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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS

Ticket distribution schedule for Rice's campus visit announced

By Charles Minshew and Shannon Knepp
Editor-in-chief and Managing editor

Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will be visiting the Georgia Southern Campus to deliver a lecture entitled "Remarks by Condoleezza Rice".

According to Todd Deal, Director of Student Leadership, Rice will be discussing leadership and global leadership in her lecture.

This lecture will be free to students, and will be available at the Hanner box

office at 8 a.m. starting August 20.

"We're really excited," said Teresa Thompson, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management. "We are holding it in Hanner so that the maximum amount of students can attend

the lecture but I think it's a wonderful opportunity for our students to hear from an internationally known speaker who has been involved in a major part of our history in this country and she is also a person who

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SPECIAL PHOTO
Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will visit GSU on Tuesday, September 8.

Grube announces furloughs at Fall Convocation

Employees making more than \$23,660 annually will take six days without pay

By Shannon Knepp
Managing editor

Georgia Southern University faculty members will be undergoing furloughs for the upcoming year.

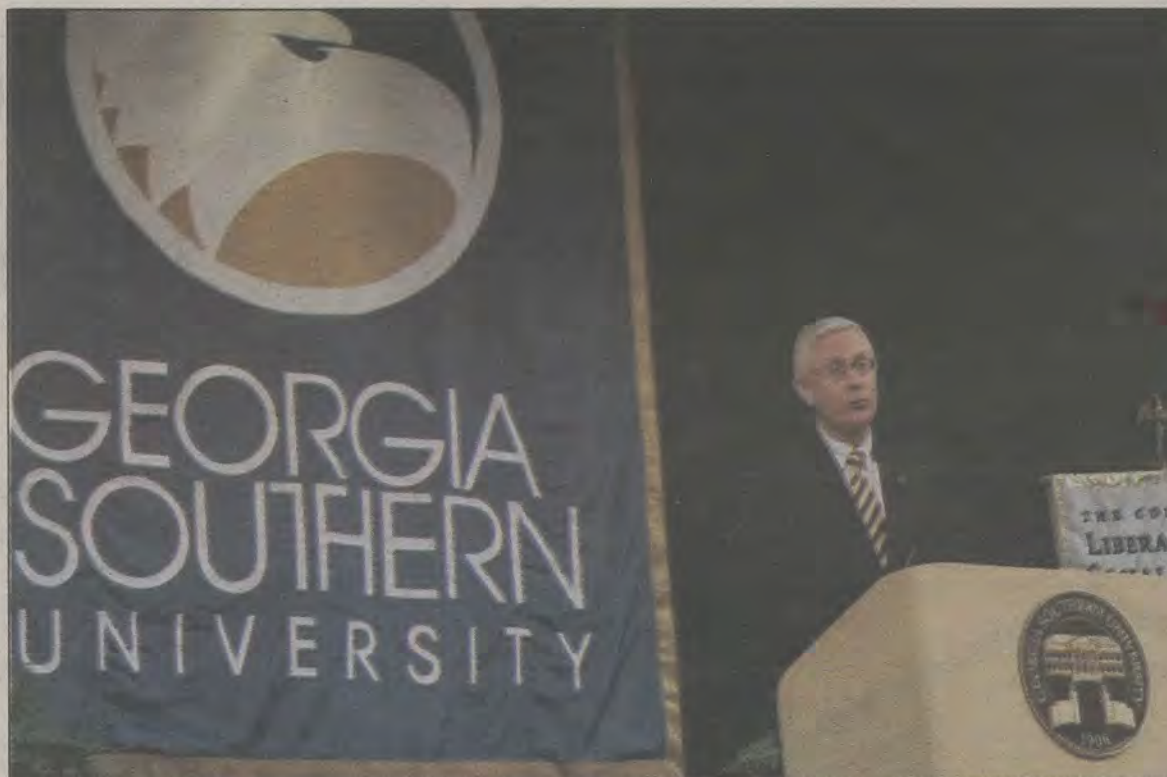
On Wednesday, President Bruce Grube announced at his last convocation that the Board of Regents would be announcing whether or not the furloughs would definitely be going into effect for the 2010 fiscal year.

The University System of Georgia the announced, later that day, that furloughs would definitely be going into effect for the 2010 year.

According to Grube, GSU underwent a 12 1/2 percent budget cut for the last fiscal year, which came out to approximately 1 million dollars. This amount split into this year's fiscal budget.

Another five percent cut was implemented by the state in July. Up to this point, GSU had remained independent in their financial decisions. At the end of July, the USG stepped in and started to help with decisions.

Grube said that the furloughs will be effecting GSU faculty members who make more than \$23,660 annually. Faculty members who make more than this will



Katherine Kennedy/STAFF

Georgia Southern President Bruce Grube discussed the actions that the University System will take to cope in the current economic climate during his last State of the University address Wednesday morning at the Performing Arts Center.

be taking six furlough days during the course of the 2010 fiscal year. According to Grube, these six days can equal

approximately three percent of a faculty member's salary.

In order to save the university money

and save energy, Grube suggested in his State of the University Address that faculty should consider taking three days during

Thanksgiving Break and three days during Spring Break. This would allow the university to fully shut down, saving the university money.

The furloughs are a result of tough economic times, however, GSU officials say that the University will pull through, but it will take the cooperation of everyone.

"[The faculty] will have to do more with less," Grube said to the audience at the convocation.

"All of us are going to have to be willing to make some sacrifices for the overall good of the institution, and part of the fact is we have avoided this for at least a year and Dr. Grube's fought very, very hard to try to make sure that we don't have these and that people don't lose their jobs," said Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Teresa Thompson.

While the university is losing money from the state, Grube said there will be more money coming from tuition with a rise in enrollment, and while there will be cutbacks students will not be affected.

Thompson said "Because of the dedicated faculty and staff, students won't be shortchanged in any way. Our folks will continue to give more and go above and beyond to make sure that students are served and taught in the right ways and continue to be the true, caring professionals that we all know we have here."

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Georgia Southern set to break enrollment records.

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Recruitment and retention lead to record enrollment

Georgia Southern's fall enrollment up approximately 12 percent in last five years

By Charles Minshew
Editor-in-chief

Georgia Southern University is poised to break all past enrollment records when 18,600 students attend classes this fall according to President Bruce Grube.

Grube announced the numbers at the Fall Convocation in the Performing Arts Center Wednesday.

Fall 2005 enrollment stood at 16,646. The Fall 2009 estimate of 18,600 students indicates an addition of 2,000 students in five years.

That's approximately a 12 percent increase in fall enrollment since 2005.

Last year, GSU launched a new marketing campaign with the slogan "Large Scale, Small Feel." Dean of Students Georj Lewis doesn't think that an increase in enrollment will change this mindset about the university.

"I think that is the culture of Georgia Southern and we are committed to preserving our culture," Lewis said. "Increased enrollment, especially when it is quality enrollment, is a testament to GSU. It makes us more competitive in the state, region and country."

Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Teresa Thompson said that the high enrollment numbers could be attributed to everyone at GSU.

"We're very proud of the fact that we'll have our highest enrollment ever," Thompson said. "I think it's a testament to our faculty, staff, administrators and our students that more and more students around the state and the nation are seeing the value of attending Georgia Southern."

Thompson added that the enrollment numbers are attributed to a combination of recruitment of new students as well as the retention of current stu-

GSU Fall Enrollment, 2005-2009



Photo Illustration by Drew Anthony/STAFF

According to GSU President Bruce Grube, Fall 2009 enrollment is estimated to be at 18,600 students. Enrollment figures from 2005-2007 are from GSU's Fact Book. 2008 figure is from George-Anne Archives.

dents.

