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# THE GEORGE-ANNE

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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS

## Grube names Means interim provost for upcoming year

*Means to take over after Bleicken's departure to AASU*

Chris Buchanan

Staff writer

The Dean of Continuing Education and Public Services Gary Means will be moving up soon as he takes the reigns as interim provost and vice president of academic affairs this summer.

"I'm really honored and humbled to have been asked to do this, and I think one of the main things that has convinced me to stay on and do this job is that this is really a very special university," Means said.

Means, who came to GSU in 2006, will be appointed to the position following the departure of Provost Linda Bleicken who will assume her new role as president of Armstrong Atlantic University on July 1.

According to Means, Grube conferred with multiple campus officials, including faculty and vice presidents, in deciding who to appoint to the position.

"I come in with a lot of experience so I guess he saw that as what he wanted in this ability and I really believe in what he wants to get accomplished in the next year before he retires," Means said.

Means held positions, including dean, at universities in Arizona and California before coming to Georgia Southern.

"At each of these institutions, Dr. Means demonstrated strong leadership skills and a broad knowledge of academ-



Chris Buchanan/STAFF

Currently the Dean of Continuing Education and Public Services, Gary Means is expected to take over as interim dean on July 1.

ics that will serve the university well as he assumes this new responsibility," Grube said in a statement to campus.

Means described the role he would

be inheriting as "complex and expansive."

"The provost has major responsibilities – provost and vice president of aca-

demical affairs – for everything that goes on with students in terms of academic classes and faculty," he said.

Means stressed that he has no

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Dean of Continuing Education and Public Services

agenda, but does plans to continue the university's focus on Retention, Progression, and Graduation (RPG).

"Most students haven't heard of RPG other than the rockets out of Iraq, but the retention progression and graduation is really critically important," he said.

According to a release from the University System of Georgia (USG), RPG is the focus of an initiative across the state to retain and graduate college students on-time.

Means said that the university was currently doing well in this area.

"We achieved an 80 percent retention rate of our freshmen class which is spectacular."

Though he will hold the interim position until a new provost is selected in June of next year, Means says that he currently has no plans to run for that position.

Means also said that he is currently working with the Grube and Bleicken to fill the seat he will vacate during his time as provost.

### NEWS

Kiplinger.com announces the details of Georgia Southern's ranking in their national survey.

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## GSU ranked among top schools on Kiplinger.com

By Tiffani Addison

Guest writer

Personal finance and business forecasting company, Kiplinger.com, names Georgia Southern University as one of their top 100 best values in public colleges.

A periodic report showcasing the Web site's readers' top choices reveal that GSU is No. 8 among the best values in public colleges and universities.

GSU was one of three schools in Georgia to be recognized.

Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Georgia were recognized alongside GSU in the annual list compiled by the Web site, that assists parents of prospective students identify outstanding universities that provide a good education for their sons or daughters, as well as offer an outstanding investment.

"We are very pleased to be recognized as one of the best values in the country," said Teresa Thompson, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management at GSU.

"Kiplinger bases its college rankings on a combination of outstanding academic quality

and affordable tuition," the Web site said.

The publication examines nationwide data from more than 500 public four-year colleges and universities.

The list is then narrowed "to about 120 schools based on several measures of academic quality."

These measures include the percentage of the 2008-09 freshman class scoring 600 or higher on the verbal and math components of the SAT (or scoring 24 or higher on the ACT), admissions rates, freshmen retention rates, student-faculty ratios and four- and six-year graduation rates.

GSU's enrollment for the 2008-2009 school year reached 17,764 students, with freshman retention of 81 percent and an average freshman SAT score of 1111.

Each was an all-time high for the university.

Senior marketing major Clay Turner was featured on the site offering 12 "insider" tips to why GSU is the place to be.

"His tips included the yellow school buses used for the football team, where seniors prefer living and unusual traditions on campus," said Manager of Media Sales, Paul Fletcher.

## RAC and Library change hours for summer term

By Abbey Lennon

Guest writer

The operating hours for the RAC and the library have been changed to accommodate the decreased number of users for the summer months. Although services rendered will stay the same, the hours have been changed.

"This will be a new experience for all of us," said Associate Dean of the Library, and Associate University Librarian, Ann Hamilton. "This is the first summer in the newly expanded building," she said.

