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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS



'Dashboard Confessional' in negotiations to play at Georgia Southern

Alternative rock band "Dashboard Confessional" has posted on their Web site that they will be playing a free show at the RAC Band Shell on May 1, 2009. Though the group is not confirmed, Activities Coordinator Sriravong Sriratanakoul said that contracts are currently being drawn. Led by lead singer Chris Carrabba, the band has three RIAA certified gold albums and their 2002 CD/DVD combo MTV Unplugged 2.0 went platinum. Dashboard Confessional is set to release their newest album sometime this year, with the exact date and album name not being released at this time.

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The cast of the opera will be made up of all undergraduate and graduate students.

Students to perform 'The Marriage of Figaro' at the PAC

By Ben Carroll
Staff writer

On Friday, March 27, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 29, at 3 p.m., the Georgia Southern Opera and Georgia Southern Symphony will join together in presenting the opera, *Le Nozze di Figaro*, meaning *The Marriage of Figaro*.

The libretto was written by Lorenzo da Ponte, with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart writing the music.

"It is a story about a pair of servants (Figaro and Susanna) trying to get married in the 18th century," said Arikka Gregory, the director of the Georgia Southern Opera. "Their boss (Count Almaviva) won't let them get married."

Students have been working on this opera since November. There are two casts, each playing at one showing.

"There will be different singers and actors doing the same story. If you come on Friday and you love it, you can come back on Sunday and get the same story but also something a little different," said Gregory.

The three-hour long play was originally

written with four acts, but GSU Opera decided to present this play in three with two intermissions, according to Gregory.

This is the first time that the GSU Opera and Symphony has worked together on a large production.

All the actors, singers, and orchestra are students ranging from freshman to graduate students.

According to Gregory, this is the one of the most talented groups she's ever worked with.

"Opera is the most expensive artwork," said Gregory. "We have a massive set for this play along with the beautiful costumes that have to be with the time period."

Due to the fact that Student Activity Fees are helping pay for this production, all GSU students will get in free when they present their Eagle I.D.

Faculty and staff of GSU and children will get in for \$5 and general admission is \$10.

"This was the first opera I ever saw and it was nothing I ever expected. It is my favorite opera and we encourage people to come out and laugh out loud and not feel like they can't laugh in an opera," said Gregory.

POLICE BEAT

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Officers issued one traffic warning and assisted one motorist.

A vehicle was scratched in the Eagle Village parking lot.

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Officers issued one traffic warning, assisted two motorists and responded to one alarm.

Monday, March 23, 2009

Officers issued one traffic citation, issued five traffic warnings, assisted five motorists, assisted one sick person, responded to one alarm and investigated one accident.

A case of harassment was reported at University Villas.

A laptop computer was taken from a book bag at Hanner Fieldhouse.

An Xbox and an iPod were taken from Kennedy Hall.

A computer was taken from Southern Pines.

Ronnell Chenault, 38, Pamela Way, was charged with theft by taking.

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Officers issued one traffic citation, assisted five motorists, assisted one sick person and investigated one accident.

Samuel White, 19, Southern Pines, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and possession of marijuana.

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Your vote, your money, your decision

As elections draw nearer, time is running out for students to decide who will lead their campus community for the next year.

While at first glance this may not seem like a big deal, it's important for the electing public to realize that the candidates they put into office - by vote or by attrition - are the ones that will in part decide where student money goes and how it is spent.

Very few people in this time of economic crisis would argue against having their money in safe hands. The people in these positions will serve as the student representatives on financial issues, as well as many others that may surface over the term.

What students might forget, however, is that the only way these people can represent the public is if the public gets involved in directing the decisions; and that doesn't stop after elections.

Being apprised of what these officials do - either through attending the meetings or by

way of the pages you are reading now - is your way of holding these candidates to the promises they make. After all, a student can't expect to have his voice heard if he isn't willing to speak up first.

It's also important for candidates running for these positions to understand the responsibility that they are taking on.

While for some this is a continuation of their service in the SGA, no matter what positions these students inherit, each one has the responsibility to listen to their constituents when making decisions - no matter how small.

To make this possible, the SGA as a whole must continue to exercise its role as a transparent government, allowing the public access to meetings and important documents.

Ultimately, it's the responsibility of the public to speak up and the government to listen. With those two ingredients, Georgia Southern's SGA can push for a bright future in these dark times.

There truly is never a dull moment in Statesboro



Shannon Knepp
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As students, we are allowed to take a lot of things for granted.

We have free memberships to the RAC, the occasional free food at the rotunda, free movies, and discounted and sometimes free tickets to shows, along with countless speakers, many of which are well-known.

And we say there is nothing to do in Statesboro.

I once felt this way too, and I'll admit, I do have my nights where I sit back and wonder, "what is there really to do in Statesboro?"

However, while browsing through the Web site one day and really looking around, I realized how much one could find to do around campus.

For example, the PAC has performances year round with different traveling shows, bands and speakers. If you go to the PAC Web site and look around, there is usually something going on there that could be very entertaining.

The campus calendar, found online, shows

some of the things happening on campus that students can participate in. For example, there is usually a movie held in the Union theater on Thursdays, and they are usually very cheap or free with a student ID.

Also, there is always the student run productions and Community Theater that can provide entertainment for those lonely weekends.

There are usually two big student-acted productions per semester, along with a few student-directed shows. By going to these shows, students are supporting their fellow students as well as supporting the college.

Of course, I am a little biased in this, having a huge love for the arts, but think of how great that would be: standing on stage looking out to see an audience full of peers.

So, with so many things going on here at GSU, it's hard to say that things ever get truly boring here, even though there are plenty of times when it feels like there is nothing to do.

For example, go check out the new exhibits in the Art Building, or maybe stop by the Rapture center, or go see a play in the new black box.

There are plenty of things to get involved in here to help keep the boredom at bay, and luckily, since most of college students are broke, many of these things are free!



Cartoon by Ashley Turner

ATTENTION GSU STUDENTS

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

Send in a letter to the editor, at most 350 words, to gamed@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...

OPINIONS cont...

The bearer of bad news, who needs you



Kristen Crowder is a senior Communication Arts major from Marietta, GA. She is a guest columnist for the George-Anne.

Recently, I made the unfortunate decision to share some good news with one of my coworkers about my graduation present, which was I would be traveling to Mexico in July.

I was ecstatic simply because this trip would mark my first time visiting a different country and being that I am a Spanish minor a perfect opportunity to practice the language.

Out of nowhere, a coworker that was not at all involved in the conversation, came up behind me and said, "You're going to Mexico?"

I answered "yes," and he proceeded to tell me all of the terrible things that are going on in Mexico right now and how I should "watch my back."

He gave me advice on how to protect myself and that I should stay on my resort for the entire duration of my vacation. Now, my initial reaction was to curse this man to his face and ask, "Why would you say something like that in the midst of my joy?"

It was then that I was reminded of a scene in one of my favorite movies, "The Wedding Singer." Adam Sandler's character was at Julia's engagement party when one of Glen's friends comes up to him and reminds him of the fact that his fiancée left him

at the alter moments before they were to exchange nuptials. Adam Sandler's response was classic.

He replied, "Hey, my parents died in a car crash when I was nine, you wanna bring that up too?" I should have said something witty like that, but, instead I lowered my head and mumbled, "Well, maybe I should reconsider."

My bearer of bad news was triumphant in his attempt to rain on my parade.

I made a decision based on that experience to never let someone take my joy away. In this day and age we are constantly bombarded with depressing news. Every day there is news on a new economic crisis unfolding or some crazed person that shoots and kills their entire family or a celebrity abusing their mate.

I personally will not succumb to the melancholy mood of the times. So, to any bearers of bad news, I say to you, find something beautiful to look at, try not to see its flaws, and please don't rain on my parade.

For one only knows how much good news is allowed in 2009, and if it is your life's goal to impede your pessimistic views on everything remotely optimistic or happy or wonderful, then I feel the sorriest for you. Watch movies with happy endings, listen to music with a cheery message, and take a nap every now and then.

I'm sure the people in your life will notice the change, and you might even feel better knowing that life does not have to be so dismal and dark.



The end of the semester brings a low level of motivation and high level of procrastination



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

As the semester dwindles down, I find myself facing a pretty strong internal struggle to get out of my bed, go to class and make my early morning workouts.

As my alarm goes off, my mind immediately starts spinning off excuse after excuse as to why I should just stay snuggled underneath my comforter.

And let me assure you, it takes some serious fighting and arguing with myself to finally prevail over my lackadaisical thoughts.

Since graduation is right around the corner, I know others who are graduating as well are also facing this daily battle with motivation and are

desperate for a way to stay on track. So for the rest of you who are facing this dilemma, I have a few suggestions to help you find your lost motivation.

If you are like me, and many others, and lack serious motivation to work out or go to the gym, there are easy, fun ways to tackle those common mental blockades.

If you are "too tired, don't have enough energy," running/working out is actually the best solution. Working out gives you more energy, as well as releases endorphins, which increase your mood, as well as energy level.

The hardest part for me is actually convincing myself to go to the gym; however, once I get there, I get right to work.

Another way to combat lethargy in the gym is to have good music on.

A study done by Ohio State University students found that people who listened to music while walking covered four more miles than people who did not. So grab your iPod and jam out!

Another thing I have trouble motivating myself to do is complete work ahead of time, and not the night before its due.

For me, and I know for many others, procrastination and lack of motivation run hand in hand.

