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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS

## Open Forum Thursday

When: 4 p.m.

Where:

Performing  
Arts Center



## David Belcher is second presidential candidate

By Charles Minshew

Editor-in-chief

David Belcher, who currently serves as the provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) is the second finalist in the search for Georgia Southern President Bruce Grube's successor.

Belcher will participate in a forum Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

During this time, Belcher will have 10-15 minutes for a presentation followed by an hour long question and answer session.

In his cover letter to the presidential search and screen committee, Belcher wrote that "not only is my experience in line with expectations for Georgia Southern's next president, but also the context in which I gained that experience is notably similar to Georgia Southern's."

According to UALR's Web site, Belcher's role as provost is to "oversee the academic mission of the University." Belcher has served in his current position since July 2003.

Immediately prior to his work at UALR, Belcher served as dean of Missouri State University's College of Arts and Letters.

For more information about Belcher, visit [www.gadaily.com](http://www.gadaily.com) after Thursday's forum. A recap and short video from the open forum will be posted there.

## SEARCHING FOR GEORGIA SOUTHERN'S NEXT PRESIDENT...FIRST OF SIX CANDIDATES VISITS GSU

# Long: GSU is poised to move forward to do new things

By Robert Greene II

Staff writer

Kathleen Long, the first presidential candidate to come to Georgia Southern, spoke to an audience of faculty, staff and a few students on Sept. 10, and also answered questions from the GSU community.

"This is a highly desirable and prestigious position," Long said. Speaking for herself and her husband David, she said that coming to campus "only confirmed our first impression."

Long said there are three questions she wanted to answer for the audience at the beginning of the open forum.

"Why Georgia Southern? Secondly, what is my philosophy of higher education? And then, what is my leadership style?" she said.

Long answered the first question, "Why Georgia Southern?" by saying, "That should be inherent in understanding the kind of institution you have."

Long also said that her philosophy of higher education is a "focus on students and on excellent teachers." As for her leadership style, Long said that it involved a great deal of interaction with students, faculty and staff.

In her opening remarks, Long also said that the university is "at a new place" and that "it's (going to) need to re-examine its size and scope." She said that she believes GSU is "poised to move forward to do new things, to reinvent itself."

Pressing forward in her opening remarks, Long said that her leadership style includes three parts, "Inspiration, determination and patience."

Long elucidated these words into what she would do as president. She said a president of a university "must paint a picture or describe a dream" of where he or she wants the institution to go.

She also stated that she believes a true leader must have the ability to "stay the course" while leading a university and must be able to build consensus among various groups.

She also says she is "comfortable in admitting a mistake and apologizing" when something goes wrong.

"Ultimately, the role of a president is to make hard decisions," Long said. She also said she believes in "building a reservoir of trust" and in delegating responsibilities. She is interested in leading through "collaboration instead of competition."

Long said that her time as assistant provost and dean of the College of Nursing at the University of Florida has prepared her for being president of GSU. While at the University of Florida, Long said that she "worked with different provosts" creating doctoral programs that were collaborations between different universities in the state of Florida.

She reminded listeners of the difficulty of such a job by mentioning that unlike Georgia with its University System, Florida has no such system in place for its colleges and universities.

She also stressed how important she sees her job. Long said that "education is key to changing the world" and that she believes "education is a process of mutual advantage for students and faculty."

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Brandilyn Brown/STAFF

Kathleen Long spoke to faculty, staff and students at an open forum on Thursday at the Performing Arts Center. Long is the first finalist for the presidency.

## WHO IS KATHLEEN LONG?

**Present Position:** Dean of the College of Nursing and Associate Provost, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla. (since 1998 and 2005 respectively.)

**Previous Position:** Dean of the College of Nursing (1990-1995) and Associate Professor (1983-1989), Montana State University, Bozeman, Mont. and Assistant Dean, Husson College, Bangor, Maine (1982- 1983)

**Education:** Ph.D. in behavioral sciences from Johns Hopkins University, a M.S. in nursing from Wayne State University and a B.S. in nursing from the Catholic University of America.

**Honors:** Selected as one of "100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare" by Modern Healthcare.

**Professional Memberships:** President, American Association of Colleges of Nursing (2000-2004), Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing (since 1987) and member of the American Nurses' Association (since 1975)

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## Sorority hosts annual Charity Denim sale to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charity

By Anthony Visintainer

Guest writer

Last Friday, Sept. 11, Alpha Delta Pi sorority hosted a Charity Denim sale from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The event took place at the Alpha Delta Pi sorority house on Greek Row. Dozens of brands of designer jeans were available at discount prices, and customers were free to browse and try on as many jeans as they liked. The sorority provided free refreshments, and Charity Denim provided portable dressing rooms.

Charity Denim is a non-profit organization that collaborates with other non-profit organizations to help raise money via the sale of designer jeans. It operates across the entire nation, holding events in 48 states. Charity Denim's main partners are sororities, so most of these events take place at universities.

"We enjoy working with Alpha Delta Pi. They do great marketing, and they donate to a good cause," said Charity Denim's Southeast Event Coordinator Raina Greene.

The feeling is mutual, according to Mary Katherine Mills, a sophomore biology major.



Kelly Vermeil/STAFF

**Students shop** for jeans at Alpha Delta Pi's annual Charity Denim Sale on Friday.

"I love Charity Denim. It's a fun time for a good cause."

Alpha Delta Pi was the first sorority ever founded. Instituted in 1851 by Eugenia Tucker at Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga.,

it is one of the "Macon Magnolias," a title it shares with Phi Mu. It now has 137 chapters in the U.S. and Canada and more than 150 alumnae associations.

The event was a success, said chapter

Philanthropy Chair Jessie Joyner. "It's been going really well. There's been a constant crowd all day... everyone seems to be having a good time."

The sale made over \$677, which the sorority will donate to Ronald McDonald House Charity.

RMHC is a charity that provides free or low-cost housing for families with children in nearby hospitals if the parents live too far away to visit. Since 1971, Alpha Delta Pi has donated over \$2 million to RMHC. In addition to donating money, Alpha Delta Pi brings meals for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House in Savannah on a monthly basis.

"Usually we do something like tacos because other people usually bring lasagna or spaghetti, and we like to keep things interesting," said chapter President Sarah Kammer.

