility, and while the instructor had to come and correct my positions several times, I felt like I was getting a pretty good grasp on what to do based on his detailed instructions.

With poses that straightened the back, worked the balls of the feet, and relaxed the hips, I found myself feeling a reasonable burn in my muscles with each position.

This burn, however, was a good one, and I felt like I was really beginning to get the hang of it.

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ATTENTION GSU STUDENTS

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

Send in a letter to the editor, at most 350 words, to gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu detailing what you think the future president should focus on and what you would like to see implemented at GSU.

Letters should begin with the format: Dear 12th GSU president...

How to corner presents: Kicking a bad mood



Claire Gallam
is a senior communications major from Lakewood, Ohio. She is the Managing Editor of news for the G-A.

I blame it on the weather, but these past few days I have been cranky. I've woken up with a rain cloud over me, and no matter what happens, I can't seem to make it go away. Every little thing that happens just irritates me more, and I find myself scorning everything and everyone around me. Now let me preface by saying I'm

rarely ever in a really bad mood. I have my moments of grump, such as when I didn't sleep well, or when my dog chooses to pee on the carpet, but the mood is usually gone.

Bad moods are not a problem just I face either, they plague everyone one day or another. And I know I'm not the only person to ever face "bad day" syndrome for an elongated period of time.

So, to help me kick this one I've been in, and to help others with a similar problem, I've decided to do some research on ways to kick your (and my) bad mood right out the door, figuratively speaking.

According to healthyyounaturally.com, a website dedicated to making you feel more healthy both inside and out, we aren't doomed to stay unhappy for the rest of our lives, or the rest of the day, just because some crappy circumstances have risen. Kicking a bad mood can be simply solved by just looking at the day through more optimistic eyes.

However, that is pretty hard to do when you are really crabby. It's about as effective as someone saying, "cheer up! It's a beautiful day!" (More than likely, that person ends up with a black eye).

Yet, they did have other really good suggestions, such as avoiding "emotional vampires" and detoxifying your life.

Emotional vampires are those negative Nancy's and Debbie downers that we all know, and unfortunately have around us. These vampires are also those people who put you down, and whether consciously or subconsciously, make you feel like you aren't worthy. These emotional vampires can play a huge role in how we perceive ourselves, as well as how we perceive others around us and the day altogether. So next time, avoid that downer who is always spreading negative energy and find his or her polar opposite, someone who sees the world less dark. If people around you are happy, there's a good chance you will be happy, or less cranky, too.

Detoxifying your life is also a great way to get rid of all the negative and depressing thoughts that compound in your mind. It's a proven fact that when you are upset, angry, or sad, you tend to trigger thoughts that make you even more sad, pissed off, or down in the dumps. So instead of reverting back to this storage of negatives, release them from your mind and fill it up with positive reinforcements instead. A good way to do this is to meditate, do yoga, or work out. When you are doing something good for your body, your mind will benefit, too.

Another example they list is to focus on what you want, what you love, and not on what you don't. Worrying is the number one way to zap your good mood. If you are constantly worrying about what you can't do, or what you can't afford, you are going to put yourself in a bad mood because you are focusing on the can'ts and don'ts in your life. However, if you revert that focus to thinking about what you can do and what you can do to make that happen, you will feel better about your current circumstances and your future.

Reading these suggestions have already given me some positive thoughts and some insight on how to improve my mood. Hopefully, it helps anyone else out there who is ill with "bad mood syndrome."

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Greek Life requirement changes to 3.0

By Sarah Goodwin

Assistant News Editor

The administration at Georgia Southern is implementing a grade point average increase for freshman Greek Life recruits beginning fall 2009.

"We are very supportive of our Greek community and we know they can meet the expectations of the GPA and be leaders in that area," said Teresa Thompson, vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

The previous recruitment requirements for male freshmen were a high school GPA of 2.5 GPA and a 2.7 GPA for females. The university has been looking to raise this standard to a 3.0 for all of the Greek community over the past several years, according to Thompson.

The main reason for this change is the demand of being Greek on the schedules of incoming freshmen, according to Thompson. "This would put the new members at a lower risk of performing poorly academically," said Alice Matthews, advisor for Zeta Tau Alpha.

Georj Lewis, Dean of Students, proposed this change to the system, but was not available for comment.

"Dr. Lewis is putting together a task force to examine the situation," said Joy Hamm, director of Greek Life. She declined to comment further.

"Our position at this point, on behalf of other alumni and Greek advisors, is that we have been

discussing this at length for a long time. We are realizing that the university will not change its mind, even after improvement in the GPA of new recruits," said Matthews.

There was a meeting on Tuesday of last week, according to Matthews, with the advisors from the Greek community, the Interfraternity Council, the chapter presidents, and the Pan-Hellenic Council to discuss this issue.

"The general consensus of this meeting was that we felt strongly that this initiative was infringing on our rights as an organization to define our own requirements," said Matthews.

"We believe that students need to have a more solid academic foundation," said Thompson.

According to Matthews, this will have a negative effect on the recruitment and numbers of the Greek community, and they will ask the university to reconsider.

The university has been researching this decision and gathering facts for several years, according to Thompson, this decision was not made overnight.

"We want to prepare our viewpoint and how it will impact us so we can present our position," said Matthews.

A major concern of the Greeks, according to Matthews, is that Greeks are required to be higher academically than other groups on campus.

The university will look into requirements for other groups on campus if the need arises, according to Thompson.

President Grube declined to comment.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Event: The Road to Healthy Skin

Location: Russell Union 2052, 2080, 2084

Time: 12 - 7 p.m.

Event: SIFE Clothing Exchange

Location: Russell Union Ballroom

Time: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Event: History & Art Lecture

Location: IT Lecture Hall

Time: 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Event: Upward Bound Tutoring

Location: Russell Union 2073, 2075

Time: 7 - 9 p.m.

Event: Samuel Kyles

Location: Performing Arts Center

Time: 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Event: United Minority Women Meeting

Location: Russell Union 2075

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.

Event: Creative Writing Club

Location: Newton Building 1111

Time: 9 - 11 p.m.

