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sequel release
this week

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Weekly Poll

How will you beat
the heat this summer?

Stay indoors 44.4%

I find the weather quite
pleasing 33.3%

Lounge at the pool 16.7%

Travel to somewhere cooler
5.6%

Cast your vote online!

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Case of H1N1 confirmed on campus



Chris Buchanan/STAFF

Tests results Wednesday morning confirmed that a Georgia Southern University student had been infected with the H1N1 virus. **Look to GADaily.com for updates on this developing story.**

Feeling bad?

According to a release
from GSU Health Services,
flu-like symptoms include
but are not limited to:

- Fever of 100 degrees or more, plus cough and/or sore throat
- Headache
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Body aches
- Chills
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Tiredness

For additional information, please visit: <http://services.georgiasouthern.edu/health>. This Web site is updated regularly as new information becomes available.

Health Services' DeLoach: Student treated for virus, doing much better

By Shannon Knepp
G-A managing editor

A case of the H1N1 virus, or swine flu as it is more commonly known, was confirmed in a Georgia Southern student by the Georgia Public Health Laboratory.

The student went to GSU Health Services on Friday, June 19 with flu-like symptoms and saw Dr. Brian DeLoach, chief of medical staff and medical director of Health Services.

According to DeLoach, there are

two types of flu -- influenza A and influenza B. The H1N1 virus is a type of influenza A.

The student took a rapid flu test, and his results came back negative. However, DeLoach says the student showed obvious symptoms of the flu, and had his tests sent to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory. The results came back Wednesday morning that the student had a confirmed case of H1N1.

According to DeLoach, the student

infected with the H1N1 virus was treated and is doing much better.

A camper from Boys and Girls State, which was held last week, was also confirmed to having H1N1. The camper is believed to be one of the campers two campers who was reported to have influenza A, however this has not been confirmed. The camper was not treated at GSU.

The two cases of H1N1 at GSU are totally unrelated incidents.

"There is nothing to indicate the student got the virus from [the campers]," DeLoach said.

According to Assistant Director of Communications Betsy Nolen, GSU has been planning for the H1N1 virus for the past 3 months.

"We began planning and preparing for an incident since the flu broke out in Mexico in late April," Nolen said.

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to GSU campus July 7

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Three-Day Forecast



Today
Mostly Sunny
98/78



Friday
Partly Cloudy
98/79



Saturday
Isolated T-storms
98/80



Go to www.GADaily.com
to comment on today's
stories and opinions.

CALENDAR

Friday

Eagle Entertainment will present "I Love You, Man" as part of the Outdoor Movie Series. The movie will begin at 8:30 p.m. and will be shown at the Russell Union Rotunda.

Saturday

The Main Street Statesboro Farmers' Market will be open from 9 a.m. until noon. The market is located behind the Sea Island Bank in the parking lot, on the corner of East Main and South Main streets. For more information, call Manda Corley at 912-764-7227 or visit mainstreet@mainstreetstatesboroga.com.

Ongoing

The Linda Bobinger Invitational is on display until July 17 at the Averitt Center for the Arts in downtown Statesboro. For more information, visit www.averittcenterforthearts.org or call 912-212-2787.

Indelible (P)ink: The Pink Panther and Popular Culture exhibit will be featured at the Georgia Southern University Museum through July 19. For more information visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/museum/> or call 912-478-5444. Admission is free and open to the public.

The Inspector's Mystery Maze will be at the Georgia Southern University Museum through August 16. Admission is free for members of the Museum and \$2 for non-members. The museum hours are: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is closed for recognized holidays.

To submit items for the calendar, send an e-mail with the name of the event, location, time and contact information to assignments@georgiasouthern.edu. Information needs to be submitted at least two weeks in advance of the event.

Fireworks to light up Boro on Fourth

Firecracker Fest 2009 at Mill Creek begins at 4 p.m.

By Tiffani Addison
Guest writer

The Fourth of July is approaching and there is plenty to do in the Boro and surrounding counties.

This year's Fourth of July festivities are already underway as Statesboro and Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting the Firecracker Fest at Mill Creek Regional Park. The festivities will begin at 4 p.m. and end at 11 p.m.

Sea Island Bank has been the biggest sponsor for this festival for the past 15 years.

"We are looking forward to the crowds this year and happy to serve as many people as possible," said Wendy Denton, marketing director at Sea Island Bank. "We are thrilled to be able to host a free event especially during these hard times with the economy." Denton also mentioned that the bank looks forward to thanking Statesboro for being a great community to live and work in.

The evening will include activities ranging from interactive games, greased pole climbs, and Subway eating contests, which will be held from 7 to 8 p.m.

The 300 Miles Band and Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs will perform at the event.

"This year there is a new traffic plan that can be found on the Bulloch Rec Web site," said Shellie Zeigler of the recreation department. The evening will conclude with a fireworks show, beginning at 9 p.m. along with the national anthem.

Festivities will also be held in Savannah, Fort Stewart and Tybee Island for the holiday. Savannah will be hosting their "Fantastic Fourth Celebration on the River."

This celebration is one of the largest fireworks displays in Southeast Georgia and is held along historic River Street in Savannah, Ga., according



When: Saturday, July 4 beginning at 4 p.m.; fireworks will begin about 9 p.m.

Where: Mill Creek Regional Park
For more information: <http://www.bullochrec.com>

to Felisha Wentway, office administrator for the Savannah Waterfront Association.