Thompson also said the number of transfer students is higher and that more graduate students are choosing GSU.

"I never dreamed that I would see us grow quite this fast. I knew we would grow. I saw great potential in this institution."

- Teresa Thompson
Vice President of Student Affairs
and Enrollment Management

"All of these things mean for a very healthy future for Georgia Southern," Thompson said. "This growth is coming from all these different areas. That is a sign of a very healthy institution."

It's the whole of the institution that we've done a really good job in building an enrollment management plan."

Thompson praised the work of Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Gary Means and Associate Provost Amy Heaston for their work to meet the challenge of finding classes for the additional students this fall.

"I think Academic Affairs has done a wonderful job in working very hard to get classes for our students," Thompson said.

She added that it has been tough to add more students to classes during the recession.

"I never dreamed that I would see us grow quite this fast. I knew we would grow. I saw great potential in this institution," Thompson said. "In three years, adding 500 students [each year], we could be at 20,000. That's pretty exciting and pretty scary."

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Our View: Furloughs are the lesser of two evils

Yesterday, the University System of Georgia (USG) announced six mandatory furlough days for all public colleges and universities in the state of Georgia.

The furloughs will only affect those employees who make more than \$23,660 a year. The lost days of work will mean a cut of roughly \$700 per year for those employees who sit on this threshold.

For all of them, it is a three percent pay cut. This will probably result in a change of quality of life for these employees, but the loss of three percent in salary is better than the loss of a job.

While furloughs may be perceived as a negative action during tough economic times, it is certainly clear that this step is much better than laying off faculty, staff and administration.

President Bruce Grube's suggestion that these furlough days take place during Spring Break and the Thanksgiving holiday ensures that regular business operations of the university will not be effected.

During yesterday's convocation, Grube mentioned that more money can be saved by shutting down entire portions of the university on these days.

In our opinion, this is a much better choice than asking employees to take an unpaid day

during the time that students will be crowding classrooms and needing services such as the Health Center and Eagle Dining Services.

Grube should be applauded for holding the furloughs off as long as he could. Now that the USG has stepped in, it is no longer his decision.

In the last year, all public college and universities have received cuts totaling 12 1/2 percent. Since July, an additional five percent cut has been placed on all schools. There is still the possibility of an additional four to eight percent cut according to Grube.

These budget cuts have the potential to cripple the day to day operations of the university, and effect the livelihood of students. There is a possibility that furloughs could prevent these additional budget cuts.

Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Teresa Thompson said that students will not be "shortchanged" by these furloughs.

We hope that the professionals effected by this decision of the USG will understand that the education and futures of the students of Georgia Southern are on the line if employees lose their jobs. They must realize that furloughs truly are the lesser of two evils.

It's a funny thing...coming home



James Kicklighter
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There is something special about coming home, being greeted by your family or friends, moving out of your suitcase, and finally sinking into your own bed. Before drifting into a sea of sleep, my thoughts often float to sentimental places associated with music. For

example, two albums, Coldplay's "Viva la Vida" and Joe Purdy's "You Can Tell Georgia," will forever elicit last summer in Italy, while the past month in D.C. and Berkeley recalls Beyonce's "Single Ladies."

During my college career, I have had a myriad of opportunities that have taken me away from Georgia Southern and then back here again. Sometimes I wanted to come back, and others I was ready to hang up the towel and move on. Yet this summer as I return, it feels different, because it will be the last time for me to return to the friends, organizations, and people who have defined the past three years of my life.

When I began as a Freshman in 2006, Johnson, Olliff, and Winburn stood, Club Henderson was outfitted as a prison, The Crocodile Hunter was alive, Gibbs' chain hung low, and I had no aspirations to get involved on campus after an intense high school experience. It is funny how quickly these things change, because I would have never guessed that Souja Boy would tell us in 2009; that my relatives, professors, and ex-teachers would be my Facebook friends, while I would be using this thing called Twitter @jameskick.

Truthfully, I have packed away more memories and experiences than I want to take out of this

emotional suitcase.

Looking back makes me long to relive those special moments, existing only in the memories of those who experienced them. The bad seems to outweigh the good these days, as we prepare to graduate into an uncertain world.

As I retreat into this past, I remember words that I heard from Robert L. Pruitt, a motivational speaker I met this summer, "Stay in the present." There is still a year filled with possibilities, new experiences, and hope that our future can improve upon today.

There are a few thousand freshmen beginning their journey (including my little sister Beth) that have no idea how quickly time is going to pass. One day in the not so distant future, they will become seniors. They'll reminisce about how they met their best friend over dinner at IHOP, spending a semester crashing on another person's couch and floor. They will remember taking their entire group of friends to New York with Eagle Entertainment, after catching up on the moments they forgot on Spring Break. Eventually, they'll understand what Benjamin Button meant when he said, "It's a funny thing about comin' home. Looks the same, smells the same, feels the same. You'll realize what's changed is you," after a weekend visit with parents. Each of these moments will shape you in unexpected ways, leading up to the point where you actually start feeling different.

When I was a freshman, one of my best friends introduced me to Death Cab for Cutie. One of their latest songs, "My Mirror Speaks," states "with every sun that sets I am feeling more like a stranger on a foreign shore, with an eroding beach disappearing from underneath." Even though I know there is a lot left to learn from my college experience, for the first time, I can actually feel it fleeing away from me.

Carpe diem.

Study abroad and explore the world



Shannon Knepp
is a senior broadcasting major from Albany, Ga. She is the managing editor for the George-Anne.

Ever since I started college, everyone has been telling me one thing: study abroad.

While this advice sounded good, it wasn't something I seriously considered. Sure, I played with the idea, but it usually just got put on the backburner and forgotten about. I would think about it again, usually in the form of a daydream during class or another

inopportune time.

It took one particularly stressful week for me to finally decide that studying abroad was something I should definitely do, and this

encouragement came in the form of my Dad. As he watched me complain about school and fear of the future, he mentioned getting out and experiencing the world. That second I began to look up places I wanted to go. I realized that the only thing holding me back was myself. I made the plunge and applied a week later.

This bad week that caused this life changing experience is the best thing that has ever happened to me.

Studying abroad opened my eyes to so much. It caused me to be in situations that were exciting, new, and even a little uncomfortable.

It made me see outside of my comfort zone, and helped me meet people I never would have otherwise.

So maybe it's time. Don't be held back. Start applying for scholarships to study abroad. Find a way to make it happen because it is an experience totally worth having.

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Friday, August 14th

Welcome Week Cookout • 5pm @ the RAC MAC Gym. Tired of and hungry after a long day of moving in? Join us for the traditional cookout as we treat you to grilled burgers, hotdogs, and refreshments

Free Outdoor Movie • "UP" 8pm @ Sweetheart Circle - Come enjoy a FREE outdoor movie "UP" courtesy of Eagle Entertainment. Bring a blanket and lawn chairs! Popcorn and refreshments will be provided!

Saturday, August 15th

Eagles Night Out • 7pm @ MC Anderson Park/RAC. Eagles Night Out welcomes all students back to campus! Come out to the RAC for food, games, music, and more! For a complete schedule visit CRI on the web @ georgiasouthern.edu/cri

Sunday, August 16th

Conversations with Professors • 3:30pm - 4:45 @ Classrooms all over campus. Required for new students. Check you concise student schedule for the location of you conversation

Monday, August 17th

Taste of Statesboro • 11am @ Russell Union Rotunda - Take a bite out of the Boro and explore the incredible variety of tates and flavors served up in Statesboro by local restaurants and caterers

True Blue Kick off • 12pm @ Russell Union Rotunda - The kickoff, held during Welcome week, is the first event of True Blue Campaign. It will help to publicize the campaign and a T-shirt swap. Students can exchange other university merchandise for official True Blue shirts.