According to the Zach S. Henderson Library web page, library hours have changed for the summer months. Monday thru Thursday, the library will open at 7:30 a.m. and close at midnight. On Friday, it will open at 7:30 a.m., but close at 10:00 p.m. Saturday, it will open at 9 a.m. and close at 10 p.m., and Sunday, it will be open from 12 noon until 12 midnight. Also, according to the library website, the library will be completely closed on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day, and on July 3-4.

These changed hours are changed during the summer due to "a matter of staffing," said

Hamilton, and the obvious decrease in the number of students taking classes in the summer as compared to regular Fall and Spring Semesters is also a factor Hamilton said.

The RAC hours will be changed to Monday thru Thursday 6 a.m. - 10 p.m., Friday, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday the RAC will open at 11 a.m. until 7 p.m., and Sunday, from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. According to the Campus Recreation and Intramurals, (CRI), website the summer hours will remain until June 25, 2009 when the regular RAC schedule will be put back into place.

As in the library, the RAC will still offer all services to students, explained Director Gene Sherry.

"The only difference is there will be a few more camps," said Sherry. Intramural sports will be available as well as many of the same programs available during fall and spring semesters.

For more information on library hours visit <http://library.georgiasouthern.edu/calendar.html>. Or, for more information on summer hours for the RAC, visit <http://services.georgiasouthern.edu/cri/index.html>.



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Deborah Inskeep/STAFF

## New My.GeorgiaSouthern hits the homepage

By Kathy-Lee Cassie

Guest writer

Students may have noticed that there have been many changes and newly added features to My.GeorgiaSouthern.edu. It is designed to make the task of finding different sites and links easier for students, as well as faculty and staff. While this is only the first phase, the newly implemented system is efficient and user-friendly.

"Basically what we tried to do was take all the things that people use on a regular basis, and put them all together in one place. That was the goal. We wanted to make it easier for faculty, staff, and students," said Marla Bruner, manager of Internal Communications.

The new updates include information on campus news and Quick Links to frequently used sites and social networks that are used regularly by students and faculty.

The features that students find more popular include the Calendar and the variety of Quick Links that have been made available.

"The reason why students like the calendar func-

tion is because they are broken down by topic, and they also like all of the Quick Links that they can find based on what the topic is. The Quick Links are things that people used all the time," said Bruner.

One other feature is the College Link. This breaks down news into the different colleges here on campus. Students in different colleges will find it much easier to learn more about news having to do with their college.

The setup of site is similar to the previous webpage. It is divided up into different pages, and the different messages are placed under a particular page. If it is student oriented then it is placed under the student category, whereas if it has to do with faculty and staff then it is put on their specific page.

Students can submit news or announcements that they wish to advertise on My.GeorgiaSouthern.edu, by clicking the "Submit News" button on the bottom of the home page.

"We are open to suggestions on what works and what doesn't work. So people can email me if they feel that something on the page is missing, and we can fix that," said Bruner.

## POLICE BEAT

Thursday, May 7, 2009

Kristen Catherine Hunter, 19, North Arbor Trail, Marietta, Ga. was charged with theft by taking and theft by deception.

Saturday, May 9, 2009

Kassume Amair Chaple, 18, South Main Street, was charged with criminal trespass and obstruction of an officer.

Lisa Marie Cundey, 19, Eagle Village, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and public intoxication.

Richard James Wolters, 19, South Chase, Sandy Springs, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and public intoxication.

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Samantha Nicole Stiller, 19, Zachary Ct., Southport, N.C., was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and public indecency.

Alicia Anne Addison, 20, Statesboro Place, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and possession of a false I.D.

Danielle Elizabeth Stiller, 19, East Yacht Drive, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and public indecency.

Sunday, May 17, 2008

Zachary Ezell Williams, 25, Eagle Walk, was charged with wanted person.

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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](mailto: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.

## Welcome back to Statesboro

Summer, a time of relaxation. A time usually thought of being filled with summer vacations, lazy afternoons, and nothing to do but lay out by the pool with a cold drink in hand.

Unless, of course, you are in summer school.

For those students, this is a time of a full semester's work crammed into six short weeks. Of course, these students still usually still partake in some pool and cold beverage time.

Welcome to summer semester in Statesboro, a time of work, play, and, this year, cold weather? Hopefully, that will be gone soon.

This is the time of year when Statesboro seems totally isolated. Walmart lines are shorter, Chick-fil-a is only a few-minute wait for food at even their busiest times, and the campus seems somewhat deserted.

It is important at this time, for first-time summer students, to find a way to stay involved and keep in touch with friends who will be returning in August.

