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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS

Chief Justice Sears to speak at Nessmith-Lane

By Sade Oshinubi
Guest writer

The inaugural Women in Leadership lecture series will kick off with a lecture from a leader who is known for historic firsts.

The Honorable Leah Ward Sears, Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, will speak today at 6:30 p.m. in the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building Assembly Hall.

In 2005, she was sworn in as the nation's first African-American woman Chief Justice of a state's highest court. She was the youngest person ever to serve on Georgia's Supreme Court.

In retaining her appointed position as a Supreme Court Justice, Sears also became the first woman to win a contested state-wide election in Georgia.

"Chief Justice Sears has spent the last two decades attaining a litany of judicial 'firsts' to become the nation's first African-American woman Chief Justice of a state's highest court," said Rebecca Davis, director of the Office of Pre-Law Advising.

"We are really fortunate to have a speaker of this caliber kick off our inaugural Women in Leadership lecture series."

Davis has spent several years interviewing Sears for a book she is writing. Davis invited Sears to come to GSU last year and said Sears "very

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Special Photo

NEWS

The Georgia Southern admissions staff took top honors at a recent regional workshop in Mississippi.
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Special Photo

Southern adventures to host 'Southern Sendfest'

By Ally Rakoczy
Staff Writer

Southern Adventures will be hosting Southern Sendfest, a bouldering competition, which will be held in the Recreation Activity Center (RAC) bouldering cave.

According to Dustin Sanderson, Director of Southern Adventures, bouldering is a more technical form of unroped climbing where most of the heights top off at less than 12 feet.

"It's generally more technical in terms of the mechanics and difficulty of the routes," Sanderson explained.

He added, however, that there are also several routes that are less technical and easy enough for anyone to take on.

Southern Sendfest is designed as a top-score redpoint competition in which the top scores are taken from the top route scores.

The competitors will have four consecutive hours to achieve their top scores, which will be a total of the top five routes they take in the bouldering cave.

The competition has been divided into three divisions for beginning, intermediate, and advanced climbers. The Southern Adventures' staff

is expecting a great turnout, as the competition is open to college campuses, both public and private, all over the southeast.

"We are hoping to see representation from a wide range of schools," said Sanderson. "Especially since this year is the inaugural year for the Southeastern Climbing Series, a part of USA climbing."

Sanderson went on to explain that the Southern Sendfest will be the final competition in the series; therefore they hope to see "elevated interest."

The Southern Adventures staff will be judging the event, and registration is open to all individuals who are 18 or older. There is an entry fee of \$35 per person until April 10, then the price will go up to \$40.

The registration fees include a t-shirt, lunch and snacks, and a swag bag of products from the sponsors. It also covers on-site tent camping, showers, and restrooms for competitors from out of town.

According to USA Climbing's Web site, USA climbing is the national governing body of climbing competitions in the United States that works to promote "success and growth of sport climbing."

Within the organization, the bouldering division is represented by the American Bouldering Series.

POLICE BEAT

Thursday April 2, 2009

Two books were taken from the Henderson Library.

A vehicle was keyed (scratched) in the Plant East parking lot.

Friday April 3, 2009

Jermaine Cordavious Jordan, 21, Harvey Drive, was charged with two counts of theft by taking.

Saturday April 4, 2009

Officers issued two traffic citations, three traffic warnings, assisted two motorists and responded to one alarm.

A fight was reported in the Eagle Village courtyard.

Bucky Lewis Hendrix, 22, Brookwood Drive, was charged with DUI.

Jason Dorn Fisher, 21, Gabbies Run, was charged with public intoxication, public indecency and obstruction of an officer.

Sunday April 5, 2009

Officers issued five traffic citations, four traffic warnings, assisted one other agency and investigated one accident.

Emeline Teresa Carpenter, 20, Campus Club, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

Daniel Adam Holmes, 26, Brendon Street, was charged with DUI, failure to maintain lane and original container required for prescriptions.

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Ally Takes on the RAC: Week 5



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

I used to be strong. I really was. In high school I used to lift for soccer conditioning on a weekly basis.

Now, however, it seems I am truly a weakling. The class I took on this week—Ultimate Upper—simply seemed only to reinforce that fact.

First off, the instructor was great. He went at a normal pace and had reasonable expectations for the average workout enthusiast (i.e. not me).

We started off with the little foot shuffling warm-up and then proceeded to start the arm workout.

When we had walked into the class, our instructor told us to grab two sets of weights (one "easy" and one "hard"), a mat, and a bouncy ball.

At first the workout wasn't too bad, bicep curls and shoulder lifts. But then came the real kicker—we were instructed to get in push-up position with our weights in our hands, leaving one arm straight and bringing up the other arm to do a bicep curl with the weight.

If that sounds complicated, it was, for me anyway.

My coordination is not too hot to begin with. Put in balancing on one hand and lifting and I'm one big ball of clumsy.

After I strained and teetered my way through that exercise, we moved on to use the bouncy ball.

Positioning ourselves on easy, medium, and hard intervals, we balanced (again, I seem to always encounter trouble when balance is key) on the bouncy ball while doing push-ups, the first set with our elbows in and the second set with our elbows out.

I was dying by the second set and ready to throw in the proverbial towel; however, seeing as there were only three other people in the class with me, I thought my sudden exit might make me look like a big wimp, so I decided to tough it out.

After more curls, tricep presses, and arm-numbing workouts, we were done.

