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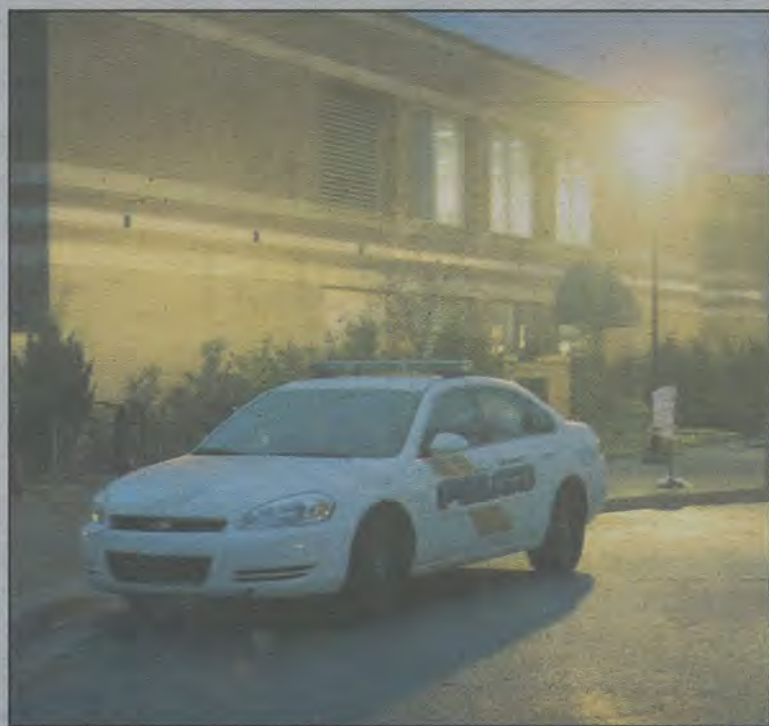


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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS



Chris Buchanan/STAFF

## Police investigate string of armed robberies

By Charles Minshew

Reflector Editor-in-Chief

The Georgia Southern University Police Department is urging students to stay safe in the midst of a string of armed robberies in vicinity of the campus over the past month.

The Statesboro Police Department is currently investigating seven armed robberies that have all occurred within one mile of the GSU campus. In all of the cases, the assailants have been either one or two unidentified black males. In six of the cases, a gun was used and only in one was personal violent contact used.

According to a report filed by APO Mary Bowen of the Statesboro Police Department, at around 1 a.m. on Monday, April 6, a Domino's Pizza employee

was delivering a pizza to a Cambridge at Southern apartment when two unidentified black males approached him.

They demanded that the man give them money, and the victim refused according to a report from University Police. In this incident, the two men forcibly took \$20.

In an April 14 incident reported filed by Officer Nicholas Davis of the Statesboro PD, two black males approached a victim at the Pointe at Southern asking the victim for change for a \$20 bill when one of the men drew a gun on the victim.

A short time later, Statesboro P.D. took Bobby Charles Cooper, Jr. of Statesboro and Titus Glen Robinson of Albany, Ga. into custody. According to the report, the victim then positively identified the two men as the assailants.

A person in the booking department at the Bulloch County Sheriff's Office said that the charges against Cooper and Robinson were dropped the next day and that they were both released.

In addition to the robberies at Cambridge and the Pointe at Southern, three robberies have been reported at University Pines, one at Eagles Landing Apartments and one on Robin Hood Trail near Paulson Stadium. Collectively, at least \$600 has been stolen in the armed robberies since March 20.

If you have any information about these crimes please contact the Statesboro Police Department at (912) 764-9911 or (912) 212-2306 or University Police at (912) 478-5234. A cash reward is being offered for information leading to the assailants' arrests.

## Regents strike down guaranteed tuition for incoming freshmen

By Sade Oshinubi

Guest writer

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia voted last Tuesday to end the tuition guarantee for incoming freshmen. Students currently enrolled in the regents' guaranteed tuition plan will see no change in their tuition this coming fall.

According to regents, Fall 2009 freshmen will pay tuition at the same per-credit-hour rate charged last year, but will be subject to future tuition increases thereafter. Students entering Georgia Southern University in the fall will pay \$134 per credit hour—the same cost as last fall.

"In these difficult economic times,

it is impossible to guarantee anyone a fixed cost for anything," said Ron Core, vice president for Business and Finance at GSU. "I think the quality of education and the services provided to students at Georgia Southern are a bargain."

In addition to ending guaranteed tuition, the board of regents set the full-time tuition rate at 15 credit hours instead of the current 12 hours. For the first time, students not on the guarantee will pay the per-credit-hour rate for all classes taken up to 15 credit hours.

Carolyn Watkins, a 2007 graduate of Sequoyah High School, will be attending GSU in the fall. Watkins said not having guaranteed tuition is "definitely more than a little inconvenient."

"I don't want to always have to worry

about whether or not tuition is going to be raised and if I'm going to be able to afford it or not," Watkins said. "On the other hand, everyone is making cutbacks in costs nowadays and even schools are being affected, so as much as I hate the uncertainty of no guaranteed tuition, I understand the need."

Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs for the USG Tonya Lam sent out a memo Thursday that said "The fact that students will be charged tuition for up to 15 credit hours has no effect on full-time student classification for the purposes of financial aid, insurance or athletics."

Students will still be classified as full-time as long as they are enrolled in 12 credit hours or more.

"The bulk of freshmen take more

than 12 hours," said Usha Ramachandran, vice chancellor for Fiscal Affairs for the USG.

According to a report compiled by Wallace Brown, assistant registrar for the Office of the Registrar, about 89.5 percent of students enrolled in 12 credit hours or more for fall 2008. About 47.7 percent enrolled in 15 credit hours or more.

"I think the new tuition rate will make students more likely to enroll in 15, 16 or 17 credit hours," said Associate Registrar of Operations Wayne Smith.

"While the board's basic priorities were preserved in the state appropriations, I remain deeply concerned about the challenges of meeting rising enrollment across the entire system with diminished resources," said USG

Chancellor Erroll Davis.

GSU's fall 2008 enrollment was 15,490—up 4.3 percent from Fall 2007.

"We will need to all work together to share our limited resources and understand that increased enrollment is critical to help with our budget cuts," said Teresa Thompson, vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

The board also approved a special institutional fee of \$100 for Georgia's research universities, GSU, and five other USG institutions.

Thompson said GSU's administration is still reviewing the regents' decisions and will develop effective ways to communicate the changes to everyone on campus.

### FEATURES

The George-Anne gives you the scoop on Earth Day and what GSU students are doing to celebrate it.

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### Three-Day Forecast



**Today**  
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## GSU welcomes National Volunteer Week

By Kelsey Decker

Guest writer

Tomorrow, a Congressional reception will be held to recognize National Volunteer Week and celebrate the signing of a new piece of legislation, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act.

This bill will "engage millions of Americans in meeting national needs and solving local problems through volunteer service."

This bill, according to Learn and Serve America, would allow the Corporation for National and Community Service to "increase and enhance opportunities for Americans of all ages to serve" in organizations like AmeriCorp.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and is now orchestrated by HandsOn Network, a subsection of the greater Points of Light Institute since 2007.

HandsOn is the largest volunteer and citizen action network in the nation.

The focus of Points of Light Institute is "implementing a bold new strategy to create unprecedented scale and people-centered community impact through volunteerism and civic involvement," according to HandsOn Network's Web site.

The purpose of the week, a time for individuals to be recognized for the work they do in their communities, is reflected in this year's theme: "Celebrating People in Action."

Statesboro's connection to HandsOn is through HandsOn Ogeechee, founded in 2006 by Jeremy Foreman, the executive director of the organization.

HandsOn Ogeechee will be taking on the name of HandsOn Southeast Georgia (SEGA) as it celebrates its third anniversary as an organization on April 25.

The mission of HandsOn SEGA is to "bring people together to strengthen communities through meaningful volunteer action."

"The environment is our big push right now," Foreman said.

Many of his projects, like river clean ups, Relamping GSU and the Community Garden Project, currently focus on ways to improve the environment in and around Statesboro.

Another event HandsOn SEGA is involved with is Community Cinema. Community Cinema comes from HandsOn SEGA's partnership with the Independent Television Service, and the result is free monthly preview screenings of socially conscious films.

### POLICE BEAT

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Jennifer Elizabeth Howard, 18, Lanier Drive, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

Thursday, April 16, 2009

Caitlin Jesse Carpenter, 18, Eagle Village, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

Justin Roderick Brown, 19, Eagle Village, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

Bennett Matthew Chiluski, 23, Copper Beech, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

Sarah N. Bright, 23, Lanier Drive, was charged with wanted person.

Friday, April 17, 2009

A vehicle was taken from Watson Hall and later found at University Pointe.

Saturday, April 18, 2009

Officers issued three traffic citations, two traffic warnings and assisted four motorists.

Derek Richard Schiefer, 22, University Pines, was charged with public intoxication and obstruction of an officer.

Sunday, April 19, 2009

Lauren Nell Quick, 22, Qweniver Court, was charged with DUI and failure to meet headlight requirements.

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# PINIONS

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## Submission of Letters to the Editor

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## Letter to the Editor

**Believe it or not: There was a Holocaust**

My fellow students, it saddens me that I am writing this today. I have been a reader of the George-Anne for the past three years. I love their April Fools edition.

However, what I am about to tell you is no joke. Last Thursday's issue contained an ironic contradiction. The same issue that promoted the GSU STAND Darfur Benefit Concert on page 11 also ran an advertisement for an organization that denies the Holocaust on page 9. This is appalling.