In the past years, AΔΠ has donated the proceeds of the Charity Denim sale specifically to the Ronald McDonald house in Savannah. This year, however, a case came to their attention, and they decided to contribute. For this event, the proceeds are specifically going

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Kelly Vermeil/STAFF

**Alpha Delta Pi** held their annual Charity Denim sale Friday. Nearly \$700 was raised.

to a 17-year-old girl from Statesboro. The girl, who has cystic fibrosis and is in need of a lung transplant, is staying in a Ronald McDonald House in Durham, N.C. Her father lost his job shortly before the family received news of her condition, so in order to help the family, Alpha Delta Pi will be donating the money to that House instead of the one in Savannah.

Alpha Delta Pi has been working with Charity denim for three years. This year, the

total number of jeans sold was nearly twice that of last year.

Judging by the success of this year's event, said Joyner, Alpha Delta Pi plans to do another sale next year.

"Hopefully it'll continue to get bigger and better," she said. "This year we were hoping to reach more of the campus, and we accomplished that. It's taken an incredible amount of prep to do this, but it's been definitely worth it."



## LONG

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She then mentioned what she sees as the three major challenges facing higher education: "public trust," funding and preparing graduates to be ethical human beings."

She said she believed "GSU gets it on those three challenges."

During her opening remarks, Long said that she believes the challenges she will face as president include her transition from assistant provost to president.

However, she noted that she has experience in fundraising at the University of Florida, and that her time as dean of the College of Nursing at Florida involved her in many different activities that will help her in her transition.

Long made it clear that her job as president of Georgia Southern will not be "to make GSU into another type of University of Florida." She said that "GSU has strengths UF doesn't."

"GSU is facing a challenge," said Long. "How to write our next 10 to 20 years of history."

She then added, "A few people say to me, 'we just don't want to lose the feel of a 10 to 11,000 student university.'"

Long followed by saying, "We are no longer a 10 to 11,000 student university. This train has already left the station."

Continuing with the train analogy, Long said that the university needs "to get it on the right track."

At the close of her statement, Long said, in reference to a luncheon held earlier in the day with student leaders, that the "students here are marvelous. They are a match for student anywhere else in the country."

After the close of her remarks, Trey Denton, chair of the Presidential Search and Screening Committee, opened the floor to questions that were submitted by being written on an index card, while he asked Long questions already submitted from the community before the event.

The topics of the questions ranged from how she would deal with budget cuts to her views on the importance of athletics and a wide range of issues in between.

When asked, "How would you engage students?" Long said, "I don't think any incoming president can afford not to engage students."

She also said she would pursue such engagement through "frequent meetings" with students, and that she is "open to continuing dialogue" with the student body. Above all, she said that "visibility is key."

Long was asked whether she'd ever worked at an institution that put into place a furlough policy. She responded by saying that, while at the University of Florida, "No, but it has faced layoffs of faculty and staff."

Long was asked, "What works well in engaging first year students?" She said that "common readings" and also "common projects" would work, and she also said that she would begin talking to students about pursuing graduate school while they are still first year students.

She also noted that there are "many things already in place" for helping first-year students at GSU.

Long also answered the question, "What role does athletics play?" at a university.

She responded that she enjoys athletic events, and she said she "understands how important athletics are."

She said that while she "doesn't believe in winning with bad athletes," Long also believes athletes can "be a spark" and can "create a sense of enthusiasm."

"What it really provides," said Long, is the ability to "talk broadly about the university" on a national stage.

When asked, "What is the role of arts and humanities in a university where most students are in professional fields?" Long said, "We must have it in the core of a great education."

She went on to say that she "can't name a single field without understanding arts and humanities."

Long was also asked how she would commit to diversity in the field of faculty. She said she would "engage faculty of color and diversity" and that she has three strategies for getting more minority faculty.

Long said she wants to pursue a "grow your own strategy," wherein GSU would draw more African-American students back to the university after acquiring advanced degrees, "close work with the surrounding community" and "personal outreach."

Her last strategy she explained by citing her friendship with a dean at Bethune-Cookman University.

When asked what she would do on her first day, Long said that she would hold a forum with students and faculty, where she would lay out a vision of what she wanted to do at Georgia Southern and what the university would be "in 10 years."

She was also asked whether she regarded students as customers.

In response, Long said, "I don't think higher education is a business" and that higher education is "a higher calling than a corporation."

"If we reduce students to customers, we lose our focus," Long said.

Long went on to answer a question about her greatest leadership strength and her greatest weakness. Her greatest strength, said Long, is her "passion for ideas." According to Long, her greatest weakness is patience.

"Sometimes I'm running a little too far ahead," said Long.

Long was asked what she saw as the "ideal relationship between Georgia Southern and the local community."

She replied that she saw the relationship during her possible tenure as one that is "built on and enhanced," and that the university is "engaged in problem solving for local problems."

At the end of the session, Denton asked Long if there was anything else she wanted people to know about herself.

She said, "What you see is what you get."

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Ashley Turner

The search begins for Georgia Southern's next President.

## Embrace what GSU offers for students



**Robert Greene II**  
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In recent days, the Georgia Southern community has been host to a number of remarkable activities. Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice visited campus last Tuesday to speak about leadership. The GSU Eagles football team took the field for the first time two weeks ago and won against Albany. Last Thursday

saw Kathleen Long speak on campus as the first publicly announced presidential candidate for the university. All the while, first-year and transfer students have had a month to soak in the wonders and excitement that lie at the heart of the GSU community.

What these and so many other activities going on around campus should tell any student is that the GSU student population has much to be excited and proud of. It should also tell anyone that now is a time of transition and change that allows more students than usual to leave their mark upon the history of Georgia Southern.

Take the remarks by Condoleezza Rice. It was a rare opportunity to hear firsthand from a person who helped to shape so much of our recent history. The fact that the speech itself happened only three days before the eighth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks gives it an even greater context, as does the fact that recent troubles in Afghanistan have reminded people why thousands of our fellow citizens are still in that troubled nation.

In addition, the arrival of Rice offered students the chance to voice their own views of Rice, the Bush Administration and even who the university brings in as guest speakers. One solitary student held a sign

saying "Where's Ayers?" outside the Russell Union at the same time as the Rice speech, in reference to the spring semester's controversial cancellation of an on-campus speech by Bill Ayers.

Just having one student voice his opinion shows the diversity of thought here at GSU. Not having passion about who speaks here is fine, and is the right of every student, but it is also good to see someone speak his mind peacefully about whatever issue he believes is important.