It was hard to believe it only took 30 minutes to melt my arms into a wobbly mess. Needless to say, however, if you're looking to build up your upper body strength or get a moderate (or for me, high intensity) warm up before working out, Ultimate Upper is the way to go.

Now if only I could get the feeling back into my arms.

Visit gadaily.com to vote on whether or not the GSU Eagles football team shows promise after the Blue and White game.

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...

April fool's lasts more than just a day



James Kicklighter is a junior public relations major from Claxton, Ga. He is a staff columnist for the George-Anne.

Over the course of this semester, in between school, work and other responsibilities, I've been directing a short documentary on Radio Theater for the University.

It will premiere in Las Vegas two weeks from now.

This weekend, every waking minute, all of my spare time has

been consumed with trying to finish.

It seems this way for a lot of people, with various projects and assignments suddenly due for every student across the country. You know, all of those panic messages appearing throughout Facebook?

That's right, it is time for what I like to call "April Fool's Month."

The day came and went for me without any

practical jokes, but it continues all month long. Even the weather has gotten in on it.

First, we have a torrential downpour/monsoon hit Statesboro, a nice weekend, and then it gets cold again.

Soon after, we get a reminder from a professor that the assignment they gave at the beginning of semester is due next week.

Spring break seems like a distant memory, and summer is too far away to really touch. It's not very funny at all.

I'm finding more each day the best way to keep everything on track is hacking away at it slowly.

Most of us are creatures of procrastination, waiting until the last minute to finish everything that comes.

However, having a calendar over your desk with very definitive time frames allows us to make things visible with every waking day. This way, when that term paper comes due in two weeks, it isn't as much of a surprise.

All I know is this; summer better come quickly.



Cartoon by Ashley Turner



Special Photo

Coca-Cola's VP of Environment and Water Jeff Seabright will speak on the importance of preserving water and how that will affect the world and his company.

Coca-Cola VP to speak at GSU

Kelsey Decker

Guest writer

Jeff Seabright, Coca-Cola's vice president of Environment and Water, will be giving a speech on sustainability and water tonight that is free and open to the public.

The seminar will be at 7 p.m. in the College of Education, room 1115.

Lissa Legee, director of the Office of Sustainability, defined sustainability as "using resources in such a way that they are present and abundant for the future."

Today's generation needs to be aware of what's happening to the world's natural resources so that our grandchildren can use them too, she said.

Since 2007, Coca-Cola and the World Wildlife Foundation have been working together to help conserve freshwater resources so that communities around the world have drinkable water. Seabright was working in China just a couple weeks ago.

"The talk is part of the Sustainability Seminar Series, which is raising awareness on our campus about global issues and how students can play a role in helping meet the Millennium Development Goals, Honors Program Assistant Director Bob Frigo said.

"In 2000, 189 leaders from across the globe met at the United Nations Millennium Summit and agreed on the Millennium Development

Goals – a series of eight initiatives to end extreme poverty by the year 2015. One of those goals focuses on environmental sustainability," he said.

"Jeff Seabright's talk will be a wonderful opportunity for students to learn more about a precious resource so many of us take for granted," Frigo said.

Water is the main ingredient in the majority of Coca-Cola's product – they have "more than 2,800 beverage products in their portfolio," according to their 2007/2008 Sustainability Review.

The goal of their partnership with WWF is to, by 2010, return the equivalent amount of water used in Coca-Cola product to nature and communities.

"We know what has sustained our company for our first 12 decades will not be sufficient for the future, and we recognize our success, and the future of the communities where we operate, are impacted by the actions we take today," Seabright said in a 2007 Coca-Cola news release.

Leege said she believes that it's important to shed some light on the policies Coca-Cola is using because if great companies like them can be seen working to become more environmentally friendly, it makes others more willing to follow suit.

She recently saw firsthand the set of sustainability principles Coca-Cola uses and found them "quite impressive."



Special Photo

Chief Justice Sears is the first African-American woman to hold the office in the state of Georgia and also the first woman to retain her position after a contested state-wide election.

SEARS

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graciously accepted the invitation."

Sears' visit is co-sponsored by the Office of Pre-Law Advising, the Center for Entrepreneurial Learning in the College of Business Administration, the Women and Gender Studies Program, the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and the Department of Political Science.

Constance Campbell, director of the Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership/Corporate Leadership Council in the College of Business Administration said, "As someone whose primary topic of academic interest is leadership, I look forward to hearing her

thoughts on the topic myself."

Students, faculty, staff and members of the community are expected to attend the lecture.

"I cannot express how honored I am to have Justice Sears visit Georgia Southern," said Chelandra Nelson, president of the Georgia Southern Chapter of the National Black Law Student Association.

"Justice Sears has accomplished so much in her career while still maintaining a commitment to her community," Nelson said.

"Not only is she an inspiration to black law students, Justice Sears is an example to anyone that hard work does pay off."

The lecture is free and open to the public. A public reception will immediately follow the lecture.



SOAR takes top honors at convention

Georgia Southern's SOAR team showed off their awards after winning several at the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop (SROW) in Oxford, Miss. The group took first place in the community service project, third in a dance competition and also won an award for Best Communication among others.

Georgia speeders to see increase in ticket fines due to Super Speeder legislation

By Ally Rakoczy

Staff writer

Georgia's newest "Super Speeder" legislation was passed on March 25 with an overwhelming amount of support in the legislature with a vote of 113 to 53 in the House and 42 to 10 in the Senate, according to published reports.

