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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS

Operation 'Statesboro Blues' yields 34 local indictments

Compiled by Staff

Assault rifles and shotguns were among over 96 guns recovered in Statesboro after a recent undercover operation that lead to 34 indictments by grand jury against 60 defendants.

The operation -- dubbed "Statesboro Blues" -- netted a total of 425 counts related primarily to firearm and drug offenses.

"This undercover operation was highly successful and is a prime example of exceptional cooperation between federal and local law enforcement in addressing violent crime and gang related activities in this community," said United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia Edmund Booth in a statement from his office.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) initiated the investigation in the summer of 2008 in conjunction with the Statesboro Police Department.

Later, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, United States Secret Service, and the Multi-Agency Crack Enforcement Drug Task Force of Hinesville, Ga., joined in the operation, bringing additional resources and personnel to assist in the effort.

Booth noted that ATF undercover agents made contacts with multiple suspects, several of them associated with local street gangs, and purchased illegal drugs and firearms.



Special Photo

GSU talks green: Conversations in Campus Sustainability begin Friday

By: Ally Rakoczy
Staff Writer

Students, faculty, and staff will now have the opportunity to be a part of discussions concerning the university's sustainability and environmental initiatives in the new "Conversations in Campus Sustainability."

Beginning this Friday, the Office of Sustainability in the College of Science and Technology and the Department of Environmental Safety Services will be co-sponsoring two discussions on campus and university sustainability.

The first session will be on Friday in Russell Union room 2048 from 12

p.m. to 1p.m.

Steve Watkins, energy manager for Georgia Southern, will make a short presentation on the different energy initiatives that are being taken by the university.

Watkins will then lead a discussion for participants to voice their concerns, opinions, and ideas.

"It's an opportunity to share back and forth between the people running the physical part of the university and those using the physical part, including the faculty and students," said Lissa Legee, Director of the Office of Sustainability.

"The goal is to get a good dialogue

going about what some of the issues might be and how we might creatively work towards improved sustainability," said Legee.

Legee cites the discussions as an opportunity for people to get more involved with the operational side of campus.

"There might be someone on staff with a great experience or idea, or they did something that worked well that we don't know about, so this is a chance for everyone to have that interaction and get some good ideas on how to make our campus more sustainable," said Legee.

The second session will be on

Thursday, April 23 in Russell Union room 2080 from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. and will feature Chuck Taylor, campus landscape planner.

Taylor will lead the discussion regarding the university grounds and future landscaping plans.

While there will only be two sessions initially, Legee hopes to expand the discussions in the future.

"We'd like to start a series of this sort of thing next year to go through the whole year if people are interested and if it seems to be a productive event," said Legee.

For more information on sustainability, contact Lisa Legee.

NEWS

GSU alumni dies in a car crash caused by speeding on Monday in Augusta.

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Kathy Kennedy/STAFF

Matt Shoemaker poses with Teresa Thompson after winning Student Worker of the Year.

Student Worker of the Year ceremony honors students

By Ally Rakoczy

Staff writer

In a short ceremony in the Russell Union on Wednesday, student workers were honored for their hard work throughout the year.

Sponsored by the Office of Financial Aid, with the support of Teresa Thompson, vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, the program honored seventeen students nominated from various departments on campus. Of those seventeen, one winner was chosen.

A panel of faculty members created the criteria for selection. There were five areas the panel focused on, including reliability, quality of work, and professionalism.

"Students are the lifeblood of any university, and they contribute so much to our university's success...we could not operate this campus without the students," said Thompson in her opening remarks.

After awarding sixteen of the seventeen nominees with framed certificates, Thompson announced the winner of Student Worker of the Year.

The winner, junior accounting major Matt Shoemaker, was nominated through the Office of Admissions and was met by huge applause

upon the announcement.

"Matt deserved this award, because he's taken on a lot of additional duties this past year since we've been short on staff. He's implemented different programs, works with other students, and keeps them informed, and while those he works with are his peers, he truly has their respect," said Torri Williams, administrative assistant for Orientation in the Office of Admissions.

Williams was, in large part, responsible for nominating Shoemaker and was visibly excited by the announcement.

Williams went on to add that Shoemaker not only had the respect of the staff and his peers, but he also has a great deal of understanding for the vision of Georgia Southern University.

"He understands...that if we're not affecting students, then we aren't doing our job," said Williams.

With a prize of \$100 and a plaque of recognition, Shoemaker was a humble recipient.

"It feels good! The hundred dollars is nice. Maybe one day I'll have a cool office to hang [the plaque] in," said Shoemaker.

"I think it's really important to honor our students and the work our students do on this campus...this is really a celebration of how good our students are and all that they contribute to the university," said Thompson.

POLICE BEAT

Monday, April 13, 2009

Officers assisted one agency, assisted nine motorists and investigated one accident.

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

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

A fence was damaged at Eagle Village.

A projector was taken from the Russell Union.

A book bag was taken from the Henderson Library.

Alumni dies in crash

By Shannon Knepp

News Editor

A Georgia Southern alumni was killed in a car crash in Appling, Ga., on Monday afternoon.

23-year-old Ida Scott was on her way home when the crash happened.

"She was traveling west in her Nissan Maxima on [Rey Owens Road] when her car [went off] the curve," said Captain Steve Morris of the Columbia County Police Department.

When Scott tried to correct, her car overcorrected and she struck a pine tree.

"She was dead on the scene," Morris said.

Scott was the only person in her car.

According to Augusta's news station, WRDW, Scott was a special education teacher at Grovertown Middle School. She had just announced her engagement and was going to be married in June.

Scott was a Special Education major at GSU and an Alpha Delta Pi at GSU when she attended.

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Sustaining life can mean many things

Sustainability is a term that is spoken regularly on the Georgia Southern campus. In fact, several organizations exist at GSU that are dedicated to helping fulfil the need for sustaining this corner of the world.

These organizations such as SAGE have fought tirelessly to bring new ideas to this area in hopes of saving our world for future generations.

There are, however, an entire group of unsung heroes among us that have worked toward a different angle of sustainability by helping combat disease and famine both here and abroad. These groups are fighting to save this generation as well. You may even be one of them.

In the last month, groups such as local fraternities have worked to raise money for cures to numerous diseases while other groups such as STAND have worked toward bettering the conditions in Darfur.

On a local end, the annual Relay for Life is coming up soon to continue the

fight to cure cancer.

It goes to show that there are several ways to get involved in the effort to sustain our world, and they may not always fall under the standard definition of sustainability used today.

It's not only about changing lifestyles, but also changing lives and saving them.

Members of organizations on our campus have proven that by spending tireless hours doing what they can to bring a new cure to disease and peace to those that they may never even meet.

The important thing for students to remember is that there are so many different facets to the fight for global sustainability that there is bound to be at least one out there that each individual student feels passionate about.

All it takes is determination and most students wouldn't be at Georgia Southern if that wasn't already a strong trait in them.

Submission of Letters to the Editor

The George-Anne Daily welcomes letters to the editor, story submissions and guest columns. All copy submitted should be 350 words or less, typed, and sent via e-mail in Microsoft Word format to gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu or via facebook to Claire Gallam. All submissions must be signed and include phone number for verification. GSU students should include their academic major, year at GSU, and hometown. The editors reserve the right to edit or reject any submission.

Ally takes on the RAC: Week 6



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

The Bosu, resistance ropes, bouncy balls, dumbbells, barbells, mats, steps, risers, and water—lots and lots of water.

These were just some of the equipment we used in the latest class I took on—Southern Sculpt.

And then there was Amanda. Oh peppy, encouraging Amanda. She tried so hard to tell me

(or rather the class) that we could do it! Just one more! No just two more! Ok, eight more!

While Amanda was friendly and energetic, I found myself cussing under my breath for a good deal of the exercises—not at her, of course, but at my body, which seemed to be protesting more and more with each exercise.

Please just try and picture this: A 5'0 blonde girl (insert clumsy and uncoordinated whenever possible) standing with one leg on a Bosu, one leg on the floor, a barbell on her back; attempting to do several sets of squats.

Keep in mind this Bosu is, actually, very bouncy.

Needless to say, I was teetering and tottering all over the place with those beginning exercises.

The next item on the agenda of this workout (are you still picturing this?) was arm exercises—

on the Bosu bouncy thing. At this point, I was struggling already, but I huffed and puffed my way through the exercises.

By the time we were done my arms were Jell-O, but I felt pretty good.

Ok. Now here's where it gets really funny. Picture this: take one, medium intensity resistance band, one step thing, and add one very clumsy girl, and you have one of the exercises that really killed me.

While peppy, friendly instructor Amanda counted and encouraged, I struggled to coordinate my legs with the resistance band.

With the band snugly secured under the aerobic step thing and the toes of my shoes squeezed into the handles of the band, we proceeded to do leg lifts, pulls, stretches, and everything else imaginable with this little piece of rubber.