Event: Swingcats Society Meetings

Location: College Plaza Building

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Event: Red Cross Blood Drive

Location: Williams Center Dining Hall

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

Event: American Sign Language

Location: Russell Union 2071

Time: 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Event: SAGE Meeting

Location: Russell Union 2044

Time: 6 - 11 p.m.

Event: Anime Crew Meeting

Location: Russell Union 2048

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

Event: SGA Meeting

Location: Russell Union Ballroom

Time: 7 - 9 p.m.

Event: I.A.M. GSU Rehearsal

Location: Russell Union 2084

Time: 7 - 9 p.m.

Event: Marvelyn Brown

Location: Performing Arts Center

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.

Event: "Seven Pounds" Movie

Location: Russell Union Theatre



Special Photo

Potential students gathered at the Nessmith-Lane building to learn about scholarships.

Future students visit Southern for Scholar's Day

By Hayden Harrison

Guest writer

High school seniors from counties all over Georgia and the surrounding states came to get acquainted with the Georgia Southern campus, on Friday and Saturday as part of this year's Scholar's Day event.

The event included a chance for students to interview for various scholarships offered by the university, as well as partners in education.

"I'm here to interview for, and hopefully get a scholarship, and to get an in-depth tour of the campus," said Virginia Steighan, a senior from Harris County High School.

Other students had more specific expectations for the weekend.

"I plan to interview for the GulfStream scholarship," said Albert Killingsworth, of Heritage High School.

Killingsworth was attending Scholar's Day with his mother, Betty Ann, who intended to learn more about the G-T rep program that Southern offers.

"I am here to get a feel of what the whole 'college experience' is all about," said Millcreek High senior, Nyck Maldonado-Taylor. "I plan to be an accounting major, and I'd like to meet people in my field," he said.

The students first checked in at the Nessmith-Lane Building and were presented the opportunity to have a photo taken with President Bruce Grube and Provost Linda Bleicken.

The next day the scholars went through interviews for a variety of scholarships and later in the day, attended seminars concerning on-campus housing, study abroad programs, as well as student-life and leadership.

After a tour of campus, the seniors and their guests were treated to a closing luncheon.

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For complete job descriptions, visit the Student Employment Center web site at jobs.georgiasouthern.edu/SEC. All applications must be received by Friday, March 27. Applicants must be available for interviews between 2 and 5 pm on BOTH April 3 and April 10. Applicants for Executive, George-Anne, REFLECTOR, Online editors and ADS Manager must also plan to be in Statesboro for the summer of 2009.



Paddy Murphy week is hosted by the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the events take place at the SAE house on Greek Row.

Special Photo

SAE hosts second annual Paddy Murphy week

By Ally Rakoczy

Staff writer

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity will be holding its second annual Paddy Murphy Week from Tuesday, March 3 through Friday, March 6. It will be a week of service and giving, with all the proceeds benefiting the American Cancer Society.

The week was inspired by a legend of an SAE brother named Paddy Murphy, who was mistakenly killed in the prohibition days of the 1920s for selling bootleg alcohol to Al Capone at the hand of another brother.

Paddy Murphy, a relatively new philanthropy event on Georgia Southern's campus, has been a big part of other SAE chapters all over the country.

"We saw that it was a success on other big campuses across the nation and we had a need to fill in regards to philanthropy," said Jesse Long, one of the brothers helping coordinate the event.

"We felt that we could use Paddy Murphy effectively to meet our philanthropy goals," added Long.

The opening ceremony will be at the SAE house at 6:30 p.m. on March 3, followed by a toy drive and collection of letters to the troops on March 4 from 12-5 p.m.

"Many of the letters will go to alumni who

have been deployed recently as well as other regiments that have been deployed," explained Eric Smith, SAE's philanthropy chair and organizer of the event.

While last year, letters were collected but the toy drive will add a new dimension to the week.

Smith cites a boy named Joey for inspiring the toy drive. Before Joey passed away at the age of nine from cancer, his dream was to collect toys to give to terminally ill children undergoing cancer treatments, such as chemotherapy.

"I just wanted to help him carry out his dream," explained Smith. "We want to give back to the community. We just want to do more."

On March 5 there will be a blood drive at the SAE house from 10:30-4:30 p.m. as well as a "reverse beauty pageant," where the brothers compete in a fake pageant. Tickets can be purchased for \$3 presale from SAE brothers or \$5 at the door.

To wrap up the week, there will be a brother date auction at the SAE house at 7 p.m. Proceeds of every event for Paddy Murphy week will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

"We hope to get a lot more involvement this year and a lot more participation," said Long. "All in all our goal is to have more participation. We've also changed some things to run a lot smoother."

NPHA, PHA host 'Know Your Rights' forum on March 5

By Ben Carroll

Staff writer

On Thursday, March 5, at 7 p.m., the National Panhellenic Association (NPHA) and the Panhellenic Association (PHA) are hosting the "Know Your Rights Forum" in the Russell Union Ballroom.

According to Allie Rakoczy, the Vice President of Judicial Affairs of the PHA, the forum will have a panel including a representative from University Police, a local District Attorney, and a representative from the Statesboro Police.

"The forum is predicted to be around an hour and a half," said Rakoczy.

"It will be in question and answer format. When students walk into the forum, they will be given a piece of paper to write a question on. They will put that paper into a box and then the question will be given to the panel and the person most qualified to answer the question will answer it. The second part will be questions open to the floor," said Rakoczy.

According to Rakoczy, the sole purpose of this forum is for students to be able to ask the questions they want in a comfortable environ-

ment.

The hope is that students who know their rights could avoid getting in trouble.

"With spring break coming up and the current increase of police officers due to Operation Rolling Thunder, many people do not know what the law is. I just found out that if there is a car parked on the front grass, the police have the right to search your house," said Rakoczy.

"Many students could avoid getting in trouble if they knew the rules," said Rakoczy.

The forum is open to the all students, faculty, and the community, though according to Rakoczy, the forum is mainly for students and there doesn't seem to be a major response from the community.