The legislation will serve to target Georgia's worst speeders by adding a \$200 fine to any other fines issued in the state. Under the new law, drivers who speed at 75 miles-per-hour or more on two lane roads or at 85 miles-per-hour or more on multiple lane highways are subject to the additional fine of \$200 on top of whatever state or local fees are sanctioned for the ticket issued.

"This is truly a unique legislation, because not only will it help reduce the number of crashes, deaths, and severe injuries, but the fines produced will also provide revenue for trauma care in the event a crash occurs," said Bob Dallas, director of the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

According to Dallas, many people don't realize the severity of speeding, and that it causes about 25 percent of crash deaths in Georgia. Addition-

ally, motor vehicle accidents in Georgia caused over 1,600 deaths in the state.

In addition to extra fines, the 'Super Speeder' legislation branches out to cover other high-risk driving habits, and will require drivers with an excessive amount of points on their licenses to participate in safe driver courses and higher fees to get their licenses back after suspension. It will also target drivers who consistently commit negligent behaviors on the roads.

"If this particular legislation makes drivers think a little bit more about their speed, then it has done what it was intended to do," said Captain Laura McCullough of University Police.

"Hopefully it will remind people to be responsible drivers and respectful of others, and that driving on the roads are a privilege, not a right, and with that privilege comes specific responsibilities for every driver," McCullough said.

According to a published report by the State of Georgia Office of the Governor, the Super Speeder legislation serves to generate about \$23 millions in 2010, which, under the recommendation of Governor Sonny Perdue, would be used to fund improvements for Georgia's trauma care network, said McCullough.

Some students support the legislation, including junior education major, Lauren Matthews.

"I think that there's absolutely no reason for you to go over 80 on the highway, and if you're going 85 to 90 on the highway you're asking for trouble. The least you should get its a ticket. I completely support it," said Matthews.

Other students, like Lauren Howard, a junior nursing major, disagree with parts of the legislation.

"I agree with the two-lane road part of the legislation, but definitely not the highway part of it. I think \$200 is pretty extreme, because roads could have a speed limit of 65 or 70 and if you're going 85 you're really not going to far over. I understand where it's coming from, but \$200 is really extreme."

While some students disagree about the severity of the fine, McCullough explained why the number might be so high.

"Unfortunately, most people do not respond to laws simply because they are the law or the right thing to do, but when you start penalizing them monetarily, they begin to pay attention," McCullough said.

Whatever public opinion may be, according to



Special Photo

Speeders can expect higher ticket prices.

Senator Bill Heath who carried the legislation in the senate, the legislation is designed to prevent reckless driving and fund trauma care.

"Simply put, this bill saves lives," said Heath.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

Time: 12 - 2 p.m.

Event: Brown Bag Series

Location: Russell Union 2080

Time: 1 - 2 p.m.

Event: Risk Reduction for Sexual Assault

Location: Russell Union 2040

Time: 6 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Event: Karaoke & Trivia

Location: Retrievers

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.

Event: Creative Writing Club

Location: Newton 1111

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

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

Event: Red Cross Blood Drive

Location: Williams Center Dining Hall

Time: 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Event: SAGE Meeting

Location: Russell Union 2044

Time: 7 - 9 p.m.

Event: Guys & Ladies Nite Out

Location: Russell Union 2041, 2047, 2048

Time: 7 - 9 p.m.

Event: Mr. GSU Pageant

Location: Russell Union Ballroom

Thursday, April 9, 2009

Time: 1 - 2 p.m.

Event: Death by Alcohol

Location: Russell Union 2041

Time: 4 - 9 p.m.

Event: CPR & First Aid Certification Mtg

Location: Russell Union 2071

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

Event: Neo-Truth Meeting

Location: Russell Union 2052

Time: 9 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Event: Karaoke

Location: Silver Creek Saloon

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The Honorable Leah Ward Sears,
Chief Justice,
Georgia Supreme Court

Tuesday, April 7, 2009 • 6:30 p.m.

Nessmith-Lane Building Assembly Hall

Reception immediately following lecture

'Adventureland' delivers a heartwarming tale of a teenager's first job

By Ryan Babula
Staff Writer



Let's be frank about something here for a minute. Your first job always sucks.

There's no shame in accepting that you're usually not respected by the patrons you serve for the jobs you do. It's one of the steps of adolescence, and it's good character-building.

My first job (if you want to put it that way), was a week-long stint picking up after golf snobs at one of the most prestigious tournaments of the year.

My other job, the one that led me into college, was working an ice cream shop.

Now, I may not have liked the work, but I've always had a spot in my heart for that place because of the people I met and the experiences I had there.

Come to think of it, that's what "Adventureland" is all about; the experiences we have growing up, and the challenges we face along the way. It's one of the most frank coming-of-age tales I've seen, and I found it wholly relatable.

"Adventureland" follows James (Jesse Eisenberg), a college grad who's gearing up to go on a European tour and then on to Columbia Grad

School, but finds his plans sidetracked when his family comes into a financial tiff.

He is forced to work a summer job at a laughable "amusement park" that's employed by eccentrics and realists alike, including Joel (Martin Starr), Lisa P (Margarita Levieva), Frigo (Matt Bush), and Connor (Ryan Reynolds).

As the days slog on, James comes to find himself involved with fellow co-worker Em (Kristen Stewart), and learns many of life's intricate lessons both painfully and hilariously.