For example, if it's Monday and I have a paper due on Friday, I am not motivated to do it until Thursday night, mainly based on the fact that I know when Thursday rolls around I HAVE to do it in order to graduate, and not fail the course. After thinking about it now, though, I realize this may not be the best plan of attack.

According to Cambridge University's counseling center, the best ways to avoid procrastinating are to prioritize your tasks so you accomplish the most important things first, and to reward yourself for accomplishing tasks on time or ahead of time.

If you are a senior, then motivation to find and apply for jobs is also something that is hard to do.

For many students, the idea of graduating

from college and moving away from everything they've known for 3-5 years is terrifying, and many are living up the last moments in college with no regard to the job market or what they'll do come May 10.

According to the Minnesota Star Tribune, a great way to motivate yourself to get out there and find a job is to set realistic goals and get excited about what you are doing.

If you are excited about your future and what you want to do, you will intrinsically become more motivated to apply for jobs.

Motivation seems to be a rare commodity among college students, but it is not something that simply can not be found, all it takes is some positive and reinforcing thoughts!

So instead of wishing you were in better shape, go out to the gym and make it happen! Same goes for finishing papers, doing homework, studying and applying for jobs. The sooner you do it, the sooner you can do something else!



WEEKLY BUZZ

Saturday, March 28th

FAMILY REUNION & QUIZ BOWL
11:00 am – 3:00 pm ~ Williams Center

Come out and enjoy the Georgia Southern University community in a traditional Black “family” atmosphere with a cookout, giveaways, music, dance contests and more! How much African American history do you REALLY know? All are welcome in this team competition. For entrance details, call the Multicultural Student Center at 478-5409.

Tuesday, March 31st

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Thursday, April 2nd

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SGA prepares for upcoming elections with large number of candidates

By Tiffany Colston

Guest Writer

At least 100 applicants will be considered for potential SGA positions this year. This year marks the largest number of candidates running for SGA positions at GSU.

Rahman Anjorin, executive vice president of SGA said, "This year there is a record number of candidates that GSU has seen in its 100-year history."

Anjorin also expressed his gratitude to current senators for getting the word out about the upcoming elections at the last meeting.

According to Senator Ryan Boss, a representative for the College of Information Technology, it will be a competitive race.

"People will have a lot of competition and it will be a tight race, especially for those running for executive board positions," said Boss.

SGA is an organization that serves as a liaison between the university ad-

ministration and the students.

Those running will serve on various university boards and committees and will make vital decisions regarding campus life.

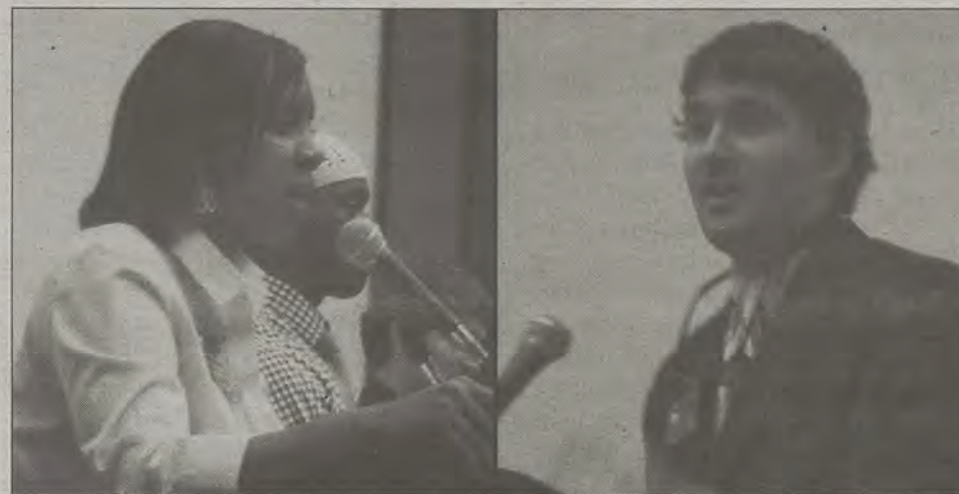
Another main function of the organization is to give funding to different student organizations in their attempt to improve the students' lives and the university community.

There are 100 candidates competing for five executive office positions, two appointed executive office positions and 45 senate positions.

The executive board positions that are open include president, executive vice president, vice president of academic affairs, vice president of finance, and vice president of auxiliary affairs.

Five senators will be chosen to represent the College of Business Administration, the College of Education, the College of Graduate Studies and the College of Health and Human Sciences.

Senators will also be selected to represent the College of Information



Kelley Berneil/STAFF

Presidential candidates from left Samantha Young and James Kicklighter debated Wednesday.

Technology, the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and the College of Science and Technology.

Senators are also needed to represent undeclared students who are not represented by a particular college.

GSU junior Brittany Robinson feels that it's important for students

to vote.

"In order to ensure that the best candidates are chosen students should vote," said Robinson.

The candidates held debates on Mar. 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. Voting will be held from March 29 until April 1 on WINGS.

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'I Love You, Man' successfully brings bromance to the national spotlight

By Jonathan Pope
Staff Writer

These days, it's hard to find a comedy that works on all fronts. There are some that are little more than obnoxious attempts to appeal to the lowest common denominator (throwing in the occasional fart joke and raunchy sex scene just because they can). And then there are others that strive for high-brow, well-meaning humor, but fall flat for lack of likable characters or relatable and realistic situations. Most will provide the occasional giggle, if that. So when a film comes along that blends these elements effectively, it's pretty refreshing. Enter "I Love You, Man."

Peter Klaven (Paul Rudd), a successful realtor, has just proposed to his girlfriend, Zooley (Rashida Jones), who happily accepts. After accidentally overhearing a conversation between Zooley's girlfriends one night, he realizes that there's just one problem - the best man, or lack thereof.

Peter is a lady's man, through and through. So much so that he has almost entirely neglected making any true guy friends throughout his life. Now, with some guidance from his younger brother (Andy Samberg), Peter takes on "man-dating" in hopes of making a worthwhile friend in time for the wedding.

Along the way, Peter meets Sydney Fife (Jason Segel), a crude and overly-honest man that scopes out real-estate open houses for newly divorced women (and paninis). The two strike up a friendship almost immediately, and Zooley happily encourages it. But as Peter's friendship with Sydney flourishes, a rift begins to develop between him and Zooley, and he must find a way to balance the two relationships.

This is a story that you've no doubt heard some variations of before. Despite this, "I Love You, Man" manages to pull off what might now be considered a rarity. What could have turned into an exercise in excess is instead an absolutely hysterical comedy that is as heartfelt and genuine as it is consistently funny.

This is thanks in no small part to the winning and talented cast, led by Paul Rudd ("40-Year Old Virgin"), Rashida Jones ("The Office"), and Jason Segel ("Forgetting Sarah Marshall"), who flesh out John Hamburg and Larry Levin's already smart and witty script.

Sydney's inability to grow up and settle down is in direct contrast to Peter's straight-laced and by-the-book approach to life. Thanks to the comic chemistry between them, this leads to some of the film's highlight moments, such as those on the beach and outside of the bar where they have their first "man-date." On top of being a much

needed guy friend to Peter, Sydney also provides him with some insightful life lessons (if not always in the most orthodox way).

The only real complaint I can level against the film is that, at times, it gives into clichés and formula conventions. For instance, you can probably guess the ending within the first five minutes. Granted, this type of movie is more about the journey than the outcome, but it would have been nice to see it stray a little further from the beaten path.

All-in-all, "I Love You, Man" works on most levels. It's a film that knows how to be funny without being over the top, and insightful without being schmaltzy. While it would have been nice to see a bit more originality, it's a hilarious and heartfelt look at relationships and a great reason to go to the cinema.

By Ryan Babula
Staff Writer

When it comes to films about friendship, and possibly love, the plot generally focuses on a man and a woman's courtship, a la "When Harry Met Sally." Most of these comedies tend to grow tedious after a while, and their appeal is ever so slowly fading in my eyes. But when a film such as this one comes along, it gives me hope that maybe these movies can find a new foot and go in a different direction. In a nutshell, "I Love You, Man" takes all the best parts of having a best friend and translates them on the big screen. It is the advent of a new genre many have begun to coin "bromantic comedies."

Now, it's obvious from the trailers that there is no romantic undertone to be found in the term

"bromance." It simply defines a friendship between two guys. All of us have bromances in some form or another, and it's through these friendships that us guys are able to embrace our need to let loose from the responsibilities and reservations that bind us and have a good time. There's no shame in grabbing a beer and hanging out with some of your best friends, and "I Love You, Man" captures this sense of male comradery better than most other films I've seen.