"The idea of having an open forum for students to be able to ask their questions was a completely student driven idea," said Katherine Joy Hamm, the Director of Greek Life and the advisor for the forum.

"With spring break approaching, it is important for students to know their rights," Hamm said.

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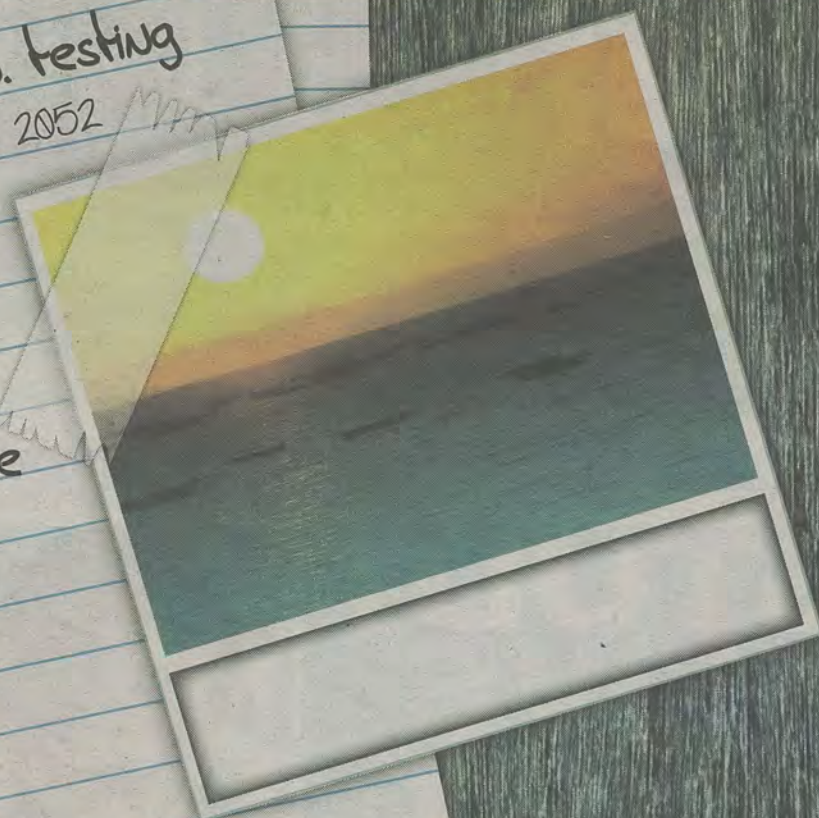
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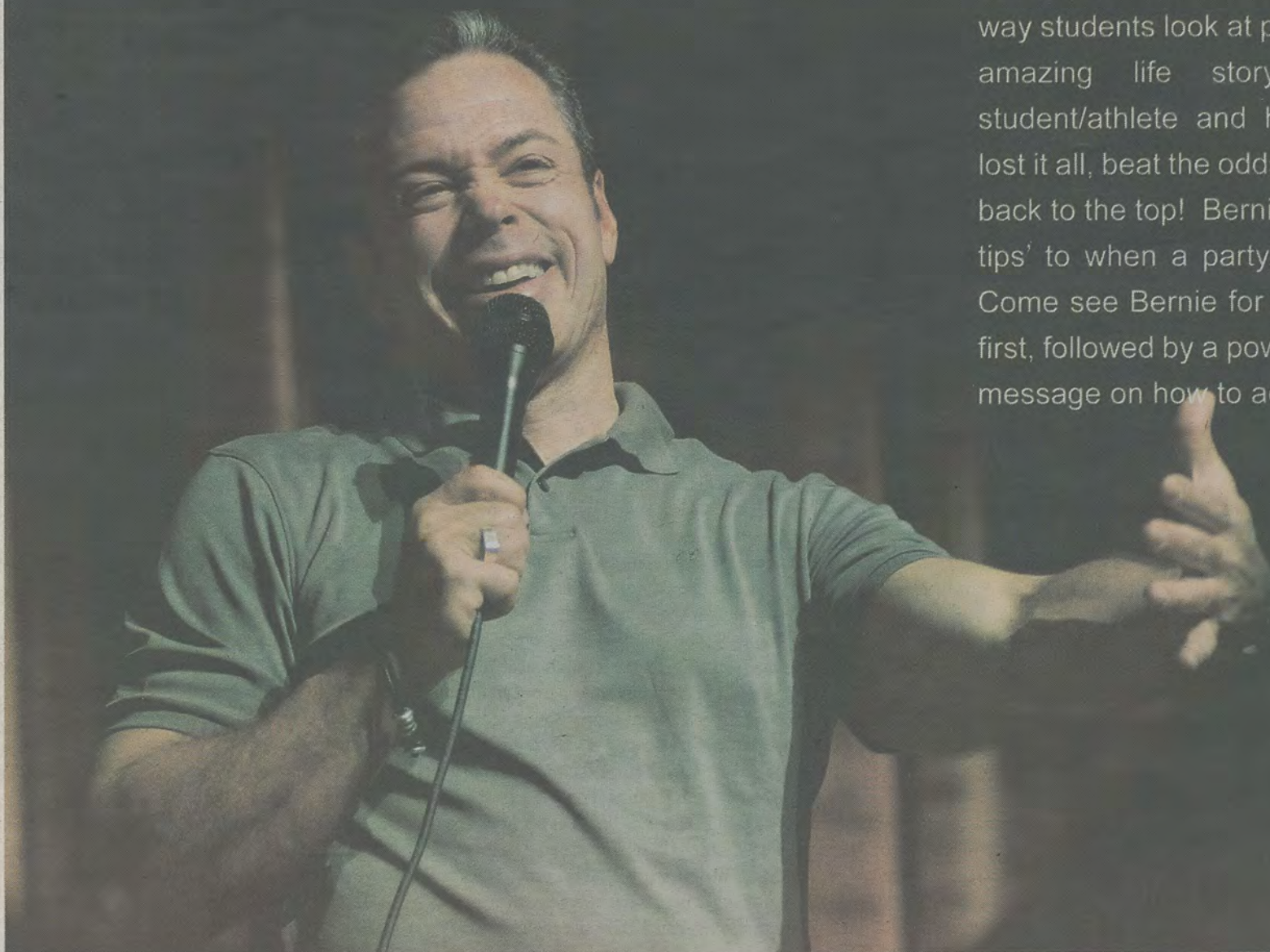
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Broadway musical 'Mame' takes Statesboro back to the roaring '20s

By Sam Gordy

Guest Writer

The Averitt Center for the Arts is known for bringing new talent and shows every month to Statesboro. This month the famous Broadway musical "MAME" is playing at the Emma Kelly Theater, located in downtown Statesboro.