Indoor Laser Tag • 6pm @ the Russell Union Ballroom - Indoor laser tag course will be set up inside the Russell Union Ballroom with Obstacles, lighting effects, fog and heart pounding music.

Tuesday, August 18th

Eagle Entertainment Ice Cream Mixer • 12pm @ the Office of Student Activities - Still stressed from a day and a half of classes? Get an early start on the weekend by getting "creamed" with Eagle Entertainment. Stop by the Student Activities Center to make your own sundae and meet the Program Board.

Casino Night With RHA • 6pm @ the Russell Union Ballroom - What happens in the Bro stays in the Boro. Roll the dice with RHA as they flip the ballroom into a vegas style casion. Try your hand in a game of craps, roulette, poker, & black jack.

Wednesday, August 19th

Go Green with the Dean • 11am @ The Russell Union Rotunda - Stop by and meet the Dean of student's Staff and help make our campus a better place
MSC Faculty & Student Reception - Join the Multicultural Student Center and University Administrators as they welcome students and faculty to campus. This annual event introduces new students and faculty to a snapshot of the multicultural experience at Georgia Southern. Don't miss this opportunity to connect and build bridges that can last for years!

Comedy Night: The Whitest Kids U Know • 8pm @ The Russell Union Ballroom - They say laughter extends your life span by 3 seconds (this could be entirely wrong). If you are looking for some hilarious, twisted, and out of this world humor, look no further than the Whitest Kids U Know. The Whitest Kids U Know break the rules of comedy, they know no boundaries, and it's anyone's guess as to what they will come up with next.

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Statesboro City Council Settles McCorkle issue

By Chris Buchanan
Staff writer

The city council may be putting to rest a year long debate surrounding former City Clerk Judy McCorkle with a \$365,000 settlement.

McCorkle was fired in August 2008 by City Manager Shane Haynes, but in a June decision, the council voted 3-2 to reinstate McCorkle when she brought a suit against the city for wrongful termination. In yet another surprise move, however, the council voted to instead settle with McCorkle at the August 4 meeting.

"I made the motion to pay her so that we would never deal with her ever again," said Councilman Will Britt.

I have a hard time sleeping at night and I have a hard time keeping food down because I cannot believe that we paid an individual that got fired through legal channels more than a dollar," Britt said.

Though the specific reason for the decision is unclear, the change follows a lawsuit by Statesboro resident Anthony Mann who said that the city had no right to reinstate McCorkle in the June meeting. Council members differ on the legitimacy of Mann's claim, however.

Britt said that this was a major factor in the decision to settle, but Councilman Gary Lewis said that the lawsuit played no part in the unexpected decision.

"Mann's lawsuit, I really don't think had any teeth in it," said Lewis.

Lewis said that the city council had every right to rehire McCorkle and criticized Haynes for making the decision without input from the council.

"We didn't hire him to go over our heads," said Lewis. "He doesn't handle us, we handle him."

Britt also said that McCorkle's work as a temporary city manager in another city may have factored into the settlement negotiations as well.

Britt said that after being rehired, McCorkle was asked by Statesboro Mayor Bill Hatcher to "leave city hall until this [issue] is resolved." During this time, McCorkle took a temporary job with the city of Sandersville.

"[McCorkle's lawyer] realizes there is a chance that she may have violated our personnel policy by taking a job somewhere else," Britt said.

McCorkle garnered national headlines during the 2007 elections for requesting a police presence at the polls and for heading the group Statesboro Citizens for Good Government. The group called for an investigation of almost 900 students for possible voter fraud. Afterward, the state elections board voted to reprimand McCorkle.

Council members Joe Brannen, Tommy Blitch, and Travis Chance were not available for comment.



Katherine Kennedy/STAFF

Georgia Avenue and Forest Drive were closed for two weeks while the sidewalks and the roadways underwent improvements. The roads will be reopened Thursday in time for Operation Move-In on Friday. All traffic will continue as normal, according to Program Manager Bonnie McMakin.

See pg. 12 for more on Centennial Place and pg. 10 to learn about Operation Move-In.

Roads around CP to open to traffic today

By Abbey Lennon
Staff writer

For the last two weeks Forest Drive and Georgia Avenue were closed for construction. According to Program Manager Bonnie McMakin the construction will be complete today.

"The project included the construction of additional brick paver sidewalks, ADA ramps, as well as a raised pedestrian crosswalk on Georgia Avenue as well as Forest Drive," said McMakin.

According to Director of Parking and Transportation Bob Chambers, there is still additional improvements to be made before the roads are reopened Thursday.

"The striping is supposed to be completed Wednesday [yesterday], and the roads should be re-opened to traffic tomorrow [Thursday]," said Chambers.



Katherine Kennedy/STAFF

Workers lay out a brick paver sidewalk in front of Landrum Center during summer term.

The roads will be reopened in anticipation of Operation Move-In scheduled to begin Friday at the RAC. All traffic flow will continue as normal, according to McMakin.

TICKETS

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comes from the academic ranks."

Hanner will be able to hold approximately 5,000 people for the event. With 18,000 students alone on campus, ideas of ways to compensate for overflow have already begun to be worked out.

"When we start to factor in students, faculty, and the community, that is more than 5,000," said Deal.

Deal said the University is considering places to do a simulcast in order to allow as many people

to attend the event as possible.

"[We are] looking for a place that is easily accessible for students, faculty, and members of the community," Deal said.

Rice's lecture will be a one-hour event. She will be discussing leadership for the first 20 minutes, and be doing a question and answer session with students for the last 40 minutes. Questions must be submitted online at www.georgiasouthern.edu/speakerspotlight.

Tickets will be available for students August 20, 21, 24, 25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Saturday, July 25

Officers issued one warning.

Sunday, July 26

Officers issued one warning and towed an improperly parked vehicle.

Monday, July 27

Officers issued one traffic warning, issued one traffic citation and assisted one motorist.

Officers responded to a report of a sick person on Sweetheart Circle.

A case of theft by taking was reported at the Nessmith-Lane Building.

Officers responded to a residential alarm at Brannen Hall.

Tuesday, July 28

Officers issued one traffic citation.

Officers returned a found wallet to the owner.

Wednesday, July 29

Officers assisted two motorists and responded to a fire alarm at Centennial Place.

Thursday, July 30

Officers issued six traffic warnings and assisted one motorist.

A case of criminal trespass was reported at University Villas.

A case of damage to property was reported at Southern Courtyard.

Friday, July 31

Officers assisted one motorist.

Officers responded to a drug complaint at Southern Pines.

Officers responded to a fire alarm at Eagle Village.

Saturday, August 1

Officers issued two traffic warnings and assisted two motorists.

Sunday, August 2

Officers issued three traffic warnings and two traffic citations.

Monday, August 3

Officers issued two traffic warnings, assisted one motorist, investigated one traffic accident.

Tuesday, August 4

Officers issued one traffic warning, issued one traffic citation and assisted one motorist.

Wednesday, August 5

Officers issued three traffic warnings, issued four traffic citations, investigated one traffic accident and assisted one motorist.

Officers responded to an alarm at the College of Education.

Thursday, August 6

Officers issued three traffic warnings and assisted two motorists.

Officers responded to a case of damage to property in the Hollis Building parking lot.

Officers responded to an alarm at the Nursing/Chemistry Building.

Cristina Hope Harris, 22, Gabbies Run, Statesboro, was charged with driving under the influence and failure to maintain lane.