Speaking one's mind is also important to the selection of a new president at GSU. As we've said before, and will continue to press as a theme for this semester, the selection of a new president is a rare chance to direct where GSU goes next as an institution of higher learning. Please make sure to be at the presidential forums when possible, as the next president will have a major impact on what happens to the current student body and what happens to future students.

A group that has more to deal with when it comes to the selection of a new president, more than any other, is first-year students. They will be here not only for the end of one administration but the beginning of a new one. First-year students will also see the new president's policies being implemented and may even see the results of some short-term goals the president sets in place once in office.

GSU has offered students the chance to become more fully engaged with the community and larger world around them. Look into what other guest speakers are coming to campus, and even if you don't agree with their viewpoints, take the time to consider hearing them out live and in person. Get involved in the selection of the new president by going to forums and speaking to your fellow students about what you want to see GSU become. Regardless of whether you're a first-year student or a graduate student on the edge of moving on, you are an integral part of the campus community.

## Dating for under \$10? It's possible



**Joey Newton**  
is a graduate student in Spanish education from Americus, Ga. He is a staff columnist for the George-Anne.

The economy is tough these days, it's true. A lot of us have been directly affected by the job losses and pay cuts that our economy is experiencing. I, too, am one of them.

Last month, my bank account was down to \$23. I was waiting on that financial aid check, but it hadn't come just yet. I was in a tight spot. A very tight spot.

Even though I was broke, I wanted to take my lady friend out for a night on the town. I budgeted \$10 for the evening. I know what you are thinking... 10 bucks won't get you ANYTHING these days! Well, let me tell you how I stretched it out.

I had heard of a unique concept called "The Progressive Dinner." Basically, the way it works is you eat a five course meal, but you go to a different restaurant for each course. This stretches dinner to over an hour and also tests your date's ability to enjoy the simple things in life, like a 99 cent cheeseburger.

So I proceeded to the ATM, where I retrieved \$10 exactly, and then on to the eateries! My lady friend and I divided the \$10 and alternated choosing the destinations for each course.

We began at Burger King. Some five cheesy tots and \$1.07 later, we departed. Course 1, appetizer, complete.

On to Wendy's. We chose a \$1 Caesar salad and split it. It was awesome. Course 2, salad, consumed. Course 3 took us to KFC for that delicious coleslaw. For only \$1.25 Course 3-side dish-gone in 60 seconds.

For course 4, Main Dish, we hit up Taco Bell. With their under \$1 menu, we filled the remaining space in our stomachs with some tasty, spicy chicken burritos for about \$4. Mmm mmm good.

That left us over two bucks for dessert, my favorite course of any meal. We had some coupons for Brusters, so we split a small bowl, and actually had some change leftover, about 17 cents.

I learned three things that night: First, Ten bucks can go a long way. I was actually quite full when we finished.

Secondly, a good date does not have to cost a lot of money. What makes it fun is who you're with and how much fun they are-not how much you spend.

Thirdly, there are many undiscovered treasures on the \$1 menu. I didn't realize how awesome that value menu really was.

I recommend customizing this adventure in eating for yourself. You can do it lots of different ways, but I recommend you do it for sure. Your date will enjoy it, and they may even pick up the tab next time-all \$10 of it.

## Dreams that fade to responsibilities



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

I never thought that Miley Cyrus and I would have anything in common. In fact, if anyone else had sung "The Climb," there might just be a chance the song would be inspirational. However, it is Hannah Montana, the plight on American youth everywhere.

Until this summer, my life plan was absolutely certain. I knew what I was going to do, exactly what order it was going to be done in, and there was absolutely nothing to worry about. Teaching at the National Student Leadership Conference completely shifted this galactically ordained order, and suddenly, I became interested in attending film school for a graduate degree. My cosmic shift has not changed my life goals, but the way in which I get there has altered dramatically.

This weekend, I visited Columbia University in New York City to meet with Graduate Admissions for the School of the Arts, learning about their program, working with my application and asking lots of questions. Of the approximately 700 people who will apply to my preferred program, 64 will be admitted. The odds are stacked high against me, as the people who apply will be the best in the country, and I do not know if I am good enough.

This experience is certainly not unique to me, as many of my senior, graduate-bound friends are frantically working on GRE, MCAT and LSAT tests, letters of recommendation, and statements of purpose. Sticking out seems impossible with all of the people trying to get a limited number of seats. Despite the odds, we persist, because each of us have a dream that we want to fulfill, that one "I can almost see, that dream I am dreaming, but there's a voice inside my head saying you'll never reach it." We just have to keep the faith that we will keep climbing.

In the meantime, I still have to graduate and manage everything else. The dreams of a boy are quickly fading into the responsibilities of a man.



# Georgia Southern University's housing facelift changes freshman year experience

By Candice Hall

Guest writer

Traditional residence halls are out and apartments and super suites are in. The "dorm experience" isn't what it used to be at Georgia Southern.

Things have changed since Nan Kemper, a GSU's alumnus, lived on campus in the fall of 1970. Kemper described the transition to college life as an easy one, when he moved into the now non-existent Winburn.

"The facilities were very nice, and so it was an easy adjustment for me," said Kemper. Today, GSU has only two traditional-style residence halls remaining, Sanford and Brannen.

"Students and their parents come to college today expecting their own room. Some students just don't want to take the chance of living with someone because it's scary," said Vickie Hawkins, director of University Housing.

Although the comfort of having one's own space is a plus, it doesn't come without a price.

Living in GSU's newest residence hall, Centennial Place, costs nearly twice as much as it would cost to live in a traditional residence hall.

"Parents are willing to pay the price difference. That's what they want and expect. They want the amenities," said Hawkins.

Although probably not the most luxurious, Brannen and Watson Commons and Pods still seem to offer students that old dorm-life feel.

"Without cable television, residents of Brannen are forced to get out of their rooms and interact with other students," said Hawkins.

Freshman Sam Low is a current resident of a two-bedroom apartment in Centennial Place and said that, for him, location was everything.

"People don't come out of their rooms as much, but you're right on campus," he said.

Another resident of Centennial Place, freshman Paige Strickland, shares a bedroom with another student in a two-bed suite. Strickland said that she thinks her experience is basically the same as a resident living in a traditional-style residence hall.

"I'd live in a traditional dorm if I had to, but sharing a bathroom with 12 girls could be a problem," she said.

Several programs have been implemented into the new residence halls by the Department of University Housing to promote "good, effective interaction with students," said Hawkins.

One particular program is the Living, Learning Communities, also known as Residential Interest

Groups (RIGs) in Eagle Village.