Originally titled "My Best Girl," MAME is based off of a 1955 novel by Patrick Dennis. The novel takes place through the late 1920's into the early 1930's. It became a Broadway musical in 1956 and won multiple Tony Awards in 1966.

In 1958 Warner Brothers released a film entitled Auntie Mame starring Rosalind Russell. Auntie Mame was the largest grossing movie of that year and Russell was nominated for an Academy Award for which she won that year for her portrayal. After the success of the movie, the author Patrick Dennis wrote a sequel titled "Around the World with Auntie Mame."

New York socialite Mame Dennis in her Beekman Place apartment lives by her quote "Life is a banquet and most poor people are starving to death" and believes living life to the fullest.

She epitomizes optimism, the power of positive thought and projects them to everyone that meets her, influencing and improving the lives of them all. She is

perhaps most immediately identified as an eccentric avatar of pre-war New York sophistication.

This musical focuses on Mame as she hits life head-on and is all of sudden is entrusted with her deceased bother's son Patrick.

She is overjoyed with Patrick and they cope with the hard times in America through a series of adventures. Mame loses almost all of her money in the 1929 Stock Market crash and she has to get a job in the theatre in the show that her friend is starring in.

After losing that job, Mame finds her money solution in the form of a wealthy southern man. Soon after she marries Beauregard Jackson Pickett Burnside, a southern aristocrat with a Georgia plantation, Peckerwood Plantation.

The trustees of Mame's late brother finds Mame sending Patrick to a very forward thinking school and force her to send Patrick to boarding school. Mame and Beauregard then decide to travel the world on an endless honeymoon, resulting in Beauregard falling off an Alp.

This version of the famous Broadway musical is directed by Glenn Spell and Helen Rosenart. According to the director Glenn Spell, "MAME" will be one the best Averitt STARS productions to appear at the Emma Kelly Theater. Mame is played by Erin Wilson and young Patrick is played by Joshua Kemp.



Special Photo

Angela Lansbury starred in the original Broadway production of Mame in 1966. Catch a performance at the Averitt Center for the Arts on March 8.

"MAME" is played February 27 and 28. The show will continue on March 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m. Also playing March 1st and 8th at 2 p.m. Box tickets are

\$17, adult tickets are \$15 and youth tickets are \$8. For more information go to www.averittcenterforthearts.org or call (912) 212-2787 for ticket information.



Special Photo

Jimmy Fallon will replace Conan O'Brien as the host of "Late Night" starting this week.

Fallon talks preparation, content for 'Late Night'

By Caitlin E. Moore

U-Wire

Over Jimmy Fallon's six years on "Saturday Night Live," he played a stoner college kid; a die-hard Boston Red Sox fan; a snobby worker at Jeffrey's; Nick Burns, your company's computer guy; and Barry Gibb. Now it's time for Jimmy Fallon to play a role he's not so used to -- himself.

In a recent interview with The Eagle, Fallon discussed his upcoming talk show, "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon," and his plans to helm the show.

Despite his long stint on "SNL," which required him to be a bit of a ham, Fallon said he plans to make sure he keeps the center of attention on the people he interviews rather than himself.

"I'm just going to focus on hosting the show and making my guests look good," he said.

Fallon said his prior experience on "Saturday Night Live" with the celebrities he will be interviewing will be helpful in hosting the show rather than detrimental because he has the advantage of having met the stars before.

Fallon has been preparing for the show's

premiere by frequently posting video blogs with behind-the-scenes action to whet the appetites of his curious future audience. The show will cater to a young, technology-savvy viewership. Though Fallon's show doesn't start until 12:35 a.m., he said his audience could encompass any number of different demographics.

"That could be security guards ... gosh, people walking past electronics stores in different cities ... and college kids," Fallon said of his potential viewers. "And people who are comedy junkies who just need one more laugh before they go to sleep."

While Fallon promises his program will be unique, his choice for the show's house band gives viewers the opportunity to be part of an original musical experience in comparison to other late-night shows. The Roots -- already a very popular band -- have agreed to be the musical choice of "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon."

He said having The Roots as his house band will be one of the best parts of being an in-studio audience member at his show because they will put on mini-concerts during commercial breaks. Fallon also informed The Eagle that if music fans

want to just see the musical guest, there will be a line specifically for the music portion of the show, during which members will fill rafters behind the band's set, providing even more of a concert experience.

The obvious stigma in taking over a late-night talk show is not lost on Fallon as he prepares to fill the shoes of the big hair left before him.

"I've talked to Conan [O'Brien], I've talked to Jay Leno, I've talked to Kimmel, I talked to [Stephen] Colbert -- I talked to Garry Shandling, who's a fictitious talk show host, he was great," Fallon said. "They've all given me great advice. And Colbert gave me advice. He said that it was something Conan told him that Carson told Conan, which is that, with this show, you've got to leave everything you got."

Fallon, who will step into his new role as host on March 2, seemed anxious and ready to go. When The Eagle asked how he could sum up his new program in one sentence, Fallon showed his suave security as he answered without hesitation -- "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon" -- coconut-y, caramel-y and a little cherry chocolate honey."

A week in the life of a cadet

By Vanessa Stephens

Guest Writer

You have seen them around. You may even sit next to one them in class. ROTC cadets tend to stand out in their camouflaged uniforms. But do you know what exactly they do in their uniforms? Do you even know what ROTC is?

ROTC stands for Reserve Officer Training Corps and these fellow students will be commissioned into the U. S. Army as second lieutenants upon graduation.