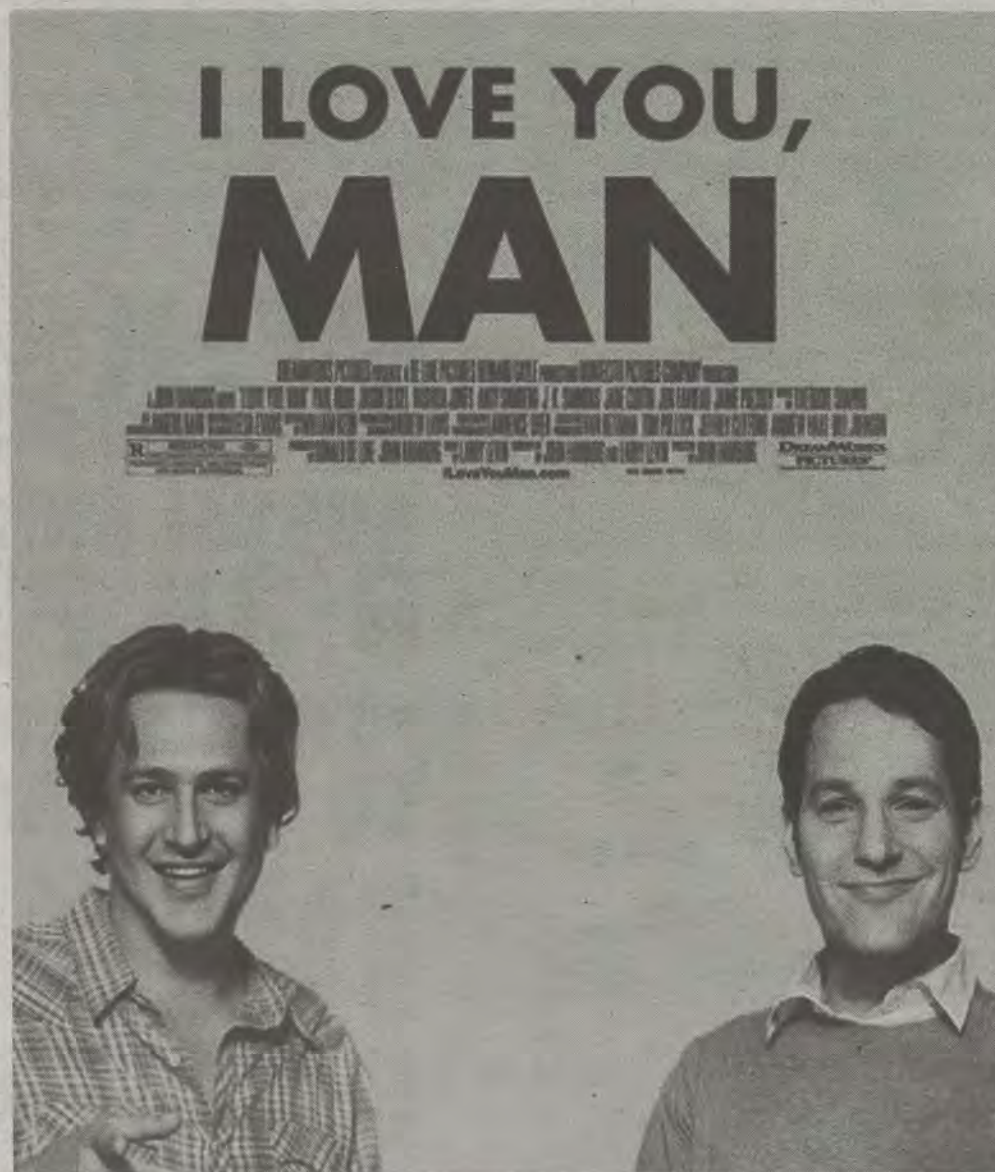
The film follows the familiar formula of an upcoming wedding, but the hitch lies in that groom Peter Klaven (Paul Rudd) lacks any male friends to fill up his side of the altar. We follow his attempts to establish close friendships (mostly unsuccessful, but awkwardly hilarious), and he finally attains one in Sydney Fife (Jason Segel), a fun-loving "investor" that shows Peter how to let loose and have a good time. But when their bromance begins to take time away from Peter's commitment to his fiancée (Rashida Jones), it's up to him to decide which is more important: his bride-to-be, or his new best friend.

In a movie like this, the premise lives and dies on the bromantic chemistry displayed, and Rudd and Segel are pros when it comes to this. The plot is simply a string of events to get these two together, and their comedic timing and wit is what makes this film so successful. Rudd's awkward attempts to stay cool and strive to impress is hilariously cringeworthy, and Segel's free-for-all attitude is the perfect foil. Watching these two ad-lib and play off of each other is constantly entertaining, and it was smart of director John Hamburg to cast them in these roles and let them have fun. His comedies range from "Meet the Parents" (being the best) to "Along Came Polly" (being the worst), and it's refreshing to find this on the former.

As funny as the two leads are, the film boasts an impressive supporting cast in Jon Favreau, Jaime Pressly, Andy Samberg, and J.K. Simmons to name a few. They each have their funny moments, and they make Peter and Sydney's bromance all the more believable. Coming out of this film, I was able to reflect on all my best friends, and it made me feel grateful and humbling to know that they would most likely be in my wedding party one day (and the bachelor party, of course.) Don't think I was getting sappy that easily.

Overall, "I Love You, Man" is a fantastic comedy that makes us guys thankful for the bromances we have, and it's a great showcase for all the comedic talent on display.

As a side note, I've used the word "bromance" six times in this review. Personal accomplishment or tedious overachievement? You decide, my humble reader.



Starring Apatownians Jason Segel and Paul Rudd, "I Love You, Man" sets the comedic standard for "bromance" movies by working all fronts.

Special Photo

The Green Corner presents: green dreams for all

By Philip Clements

Features Editor

Lately, my dreams have taken on a greenish hue. Fields of wind turbines, rows of suburban homes with solar panels on their roofs, people working side by side in urban gardens across this country. Before, those visions would seem surreal and unrealistic, like a mural on the wall in Mellow Mushroom. But now they've got a fresh coat of paint and I'll be damned if it doesn't look like a photograph.

Even as an environmental columnist, I was still fairly skeptical and slightly pessimistic about the future of humanity on this planet. The facts of global warming and climate change were dreadful and the path we were on was a highway to hell. I was cynical about whether or not society at large would, or even could, fight its addiction to overconsumption and shift into a sustainable community.

But after attending Powershift a few weeks ago, my eyes have been opened to all the amazing advances in the green world, from the shrinking cost of solar panel production to the growing number of supporters in congress. It is becoming much easier to decrease your carbon footprint and make a contribution towards a sustainable America.

There is legislation floating around right now, particularly the Serve America and GIVE Acts, which is rooted in the concept of community service. It aims at opening the door to allow nearly 250,000 volunteers to help out. There are many things that need be done, from updating our schools with modern technology to rebuilding and improving the interstate system.

Now, not everyone can volunteer their time to work on the highways. A lot of us are merely trying to find a job or struggling to make do with minimum wage.

In the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act," President Obama set forth the plan to create 3.5 million jobs. Addressing Congress in February, Obama noted that "more than 90 percent of these jobs will be in the private sector - jobs rebuilding our roads and bridges; constructing wind turbines



Special Photo

Van Jones, celebrated environmental activist and author of "Green Collar Economy," was appointed by President Obama as the Special Adviser for Green Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation.

and solar panels; laying broadband and expanding mass transit."

As good as all that sounds, it has yet to be fulfilled. We have to remember that intentions are not everything. So far President Obama has been fairly good to his word, but that's mostly been on issues pertaining to the war in Iraq, such as dropping the phrase "war on terror" from his administration's vocabulary.

On the other hand, it must be noted that, during his campaign in 2008, Obama spoke of his "green recovery" and said it was his "number one priority when I get into office. A clean-energy economy can be the engine that drives us into the future in the same way the computer was the engine for economic growth over the last couple of decades."

That kind of talk cannot be ignored, especially when it's true. Millions of people in this country are waiting for the government to realize the potential we have in our backyard and act, some of us growing quite impatient.

There are strides being made in the right direction, though, and that's not to be overlooked. Just recently, environmental advocate and activist Van Jones was named the Special Adviser for Green Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation by President Obama. If anything, Obama deserves props for choosing the right guy for the job. Van Jones' book, "Green Collar Economy," was a *New York Times* best-seller. In it, he writes of a "green new deal" that will make sure the "approaching green wave lifts all boats."

In a mass e-mail, Jones explained what his

newly appointed position meant. "My job will be to help shape the administration's energy and climate policy, so that climate solutions produce jobs and justice for all Americans," he said.

All in all, there is plenty of reason to be hopeful. Every day more and more people are speaking out against environmental injustice and demanding the government step it up in the global effort to decrease pollution and fossil fuel addiction. Whether it is by walking instead of driving or inventing a cheaper way to build solar panels, we young people need to realize that, in a rare moment in humanity, the future is truly in our hands.

As Van Jones told thousands of young people at Powershift in February, "your generation was born to save the planet."

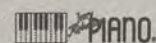
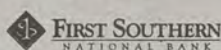


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SXSW recognizes high school filmmakers for short films

By Rachel Meador

U-Wire

Professional filmmakers from around the globe work exhaustively to attain coveted screening time at the SXSW film festival. Between 20-hour weeks of work at a local grocery store and the pressures of adolescent life, high school seniors Miguel Johnson and Nick Chaney will take their places among those honored at the international festival.

The fifth annual Texas High School Film Competition, in conjunction with SXSW and the Austin School of Film, supports and cultivates the filmmakers of the future by providing a venue for its finalists.

Students are given the opportunity to participate in panels and workshops designed for young filmmakers. The top three filmmakers, chosen by a panel of judges comprised of independent filmmakers and industry figures, receive scholarship money.

"I have to applaud the festival for being so invested in our youth," said Anne Kelley, co-executive director of the Austin School of Film. "It really gives kids the encouragement they need.

Usually their films are only seen by their friends or on YouTube. It really takes their professionalism and creativity to the next level."

Kelley was instrumental in helping to plan the competition and activities for the Texas students coming to participate as part of SXSW's educational outreach component. This year's big events include a stop-motion workshop and MAFIA, or Make a Film in A, in which students are corralled into Connally High School and given 24 hours to write, direct and edit five-minute films.