RIGs are groups of students that share the same major. Students in RIGs are able to take several course hours together during their freshman year.

Club houses, recreation areas and computer labs were also deliberately placed in the new residence hall communities to promote social interaction, said Hawkins.

Community Leaders also encourage residents to get out of their rooms and meet the students living around them.

John Rhyne, a senior at Mont De Sales high school in Macon, is currently looking into possible colleges to attend next fall. Rhyne said he wouldn't mind a traditional residence hall however he'd rather have a private room.

"The surveys conducted by the Department of Housing show that students who live in traditional-style dorms are more satisfied with their experience and that their satisfaction is determined by interaction with other students," said Hawkins.

However, it seems that suites and apartments are here to stay due to the demand from prospective students and parents.

According to Hawkins, "Today's students come to college desiring that type of living arrangement. They compare our housing to the housing of other universities."

To meet the desires of future GSU students, new construction in the future will most likely be modeled after Centennial Place.



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## Health center instates influenza hotline



Special photo

Washing your hands is one way to avoid the H1N1 flu virus.

By Matt Wheeler

Guest writer

Students suffering from influenza-like symptoms are now encouraged to call the new influenza telephone evaluation system.

Due to recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Georgia Southern has instated an influenza evaluation telephone line to assist students in determining whether certain symptoms garner influenza, H1N1 influenza in particular.

The phone line is intended to identify symptoms through a question and answer evaluation process without the risk of further exposure so that isolation procedures can begin instantly.

"With the numbers we are seeing, we do not have the staff to see every student who is suffering from only minor symptoms. That is why we are encouraging the use of the phone line," said health services Director Paul Ferguson.

"We should see H1N1 on campus for another eight to nine weeks," Ferguson added. "The vaccine should be available to us in less than eight weeks though."

Despite rumors, GSU is not closing down due to any H1N1 outbreaks and all cases are being reported to the CDC.

The phone line is answered by up to six different people at health services, including the appointments nurse and triage nurse.

The phone rings between six and eight times on each person's phone before transferring to another nurse, so it is important that students do not hang up or think that their call is unanswered.

The phone number is 912-478-5641. The hours for the phone line are the same as the health services department, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday

There are hopes that health services will have a 24-hour phone line in the near future.

To help prevent the risk of H1N1 or other illnesses always cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, wash your hands with soap and water often and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth when possible.

Any student who is suffering from severe, influenza-related symptoms should go to the emergency room or the Immediate Care Center located at 1096 Bermuda Run.

The Immediate Care Center is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

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# Georgia Southern University gets ready to face more budget cuts

By Martine Howell

Guest writer

The Board of Regents has approved the Fiscal Year 2010 budget reduction plans submitted last month by the University System of Georgia (USG) that includes employee furloughs and changes to employee health care.

USG, along with all other state agencies, was instructed by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) to include three reduction plans of four, six and eight percent, with its FY2011 budget request, as a back up plan in case additional budget cuts are necessary. The reduction plans include three mandatory furlough days and total \$94 million at the four percent level, \$134 million at the six percent level and \$176 million at the eight percent level.

The System-level reduction plans were necessary, according to USG officials, to help meet a five percent withholding by the OPB of the System's FY10 cash allotments, which totals \$115 million. Budget reductions been occurring since January 2008 at a rate of one or two percent, but Bert Brantley, the director of communication for Governor Sunny Perdue, states this year's five percent reduction has never happened in Georgia's history, not even during the Great Depression.

Brantley said that decreasing state tax revenues



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are to blame for the required reductions. August revenue figures released on Sept. 11 reveal a 16 percent decrease in revenue for the month, a 13 percent year-to-date decline comparing FY10 to FY09.

To meet the new \$115 million reduction in USG's FY10 state appropriation the board approved six mandatory furlough days for faculty and staff, the equivalent of a three percent pay cut. All 40,000 USG employees will be affected, except those with an annual salary of \$23,660 or less.

Furlough days for Georgia Southern University employees will be halved between Fall 2009 and

Spring 2010. The first round of furloughs take place Nov. 23, 24 and 25 and the next take place on March 17, 18 and 19 occurring during student holidays when most students have left campus.

GSU employees not affected by the furloughs have three options available to them, according to Paul Michaud, director of human resources. Employees can either work on campus departmental projects, attend professional development courses provided on campus or take paid vacation leave.

Campus employees who are furlough-exempt are 100 percent grant funded programs and departments that may have special exemptions from

furloughs include the Physical Plant, Public Safety, Student Health Services, dorm residential advisors and food preparation staff.

The Board also approved changes to health care programs, eliminating USG's indemnity plan and affecting 5,000 currently enrolled. Other changes include encouraging retirees to move to Medicare Plan B, making additional structural changes in the System's health insurance plan and promoting the highly deductible PPO plan to encourage more employees to switch to this plan.

Between furloughs and health care changes \$43.5 million of the \$115 million currently being withheld will be generated, and they are included in the four, six and eight percent reduction plans that will be submitted to the OPB. The remaining \$71 million of the current \$115 million will be generated at the institutional level and could include layoffs, new employee furloughs, internal reorganizations, an increased focus on energy conservation and the elimination of low-enrollment programs.

The budget requests must now go to the OPB for incorporation into the overall state budget recommendation the governor will present to the General Assembly in January 2010. Any action regarding reductions at the four, six, and eight percent levels will depend upon the final decisions by the governor and General Assembly.

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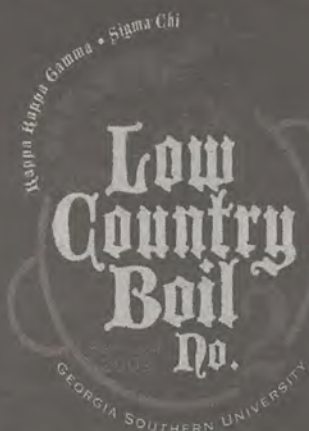
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# GSU's Botanical Garden hosts new Lunch and Learn Series workshops

By Kevin Gordon

Guest writer

Ever get tired of the hustle and bustle on campus? Need a place to unwind and relax? Look no further than Georgia Southern's own Botanical Gardens, located just off of campus on Bland Avenue.

The gardens showcase some of South Georgia's most beautiful local favorites from magnolias to azaleas, each well marked with a plaque labeling the plant.

Kathy Tucker, educational coordinator at the gardens "encourages the students to come and visit anytime."

The gates to the Gardens are open daily from 8 a.m. to dusk, and students are allowed to tour the gardens anytime the gates are open.