The advertisement was carefully worded to sound legitimate, but upon further investigation I discovered the truth.

This group is called the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust and their forum is composed of neo-Nazis, conspiracy theorists, and anti-Semites. Its founder Bradley R. Smith was the media director for the IHR, a predecessor to CODOH that published volumes of anti-Jewish papers.

The CODOH website is filled with lofty quotes about free speech but lacks substantive empirical evidence to support the argument for their cause.

Our university has fallen victim to this slanderous campaign. I myself have visited Dachau

Concentration Camp on multiple occasions, so I believe I am well-informed on the historical situation there.

So I chose to look at the "evidence" about Dachau in the section entitled Inconvenient History.

The first link I clicked on I understood immediately to be a misrepresentation of fact and contradictory to their cause. I do not have the allotted space to elaborate here, but I would be glad to show anyone interested. In the face of millions of pages of records, documents, photographs, videos, sworn confessions, and witness testimonies, this group takes typos, misconceptions, and ambiguities as evidence of the contrary. I for one do not want them to be placing ads in my school newspaper.

I hope that in light of this article the George-Anne will use better discretion when reviewing the advertisements it runs.

Everyone makes mistakes, but a lack of oversight like this is no minor error. By running this ad, it opens a gateway to other fringe groups to manipulate the content of our otherwise reputable paper.

**David Robeck**

[drobeck1@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:drobeck1@georgiasouthern.edu)

Public Relations Officer: STAND

## It's not easy being green minded



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

Truly, it is not easy bein' green. For example, it took Americans quite a few years to stop throwing trash out of their car windows.

How did our attitudes change? Carefully crafted marketing and advertising campaigns featuring a "litter bug" were promoted on children's programming.

Suddenly, there was a catchy phrase to couple with bad behavior.

Our parents' generation grew up with it, the information is now passed down, and now most of us are taught to place our trash in the proper receptacle.

I believe the same is true with recycling and other such green promotions. Most of these are not going to become widespread today, but the entire environmentalist agenda will come to pass with successful marketing to kids.

Certainly, I am not saying this is a bad thing, as I am a firm advocate for responsible use of our resources. However, it is unrealistic to expect individuals who have spent their whole lives with one habit suddenly changing it midstream. Just like an

ex-smoker, you have to learn a new way of life. We know how many of those are successful.

This past weekend in Charleston, I noted what seems to be a growing trend in each hotel I've slept in this year. The Sheraton had posted signs in the bathroom and living space, reminding guests of different ways to signify their desire to conserve.

For example, if I wanted my towels changed by housekeeping, I would keep them on the floor. However, if I wanted to help conserve water and save resources, instead, I would keep my towel hung up on the shower rack.

Of course, it seems extremely doubtful that Sheraton Hotels are being completely altruistic and mindful about the environment. This is great for their water bills. Yet every time I stay in such a facility, these reminders are there to help retrain my thought process.

While changing towels every day seems to be an absurdity to me, there are people who do it. If a towel is hung properly, using the same one for a week will not make you less clean.

Before long, I expect the signs to go away, and it will become standard policy not to replace linens for extended periods of time for multi-night guests. This will become part of our cultural DNA, just as littering has.

Everything old is new again, to be sure, but old habits diehard.

## The 'going green' campaign has gone mainstream



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

When did going green go mainstream?

Really, if you think about it, the whole "going green" campaign has been around quite a while, but it wasn't until the mainstream media picked it up a couple years ago that it actually got some steam.

It seems going green is now a permanent part of society

and even seeped into the mainstream political atmosphere during the 2008 elections.

Political candidates took on markedly different roles concerning the environment in the last election, and no matter where you may be

politically, it seems to be clear that America has spoken—it's time for cleaner energy, conservation, and greener living.

As a marketing major, I'm always noticing different ad campaigns, and maybe you have, too.

Whether it's a car company taking on a more sustainable role, a brand of chips resorting to cleaner energy production, or a popular brand of cleaning products "going green" with more earth-friendly products, it's undeniable that the concept of going green has taken the country by storm.

So what does this all mean? Is green really here to stay?

It's hard to believe that everyone is jumping on the bandwagon, but with the strides we've taken, even on the Georgia Southern campus with organizations like SAGE and the ongoing efforts to recycle and use energy friendly resources, it's hard to believe anyone wouldn't want to join the green rush.

Sure there are a whole host of problems that are still present all around the country and the world.

We still need to find viable alternative fuels and sources of energy, and the United States is still one of the top consumers of natural resources in the world, but I feel like we should give credit where credit is due.

I think, as a country, we truly are making an effort to rein in energy consumption and use more renewable resources.

So now that the environment is beginning to go to the forefront of the American consciousness, it's time to ask yourself: where do you factor in on the equation?

Whether it's recycling bottles or reusing plastic bags, there are plenty of easy things that anyone can do to reduce their environmental impact.

For tips on how to go green, visit <http://green.yahoo.com/living-green>.

## Tips to 'going green' this Earth Day

Compiled by Staff

1. Replace your normal, incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs: Saves \$30 and uses 75 percent less energy.
2. Recycle! Throw all plastic, glass, and paper into recycling bins to reduce landfill waste.
3. Use an environmentally friendly bag. Almost all grocery stores, and even retail stores like Forever 21, offer reusable shopping bags, which are made from canvas and polypropylene material.
4. Drive less, walk more! You can trim your waistline and save the ozone all by walking around campus instead of driving.
5. Turn your lights off and unplug your appliances! You will cut the cost of your electric bills and save energy!



## PINIONS cont...

### High octane, low environmental impact



**Chris Buchanan** is a senior journalism major from Blackshear, Ga. He is the editor-in-chief of the George-Anne.

I used to spend a lot of time at the gas station – more than most. I would be pumping away and always wondering how on earth I'd used so much gas.

Well there was one part of the answer that was obvious. I was driving a V8 powered Mustang GT. But the other side of the problem wasn't so obvious to me – how I was driving and maintaining my vehicle.

We all know that big engines usually don't equal great fuel economy or environmental safety, but that doesn't mean we can't put a few plans in place to make our vehicles a little more environmental.

Like ripping off a bandage, let's start with the most painful realization first and get it out of the way. If you want to save gas, money, and the environment you can start by NOT gunning the engine at every red light.

Yes, to those of us with a tuned exhaust it's a beautiful sound, but we pay a pretty hefty price for it. If you're lucky enough to have an electronic miles per gallon gauge in your car, you'll notice that every time you do a jackrabbit start at a red light, your gas mileage goes down into the single digits.

Another common misconception is that you burn as much gas going slow as fast because it takes longer to get to your destination. This isn't true. At

high RPMs your car is burning a disproportionate amount of gas compared to "Granny speeds."

Driving your car like it's not stolen goes a long way toward improving your gas mileage. That's not to say that you can't "blow the trash out" of our engine every once in a while, but keep it to a minimum.

Next comes the not-so-obvious to the not-so-mechanically-inclined among us. If you take care of your car, it will take care of you.

Everything from air filters to spark-plugs to tire-wear can affect your car's performance and as a general rule, the more your car is struggling to function, the more gas it uses.

The moral to this story is get your tune-ups and oil changes regularly. Just because your car may run for a while without them doesn't mean it will do it well.

Another good thing to keep in check is how you shift. For the automatic drivers this is mostly out of your hands, but if you are one of the guys out there with a manual shifter then you may be surprised to find out that the same mechanism that helped you leave a Civic in the dust yesterday is also capable of saving your money.

Just remember that when you rev high you're also burning more gas so shifting early can be a real life-saver.

Following these guidelines may not make you rich, but just remember that you're doing it for something bigger than you: your planet. And for a more selfish reason, it will probably extend the life of your hot ride.

### Earth Day activities should happen everyday



**Philip Clements** is a junior creative writing major from Richmond Hill, Ga. He is the features editor of the George-Anne.

Tomorrow will be a day of celebration. People are going to be planting trees and picking up trash all over this great nation. There will be many strides made towards a better relationship with our planet.

But make no mistake; Earth Day will not solve all of our problems.

If you only recycle tomorrow but don't make the effort for another year, you've not done a thing.

We have to realize that these are extraordinary times. We are truly faced with an incredible dilemma and, more importantly, we are being given an opportunity.

And when I say "we," I mean us, the youth of

today. Our generation is the one that can change the course of history. Some would even say the very fate of humanity rests on our shoulders.

We've already seen an example of our power. Somewhere between 22 and 24 million people between the age of 18-29 voted in the 2009 election and, without us, Barack Obama's victory would not have happened.

We are in the Information Age, where we don't ask questions, we find answers. And that's what we need to do now.

But we need to act now. All it takes is a small effort, a small change in consciousness.

Change your light bulbs, use reusable grocery bags, recycle your aluminum cans and support positive legislation by lobbying your representatives. If everyone does one thing, then the collective effect could very well change everything.

And change is what we need.



Cartoon by Ashley Turner



## 'Cities Week' informs Statesboro about services

By Kelsey Decker

Guest Writer

Statesboro is one of 111 cities participating in Georgia Cities Week, a voluntary civic engagement program that gives cities an opportunity to share with their citizens information about the valuable services cities provide to residents.

This is the program's ninth year, and the theme for 2009 is Georgia's Cities: "A Story to Tell."

"It's an opportunity for the community to come together in a variety of events, including community-wide clean-ups, festivals, concerts in the square, things like that," GMA Public Information Manager Amy Henderson said.