Johnson and Chaney, students at Austin's McCallum High School and Fine Arts Academy, began working on their film, "A Hospital Bathroom," in November, just barely finishing in time for the December entry deadline. The five-minute short documents a misunderstanding between a hospital intern and a hit man near a hand-dryer in a men's bathroom. Johnson directed the film, Chaney wrote the script, and both went in search of actors and the perfect bathroom.

"When you're in high school and you're trying to make a movie, finding adults who are willing and able to perform for you is really challenging, so you usually just have to restrain yourself to ideas

that only have teenagers," Chaney said.

Another obstacle the duo faced was a lack of acoustically and visually cooperative restrooms with handdryers, a crucial part of the story. The actor mimed drying his hands and the students digitally inserted the appliance in their digital media class, a course now offered as part of the school's new filmmaking program.

"Miguel and Nick are extremely talented kids," said teacher Kenneth Rogers. "They come up with great ideas. When they entered this film, I knew it was going to be accepted."

Johnson and Chaney met three years ago in a theater class during which they made a film for their final project based on the given prompt, "texture." They decided to make a short film making fun of the assignment.

"It was very mean-spirited," Chaney said. "We have been friends ever since."

Johnson plans to attend UT Austin in the fall as a radio-television-film student while Chaney plans to attend Austin Community College to get some basic courses out of the way while taking advantage of the equipment Johnson will gain access to through UT. Both plan to move to California after

school and continue pursuing careers in film.

Their entry last year, "Attackadilla Hamburger," was chosen as a finalist, but the story of the human-eating hamburger did not win a prize. He hopes that this year's more serious project will fare better.

"I was pretty sure that if my silly film last year made it in, this one would," Chaney. "But I have this philosophy that all the films are most certainly better than ours, just in case."

He said that his experience last year was very positive, especially the question-and-answer panel after the competition screening in which the students stand and answer questions from viewers.

"It is a lot of fun to stand up and answer questions like 'what are you doing next?'" Chaney said. "You're being treated as a real filmmaker."

Compared to the entries last year, Chaney said there is a noticeable improvement of quality in content and production.

"I've been looking at the other entries and they have gotten a lot better since last year," Chaney said. "I think we have a good chance, but there is some serious competition."

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'Dark Was The Night' compilation showcases who's who of indie rock

By Mike Kuntz

U-Wire

Charity compilation albums just aren't what they used to be — and thankfully so. Gone are the over-the-top "We Are The World" sing-a-longs with celebrities-turned-philanthropists, phony promo videos and all that jazz. Charity albums of late have been strikingly relevant, from the annual Bridge School and War Child compilations to last month's "Dark Was The Night," which tops them all.

Released as the 20th compilation benefiting the Red Hot Organization, an international charity battling HIV/AIDS, "Dark Was The Night" features some of the most engaging and creative voices in contemporary music. These artists lend their efforts and skills to help a noble cause — and Bono is nowhere to be found. With production left to the deft hands of Bryce and Aaron Dessner of The National, "Dark Was The Night" features a who's who of folk-leaning indie acts compiled on one startlingly fluid album.

Aided by a daily song leak on the album's MySpace page, the hype for "Dark" started early and grew into a huge buzz. Separated between two discs — aptly named "THIS DISC" and "THAT DISC" — the compilation includes a total of 31 tracks (with one extra for iTunes shoppers, who are treated with Beach House's take on Queen's "Play the Game"). Other notable covers include

Jose Gonzalez and the Books' take on Nick Drake's "Cello Song," Antony (of Antony and the Johnsons) and Bryce Dessner's take on Bob Dylan's "I Was Young When I Left Home" and Sufjan Stevens's experimental pop rendering of Castanets's "You Are the Blood."

But what makes "Dark Was The Night" stand out from other compilations — aside from its vast amount of indie star power — is how amazingly well each collaboration between artists came together. "Train Song," an intimate duet between Feist and Death Cab for Cutie's Ben Gibbard, is rivaled only by Conor Oberst's reinterpretation of his own "Lua" with the help of strong and smoky tenor of Gillian Welch. Feist reappears later with Brooklyn heroes Grizzly Bear on the late-night bedroom hush of "Service Bell."

A few songs on the album dip into the more obscure catalogs of its artists, such as Spoon's "Well-Alright" and Arcade Fire's live favorite "Lenin," but several tracks are either newly written or newly collaborated on. Many of these were specially recorded for "Dark," including The National's "So Far Around the Bend," Yeasayer's yelp-some "Tightrope" and Grizzly Bear's rousing full-band version of their own "Deep Blue Sea."

While charity albums of the past relied on traditional covers, a hit single or mediocre songs thrown together at the last minute, this compilation shows considerable care and precision. It presents an exceptionally well-crafted and winning



Special Photo

Top indie rock artists, such as Sufjan Stevens and Conor Oberst, contribute tunes to benefit compilation for the Red Hot Organization, an international charity aimed towards battling HIV/AIDS.

interpretation of modern, guitar-driven indie rock. With nearly every track worthy of considerable praise, there is seldom a weak moment on either disc. Sporting such an arresting and eclectic mix

of artists, "Dark Was The Night" is assuredly just as safe on a Starbucks music rack as in a trendy Manhattan apartment.

Florida State researcher: Rising sea levels threaten NYC

By Parth Desai

U-Wire

A new study led by Florida State University researcher Jianjun Yin suggests that the sea level along the northeastern coast of the United States will rise at a rate twice as fast as the global mean in the 21st century due to global warming. New York City in particular is considered to be one of the most vulnerable areas and will be prone to a rise of as much as 20 inches in sea level.

Yin is a climate modeler at the Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies COAPS) at Florida State University. His study, "Model Projections of Rapid Sea Level Rise on the Northeast Coast of the United States," was published online March 15 in the journal Nature Geoscience.

The journal covers research in earth sciences

and is published by Nature Publishing Group, which also publishes the well-regarded journal Nature.

"Much (of the) area of New York City is less than five meters above the sea level, (and) some parts of lower Manhattan are only 1.5 meters above sea level," said Yin. "A (20-inch) extra rise in addition to the global mean will pose a threat to this region — especially if it is superimposed by hurricanes and intense winter storm surges."

Yin, along with colleagues Michael Schlesinger of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Ronald Stouffer of Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory at Princeton University, analyzed 10 state-of-the-art climate models and found that rapid sea level rise will occur under scenarios of low, medium or high rates of greenhouse gas emissions.

The effects of sea level rise in the northeast are considered far-reaching.

"You know that the most popular cities and states of the United States and centers of the economy, politics, culture and education, are located along the northeast coast of the United States," said Yin. "According to our study, this important region will experience some of the farthest and largest sea level rise during this century."

According to Yin, the effects could include coastal flooding, beach erosion, conversion of wetland to open waters and damage to coastal development.

The global sea level rise, according to the study, is attributable to "human-induced climate change." Warmer ocean surface temperatures lead to the expansion of warm waters and reduction in the rate of circulation of the waters in the

North Atlantic Ocean. Such events can lead to the melting of ice-sheets in places such as Greenland and Antarctica.

The northeast coast of the United States is considered at high risk for sea level rise because the Atlantic meridional overturning circulation (AMOC) is very prone to disruption by global warming. The AMOC comprises of warm currents that flow northward toward the North Atlantic Ocean and colder currents that are forced southward toward Africa and through the Pacific Ocean. The warming of the ocean surface could lead to a slow-down of the cycle. The typical high speed of the two currents has kept the Northeast's sea level quite low and has prevented an abrupt sea-level change that could lead to catastrophic climate changes.

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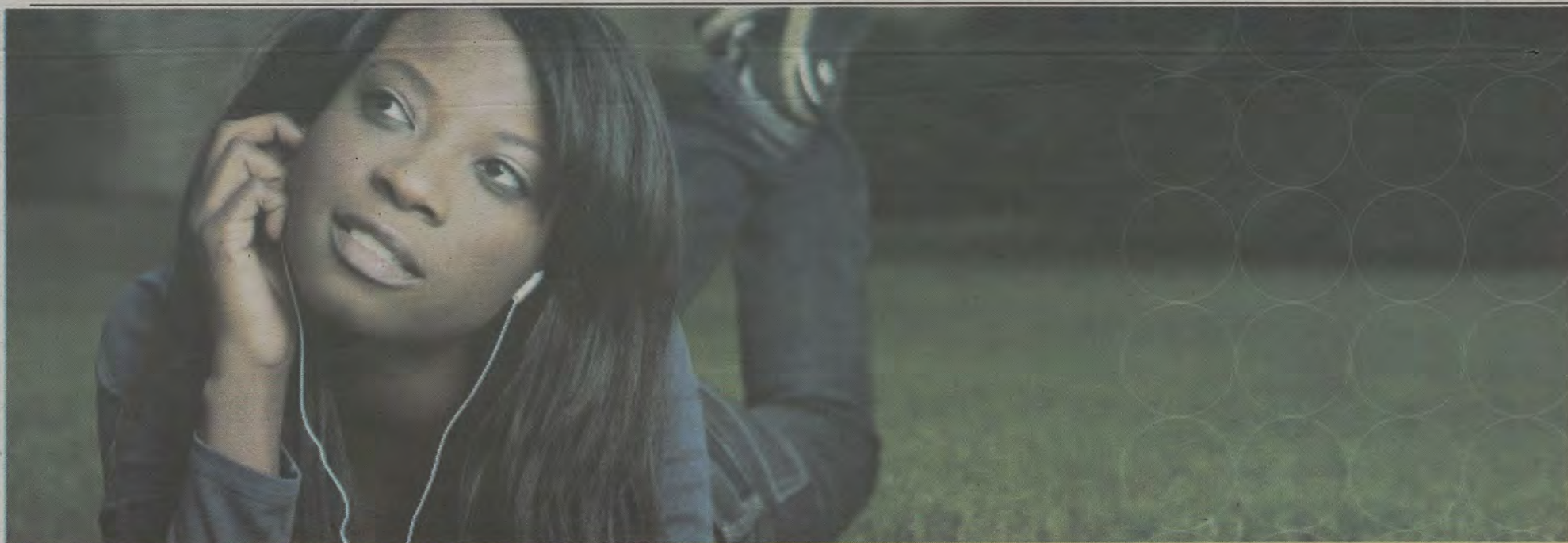
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Cyclists from all over Georgia will be coming to ride in the course that can be up to 100 miles long.