As students try to adjust to less time in a classroom, but faster paced classes, it is important to remember to slow down and enjoy the heat of Statesboro, as soon as it returns.

## Get out of Statesboro and into the mountains



**Colin Jones**  
is a history student  
from Douglasville, Ga.  
He is a guest writer for  
the George-Anne.

So, you're stuck taking classes in Statesboro for the summer.

For many, this might as well be a death sentence, but it doesn't have to be. If you're anything like me, you're looking for something fun to do instead of wasting your time inside or spending every day at the pool.

Now that the weather is beginning to cooperate, many opportunities pose themselves to

people who enjoy the outdoors. Of course, Statesboro can't provide every outdoor opportunity, but luckily, a short drive can, and with gas prices at about half what they were a year ago, why not take advantage and head to the mountains?

Georgia has a lot to offer to backpackers, climbers, kayakers, bikers, and outdoor enthusiasts of all interests and skill levels. This summer, I plan on taking numerous weekend trips involving as many of these activities as possible and still managing to be back for class on Monday morning.

This weekend is perfect to begin an active summer. With Memorial Day off, there is that much more time to spend doing something you love, with people you love, in a beautiful place that is impossible not to love.

For those looking for a short backpacking trip, the Appalachian Trail, which begins at Springer Mountain in Georgia and continues 2,175 miles to Katahdin in Maine, offers many

short sections which handily lend themselves to weekend trips for people of all physical abilities.

Planning these trips is actually fairly easy. A simple visit to Google will help you scope out which section is right for you and your friends, where to park, what to bring, and anything else to expect.

If a lack of gear is the only thing holding you back, there are many ways to solve this.

Southern Adventures at the RAC rents out basically everything you will need for fairly cheap.

Also, for those who may want to plan multiple trips, purchasing your own gear may be a better, more economical option. Check out Craigslist, eBay, or anywhere else you may be able to find some used stuff for cheap. There's no reason to waste money.

If you're lucky, maybe you can even catch an REI Scratch n' Dent sale at one of the four stores in the Atlanta area, where you can find some awesome deals on basically anything you could possibly need (and some things you don't). Just check REI.com for upcoming dates.

So, if you find yourself stuck in Statesboro this summer, do yourself a favor, get away from what seems to be the flattest place on the planet and head to the mountains.

Don't be convinced, by others or yourself, that the four-hour drive is too far, gear is too expensive, or that you don't know enough about these types of trips.

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## NATIONAL NEWS

# Man shot, killed on Harvard campus

By Crimson staff

UWire

Justin Cosby, a 2005 Cambridge Rindge and Latin graduate with no apparent ties to Harvard, was shot sometime before 5 p.m. Monday in the basement of J-Entry of Kirkland House, according to Gerry Leone, district attorney of Middlesex County. He died early Tuesday morning, the district attorney's office confirmed.

"We're not suspicious of any Harvard students being involved in this shooting at this time," Leone said. "The investigation is extremely active."

Leone said at a press conference Tuesday afternoon that Cosby's relationship with the Harvard community was "unclear," as was how he obtained entrance to Kirkland House.

The victim's mother, Denise Cosby, told The Crimson early this afternoon that her son died at 3:30 at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, where he was taken for care and where she was attending to him.

Following the incident, Cosby was bleeding from the lower torso but was still conscious, according to Dental School student Jared M. Sprague, who said he helped support the victim after the shooting.

Kirkland House Master Tom Conley, who spoke to police shortly after the shooting, also said two to three suspects fled the scene after the incident.

Leone said that a weapon has not been located. State police crews collected forensic evidence at the scene of the incident Monday.

At 7:20 p.m., a line of 11 Harvard and Cambridge police officers spaced themselves out across the grassy Malkin Athletic Center quad, walking toward Kirkland from the Lowell House side with heads bent as if looking for something.

Kirkland House Masters Tom and Verena Conley notified the House of the shooting in an e-mail sent at 5:32 p.m. Monday. A Harvard University text message alert was sent to students subscribed to the system 13 minutes later.



Special photo

According to the District Attorney of Middlesex County, Justin Cosby was shot Monday at 5 p.m.



Special photo

UCLA students are being pushed to vote due to state budget crisis.

## UCLA campus groups urge students to vote

By Julianne Lauler

UWire

There is much at stake for the University of California in Tuesday's special election.

However, student involvement has been difficult to maintain because of the timing and content of the propositions that are up for vote, said Jennifer Knox, communications director for the University of California Students Association.