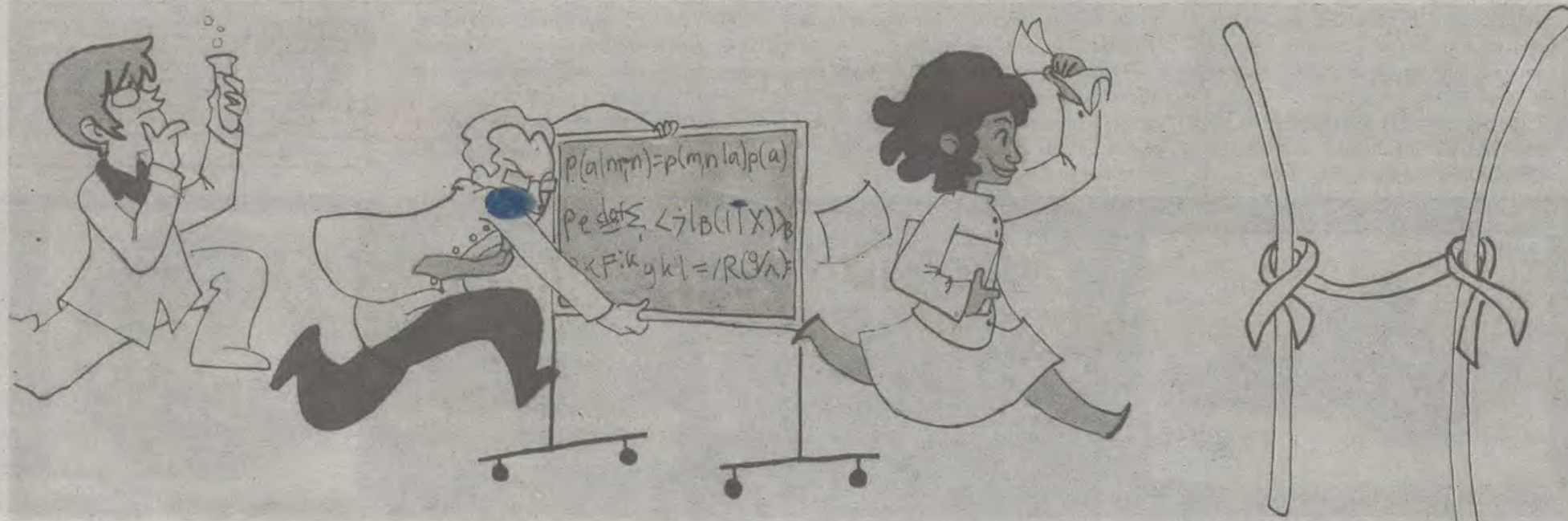
Finally, we got ourselves on the ball (literally) and did some ab work. It wasn't so bad until, once again, the Bosu came out. While balancing my hips precariously on the side of the Bosu, we lifted, twisted, and bent our oblique muscles into submission.

After sweating, cussing, and painfully aching my way through the class, our instructor ended it with simple stretches.

Surprisingly enough, while my body fought its way through the class, I actually felt really good at the end of the class.

The consensus? The more the class makes you cuss, the better it must be.

Visit gadaily.com to vote on what you think the most stressful part of the end of the semester is on our updated poll.



OPINIONS cont...

Oh, the times, they are a-changin'



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

Can you believe the semester is almost over?

I'm trying to wrap my head around the whole idea, because it sure does not feel like it to me.

I don't know about you, but there are a bunch of little projects and a few large chores that have to be dealt with before I can start

thinking about summer.

Unfortunately, we do not have a choice in the matter, and it will be here before we know it.

As I begin to think about the year that was and the year that is to come, I recognize that I will begin my senior year of college in the fall.

Class of 2010 students, if you were a Johnson, Winburn, or Oliff survivor, you know that a lot has changed since we came to campus three years ago. Hell, where we once lived is now a megadorm, even over our parking spots.

When we came into college, the job market looked semi-healthy, and it was a good time to be going into the marketplace.

This is no longer the case, as we are all well aware. A recent article in The Guardian stated the United States economy is deflating for the first time in half a century.

Yes, there are a lot of changes going on, and as such, I cannot imagine how it feels to be

graduating in May.

Several of my friends are opting to continue their education through graduate school, while others are going into temp jobs to pay their bills.

Many are not necessarily getting what they wanted, but still demand a place somewhere in society.

This week, the Regents System of Georgia decided to end four-year guaranteed rates and change "full-time" designation from 12 to 15 hours.

While both were business decisions, I think about the incoming freshmen (such as my baby sister), whose opportunities will be changing.

Some of them are good, such as permanently being in our new library, while others are limiting to students.

In the "land of opportunity," I wonder if these changes will further limit families from attending Higher Education institutions.

Will a College Education once again become something only accessible to the most elite members of our society?

When average people struggle to pay their bills, let alone purchasing goods and services, the Arts and Education seem to be the first places we tend to cut. It becomes more important to cover these expenditures, instead of adding to them.

It won't matter for me, though; I've been grandfathered in as I came in on the guaranteed tuition plan. In the meantime, I have a few tests on my plate, so I can graduate next year with a valuable degree.

Sharon 09
Willy Kent Staker



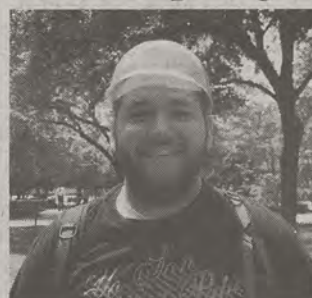
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What is your favorite Springtime activity?

Man on the street



Erin Webb
Senior nutrition major
"I love being able to run outdoors again."



Kyle Jeffries
Junior communication studies major
"I like throwing frisbees—I'm pumped about that."



Steven Baird
Senior criminal justice major
"I like chasing bananas and frisbee."



Alexandria Parker-Robrosin & Chaquita Davis
Senior broadcasting & fashion merchandising major
"I love shopping, being outside and laying by the pool."



WEEKLY BUZZ

Monday, April 20th

Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority and Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society are please to invite the campus and community to "Planning your Financial Future" on Monday, April 20th at 7:00 pm in the Russell Union Theater. Dr. Tony Barilla, Associate Professor of Economics, will discuss during his presentation the current economic issues and how these issues effect college students; ways to make smart financial decisions while in college; and how to prepare for the future in college and beyond. The lecture is free to all who attend.

Tuesday, April 21st

ASIAN MARKET - 11 am-2 pm ~ Russell Union Rotunda - Rain Site Russell Union Commons. Join the Asian Experience as we celebrate Asian Cultures. Enjoy food tasting, demonstrations, and music!

Gay-Straight Alliance Meetings - Tuesdays at 7:30pm in RU #2084 on the following dates: April 21 and possibly May 5

Thursday, April 23rd

First Amendment Free Food Festival 11-1 p.m. Student Media Plaza

General Announcements

Want to motivate? Want to lead? Want to INSPIRE?

Are you a motivated student leader interested in consulting Georgia Southern student organizations? Are you interested in creating a relationship between collegiate leaders and high school leaders to enhance and maintain leadership skills and abilities? Do you want to INSPIRE? If so, you should be a member of the INSPIRE team! To apply, visit the Student Employment website or call the Office of Student Leadership & Civic Engagement for details!

Office of Student Leadership & Civic Engagement, Russell Union 2024
leader@georgiasouthern.edu (912) 478-1435

Alternative May Break Trip 2009 is coming!! This trip, sponsored by the Office of Student Leadership & Civic Engagement, will be to Give Kids the World in Kissimmee, FL from May 10-15th. The cost is \$75, which includes lodging, transportation, and most of the food. Participants will be helping to run the Give Kids the World Resort, which grants the wish of terminally ill children who want to go to Disney World. The work may be: driving trains, running carousels, coordinating carriage rides, helping in the dining hall, playing in the castle, and some maintenance work at the resort.

Applications for the trip will be available April 6th in the Office of Student Leadership & Civic Engagement (RU 2022) and will be due on Friday, April 17th. Any questions can be directed to Candace at ch01505-gw@georgiasouthern.edu or by calling 478-1435.

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Statesboro holds annual therapeutic fishing rodeo

By Kelsey Decker

Guest writer

Statesboro's annual therapeutic fishing rodeo, a two-day event open to all of the Bulloch County special education classes and the Bulloch County High Hope residents, this week at Mill Creek Regional Park, began yesterday and concludes today.

The rodeo, organized by the Statesboro-Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Department, is an event designed especially for members of Bulloch County with special needs.

"The fishing rodeo started in the 1950s but was open to the general public," Special Events Coordinator Shelley Salter said. "From what we can tell, it evolved into a therapeutic fishing rodeo around 1978."

Rodeo participants pay \$3 to fish in the competition, with awards given at the end of the rodeo for the most fish caught, the most unusual fish, the largest fish and the smallest fish. After fishing, the fish are returned to the pond, and participants may take part in the hotdog lunch at the park.