Friday, August 7

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

Saturday, August 8

Officers issued one traffic citation and four traffic warnings.

Gavin Tilly Colquitt, 27, Addison Trail, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.



File photo

Georgia Southern dispensing sight for H1N1 vaccine

By Shannon Knepp

Managing Editor

Georgia Southern University will be a dispensing sight for the new upcoming H1N1 vaccination.

According to Dr. Brian Deloach, Medical Director and Chief of Staff of Health Services at GSU, the CDC is currently developing a new vaccine for the H1N1 virus.

The vaccine is due to come out sometime in October. There has not been a release date given so far.

The vaccination will be free to students, and all students are encouraged to receive the vaccine. However, GSU Health Services does not currently know how much of the vaccine they will be receiving.

"We hope we will be given enough to treat our population at Georgia Southern University but there is no guarantee," Deloach said.

Deloach said the vaccine is given in a two shot series with 4 to 6 weeks given between the shots.

According to the CDC's website, the groups that are recommended to receive the vaccination include pregnant women, caregivers of young children, healthcare personnel, and those who

have health issues that may have a higher risk of complications from influenza such as pulmonary heart and lung conditions, and asthma.

People between the ages of six months and 24 years old are the most at risk for contracted the H1N1 virus. According to Deloach, this age group has less immunity to the virus and should receive the vaccination.

It is also important for students to get vaccinated for the seasonal flu virus. The H1N1 vaccine does not cover the seasonal flu. According to Deloach, it has not been determined whether the two vaccines can be taken at the same time, but early tests seem to say they can.

The price of the seasonal flu vaccine is not yet known, but students will receive a significantly reduced price.

According to Deloach, GSU has been preparing for the H1N1 virus, and students should not be worried.

"We know this virus is in Georgia and is in Bulloch... we made preparations in advance that we will continue through the fall," Deloach said.

The vaccine has not been released yet, but Health Services will be giving the shots this fall until the supply runs out.

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Eagles, While You Were Away ...

The George-Anne offers a quick look at the events that made the news during summer term 2009.



Bulloch celebrates Fourth

Hil Gracen, 7, urges his bullfrog to keep moving during the Frog Jumping Contest Saturday at Mill Creek Regional Park. (Katherine Kennedy/staff)



Furnishing CP

Crews move refrigerators into Centennial Place. (Katherine Kennedy/staff)



FACES exhibit opens

Studio arts major Amber Bailey, left, and senior photography major Brianna Goodwin sort photos in preparation for the mounting process in the dark room of the Art building. (Kelly Vermeil/staff)

Visit GADaily.com to learn more about events that made the George-Anne.



Grubes cut last melon for GSU

GSU President Bruce Grube instructs Gus on watermelon slicing. (Katherine Kennedy/staff)



'The Fan' at GSU

'The Fan' comes to the Black Box Theatre. (Deborah Inskeep/staff)



Local killed while serving overseas

25-year-old Sgt. Brock Henry Chavers, a Portal man, was killed in Afghanistan while serving with the Georgia National Guard's 48th Infantry Brigade. Citizens of Bulloch County lined Hwy. 301 to honor the fallen soldier.

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- GSU Athletic Director Sam Baker receives award.
- President Bruce Grube recognized on the U.S. Senate floor.
- Centennial Place to open without delay.
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Operation Move-In ready for students

By Abbey Lennon
Staff Writer

Operation Move-In at Georgia Southern University is scheduled to begin Friday at the RAC at 9 a.m.

Operation Move-In is a long standing tradition at Georgia Southern," said Director of Housing Vickie Hawkins. "We've been doing it for many years."

Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. students, faculty and staff will assist approximately 4,000 new residents as they find their way to their rooms for the upcoming school year beginning August 17.

Volunteers from many Georgia Southern student organizations, as well as faculty members and housing staff will allow students and their parents to enjoy their move into their residence halls by lending a hand.

"Right now we have well over 225 students that have volunteered to help other students move in, and we have about 125 faculty and staff members that have volunteered their time as well," Hawkins said.

Volunteers will assist with the paperwork at the RAC to allow members of housing to be present in the hallways of the residence halls to meet and greet students and parents as well as answer any questions as students find their new rooms.

Volunteers will also be helping with moving of the students belongings to their rooms.

Large orange bins have been rented by Georgia Southern for students to use, allowing them to move more at one time.

A process has been put into place by housing, with the help of volunteers, that will allow new residents to not leave their car to move their belongings in.

"We've got parking areas around every building," said Hawkins. "The person driving the vehicle will drive up to that one spot, and all of the volunteers will form on that car and unload everything into the orange bin. It will take less than five minutes, and volunteers will take that bin to the student's room."

Senior Psychology major Cindy Ann Kilgo has worked with Operation Move-in as a community leader before and believes Operation Move-in creates a much-needed sense of community for first-timers.

"Looking back at my freshman year I really felt that on that first day that I moved into college for the first time I felt the whole community was coming together because people volunteered to help move my stuff in," said Kilgo. "Everybody was friendly and there for me, and I felt that was really good."

In addition to the strong sense of community, Hawkins feels Operation Move-in is just another way Southern is known for being student centered.



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New roofs for the Russell Union, Rotunda



Katherine Kennedy/STAFF

Renovations began last week at the Russell Union, including a new roof for the facility. Work will be completed in roughly two months and will not disrupt day-to-day operations of the building, according to Physical Plant director Ronald Dennis. The new roof will replace the original, which was built in 1989.



Welcome Week begins Friday

By Ally Rakoczy
Staff writer

Georgia Southern's annual Welcome Week kicks off this Friday, with a variety of activities and programs lasting until August 23. With a diverse range of programming that starts with a cookout and outdoor movie and ends with a road trip to Tybee Island and a pool party, Welcome Week will have a wide variety of events that are designed to show new students what GSU has to offer them.

Student Activities Coordinator Sriravong Sriratanakoul stated that Welcome Week is all about making freshmen more comfortable on GSU's campus.

"[It is] to help them get a little more adjusted to campus. Coming to college for the first time can be overwhelming and we try to get them out of their shells a bit and show them what services we provide," said Sriratanakoul.

According to Sriratanakoul, Welcome Week has become a successful tradition at Georgia Southern largely due to the collaboration of multiple departments.

"We try to collaborate with various departments on campus, as they have a better view of what Welcome Week should offer. I think it's better if several departments are represented, so we ask for their collaboration," said Sriratanakoul.

The majority of the collaboration and planning begins with a meeting between the Office of Student

For more information

Find a complete list of Welcome Week activities at <http://students.georgia-southern.edu/sac/ww2009.html>.

Activities and the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (SAEM).

Teresa Thompson, Vice President of the Division, explained that the collaboration between the Office of Student Activities and SAEM is one that ensures that new students get a wide range of programming to introduce them to GSU.

"[SAEM] works closely with our other 18 departments to ensure we provide programming to engage our students in the University community. There is much research to confirm that students who are engaged in student development activities are much more likely to be retained and graduate," said Thompson.

Students will be able to get a true taste of many different departments on campus and what they have to offer during the Welcome Week programming.

They will have an opportunity to "Go Green with the Dean" (of Students), participate in a Canoe and Kayak clinic with Southern Adventures, "Step into Statesboro" with the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, and experience a wide variety of campus departments.



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'Largest residence hall' opens doors to freshmen

New restaurants, Eagle Print Shop open doors in Centennial Place

By Tiffani Addison
Guest writer

A record number of students are expected to live in Centennial Place this fall semester. According to Assistant Director of Residence Life, Jon Coleman, Centennial Place is the largest resident hall on campus.