This week ties in with the month of April, which is also known as "Keep Georgia Beautiful Month." GCW partners with Keep Georgia Beautiful, an organization that celebrates the month by "cleaning, restoring and beautifying their communities as part of the [Great American] clean-up," according to Environmental Education in Georgia.

Throughout the week, officials engage the public with a variety of attractions designed to increase awareness regarding how a city functions.

"Events cities may do during the week are

equipment displays, where they bring out the city's trucks and let people explore them while including information on how much they cost, the average lifespan and maintenance, Henderson said.

"There are also often trivia contests about city services and city history and a lot of activities with students, such as tours of city facilities, visits to the schools by city officials, coloring contests for younger students and shadowing of city officials or employees by older students," Henderson said.

Finding a way to participate in GCW can help GSU students in the long run.

"As college students graduate and go on to be homeowners who pay property taxes and business people operating in cities, it's to their benefit to have an understanding of where their property taxes are going or how cities can influence economic development," Henderson said.

This understanding will allow citizens to credibly voice their opinions to their government.

"The chances of them having a great deal of influence in federal government are slim, but at the local level, 'everyday' people have a lot of influence and input in their government," Henderson said.

"Having an understanding of those operations gives them even greater influence."



Special Photo

Statesboro is one of 111 Georgia cities that is apart of Georgia Cities week.

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# Are you a student?

## I have a research project I need help with.

The project is this. I need a few carefree (you *must* be carefree), independent students to help me find one professor who will attempt to answer one question about a specific historical issue. The question is: "Can you provide, with proof, the name of one person killed in a gas chamber at Auschwitz?"

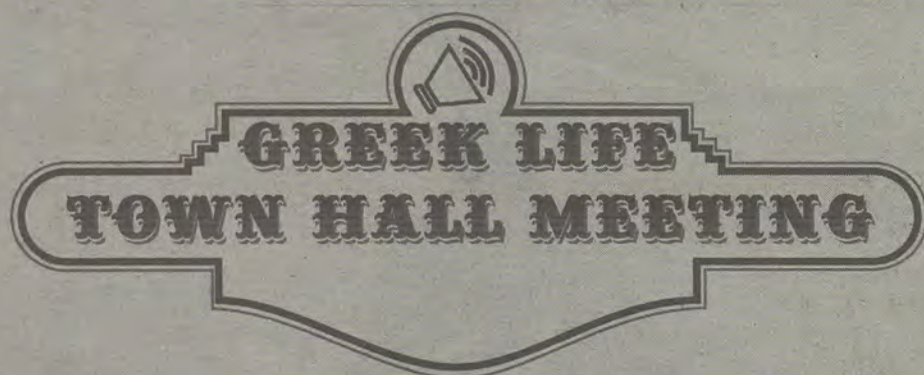
Will you help me find a professor on your campus who will attempt to answer this question? Will you keep me advised of your progress? I can be reached at [bradley1930@yahoo.com](mailto:bradley1930@yahoo.com)

I understand that the question will be considered controversial by some academics and students alike. You may be charged with "challenging authority," but it is not illegal to challenge authority on a university campus in a free society. You may have been told that it is "morally wrong" to ask this question. Do you think it is? Tell me why.

If you can find the one professor I am looking for, I'll owe you a beer. At the very least.

Bradley R. Smith, Founder

Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust [www.codoh.com](http://www.codoh.com)



**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**7:00 PM**

**RUSSELL UNION THEATER**



## CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Time: 12 - 2 p.m.

Event: Brown Bag Series

Location: Russell Union 2080

Time: 5 - 7 p.m.

Event: Elp Activity Night

Location: Russell Union 2054

Time: 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Event: Purposed to Worship

Location: Russell Union 2042

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

Event: Karaoke and Trivia

Location: Retrievers

Time: 7 - 8 p.m.

Event: Collegiate 100- Male Empowerment

Location: Russell Union 2080

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

Event: A Man For All Seasons

Location: Black Box Theatre

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.

Event: Creative Writing Club

Location: Newton 1111

Time: 9 - 11 p.m.

Event: SwingCats Society Meeting

Location: College Plaza Building

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Event: Earth Day

Location: Russell Union Rotunda

Time: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Event: American Sign Language

Location: Russell Union 2071

Time: 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Event: SAGE Meeting

Location: Russell Union 2044

Time: 5 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Event: Trivia and Pitchers

Location: Buffalos Southwest Cafe

Time: 6 - 9 p.m.

Event: Accounting Day

Location: Nessmith Lane Ballroom

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

Event: A Man For All Seasons

Location: Black Box Theatre

Thursday, April 23, 2009

Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Event: First Amendment Free Food Festival

Location: Williams Center Plaza

Time: 6 - 8 p.m.

Event: Philosophy Club Meeting

Location: Newton Building 2213

Time: 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Event: Alcohol Education Course

Location: Biology Building 2215

Time: 6:45 - 10 p.m.

Event: Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Location: Russell Union 2080

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

Event: A Man For All Seasons

Location: Black Box Theatre

Time: 8-10 p.m.

Event: Wizard of Oz

Location: Performing Arts Center



Special Photo

Students from across the nation meet annually in New York for collegiate Model U.N.

## Model U.N. earns high marks in New York

By Chris Buchanan

Editor-in-Chief

Georgia Southern's Model United Nations (U.N.) delegation brought home top honors after the group met in New York with schools and students from across the world in early April.

The group, headed by Nicks Lomas and graduate advisor Lauren Waldron received awards in the areas of Outstanding Delegation and Outstanding Position Paper for a second year.

"It feels really great that Georgia Southern can go up there alongside 250 other schools and thousands of kids and be one of the two to win the awards like we did," he said.

As the name implies, the Model U.N. is designed to simulate the actual U.N., a governing council of numerous countries. Each school sends a delegation to represent a specific country that is represented in the actual U.N.

In November, GSU students were charged with researching their country to accurately portray the decisions its delegates would make.

GSU received acclaim for doing so in their position paper, which states the ideas of the

particular delegation and outstanding delegation for showing excellence in each of the ten committees.

During the event, GSU's delegation got to find out just how accurate they were when they met face-to-face with the actual South African delegation that they were charged with portraying.

"It's really humbling in a way," said Lomas. "These are movers and shakers and they're sitting up there talking to you and you get to pick their minds, pretty much," he said.

The group broke up into its individual committees and interviewed the delegation on specific issues facing the country.

Lomas pointed out that a passion for the subject of one of his committees helped him during the event.

"For my actual committee it was very environmentally focused, which is one of the reasons I chose it," said Lomas. "That personal satisfaction of 'Hey, I get to research that.'"

The Model U.N. is open to all students in good academic standing. For more information, contact Professor Barry Balleck at [bballeck@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:bballeck@georgiasouthern.edu).



## THE TIE EXCHANGE

Come join the Collegiate 100 for The "Tie Exchange" is an event that will be held at the Gene Bishop Field house located in the Erk Russell Athletic Park. Students will be able to begin developing their networking skills my meetings professionals in their field of study see some of the latest fashions in the business world. We will have local retailers from the Statesboro and Savannah areas. Both men and women's attire will be exhibited. This is a great opportunity for students to prepare for their careers by getting internships. As a part of the event guests will be able to find out more about the Collegiate 100 and the 100 Black Men of Savannah

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# Faculty and students honored with First Year Experience Awards

By Abbey Lennon

Guest writer

The First-Year Experience Program (FYE) of Georgia Southern University has announced winners for the annual FYE Awards.

Brandi Heath, Bob Frigo, and Daniel Czech were the recipients of the three awards offered by FYE.

FYE is a program designed to help freshmen and transfer students in their first year here at GSU. According to the director of FYE, Dr. Chris Caplinger, FYE 1220 (previously GSU 1210) is "a course designed to help you learn how to think in college."

FYE 1220 is the class incoming students are required to take that explore different themes chosen by the professor who will be teaching the course.

Awarded the 2009 Staff Outstanding First-Year Advocate, Bob Frigo, assistant director of the University Honors Program, believes that his work with the FYE program allows him to "chal-

lenge" his students.

"I challenge my students to see beyond the campus and envision themselves as actresses and actors on the global stage where they become engaged with the international community of which they are a part," said Frigo.

Czech, associate professor of Health and Kinesiology, was awarded the 2009 Outstanding First-Year Advocate for faculty. Czech led an FYE 1220 class that involved psychology of performance.

"We talk about leadership, we talk about work ethic, and time management goals, all the different psychological skills needed to become a top notch leader," said Czech.

Brandi Heath, a junior chemistry/pre-dentistry major here at Georgia Southern was awarded the FYE Peer Leader of the Year for 2009 Award for excellence in peer leading. As a peer leader for four semesters, Heath believes that peer leaders are vital to the FYE program.

"A peer leader is a student placed in the FYE 1220 classroom with a professor to help bridge

the gap between high school and college while being a positive role model and bringing a student perspective," said Heath.

Nominations were submitted via e-mail at GSU's FYE web site. Anyone can make a nomination.

According to Caplinger, the awards are important to all nominees.

"We've been doing this for a number of years to just recognize the work that faculty and others do to help transition students to college," said Caplinger.

Although most of those nominated for the advocate awards are involved directly with FYE, that is not a requirement of the awards, which are meant to "recognize people who are excellent mentors and teachers of first-year students and who promote first-year student success," said Caplinger.

Each of the three recipients agrees that the FYE program is vital for student transition to college. Being an effective peer leader has allowed Heath to gain leadership skills she considers to be very

important.

"Being a peer leader has been a wonderful experience, and I will take the skills I have obtained with me as I venture to achieve my ultimate goals," said Heath.