In the mean time, cadets take classes just like you; however, when classes are finished Army training begins. Last Saturday, they were at Ft. Gordon doing land navigation training again. They spent the entire day outside training. Every other weekend they spend doing field training.

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, cadets form up at 6:30 a.m. to do physical training. Every month they take an army physical fitness test, or APFT, which tests their physical endurance through two minutes of push-ups, two minutes of sit-ups, and a two mile run. The Eagle Battalion took this month's APFT on Friday.

Hours before even the earliest classes began on Wednesday, cadets were at the RAC swimming pool

conducting Army Combat Water Survival Training or CWST. It consists of five different events in no particular order. They are the 25 meter swim, rifle swim, equipment ditch, high dive jump, and treading water for 5 minutes.

Cadet George Runkle, the battalion S-3 in charge of organizing the training, explained, "we do this training at least once a semester to keep cadet's confidence up about it, especially the high dive."

Putting everything simply, for the 25 meter swim, cadets swim a pool length in uniform and shoes to better simulate actual conditions that might occur. When would a soldier ever have time to change into a swim suit?

For the rifle swim they must swim 15 meters with load bearing equipment (LBE) on and carrying a rubber training rifle. They may swim, splash, or flounder however they wish just as long as the barrel of the weapon stays above water.

During the equipment ditch, the cadet dons an LBE and takes hold of a rifle gets pushed in and, before coming up to the surface, he must drop the rifle, unclasp the LBE belt, and take it off completely. It's a lot harder than it sounds, especially for those who can't help but float.

The high dive -- possibly the most phobia-



Vanessa Stephens

The high jump, pictured above, is one of the many military style training exercises that ROTC cadets endure on a regular basis.

inducing part of the swim training. Cadets must jump from the high dive in uniform and with rifle in hand and swim to the near edge of the pool.

Oh, but that's not all. Once they reach the top, they are blindfolded and spun around to disorient them. If there's any hesitation from the swimmer to jump, the helper at the top pushes him in without warning.

Clearly, in order to succeed at CWST, one needs to be able to swim. In fact, in order to become an officer in the Army, one needs to be able to swim and pass a swim test.

According to Cadet Runkle, "Passing this test is vital because as leaders, Army officers must have the confidence to lead their soldiers in water."

So, out of 100 cadets that morning, can every single one of them swim? No, of course not and the

leadership of the Eagle Battalion was prepared for it. There was no shortage of lifeguards on hand. The weaker swimmers were pulled aside to be instructed separately at a slower, more individual pace.

All of this training is obviously an aid to prepare these cadets for their future career in the Army, but it has another purpose as well. Many training events help build self-confidence in each person.

Getting over fears, strengthening skills, trying new things, and pushing past personal limits are all underlying goals in much training. Confidence is a major factor in the ability to lead and it's not only important in the Army.

The next time you feel overloaded with your classes, take a look at one of our cadets. Maybe you could ask him how he does it. He might say it's the strength the Army gives him.



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The cadets above are riding in a military helicopter during one of their training exercises.

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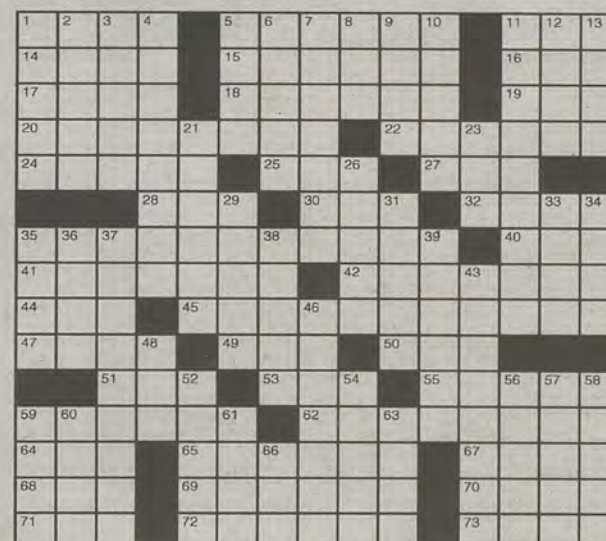
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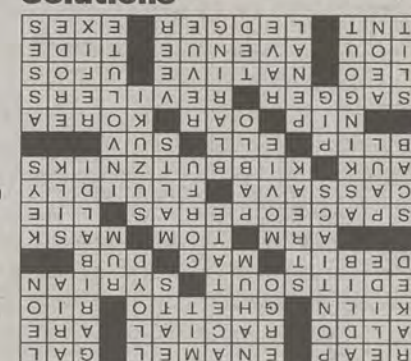
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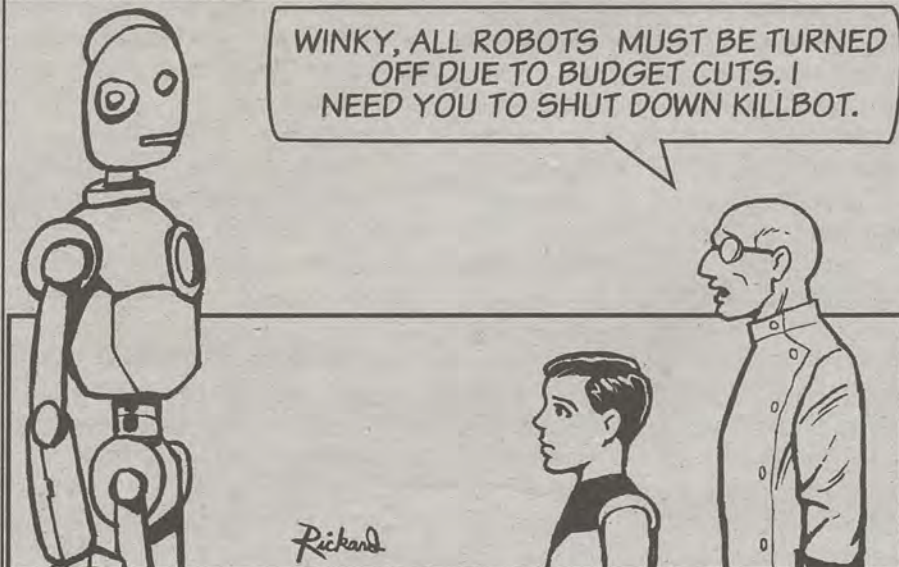
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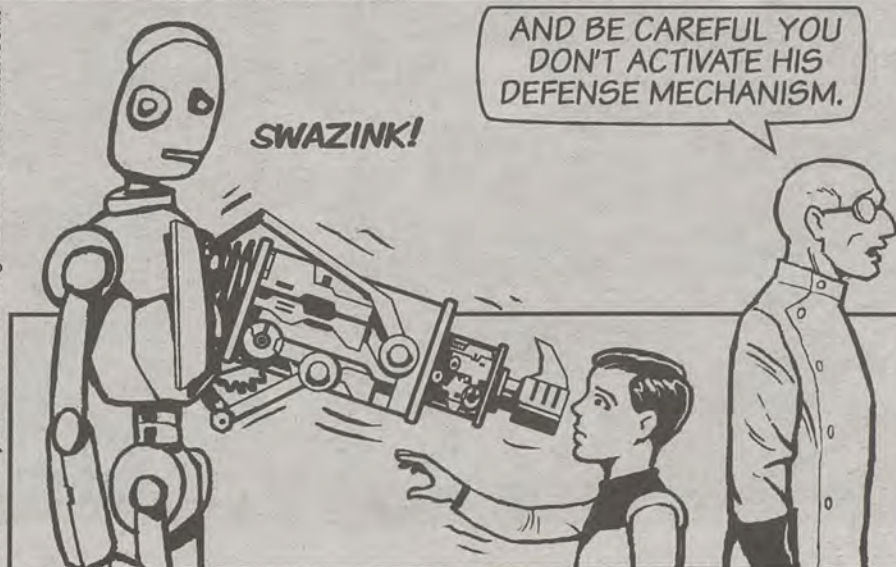
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NATIONAL NEWS