What makes "Adventureland" so successful is its accessibility. It's not a crude teen sex romp, but instead a delicate comedy that deals with life's lessons with incredible wit and emotion.

Each character has their flaws (James is a love-lorn virgin, Em comes from a volatile home, Connor is in an unsuccessful marriage), and the events in the film are believable and relatable.

There's not a character that you're swayed to like or dislike due to stereotypes, but you understand and empathize with each one because of their vulnerability. These are living, breathing people, and they could've come from anyone's childhood.

Every actor is fantastic, but the one to look forward to is Kristen Stewart. In "Twilight," she wasn't acting to her full potential.

In this, she's smart, sexy, and heartfelt as James' first true love. It's great to see such good talent used in the right way.

Set in 1987, "Adventureland" seems to have been taken directly from writer-director Greg Mottola's younger days, and it shows in the film's more personal moments.

Having previously directed for Judd Apatow's college series "Undeclared" and high school movie "Superbad," Mottola has an understanding for what makes this type of film work.

He avoids tired plot devices and cliches, and when there is a sex joke or raunchy moment, it comes purely out of character and not as a punch line.

Watching the film, I had a smile on my face all the way through.

Yes, it's very funny, heartbreaking, and harshly frank at times, but it's all of those components that made me relate so well. Life is a rollercoaster of great times and missed opportunities, and "Adventureland" understands this extremely well.

There's not an unnecessary scene, plot device, or character in the film, and it makes you grateful for the friends you've made, the jobs you've had, and all of your experiences over the years, both good or bad. What a fantastic and wonderful film.



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Greg Mottola, director of 'Superbad,' takes us back to high school with 'Adventureland.'

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'Battle for the Boro' brought bands and fans together to celebrate local music scene

By Philip Clements
Features Editor

On Saturday, five judges spent nearly 12 hours going back and forth between Shennanigan's and Dos Primos, listening to and evaluating various local bands and artists in order to determine who would win the Battle For the Boro.

They were given a rubric with eight categories, which included originality, stage presence, and musical ingenuity. Each category was graded on a scale of 10, with 20 points left over for overall performance.

The day started around Noon with Sir Tron the Great, an incredibly original rapper with a unique voice that provided the small crowd with an escape from the hook-heavy Crunk rap on the radio.

B.F.O., who won second place at last year's competition, started their set with an inventive mock-up of a boxing match, ring girls and all, but did not do much else that was brand-new.

Most of the performances were by straight-up rock bands. Subdivisions, Marsha Brady and Ammon were successful in getting the metal-heads riled up. Last year's winner, The Blacks, returned with a high-energy set full of poppy vocals and punk-influenced riffs.

Black Badge put on a good show with their slightly unique brand of modern classic rock (think Jet meets Black Sabbath.) They even covered Black Sabbath's "War Pigs," which garnered a positive reaction from classic rock fans and Guitar Hero addicts alike.

There were a few singer-songwriter acts to take the stage, such as Cody Walden, Toby McDonald and Claire Bochenko. There wasn't anything wrong with their music but they had a natural disadvantage by being pitted against full bands.

Once the final competing band was finished, the judges retreated to the relative calm of Don Corleone's to deliberate and decide the winner while headliners Dayfall and Stereotype took the stage (at Shennanigan's and Dos Primos, respectively.)

In first place was Jokers and Thieves, a folky rock band with strong influences coming from Bob Dylan and Ryan Adams.

Their prize was a credit of eight hours at Digital Realm recording studio to record a demo (or even an album if they see fit.)

Four hours at the same studio was awarded to Blind Boy Grunt, a jam band that placed second. In third place was Stoneheart, a raw rock band with strong stage presence, who got two hours at Digital Realm.



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Jokers and Thieves, a folky rock band, was the winner of Battle For the Boro 2009, followed by Blind Boy Grunt in second and Stoneheart in third. 300 Miles was the crowd favorite.

There was also a crowd favorite competition, which was decided from a tally of votes made throughout the day by the audience. 300 Miles, a high school rock band, was the crowd favorite. They were the youngest competitors with all members under the age of 17.

All in all, it was an amazing testament to a relatively young music scene here in Statesboro. Not only were the performers a diverse cross-section of music genres but the crowd was large and supportive. And it only gets bigger and better from here.

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NATIONAL NEWS



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Iowa is the third state to legalize same sex marriage, which was upheld in a ruling Friday.

Iowa legalizes same-sex marriage in ruling

By Adam Sullivan

Uwire

Iowa is now one of three states to allow gay marriage.

A unanimous ruling from the Iowa Supreme Court decided that a ban on same-sex marriage was unconstitutional. The ruling was handed down Friday morning.

The precedent came from the Court's ruling in *Varnum vs. Brien*, a case in which six same-sex couples were denied marriage licenses from the Polk County Recorder.

"We have a constitutional duty to ensure equal protection of the law," the Supreme Court stated in a summary of the ruling.

"If gay and lesbian people must submit to different treatment without an exceedingly persuasive justification, they are deprived from the benefits of the principle of equal protection upon which the rule of law is founded."

Because of high traffic to the Supreme Court's Web site, the official ruling was difficult to access Friday morning. However, Johnson

County Attorney Janet Lyness said the ruling would likely take a few weeks to take effect across the state.

University of Iowa law professor Ann Estin said the ruling is unsurprising given Iowa's history of civil rights.