"Participants always have a great time at the rodeo," Salter said.

GSU helps with the rodeo by providing volunteers. "We have many college students who come out to help," Salter said. "It's a great opportunity for them to help out in the community and spend some time with children with special needs."

Dr. Willie Burden's sport management class is one group that volunteers for the rodeo.

"The students enjoy working with the kids because they are so appreciative of their efforts," he said. "Besides, as a class, we learn something new about management or operations with each activity."

The experience students receive from the volunteer work is beneficial to expanding upon what is taught in the classroom.

"Our majors are constantly seeking out opportunities outside the classroom setting to both serve the community and to gain work-related experience that would ultimately assist their career aspirations," Burden said. "The projects have been great for making industry contacts and resume building."

Other groups that volunteered to ensure the rodeo was successful were the Southern Bass Anglers and Southeast Bulloch High School's Future Farmers of America.



Special Photo

Statesboro's fishing rodeo, an annual event for disabled children, concludes today.

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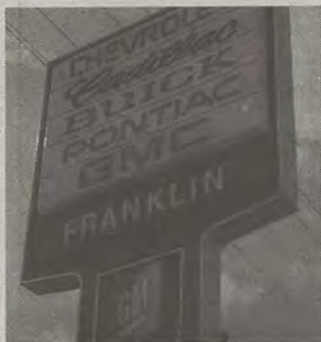
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Come Out And Support Us!!!

Freaky Friday Radio comes to Statesboro

By Ben Carroll
Staff Writer

Freaky Friday Radio is now being broadcast in the Statesboro and surrounding areas each Friday night at 11 p.m. on the WIIZ station channel 97.9.

Freaky Friday Radio is a controversial radio station that focuses on the "issues that are of importance to the black and Latino communities," according to freakyfridayradio.com. The broadcast is hosted by Dumary Louis and Naja.

"The show started off on the Internet five years ago; then it was picked up by Antigua, and it spread around the world," said Louis. "We currently have 12 stations around the world."

Including places in the United States, this broadcast is aired in the Netherlands, Antigua, Aruba, the Virgin Islands, Grenada, Trinidad, and Ghana. The main purpose of Freaky Friday broadcast in this area is to give the people "a wake-up call."

This program is never the same and the flow of the show depends on how Louis and Naja are feeling that night, said Louis.

Sometimes, celebrities get on the show to talk about the issues, but not to sell their music. "I don't want celebrities to come on my show to sell their music," said Louis. Usually, they take phone calls in the beginning and, according to Louis, they don't play a lot of music or it will be different types. When Louis was talking about his show on April 10, he says, "I'm going to play a song tonight that no one has heard before."

"I like to describe my show as CPR; Captivating and Provocative Radio," said Louis. "It gives a person something he can't get anywhere else." The show airs every Friday from 11 p.m. - 12 a.m.

According to Louis, whenever the station goes to a new place, he likes to visit the "hood" spots of the area and hang out with the people. He likes to give some of the people his number so they will call in the show and give some shout-outs. He plans on visiting southeastern Georgia at some point.

"This show is a combination of the Colbert Report, Howard Stern, and Dave Chappelle mixed into one," said Louis. "It's the Liquid Laxative for a Friday Night before people go out and while they are out."

Search for Wellness Ambassadors underway

By Ally Rakoczy
Staff Writer

The University Wellness Program is looking to expand its involvement within the student body with its newest initiative, Wellness Ambassadors. The ambassadors will work with the University Wellness Program to promote wellness, educate students, and assist with wellness programming.

"We're looking at initially starting off with somewhere between 15 and 25 and, down the road we hope that it will get up to 30 or 40," said Nigel Davies, the University Wellness Program Director.

According to Davies said, the program will eventually work closely with the advisory board to form committees and subcommittees.

The search for Wellness Ambassadors began when the staff saw a gap in communication with students for wellness and educational program.

"We were looking at the University Wellness Program as faculty, staff, and students, and the difficulty we were encountering was contacting students about it. We wanted to get a better way of communicating and integrating into the student population about getting more involved and learning how to be well," explained Davies.

Davies went on to add that the program's goal is to make Georgia Southern a leader in wellness education by using positive university experiences

to enhance students' wellness.

The program is also hoping to give the Wellness Ambassadors projects and responsibilities, such as helping with the Live Well Fair each year. Davies said he hopes that, with the help of the ambassadors, the program will make the fair more dynamic and creative.

"We've got a lot of new ideas to implement, and we also thought [being a] Wellness Ambassador would be a great leadership opportunity. Hopefully we'll identify smaller projects in which to be involved in," said Davies.

The opportunities will not stop at the Live Well Fair either.

"We have no boundaries on where they'll go. We'll hopefully get them involved in SOAR and perhaps have them coming to some of the recruitment fairs down the line," said Davies.

He also stressed that they want the ambassadors to get involved in educating faculty and staff and get involved in the community service. Davies said there are many opportunities within the position to be creative and build leadership. Additionally, the first members will have the opportunity to frame out the constitution and shape the direction of the ambassadors.

For more information or for an application, visit <http://welcome.georgiasouthern.edu/wellness/ambassador.html>. Applications are due April 17.

CALENDAR

Thursday, April 16, 2009

Time: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Event: Forestry Program
Location: Nessmith Lane Southern Ballroom

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Event: Public Health Day
Location: Russell Union Ballroom

Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Event: Rockin' with the K's
Location: Russell Union 2080

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Event: Brown Bag Series
Location: Russell Union 2073

Time: 4 - 5 p.m.
Event: Faculty Forum-Presidential Search
Location: Russell Union 2084

Time: 6 - 8 p.m.
Event: Singers of the United Lands
Location: Russell Union Ballroom

Friday, April 17, 2009

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Event: Conversation Hour
Location: Russell Union Ballroom C

Time: 12 - 1 p.m.
Event: Sustainability Brown Bag Lunch
Location: Russell Union 2048

Time: 12- 5 p.m.
Event: Project Adrian
Location: IT 2201, 2202, 2203, 2205, 2207

Time: 5 - 7 p.m.
Event: Global Scoops
Location: Sweetheart Circle

Saturday, April 18, 2009

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Event: GOP 12th District Convention
Location: Nessmith Lane Building

Time: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Event: Main Street Farmers Market
Location: Main Street Statesboro

Sunday, April 19, 2009

Time: 4 - 7 p.m.
Event: Up 'Till Dawn Meeting
Location: Russell Union 2054

Time: 5 - 9 p.m.
Event: NAACP Talent Show
Location: Russell Union Ballroom

Time: 6 - 9 p.m.
Event: CRI Awards Banquet
Location: Nessmith Lane Ballroom

Monday, April 20, 2009

Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Event: Illiteracy in America
Location: Russell Union 2047

Time: 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Event: Beyond the Basics of Ebay
Location: Nessmith Lane 2905

Time: 7 - 8 p.m.
Event: Plan Your Future
Location: Russell Union Theatre

Time: 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Event: Mad Mondays
Location: Retrievers

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Time: 12 - 2 p.m.
Event: Brown Bag Series
Location: Russell Union 2080

Time: 3:30- 4:45 p.m.
Event: Edge 1000
Location: Russell Union 2052

Time: 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Event: Purposed to Worship
Location: Russell Union 2042

Time: 6 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Event: Karaoke & Trivia
Location: Retrievers

Time: 7 - 11 p.m.
Event: Commissioned II Love
Location: Russell Union 2041

Barilla to give talk on financial future

By Abbey Lennon

Guest writer

Georgia Southern University will offer a talk called "Planning your Financial Future," on Tuesday, April 20, in the Russell Union Theater at 7 p.m.

Anthony G. Barilla, Associate Professor of Economics and undergraduate coordinator of economics, will emphasize how to spend wisely within a budget and some aspects of overspending will also be addressed, he said. Barilla will address students' awareness to Social Security and the looming dangers of bankruptcy which is one thing Barilla says students should be aware of most.

"Students need to understand how to budget within their means and not to go outside of what they can afford," he said, "this is why our economy is in a slump right now."

According to the American Counsel on Consumer Interest, ACCI, college students have access to one or more credit cards, but this can be dangerous if not managed properly.

"How students manage their credit affects not only their financial life during college but also after graduation as employers, creditors,

insurers, and others review their credit reports to make decisions."

The ACCI also offers reasons why, if budget management is not a priority, students can sometimes feel like there is no other way out of debt.

"Without a support system, students may perform poorly, drop out, or delay graduation to cope with financial problems. Difficulties repaying accumulated college debt can lead to financial problems after college, including student loan default," said the ACCI.

These are all reasons according to the counsel, that students should find ways to plan their financial future. Barilla will suggest tips on how to avoid these kinds of complications when leaving college to begin their careers. ACCI offers "tool-kits" to help students make a plan and realize their financial situations before it is too late.