Cyclists race for relief

Jim Kruse Century Race raises money for Alzheimer's

By Ally Rakoczy

Staff writer

The 15th annual Jim Kruse Century Race will be held on Saturday, April 18.

The race will benefit the Silver Lining Club, a relief program for people suffering from Alzheimer's disease and Dementia.

Those participating in the race will need to arrive at 8 a.m. at Mill Creek Park, and will be given the choice between a 45, 50, 65, or 100-mile cycling course.

According to Lindsey Townson, the public relations coordinator for the Jim Kruse Century, the event was created 15 years ago to honor one of the founding members of the Southern Cyclists Club, Jim Kruse.

Kruse had inspired people by taking up cycling at the age of 76 to stay mobile and healthy, proving that there is no age limit to becoming more active.

"Alzheimer's is the sixth-leading cause of death in the world, and even beginner riders can participate and help contribute to this great cause," said Townson.

The race will go through scenic pathways all over Bulloch County, and there will be music, barbeque, arts, and activities for all

ages after the race.

The events will be held at Celebration South in downtown Statesboro and all riders are encouraged to attend.

The registration fee of \$25 for a single rider or \$50 for a family of riders covers t-shirts and food, as well as "experience and contribution to this amazing cause," said Townson.

In addition to these benefits, riders will receive maps based on the route they choose, rest stops with refreshments and restrooms will be provided along the race, and in case of an emergency, a roving vehicle support will also trail the race.

According to Townson, there are many ways people can get involved in this event.

"You can mail in a form from the brochure, register on active.com, or register as a walk-up on the day of the race."

Riders from all over Georgia come to participate in the event to support the Silver Lining Club. The Southern Cyclists Club, comprised of local citizens that all hold an interest in cycling to keep physically fit, continues to uphold the legacy of Jim Kruse through the organization of the Century Race every year.

Honors Fraternity Omicron Delta Kappa raises money for Relay for Life

By Tiffani Addison

Guest writer

Georgia Southern's Omicron Delta Kappa is raising money for Relay for Life. The American Cancer Society sponsors this event every year to help raise money for the organization and to fight cancer, as well as to raise awareness of cancer prevention and treatment.

At this event, they help celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember those who were lost to the disease, and fight back. Relay for Life is Friday, April 17, and Saturday, April 18, at the fairgrounds.

ODK has a table set up at the Russell Union this week to sell footprints for \$1 and suns for \$5. The names of the donors will be printed on the suns and footprints and hung from a banner in the Union.

The Georgia Southern Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa has participated on a team for this event for at least five years.

ODK is a leadership honors society that contributes by raising at least their goal at a minimum of \$150. So far they have raised \$197 and counting. In previous years, ODK joined with other student organizations such as Circle K, community groups, and churches, however this year they will be alone under the leadership of Victoria Brady and her team.

Brady stated that her participation, besides being in a leadership society, was a great way to show involvement not just in GSU and Bulloch County, but also on a national level.

Bridget Bembry, a senior athletic training and exercise science major, has been in ODK since October 2008. She participated in Relay for Life in high school and last year, but this will be her first with ODK.

Bembry's involvement increased after her mother lost the battle to cancer this past January.

"I support in honor of my mom, those who lost loved ones, and for survivors," Bembry said.

Her mother was diagnosed in 2007 and after a two-year battle the cancer came back and her mother passed a year later.

"There are personal experiences behind why people support and we want more people to come and support on a national level."

ODK advisor, Barbara Price, helped charter GSU's circle and has served as the faculty secretary for the past eight years.

Her goal is to encourage, support, and act as a resource for the student members as they participate in the Relay event, and she participates in the event herself.

Price lost her grandparents, at an early age, one of her "favorite" aunts, and one of her personal and professional friends, to cancer. Her husband, one of her cousin's daughters and her son's 6-year-old best friend all survived cancer.

Price said, "we all have stories of friends or family who have had cancer and either survived or succumbed. Relay for Life will help more survive."



Relay for Life is April 17 at the fairgrounds.

Graduate School at Georgia Southern University continues to see rise in applicants

GSU News Service

When college graduates cross the stage this spring, they will face an increasingly competitive job market coupled with a struggling economy.

With that in mind, a growing number of students are looking at earning a graduate degree to give them a competitive edge in the job market. Georgia Southern University is seeing an increase in applications and accepted students to its Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies, which offers 42 graduate degree programs.

"We have a wide array of degree programs to offer those looking to further their education," said Tim Mack, dean of the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies.

"Our programs are high-quality; we know that because we have happy alumni."

Mack said that having a graduate degree is becoming the new standard to be hired in a number of fields.

He also stated that the average master's degree recipient is paid \$10,000 per year more than someone with only a bachelor's degree, and the average doctoral degree recipient makes

\$20,000 per year more, according to the Council of Graduate Schools.

Even prior to the economic downturn, Georgia Southern was seeing a boom in graduate enrollment. Graduate student enrollment for the 2008-09 school year is up 14 percent from the previous year, compared to a three-percent rise nationally. The University's number of graduate school applicants increased by 99 percent.

Georgia Southern University has become the choice of many graduate students by combining affordable tuition with a number of degree programs, according to John Diebolt, associate dean of Graduate Studies. A key reason for the enrollment increase has been Georgia Southern's commitment to offering several programs online.

"We offer accessibility for those who are in the work force or are not close to campus, including full-time, part-time, and online options," Diebolt said.

"I would invite folks to take a look at what we have to offer," Mack said. "We have faculty here at Georgia Southern that genuinely care about the students."



GSU continues to see a rise in graduate schools, however they can still have the small class feel. *Special photo*



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Georgia Southern given second highest compliance rate in state with Sunshine Laws

By Ben Carroll

Staff writer

In the Fall of 2008, a survey called the Georgia Sunshine Audit, conducted by the Georgia First Amendment Foundation (GFAF), was given to students across Georgia to test different government organizations' public access to public information.

The survey showed that Georgia Southern had the second highest compliance rate in the state.

The purpose of Georgia Sunshine Laws is to test the statewide execution of the Georgia Open Records Law. This law states that any information received from public hearings, public documents, or public records can be used by the media in a story.

Georgia Southern Professor Steve Stepanek, was approached about joining the research effort last year.

"I, in fact, was contacted last summer and asked to join their research effort, and I assented," said Stepanek. "I then made the voluntary involvement

in the survey a part of both the Investigated and Media Law classes I taught in Fall 2008."

According to Stepanek, he has had around 30 students, who were a part of more than 100 students from eight universities, volunteer to retrieve assigned documents from offices; such as county government offices throughout Bulloch and Screven County, including the Sheriff's Departments and offices on GSU's campus. The students would then fill out an online questionnaire, which was created by the GFAF along with submitting a hardcopy form of their journal of experiences, which also included their records for the GFAF to calculate.

The results from the entire Georgia Student Sunshine Audit showed only 66.3 percent of offices complied with the law. GSU's part of the survey had the second highest compliance rate at 77.4 percent.

"This fact probably underscores why the survey was conducted, as its results mirror a similar survey conducted about 10 years ago by the Georgia Press Association," said Stepanek.

The experiences from the students noted specific areas of high compliance rates along with the low compliance rates.

Around 50 percent of all the athletic departments failed to release lists of scholarship-holders, revenues and expenditures for men's basketball programs. The police and sheriff's offices were calculated to have less than 50 percent compliance rates along with incident reports being refused over 70 percent of the time. Some offices tried to inflate the charges for requesting records, changing the usual \$10 to as high as \$150.

Though the survey had a 66.3 percent compliance rate, only around 41 percent of offices gave the records on a student's first visit, according to Stepanek.

"Is it representative of dismissal or willful neglect of the law, or is it symptomatic of a lack of training and understanding. This is what I see as the next level of inquiry, and I have begun discussions with the GFAF to see if some type of follow-up research along those lines might not be worth exploring," said Stepanek.



Special Photo

Sunshine laws effect all public institutes of Ga.

Graduate Student Appreciation week to start next week

By Ally Rakoczy

Staff writer

In an attempt to get graduate students out and seeing what their fellow students are doing, Georgia Southern will be holding Graduate Student Appreciation week.

Graduate Student Appreciation Week will be Tuesday, March 31 through Friday, April 3.

Sponsored by the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies and the Graduate Student Organization, the week will have a variety of activities and events for the over 2,300 graduate students, including a Graduate Research Symposium on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the College of Information Technology's atrium.

"[The symposium] will show all the different kinds of things that people are doing. It's a great opportunity for undergraduates who are thinking about graduate schools, because they can go and see what different colleges and departments are doing," said Dean Timothy Mack of the Averitt College of Graduate Studies.

"We support the Graduate Student Organization, and we're working hand in hand to make sure this is a great event," said Mack.