Also featured at the gardens are authentic cottage and barn buildings, restored to appear as they did when they were part of a working farm.

That farm was owned by Dan and Catherine Bland, and the buildings are well marked with historical footnotes about the operation of the farm.

Bland Cottage is open Tuesday thru Saturday from 10 to 4 and Sundays from 1 to 4.

Next to these buildings is the brand new Heritage Pavilion, a wonderful new multi-purpose building complete with restrooms and a large demonstration area.

This Demonstration area will be used for the Lunch and Learn Series, a four-part part learning series sponsored by the Botanical Gardens.

This series brings in local organic farmers and gardeners who give instruction on useful ways to use the resources from your own garden.

These workshops are the idea of Garden director Carolyn Altman and dedicated volunteer Debra Chester, and are sure to be a great addition to GSU's Botanical Gardens.

First up in the workshop is a presentation on cooking with herbs, led by local organic gardener Connie Hayes. She will showcase fall foods from regional farms and share ways of using alternative seasonings, including a variety of herbs.

This showcase will take place at noon on Thursday, September 24. Additional workshops will take place on December 3, February 25 and May 13.

The cost of the workshop is 20 dollars. This includes the instruction from the first class guests, as well as a delicious lunch.

To pre-register, please send checks (made payable to Georgia Southern Botanical Gardens) to Georgia Southern Botanical Garden P.O. Box 8031 Statesboro, GA 30460 or call 912.871.1149 to pay by Visa or MasterCard.

Thanks to help from a number of volunteers (most working in cooperation with their biology class) and the hard work of the Garden staff, the Georgia Southern

Botanical Gardens have truly transformed into a first-class attraction on Georgia Southern's Campus.

Visitors can park and walk along the finely maintained trail, enjoying not only the beauty of the plants, but also the talents of GSU's artists, as the gardens are lined with pieces of art.

The Gardens sponsor many events in the local community.

Kathy Tucker encourages those students that are concerned with the environment to get involved with these projects.

One easy thing students can do is attend the Main Street Farmer's Market each Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Market is located at the downtown Sea Island bank parking lot, and features fresh produce from local farmers.

Come out and support your local economy, all while enjoying some of the finest fruits and vegetables available in Statesboro.

## Chair of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants to speak at PAC



By Eric Pendergrass

Guest writer

Wednesday, September 16, Ernest "Ernie" Almonte will be presenting "The CPAs Role in Exercising Leadership" in the Performing Arts Center at Georgia Southern University.

Almonte is the chair of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants,

as well as the auditor general for the state of Rhode Island.

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) is the largest and oldest organization of CPAs in the nation, dating back to 1887.

Total membership for the group, according to Aicpa.org, is 354,631, with 15,944 being associate, student, or international members.

Lowell Mooney, professor and former director of Georgia Southern University's School of Accountancy, met Almonte in Washington, D.C. at an AICPA conference this past May.

Mooney's wife and past president of the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants, Paula Mooney, provided an introduction. Mooney persuaded Almonte to speak at Georgia Southern, and, upon the speaker's request, has filled an itinerary with four separate speaking engagements.

"I'll come," Almonte told Mooney, "provided you work me hard."

Hailing Almonte as "the top person in the accounting profession," Mooney is excited and honored at the acceptance of his invitation to speak at GSU.

This visit marks the first time that a current AICPA Chair has visited GSU, and only the college in Georgia that Almonte

has spoken at during his tenure.

"I suspect that he will be well received. He is a very important person, but he does not let that go to his head," said Mooney. "I think bringing national figures in our profession to campus is a way to elevate our program."

Almonte's 5 p.m. speech at the PAC is not only intended for accounting majors, but for all students.

Mooney believes he will speak on leadership, inspiring students to do great things in their respective careers.

Almonte has been hailed as an "energetic" and "exciting" speaker, and one can assume that his enthusiasm will be evident Wednesday night.

Mooney has been working with GSU Zeta Delta chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, the international scholastic and professional honor society for accounting and finance as well as the Accounting Association at Georgia Southern, whose officers are hosting him on campus.

"To have the chair of the AICPA come to speak to the student body is definitely one of the biggest events and best opportunities to hit the College of Business Administration," said Russell Hightower, senior Accounting major.

"This visit, as well as the introduction of

the New Fraud Accounting Program, are two signs that Georgia Southern accounting is becoming one of the best out there."

Current CPAs that attend the event will receive a Continuing Professional Education Credit. In the state of Georgia, all CPAs must complete 40 Continuing Professional Education hours every year in order to maintain a license.

"His talk will qualify for an hour of CPE, so that would be a great reason [to attend]," said Mooney.

Almonte will be speaking to the Savannah Chapter of the Georgia Society of CPAs, the Coastal Georgia Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors, and the Savannah Chapter of the IMA Wednesday, at 12:30 p.m. in the Hoskins Center at Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah.

Afterwards, Almonte will be brought back to GSU for a 3:30 p.m. address to upper level accounting majors, with a question and answer session to follow.

At 5 p.m., Almonte will give his general speech in the Performing Arts Center. The address, "The CPAs Role in Exercising Leadership," is open to all students and community members.

Almonte will conclude his visit to Statesboro by meeting with the South East Chapter of the Georgia Society of CPAs at 6:30 p.m.



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## HOPE Scholarship lessens student funding

By Lynn Simmons

Guest writer

Georgia Southern University students will receive less funding from the HOPE Scholarship program; by fall 2012, the fundraising will decrease from \$300 to \$150.

The HOPE Scholarship, a merit-based, higher-educational program, has financed Georgia student's education since 1993.

However, there are speculations that the scholarship program will not be available to students in the coming years. The Georgia Lottery has been the financial thrust supporting the program since it began.

According to a recent press release from the Georgia lottery, the state lottery has raised \$11 billion for education, and more than 1.1 million students have received HOPE. Tandi Reddick, media relations manager for the Georgia Lottery said, "We are the only traditional lottery in the U.S. to experience 11 consecutive years of growth in profits."

But, the state lottery is not eligible to meet the demands of the scholarship program.

"We don't have any control over the disbursement of funds," said Reddick. "We raise the money, and then we turn it over to the Georgia Student Finance Commission."

According to the Georgia Student Finance Commission, which oversees HOPE, the cost of scholarship awards will increase this fiscal year by 19 percent. Grant awards for technical colleges, that are also funded by HOPE are expected to increase 26 percent.