This festival has been around for decades but did not move to the River Street location until the mid-1980s, according to Wentway. The celebration is free and open to all ages.

Fireworks will take place at approximately 9:30 p.m. on the Savannah River, choreographed to music on radio station KIX96.5.

Fort Stewart's fireworks show begins at 9:30 p.m. There will also be local musical entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Tybee Island hosts a fireworks show at the Pier and Pavilion to celebrate Independence Day.

Fort Morris State Historic site in Midway, Ga., will host their Colonial Fair this Independence Day as well. Beginning at 11 a.m. there will be games, live colonial bands and colonial dancing, as well as musket and cannon firing and a chance to meet the Georgia Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Georgia has a lot to offer for the Fourth of July

If you are looking to hit the road on the Fourth and want to enjoy a light show, there are several locations in Georgia that hold shows that could appeal ...

• Fireworks on the River

When: Saturday, July 4 beginning at about 9:20 p.m.

Where: River Street, Savannah
For more information: <http://riverstreetsavannah.com/>

• Tybee Island

When: Friday, July 3

Where: Pier & Pavilion

For more information: <http://www.tybeeisland.com/tybee-events-festivals.shtml>

• Fourth of July at Fort Stewart

When: Saturday, July 4; opening remarks at 5 p.m.; local music begins at 7:30 p.m.; fireworks to begin at 9:30 p.m.

Where: Cottrell Field

• 42nd annual Fantastic Fourth Celebration

When: July 3-5

Where: Stone Mountain State Park, Memorial Lawn

For more information: <http://festivals.stonemountainpark.com>

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POLICE BEAT**Wednesday, June 17**

Officers issued three traffic warnings and assisted two motorists.

Thursday, June 18

Officers issued two traffic warnings, assisted four motorists and investigated one accident.

A book was taken from the College of Information Technology Building.

Friday, June 19

Officers issued one traffic citation, issued three traffic warnings, assisted one motorist and responded to two alarms.

Saturday, June 20

Officers issued two traffic citations and assisted two motorists.

Sunday, June 21

Officers issued three traffic citations and assisted one motorist.

Two bicycles were taken from Sanford Hall.

A cell phone was taken from the Nessmith-Lane Building.

Officers issued one traffic citation, issued three traffic warnings, assisted one motorist and responded to two alarms.

Monday, June 22

Officers issued one traffic warning, assisted one motorist, assisted one sick person and responded to a report of harassment at the Rosenwald Building.

Tuesday, June 23

Officers issued one traffic citation, issued four traffic warnings and assisted one motorist.

A golf cart was vandalized near the Williams Center.

John Kenneth Garver, 19, Olympic Blvd., was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and possession of a false I.D.

A GSU student reported that a sexual assault occurred with an acquaintance at University Villas.

Correction

In reference to a story about the swine flu in the June 18, 2009 edition of the George-Anne, according to the Medical Director for Student Health Services, Dr. Brian Deloach, students experiencing any symptoms can contact Georgia Southern Health Services or their family physician "for instructions on what to do."



Courtesy of the Office of Marketing and Communications

President Bruce Grube and his wife Kathryn Grube prepare to slice watermelon in 2008 at the annual summer event. The first melon cutting of 2009 will be Tuesday, July 7 at 10 a.m.

A taste of tradition

61st annual melon cutting to take place July 7

By Tiffani Addison
Staff writer

Mouths are watering over Georgia Southern's traditional watermelon cutting ceremony.

The ceremony is set to begin Tuesday, July 7 at 10 a.m. After the first event there will be one every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. for the remainder of the month of July. The location of the ceremony will be on the Pedestrium near the Carruth Building, across from the Williams Center.

This year marks the 61st annual event for the University, according to manager of media relations, Paul Floeckher.

The planning for this ceremony is handled by the Office of the Vice President of Business and Finance. Secretary to the Vice President for Business and Finance, Anita Thurson, is responsible for coordinating the event and confirming the date with the president's calendar.

"The most interesting fact that most people do not know is that this event is open to community," stated Thurson.

"I am not aware of any special guests that will be attending this year, but anyone can take part in the watermelon cuttings—they are open to the public," said Floeckher. Floeckher also stated that this tradition, after beginning with late President Henderson, was continued on by each of his successors as president of the University.

Sweet Southern tradition

Watermelon cuttings will take place every Tuesday and Thursday throughout July at 10 a.m. on the Pedestrium near the Carruth Building. The dates of the events are as follows:

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|-----------|-----------|
| • July 7 | • July 21 |
| • July 9 | • July 23 |
| • July 14 | • July 28 |
| • July 16 | • July 30 |

"This will be President Grube's 11th year taking part in the watermelon cutting ceremony. President Grube stated that he will be available to speak to visitors at the ceremony. This will be President Grube's last time participating in the traditional watermelon cutting ceremony as president.

This tradition started in 1948 by the late president Zach. S. Henderson. The university opened a small farm in 1948 that grew fruits and vegetables that would be sold for low prices and the idea sprouted from there. The overstock of watermelon would be given to GSU students for free. The ceremony has always taken place after the Fourth of July.

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Opinions

Submission of Letters to the Editor

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

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The George-Anne
Thursday, June 25, 2009

Obama on Iran: Right on or way off?

The United States government has not taken a clear stance on the ongoing violence in Iran that has resulted from the disputed presidential elections. But millions of people around the world have.