"There has not been a residence hall this large with this amount of students since Eagle Village," Coleman said. Centennial Place is located across from the Russell Union, the University Bookstore and Landrum.

The new residence hall consists of spaces for freshman and upperclassmen. Due to a high demand for on-campus housing, the university made arrangements with off-campus apartments this year such as University Pines, Cambridge, Campus Crossing, Campus Club and The Pointe at Southern.

Through these arrangements, students have 10-month contracts that allow them to live there instead of the residence halls.

"The university has placed community leaders, formerly known as resident assistants, in each of the complexes to maintain the same responsibilities as they do in the on-campus residents," said Coleman.

Centennial Place offers freshmen options of two- and four-bedroom suites with and without private bedrooms. They also offer upperclassmen two- and four-bedroom apartments with full kitchens and washer and dryers.

Cold Stone Creamery, Einstein Brothers Bagel, the Market at Centennial Place, which was formerly the Pickle Barrel in Landrum, and the Eagle Print Shop will all be located in the center of the residence.

Coleman stated that these shops have their own entrance so that they do not interfere with



residents' living entrances.

This residence hall offers students a computer lab and two classrooms, wireless and Ethernet

Internet connections, retail shops and a food court, learning communities and the opportunity to live near other students with the same majors.

"There has not been a residence hall this large with this amount of students since Eagle Village."

Jon Coleman
Assistant Director of
Residence Life

Katherine Kennedy/STAFF
Centennial Place, the latest residence hall built on the Georgia Southern campus, opened its doors to students this week. According to Tom Palfy, director of Auxiliary Services, the new storefronts will create a "true retail corridor" on the Georgia Southern campus.

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The 'Whitest Kids U'Know' is a popular sketch comedy troupe that's known for pushing comedic bounds

Special Photo

The 'Whitest Kids U'Know' coming to GSU for Welcome Week on Wednesday

By Philip Clements

Reflector editor-in-chief

For fans of fresh sketch comedy with an edge, comedy troupe The Whitest Kids U'Know will be performing in the Russell Union Ballroom next Wednesday, August 19, at 8:00.

"Having them perform would be a fun choice for students during Welcome Week and also show the direction that Eagle Entertainment is going with events," said Paul Tenzel, the president of Eagle Entertainment.

"Comedy, in general, hasn't been a big part of GSU's programming. Also, it's sketch comedy and not stand-up. It's something new and if it works, then it opens the door for other events."

The group was founded by Trevor Moore in 2000 after moving to New York City. Moore recruited Sam Brown, Zach Cregger, Darren Trumeter and Timmy Williams and adopted the name Whitest Kids U'Know.

After a number of years in comedy clubs, the group managed to strike a deal with Fuse TV for a half-hour sketch comedy show. The show later moved to its current home on the Independent Film Channel.

"Their television show also has a lot of fans, and everybody in the Eagle Entertainment office quickly became interested and entertained with their act. It's a truly funny group," said Tenzel.

Despite television being the group's primary medium, their stage show is equally funny and respected.

"Before they started the television show they were a stand-up/sketch comedy troupe," said Tenzel. "Their college tour has had a lot of positive feedback, and I'm very excited to see what they'll bring to our school."

Comedically speaking, The Whitest Kids U'Know is known for pushing the envelope with skits that include Hitler gangsta rapping and Abe Lincoln trash talking John Wilkes-Booth in the

Ford Theater, screaming obscenities over and over again.

But there is no need to be worried about their act being stifled by censorship.

"They'll definitely be given free range," said Tenzel. "I believe censorship, to a degree, would take away from what they have to offer as an act."

What's the point in offering a comedy show if you take away part of their act?"

"I would hope that they would bring in a diverse crowd. Their comedy isn't directed towards one specific set of people, so it makes it accessible to many groups to enjoy, despite their name being 'The Whitest Kids U'Know,'" said Tenzel.

"We feel that at the age of 18, many of the students have been exposed to this sort of comedy before and can handle it," added Tenzel. "If this act is not conducive to what some students want to see, then we are planning a variety of events in the future that are sure to cater to them, as well as everybody else."

The event is covered with Student Activities money, which means it's free, even though you've technically already paid for it.

"It's something new and if it works, then it opens the door for

- Paul Tenzel
President of Eagle Entertainment

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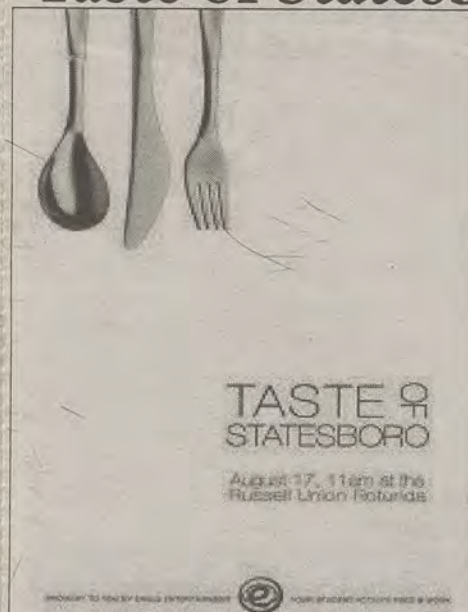
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'Taste of Statesboro' introduces students to various dining options



By Ryan Babula
Features editor

For students who come to Statesboro, finding a good variety in different meal locations can be challenging outside of on-campus food establishments. This could be due to a lack of awareness in local choices, over-reliance on familiar places, or a fear for one's wallet.

In an effort to raise awareness for delicious and unique choices, Eagle Entertainment is inviting over fourteen restaurants from the greater Statesboro community to Georgia Southern's campus for "A Taste of Statesboro". At the event, free samples will be given out to students as they pass the Russell Union Rotunda on their way to class.

Matching the success of last year's event required a lot of planning that started during the

summer, says Joey Newton, a Graduate Assistant with Eagle Entertainment. "A lot of the planning was done by [Eagle Entertainment President] Paul Tenzel and our Activities Coordinator Sriravong Sriratanakoul", Newton explained.

He also explained that planning the event involved going to restaurants, meeting with managers, and explaining the concept to them and relating how the event could benefit their establishment.

Newton feels that this year's event will repeat the success of its predecessor because the new students "get to try foods from different places" and get a true taste of Statesboro. Also, "everybody loves free food", he states.

Also, the event is good for raising awareness about some restaurants that students may not know about. "Many students tend to visit restaurants that are close to their residence halls, so by having

this event, it may encourage them to visit these restaurants that they wouldn't have visited before".

The recent recession has, no doubt, taken its toll on many establishments, and by having the event, it may help boost some of the restaurant's attendance and popularity.

"Many people don't go out to eat as much because they don't have the money", Newton says, so by taking part in the event, "[the restaurants] get to promote their food and maybe have special offers [...] that would appeal to students".

Along with "Taste of Statesboro", Eagle Entertainment has many other events planned during Welcome Week, along with numerous other student organizations.

These can be seen in the calendar included below:

'A Taste of Statesboro'

Where: Union Rotunda

When: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hosting: Eagle Entertainment

Restaurants included:

- Longhorn Steakhouse
- The French Quarter Cafe
- Moe's Southwest Cafe
- Southern Palace
- Christopher's
- McAlister's Deli
- Latte Da Coffee Cafe
- Heavenly Ham
- Don Corleone's
- Fordham's Farmhouse
- Manny's Neighborhood Grille
- Papa John's Pizza

Friday, August 14

Welcome Week Cookout

When: 5 p.m.

Where: Recreation Activities Center
MAC Gym

Free Outdoor Movie: "UP"

When: 8:30 p.m.