"I think a lot of people around the country will be surprised to see this ruling in Iowa. But the truth is, Iowa has a long history of being progressive on civil rights issues," Estin said.

In anticipation of today's decision, some opponents of same-sex marriage were concerned about consequences of the precedent.

"If we're going to start giving [financial] benefits to whoever, there are real costs to the state," Iowa Family Policy Center spokesman Bryan English told the DI in December.

Others were optimistic about the ruling's implications.

"Iowa is a great state," said David Leshtz, former chair of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission. "I think the sky hasn't fallen in Connecticut or Massachusetts, and it's not going to fall in Iowa."

New Hampshire legalizes marijuana for medicinal use

By Terri Ogan

Uwire

On Tuesday, March 24, the New Hampshire legislature voted in favor of House Bill 648, which legalizes the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes. The bill is planned to take effect on Jan. 1, 2010.

According to the bill, "modern medical research has discovered beneficial uses for marijuana in treating or alleviating the pain, nausea, and other symptoms associated with a variety of debilitating medical conditions, as found by the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine in March 1999."

The "cardholder," or patient, must be allotted a valid identification card in order to obtain the marijuana. To gain authorization for registry, he or she must be diagnosed with an incapacitating medical condition.

These conditions include a "chronic or terminal illness, severe pain that has not responded to previously prescribed medication or surgical measures for more than three months, severe nausea, severe vomiting, seizures, or severe, persistent muscle spasms," according to the bill.

Timothy Horrigan, a New Hampshire representative, voted in favor of the legislation.

"There are many people, especially those

undergoing chemotherapy, who need the drug to combat symptoms such as nausea and lack of appetite," he said. "HB 648 is also very restrictive. It seems to have been designed to allow limited personal use while discouraging the development of a commercial market."

Each qualified patient is given a "designated caregiver" to assist them in using the medical marijuana. The caregiver must be 21 years of age or older, a member of the patient's family, household or a licensed health care professional. This person is only permitted to assist one patient and can only do so if they haven't been convicted of a felony.

Ann-Marie Matteucci, a UNH Health Services alcohol, tobacco and drug counselor, believes that legalizing marijuana for medicinal use could be advantageous, but she has mixed feelings about the bill.

"I do believe people who are very, very sick do find relief from some symptoms, and when they are terminal, I guess any side effects or long term effects are not really of any concern," said Matteucci. "That would be a concern that people whose symptoms are not as serious will get it, use it, share it."

As stated in the bill, the Department of Health and Human Services will take many precautions in reducing the fraudulent use of medical marijuana.



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Arkansas university tobacco ban to take effect in 2010

By Nick DeMoss

Uwire

An Arkansas public university tobacco ban became state law Wednesday after Gov. Mike Beebe signed the "Clean Air on Campus Act of 2009." The law will take effect Aug. 1, 2010, and will carry stiff penalties for violators: fines ranging from \$100 to \$500.

The law is designed to prevent medical issues that can arise from secondhand smoke.

"Smoking, directly or indirectly, is a major cause of preventable diseases and death," according to the act. "Secondhand smoke can cause or contribute to lung cancer, heart disease, chronic lung ailments and low birth-weight."

The law defines campus as "all property, including buildings and grounds, that are owned or operated by a state-supported institution of higher education" and mandates that the colleges and universities begin advertising the law 30 days prior to the start, something the UA has been doing since 2008, when the university implemented its tobacco ban.

Act 734, originally House Bill 2007, was introduced March 6. The House passed it March 19 with a vote of 68-26-6, and the Senate passed it March 30 with a vote of 34-0-1, according to the

Arkansas General Assembly Web site.

In the meantime, the UA tobacco use ban will remain in effect and will proceed as planned, despite legislation from the Residents' Interhall Congress and the Staff Senate asking for revisions, FRESH committee co-chair Susan Rausch said Monday.

The university ban, which has been in place since July 1, received criticism during a meeting Monday when several FRESH members called for more enforcement.

The current plan is based on raising awareness about the dangers of tobacco use, with the ideal end result of less people smoking.

The official stance of the committee is an "expectation of respectful compliance" to the policy and that the plan going forward is to further educate people on campus about the policy, Rausch said in an interview prior to the passage of the law.

Because the law has passed, non-enforcement of the ban will no longer be an option after Aug. 1, 2010.

"We would have some responsibility - if it comes to a point when they are looking at enforcement, we will assess what our role will be in that effort," UA Police Chief Steve Gahagans said in an interview prior to the passage of the law.

Obesity rates linked to proximity of fast-food

By Vanessa Liu

Uwire

A new study suggests that the closer you are to fast food, the higher your risk of obesity.

In the almost decade-long study of three million ninth-grade students, economists at Columbia University and the University of California-Berkeley found that students whose schools are within one-tenth of a mile (roughly a block) of a fast-food restaurant were more likely to be obese than others whose schools are a quarter of a mile or more away.

The study is a working paper of the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Researchers adjusted variables such as race, income and education, and ultimately determined there was a 5.2 percent increase in the obesity rate at schools that were within a block of fast-food outlets.

Rogan Kersh, a Wagner associate professor of public service, believes the study can be applied to NYU students, especially when it comes to making responsible choices.

"Though I think the study is a powerful one,

it confirms what most of us knew all along," he said, citing the link between increased fast-food consumption and bad health. "NYU students can make healthy choices if they wish to."