According to Iranian state media and Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, current President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad achieved a landslide victory over the extremely popular opposition candidate Mir-Hossein Mousavi.

Dozens of people have been killed in riot clashes between protestors and Iranian police. Hundreds of thousands of Mousavi supporters have taken the streets in protest of the election, and millions around the world have joined in street protests.

Protesters in Iran have been using the social networking site Twitter to inform the world about the movement since international media organizations have been banned from filming the protests. Some believe that this could give rise to the first ever revolution that the Internet plays a great role in.

If Americans are standing up against this injustice, why hasn't our government taken a harsh stance against the Iranian government? The answer is simple: We have to keep our country safe, and we have to maintain our power throughout the world.

It has been known that for the past few years that Iran has been pursuing a nuclear program, but it is unclear if this program is for peaceful energy purposes or a secret weaponry ambition. It is clear, however, that Iran says the program is peaceful and that the U.S. is certain it is a destructive route for the Islamic Republic to take.

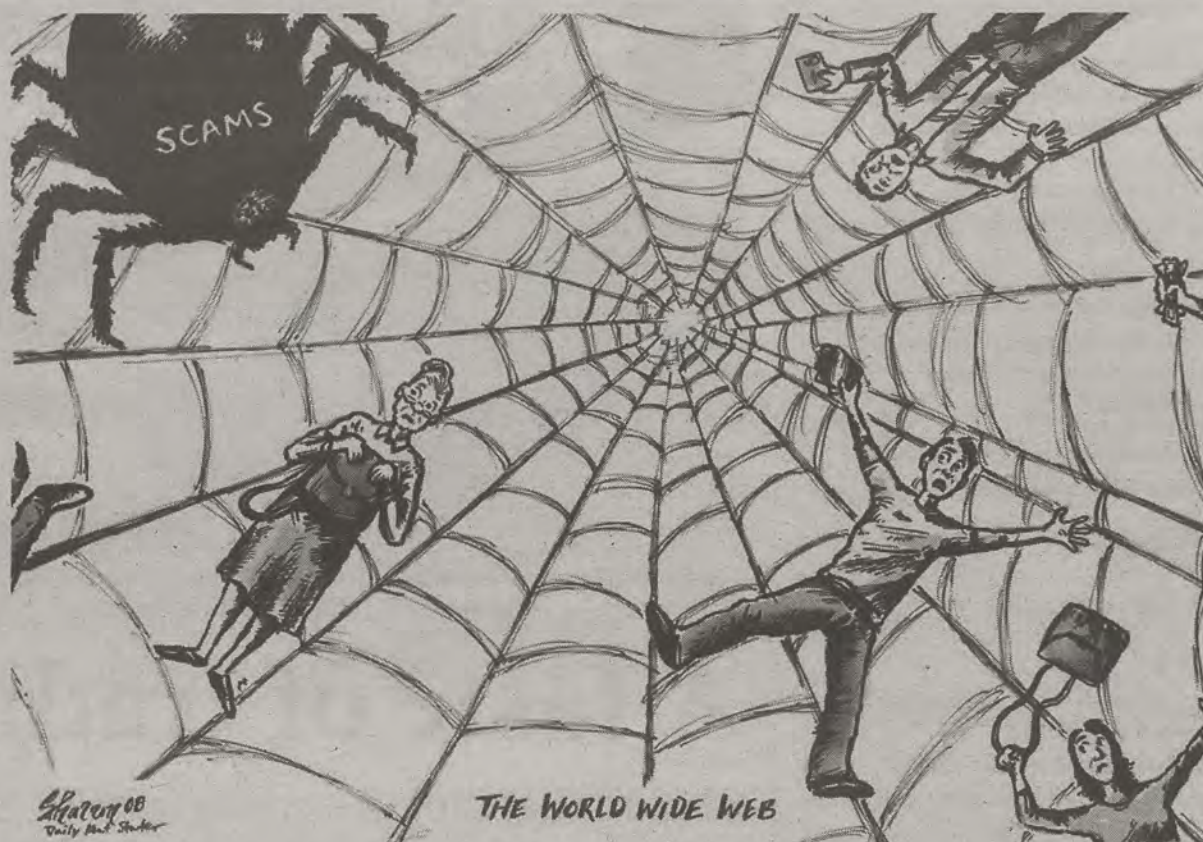
This one issue of nuclear power makes Obama's reaction to the foul election in Iran a very complex one. If there is indeed a violent purpose to this program, American allies such as Israel could be in Iran's cross hairs. More importantly, a nuclear weapon program could put American troops in Afghanistan and Iraq at a grave risk.

If Obama supports the Iranian government in their actions, then he will have alienated millions around the world as well as the Iranian people. Our influence in world politics will diminish if this kind of comment is made. But, he does bridge a gap with a country that has not been the best of friends with the U.S.

On Tuesday, Obama held a press conference and specifically mentioned the violence in Iran. He said "the United States and the international community have been appalled and outraged by the threats, the beatings, and imprisonments of the last few days. I strongly condemn these unjust actions, and I join with the American people in mourning each and every innocent life that is lost."

Obama's stance condemns the violence against innocent people, but he did not directly blame the Iranian government. By taking this route, Obama sends a message that most can agree with: "Violence is wrong". Additionally, he does it without specifically blaming the government, meaning that he is doing his best to stay neutral in the matters of an independent government, despite their actions.