There will be over ninety-eight different presentations, and students and faculty are encouraged to speak with graduate students about their research within the different departments

at Georgia Southern.

"I think it will be a great opportunity to network and meet other graduate students," said Elena Bencini, a graduate student in Business Administration. "Especially since sometimes it can be difficult to get to know other grad students when there are so many online classes, I think that it's good that the Graduate Student Organization is organizing this week."

On Wednesday, April 1, there will be games in the Russell Union Rotunda from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Thursday, April 2's activities will be a graduate student social at Jaman Caribbean Café from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.

A mini golf tournament from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Hacker's Golf Park will be held Friday to close the week's events.

Undergraduate students are encouraged to be a part of the events by volunteering.

"You'll be able to spend time talking with the graduate students, and if you're someone who's interested in thinking about graduate school, this is a wonderful opportunity," Mack said.

The Graduate Student Organization will also provide prizes for the first and second place scholarly works with amounts of \$250 and \$100, respectively.

Prizes will be distributed to individuals within each college.

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 26, 2009

Time: 6 - 9 p.m.

Event: Poetry Slam- Vol. 2

Location: Russell Union Ballroom C

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Event: Southern Heat Chili Challenge

Location: RAC Pavilion

Friday, March 27, 2009

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

Event: Opera Theatre- "Figaro"

Location: Performing Arts Center

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NATIONAL NEWS

UCF fraternity members suspended two years

By Kari Wilberg

Uwire

The University of Central Florida chapter of Beta Theta Pi was placed on a two-year suspension Friday after a conduct review hearing found the fraternity in violation of four charges, a notice sent out on Tuesday by Grant Heston of University of Central Florida News & Information said.

The violations included harmful behavior, sexual misconduct, disorderly conduct and falsification of information.

"In addition to those charges, the fraternity accepted responsibility for charges of alcohol-related misconduct and theft/disregard for property," the notice stated.

The statement said the panel, which comprised students, faculty and staff members, recommended the fraternity receive a two-year suspension and a UCF administrative review, then agreed with the recommendations.

Heston said this means the organization as a whole is suspended for the two-year period, meaning Beta Theta Pi will not be recognized as a university organization for the two-year period and cannot participate as an organization in university events.

The suspension is effective immediately, the notice stated.

The fraternity was initially put on interim suspension after the university received police reports alleging misconduct by some members at the fraternity's national headquarters in November.

A different notice sent out by Heston earlier in

March said police reports showed investigations of sexual battery allegedly committed by a few members of the fraternity.

The complainant did not file charges.

Jud Horras, executive director of the national Beta Theta Pi organization, said fewer than five of the 70 UCF Beta Theta Pi members present at the Oxford, Ohio meeting were involved in this alleged misconduct.

"According to UCF's Golden Rule student handbook, a student organization can be held responsible for its actions or the actions of a collection of its members, including non-student members, acting together," the most recently released notice stated.

The fraternity may appeal the administration's decision within seven business days to UCF's vice president of Student Development and Enrollment Services, the notice stated.

"According to the Golden Rule, appeals can be denied, sanctions can be reduced or another hearing could be held," the notice stated. "There is no definitive timeline for a response to an appeal."

Horras said members who damaged property had to pay for the restitution of fixing the property and were suspended from the fraternity for their undergraduate career.

Until this incident, Horras said the UCF chapter of Beta Theta Pi had been an exemplary chapter. He said this is the first time there has been a discipline issue with the UCF chapter.

Horras said Beta Theta Pi in no way condones this behavior and any students involved in these incidents will be expelled from the organization.



Special Photo

U. of Michigan health system foots growing bill

By Emily Orley

Uwire

11.6 percent of Michigan's total population.

"We are absorbing the cost of charity care and bad debt as part of our overall budget planning," Kirkendoll said.

In addition to the \$170 million of uncompensated direct patient care, Doug Strong, director and chief executive officer of the University Health System, reported at February's Board of Regents meeting that through community health programs and services and research costs in excess of funding, UMHS contributed a total community benefit of \$323 million in the 2008 fiscal year.

"It is increasingly difficult in this economic environment to provide the level of benefit to the community that it needs," Strong said at the February regents meeting. "Amidst all of our other demands, we have significantly expanded our commitment to community benefit in recent years."

In response rising costs at University Hospital, officials have had to implement a hiring freeze, mainly in administrative areas, and reduce overtime and temporary positions.

"I certainly think that the financial troubles facing hospitals as a result of what is essentially an unfunded mandate that they provide care for the uninsured will lend impetus to President Obama's efforts to expand insurance coverage, since that is another way to reduce the burden on hospitals of uncompensated care," Levy said.

The first is through tax breaks. Not-for-profit hospitals, of which most hospitals are, pay lower taxes. The other method, known as disproportionate share payments, provides higher Medicare reimbursements to hospitals that provide uncompensated care.

However, there is a gap between treatment costs and the amount with which these programs reimburse the hospital. The hospital is forced to absorb the difference, usually at a loss.

Facing a 93 percent increase in free health care costs to people who cannot afford insurance, the University of Michigan Health System is being forced to take another look at the way they do business, according to hospital officials.

The health system — which provides care to more than 300,000 patients per year — spent \$170 million of uncompensated care in fiscal year 2008 — almost double the \$88 million it spent in fiscal year 2006.

While the national economy has only experienced a downward trend since last fall, Michigan's economy has been suffering for years, weighed down by the fledgling auto industry and the nation's worst unemployment rate — now more than 11 percent according to U.S. Department of Labor.

As the state's economy worsens, the combination of benefit cuts and layoffs has left many Michigan residents on the perilous plateau of being too young to qualify for Medicare and too wealthy to qualify for Medicaid.

In the wake of this boom in charity care, hospitals are re-examining the ways in which they can continue to care for patients in emergency situations, regardless of the patient's insurance status, which they are required to do per a 1986 federal law.

Helen Levy, research assistant professor at the University's Institute for Social Research, said the state's compounding unemployment problems have put a significant strain on Michigan's hospitals.

According to the Center for Healthcare Research & Transformation, from 2006 to 2007, the number of Michigan residents who didn't have health insurance increased from 10.5 percent to



Special Photo

UCF's chapter of Beta Theta Pi was placed on a two-year suspension due to many violations.

NATIONAL NEWS

Sallie Mae loan plan means students "pay now"

By Anna Iothson

Uwire

Sallie Mae introduced on Monday the new Smart Option Student Loan, which seeks to reduce student debt by changing loan-payment terms.

Starting with the 2009-10 academic year, new loan applicants will now have to make interest-only payments while still in college instead of deferring them until after graduation.

"Paying a little now saves a lot in the long run," said Patricia Christel, a spokeswoman for Sallie Mae.

Overall, the goal of the change is to help students develop repayment habits, improve credit scores, and make payments more manageable by getting students to pay off the loans in five to 15 years as opposed to 15 to 30 years.

But that cost today could have a toll on some students' pocketbooks while in school.

Mark Warner, the director of University of Iowa Student Financial Aid, said when it comes to private loans, "consumer beware."

While he noted the benefits of the shorter payback of loans, he said for some students — such as those who are not obtaining any financial support from parents — the change could be a

setback.

"If the student is unable to make interest payments while in school, then that will provide hardship for that student," he said.

Warner said the new option appears to be better for students who have a cosigner who helps make those payments. And avoiding the traditional accumulation of debt could also be a benefit, he said.

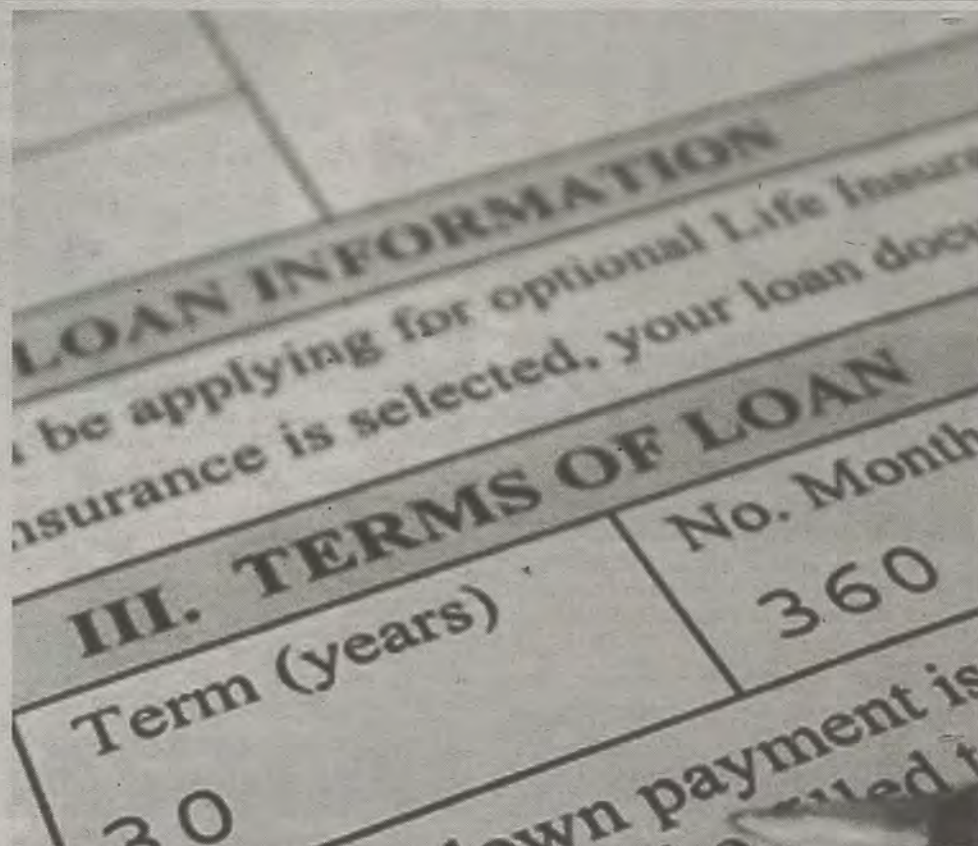
Under Sallie Mae, students who have a cosigner are more likely to be approved for a loan and to receive lower interest rates, Christel said.