Monet Robinson, media specialist for the GSFC, said, "College tuition is going up, and record enrollment has increased since HOPE started."

Robinson said that tuition, along with other fees, is the cause of the future financial decline of the scholarship program. GSU fall 2009 tuition has increased by \$200, which goes to institutional and technology fees.

"Our projections are that the program's funding will cut down in half by 2012," said Robinson. "If trends continue, HOPE funding will become depleted, and the program will not be eligible to receive extra funding from the Georgia Lottery."

All together, book subsidies will be completely lost by 2013. Robinson said that all decisions go through the Georgia General Assembly.

As of now, there is nothing GSFC can do to prevent HOPE from receiving insufficient funding.

Robinson said "We pay out the money when we get invoices from the schools, and we administer the program."

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# The Office of Student Leadership provides diversity in speakers to students

## Georgia Southern University has been host to many distinguished guest speakers who promote leadership

By Candice Hall

Guest writer

Eagle football is not the only team winning at Georgia Southern.

The Office of Student Leadership is on top of its game when it comes to hosting high-profile guest speakers.

A man who walked on the moon, a Force Commander for the United Nations, the 66th Secretary of State: the Office of Student Leadership has a winning record of acquiring VIP speakers.

Jodi Middleton, assistant director of Student Affairs, along with her team in the Office of Student Leadership, has been successful in bringing numerous desirable guests to speak to GSU students and the Statesboro community.

Speakers who have come to GSU include Lisa Ling, Morris Dees, Captain Jim Lovell, Romeo Dallaire and, most recently, Condoleezza Rice.

"Our office is very intentional about the speakers that we invite to campus. We try to provide students with a variety of ideas and experiences," said Middleton.

Condoleezza Rice's visit to GSU was a kick-off to the Office of Student Leadership's new co-curricular leadership program that began this fall.

Todd Deal, director of Student Leadership,



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**Former Secretary of State** Condoleezza Rice is pictured here during her speech in Hanner Fieldhouse on Sept. 8, 2009. This event was made possible by the Office of Student Leadership and

who also helped in the preparation of Rice's lecture last Tuesday, said that his office is very focused on providing speakers that encompass the qualities GSU wishes to present to its

student culture.

According to Deal, what students gain from the guest lecturers is a major concern when deciding who to invite.

Student government, along with other student affiliations, is asked to help in the selection process when deciding who to bring to GSU.

All of the lectures planned by the Office of Student Leadership have been funded by student activity fees.

According to Middleton, contacting the desired guest and creating a contract for their speaking engagement is just a part of what goes into planning guest speaker visits.

"We always look for student feedback before bringing someone to campus," said Middleton.

Doing their own research in the community and listening for a "good student buzz" for a particular person, the Office of Student Leadership dedicates a large amount of time into providing students with the opportunity to experience lectures from a diverse group of speakers.

Sociology major Christine Gordon said that she appreciates the variety of speakers that GSU has offered over the years, and that she thinks they have all been both relevant and intriguing.

"If the Office of Student Leadership needs any ideas for future speakers, don't hesitate to refer to Stephen Colbert," said Gordon.

According to Deal, the Office of Student Leadership is currently working on who will be invited in the spring.

# New study abroad program opportunity available for students Summer 2010

By Cori Mylander

Guest writer

A new service learning/study abroad opportunity to Botswana is offered to any interested students for next summer.

The trip will take place during Term A 2010 of summer classes. It is unique compared to traditional study abroad programs because it will incorporate a service-learning component where students will combine theory with practice through community placements at an environmental non-profit organization.

The program will include classes in economic development and public health.

They will be taught by Georgia Southern professors Donna Fisher and Simone Charles, respectively. The classes will be for both undergraduate and graduate students.

"I will be teaching a course in micro-finance,

which is small-scale lending," said Fisher. "Not only will the students learn about the theory and practice of micro-finance, they will also have the opportunity to facilitate the process. Students will assist entrepreneurs in developing business plans and posting their projects/loan requests on Kiva.org."

According to their Web site, Kiva is the world's first person-to-person micro-lending Web site, empowering individuals to lend directly to unique entrepreneurs around the globe.

"Micro-lending is much more prevalent in the developing world than here in the U.S.," Fisher said, "So even though we could talk about the theory and read case studies, seeing it in action will have a much more profound effect on the students and the entrepreneurs."

"We will be working with the NGO Somarelang Tikologo. They are the premiere environmental sustainability group in Botswana.

The entrepreneurs associated with the agency make products from recycled materials. I have a great coin purse that looks like the Botswana flag made from recycled plastic bags, such as Wal-Mart bags."

Although this is an economics course, Fisher said that students who have had ECON 2105 should have no trouble with the theories presented in the course.

Her advice to students who wish to prepare for the trip is to attend the information sessions this fall and the orientation sessions in the spring. There they will cover many of the customs and practices in Botswana.

Janna Pennington, coordinator of service learning in the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, will serve as the trip's program director.

"Students in the public health course will analyze case studies and also take part in com-

munity placements at Somarelang Tikologo," Pennington said. "At their placements, students will assist in researching the best practices in environmental health programs, developing volunteer handbooks and preparing lessons for area schools. This trip is a very exciting opportunity."

Any student interested in participating in this trip should attend the information sessions this fall.

The days, locations and times are as follows: Sept. 15 at 5 p.m. in Russell Union room 2084, Oct. 7 at 5 p.m. in College of Business Administration room 1104; and Nov. 17, time and place to be announced.

If students have any questions, they should contact Pennington in the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement by calling (912) 478-1435. All applications for the trip are due by Jan. 22, 2010.



# Black Student Alliance to host an information session on legalizing marijuana

By Rachel Cason

Guest writer

Tonight, the Black Student Alliance is holding what promises to be one of their biggest on-campus events in years: POTluck. The BSA is holding an information session on the current hot topic of legalization of marijuana.

The main focus, according to BSA Vice President Kathleen Reeves, is getting the students involved.

"We plan to start with a student-made video [about the legalization of marijuana] and follow with time for students to share their opinions and reasons for or against it," said Reeves.

The program is meant to be similar in format to last year's "Battle of the Sexes," but on the topic of legalization.

The BSA had such good responses to events last year that they decided to hold this one in the Russell Union theater.

"[Events] last year left us with standing-room only, and some students even had to stand outside to hear," Reeves said, "so we are

hoping that using the theater will help solve the problem of seating."

Because the real focus of this, as with their previous events, is students, according to Reeves, "we want to make students feel comfortable sharing."