President Obama's choice not to make a statement specifically blaming the Iranian government is a good choice. By not condemning or accepting the actions of the Iranian government, he has helped keep the U.S. safe and may help improve relations with Iran in the future.



Internships put you one step closer to your 'dream'

It's a long time saying.

College is not a right, it's a privilege.

If you are privileged enough to have the opportunity to receive a college education, it is beneficial to you to make the most of it.

This doesn't mean simply going to class regularly and doing all your homework, this means taking all of the opportunities that your school offers.

The most important of these are opportunities that can help advance your career as fast and productive as possible, and the best way to do this is to obtain an internship.

Internships are possibly the best and most beneficial way to put your dreams in action. No matter where you decide to attend, there are bound to be internships available within your particular field of choice that can give you a jump-start on your future.

Internships are fairly easy to obtain, it takes a little effort to get them. One of the biggest problems with college students today is motivation.

Classes and lectures are beneficial to your intellectual progression, but the opportunity to obtain professional experience, paid or unpaid, is simply too good to pass up.

It might take a little research and maybe even a little hard work, but the end results are sure to be beneficial.

The best way to obtain your dream internship is to simply be observant. Talk to your professors and advisors within your



Matt Mauney is a senior journalism major from Lilburn, Ga. He is the managing editor of the Reflector.

college; they are sure to know of opportunities available.

I have spent over three years working for the student media program here at Georgia Southern, and I can honestly say that it has been one of the best decisions I have ever made.

As a journalism major, my experience gained while with the program has not only benefited me by adding clips to my portfolio, but has allowed me to build my resume enough to obtain my own personal "dream" internship.

I am currently holding an internship with Inside Pitch Magazine. A member of scout.com, in association with Fox Sports, Inside Pitch is dedicated to exclusive and in-depth coverage of the New York Mets minor league system.

I have spent this summer covering the Savannah Sand Gnats, the Mets single-A affiliate, and have loved every second of it.

My point is that I am not a special case. Anyone can obtain his or her own personal "dream" internship.

All it takes is a little perseverance, dedication, and motivation and your springboard to your future dream job awaits.



Katherine Kennedy/STAFF

Two men take a break from the sweltering heat outside of Sea Island Bank in downtown Statesboro Wednesday afternoon. Temperatures last weekend peaked at 99 degrees with a heat index of approximately 106 degrees.

National Weather Service meteorologist Robyn Brown attributed the extreme heat to a high pressure system off the coast.

Weather woes worsen as heat rises

Statesboro endures heatwave with no immediate end in sight

By Chris Buchanan
Staff writer

Any break in the summer heat may be short-lived according to National Weather Service Meteorologist Robyn Brown.

"It's probably going to be cooling down -- that's a relative term -- into the 80s but there could be another heat wave in the summer, we can't predict that right now," Brown said.

This comes after a weekend where the temperature rose to 99 degrees and the heat index was expected to reach a high of 106 on both Friday and Saturday.

The weather spawned a heat advisory from the National Weather Service that lasted much of the weekend.

The wave began with an area of high pressure that brought in deep westerly winds that traditionally bring heat with them, Brown said.

"We weren't having any onshore flow that was cooling it down from the water," she said. That added to the high humidity which brought heat indices over 100 degrees for multiple days.

According to Head Meteorologist Mike Emlaw, the weather actually cooled down into the 90s at the beginning of the week, but he said that because high temperatures come in waves, they could rise again.

Don't let the heat beat you

Follow these tips to stay cool in extreme heat

- Stay indoors if possible
- Avoid the mid-day sun
- Carry plenty of cold water
- Take breaks when working outdoors

Courtesy Meteorologists Mike Emlaw and Robyn Brown

Already, Weather Channel forecasts estimate that temperatures will climb to a high of 102 degrees on Sunday and stay just below 100 for the rest of the week.

Despite the high temperatures, both Brown and Emlaw said that the current conditions do not put the Savannah region under any form of long-term drought watch.

This could be good news for farmers, who experienced a rough planting season in late May.

However, according to Bulloch County Extension Service Agent Wesley Harris the extreme heat may be fatal to the corn crop that was planted earlier to take advantage of the unusually colder weather of the first of the year.

"Corn does not like it when it gets above 95 degrees," he said.

Friday's high is expected to be 98 degrees.

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Four GSU students interning in D.C. not involved in crash that killed 9

Compiled by G-A staff

WASHINGTON – Four Georgia Southern students participating in the Eagles in D.C. Internship program were not involved in the deadliest Metrorail crash in D.C. history on Monday.

The four interns were not on the train at the time and George-Anne Editor, and intern for Congressman John Barrow, Charles Minshew, has verified their safety.

The other interns, who are safe, are Ashley Akins, Julia Shull, and Catherine Sumner.

Nine people, including the operator of one of

the Metrorail trains were killed in the collision on Monday, according to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). At least 70 others were injured.

According to news reports, at approximately 5 p.m. Monday afternoon, two trains were traveling in the same direction on the Red Line. The trailing train then rear-ended the train in front, resulting in the fatal collision.

Delays are still being experienced in D.C. as a result of the crash. The National Transportation Safety Board is still investigating the cause of the accident.

Deadline to purchase Six Flags package nears

By Dittoria Geddis
Guest writer

In order to provide Georgia Southern alumni, students, family, faculty and associates with an inexpensive activity this summer, a Six Flags package has been created through Alumni Relations. The tickets will cost \$38.83 each and the deadline to purchasing this package is July 8 at 5 pm. This package includes entry to the park, complimentary parking and a private buffet at the Peachtree Pavilion close to the Ninja roller coaster ride. The day will start at 10 am and the buffet will be from 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm. Any person that purchases this package will be able to buy a White Water ticket for \$10 after July 18.