New links found between birth months and asthma

By Shannon Lee

Uwire

Babies born during wet winter months now have more to worry about than the weather, according to a recent study led by UC Berkeley researchers.

The results of the study, released on Tuesday in the online issue of the journal *Thorax*, found that children born during high fungus and pollen seasons—such as fall, winter and early spring—experience an increased risk of developing early indicators of asthma.

Campus researchers who worked on the study noted that children born during times when both pollen and fungal spores are abundant in the environment were about three times more likely to develop asthma symptoms than children born in the dry summer months.

Further investigation revealed that exposure to high levels of these pollen and fungal spores in the first four months of life was associated with a greater risk of wheezing and other asthma symptoms by two years of age.

"We know that outdoor allergens, like pollen and fungal spores, can exacerbate symptoms in people who already have asthma," wrote Kim Harley, associate director of health effects research at UC Berkeley's Center for Children's Environmental Health Research and lead author of the study, in an e-mail.

"But this study shows that exposure to pollen and spores in newborns, whose immune systems are still developing, may play a role in why some children go on to develop asthma in the first place."

Ira Tager, a UC Berkeley professor of epidemiology and senior author of the study, clarified that mold and pollen exposure did not definitively lead to the direct onset of asthma, but rather its symptoms.

Outdoor allergens in California's Salinas Valley, the location where the study was conducted, are measured throughout the year. Researchers were able to discern a clear fungal season in the late fall and winter months as precipitation increased, and they saw a distinct increase in pollens in early spring.

Harley added that the study was important because it helped researchers understand asthma in relation to a child's developing immune system.

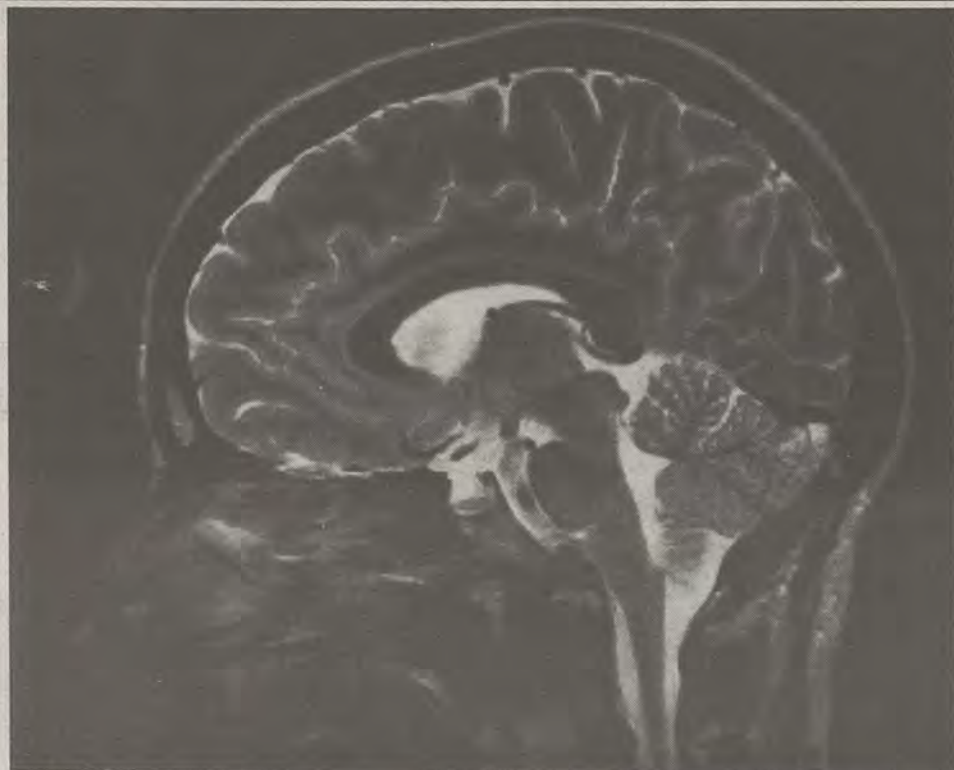
"Asthma is a complex inter-relationship of genetic and environmental factors, and we don't know why some infants may be more susceptible to environmental allergens than others," she said.