The larger room should help get vital information to the maximum number of students possible as well as get attendees involved and help everyone see the marijuana legalization issue from both the pro and con sides.

BSA President John O. Nwosu Jr. is of the same mind when it comes to getting students involved.

"We understand that this particular topic is not everyone's cup of tea, but we would appreciate honest and open-minded feedback on the quality of the event and any ways we can make future BSA events better," he said. "We're here for the students, so it would be very helpful if we received factual thoughts and feelings directly from the very people we are here to serve."

This program, while student-oriented, is open to adults as well. Reeves said that the

POTluck will be free and open to everyone: BSA members, non-members, students, faculty and staff.

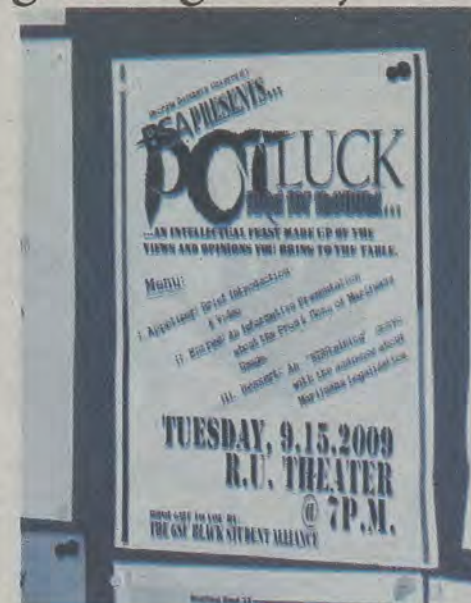
To all possible attendees, there is one small caveat from Nwosu: "I would like for everyone to understand that the views and opinion expressed at POTluck are not necessarily those of the GSU Black Student Alliance, and that BSA is neither a proponent for or opponent of marijuana legalization.

Aside from that, I want students to come with a willingness to express themselves honestly and respectfully."

Nwosu called marijuana legalization the "elephant in the room" that everyone knows to be an issue, but that no one is willing to face.

Nevertheless, it is an issue that needs to be dealt with. General knowledge about the drug and its effects and uses is not growing proportionally to the arrests in drug-related cases.

Nwosu said, "Whether or not we like to admit it, marijuana usage is a big deal and is something that needs to be discussed more openly not only in the black community but



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in our society as a whole."

Functions like tonight's POTluck will help disseminate information and give people an opportunity to share their own opinions in addition to learning about others'.

## The Green Corner presents: a green charrette

By Philip Clements

Reflector editor-in-chief

This past weekend, 10 groups made up of interior design, graphic design and hospitality students came together to create a new and sustainable redesign package and presentation for Lakeside Cafe.

French for "cart" or "chariot," the term charrette refers to the furious illustrating that design students would do while in the school cart on their way to turn in their assignment. Today, it means roughly the same thing (although very few people ride in carts anymore). "It's a design term for very intensive work over a short period of time," said Chris Johnson, an interior design professor that helped organize the event. "Most design happens in a hurry."

For a handful of interior design and graphic design students, that's exactly what they were doing this past weekend.

They got their assignment on Friday morning at 9 a.m. and were given 56 hours to complete it. "They designed a new graphic logo, a new layout for the space and they used a green design to make it a LEED certified building," said Diane Phillips, an interior design professor heading up the effort.



Special photo

The digital rendering above represents the downstairs dining area of Lakeside according to the design by interior design majors Kristin Cox, Tonia Middleton, Martha-Collins Penn, and Ali Schultz and graphic design majors Matt Rodgers and Suzie Roupe.

"I had a few students who told me they did their first all-nighter," she added.

"All of our majors are fairly labor-intensive and they don't interact much. Our senior design majors pretty much stay in this building," said Johnson.

"It's a good opportunity to interact academically with other students."

"I learned so much about branding just from watching the graphic designers. That makes such a difference" said Ginger Law, a senior interior

design major.

Aside from the hospitality students, who did all the marketing research ahead of time, each group worked all day Saturday and Sunday on their proposal. At 5 p.m. on Sunday, the groups were each given five minutes to give a presentation for their project to a panel who, in turn, chose the best four.

The panel included Kent Tatum and Denise Allen, the managers at Lakeside, Mark Taylor from J.W. Buckley & Associates, Jennifer Paddock from Maxwell Palmer Architects and Monique Dipple, the Environmental Sustainability Manager at GSU.

Other than the time constraint, the students were given more or less free reign on how they would approach the project and accomplish their goal. "It was a lot more open and free than I thought it was going to be," said Law. "I thought we'd have more parameters with what we could and what we couldn't do. But they just kind of said 'make it sustainable, make it work, make it fresh, go.' That was interesting, to not have the boundaries. We kind of had to make our own limitations because of the time constraints; we had to make our decisions quickly."

Be on the look out for a sign around Lakeside to a display containing the four finalists' designs.



## Spotlight on Student Leaders: Jessica Allen

By Robert Greene II  
Staff writer

Jessica Allen is a student at Georgia Southern whose blood may very well be blue and white. Her family already has numerous degrees from GSU.

"I have the 14th degree in my family from GSU," said Allen. She said she is the third generation from her family to attend GSU, and she has a brother, Joseph, who is currently working on a double degree as well. Between her graduate degree and his two degrees, the total will reach 17.

Allen is a student from Warner Robins, Ga., who is currently pursuing a master's degree in public health with a concentration in epidemiology. Her plans include going to veterinary school. Allen's undergraduate degree is in biology.

As an undergrad, Allen was heavily involved in on-campus activities. Allen said she has served "in pretty much every student organization." She estimated her involvement stretched to 20 different groups, and that her involvement in most of these groups lasted "through sophomore to senior year," and that she was an officer in most of them.

"I pretty much didn't sleep," said Allen. She has also served on the Volunteer Involvement Board, including serving as chair at one point. She was one of the founding members of the Association of Pre-Health Professionals, and now serves as a treasurer. She is also a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Allen has also served in such organizations as Southern Ambassadors and is currently on the



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Jessica Allen is a graduate student at Georgia Southern that has continued to stay involved.

Traditions Council as the vice president. Allen is also a graduate assistant with the Multicultural Student Center.

One of the organizations in which she was heavily involved was Student Government Association. As an undergrad, Allen served in the organization for two years, her second as the chair of the senate's College of Science and Technology delegation. Currently, in her third year of service in SGA, she serves as the chair of the College of Graduate Studies.