Barilla encourages students to come to the Information Technology building on Wednesday, April 21 with the economics club for the viewing of the movie "I.O.U.S.A.," which will discuss aspects of financial planning beneficial to students just starting out.

Students are encouraged to attend this talk by Barilla because awareness and action can keep students from financial ruin in the future.



Chris Buchanan/STAFF

NEW PRESIDENT SWORN IN AT SGA BANQUET

The Student Government Association said their goodbyes to this year's executive board Wednesday night while honoring the work of several individual members. The event was attended by numerous campus officials including GSU President Bruce Grube who had a top award renamed in his honor during the ceremony. The night was punctuated by the swearing-in of new SGA President Samantha Young by out-going President Brandon Cook.



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Georgia Southern Planetarium participates in International Year of Astronomy

By Anthony Viscintainer

Guest writer

This Friday, the Georgia Southern Planetarium will be hosting a presentation on galaxies and the distant universe.

Dr. Clayton Heller, an associate professor here at Georgia Southern, will be giving the presentation.

Afterwards, the Planetarium staff and volunteers will have telescopes set up outside for visitors.

The telescopes will be aimed at the Whirlpool Galaxy and Saturn, which should be visible if the weather is clear enough. Saturn's rings are just coming back into view after 15 years of being invisible from Earth due to Saturn's position in Orbit.

This event is part of the Georgia Southern Planetarium's participation in the international year of Astronomy.

In 2007, the UN declared that 2009 would be the International Year of Astronomy (IYA).

The IYA is also a celebration of the 400th anniversary of Galileo's first look into a telescope, a step that many consider to be one of the most important in exploring the universe beyond our

planet.

The United States, along with 139 other nations, is working around the globe to raise interest in astronomy and the universe.

To do its part here at Georgia Southern, the Planetarium will be hosting an event on the first Friday of every month this year. The event on Friday is part of this monthly lineup.

"We're just really excited to be doing this... it's wonderful to be able to share our passion with everyone. There's just so much space out there waiting to be discovered," Says Rebecca Lowder, the Assistant Planetarium Director.

Other than the telescopes, there will be a number of activities to participate in after the presentation.

Free sky maps and moon maps will be available, and visitors will be able to construct a model of our galaxy using CD disks.

Admission is free for all ages, and anyone can attend. Presentations will begin at 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm, and if there is an overflow of visitors, Heller will give the presentation a third time at 9:00 pm.

For more information visit the Georgia Southern Planetarium



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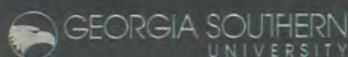
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STAND members chalk the rotunda stage in to highlight this weekend's benefit concert.

STAND hosts concert to benefit civilians in Darfur

By Anthony Viscintainer
Guest writer

This Saturday the 18, the Georgia Southern chapter of STAND will be putting on a concert featuring bands from around the area.

STAND is the student division of the Genocide Intervention Network, and proceeds for the concert will be going to benefit civilians in Darfur, a region in the west of Sudan.

Since 2004, the Sudanese government has been systematically killing Darfurians of the Fur, Massalit, and Zaghwa tribes with the help of the Janjaweds, a militant group based in a rival tribe.

Thus far over 400,000 civilians have been killed, and 2.5 million have been driven from their homes.

The strain created by this refugee migration has affected the neighboring countries of Chad and the Central African Republic.

A UN peacekeeping force has been deployed, but it is lacking in manpower, supplies, and funding.

While the conflict continues, there are signs of progress. The International Criminal Court (ICC) has issued an arrest warrant for President Omar al-Bashir, a sign that other nations are becoming more involved.

In response to the warrant, the Sudanese government has begun expelling organizations like the WHO and UNAMID (The African Union/United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur).

"Most definitely, progress is being made, but it's still far from over," said Hannah Carlan, the president of the STAND chapter at Georgia Southern.

The concert Saturday will feature local bands and artists like Cougar Strike, Mary Hannah, and Craig Waters and Colour Me Encore (formerly known as "Against the Grain").

This is just one of the events that STAND hosts throughout the year.

"This will be part of our annual spring event lineup... it's a way to have fun while supporting a great cause, and it's a great time of the year to come and unwind," said Carlan.

STAND has been largely successful in raising funds, said Carlan.

"Last year we made about \$300. This year, we're aiming for \$500. Last year, we had the concert running from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m... that was way too long. This year, it's going to be from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m."

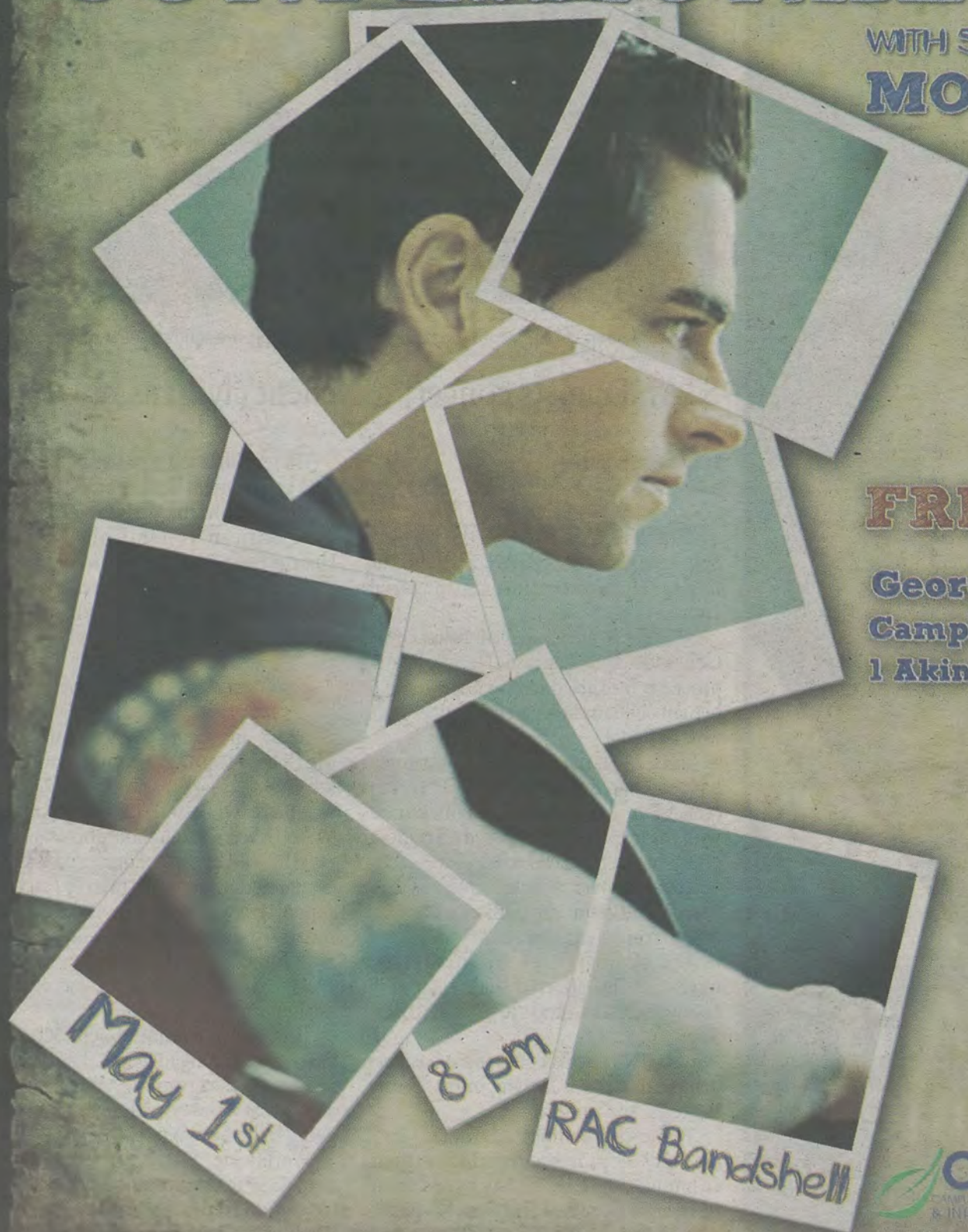
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First Statesboro Film Festival to be held tonight downtown at Averitt Center

By Ben Carroll
Staff writer

Tonight at the Averitt Center for the Arts, Statesboro Film Festival will be hosted from 7-9 p.m.

It is being co-sponsored by the Statesboro Herald and the Averitt Center.

The Film Festival will present 16 short films, ranging from two and a half minutes to seven minutes and 55 seconds. According to Jim Healy, the executive editor of the Statesboro Herald, the plan is for it to last the full two hours.

There will be a reception at 6:30 p.m., where people can eat food and meet the directors.

The ceremony will start with an introduction by the master of ceremonies, Phil Boyum, who, according to statesboro-herald.com, is a city/general assignment reporter for the Statesboro Herald.