Some policy experts believe zoning laws that limit the number of fast-food restaurants in school neighborhoods are necessary, but Kersh doesn't see this happening around NYU.

"The idea to apply these regulations to college students would strike most people as not the best use of government resources," he said.

Kersh and other Wagner, Steinhardt and Medical Center professors are conducting a study on the effectiveness of New York City's new calorie labeling law.

Brian Elbel, an assistant professor of medicine and health policy at the NYU Medical Center, said the conclusions of the study point to the potential for more awareness.

"[The study] shows the influence that restaurants could have on many people," Elbel said. "I think it will spur more interest for people to be aware about what they eat. It will spark more debate."



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A study done by UC Berkeley found that students close to fast food are more likely to be obese.

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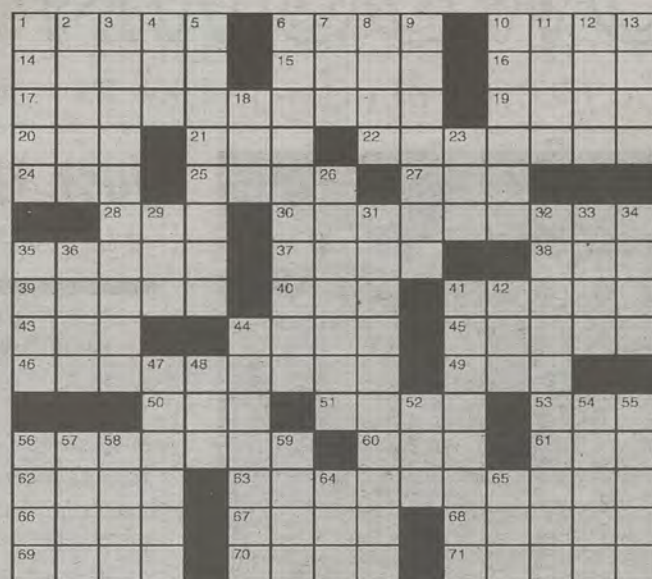
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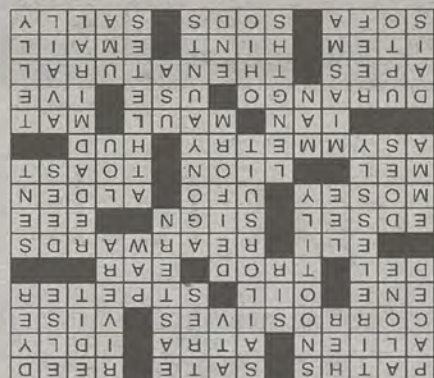
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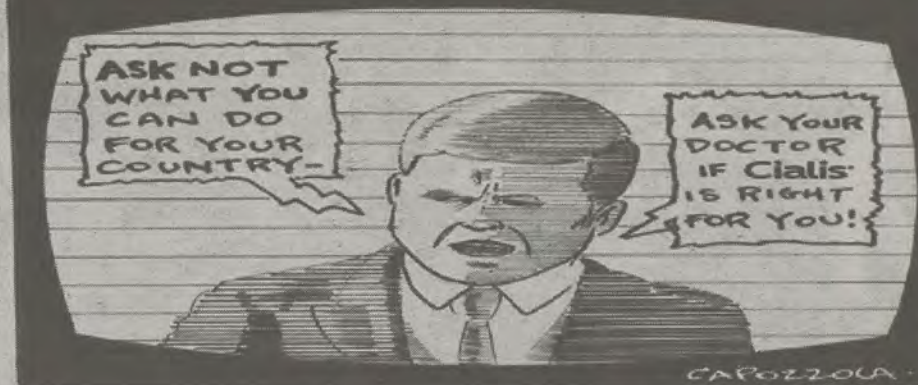


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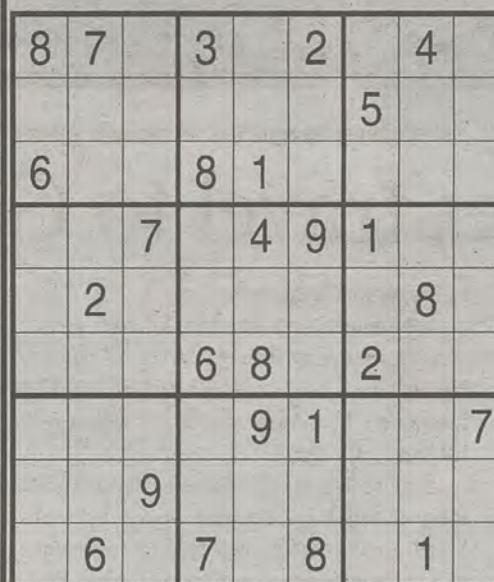
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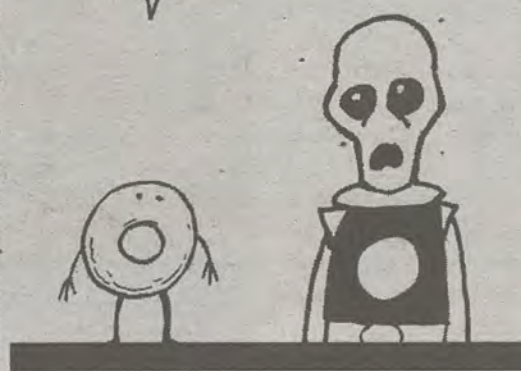
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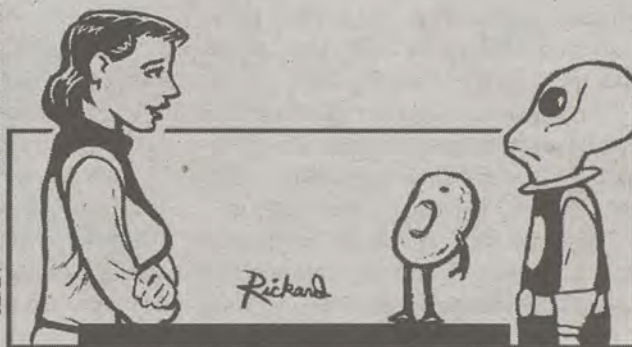
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GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLES AT GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS - APRIL 7-9