While being in a classroom with a professor, Heath got to see firsthand how "to truly make connections between high school and college," she said, "I did my best to show them the familiarities."

Students are encouraged to participate and become a peer leader. Czech would highly recommend holding a position of peer leader.

"It's tremendous in so many different ways," he said. "One of which would be the experience in and of itself. The fact is that you can put it on your resume, and second you are truly helping, no doubt about it."

In addition to other perks of being a peer leader, Czech also believes an important connection can be made by peer leaders and FYE students.

"You can have a connection with students you see out and about and connect with them," said Czech.

## SAGE and 'Keep Bulloch Beautiful' team up on Earth Day at Russell Union

By Ben Carroll

Staff writer

This Wednesday, April 22, will mark the 39th anniversary of Earth Day, which was founded by former Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1970.

It will be a time where many environmentalist groups will organize projects and other events to promote an environmentally healthy lifestyle for everyone.

According to the Program Coordinator of Keep Bulloch Beautiful, Matt Schacht, Keep Bulloch Beautiful will partner with SAGE on Earth Day to give information to students about what they can do individually to help the

environment.

Keep Bulloch Beautiful is a local environmental organization that is a partner with Keep America Beautiful and Keep Georgia Beautiful, and they host various events throughout the Bulloch County.

Schacht said that Keep Bulloch Beautiful is participating in Bulloch County's 9th Annual Great American Clean-up, which, according to [www.keepbullochbeautiful.org](http://www.keepbullochbeautiful.org), is in conjunction with the nation-wide Great American Clean-up is the largest American annual clean-up.

"We have had teams registering, probably a total of 300 individuals, who are going to help picking up 'litter,'" said Schacht, "They either choose an area to clean-up or are assigned an

area. There will also be groups who are going to be doing beautifying projects, such as planting trees."

This event will start be from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. and the volunteers will meet at the lawn of the courthouse for breakfast, a DJ, and a few local government officials who will say a few words, according to Schacht.

The annual Savannah Earth Day Festival 2009 was hosted on Saturday, April 18 at Forsyth Park. The festival is separated into two parts; RecycleRama and the actual festival.

During RecycleRama, people are asked to bring in their difficult to recycle items, such as tires, paint, and electronics. "This year, we collected over 5400 gallons of paint, which is

1200 gallons more than last year," said Sarah Barlow, City of Savannah Environmental Planner. The final totals of all the items recycled will be posted on-line at [www.earthdaysavannah.org](http://www.earthdaysavannah.org), said Barlow, along with information about their three workshops they hosted all during the festival.

From 11 a.m.- 3 p.m., the festival began with over 87 exhibits last year.

"The exhibits were a mix between activities or displays. We had Corduroy Road, who was our live music, and people stayed the entire time to listen. And our stage was solar powered, which we thought was pretty cool. We know at one point during the festival, we had about 1500 people attend the festival," said Barlow.

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# Performing Arts Center announces 2009-2010 season performances



The Performing Arts Center will begin its 2009-2010 season with Stomp in October.

Special photo

By Tiffani Addison

Guest writer

The Performing Arts Center has announced the performances for the 2009-2010 seasons.

The list is a diverse blend of talent that includes country music stars, acrobats and a classic American play.

"We are very excited about the exceptional talent we will be bringing to Statesboro audiences," said Performing Arts Center Director Albert Pertalion.

"Some of the performers, like Ricky Scaggs, are audience favorites that many people have asked us to bring back," said Pertalion.

Some of the performances of the season will include a performance of the Broadway show STOMP on Oct. 15, which will be open to Georgia Southern students only, and on Oct. 16, for season ticket holders and 1906 members only.

The Montana Repertory presents the classic play "To Kill a Mockingbird" on Oct. 31. A highlight performance will be that of country music legend Ricky Scaggs, who performs on Nov. 20, and Macon favorite John Berry pres-

ents his Christmas show on Dec. 3, 2009. The Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats will perform on Jan. 22, 2010.

The Hot 8 Band will bring a taste of New Orleans to the PAC on Feb. 13, 2010, and Broadway baritone Franc D'Ambrosio, who was the longest running Phantom on Broadway, will appear March 26, 2010.

The season will close with another highlight performance by 4 Celtic Women who entertain by singing, dancing, playing Celtic instruments and entertaining their audience with jokes.

Season tickets will be the first to go on sale and will be available beginning June 2 of this year.

Tickets may be purchased by calling the Performing Arts Center box office Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

According to Pertalion, the 2009-2010 season has a lot to offer students.

"The other performances will be performing for the first time in the area, giving our audiences the chance to see the kind of acts they would normally have to travel to Atlanta or New York to enjoy," Pertalion said.

## Ceremony held to honor campus staff Staff awards excellence held at PAC last Wednesday

By Maggie Baumann

Guest writer

On Wednesday, at the Performing Arts Center on Georgia Southern campus, a ceremony was held in honor of the staff on campus.

The Staff Awards of Excellence Ceremony is presented each spring by the Personnel Advisory Council, showing appreciation toward the staff for all their hard work and for those who have reached a milestone in their career.

Family, friends, and other co-workers came to the event to show support for the nominees and winners.

Presenter and President of the university, Bruce Grube said in his opening remarks, "We are celebrating the service of this university."

He praised all staff in all departments, complimenting service and attitude of the employees.

Two type of awards were given out: Service Awards and Merit Awards. The service awards were given out in six departments: President's Office, Information Technology, Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Business and Finance and Advancement.

Each department also presented awards for service of a full-time employee for five to 40

years of work.

The recognized recipients were presented by Grube with a certificate and hand shake, as well as a picture with him.

As the event also marked Grube's tenth year at the ceremony, an award was presented to him by Bryan Hooks, who surprised him with a speech of thanks on behalf of the staff.

The occasion was served with a long standing ovation from all the staff and the audience, celebrating his work for the university for the past ten years.

Merit Nominees were employees who were exceptional people with character and had the ability to make those around them feel welcomed. This year, nominees held the record for the most nominations since recent years pasted.

The eight merit recipients were presented at the end of the ceremony with an award, a bronze medallion, and \$1,000. Presenter, America Minc, spoke to the audience and nominees, telling stories of the winners and praises that were given previously by co-workers.

At the end of the ceremony, a standing ovation was given to all nominees and recipients. A staff appreciation lunch was followed by the ceremony.



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
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# Office of Student Leadership offers alternative volunteer May break trips

By **Anthony Visintainer**  
Guest writer

With the end of the school year coming up, most students are thinking only of taking finals and heading home for the summer.

The Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, however, is offering two opportunities for students to volunteer over May break.

Of the two opportunities, the one that students still have time to apply for is a trip to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This trip is geared more toward students who enjoy the outdoors.

From Sunday, May 10 to Friday, May 15, the group will be camping, doing physical labor, and helping the local Boys and Girls Club.

"The trip will last three days... the first three days will be mostly conservation: trail clearing and maintenance," said, Diana Hensley, the administrative coordinator of the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement.

On the fourth day, students will be helping the Boys and Girls Club in Cherokee, N.C.

The deadline to apply for this trip is April 22. To help with expenses, students going on this

trip will need to pay \$50. Also, they will need to provide their own camping gear.

To apply, visit the office of Student Leadership in Russell Union room 2024.

The larger of the two trips will be to Kissimmee, Fla. to volunteer for Give Kids the World.

Give Kids the World is a resort for children with terminal illnesses who asked to go to Disney World as a part of the Make-A-Wish foundation.

The group will be working with these children by helping them to enjoy themselves.

During the day, volunteers will help with things like pony rides, carousels, and mini-golf. Every night, the resort throws a themed party for the children, and volunteers will be helping with that as well.

"At the nights when we did the parties, the kids got to dress up, we had a parade, and it was a lot of fun for the kids... it is an amazing experience to be able to help the kids, see their smiles... and know that you're turning this time of hardship for them into something happy," said Hensley.

The Office of Student Leadership has been offering May break trips since 2006 and plans to continue doing so, but this is the first time that it has offered two.



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Students can apply for volunteer May trips at the Office of Student Leadership until April 22..

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# 2009 STATESBORO FILM FESTIVAL

## Local film buffs unite

By Shannon Knepp  
 News Editor

Film fanatics can finally say they have a home in Statesboro, or at least are working their way toward it.

Last Thursday, Statesboro held its first Film Festival downtown at the Averitt Center. Filmmakers from all over were allowed to enter the festival in order to win awards for best editing, best cinematography, best director, best film, and the prize all filmmakers had their eye on, viewer's choice (which came with the handsome prize of a large flat-screen TV).

For a first-time event, I must say that the turnout was shocking. The Averitt Center was packed with filmmakers, directors, actors of the films, and an audience ready to see what the first-time event had to offer.

16 films made it to the Averitt's "big screen," and I must admit, as the lights went down in the house, I felt a small sense of pride for our small town.

At the end of the event, the awards were given out. The festival copied the "Oscar style" and presented five nominees, then opened the envelope to reveal the winner.

For best editing, Robert Bonds music video for singer, Riko, "Love Triangle," took home the award.

"Bo," a story about a clown who just wants to be taken seriously, directed by Justin Peay, won best cinematography.

"Things People Say," a music video based off of the song by Lady Antebellum, won the award for best director. Hodges Usry directed the video.

"Super Awesome Adventure Kids," a film made to keep the traditions of cheesy Saturday morning

shows alive, won best film. The film was shot at the University of Georgia by Robert Thomason. This film also took home the grand (and most wanted) prize of the viewers choice award - which included the large, flat screen TV provided by Farmers Home Furniture of Statesboro.