The films will be shown in blocks of three, which will add up to about an hour

and ten minutes of actual film total. There will be an intermission during the showing of the films, and it will be catered by Chops restaurant, according to Healy.

Once all 16 films are completed, Matt Bankhead, the organizer of the Film Festival, will announce the judges' award.

"There will be four judges' awards; best editor, best cinematography, best director, and best film," said Healy. "And there will also be the grand prize of winning the voter's choice award. The winner will win a big screen T.V."

The voter's choice award is voted on by anyone who votes online at www.statesborofilmfestival.com, which stopped on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

All 16 episodes can be seen online at the same web site.

According to Healy, the majority of the films are made mostly by students from GSU, and there are a few from the other cities, such as Athens and Savannah. There are still tickets on sale, which can



Special photo

The Statesboro Film Festival will be held at the Averitt Center at 7 tonight.

be purchased at the Averitt Center for \$5 or at the box office.

"This will be a lot of fun and people will be surprised about the quality of the films. These are people who really put time into their films," said Healy. "They

aren't just people who went out in the backyard and filmed something."

If you have questions about the festival, you can call the Averitt Center at (912) 212-2787.

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Eagle Battalion meets other schools at Fort Benning

By Vanessa Stephens

Guest Writer

Eagle Battalion cadets recently spent four days at Ft. Benning in Columbus, Ga. They trained in the rain, in the mud, and without rest. April 2-5 was filled with nonstop action.

The Eagle Battalion was not alone at Fort Benning. They were joined by several other schools from Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and even Puerto Rico. This event was called a Joint Field Training Exercise or JFTX.

Once they arrived at Fort Benning, they immediately separated from each other into well organized companies, platoons, and squads made up of a mixture of cadets from every school. By mixing it up, cadets were able to learn from other schools and train with new people.

There were four companies altogether. Two of them, Charlie and Delta, were made up of newcomers to ROTC. These cadets have only been in the program for a year or two. Their training consisted of a variety of things such as obstacle courses and trying actual parts of the airborne training offered at Fort Benning.

The other two companies, Alpha and Bravo, were made up of cadets who have been in the program for at least three years and are going to Leadership Development Assessment Course (LDAC) this summer. LDAC is basically a month-long camp that tests the abilities of the cadets and determines whether they are ready to commission.

Alpha and Bravo companies went through

training more focused on what they need to know for LDAC. Rusty Vickers, a senior cadet that has completed LDAC, explained that the JFTX was "best experience to prepare them for LDAC and the challenges they will face in that high stress environment."

The first day, Alpha and Bravo cadets proceeded to go through a Leaders Reaction Course. It's a series of different situations where the mission seems impossible. But the point isn't to complete the given task in the allotted twelve minutes, it is to work together and make decisions. Cadet Geiger enjoyed the "interactive way to learn about the people in [his] squad."

Day two started at zero dark-thirty. One group did land navigation while the other did situational training exercises.

On Day three, the groups switched with each other. Land navigation was conducted on a course named "Yankee Road South" because of the main road that runs along the southern boundary. Cadets had five hours to find their given points on a map and on the course. After the sun set, they went out again for three hours to do the same with just a red-lens flashlight to light the way. Because of all the rain the day before, the dirt paths were turned into mud messes. No cadet finished land navigation without getting dirty.

Situational training exercises, or STX, are two-hour exercises in which a squad of cadets must accomplish a mission. One mission could be to set up a well-placed ambush and taking out the enemy. Each squad completed five to six of these



Vanessa Stephens

After a long day of intense training, cadets gathered in a hanger where they were able to get out of the rain and relax before going to sleep.

exercises. Ryan Cutcliffe, a cadet, thought that "it was great to have [graders] that have been to LDAC give us feedback."

The cadets had to march with all of their equipment from one training area to the next. The distance was approximately five kilometers. After each day of training, the cadets were rewarded with a few hours under the stars in their sleeping bags. Their meals were conveniently carried in their

rucksacks. Meals Ready to Eat, or MREs, were the only option but no complaints came from these tired and hungry soldiers.

The final day meant it was time to go home. There were no training events that day, simply a hot meal and a ride home. Of course, the JFTX wouldn't be complete without a little more rain. Just before boarding the buses, cadets were doused with a goodbye from Fort Benning's sky.

Former Georgia Southern graduate returns with Incredible Sandwich



Special Photo

From left: Damian Kapcala, Kevin Juneau, Rackley Davis and Matt McKinney. Incredible Sandwich is a jam-band based out of Athens that will be playing at Dingus McGee's tomorrow night.

By Philip Clements

Features Editor

At first glance, you might think the words "Incredible Sandwich" on the marquee above Dingus McGee's is simply an advertisement for an above average deli creation.

But if you were to poke your head in the doorway (provided the bouncer lets you), you'll be immediately doused with a barrage of tight grooves and psychedelic noodling.

Incredible Sandwich was founded a little over a year ago as a trio, with Matt McKinney on guitar and vocals, Rackley Davis on drums and backing vocals, and Kevin Juneau playing bass.

They kept it a trio for a while, concentrating on developing their voice and getting a feel for each other's style. A little over two months ago, they decided to add a fourth member and recruited Damian Kapcala, a classically trained pianist, to take them to the next level.

Guitarist and principle songwriter Matt McKinney is a former Georgia Southern student, having graduated only two years ago. "It's always nice to come back and see old friends," he said. "Every time we play Statesboro, it's a special show for sure. I'd play there every week if I could."

About their sound, McKinney quickly stated, "I don't like putting genres on things I like. If it's good, I like it. If it's not good, I don't like it."

What separates Incredible Sandwich from other bands playing around town is their dedication to musical growth. "The biggest challenge we have is to always keep it new, always keep it fresh," said McKinney. "We want each show to be a whole new venture. We don't want to do the same thing twice."

Incredible Sandwich will play at Dingus McGee's tomorrow night, April 17 at 10:00 p.m. to help spread the word on their upcoming EP, which is slated to hit the racks on April 21. Just remember "Incredible Sandwich" means "good music."

Green River Ordinance fails to innovate

By Will Ofray
Guest Writer

Green River Ordinance, a Fort Worth, Texas pop/rock band, released their album "Out of My Hands" through Virgin Records on February 24th.

For this album, their first with Virgin Records, but their second overall, the band teamed up with three producers who've worked with such acts as Maroon 5, 3 Doors Down, and Gavin DeGraw. Solely the band's five members, however, did the song writing.

The band's music is very obviously influenced by mid-to-late 90s alternative rock bands like Matchbox 20 and Third Eye Blind. The album's 11 tracks are all radio-friendly, single-ready, songs about unrequited love, broken relationships, and life as a young adult seeking purpose. Most of these songs sound Top-40 bound.

They take their name from a law that prohibits door-to-door solicitations on private property, first enacted in Green River, Wyo.

As an unsigned band in Texas, they opened for Bon Jovi and several other big name artists. The band's five members all come from very musical backgrounds, with parents who supported their passion for music as children. By all accounts they are determined to be successful in today's music

industry, and to that effect they are extremely focused on making music. They seem to hold the fringe benefits of success in low regard.

The album's sound doesn't vary much over the course of the record. It has a very generic feel, and you've definitely heard all these songs before.

"Out of My Hands," the record's title track, features a bridge, which asks, "When is it over?" and honestly, only three tracks into the album, I was asking the same thing. While they are certainly decent at what they do, it simply isn't enough to impress. It was difficult to listen to the entire album in one sitting.

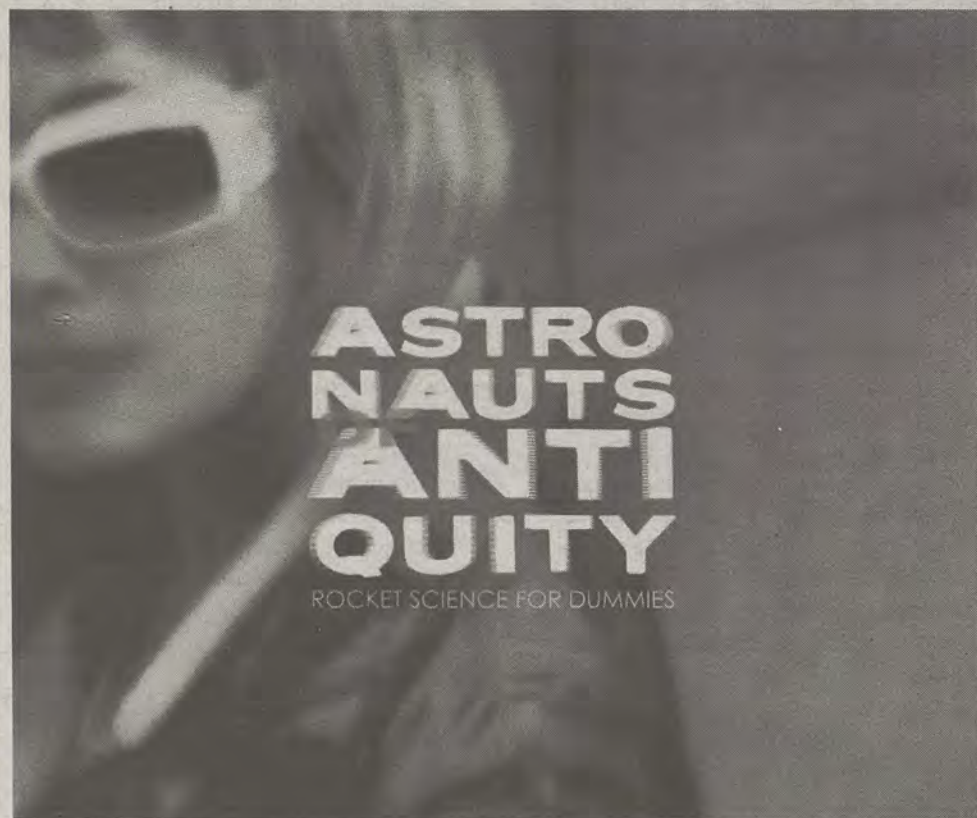
Ultimately this album loses its appeal because it fails to innovate. The songs are clearly made to be marketed, and as a result the album sounds too similar to pop/rock bands like O.A.R. and The Fray to stand out as anything spectacular.