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Senior A.J. Wirnsberger gets a hit in the Feb. 25 game against Georgia Tech. The teams split the series at J.I. Clements Stadium.

No. 26 Eagles travel to Georgia Tech

By GSU News Service

Heading into a key week of road games, Georgia Southern Baseball will do so with the program's first regular season national-ranking since 1996. The Eagles were ranked 26th in the latest Collegiate Baseball poll released Monday.

Georgia Southern ranked as high as seventh during the 1996 season, and was preseason ranked heading into the '97 campaign but dropped its first six games that year. According to head coach Rodney Hennon the recognition is nice but his team has an important stretch of games ahead.

"Earning the national ranking is great recognition for our program. We have an important road trip starting this week against very good programs," said Hennon. "We just have to stay focused on the next game and see if we can continue the momentum from last week."

The Eagles will face another nationally-ranked team this week, two games at ninth-ranked Georgia Tech. Tuesday's game is a scheduled 6 p.m. first pitch with Wednesday's slated for 4 p.m.

The Eagles (21-7 overall) are coming off a three-game sweep of Southern Conference rival College of Charleston last weekend, improving

to 17-3 at J.I. Clements Stadium.

Sophomore right-handers Michael Hester and Andy Moyer are slated to start on the mound. Hester owns a 2-0 record with 8.76 ERA in 12.1 innings pitched. Moyer stands 3-0 with a 6.88 ERA in 35.1 innings.

Senior catcher Griffin Benedict not only leads the team with his .410 batting average, but ranks fourth among the SoCon leaders. He also ranks first in the league getting hit by 13 pitches. Philip Porter is next batting at a .355 clip, scoring a team-leading 32 runs while driving in 20.

GSU enters the week posting a .315 team batting average, Southern Conference-leading .976 fielding percentage and 5.18 ERA. Early in the season the Eagles split their two-game home series against the Yellow Jackets, winning 6-5 but falling in game two 5-3.

Tech enters the series with a .313 team batting average, .964 fielding percentage and 4.26 ERA. The Yellow Jackets dropped 2-of-3 last weekend against North Carolina.

Right-hander Brandon Cumpton (0-0, 6.75 ERA) and left-hander Jed Bradley (1-1, 3.86) are scheduled to start, respectively. Luke Murton owns a team-leading .366 batting average with 28 runs scored and 24 RBI.

just the basics

SCOUTING REPORT

Georgia Tech is currently ranked no. 9 nationally, falling from a no. 3 ranking last week.

This is largely due to the Jackets losing their series this past weekend by then fifth ranked (now in third) North Carolina. It was the first series that GT has dropped this season (two games to one).

The team is currently 19-6, with a 9-4 Atlantic Coastal Conference (ACC) record. They are also 13-3 at home.

The Eagles are coming off their impressive weekend sweep of College of Charleston at J.I. Clements Stadium.

GSU also has a strong home record, going 17-3 in the familiar Statesboro atmosphere. However, the Eagles have struggled this season on the road, with a 4-4 away record.

AT A GLANCE

2009 overall record: 19-6

2009 Conf. Record 9-4

2008 overall record: 41-21

Starters returning: 7

Pitchers returning: 4

Returning letter winners: 21

DID YOU KNOW?

Georgia Southern and Georgia Tech met in February when GT was ranked eighth.

The Yellow Jackets have remained ranked during the season since then, topping out at third.

GAME WEATHER



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Low: 30-44°

Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Poll

1.	Arkansas	(22-6)
2.	Arizona St.	(23-5)
3.	North Carolina	(24-7)
4.	Louisiana St.	(23-8)
5.	Georgia	(25-5)
6.	Rice	(21-7)
7.	U.C. Irvine	(19-8)
8.	Cal. St. Fullerton	(20-7)
9.	Georgia Tech	(19-6)
10.	Miami (FL)	(23-8)
11.	Virginia	(26-5)
12.	Oklahoma	(25-7)
13.	Baylor	(20-8)
14.	Texas	(20-8)
15.	Mississippi	(22-8)
16.	Cal Poly	(21-7)
17.	Oregon St.	(18-6)
18.	Texas Christian	(19-9)
19.	Coastal Carolina	(24-7)
20.	Oklahoma St.	(21-10)
26.	Georgia Southern	(21-7)

* Source: Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Poll - Div. I (baseballnews.com)