"I think this is a tough election, especially for young people, because there was little prior notice and because the issues are difficult to understand without background knowledge of the state budget situation," Knox said.

Even for those who are politically knowledgeable, the issues on the ballot are confusing and difficult to fully understand, said Jesse Melgar, external vice president for the Undergraduate Students Association Council.

In addition to the complexity of the issues up for vote, students at many universities, including UC Berkeley and UC Merced, will be taking finals this week, which could put the elections on the

back burner, Knox said.

However, the state budget crisis has motivated many students to engage politically and has created a sense of urgency, so these barriers may not impede student voter turnout, Melgar said.

Also, various campus groups have made an effort to encourage students to vote and be informed about the measures they'll be voting on.

Members of Bruin Democrats have been phone-banking, visiting precincts, and attending debates between candidates for local offices, said Brandon Harrison, the internal vice president of Bruin Democrats.

The organization hosted a debate last month in the Charles E. Young Grand Salon in Kerckhoff Hall between David T. Vahedi and Paul Koretz, two candidates for city council.

The Undergraduate Students Association Council's external vice president's office has also been actively trying to rouse student involvement in the election.

Although student groups have been active in encouraging voter participation and supporting local candidates, they have not officially endorsed any of the proposed ballot measures.

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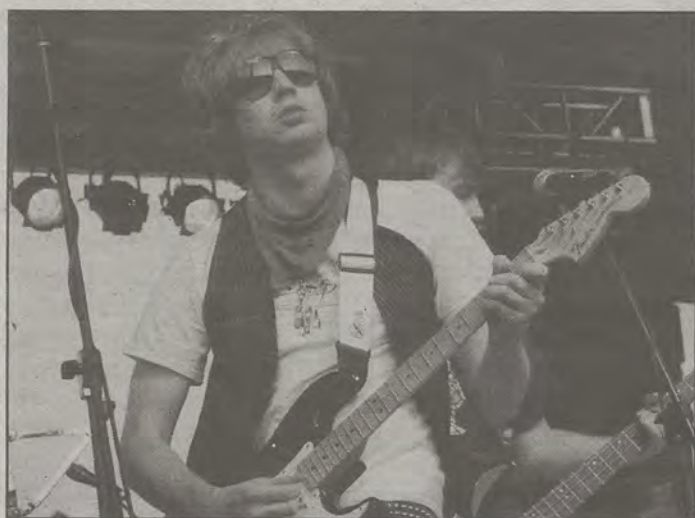


# Dashboard Confessional

... delivers during performance at RAC

Photos by Lauren Roese, G-A staff photographer

The daily grind of spring 2009 was set aside May 1 during a concert headlined by Dashboard Confessional. Moonhammer opened the Friday night event. According to the Office of Student Activities, between 6,000 and 7,000 people attended the concert under the stars.



**Above: Guitar player** Dan MacCready looks out into the crowd as Moonhammer plays one of their tunes for eager Eagles.

**Top: Willie Edwards**, vocalist/guitarist for Moonhammer, addresses the crowd during their performance prior to Dashboard Confessional.

**For more photos from the concert and student reactions to the performance, visit [GAdaily.com](http://GAdaily.com).**



**Chris Carrabba**, lead singer of Dashboard Confessional, sings during the Dashboard Confessional concert at Georgia Southern RAC band shell Friday, May 1. The selection of songs performed during the concert included "Stolen," "Vindicated," and "Hands Down." The concert was free and open to the public.

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# "Star Trek" creates a whole new generation of Trekkies

By Ryan Babula  
Staff writer



The USS Kelvin, a Federation Starship, approaches a massive black hole in the middle of space, and from its churning center emerges a giant spaceship. After taking evasive action, the Kelvin comes under attack by the ominous craft.

On board the ship, George Kirk is put in command, and jettisons his pregnant wife off the ship to safety.

He keeps in contact with her as she goes into labor, and knowing he will die, hears his son born. They name him James Tiberius Kirk right before

the USS Kelvin is destroyed, and with this stunning opener begins the summer's first true blockbuster, "Star Trek." Every other film this summer has a lot to live up to.

Growing up with a genuine Trekkie (my dad, I'm proud to say), I've always had a respect for the series. After the films declined back in 2002, nobody seemed to care about the adventures of the USS Enterprise. "Star Trek" became too dated for its own good, but what TV producer J.J. Abrams ("Lost") and his writing partners Roberto Orci and Alex Kurtzman have done is gone back to the beginning and explored the origins of Captain Kirk, Spock, Bones, Uhura, and the rest of the crew.