Where: Sweetheart Circle

Saturday, August 15

Eagles Night Out

When: 7 p.m.

Where: MC Anderson Park /
Recreation Activities Center

Sunday, August 16

Conversations With Professors

When: 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Where: Classrooms around campus

Monday, August 17

True Blue Kickoff

When: Noon

Where: Russell Union Rotunda

Indoor Laser Tag

When: 6 p.m.

Where: Russell Union Ballroom

Tuesday, August 18

Ice Cream Mixer

When: Noon

Where: Office of Student Activities

Casino Night with RHA

When: 6 p.m.

Where: Russell Union Ballroom

Wednesday, August 19

Comedy Night: The Whitest Kids U Know

When: 8 p.m.

Where: Russell Union Ballroom

Thursday, August 20

Turn Your Lemons into Lemonade!

When: 11 a.m.

Where: Russell Union Rotunda

Friday, August 21

Step into Statesboro

When: 1 - 4:15 p.m.

Where: Russell Union Rotunda

Eagle Entertainment Movie Kickoff:

"Star Trek"

When: 9 p.m.

Where: Russell Union Theater

Saturday, August 22

Road Trip: Tybee Take Over

When: Buses depart @ 10 a.m.

Where: Russell Union

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Star Trek Easily one of the best of the "Star Trek" series of films, this is the first bonafide hit of the summer season. The film mixed incredible action, realistic special effects, and a great story to become one of the top films of the summer. This is the film that set the bar high for everything else that came after it.

Up Emotional, exciting, and all-around sensational, "Up" is not only one of the summer's best, but one of the year's best as well. Pixar has crafted a magnificent adventure that will not only have you on the edge of your seat, but will tug your heartstrings as well.

Public Enemies "Public Enemies" is an exciting and smart crime drama from the ever-impressive Michael Mann. His close and personal digital photography, explosive gunfights, and awesome performances from Johnny Depp and Christian Bale make this a great addition to this summer's selections.

The Hangover "The Hangover" was the summer's surprise hit, and it lived up to its incredible hype in spades. It was incredibly funny and instantly quotable, and is continuing to do good business at the box-office. This is what great comedy is all about.

Orphan Very few movies have un-nerved me as much as "Orphan" has, and I'm extremely grateful for that. Horror needs to be truly unsettling for me to be effected, and this film did everything in its power to scare me, and after seeing it two times in theaters, I can say that it's not a one trick pony.

Harry Potter and the Half-

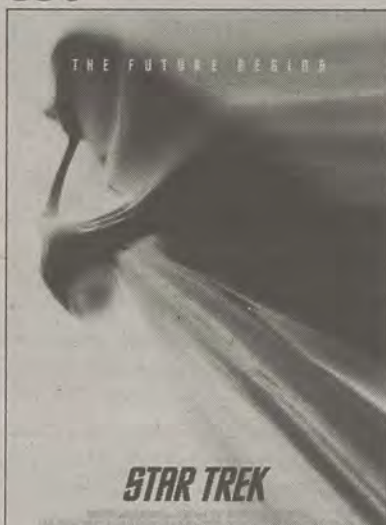
Blood Prince Although it's not the best of the series by a long shot, "Half-Blood Prince" was still a step up from most of the releases this summer. Despite its narrative flaws, the film was exciting, emotional, and really fun. I wish I could say the same for many of the other releases.

Films of the 2009 Summer Season

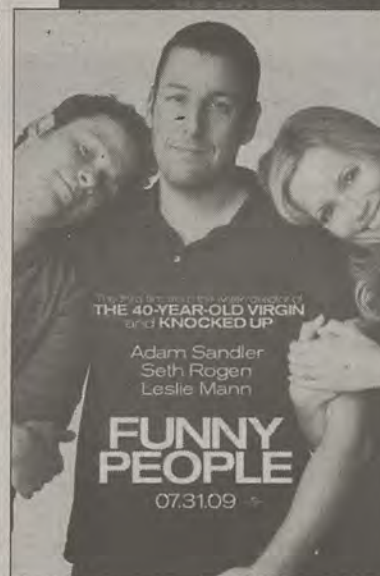
By Ryan Babula
Features editor

The summer of 2009 has had a fairly disappointing roster of films so far. In the past few months, I've been able to catch about 75% of this season's offerings, missing out on some due to lack of time or lack of interest. Of the films that I was able to see, here's my list of the best and the worst.

Best



Worst



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Wolverine After seeing "X3", I didn't have any hopes for "Wolverine". But even my lowest standards couldn't have prepared me for how horrible this was. It was a true slog to sit through, and it's one of the few movies that I wish I could have my two hours back. It made "X3" look good, which isn't high praise.

Angels & Demons "The Da Vinci Code" worked with all of its exposition because there was no urgency to it. It was a straightforward mystery. "Angels & Demons" tries to keep the same historic intrigue, but fails due to lack of excitement or tension. A chase movie doesn't need to have endless explanation, and this was nothing but that.

Terminator: Salvation This was a red-blooded action film that failed to be interesting. The story was non-existent, and it felt more like a tribute film to past "Terminator" films. Also, Christian Bale's John Connor was annoying and extremely one-note...not exactly the charismatic leader fans were expecting.

Transformers: Revenge Of

The Fallen Although I was apologetic at first, there's not a single plot line or development I can remember from this sequel. It was loud noise, and nothing more. Good action can't cover a bad story. I'll admit here and now that I'm eating my words from a while back. This is not a good film. Please forgive me.

Bruno The first half of "Bruno" was nothing more than exaggerated celebrity bashing and raunchy humor. The second half finally found its stride, but it was too little, too late. It was a sloppy endeavor to capture the political and satirical tone of "Borat". Better luck next time.

Funny People Judd Apatow's third film is a structural and tonal failure. It never finds out what kind of film it wants to be, and meanders for much of its run time. The third act is completely unnecessary, and I found no sympathy for Adam Sandler's dying comic at all.

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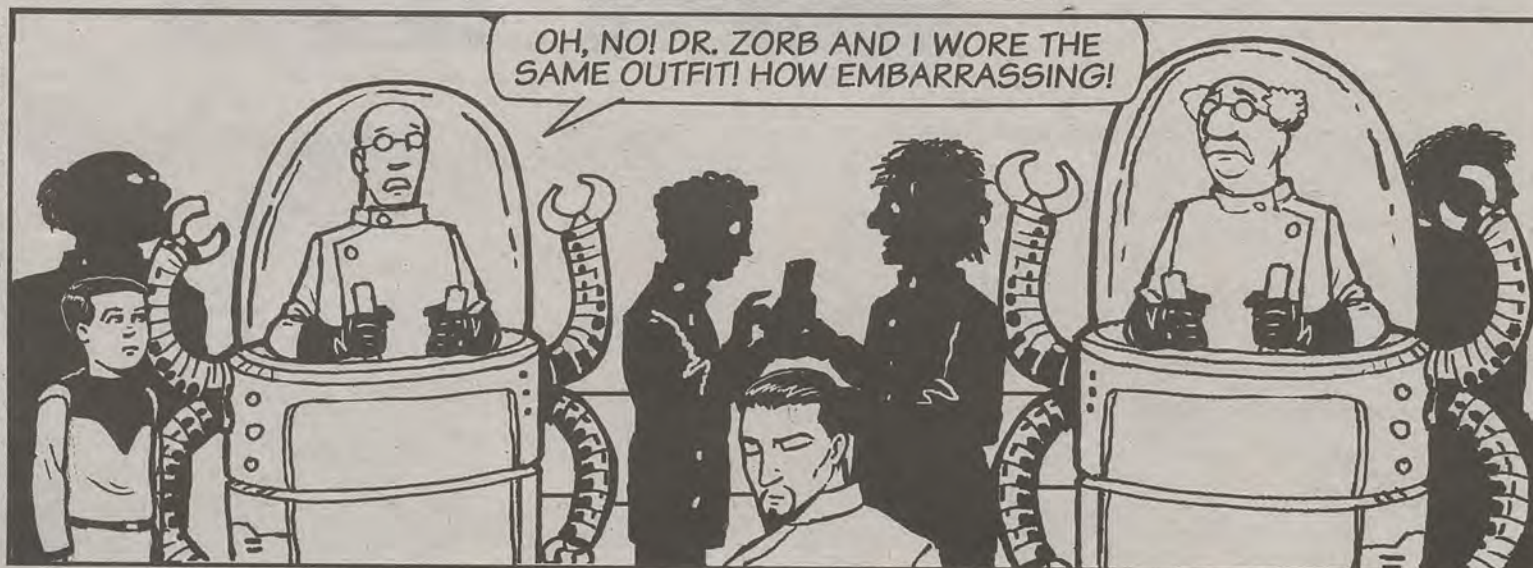
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Level: 1 2 3