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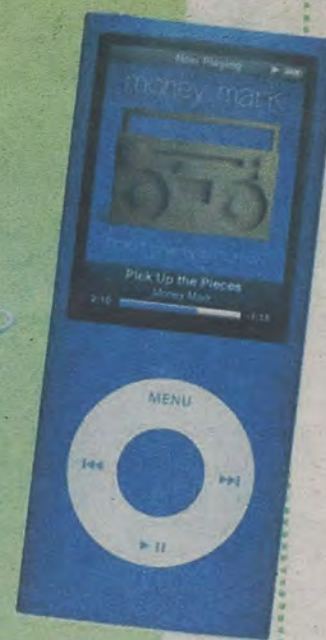
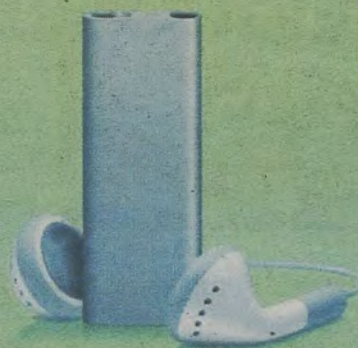
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Blue shuts out White, 31-0, in spring game



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Tight end Tyler Sumner makes the grab on one of his two touchdowns on Saturday.

Thom's Top Five

5 - Tyler Sumner - A red-shirt freshman who nobody knew heading into this game, he is 6'2, 210 pounds. His route running was impressive, getting behind defenders well and positioning himself for the quarterback to make an easy pass. He caught two touchdowns that seemed out of his reach, making it look easy. He lined up as an inside receiver time-to-time, but showed tight end characteristics to his style. He could be a gem and red-zone threat for this offense.

4 - Tavaris Williams - Another player not too many have heard of, yet. Williams is a 5'11 linebacker from Lowndes County who has playmaking ability written all over him. Williams recorded five tackles for the white team, so he was facing a majority of the offensive starters. Everywhere the ball went, Williams was there. Williams attacked the gaps aggressively and wrapped up well.

3 - Leander Barney & Nick Kyles - Barney seemed to like the transition from running back to wide receiver. He is a dangerous runner in the open field, and he ran the screen pretty solidly. Nick Kyles didn't stand out on the stat sheet, but his style of play impressed me. Kyles seemed very aware of the field, which is a quarterback's best friend on third down situations. Kyles had good positioning on his defenders and separates himself well when the ball is in the air. If he could focus on the ball better as it gets to his hands, he could be a crucial part of this team's aerial success.

2 - Harland Bower - His three sacks definitely made him stand out, but there is more. He seems to have a pretty solid leadership role on the defense, and the fact that he is on the defensive line is a plus. He penetrated the gaps extremely well and showed a burst of speed to get to the quarterback.

1 - Lee Chapple - This will be Chapple's first year as the full-time starter. He had an impressive day throwing over 200 passing yards and two touchdowns. His leadership and confidence sets him apart from other quarterbacks. He has the accuracy to hit receivers in the best spot possible and the perfect amount of touch when lobbing it over defenders. He seems to have a full understanding of the plays and runs them well. He reads the field well, looking at various options and delivers quickly.

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Saturday's Blue vs. White Spring Game was an overall successful day for the Georgia Southern football program. The blue team (mostly starters) defeated the white team, 31-0. Although we haven't seen the full picture, Saturday gave Eagle fans a peek at which direction this program is headed going into the fall.

"A lot of the plays we called were mainly base stuff," said Head Coach Chris Hatcher. "They were plays that a lot of our guys knew well, where they didn't have to think much so I could get a good evaluation on them."

Lee Chapple was behind center for the blue team a majority of the game. Chapple completed 26 of 35 passes, threw for 247 yards and tossed two touchdowns.

"Coming into this year I think I have to bring confidence, leadership and consistency," said Chapple. "I think we started off slow, but once we got rolling, we got confident in each other and started making plays."

One play was a 34 yard touchdown to ex-half back Leander Barney, who moved to play the x-slot as a receiver this year.

"I told Coach Hatcher I would go from receiver to defensive line if it helps our team," claimed Barney. "I just want to do what is good for the team and help us win."

Barney was not the only receiver who stood out. Red-shirt freshman Tyler Sumner had a breakout game, catching two touchdown passes over his head, one of which was a one handed grab.

"I think we (blue team offense) looked pretty

good today," said Barney. "It's like Coach Hatcher says, there are still things we need to work on and get better. Overall though, I think we did real well. The quarterbacks threw the ball well and the running backs ran the ball hard. It was fun."

The running back position for the blue team was a rotation of carries between veteran Adam Urbano and freshman Darreion Robinson, who loves his new team.

"It feels good to come down here to a football town," said Robinson. "It was a good crowd out here for a spring game. It feels like they were real supportive so I could get used to this."

Robinson's speed in the backfield can help contribute to a dangerous ground game. Robinson seemed to compliment Urbano's smash attack style, which could give opposing defenses two styles of rushing to defend.

The defensive picture became clearer as well. For any questions about the defensive line, Harland Bower might be the answer. The defensive end recorded three sacks in the game and helped the blue team achieve a shutout.

"I want to bring leadership, tackles and sacks," said Bower. "Defense starts with the line. If we don't get a pass rush, we'll put the guys behind us in a bad spot. We just got to work hard every day to get that pass rush. We need to work on some red-zone stuff but I felt we (defense) got after it today. We are definitely headed in the right direction."

Overall, the game was a success, but there is still a lot of time between now and August. However, the Eagles seem to be soaring in the right direction. The confidence these guys have shown in themselves and each other can help this team achieve success come fall.



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Darreion Robinson continues the new tradition of tapping Erk Russell's bust before taking the field.