For a first-year event, the festival did fairly well. The Averitt Center was a great place for the festival to be held, and hopefully this will be a tradition that is kept with. However, this is not to say that the festival did not have its flaws. One thing the festival could do is take a cue from its neighbors.

For example, the Statesboro Film Festival only allowed the submissions to be a maximum of eight minutes long. However, this limits the submissions (especially from outsiders) greatly. The Macon Film Festival, held only a few months ago, allowed for longer entries. While this would mean that the event could not take place in one night, a weekend festival may be a great thing for Statesboro. A longer submission could cause more entries from outside Statesboro, and having a weekend-long festival would have filmmakers staying in hotels and experiencing the town, helping Statesboro to grow.

However, this was a first-time event, so there is no need to be too harsh on it. The festival also did have one big thing going for it: the food. 119 Chops catered the event, which is another thing I would say needs to be a lasting tradition.

The Statesboro Film Festival was sponsored by Farmers Home Furniture, 119 Chops, Gailey Tropy, and The Statesboro Herald, with the Master of Ceremonies being the Herald's own reporter, Phil Boyum.

While not a perfect event, the Statesboro Film Festival shows promise. It will be interesting to see what comes from it in the years to come.



## Must-see movies: The Godfather (1972)

By Ryan Babula  
Staff writer

*With this section, I'll be recommending a movie every week that I feel is essential viewing for anyone who enjoys film or just likes to be entertained. Some of my choices may come off as unorthodox, but maybe even the weirdest of choices may turn out to be your new favorite movie.*

There's a reason that "The Godfather" is my favorite movie of all time, and it's not because of my Italian heritage or my predisposed love for gangster films.

This film is, at its core, a great tragedy marking the fall of two men: the matriarch of an immense crime family (Don Corleone, played to perfection by Marlon Brando) due to health and family battles, and his son (Al Pacino), who's forced into leading the business after an attack on his father by another family. The way these two stories intertwine, along with such great performances by James Caan, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton, and John Cazale makes this a timeless classic.

The captivating part about "The Godfather" is that it does everything it can to not glorify the gangster lifestyle while presenting it in a way

that's truthful and interesting. The family acts as a business, with certain values and beliefs that they hold in order to make things go as smoothly as possible.

Internal stability and security are stressed immensely, and if someone messes up, it's not a surprise to find them floating in a river. Warfare is a common feature of this lifestyle, and much of the film focuses on the diplomacy and actual retaliation between the Corleone Family and the Tattaglia family after the attempted murder of the Don.

Michael Corleone (Pacino) gets caught in the middle when he volunteers to kill those responsible for the attack. It's at this penultimate moment for Michael's life that leads to his eventual position as Godfather (which isn't a secret, I promise).

Going from an idealistic war veteran who decided to leave the family after school, his act of redemption is what makes his fate all the more tragic. Having to flee the country in order to find protection, he leaves behind his longtime girlfriend, Kay Adams (Keaton), and has to bear the news of family deaths and twisting developments. Once he realizes he's no longer safe in his Italian paradise (the film uses these ancient locations wonderfully), he returns to seal his fate with the family.

Marking Francis Ford Coppola's first major



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'The Godfather' is one of the most critically acclaimed movies of all time and is second only to 'Citizen Kane' in the American Film Institute's list of greatest American films.

film, the production was filled with problems and interactions from the start, and a back-up director was always on standby. It seems, though, that this constant stress is what makes this the best film it can be.

There are many subtle touches to be found, from certain camera angles, to the way a situation is lighted. Coppola is a master, and is in top form here.

I haven't said too much about the Don himself, but this isn't his film as much as it is Michael's and


Sonny's. Their actions throughout the film propel the film, both emotionally and actively.

When all is said and done, the final shot of the film says everything about what this film has to offer.

In that moment where Michael is called "Godfather," and Kay Adams, the naïve love of his life, realizes what he's become, it's truly heartbreaking. The door is shut on their happy existence, and all of their lives are doomed to unhappiness, all in the name of the family.



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# GSU celebrates Earth Day

By Philip Clements  
Features Editor

After a few weeks of confusing weather, Spring seems like it's finally here and not a day too soon. Tomorrow is Earth Day, a holiday celebrated worldwide in honor of environmental awareness and activism.

For Georgia Southern, tomorrow marks the 10th year that our campus has celebrated Earth Day, led each year by the Student Alliance for a Green Earth (SAGE), the campus environmental group.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be a celebration at the Russell Union Rotunda. Members of the Georgia Southern Jazz Band will take the stage at the Rotunda from 1-2. A raffle will also be held. Tickets will be sold for \$1 and the grand prize will be a bike.

Most importantly, however, there will be information about various environmental issues, such as the negative effects of coal-fired power plants.

One of the tables will be dedicated to Power-shift's "We Voted For" photo petition.

The goal is to get 50 pictures from each congressional district in the country to line the walls in the room as the Congressional Committee on

Energy discusses the American Clean Energy and Security Act.

"Our congressman, John Barrow, is actually on the Energy Committee and will be directly involved in the writing of this bill, so it's really important that we show him that he has Statesboro's support," said Jessica Sparrow, the vice president of SAGE and recipient of an Honorable Mention for the Morris K. Udall Scholarship.

Also in honor of Earth Day, the Green Design Collection is on display this week in the Russell Union. All 45 posters were designed by students in the Art Department.

In addition to SAGE, there are many campus departments and facilities that are making Georgia Southern's Earth Day celebration possible, among them are the library, the Botanical Gardens, the Physical Plant and the Wildlife Center, who will be bringing various little critters for students to interact with.

"The idea is just to promote environmental leadership and show people the ways they can make a difference. You don't have to spend a lot of money, especially by changing out your lightbulbs and getting a reusable grocery bag," said Sparrow.

For more information, check out the Facebook event titled "GSU EARTH DAY."



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Georgia Southern will celebrate Earth Day tomorrow, April 22, from 10-2 at the Russell Union Rotunda.



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# 'A Man For All Seasons' transcends historical context



Meghan Smith  
Lady Margaret (Left), played by Colleen Maddy, is comforted by William Roper (Right), played by Kenneth Wigley, after she learns of some discouraging news regarding Sir Thomas More.

By Anna Giles

Miscellany Managing Editor

"What is wrong with disagreeing? What is wrong with not speaking your mind when you have a valid opinion? The answer to the first question is nothing. The answer to the second question is everything."

This is how student director (and portrayer of King Henry VIII) of "A Man for All Seasons," Vincent Nicholson, summed up the play in his director's note. And indeed, the above lines are central to the play's conflict.

"A Man for All Seasons" is a play by Robert Bolt based on the life and times of Sir Thomas Moore. Moore was a lawyer, a churchman, and eventually became the Chancellor of England in the 16th century.

During the time of Moore's Chancellorship, King Henry VIII decided to divorce his wife, Queen Catherine, who was old and cannot bear him a son.

Instead, he wants to marry Anne Boleyn. Moore refuses to bless the king's decision, believing it to be wrong. This eventually leads to Moore's imprisonment.

Jim Harbour, theatre professor at Georgia Southern University, director of the play, and cast as Sir Thomas Moore, describes the play as being especially "pertinent in this day and age," what with scandals like wiretapping by the Bush administration if you were a "suspected terrorist."

I believe that the actors clearly executed the issues raised by this play as well as their characterizations of these important historical figures.

Amanda Shead, who played Moore's wife, Alice Moore, described her character as being very matriarchal. "She's not scared to tell [Moore]

if he's right or wrong," said Shead. "She's the only practical one [at times]."

Colleen Maddy, who played Lady Margaret, Moore's daughter, said that the hardest part for her was playing a historical character. She described Margaret as being "one of the smartest women, speaking Latin fluently." This was quite astounding for women during this time.

Thomas Cromwell, played by Michael Tarver, is another one of the most important characters. Cromwell is the true "bad guy," putting Moore on trial and through hell. Even though Cromwell seems evil through and through, Tarver said it was hard to give his character different layers: "the challenge with playing a villain is to humanize him."

Another notable character is "The Common Man," played by Adrian Camacho. Camacho describes The Common Man as a "regular guy – the narrator of the story. I'm an archetype for humanity." The Common Man actor plays multiple roles – six different characters in all. The Common Man provided comic relief and was enlightening if not only for his desire to make a quick buck but also because of his need for human connection, no matter how egocentric he seems.

His last line, loosely quoted, is this: "I'm breathing... Are you breathing too?... It's nice, isn't it? It isn't difficult to keep alive, friends, just don't make trouble or if you must make trouble, make the sort of trouble that's expected. Well, I don't need to tell you that. Good night. If we should bump into one another, recognize me."

Come see this fantastic show, 7:30 p.m., April 17–18, 21–25 at the Black Box Theatre in the Center for Art and Theatre (CAT). Tickets are \$5 for GSU students, \$10 for GSU faculty, and \$15 for general admission. Reservations may be made by calling 912-478-5379.



Meghan Smith  
Sir Thomas More (Left), played by Jim Harbour, shares the some unfortunate news with William Roper (Middle), played by Kenneth Wigley, and his daughter, Lady Margaret (Right), played by Colleen Maddy.