Although the research suggests a strong correlation between asthma symptoms and specific environmental factors, Harley added that people should be careful not to see the timing of a child's birthday as a direct cause or major risk factor in developing asthma.



Special Photo

The study, which was done by the University of California-Berkeley found a strong relationship between asthma symptoms and environmental factors.



Special Photo

Vanderbilt researchers have found that the brain can still pull information from visual areas even when the stimuli is gone.

Vanderbilt researchers discover new memory processes

By Morgan Smith-Williams

Uwire

A team of Vanderbilt researchers has made significant strides in discovering how and where what we see is processed and stored in the brain.

Through using functional magnetic resonance imaging, lead researcher and graduate student Stephenie Harrison and Associate Professor of Psychology Frank Tong are able to conclude that the visual cortex, the part of the brain that processes visual stimuli, has a large part in retaining short-term memory.

Previously, it was accepted that the visual cortex, which is located at the back of the brain, did not have the capacity to stay active and store memory after the image was removed from in front of the eyes.

"What we wanted to focus on in our research was if the brain can still pull information out of its visual areas when the stimuli is no longer present. Proving that the visual cortex stays active after the stimuli is removed is a breakthrough," Harrison said.

The study consisted of first showing subjects a

grating image, which is a series of lines in a circle or a square, while being monitored by the fMRI. Then the researchers would show a horizontal or vertical rotation of the image, and then tell the subject which of the previous images to remember.

After an 11-second delay in time, the researchers would then show a slight rotation of the image they were supposed to remember and ask them how the image was modified.

The fMRI device, which essentially is a large, powerful magnet, monitors the blood flow to each part of the brain through the magnetic properties of the hemoglobin in blood.

Researchers can determine which parts of the brain are active and for how long by monitoring where the blood is going in the brain.

Analyzing brain stimulation activity during the 11-second remembering period allowed Harrison and Tong to determine which grating image and orientation the subject had in mind.

"The capacity of fMRI to reproduce very complex images in the future is very possible, but needs the right kind of focused research," Harrison said.

Women's basketball Coach Rusty Cram hits 200 win mark

By Jeff Harrison
Staff writer

With an illustrious history involving legendary coaches like Erk Russell and Jack Stallings, Georgia Southern University is certainly no stranger to exceptional leaders achieving success.

Eagle fans the world over were reminded of this winning tradition last Monday night, when women's Head Basketball Coach Rusty Cram, picked up his 200th career victory in a 62-61 win over Wofford.

"It really makes me appreciative to a tremendous amount of people; my wife and family for supporting me all these years, GSU administration, friends, and, most importantly, all the young ladies that have been a major part of what we have tried to accomplish here at Georgia Southern," said Cram.

For 19 years, 13 as a head coach, Rusty Cram has stood courtside at Hanner Fieldhouse. His passion for the game, and uncanny ability to teach it, is apparent both on and off the court. Cram's efforts have resulted in more wins than any other women's basketball coach in GSU history, and a place among the elite coaches of the Southern Conference.

His 200 victories currently rank first all-time,

ahead of Drema Greer's 162 for Georgia Southern. Just as impressive, Cram has now recorded 137 Southern Conference wins, placing him second among all coaches. He trails only Chattanooga's Wes Moore, who has 176.

Despite the record book success, Cram maintains that success lies not in wins and losses, but in the accomplishments of the young women he leads.

"In a business where your success or failure is based on wins and losses, I guess [winning] is considered to be a nice accomplishment. My wife and I base it on how many of these young ladies graduate and go on to be successful, in whatever careers they choose," said Cram.

Much of the success enjoyed through the years by both Cram and his teams can be attributed to a simple philosophy.

"Work hard. It's all about respect, hard work and commitment. When we get it right, life is good, mentally, physically and spiritually," said Cram.

It is this attitude that has helped Cram lead his Lady Eagles to five Southern Conference championships, two regular season titles, and two trips the NCAA tournament.

Like so many of the successful GSU coaches before him, Cram has been a staple of the University

for well over a decade.

"I am just thankful for the opportunity to stay in one place all these years," he said. "The days of longevity at one particular school are very much in jeopardy. Statesboro, and Georgia Southern, have been home to my family now for 19 years. The people and community grow on you," said Cram.

This week, Cram's team will look to improve on the season in the SoCon Tournament.

"I know Coach Cram and his staff want to win the Southern Conference Championship and be the Southern Conference representative to the NCAA Tournament," said GSU Athletic Director Sam Baker.

Despite the accolades, Cram remains focused on his primary objective, preparing his players for future success.

"At this stage of my career, certainly I would like to retire here. When it comes to an end, I would just like to be remembered for doing things the right way. Followed the rules, had a part of making people around me better, treated all fairly, and made Georgia Southern just a little better, in some small way, than we found it. To have impacted everyone we worked with, and for, in a positive way; to make everyone's day just a little bit brighter," said Cram.



Rob Eakins/STAFF

Rusty Cram hit the milestone this season.

Bracket set for women's tournament

By Southern Conference Sports Media

The bracket is set for the 2009 Southern Conference Women's Basketball Championship, and regular season champion Chattanooga will again be the tournament's top seed. The event will be held March 5-9 at the McKenzie Arena in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Lady Mocs (17-3) claimed their 10th consecutive SoCon regular season championship with a 72-48 win at second-place Samford Saturday afternoon. Chattanooga will open tournament play on Friday, March 6 against either No. 8 seed Appalachian State (7-13) or No. 9 seed Furman (6-14).

The Mountaineers and Paladins will open the tournament on Thursday, March 5 at 3 p.m.

The Samford Bulldogs will play the winner of No. 7 UNC Greensboro (9-11) versus No. 10 Wofford (3-17) at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 6.

Western Carolina (14-6) and College of Charleston (14-6) tied for the third spot with the Catamounts winning the tiebreaker for the third seed due to its victory over league champion Chattanooga on Feb. 21.

WCU awaits either No. 6 Georgia Southern (11-9) or No. 11 Elon (2-18) at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 7.