While it seems like a safe move, Orci and Kurtzman make the proceedings compelling by introducing aspects of time travel and alternate universes. In doing this, they intertwine past and present Trek lore, and introduce "Star Trek" to a new generation while respecting older fans as well.

In rebooting the franchise, younger actors had to be cast in the pivotal roles that began the series. Chris Pine plays James T. Kirk, and while he may look nothing like William Shatner, he channels his cocky attitude, his frat-boy swagger, and his brave heroics that made the character famous. You may not know Pine from his previous work (Smokin' Aces), but he's sure to become a huge star after this.

Zachary Quinto plays Spock as a conflicted young man that tries to stay true and formal to his Vulcan roots, yet can't deny his human feelings.

I really don't care for Quinto in "Heroes" (mostly because the show sucks), but he's really great here, and his encounter with an old hero late in the film is sure to give fans chills.

Zoe Saldana is sexy and headstrong as Uhura, and acts as a good comedic foil for Kirk whenever

he gets in trouble.

Karl Urban is dually fantastic as Dr. "Bones" McCoy, and his interpretation of the character is note-perfect. John Cho, Anton Yelchin and Simon Pegg play Sulu, Chekov and Scotty, respectively, and while they aren't given much screen time, they make their presence memorable and make the crew dynamic all the stronger.

Rounding out the cast is Eric Bana as the Roman villain, Nero. His plot for revenge against Spock acts as the film's catalyst, and he brings equal parts venom and pain to the angry antagonist. He may be evil, but you can sense a bit of hurt in his eyes for the losses he's endured.

With the fantastic cast, the great story, and incredible special effects, J.J. Abrams is able to make the film exciting for all audiences, fans or not. The film moves at a fast pace, and the action is awesome.

But what makes this entry truly special is the sense of awe and wonder brought to the proceedings.

"Star Trek" is all about exploring the unknown and the incredible, and Abrams and company have crafted a wonderful and exciting film that honors

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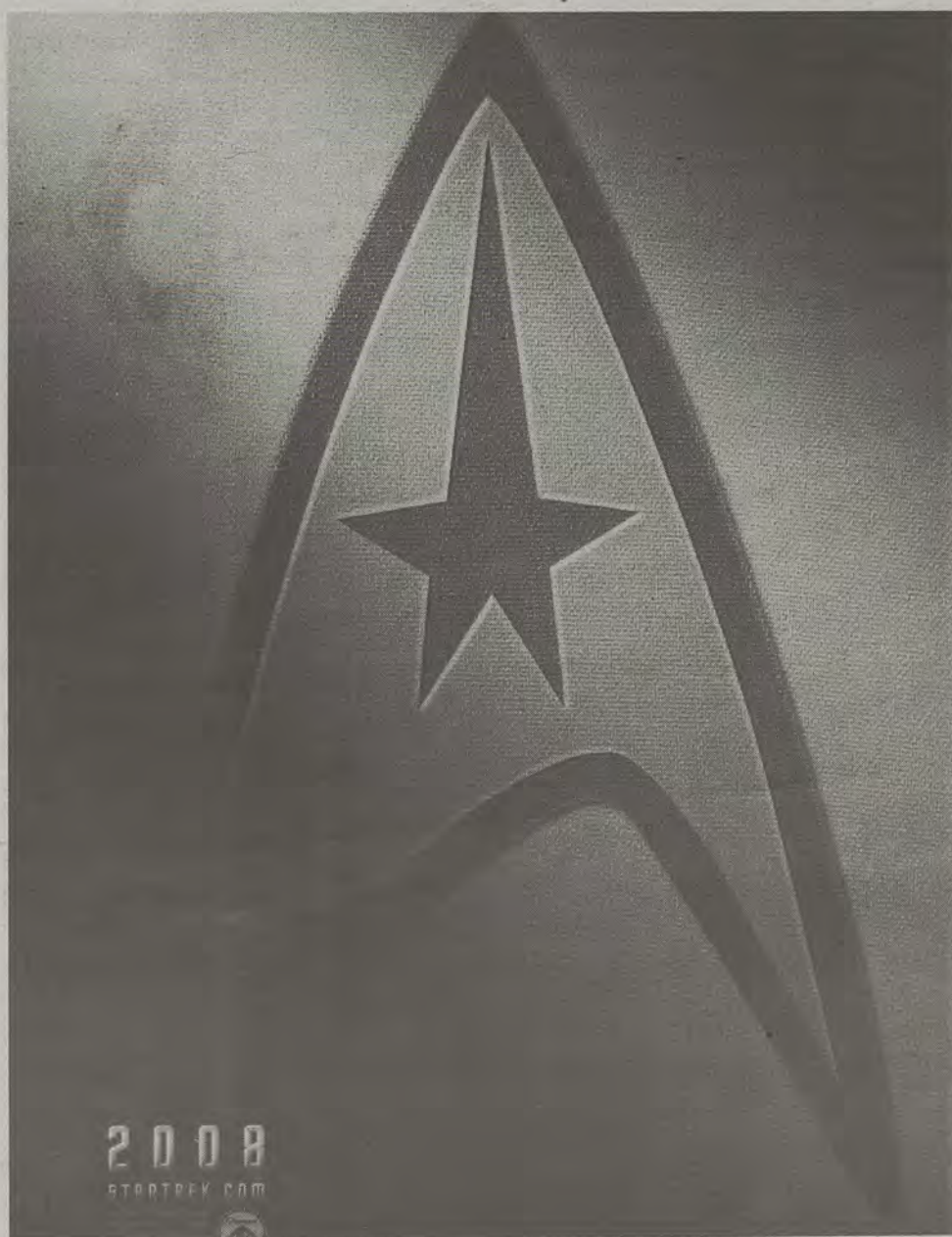
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# Eagles advance in tourney; All-SoCon reveals two