"This is a fun inexpensive way to enjoy an Atlanta attraction and show GSU spirit," said Angela Huggins, associate director of Atlanta Regional

Development.

Ellen Murkison, the academic advising coordinator for undeclared students said, "I think lot of families would like to take advantage of something like this, and it is a good way to show school spirit."

"I think that it is awesome," said Kim Reichel, junior Nutrition and Health Services major, "now that I know about it I am going to try to figure out a way to go!"

Angela Huggins hopes that a couple hundred people participate in the Six Flags event. This is the first time that the alumni has done an activity with Six Flags. On June 27, from 2pm -6pm, the alumni will be spending the day with the Atlanta Braves. Over 630 people are coming to this event. Anyone associated with Georgia Southern can participate if interested you can purchase tickets online at <http://alumni.georgiasouthern.edu/>.

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Nolen said that after the campers were discovered to have influenza A, the Environmental and Physical Plant begin to do their part of GSU's plan to fight outbreaks and disinfected the buildings used by the camp.

Health Services also has a plan in motion to prevent the spread of the flu. According to Deloach, students showing flu-like symptoms are taken to a special waiting room and provided a mask to keep germs from spreading to other students at Health Services. The students are then worked in as soon as possible.

According to Deloach, GSU Health Services have been planning in the case of a pandemic for years.

"Pandemic planning has been put into motion for a couple of years," Deloach said. "This specific scenario pushed us for the past couple of months."

The H1N1 flu has very similar symptoms to the flu, and is no more serious than the flu students usually encounter during the winter months. Antiviral medication is usually an appropriate course of action for those infected with the H1N1 virus.

If a student feels they may have contracted the flu, they should go see Health Services immediately.

According to Deloach, Health Services has been following strict CDC guidelines for the treatment of H1N1 and the flu. For more information, visit CDC.gov or the Health Services Web site.

Averitt Center for the Arts

2009-2010 season features music, comedy

Big band jazz, Blue Grass banjos, and improvisation comedy are just a taste of the acts that will be gracing the stage in the 2009-2010 season at the Averitt Center. This season the Emma Kelly Theater will be featuring artists from all over the state of Georgia, as the Averitt Center looks to keep "Georgia Artists on Our Minds."

This season the Averitt Center celebrates its fifth anniversary. The main focus this season is to showcase high quality artists, who also are from or are working mainly in Georgia.

• **Jeremy Davis and the Fabulous Equinox Jazz Orchestra** is the headlining act of the anniversary celebration. They are bringing their big band style to the Emma Kelly Theater Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009. Since forming the band in Savannah, Jeremy Davis says they have tried to embody "Great American song book" in a modern and interesting way.

• **The Apostles of Blue Grass** from Manfield, Ga., will perform Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009. Join Johnny Roquemore, John Nipper and Dave Ross as they offer some of their original songs and a host of popular covers.

• **The Laughing Matters Comedy** improvisation team will deliver laughs to the Emma Kelly Friday, Nov. 6, 2009. Founded 25 years ago, the Laughing Matters Comedy troupe Owner Tommy Futch says that Statesboro can expect an "Interactive one-of-a-kind experience that will never be seen anywhere in the world again."

• In January, Broadway comes to Statesboro in the form of a duo. **2 For Broadway** with Courtenay Collins and Robert Ray is a 90-minute tribute to the best of Broadway's music. Robert Ray, a former Broadway dancer/actor/singer, joins Courtenay Collins, a Julliard graduate and New York performer, for a showcase songs of from Rogers and Hammerstein, and that's just Act 1! The Second Act features songs from some of Broadway's most popular songs including, "Chicago," "The Producers," "Cabaret," and "Phantom of the Opera." The show will feature a live 5-piece jazz band and will be in the Emma Kelly on Jan. 23, 2010.

• **Route 66** is produced by Georgia-based Springer Theatricals and written by Roger



SPECIAL PHOTO

The Averitt Center for the Arts is located at 33 E. Main St., Statesboro, GA 30458.

Questions?

For more information about these shows or ticketing information:

• **Call:** 912-212-2787

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Bean, Route 66 celebrates a nostalgic period of highways and road-signs and road trips. Producer Paul Pierce says the show will feature "Lots of comedy, music and stage surprises." The nationwide tour stops at the Emma Kelly Theater Feb. 6, 2010.

• The next artist has released 10 albums, including one "Best of" album. She also received two Dove Awards, is an accomplished song-writer, is a college professor, and has even served as a talk-show host. On Mar. 6, 2010, the Emma Kelly Theater welcomes Babbie Mason and her award-winning contemporary gospel stylings. Babbie Mason has held the honor of performing for Presidents Jimmy Carter, George H. Bush, and Gerald Ford, in addition to performing for the distinguished Dr. Billy Graham.

• **The Academy of Kuchipudi** dance has become a staple in the Indian community in Georgia, bringing this national treasure state-side. On May 1, 2010, Statesboro will have the opportunity to be a part of this tradition. Sasikala Penumarthi, who is head of the studio in Atlanta, says the show tells of an "Ancient Hindu story about love and family" that is sure to be an inspiration.