In an already super saturated market, Green River Ordinance's success will depend on people's willingness to allow yet another band make music in an already crowded genre, without contributing anything inventive.

If you find yourself longing to bring back the late nineties alternative sound, then you'll probably find this album quite appealing and definitely worth picking up. If you, like me, prefer to let memories be memories, then you should give this album a pass, you won't have missed out on anything new.



Special Photo
Green River Ordinance's album, "Out of My Hands," is a collection of menial Top-40 bound pop-rock songs for those that are nostalgic for the late 90s.



Special Photo
Astronauts of Antiquity deliver an eclectic mix of music with "Rocket Science For Dummies," touching everything from new age jazz to early 90s style club music.

Astronauts of Antiquity gives us something new

By Will Ofray
Guest Writer

Husband and Wife team, Astronauts of Antiquity released their second record "Rocket Science for Dummies" by way of RevCon Records. Released February 24, the album features vocals by India, who has a smooth, jazzy voice and guitar and an eclectic mix of other stringed instruments being played by her husband, B. Rhyen.

The duo creates music that could be considered a mix of new age jazz, lounge music and R&B. The album is one that elicits a very chill mood from its listener. India's voice sounds like a less smoky Sade and B. Rhyen's guitar is quite inventive at times.

"The opening track "Everywhere" kicks the album off on an upbeat note, with spacey sounding guitar and a Latin inspired drum track. The title track "Rocket Science" is a fun song that reminds me of early 90s club music. In it, India lets men know what it is they need to have, spoiler alert: it's confidence, in order to get with her.

"Soup De Jour" is a super laid back track about life and love. It features a verse rapped by Cee Knowledge of Digable Planets. It is a testament to the excellent genre mixing on the album.

One or two songs on the album do miss the mark. "Beautiful Fate," the sixth track of 13, slows down a five track roll of fast-paced, upbeat songs and destroys the happy mood you may have built up listening to the first half of the album. "Beautiful Fate," marks the end of the record's high-energy songs, and with only one or two exceptions, the album slows down and mostly has slower tempo songs with more focus on the record's lyrics.

"Rocket Science for Dummies" is an album with a lot to say, musically and lyrically. Attention must be paid to both in order to fully appreciate the record. Unfortunately, I don't think the album has a great deal of mass appeal, as it doesn't fit into any currently popular genre.

"Rocket Science for Dummies" is refreshing, with lyrics that are as good as the music behind it. The album has a nice variation in its songs that manages to stick to the odd mix of genres while still creating something that piques my interest. It's different, and that is what is truly enjoyable about it.

Fans of jazz or lounge music, or anyone willing to be exposed to some different music will get a good deal of entertainment out of listening to this album and I'd definitely recommend picking it up.

Yale professor suggests tax on sugary sodas

By Lauren Rosenthal
UWire

Red Bulls, Vitamin Waters and Starbucks Doubleshots are but a few of the tools most Elis will rely on in the weeks leading up to finals.

But according to Yale University psychology professor Kelly Brownell, the drinks many students view as absolute necessities are often detrimental to public health and should be subject to special taxation.

Brownell, who also serves as director of the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity at Yale, argues in favor of a penny-per-ounce tax on sugared drinks in an opinion piece entitled "Ounces of Prevention — The Public Policy Case for Taxes on Sugared Beverages," published in last week's online edition of the *New England Journal of Medicine*. The op-ed is based on the results of a study the Rudd Center conducted in 2007, which suggest increased soft drink consumption correlates with obesity and poor nutrition.

Co-written with Thomas Frieden, the health commissioner for the city of New York, "Ounces of Prevention" attempts to prove a link — contested by the beverage industry — between increased weight and sugared drink consumption. The two write that Americans currently consume 250 to 300 more calories per day than in decades past — and are gaining weight because of it.

The authors attribute this jump to the consumption of sugared drinks, a category which includes any beverage made with a caloric sweetener like energy drinks, sports drinks and non-diet soft drinks.

In taxing sugared drinks, Brownell and Frieden say, states have a chance to curb the obesity epidemic and earn much-needed revenue.

Dr. Melinda Irwin, an associate professor at the Yale School of Public Health and obesity and cancer researcher who strongly supports the tax, said in

an e-mail message Tuesday that obesity reduction demands "novel interventions."

"Upstream approaches, such as [those at the] structural, environmental and policy levels are necessary," Irwin said. "Taxing soft drinks is one such intervention."

In late 2008, New York Gov. David Paterson proposed a tax much like the one Brownell and Frieden are suggesting.

The 18 percent tax on sweetened drinks, which many media outlets referred to as an "obesity tax," was ultimately scrapped. Though Paterson's estimated that the tax could return \$400 million in revenue, he withdrew it from consideration in March 2009 after receiving federal stimulus money.

Many fiscal conservatives described Paterson's tax as an undue burden imposed on the American family by a "nanny state."

Some public health figures hailed the proposal as a way for states to raise money to pay for the health care record numbers of obese individuals are seeking, and to prevent the obesity epidemic from spreading any further.

Within the beverage industry, however, response to a sweetened beverage tax has been less than enthusiastic.

Tracey Halliday, American Beverage Association's director of communications, described the tax as "regressive" and said it could potentially harm lower-income American families.

"Hardworking American families are already struggling to pay bills and buy groceries," Halliday said in an e-mail Tuesday. "A tax such as the one suggested by Kelly Brownell [and Frieden] would do nothing but further increase their burden."

Not so, Brownell retorted in an e-mail Tuesday.

"Any regressive nature of the tax could be offset if the revenue is used to fund programs that would help the poor," Brownell said, referring to the article's suggestions that revenue from the tax be



Special Photo

According to Kelly Brownell, a professor of psychology at Yale University, sugary drinks like Coke and Red Bull are so detrimental to public health that they should be taxed.

used to fund health and nutrition initiatives and to stimulate industries which suffer due to the reduced consumption of sugared beverages.

Still, Halliday argued that the correlation between soft drink consumption and obesity is unfounded.

"Soft drinks are not the cause of obesity. If you eat or drink too much of anything without burning those calories off, you will gain weight," Halliday said, citing the results of a recent study that found that weight-loss diets were successful regardless of the source of the calories consumed.

But Brownell dismissed this claim, saying his proposed tax is not designed to help people lose weight, but rather to prevent diet-related diseases, such as hypertension and diabetes. The tax would

not merely discourage the already obese from consuming sugared drinks, however. Michael Lavigne, a psychology major who said he is interested in Brownell's op-ed, said the tax would give many people pause before purchasing such a beverage.

"The fiscal burden would be powerful, but I think it would also make consumers consider why it was taxed in the first place," Lavigne said.

When asked if he supported the tax, Lavigne was reluctant to answer.

"I suppose so," Lavigne said, "but maybe only because I never drink soda."

Brownell said that the Rudd Center will continue researching policy options related to the prevention of diet-related diseases in coming months.

The Green Corner presents: sugar ain't so sweet

By Philip Clements
Features Editor

We all love our sugar. Whether it's in a triple-layered German chocolate cake, a Dr. Pepper or on a donut, sugar is a staple just about everyone's diet.

But that doesn't mean that it's all that good. Aside from the adverse effects sugar can have on our health (such as causing diabetes or obesity,) sugar is also the culprit behind a whole slew of negative environmental issues.

According to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), there are 103 countries in the world producing sugar with 15 of them devoting at least 25 percent of their available land to its cultivation.

Sugarcane is produced in places that not much else can grow, like former wetlands and other fragile ecosystems.