Though speaking from different spectrums of student financial aid, Warner and Christel agreed that private loans should only be sought after exhausting all available federal assistance.

"I would never promote private loans" without reviewing other possibilities, Warner said, pointing out that students should always be budget conscious and apply for loans minimally.

Nationally, Sallie Mae manages \$180 billion in education loans and serves 10 million parent and student customers, according to a press release.

Under the new plan, a student with the average loan of \$7,700 would be able to repay that twice as quickly — saving the student roughly \$8,700, according to the release.



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Sallie Mae's new plan will reduce student debt by changing their payment terms with interest-only payments while in school instead of deferring.

Birth control law misses University of Iowa healthcare

By Kathleen Serino

Uwire

University of Iowa students likely won't see much of a difference in cost for birth control on campus, despite a bill recently signed by President Obama that would allow pharmaceutical companies to consider selling discounted contraceptives.

Obama signed a \$410 billion spending bill with the provision on March 1.

"I think, overall, it's a great thing for most colleges," UI Student Health gynecologist Ann Laros said. "Right now, I don't think it will make a huge impact on the University of Iowa."

Though officials haven't yet seen great changes in the cost of brand names, the only type included in the provision, they won't know whether students will see lower prices until drug companies decide what to discount.

If one of the medications listed in the provision is discounted by a drug company, then the UI pharmacy, which provides the drugs to Student Health, would be able to offer a lower price.

Approximately 40 percent of women in college take birth-control pills, according to the American College Health Association.

One reason Laros thinks women students at the UI will be insulated from the changes stems from the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, which blocked discounted oral contraceptives to university student health centers.

The size of the UI and that it has an on-campus pharmacy has also helped keep local prices steady and reasonable, Laros said. By teaming with the university pharmacy, officials can work together.

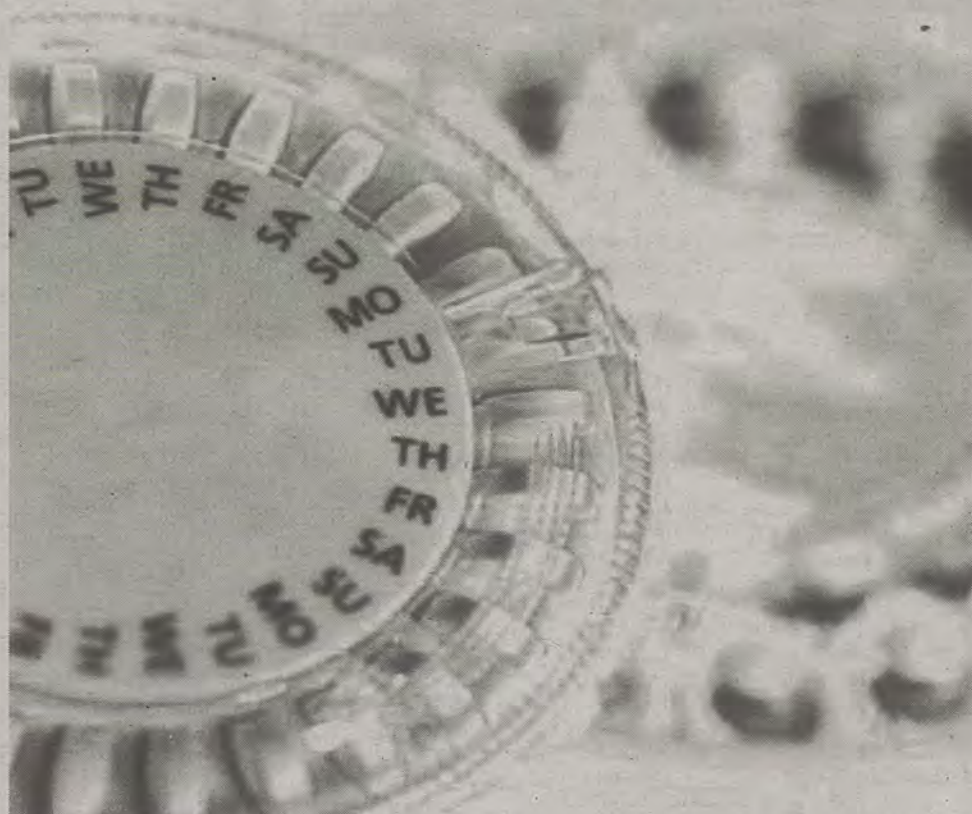
Also, UI Student Health Director David Braun said, officials work with students to find the most cost-effective medications, which are usually generic. Under the provision, these off-brands aren't eligible for discounts.

"We work with students to find out what the most cost-effective medication is," he said.

"The new proposal focuses on only making some name-brand contraceptives more affordable," said Theresa Hobbs, a Student Health pharmacist.

The possibility of new discounted contraceptives could combat a rise in unintended pregnancies, said Jill Vibhakar, a UI clinical associate professor of obstetrics.

"Teen pregnancy numbers rose in more than 24 states over the last year," Vibhakar said.



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Students at the University of Iowa may not see a price decline in the cost of their birth control, despite the bill passed by Obama saying pharmaceuticals should be offered at discount prices.

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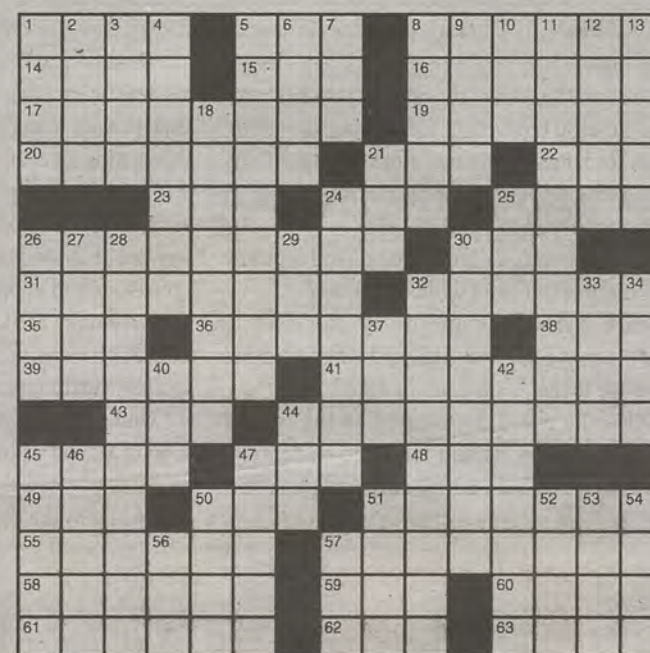
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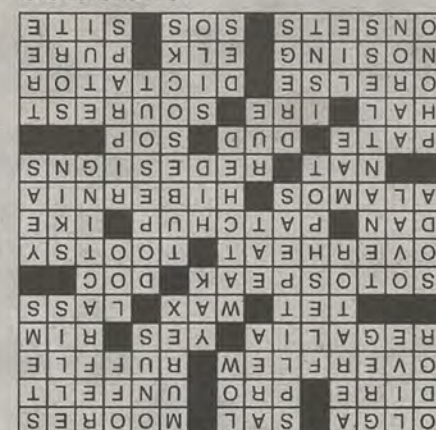
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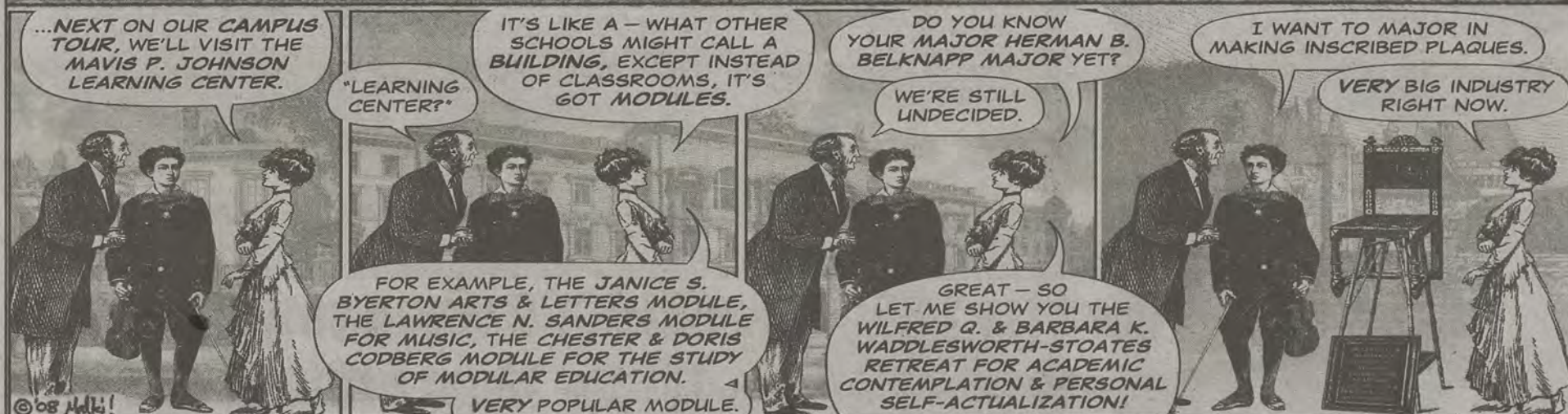
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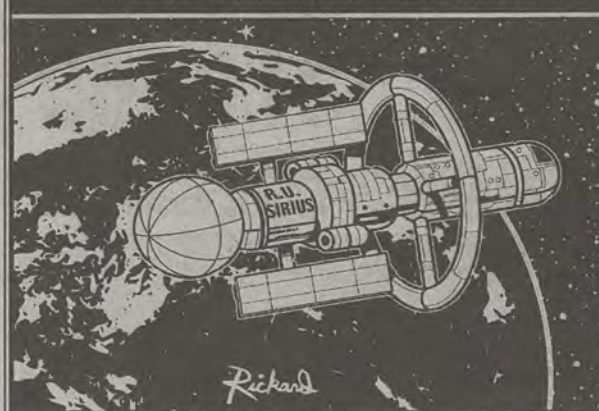
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Lethem named SoCon Golfer of Week



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Senior Drew Lethem tees off last weekend.