Season ticket sales begin on July 20, 2009. Season ticket packages will also go on sale July 20.

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Briefs

Students fight censorship in Iran by changing time zones

Twitter users around the world — Iowa City included — are changing their location and time-zone settings to match those of Tehran residents in order to thwart government censors.

These efforts reportedly impede the Iranian leadership's ability to single out Tweepers relaying political information from Iran — the more people listing Tehran as their location, the more difficult it is for Iranian officials to target activists within the country.

The social-networking page has been used since the election results were announced June 13 to disseminate information by both government officials and political dissidents.

Kinsey Institute receives grant for condom research

Last week, the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction was awarded a \$423,500 grant by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, a division of the National Institutes of Health, to study condom use.

The two-year study, headed by associate scientist Erick Janssen and associate director Stephanie Sanders, aims to understand why heterosexual men choose to either not wear condoms or take condoms off during sex because of a lack of sensation.

The grant was approved after submitting a proposal with some of the evidence found in previous studies, such as the 2008 Kinsey study that found men who visited a sexually transmitted disease clinic cited erection loss as one of the major reasons they were more reluctant to use condoms.

The study also found that men were three times more likely to not use condoms if they were less confident in how to use a condom correctly, Kinsey spokeswoman Jennifer Bass said.

From Uwire.com

University of Albany pot professor scores award

By Damore Ramwa
Uwire.com

Mitch Earleywine, a popular University at Albany psychology professor best known for his research in marijuana, was recently awarded for his excellence in teaching.

Earleywine, who holds a doctorate in clinical psychology from Indiana University, has taught classes like Addictive & Compulsive Behaviors and Research Methods in Psychology.

The class aims to "provide an overview of alcohol, drug use, and gambling as examples of addictive behaviors," according to the UAlbany undergraduate bulletin.

His research on the use and effects of marijuana has brought him to a number of conclusions about the drug. Earleywine suggests America's young people have been lied to about the use of the drug.

"Kids go through all of middle school, all of high school" with the notion that marijuana use will hinder them, Earleywine said.

He has concluded through his studies that marijuana smokers have been perceived unfairly

by society.

"The subsets [of the population] that try marijuana aren't unmotivated slugs," he said.

At the 2009 President's Awards for Excellence ceremony on May 7, Earleywine was among four instructors who received the Excellence in Teaching Award.

The others included Mary Corrigan of the Social Welfare Department, Ingrid Fisher of the Accounting and Law departments, and C. Aida Torres-Horwitt, of the Language, Literatures & Cultures Department.

"I'm stunned to be in that company," Earleywine said.

Elana Gordis, Earleywine's wife and coworker in UAlbany's psychology department, was also nominated for an award, he said.

"It's good to get the department's support in the little time we've been here," he said.

Although he has previously won three smaller department awards, this is his first teaching award in only four years at UAlbany, which Earleywine said he is "delighted" to have received.

He has probably become accustomed to the recognition by now, taking into consideration the 13 awards he won in his 14-year tenure as an associate professor at the University of Southern California.

His research in the use and effects of marijuana led him all the way from USC to UAlbany. Here in Albany, Earleywine said he doesn't have to worry about his kids "developing eating disorders and getting breast implants."

The student turnout for the awards ceremony was overwhelming with the largest and loudest ovation of all recipients going to Earleywine. Many of the students came out to see the "drug teacher" one last time before they graduate, some even carrying a copy of his 2002 book, "Understanding Marijuana: A New Look at the Scientific Evidence."

Earleywine recognized many of the familiar faces, saying they were either current students of his or from the previous semester.

Presenter Sue Faerman, UAlbany's Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, called him an "exceptional teacher in both undergraduate and doctoral courses."

Security breach compromises 45,000 at Cornell

By Sun Staff
Uwire.com

Cornell University alerted more than 45,000 current and former members of the university community that their confidential personal information — including name and social security number — had been leaked when a university-owned computer was stolen. To ensure protection in response to the incident, which has exposed many to possible identity theft, the university will be providing free credit reporting, credit monitoring and identity theft restoration services to those affected by the breach.

Cornell announced that an employee had access to this data to correct transmission errors for troubleshooting purposes. The files storing the sensitive information were being stored on a computer that was not physically secure, violating university policy and subjecting the computer to theft.

When the computer was stolen earlier this month, the incident was reported to law enforcement officials and an investigation to find the perpetrator and locate the computer is currently underway.

According to the university, there has been no

indication that the exposed data has been abused, but the incident shines light on the broader issue of security and the vulnerability of private information in the digital age.

Last June, a computer at Cornell used for administrative purposes was hacked, and the University alerted 2,500 students and alumni that their personal information had potentially been stolen. In 2005, the university alerted over 900 individuals that their personal information was stored on a computer that had been inappropriately accessed.

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Top 10 songs of the summer continued...

By Matt Mauney
Reflector Managing Editor

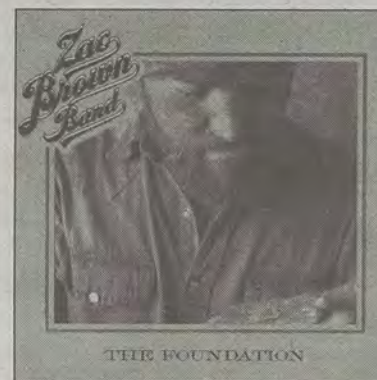
In the heart of June, with July around the corner, the sun is bearing down as hot as ever in the Boro and summer is in full swing. There is nothing better during these hot summer months to take your mind off of stressful summer classes than to lay out by the pool with friends and work on that tan. A daily outing at the pool comes with a list of necessities to make your poolside experience the best it can possibly be. These include your favorite tanning lotion, your favorite cold beverage in hand and an iPod loaded down with your favorite music.