There is also a historical trend of clearing land for the sole purpose of growing sugarcane. The WWF cites this as one of the leading causes of biodiversity loss in the name of agriculture.

Part of the cultivation process of sugarcane involves burning down the entire field in order to get rid of dead leaves and kill any venomous snakes that might be living in the leaves. This process is extremely detrimental to the soil and decreases the chance that something else could grow there.

Another negative aspect of sugarcane production is the ginormous amounts of water used. According to the WWF, it takes anywhere from 1,500 to 3,000 liters of water to produce only one kg of sugar. In order to gain access to this amount

of water, farmers have engaged in diversion from rivers, which results in dry riverbeds and an increased rate of soil erosion.

So, does that mean you should cut sugar out of your diet completely, never letting a piece of German chocolate or a donut pass your lips again?

No, it doesn't. It just means that we should all be more conscious of how much we use. If there was a decreased demand for sugar, then the farmers would grow less of it, taking up less land and allowing the biodiversity to return.

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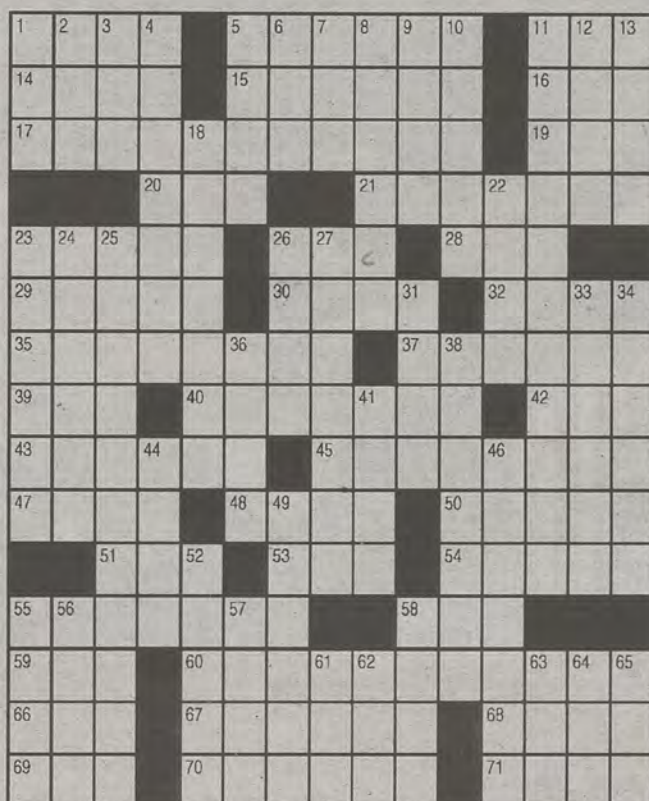
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35 Cheese choice
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39 Gator tail?
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NATIONAL NEWS

MIT students abduct mascot

By Shreyes Seshasai

Uwire

Proving once again that nothing is safe in this economy, MIT's mascot Tim the Beaver was kidnapped Saturday afternoon.

The kidnappers, who said they were pressured to action while varsity sports at MIT were being threatened, demand that students' voices be heard and are seeking a guarantee that all 41 varsity sports are kept at MIT for at least one more year.

Last week, the Department of Athletics, Physical Education, and Recreation (DAPER) announced that amid a budget cut of \$1.45 million over the next three years, it would cut some varsity sports programs, relinquishing MIT's claim to having the most varsity sports of any university in the country.

DAPER's decision on which sports will be cut has not yet been made.

With a decision not expected this week, the question remains: Will the face of MIT athletics be back in time to greet the incoming class of 2013 during Campus Preview Weekend?

The answer, it appears, is yes. The kidnappers stated that Tim will be returned by Wednesday.

The kidnappers agreed to speak to this reporter on the condition that they not be identified.

Tim was taken during the inaugural Beaver Bowl, a competition during last week's Athletics Weekend where teams compete in various games such as tug-of-war and MIT sports trivia.

Right before the final obstacle course, a group of seven students ran into Johnson Athletic Center wearing ski masks and wielding Nerf guns.

Tim the Beaver, confused as to what was going on, was quickly surrounded and dragged out of the arena, while another kidnapper told people to get on the ground and shouted their demands to the surprised crowd.

The student who was playing Tim was immediately released unharmed.

The organizers of Athletics Weekend, along with the student playing Tim himself, were not aware of the planned kidnapping, according to the kidnappers.

The demands were simple: have the voice of the students heard, and find a way to keep all 41 varsity sports at MIT for at least another year.

Julie Soriero, director of athletics, expressed some challenges that teams would face if the cuts were in fact delayed a year. Among those was the concern that freshmen may not want to join a team that will be cut at the end of the year.

Delaying the cuts for a year is "not for the freshmen," said Catherine Melnikow '10, chair of the Undergraduate Association Committee on Athletics. "It's for the returning athletes."



Special Photo

MIT's mascot, Tim the Beaver, was kidnapped by students protesting the possible cuts of their sports teams alongside other budget cuts MIT is facing. The cuts that are in talks would affect students who are returning athletes, and not for freshmen.



Special Photo

President Obama outlined his economic recovery plan at a recent visit to Georgetown.

Obama outlines economic recovery plan at GU

By Max Sarinski

U-wire

With the national spotlight shining on the Hilltop, President Obama offered his vision to rebuild the foundation of the U.S. economy and return economic prosperity to the nation in an address in Georgetown University's Gaston Hall Tuesday morning that capped off over 24 hours of excitement and anticipation throughout campus.

Speaking in front of an auditorium packed with students, White House guests and media, Obama said that his administration has taken significant steps in its first 100 days to upend the economic downturn, but that much work remained in order to rebuild the foundation that will ensure a prosperous and sustainable economy for years to come.

Obama began his speech by discussing the \$787 billion economic stimulus plan that he signed into law in April, saying that it was a necessary measure to stimulate spending and lending across the market. He added that countries that have historically

responded to recessions by stimulating spending have experienced more speedy recoveries.

"Since the problems we face have all been feeding off of each other ... we've had no choice," he said. "Economists on the left and the right agree that the last thing the government should do during a recession is cut back on spending."

Obama said that the stimulus package has been just one piece of his plan toward economic recovery, which also includes strengthening the credit market, helping homeowners refinance their troubled mortgages, working with foreign leaders to reform international regulations and stabilizing the nation's battered auto industry.

The president reported that the economy has shown signs of recovery, but warned that there would be "more job loss, more foreclosures and more pain before it ends."

In the latter portion of his speech, Obama outlined the elements of his recovery plan, urging leaders from across the political spectrum to respond to the extraordinary demands of the times.

NATIONAL NEWS



Special Photo

The misuse of contraception has led to riskier behavior in college students.

Misuse of contraception leads to high risk students

By Christina Pappas

U-wire

Almost 80 percent of college students have had sex, according to a report by the University of Minnesota Boynton Health Institute.

Nearly three-fourths have had it within the past 12 months. Countless errant thoughts are devoted to it. Whether you're doing it a lot, have never done it or want to be doing it more, sexual intercourse is a normative aspect of college life.

Currently on the rise, however, is the number of unplanned pregnancies among college-aged women. According to a study by the Guttmacher Institute, a nonprofit organization focused on sexual and reproductive health research, half of all American women seeking to avoid pregnancy remain at risk each year.

The study found that eight percent of women use no contraception at all, while 15 percent go through periods of contraceptive nonuse.

The vast majority of women at risk, though, perceive themselves to be protected because they rely on a contraceptive method — but their usage is inconsistent or incorrect.

Incorrect usage may include inconsistently taking birth control pills or attempting to overcom-

pensate by using more than one condom at once, both of which decrease effectiveness.

"The results of the study found that there are many reasons why there are problems with contraception," Sneha Barot, senior public policy associate for the Guttmacher Institute said.

"Some personal crisis or a life transition can affect patterns and spur gaps in use. Many women are constantly on and off the highway of contraception."

Societal norms can also serve to deter women from correct contraceptive use, according to Barot.

"Society makes contraceptive use unnecessarily hard. It could really be doing more to help. There are so many barriers — financial, medical, logistical — that don't need to be there," she said. "There are whole sets of issues involved ... it's not hard to see why women face problems."

"Women and men in their twenties think that they know a lot about contraception. They think that they are well-informed and protected," Jessica Sheets, senior manager of the campaign's communications program, said.

"They're wrong. Our medical knowledge surveys show that they barely know anything ... The problem is that they think they do."

Students to design & install solar panels for library

By Lana Hazel

U-wire

Officials from the Fayetteville Public Library, one of the first public libraries to register as a U.S. Green Building, recently announced plans to further the library's commitment to sustainability.

The library received a \$60,000 grant to install 48 solar panels on the roof of the library that will provide 10 kilowatts of energy, said Louise Schaper, the library's executive director.

"Through this grant, the library will save energy, provide a platform for local innovators to test their technologies and provide a real world learning opportunity for the community," Schaper said.