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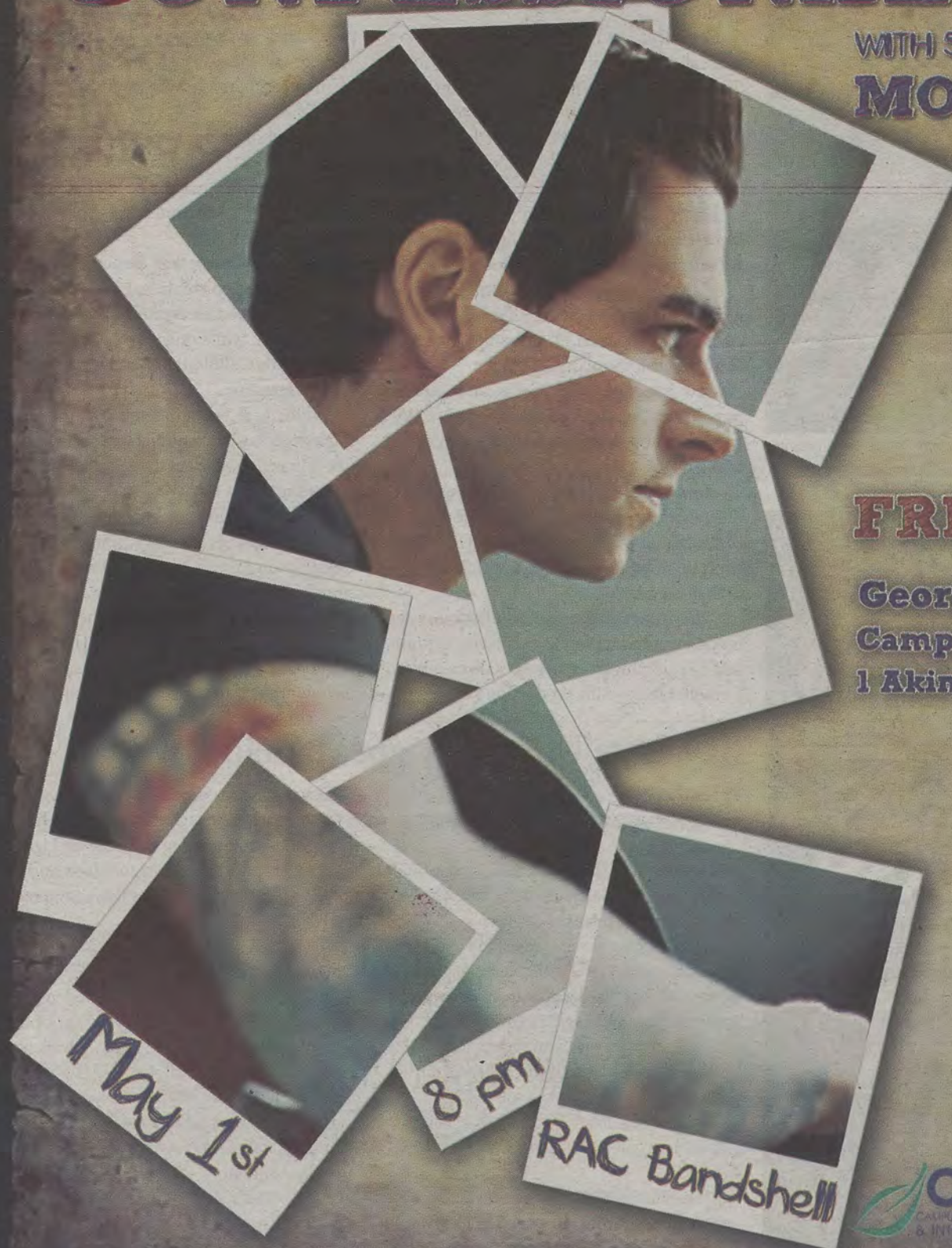


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## Inventors sue Cornell over dairy results

By Michael Linhorst

UWire

A pair of inventors who developed a new machine for milking cows have filed a lawsuit against Cornell for allegedly slandering their product.

Cornell studied the inventors' milking system, called CoPulsation, in the 1990s and found that it was no more effective at reducing infections in cows than conventional systems were.

The inventors say, however, that the university is lying about the study's results for financial reasons.

Lanny Gehm and his son, Bill Gehm '83, invented CoPulsation, claiming that it reduces an infection, called mastitis, in a cow's udder.

Mastitis is an important problem for the dairy industry because it can significantly reduce a cow's milk production, make the milk unsuitable to sell or even cause the cow to die.

New infections with CoPulsation are approximately one sixteenth the rate of infections with conventional milking machines, according to Bill.

However, Cornell's researchers disagree. The differences they found between CoPulsation and conventional machines "apparently have little effect on milking and udder health," according to their study.

"The bottom line is the CoPulsation system is no better and no worse than any other unit," said Lee Southwick, a retired staff member of Cornell's Quality Milk Production Services, who

was involved in the study.

But Cornell has a financial interest in putting CoPulsation out of business, Bill said.

The University receives income from some farmers who are required to test their cows for infections. It would lose money if the rate of infections decreased and fewer farmers had to pay Cornell for testing, Bill said.

"Cornell wants us out of the business because we're in competition with what they're trying to do," he said.

The Gehms claim that, despite the study's conclusion that CoPulsation is not more effective than conventional machines, the data actually indicate that CoPulsation successfully reduces the rate of mastitis.

The study shows that 31 percent of cows milked with a conventional machine developed staphylococcus aureus (a particular type of infection), while only two percent of cows milked with CoPulsation developed the same kind of infection.

While there was a difference in the rate of staphylococcus aureus, differences in the overall rate of infection were not statistically significant, according to the study.

By suing Cornell for libel and slander, Bill hopes to stop the university from disparaging CoPulsation and to recover monetary losses from lack of sales, he said.

The study was published in the Journal of Dairy Science in 2000, but "Cornell has continued to disparage the product," Bill said. "They have continued to lie about the results."

## Ball State University goes barefoot with TOMS

By Sean Armie

Uwire

Dodging glass shards and mud, Hannah Jung walked barefoot all day across the Ball State University campus Thursday.

Jung, a senior physical education and health education major, created a Facebook group encouraging students to go barefoot to bring awareness to the millions of people in developing nations who walk every day without shoes.

The group had over 500 confirmed participants.

The day promoted TOMS, a shoe company that donates shoes to children in need across the world.

According to TOMS, 40 percent of the world goes every day without shoes and many of the infections and diseases that plague this demographic could be remedied by a pair of shoes.

Jung and 20 other participants met at Frog Baby in the afternoon and marched around Shafer Tower, through the Atrium and to the Scramble Light.

Abby Brown, a sophomore social work major, said she had fun answering questions and promoting TOMS.

She said she tries to spend a part of a lot of days dedicated to causes.

"There are a lot of things that people don't realize are a problem in the world so they just kind of just go along not even realizing what other people are going through," Brown said.

Jung said she thought the event was effective and hopes people will check out TOMS and buy their shoes and make them a popular thing.

"It's a humbling experience, not wearing your shoes and realizing that people go through this every day and walk so much further and so much longer," Jung said. "It really puts things in perspective."

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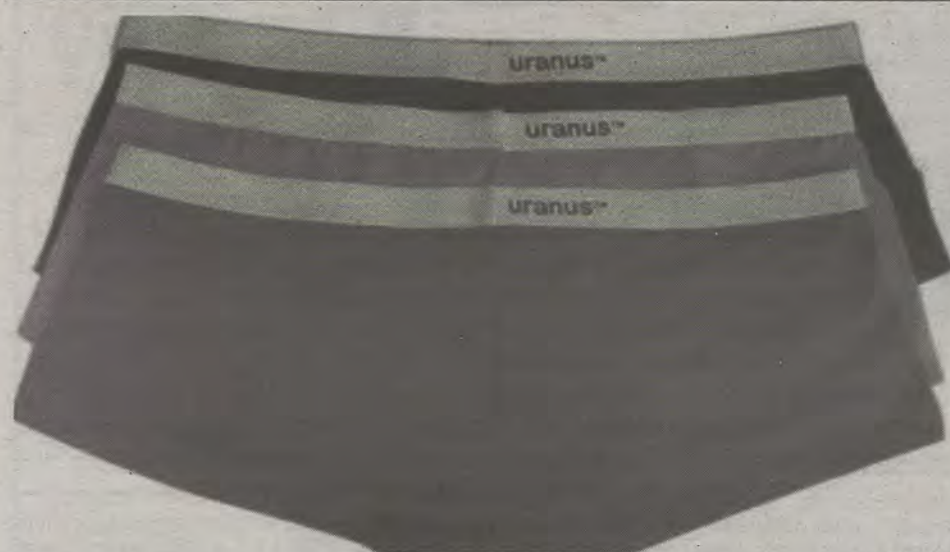
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## NATIONAL NEWS



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Two U. Florida students started selling 'green' friendly underwear made of soybean fiber.

## U. Florida students selling soybean fiber underwear

By Amanda Hines

UWire

Soybean fiber underwear offers an eco-friendly way to help save the planet, starting with Uranus.

Natalie San-Andres, 22, a University of Florida biology senior and Lauren Golik, 23, a UF journalism alumna, are the brains behind the Uranus Apparel brand, featuring underwear made from 47.5 percent soybean fiber.

The idea for the soy shorts began in Miami during the summer of 2008, when the co-founders were painting a sibling's bedroom that had photos of planets plastered to the ceiling, San-Andres said.

"Maybe it had something to do with the paint fumes," she said, "but the idea to have an underwear company called 'Uranus' was born."

After researching, they chose the soybean as the main material for the environmentally-aware clothing, San-Andres said.

"We sought to create a product that would promote sustainability through a sense of humor,"

Golik said.

In honor of Earth Day, which is on April 22, she said they will be handing out free undies on campus Wednesday.