Many consider music to be the lifeblood of summer, as songs constantly remind us of hanging out with friends and being outside. Most songs released during this season often portray this subject matter and are usually recorded with the simple intentions of putting all who listen in a good mood.

After all, it's summer, a time of outdoor activities and relaxation. So for this reason, the features staff at the George-Anne has compiled their top ten songs of summer 2009.

Last week we released numbers 10-6. Now here are the top 5 songs to beat the heat this summer.

5. Zac Brown Band 'Whatever It Is'



Good guitar riffs mixed with a smooth sound and a slight country twang make the Zac Brown Band and their hit song *Whatever It Is* a must listen to tune this summer.

The song is simple but soothing, addressing the warm feeling one gets when they find that person that brightens up their life, no matter if it is known exactly what it is that makes that person so great.

So curl up next to your lover and put on some Zac Brown Band to slow things down a

4. 3Oh!3 'Don't Trust Me'



There is nothing that can brighten your day like two white suburban rappers rhyming about drinking and partying it up using their father's trust funds.

3Oh!3 are a hip-hop group that is hard to take seriously, but their hit single *Don't Trust Me* has received and is sure to continue to receive a lot of playtime this summer.

3. Lady Gaga 'Poker Face'

How do you wake up Lady Gaga when she is sleeping?
You poke her face.

All jokes aside, you can't go anywhere these days without hearing this pop star.

Poker Face has been a hit for a while and doesn't look to leave

the charts anytime soon.

With a catchy beat and a hook that is sure to be stuck in your head all day long after hearing it, this song will without a doubt go down as one of the most recognizable songs of 2009.

2. Black Eye Peas 'Boom Boom Pow'

Summer is about letting loose and having fun.

What better way to do that than go out dancing with your friends at your favorite night

spot. While there you are, sure to hear *Boom Boom Pow*, an unmistakable track from masters of funk, the Black Eye Peas.

1. Rascal Flatts 'Summer Nights'



It only felt appropriate to make the number one song of the summer Rascal Flatts' *Summer Nights*.

Whether you are a country fan or not, this song truly captures what summertime is all about.

Whether it's relaxing at the pool with that certain someone or hanging with friends at a beach bonfire,

this song is without a doubt an anthem for summer.

We hope you enjoyed our list. If you disagree with all or some of our choices, please feel free to let us know how you feel at our Web site, www.GADaily.com.

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Transformers: A look back at the original before you see the sequel

Ryan Babula
Features editor

I'll confess right off the bat: I never watched "Transformers" growing up. I never invested in the cartoon nor the toys, and only became intrigued once Michael Bay and Steven Spielberg became involved. Seeing the movie in a packed house was one of the best movie-going experiences of my life.

The anticipation buzzed in the audience, and when Blackout transforms for the first time, I felt like a 10 year old kid in a candy store. I cheered and smiled all the way through "Transformers," and waiting to see "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" is going to be long and hard. Until then, I'll look back and remember what was so great about "Transformers."

When you pay to see a movie called "Transformers," you don't go into it expecting deep human drama. You expect hardcore robot fighting and over-the-top carnage. Michael Bay ("Armageddon," "The Rock") was the perfect guy for the job. His penchant for explosions, sexy cars, and sexier women proved his "sensibilities" would shape this movie into an awesome spectacle. People give Bay a tough rap, but his brand of escapism is more than enough to get my butt in a seat.

The special effects that drive the film are second



Special photo

Transformers was a huge success, and "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen," premieres this week.

to none, and truly awe-inspiring. Seeing a Mack truck transform into a 50 foot tall robot (Optimus Prime), and watching every part utilized into a working fashion was incredible.

The same goes for the numerous other robots in the film. Easily the coolest effect was Blackout's reveal, but that was mainly because it was the first one to be had. There were few moments in the film that made me realize that what I was looking at wasn't real, but it didn't matter.

Next to the incredible special effects were the great action sequences. The film starts off with a literal bang, and opens with a thrilling battle on a military base. Other battles include an awesome chase on a

crowded highway and an extended fight on an L.A. street. The action was rough, loud, and explosive, and the film heaped it on like syrup on a triple stack of pancakes. The audience ate every single bite of it, and enjoyed its gluttonous rewards.

To talk about the human characters would be redundant. The robots are the real show here, but all of the actors, including Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, and Tyrese Gibson give good performances playing second fiddle to the effects. I wish that a better human story could've been fleshed out, and there are undeniable scenes of camp that detract from it (Jon Turturro's agent to be specific). To forgive it though, we remember that it is based on a cartoon, and such

flourishes are inevitable.

"Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" promises to amp everything up to 100 percent, and more. I know the effects and the action are going to be top notch, and I hope nothing else really lacks.

Overall, though, "Transformers" remains one of the best summer films I've ever seen, and I cannot wait to grab my popcorn and revel in the gluttonous joy that is "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen"!!