By GSU News Service

The Southern Conference announced Wednesday morning that senior Drew Lethem has been named the SoCon men's golfer of the week for all competition from March 18-24.

Lethem is the third Eagle to receive the league's weekly award in the first five weeks of the season.

"Drew has been a consistent player for us all year. I'm proud of the way he played in the Schenkel to come back well and play two solid rounds to finish tied for 11th. He's been a big reason for our success this spring. With his help and all the other guys coming around, we should be in good shape for the rest of the season," said head coach Larry Mays.

Lethem paced the Eagles in the 30th Annual Schenkel E-Z Go Invitational over the weekend, shooting a team best even-par 216.

Lethem carded his lowest round on the final

2009 SoCon Men's Golfer of the Week

Feb. 25	Joe Monte, Georgia Southern
March 4	Tanner Briele, Western Carolina
March 11	Casey Jordan, Appalachian State
March 18	Logan Blondell, Georgia Southern
March 24	Drew Lethem, Georgia Southern

day with a 2-under par 70. The Eagle opened day three with two bogeys only to be erased with an eagle on the eighth hole to put him even heading into the back nine where he launched back-to-back birdies on 13 and 14 to secure his 2-under par final round.

The Camdenton, MO native finished the tournament in a tie for 11th place.

With Lethem's help, the Eagles placed sixth in the 18-team event that featured all nationally ranked squads, including 13 in the top 50.

Georgia Southern jumped 10 spots on the Golfweek/Saragin

Performance Index with this past weekend's tournament. The Eagles now stand at No. 40 nationally.

The Eagles return to action with their final tournament of the season before the SoCon Championships. Georgia Southern will make the short trip to Augusta, Ga. for the Augusta State Invitational set for April 4-5.

QUICK HITS

Track team to host first meet at GSU

The GSU Track and Field team will host the first invitational in program history this Saturday at Eagle Field.

The Eagle Invitational is the first time Eagle fans have a chance to watch the team compete on home turf. This event is part of the outdoor portion of the season.

Blue and White game events announced

The Georgia Southern athletics department announced the schedule for the annual Blue and White game, set for next Saturday, April 4, at 1 p.m. The Eagles have been practicing for a few weeks in anticipation of the game. Festivities for the day include men's and women's tennis, softball, a baseball tailgate, and a performance by the GSU cheerleading team. The Eagles baseball team will also be hosting College of Charleston.

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Women's tennis rolls, softball improves over break

Compiled by Staff

While classes were out for spring break last week, Eagles athletics were still going strong and many of the spring teams' seasons are in full swing.

The women's tennis team continued their SoCon dominance, extending an impressive win streak to five games to improve to a 10-4 overall record. They are currently 4-1 in the conference and ranked third in the SoCon, behind Furman (who has only played two conference games) and College of Charleston, who is undefeated.

In their last win, a 6-1 victory over Western Carolina on Sunday, the Eagles swept the doubles events (eighth time this season, according to the GSU athletic Website) and lost only one match in the singles. Jessica Fuller clinched the win for the Eagles at the four seed.

The team will take the court next on Saturday at Wofford, then travel to Furman for a match on Sunday.

Despite early season struggles, the Lady Eagles softball team has toned their play, winning seven of their last ten, most recently splitting a

doubleheader with Georgia Tech on Tuesday. The team improves to a 15-15 record.

The men's tennis team has been struggling as of late, dropping five straight matches, all during their most recent road trip. They concluded their troublesome road stretch on Sunday, falling 7-0 to Furman. On Tuesday, the team returned home and fell to Elon, 6-1.

The Eagles track and field team competed in two separate relay events over the break.

The team finished second in the Bulldog Relays on Saturday, March 14. The event officially opened the outdoor portion of the team's schedule.

The team finished in the top five in all four relay events and had individual success from many of its athletes, including a first place finish from Shaunta Hamilton and Melanie Trumbo.

That week, sophomore Lynndsey Hyter, who has been performing consistently well for the Eagles, was honored by the Southern Conference as the Indoor Athlete of the Month for her performance in the month of February.

This past weekend, the Eagles competed in the Shamrock Invitational in South Carolina. The

relay teams were again competitive, finishing in the top ten in two relay events.

A first for the Georgia Southern track and field program will take place this weekend, as the team hosts the first GSU Invitational. Check out page 22 for more info.

The GSU golf team had a busy break as well. The team, led by sophomore Logan Blondell, finished tied for first in the 10th Annual Kauai Collegiate Cup in Hawaii. Blondell took home the individual first place in that tournament.

He was also named the SoCon Golfer of the Week after the tournament. (Lethem named most recent - pg. 22).

Joe Monte was also honored by the SoCon recently by being named the SoCon Golfer of the Month for February.

The Eagles hosted the Schenkel E-Z Go Invitational this past weekend and finished sixth as a team. Senior Drew Lethem paced the Eagles and finished 11th, while Blondell followed in 20th place.

The baseball team returns home Friday to host Elon in a weekend series. See page 24 for a full preview and analysis of recent games.



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Junior Sam Russo gets the out against App. State

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Phillip Porter gets a hit in a recent game!

Eagles host 2008 SoCon champs Elon

Compiled by Staff

The GSU Eagles baseball team will continue their Southern Conference play in a weekend series against Elon at J. I. Clements Stadium. The series begins on Friday at 7 p.m., continues Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

The Eagles faced Kennesaw State on Tuesday, winning by a score of 4-2. The game was tied until senior Phillip Porter hit the go-ahead homerun in the eighth inning. The team added another run later in that inning to seal the win.

Andy Moye got the start for the Eagles and pitched for six innings, striking out six and giving up the two runs.

But it was Dexter Bobo who picked up the win for the Eagles, after pitching 1.2 innings late

in the game. Bobo got the first two outs in the ninth inning but an Owl runner had advanced to third and was threatening.

Senior Kyle Kamppi was called in to close the game. Despite walking the first batter Kamppi, who officially pitched 0.1 innings, got the final out and recorded a save, his fourth of the season.

The Eagles improved to 17-4 and have only lost one game this season in J.I. Clements Stadium.

The Elon Phoenix are currently 12-7 and 6-3 in the SoCon. Their last game was a doubleheader on Tuesday against no. 20 ranked Clemson, in which the Tigers took both games. The losses snapped Elon's four-game win streak.

In the first game, Elon fell 5-3. Elon's Chase Austin hit his first home run of the season,

driving in two runs. The team had an impressive offensive game, with ten (of 11 that batted) players recording a hit.

The second game was in Elon's hand, but they fell in the end, 8-7.

Mike Melillo and Pat Irvine each homered twice for the Phoenix.

Cory Harrilchak, the pitcher who picked up the loss for Elon during the first game, extended his hitting streak to 18 games. He also plays outfielder for the Phoenix.

Elon was the 2008 regular season and tournament champions in the SoCon last season.

They were predicted as the top team for 2009 in the SoCon on preseason polls and had four players named to the All-Conference Preseason Teams. Harrilchak was named the Preseason Player of the Year by the SoCon.

just the basics

SCOUTING REPORT

The Elon Phoenix have started the season strong, with a 12-7 record (6-3) in conference. They are currently fifth in the SoCon and are coming off a sweep of Furman during the past weekend and a doubleheader loss to no. 20 ranked Clemson.

Elon senior outfielder/pitcher Cory Harrilchak was named the SoCon Preseason Player of the Year and has been named to multiple national award watch lists, including the Wallace Player of the Year.

Harrilchak and fellow senior Bennett Davis were named to the Second Team Preseason All-American list, and were two of Elon's four All-Conference selections.

AT A GLANCE

2009 overall record: 12-7
2009 Conf. Record 6-3
2008 overall record: 43-16
Upperclassman players: 16
Fresh/Soph players: 18
2008 players lost: 6

GAME WEATHER



Fr/Sa Thunderstorms

High: 87-74°

Low: 63-54°

Inside this Edition

While students were on break, the Eagles athletics teams were in full swing. Check out page 23 to catch up on your favorite team. Also inside, senior golfer Drew Lethem named SoCon Golfer of the Week, as well as the Track and Field team prepares to host first invitational at GSU (pg. 22).

Last night, the Eagles baseball team traveled to South Carolina to take on USC. The game was not completed at press time. Check out GADaily.com for complete game coverage.

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