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Friday's puzzle

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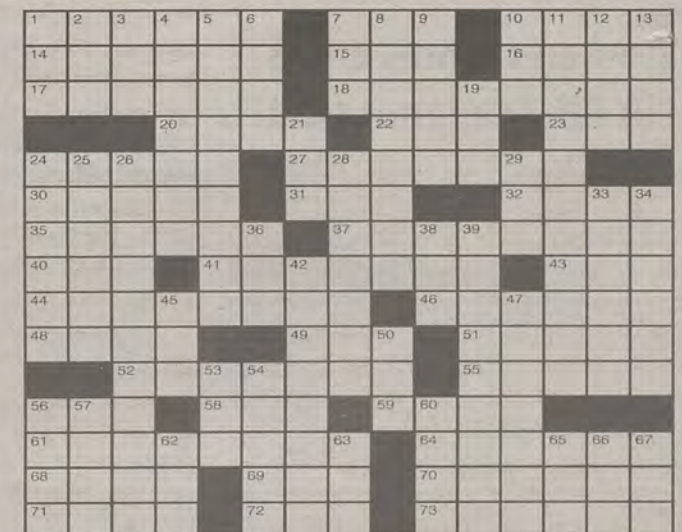
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Crossword

- ACROSS
- Fluffy dessert
 - Guy's sweetie
 - Laptop image
 - Actress Bassett
 - Lennon's lover
 - Traffic diverter
 - Prepare leftovers
 - Leftovers
 - Minuscule
 - Self-image
 - Distress letters
 - City on the Adige
 - Farm measure
 - Undue speed
 - "Nova" network
 - Highest point
 - Honda model
 - Additional publishings
 - Actress Farrow
 - That's out of the question!
 - Tic-toe link
 - Joined up
 - Unpigmented
 - Cause to wither
 - Fizzle out
 - Pearl collector
 - Prufrock's creator
 - TV movie critic
 - DH's stat
 - Kilmer of "The Doors"
 - Restore to health
 - Brazilian city
 - Experience a flashback
 - Creep
 - Team cheer
 - Kowtow
 - Emily of manners
 - Pompous one
 - Value highly

- DOWN
- Damage a bit
 - Any person
 - Word of disgust
 - Pursue an inquiry
 - Untidy women
 - Beanery sign
 - Gunk
 - "The Ugly Duckling" author
 - Ski-resort building



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Solutions

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- Davies of the LPGA
- Invitation acronym
- "Charles in Charge" star
- Strong impulse
- Family dog
- Sighs of delight
- "Got a Secret"
- Two-finger sign
- Blighted tree

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News From the Nest

Women's tennis earns ITA All-Academic title

By GSU News Service

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) released the ITA All-Academic Teams for 2009 and the Georgia Southern women's tennis team was named to the list for Division I women's athletics.

To receive the accolade, an ITA program must have a cumulative team grade point average of 3.20 or higher for the academic year. All student-athletes who are NCAA eligible and have appeared in one or more varsity match must average into the GPA for the academic year. This included both the fall 2008 and spring 2009 semester.

The women's tennis team earned a cumulative GPA of 3.58 for the 2008-09 academic year. For

the spring 2009 semester, seven Eagles individually accumulated a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Christine Caforio and Emma Knight each earned a GPA above a 3.0. Ali Beavers, Molly Maddox and Melanie Rolle were named to the Dean's List for sporting a GPA between 3.5-3.99. Placed on the President's List are two representatives Shea Huxtable and Kristi Kegerreis. Both earned a perfect 4.0 GPA during the semester.

"I am very proud of our team for achieving the All-Academic Team Award through the ITA," said Bonner. "Academic success is a priority of ours and it shows the commitment of our team to not only be winners on the court but in the classroom as well. It's great for them to be recognized for their hard work."

This will be the second time Georgia Southern received the accolade in head coach Amy Bonner's time in Statesboro.

GSU golf announces schedule for 09-10 year

By GSU News Service

Head coach Larry Mays has announced the Georgia Southern golf schedule for the 2009-2010 academic year. The Eagles added three new tournaments for fall competition and one new tournament for the spring. Season competition concludes with the annual Southern Conference Championship located again in Florence, S.C. The winner of the event earns an automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals.

Showing a repeat appearance in fall competition are the Raines Development Intercollegiate and the Mizuno Savannah Intercollegiate, which Georgia Southern will host for the third consecutive year. The golf team will kick off competition with a trip to Riverside, Iowa, for a three-day tournament at Golfweek's Conference Challenge August 30-September 1. The tournament will be played at the Blue Top Ridge Golf Club, which features a Rees Jones designed course.

The Eagles will then get their first look of the season at The Country Club of South Carolina in the Raines Development Intercollegiate September 14-15; Georgia Southern won the event in 2008 in record-setting style.

From September 21-22, Georgia Southern will compete in the Adams Cup of Newport Collegiate in Newport, R.I. Competition will be contested on the Newport National Golf Club, an Arthur Mills design.

The Gary Koch Intercollegiate returns after a brief hiatus as the Eagles take part in the event

October 3-4 in Tampa, Fla. Auburn and University of Kentucky will host the event at the Old Memorial Golf Club. Concluding fall competition will be the Mizuno Savannah Intercollegiate October 19-20, which will be played at the Savannah Quarters Country Club in Savannah, Ga.

Georgia Southern will open spring competition returning to the Gator Invitational at the University of Florida Golf Club February 13-14 for the 10th consecutive year. Following the spring opening tournament, the Eagles revisit the ever-challenging Sawgrass Country Club for the John Hayt Invitational February 28-March 2 in Ponte Vedra, Fla.

A new addition to the spring schedule, Georgia Southern will compete in the Cleveland Golf Palmetto Intercollegiate hosted by USC Aiken March 8-9. The two-day tournament will be played at the Palmetto Golf Club. The 31st Schenkel E-Z-Go Invitational returns to Forest Heights Country Club March 19-21 in Statesboro, Ga. The Eagles will play host to the three-day tournament, which features top teams from around the nation, to close out the month of March.

The Augusta State Invitational will take place from April 3-4 at the Forest Hills Golf Club before Georgia Southern returns to The Country Club of South Carolina April 18-20 for the SoCon Championship.

"It's a good, solid spring schedule and we will face a very strong, competitive mix of teams. We have some tough tournaments in the schedule that will be a good test for us and if we play well in those, we'll be in good shape at the end of the year," stated Mays.