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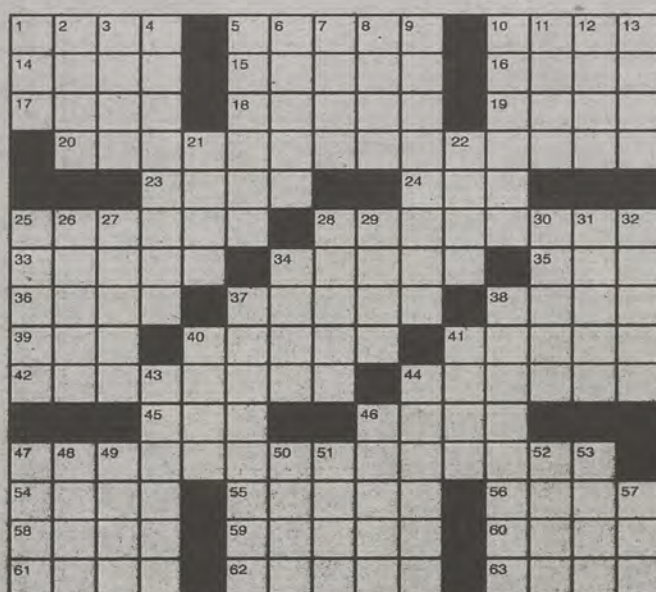
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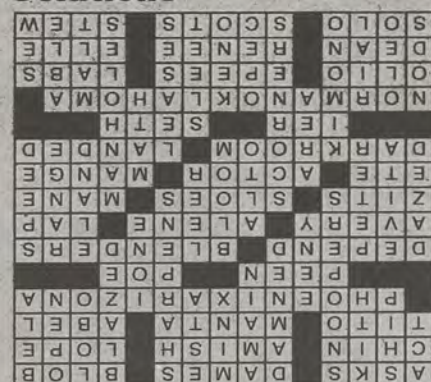
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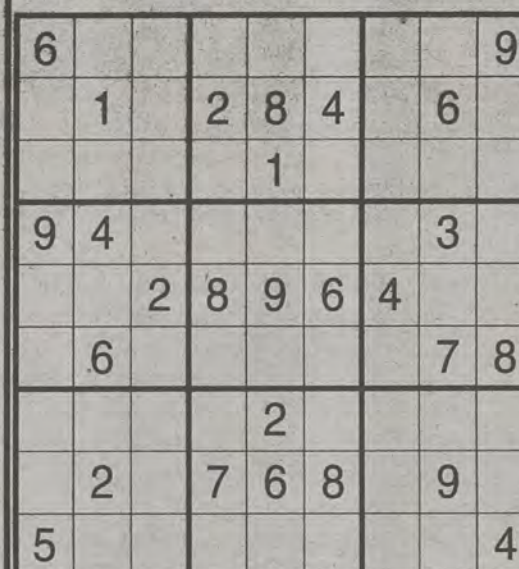
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GSU Athletic Director Sam Baker receives award



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Georgia Southern's Athletic Director Sam Baker is pictured in this George-Anne file photo. Baker was recently honored in the FCS Southeast region.

Baker receives one of four ADOY honors

By Latrice Williams
Staff Writer

Georgia Southern Athletic Director Sam Baker has been named one of the top athletic directors in the Football Championship Sub-division.

Baker was the recipient of one of four Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year Awards at the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) convention in Orlando, Fla., last week.

Baker accomplished this accolade through his impeccable leadership and desire to see his student-athletes receive a ring and a diploma.

Baker said, "I am very honored to receive this award. I owe it to a great staff who has worked hard to make this possible."

Baker has been active in his service to the Southern Conference (SoCon) and the NCAA.

From May 2000 to 2002, he served as chairman of the SoCon Athletics Directors Association.

In his 14-year tenure, the athletics department has captured 27 SoCon championships and has made 22 appearances in NCAA Championships. This includes a 1999 and 2000 football championship; but more recently, the golf and baseball programs both qualified for the NCAA Regionals.

Baker said, "With this award, I hope that this will put GSU on the map. Athletes and students will want to join this program knowing that their experience here will be unforgettable."

Mike Cleary, the NACDA Executive Director said, "Our Honors and Awards Committee recognized a need for an award such as the A[thletic] D[irector] of the Year."

Cleary oversaw implementation of the program, allowing all NACDA Officers and Honors

and Awards Committee members to participate in the awards process, should they be elected.

"One of the most difficult tasks that comes with this position is money. Trying to ensure that each student athlete has their needs met can get tough," said Baker.

Academics are also a part of the athletic department's achievements. Five GSU sport programs scored a perfect 1,000 in the latest NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR); the highest total recorded since APR was implemented. Last spring GSU Athletics had 173 student-athletes attain at least a 3.0 GPA, including 37 who recorded a perfect 4.0.

According to a NACDA release about the award, Baker made facility improvements a top priority. In the past four years, the department has witnessed renovations at Paulson Stadium, construction of the Bishop Field House, a new

field for softball, and an expanded and renovated the Iron Works workout facility.

"As for the future of this program," said Baker. "I want to continue to see students get a ring and a diploma. The fans continue to grow and more students are enrolling here at GSU which is very pleasing."

Before coming to GSU, Baker was associate athletic director for financial development at Vanderbilt. Baker also served as the associate athletic director for external affairs at the University of Oregon.

At the College of William & Mary, he spent seven years as director of athletic promotions.

Baker holds a master's degree in Sports Administration from Ohio University and a B. A. in Communications. One of the most recent actions taken by Baker was the hiring of a new head coach for the men's basketball, Charlton Young.

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