The women's boy-short style underwear come in sets of three and are packaged in a biodegradable burlap pouch, San-Andres said. The set includes one black, one beige and one moss-green pair.

Golik said the soy fabric is made from byproducts of soyfood production, including material that would otherwise be thrown away from tofu and soybean oil. She said the shorts are produced in China, one of the world's top producers of soy products.

The shorts are softer, and soy lasts longer than cotton, San-Andres said. The product was described as "buttery-soft" by Treehugger.com, a pro-Earth blog Web site.

Though the underwear is the only product offered by Uranus Apparel, Golik said they hope to expand to other styles and more clothing such as t-shirts.

## Anger boils over at Oklahoma Capitol over taxes

By Will Holland

UWire

Thousands gathered near the front steps of the Oklahoma State Capitol Wednesday to protest "out of control" taxes, the federal stimulus package and "irresponsible" spending by state and federal lawmakers.

The goal of the Oklahoma City tea party was to have lawmakers hear the voices of the people, said Emmalee Mattern, Oklahoma Christian University student and Tea Party volunteer.

"We are sick of fiscal irresponsibility," she said. "We want to protect the Constitution and we want our government back."

Tea parties like Wednesday's have been taking place around the country but the event at the Capitol was the largest, Mattern said.

Norman also saw a tea party Wednesday at the Santa Fe Train Depot and University of Oklahoma College Republicans hosted a tea party Monday in the Oklahoma Memorial Union courtyard.

State Rep. Scott Martin, R-Norman, spoke at the OU Tea Party and said he supports the protesters because they embody fundamental American ideals.

"I think it's a great display of democracy in

action," he said.

He said he planned to attend the tea party at the Capitol as a citizen, not as a state legislator.

"I'm just going out there as a concerned citizen with my fellow Oklahomans," he said.

Martin said he's concerned because he thinks the federal government is spending too much money, which could be detrimental to America's economy in the future.

"I have a 2-year-old at home and I want his future to be as bright as the future I had when I was his age," he said.

Bob Cleveland, a Norman resident, attended the Oklahoma Capitol and OU Tea Parties and took his participation farther than most.

He, like many attendees, carried signs, but unlike most, Cleveland dressed in colonial garb, like the original participants in the Boston Tea Party.

He said he thinks America's founding fathers also would be holding tea parties if they were alive today but would have taken it to a higher level.

"The only difference is they would have their muskets, and I have a sign," Cleveland said.

But State Rep. Wallace Collins, D-Norman, said cutting taxes is one reason the state has a large budget hole.



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Thousands gathered in front of the Oklahoma Capitol to protest 'fiscal irresponsibility' with taxes.

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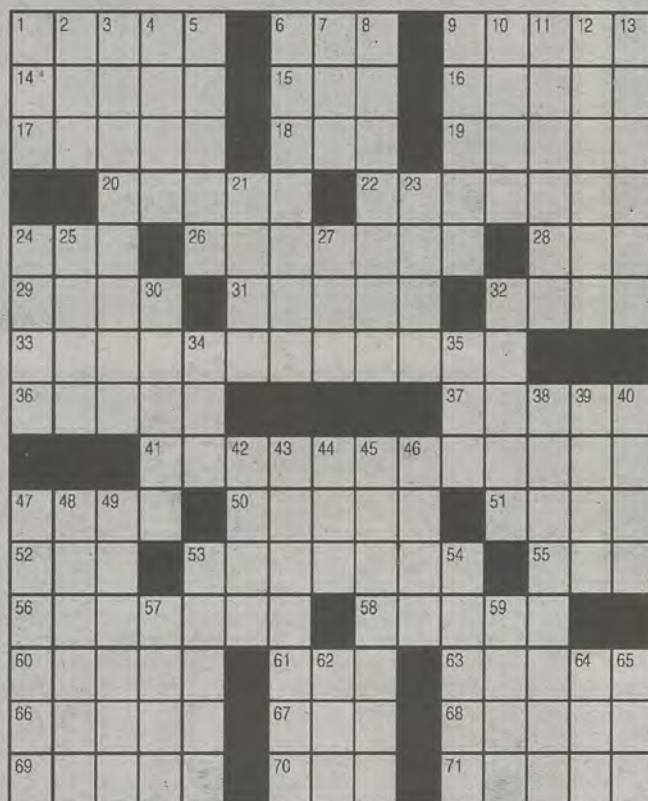
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Veronica  
6 TV network  
9 Waldorf, e.g.  
14 Dumbfound  
15 Cool or groovy  
16 Verify  
17 Many-headed monster  
18 Big fuss  
19 "Bolero" composer  
20 Noblemen  
22 Japanese flower arrangement  
24 Glide on snow  
26 "Torn" singer  
Imbruglia  
28 Fawkes or Lombardo  
29 Hoity-toityness  
31 Handrail post  
32 Comprehends  
33 Became level  
36 Follow afterward  
37 Blockade  
41 Salon  
47 Resistance units  
50 Thread reel  
51 Refinery residue  
52 Souchong, e.g.  
53 Small bars  
55 Church vow  
56 Breakfast pick  
58 Former capital of Japan  
60 Playful mammal  
61 Galena, e.g.  
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67 For each  
68 Musician Shaw  
69 Short-lived Ford model  
70 Newspaper honchos  
71 Blush wines.

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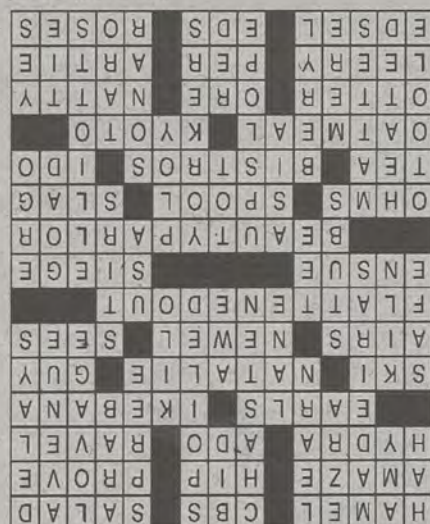
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10 U.A.E. word  
11 Unusually tall seasoning plant  
12 Means of access  
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21 Kent's girlfriend  
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30 Ticket receipts  
32 Mixes up  
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42 Gobi location  
43 Farther along the ascent  
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45 Some cricket pitches



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47 "My Favorite Year" star  
48 Warmed up  
49 Dull finishes  
53 Emerald's mineral  
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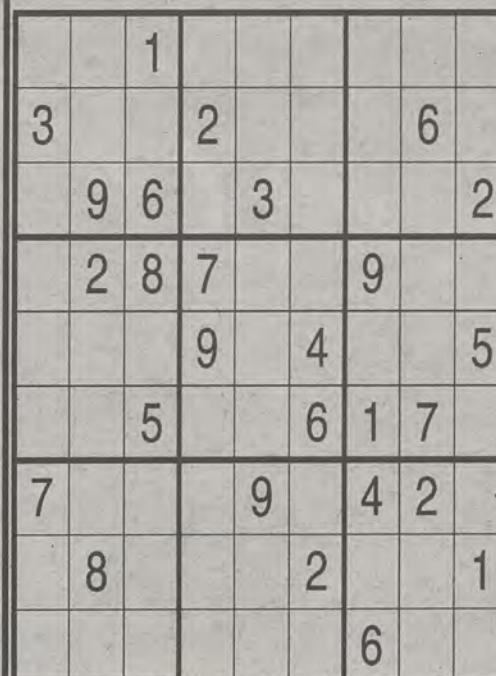


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Solution to last Sunday's puzzle



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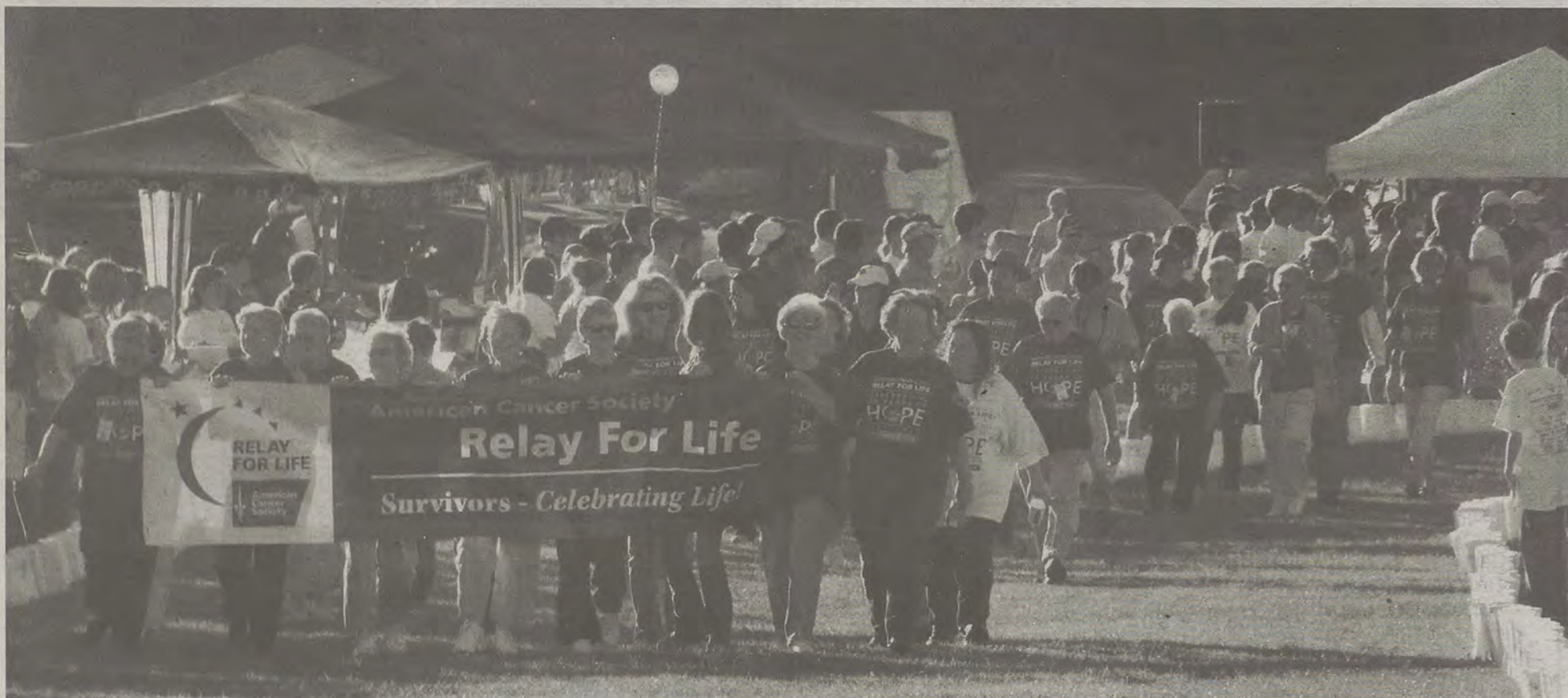
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# Golf second at SoCon championship, Lethem holding lead