*GSU move deeper into winning bracket, schedule to play winner of match-up that included Citadel, App State*

**By Thom Cunningham**  
Sports editor

The Georgia Southern Eagles entered Wednesday's SoCon Tournament as the No. 2 team. The Eagles finished an impressive 2009 season with a 20-8 conference record while holding a 39-15 overall record. Elon, who finished with a 23-4 conference record, earned the No. 1 seed for the SoCon tournament.

As the No. 2 seed, the Eagles began tournament play Wednesday morning against the No. 7 seeded Davidson Wildcats (11-16, 18-30).

Despite a terrible record, the Wildcats would not go down without a fight. Davidson scored the first two runs after a fielder's choice and wild pitch gave the Wildcats a 2-0 lead after the first two innings.

The Eagles put up their first run in the bottom of the third as catcher Griffin Benedict hit a sacrifice fly to bring outfielder Ty Wright

home, cutting Davidson's lead 2-1.

The Wildcats would not back off as Chase Fitzpatrick hit an RBI double in the top of the fifth giving Davidson a two run cushion.

The bottom of the seventh belonged to the Eagles, however, as Kyle "Sugarbear" Blackburn smashed a two-run homer tying the game 3-3.

Neither team could find a run as the game stretched into extra innings. Shortstop Brian Pierce changed that in the bottom of the 11th, hitting a bloopier behind second base that brought outfielder Phillip Porter in for the winning run.

Eagles starting pitcher Chris Mederos



**Chris Mederos** is the first GSU pitcher to receive a First Team honor since Everett Teaford in 2005-2006.

didn't pick up the win, but pitched 7.1 innings and struck out 12. GSU closer Kyle Kammpi picked up the victory after 2.2 innings pitched and two strikeouts.

The Eagles move deeper into the winning bracket and are scheduled to play today at 5 p.m. GSU will face the winner of Wednesday's matchup that featured the No. 3 Citadel Bulldogs and No. 6 ranked Appalachian State.

On top of the success GSU earned throughout the season, two Eagles were named to the All-SoCon team. Starting pitcher Chris Mederos and senior catcher Griffin Benedict were awarded SoCon recognition after remarkable



**Griffin Benedict** is ranked the No. 1 catcher on Rivals.com and is a finalist for The Johnny Bench Award.

2009 seasons.

Mederos earned a 10-1 record in his first year with GSU and recorded a total of 94 strikeouts.

Mederos ranks first in the SoCon under total wins and strikeouts. He is also ranked third under innings pitched (81) and ranked fourth under total ERA (4.00).

Mederos is the first GSU pitcher to receive a First Team honor since Everett Teaford in 2005-2006.

Griffin Benedict's honor goes unquestioned, as the No. 1 ranked catcher on rivals.com is one of 13 finalists named to receive the Johnny Bench Award. The Johnny Bench Award is given to the nation's top catcher.

Benedict produced a .415 batting average this year and has now gone two consecutive years with a 50 plus run/RBI season.

Benedict totaled 59 runs and 54 RBIs this year, including 10 homeruns.

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