Charleston will face fifth-seeded Davidson at 9 a.m. in quarterfinal round action at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 7. Davidson won a tiebreaker over Georgia Southern for the fifth seed by virtue of its regular season sweep of the Eagles.

The championship game will be televised live by SportSouth at 3 p.m. on Monday, March 9 with the winner earning the league's automatic bid to the 2009 NCAA Women's Basketball Championship.

On Thursday, Game 1: No. 8 Appalachian State vs. No. 9 Furman, 3 p.m. Game 2: No. 7 UNC Greensboro vs. No. 10 Wofford, 30 minutes after Game 1. Game 3: No. 6 Georgia Southern vs. No. 11 Elon, 30 minutes after Game 2.

On Friday, Game 4: No. 2 Samford vs. winner of game 2, 9 a.m. Game 5: No. 1 Chattanooga vs. winner of game 1, 30 minutes after Game 4.

On Saturday, Game 6: No. 4 College of Charleston vs. No. 5 Davidson, 9 a.m. Game 7: No. 3 Western Carolina vs. winner of game 3, 30 minutes after game 6.

On Sunday, Game 8: Winner of game 5 vs. winner of game 6, 12:00 p.m. (TV - SPSO). Game 9: winner of game 4 vs. winner of game 7, 2:30 p.m. (TV - SPSO).

On Monday, the Southern Conference championship game will be played at 3 p.m.

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Track and Field finished third at Championships



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Sophomore Lynndsey Hyter grabbed multiple awards in GSU's third place finish.

By Latrice Williams
Staff writer

The Georgia Southern women's track team placed third in the 2009 SoCon Indoor Track and Field Championships this past weekend at Clemson University.

Sophomore Lynndsey Hyter finished strong in the competition by placing first in the Women's Indoor Pentathlon.

She grabbed the 'Most Outstanding Female Athlete' award and the 'Most Outstanding Female Field Performer' accolade for her performance. She also placed second in the Triple Jump and in the 60 meter hurdles.

Sarah Herndon and Millicent Brooks-Millender were named to the All-Freshman team.

Herndon was honored for the weight free throw and Brooks-Millender for the Triple Jump.

The Georgia Southern 4x400 meter relay team finished third with a time of 3:53.00

Demetrise Anthony finished second in the

60 meter dash with a time of 7.69, and placed second in the 60 meter dash.

Kristin Olson placed first in heat one of the 60 meter hurdle and finished fourth in the 60 meter hurdles with a time of 8.88.

The 4x400 meter relay team finished third with a time of 3:53.00

Courtney Ware placed third, and freshman Kiera Blakely came in sixth place.

Georgia Southern was sitting in second place after day one of the competition.

Hyter started her competition off right with the Eagles first event win in the pentathlon and another win the high jump.

Senior Courtney Ware finished tenth in the event and junior Melanie Trumbo placed thirteenth. Trumbo also finished first in the high jump segment of the pentathlon, placed 13th.

It was the Appalachian State Mountaineers Men's and Women's team who swept the event coming in first place as a whole. The title was the 14th for the women's and 16th for the men's overall.

Blustery weather deters tennis, but other GSU sports played on

Compiled by Staff

The Georgia Southern athletics faced a blustery and rainy weekend this week. With temperatures dropping and rain falling, multiple teams continued to compete but two teams were forced out of competition due to the inclement weather.

Both tennis teams were hosting USC-Upstate this weekend, but both matches on both Saturday and Sunday were cancelled due to the weather. Both will return to action on Friday (March 6), where the two teams host SoCon rival, Appalachian State.

Baseball had a relatively easy-going three game series against Coppin State. The Eagles swept all three games, winning each game by at least ten runs. The last game of the series was the back half of a double header on Saturday, where the Eagles crushed CSU, 22-5. The Eagles set a record of 18 walks this game, the largest number of walks since a 1975 game against Virginia Tech. Michael Hester picked up the win for GSU after three scoreless innings in relief. The Eagles scored 22 runs on 14 hits.

The first game of Saturday (second in the series), also saw a 20 run score for the Eagles, defeating

Coppin State, 20-2. Andy Moyer picked up the win on the mound for the Eagles, throwing six innings and giving up four hits. The team scored nine runs in the first and six runs in the sixth. Four players had two RBIs for the Eagles, while third baseman Roman Grimaldi led the charge with three.

The series opener on Friday was the closest game of the three, with the Eagles victorious, 12-1. Chris Mederos pitched a full game, striking out eight with only four hits. Vince Smith hit a walk-off three run homer to clinch the game for the Eagles.

The GSU baseball team now holds a record of 7-1, with their only loss coming against the nationally ranked Georgia Tech (the teams split that series). The team will next host Winthrop on Tuesday at J.I. Clements Field at 4 p.m.

The women's basketball team closed out their regular season with a loss to App. State, 68-59. Jessica Geiger led the Eagles with 13 points, as well as seven rebounds. Samantha Williams had 11 behind Geiger. J'Lisia Ogburn grabbed the most boards, with nine. The Eagles shot 37.7 percent to the Mountaineers 45.2 percent for the game. GSU's bench provided 31 points in the loss, compared to

App. State's 11.

The brackets have been set for this week's Southern Conference Tournament and the Eagles earned a ranking of sixth, losing a tie-breaker for fifth place. They will face Elon on Thursday in Chattanooga, Tenn. The Eagles defeated Elon both times they faced each other this season. The winner of the game will face third seeded Western Carolina on Saturday.

The men's basketball team's record continued to slide against Davidson in a 99-56 loss in Davidson, N.C. Davidson is the South Division leader, led by Stephan Curry, who had 34 points against the Eagles. Ben Drayton III led the Eagles in scoring with 18 points, followed by Colby Wohlleb with 11 and Tyler Troupe with 10. Drayton leads the Southern Conference in three point shooting with 51.9 percent on the year.

This is only the second losing season in Head Coach Jeff Price's 16 years at GSU. The team is currently 8-20 overall and 5-14 in conference play. They closed their regular season at home against The Citadel yesterday. Go to gadaily.com for full coverage.



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Ben Drayton III goes up for layup against Elon.