Compiled by Staff

After two days in South Carolina, the Georgia Southern Eagles currently stand second in the SoCon Championship Tournament. The Mocs of Chattanooga currently atop the leaderboard going -10 for the first two rounds of play.

The Eagles are now -6 for the tournament, with the Furman Paladins in close third with a -4 score. Despite trailing to the Mocs, Eagle senior Drew Lethem has been sensational for his final SoCon Championship match.

Lethem shot a 66 during Sunday's round one, which is 6 under par. Despite Lethem's early success, Chattanooga had three of its players finish right behind after Sunday's individual leader board.

Derek Rende finished Sunday's round five-under par, one shy of Lethem's score. Following Rende were fellow Mocs Stephan Jaeger and Fredrik Qvicker who shot three-under par on Sunday.

Lethem would continue his dominant play

on Monday, however, by shooting an even par 72 in round two. This has allowed Lethem to maintain a two stroke advantage over a group of four players tied at -4.

Lethem was all over the place shooting four birdies as well as four bogies. GSU shot 292 to total 570 (-6) after two rounds, four strokes off of Chattanooga's leading pace.

Monday's best individual round came from UNC Greensboro's Will Bowman rather than Lethem. Bowman carded a four-under par 68 as the junior fired a 31 on the front nine and closed with a 37 on the back.

Currently, the Mocs, Eagles and Paladins are the only teams under par after the first two rounds. Logan Blondell is another Eagle currently on the individual leaderboard, with a -3 score. Blondell is currently tied in sixth along with Chattanooga's Qvicker and Furman's Daniel Bowden.

The third and final round for the SoCon Championship will resume tomorrow at 8:00 with Blondell teeing off at 9:04 and Lethem beginning play at 9:12.



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Senior Drew Lethem follows through his swing after helping the Eagles place second after two rounds in the SoCon Championship.



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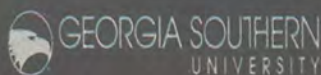
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Senior Joris De Weerd prepares for a returning shot in a recent match against FAMU.

Weekend sports highlighted by  
tennis seasons ending with wins

Compiled by Staff

The Georgia Southern men's tennis team swept the Presbyterian Blue Hose, 7-0, marking the end to the 2009 regular season for Georgia Southern Sunday afternoon.

The non-conference win improved Georgia Southern to 10-8-1 overall this season. The Blue Hose fell to 5-14 on their senior day.

The Eagles will travel to Elon, NC for the Southern Conference tournament, which starts Thursday.

GSU plays on Friday in a first round match up against fourth ranked UNC Greensboro. UNC holds a 14-7 record and a 7-3 record in the conference.

The women's tennis team finished their season as well with a 4-3 victory over Samford. Senior Shea Huxtable clinched the winning point for the Eagles.

The team will also be heading to Elon, NC this weekend for the women's tennis SoCon tournament. They will play as the number four seed on Friday against Davidson (no. 5).

Davidson holds a 11-11 record but 6-4 in the SoCon.

For baseball, starting pitching was the key again as Matt Murray pitched six strong innings helping the Eagles complete a Southern Conference sweep of Davidson, 11-2 on Sunday (check out pg. 24).

The 28th-ranked Eagles improved to 21-3 at J.I. Clements Stadium and 28-9 overall.

Chris Mederos earned the SoCon award for 'Pitcher of the Week.' Mederos improved to 8-0 and a 4.14 ERA.

Georgia Southern softball took the rubber game of the series from UNC Greensboro, with an 8-2 win Sunday at Eagle Field.

The Eagles improve to 22-19 on the season, with a 11-7 conference record. UNCG falls to 19-24 and 7-8 in the SoCon.

Brianna Streetmon earned her 13th win of the season after allowing only one run. The sophomore pitcher struck out four and walked none in four innings of work.

The Eagles track and field had a strong showing at the War Eagle Invitational Saturday. The Eagles set a number of new season highs in preparation for the Southern Conference Championships.

Georgia Southern did well in the high jump getting jumps of 1.75 and 1.67 meters. Melanie Trumbo won the event and tied her regional qualifying mark of 1.75 meters from the Florida Relays.

Jasmine Lightning set a new season high and tied for third in the high jump with a mark of 1.67 meters. Alex Cassagnol also finished with a mark of 1.67 meters.

The track and field team will be the hosts of the Southern Conference Outdoor Championships this weekend at Eagle Field.

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Kevin Bowles stretches for a hit in the Eagles April 3 game against College of Charleston. The Eagles won, 15-14, in 14 innings.

## Streaking Eagles to host CSU Buccaneers

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Sports Writer

The Georgia Southern Eagles (28-9) are coming off of a five-game winning streak as they head into Tuesday's match up against the Charleston Southern Buccaneers (13-26). Three of those five wins come from a series sweep against SoCon relative, the Davidson Wildcats.

The Eagles have won their previous six home games, putting up 10 or more runs in their last three at J.I. Clement Stadium. GSU also has an unprecedented 21-3 home record this year.

The bats have yet to disappoint this year, with the Eagles currently at a .324 batting average for the season. The depth GSU has within their lineup should help keep the bats swinging.

In the last twenty games this year, eight of eleven players have a .310 batting average or higher.

The depth GSU carries throughout their lineup also contributes in other aspects other than just hitting. Senior Ty Wright, along with

his .396 batting average, has stolen 15 out of 16 bases and has crossed home plate 46 times.

A large part of the Eagles success has been the pitching. Chris Mederos has been leading the pitching staff with an 8-0 record, including one complete game! Mederos has tallied 65 strikeouts, which is almost doubled from Andy Moye's 41, currently second most on the team.

Mederos is not the projected starter however, as Jake Brown will more than likely get the start. Brown currently has a 4.70 ERA with a 3-3 record. 46 innings pitched this season helps bring confidence that the lefty can last for a long duration.

The starters are just as important as the bullpen, which hasn't disappointed either. Senior Kyle Kamppi has closed out six games for the Eagles with a 3.20 ERA and only one earned loss.

The Buccaneers are coming off of a series sweep as well. CSU was swept by the Presbyterian Blue Hose, who the Eagles swept earlier this year. This will be 39th time these two teams have faced off, with GSU leading the series 35-4.

The Buccaneers are averaging a .300 team batting average led by switch-hitting sophomore Nick Chinnors, who currently has a .368 average. The CSU base-running seems to be their strongest quality as the Buccaneers have totaled 35 stolen bases.

CSU also has three players with 10 or more doubles and seven different players with a triple. The Eagles will have to be careful of the Buccaneers' ability to stretch the bases.

Not a lot of depth is shown in the CSU lineup though, which could be a difference maker for the upcoming game. The Buccaneers only have one bench player with a .300 batting average, and the team's pitching has a 7.23 ERA.

Overall, the depth the Eagles possess throughout the entire club gives GSU a fighting chance in any game. Facing the Buccaneers of Charleston Southern shouldn't be a problem however.

Expect the depth GSU has to help defeat the Buccaneers as well as assist them for the remainder of the season.

## just the basics

### SCOUTING REPORT

The Charleston Southern Buccaneers are struggling so far this season. The team currently has twice as many losses as they do wins, and their Big South conference record has four times as many losses.

The Bucs were picked to finish ninth of ten teams in the conference in the pre-season polls and are currently not far from that prediction. They are ranked seventh in the conference as of this weekend.

This year is the first season under new head coach, Stuart Lake. Lake is a CSU alum and has coached for two teams familiar to GSU fans, College of Charleston and The Citadel.

The program has undergone many different rebuilding measures this season, such as new batting cages and added seating in their stadium.

### AT A GLANCE

2009 overall record: 13-26

2009 Conf. Record 4-16

2008 overall record: 18-35

Upperclassman: 9

Freshman/Sophomore: 20

### DID YOU KNOW?

Georgia Southern and Charleston Southern share a common rival, the Furman Paladins. CSU has at least one game each season with their in-state opponents.

The Bucs will face Furman on Wednesday afternoon.

### GAME WEATHER



High: 76°

Low: 54°

Mostly sunny