For more information on the GSU golf schedule, visit the Georgia Southern Athletics webpage.

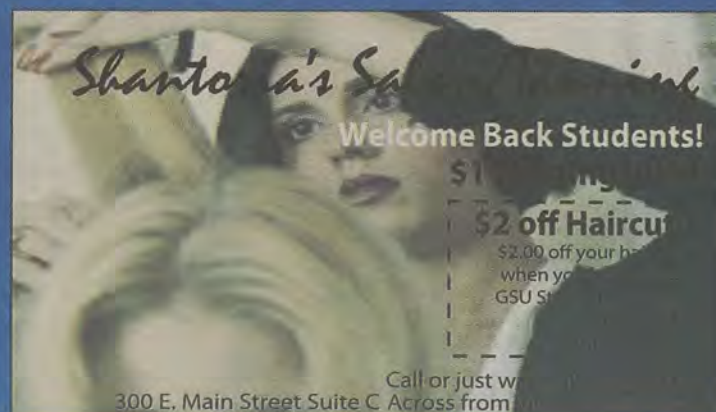
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FEASIBILITY STUDY

SPECIAL PHOTO

Promotion comes at a price

SHOW ME THE MAUNEY



By Matt Mauney

Reflector managing editor

For all those out there in Eagle Nation that dreamed seeing your Georgia Southern Eagles playing at the highest level of collegiate football in a few short

years, it looks like the only

way this will happen is in your dreams as you lay curled up in your blue and white sheets.

Well, at least for a while.

After 20 months of anticipation, the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) Feasibility Study was finally released at the end of July.

The study, compiled by outsourcing company Rosser International Inc. for a hefty price of nearly \$170 thousand, acts as a blueprint for the steps needed to make the jump. The results of that blueprint came as shock and a harsh bite of reality to many of the GSU faithful.

Although it is debatable on a yearly basis whether or not the Eagles can compete at the level of football previously referred to as Division I-A, it ultimately comes down to whether or not the Eagles can compete in the FBS financially.

And those results aren't pretty.

The complete report is a thick 122 pages, and since many college students fail to even complete their required class readings, here's my breakdown of the study:

The Good

Positives for the Eagles "promotion" would be the likely increase in the talent level the program will be able to bring to the Boro. The move from the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) to the FBS will give the Eagles 22 more scholarships to work with, as FBS schools are allowed to have 85 players on athletic scholarships compared to the 63 allowed in the FCS.

This will obviously create a ripple effect in Eagle

Nation. Recruiting will likely improve, as the opportunity to play at the highest level of collegiate football will work as a useful motivational tool. Also, the level of play will likely improve, both from the Eagles and their competition.

This will again most likely improve game attendance, merchandise sales, and national exposure.

This all of course will depend on certain circumstances and come at a price. A big, BIG price.

The Bad

Like everything in this world, to be the best, or compete at the highest level, it takes a lot of money. The move to FBS is no different.

In order to get the extra scholarships, the increased exposure, and the chance to compete each season for a shot at a bowl appearance will take about \$7.3 million extra annually when it comes to the overall athletic operating and facility expenses.

If you think that's bad, try adding an extra \$3 million plus for a new basketball arena and another five or ten million plus for expansions to Paulson Stadium.

Well it means that these additional funds will have to come from somewhere, and with Athletic Director Sam Baker's announcement that this increase will not affect students, means that the extra funds will most likely have to come from boosters and alumni.

This is a lot to ask for, especially if Eagle football doesn't step up and return to their once prestigious status in their current division.

So, with more research and findings to come, what we know for now is that it will take a large increase in annual funds to move up in football as well as change divisions for all other sports.

Who knows, maybe one day Hanner will be no more and a state of the art multi-sport arena will take its place. Maybe Paulson will be doubled-decked and bowled in on one side and maybe the Eagles will take the field on Saturdays as a member of the Sun Belt conference or perhaps even Conference USA.

But for now, those that wish this will have to fantasize these things as they tuck in at night and lay their heads on their Gus shaped pillows.



IT SHOULD BE NOTED

By Thom Cunningham
Sports editor

The feasibility study has been turning heads left and right with everyone wondering what the future holds for Georgia Southern. Although the thought of jumping from the FCS to the FBS intrigues many, it should be noted that there are two sides to every story.

Does that mean that an attempted jump to the FBS should worry you more than excite you? Not necessarily, but keeping an open mind about the situation this university is facing may help you make the best opinion on the topic.

Being a representative in the FBS means that Georgia Southern would be eligible for Bowl game appearances in the future. If GSU were to partake in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS), it would undoubtedly improve the overall image of the university.

GSU's exposure to the media on a national level would increase tremendously from where it is currently. Although the university currently gets a lot of media exposure with SportSouth and CSS, it should be noted that the university's name has a better chance of increasing throughout the country rather than just the Southeast part of this nation.

With the exposure comes all good things, like money and fans. The national exposure increases the chances of other citizens and students nation-wide to consider Georgia Southern as a top program in not only football, but as an overall college.

Another positive way to look at the transition would be the new talent that the university is capable of acquiring. There is nothing wrong with the current talent that GSU has, but the jump to the FBS would give this university a better chance of seriously recruiting high caliber players on a consistent basis.

A potential leap to the FBS 'looks' like a good option for the future of this program. Almost every student (including myself) that has an opinion on this matter looks at the FBS as a chance for this university to breakout into the national spotlight.

There is nothing to be ashamed about being aired on ESPN, having your school in the NCAA video games, the potential to climb the conference ladders or even compete in a BCS game. This, again, 'looks' like a good option; but it should be noted that looks can be deceiving.

Although it would be nice to have the attention of the nation or the money and talent schools like

Pros and cons of the FBS

Florida or Southern Cal have, it should be noted that there is a lot more to football (collegiate or professional) than money and fame.

Other than the exposure and money that comes along with being a representative in the FBS, what is so great about it? If you were to ask me, the FBS is the most pointless regular season in all of sports. Why?

It is a pretty simple answer; there is no playoff system.

Making the leap to the FBS would look great, but then what would you be playing for? Last season I witnessed a football game where the University of Texas defeated the University of Oklahoma. Both teams finished the regular season with an 11-1 record, but Oklahoma got the National Championship bid over Texas.

This was determined by a system the FBS uses that is known as the BCS Rankings. The FBS does not use a playoff system to determine its champion (like every other sport), but rather a system that uses calculations to place teams in games.

With that said, Oklahoma was 'calculated' higher than Texas and was placed into the National Championship over Texas. The fact that Texas beat Oklahoma one-on-one (and finished with the same record) proves that the Red River Rivalry game is as pointless as celery. What was the point of playing that game if it didn't determine who would enter the National Championship if a tiebreaker were to occur?

All this brings to point that Georgia Southern could be viewed as being in a better situation in the FCS rather than the FBS.

Staying in the FCS would allow GSU to compete in a fair and unbiased playoff system each year. A playoff system is the best way to determine whom the best team is; which may be why every other sport (besides the FBS) uses it.

Georgia Southern is all about tradition, and its tradition is being a six-time National Champion in the FCS. The chances of GSU winning a National title are more realistic in the FCS than the FBS (based on the post-season systems), but it is more than just winning a championship.

A lot of people look at the attention and money that comes with sports and actually forget about the sport itself.

Staying in the FCS and playing in a playoff system not only represents what Georgia Southern is all about, but it also represents how sports should be played and how real champions are determined.

Making the leap to the FBS would be great for the university's exposure and finance, but it should be noted that the actual games itself will become less meaningful to the school and the sport.