The solar panels will be added in the fall to correspond with the University of Arkansas' upcoming semester.

They are to be "designed, constructed and installed by students," Schaper said, and senior-level electrical engineering students will work on the project during the fall semester with oversight from professors in the department.

Alan Mantooth, director of the National Center for Reliable Electrical Power, is one of the electrical engineering professors involved in the project.

The panels will be mounted on a rotating frame

designed to follow the sun throughout the day and maximize energy output. In addition to providing power to the library, they will reduce energy use and the carbon footprint.

The higher efficiency both supports sustainability and helps the library save on costs.

After six months of monitoring, the standard inverter for the panels will be replaced by a silicon carbide inverter for better efficiency.

Over time, more panels will be added using thin-cell solar technology being developed at the UA.

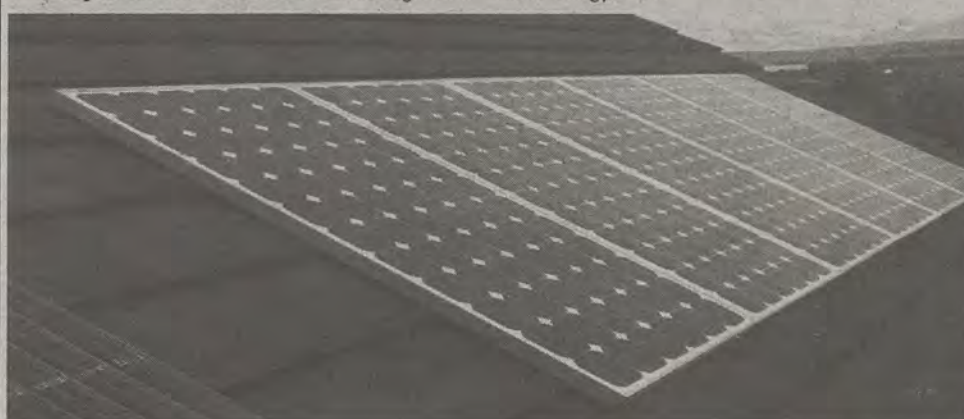
With an \$8,500 pledge from the Arkansas Energy Office, the library will set up a kiosk, also designed by students, that explains how the solar panels generate power for the library and how the power is being used.

It will display energy data in real-time while discussing the importance of renewable energy.

The project will use solar technology developed in Northwest Arkansas.

The panels will provide power to the library through an inverter that was developed at a local energy company, Arkansas Power Electronics International.

It will also provide an application of the renewable energy research at the Arkansas Research and Technology Park.



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Students are working with the Fayetteville Public Library in Arkansas, along with a \$60,000 grant,

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Eagles get their first look at the Davidson Wildcats



Victoria Evans/STAFF

Michael Hester has two wins and two saves on the mound for the Eagles so far this season.

Compiled by Staff

The GSU Eagles' baseball team will face the Davidson Wildcats in a home series this weekend. This series will be the only time in the 2009 regular season that the two teams will face each other.

The three game series kicks off Friday at 7 p.m. at J.I. Clements Stadium. They will also play Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. and conclude Sunday at 1:30 p.m. This series marks the beginning of a five game homestand for the Eagles.

GSU goes into the contest ranked second in the Southern Conference (behind Elon) with a 24-9 overall record and 9-4 conference record. Davidson is currently sixth in the conference with a 13-16 overall record and 8-7 conference record.

The Eagles fell in the national rankings this week, going from No. 26 to No. 27.

The GSU midweek match up with Jacksonville, slated for Tuesday, was cancelled due to inclement weather in the region. This is the second time this season that the Eagles were scheduled to play Jacksonville, but weather forced both games to be cancelled.

The first was a March 31 matchup in Statesboro that was called after three innings due to lightning.

Davidson is coming into Statesboro after a 4-3 loss to Duke on Tuesday night.

Their last SoCon series was against The Citadel, in which the Wildcats lost two of the three games. The last game of that series left the Bulldogs with a 12-5 victory.

A positive note for the Wildcats last week was freshman first baseman Drew Gadaire, who was named to the Collegiate Baseball National Player of the Week list.

Gadaire hit four homeruns in a single game against Gardner-Webb. He went 5-6 on the day and had a game high five RBIs.

Leading Davidson so far this season is Zach Kayne, who has a .385 hitting average, seven homeruns and 26 RBIs. Chase FitzPatrick leads the Wildcats in homeruns with nine, and has 31 RBIs.

The pitching staff is led by Matt Webb, who currently has a 3-0 record and a 2.73 ERA. He also has recorded 21 strikeouts and has picked up three saves.

just the basics

SCOUTING REPORT

The Davidson Wildcats are currently 13-16 overall and 8-7 in the conference. They are in sixth place in the conference.

The Wildcats dropped their series with the Citadel this past weekend, two games to one, which jumped the Bulldogs over Davidson in the SoCon standings.

First baseman Drew Gadiare hit four homeruns in a single game last week.

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Women's tennis falls to College of Charleston, 6-1

By GSU News Service

College of Charleston took a 6-1 decision over the Georgia Southern Eagles Wednesday afternoon at the Hanner Tennis Complex, extending its win streak over the Eagles to nine consecutive regular season matches. Georgia Southern dropped to 12-6 overall this season and 6-3 against conference opponents, while the Cougars improved to 20-4, 8-1.

The Cougars jumped out with the early team advantage earning the doubles point with a sweep of the doubles matches. College of Charleston walked away at No. 3 first with an 8-2 decision before the point was clinched at the two seed where Melanie Rolle and Christine Caforio fell 8-6 to Kinsey Casey and Keely Mulligan. Molly Maddox and Ali Beavers, battling at the top doubles seed, pushed their match into a tiebreak after rallying back to six-all. The Eagle duo eventually fell to Cougars Laura Borza and Anna Lee Evans in the tiebreak.

Charleston quickly broke away in singles action, taking four first sets. Straight set wins at courts three and five gave the Cougars a 3-1 lead sandwiched around the Eagles' lone singles victory of the af-

ternoon. Rolle kept her record unblemished at the No. 4 seed with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Evans and stretched her win streak to 12-matches.

Holly Dowse secured the team win for Charleston defeating Beavers at the two spot. The Cougar took a 6-3, 6-2 victory to give CofC its eighth SoCon win of the season. Charleston rounded out the afternoon match with two more singles nods at the six and one seeds, respectively. After Casey took a straight set win at No. 6, Borza battled back at the top seed after dropping the first set to Kristi Kegerreis to push the match into a 10-point tiebreak. Kegerreis notched the first set in a tiebreak before dropping the second set and match tiebreaker to the Cougar.

"It was a tough loss to a tough team," said head coach Amy Bonner. "We still have work to do before we face one more tough opponent on Saturday. We want to win on Saturday so our seniors can go out with a bang in their last match."

Georgia Southern closes out 2009 regular season action and will honor seniors Shea Huxtable, Molly Maddox and Emma Knight on Saturday, April 18. First serve against Samford is scheduled for 10 a.m. at the Hanner Tennis Complex.



STAFF
Kristi Kegerreis goes for a return in a match last season. The team has one game left on the season



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GSU Cheerleading places in top five at nationals



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The all-girl team, who placed second in the NCA/NDA College Championship, rallies Eagles fans at the GSU vs. Austin Peay football game last season.

By GSU News Service

The all-girl and co-ed cheerleading squads of Georgia Southern University competed Thursday and Friday, April 9-10, in the 2009 National Cheerleaders Association/National Dance Alliance (NCA/NDA) Collegiate Cheer and Dance Championship in Daytona Beach, Fla.

More than 5,000 competitors in 11 divisions vied for a national title performing high-energy routines that included partner stunts, pyramids, tumbling, cheer and dance.

The Eagle all-girl cheerleading team won its first national championship last April.

The University of Maryland all-girl squad squeaked into first place with 8.445 points to prevent Georgia Southern's team from defending its title.

GSU finished second in the competition with 8.268 points.

Morgan State University took third place with 7.968 points, University of Northern Colorado placed fourth with 7.934 points and North Carolina State University rounded out the top

five competitors with 7.907 points.

In the co-ed squad competition, Georgia Southern rallied from an eighth-place position after the first day to place fourth overall with 8.532 points.

The University of Central Oklahoma took the top spot in the co-ed event with 8.789 points.

Virginia Commonwealth (8.595) and Georgia State University (8.532) battled for the second spot.

Georgia Southern's point total was just .013 ahead of the University of Michigan, which finished in fifth. Another Georgia team, Armstrong Atlantic, finished fourteenth.

GSU competes in the Intermediate division of the competition.

Tryouts for the 2009-2010 All-Girl and Co-ed squads will be held May 15-17, 2009 at the Hanner Complex on the campus of Georgia Southern University.

For more information, please contact Georgia Southern Cheerleading at GSUCheer@GeorgiaSouthern.edu.

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