"She is definitely a go-getter," said Samantha Young, president of SGA. Young has known Allen since the spring 2007, when Young worked in SOAR and Allen worked as a student assistant in

registration offices.

"Jessica's been vital," said Young. Among the services that Young has known Allen to do includes her work on the "Shuttlebus" program, which gives rides to students who may not feel capable of driving home on Friday and Saturday nights. "Some people don't know about her involvement with training sessions" and getting T-shirts for the group, said Young.

Young also noted her work on blood drives on campus, and she said that Allen is "a go-to person for anything major." Young said that the work of SGA chairs, which means that they are "senators with the most responsibility," is crucial to the function of

both that group and the House of Representatives.

Allen also won the Miss GSU title in 2008, which gave her additional service opportunities, such as speaking to the local Boys and Girls Club of Statesboro. Her philosophy of service and leadership is very simple.

Allen said you should do service projects, not for recognition or volunteer service hours, but that "you should do it out of the kindness of your heart." She said that her early life, she began to volunteer at age five, "established a standard you're used to."

Allen also said that she wants "people who want to be there" at volunteer events. She said that she wants to "bring in a service element with my leadership." In addition, she has a special message for graduate students.

"An element of involvement is important to being well-rounded," Allen said. She said she believes being involved allows a student to "get more out of your academics" and that, "If you're not doing something for other people, you're empty."

Being involved, said Allen, is very important for all college students. "You're providing that role model" that other students can aspire to be she said. What sustains her is the ability to "see everything with new eyes."

"I'm a humanitarian," said Allen. "I want the best for everyone around me. I think that gives me an edge with leadership."

Would you like to nominate a student leader to be spotlighted here? If so, send that person's name and why they should be featured to [RyanBabula@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:RyanBabula@georgiasouthern.edu)

## Anti-racism activist Tim White speaks to students about discrimination and equal rights

By Martin Rand III  
Guest writer

Activist Tim Wise spoke to the students of Georgia Southern last Thursday on the racial issues that have plagued the U.S. since African Americans began to fight for equal rights.

His speech event "White Like Me," explained how the discrimination black people have faced in this country for years has left many white people thinking negatively about black people and vice-versa.

After telling a humorous story about his roommate's cleanliness problems in the kitchen, Wise said he eventually had to clean up his roommate's sloppiness because it was leaving a terrible stench. He brought the story full circle and explained, "Human

society is the same as the kitchen. We live with the legacy of all those that come before us. Even though we didn't make the mess, it is our responsibility to clean it up."

Wise talked about how a job employer would judge a candidate based on how "white" or "black" their name sounded and how cops would judge a young black male and a young white male differently, all of which can be traced back to years of stereotypical images passed down from generations.

Wise put extra emphasis on the fact that we as a people have not conquered an issue based on one individual. "Madame C.J. Walker was a millionaire in 1911, but no one would've said that racism is over back then."

In reference to President Barack Obama, Wise

said his election into office helps toward changing the legacy of our generation, but it doesn't mean racism is completely abolished just because we have a black man for a president.

Freshmen Carly Phillips attended this event because it was required by her FYE class, and wasn't initially excited about going. After the event, Phillips said, "I agreed with everything he said."

Freshmen Jared Stapleton had a similar assessment. "It was an eye-opener for me," he said, "It's amazing how people can be so ignorant and stupid."

Not everyone agreed with Wise as easily as Stapleton and Phillips. Sophomore Brandon Odom felt as though the speech was entertaining, but not informative. "Of course racism still exists. Tell me something I don't know." He continued, "Everything

he's saying is old news."

Most of the time, when Wise said something that seemed controversial he would tell it in a humorous tone with a story, but for every person laughing, there was one person muttering things under his breath.

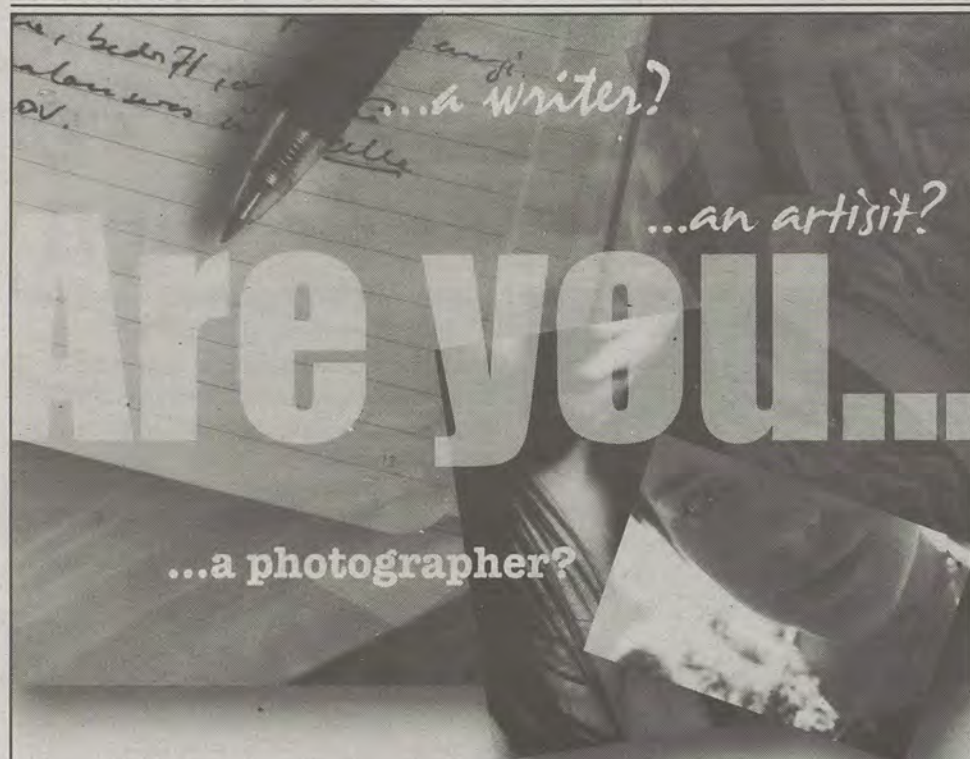
Wise has spoken at over 600 college campuses across America including Harvard University. He has written four books; his latest will be published in Feb. 2010.

This was Wise's second time in two years speaking to the students at GSU

Wise said, "They brought me back either because what I said last year was good or I didn't do so good and they're giving me a chance to redeem myself."

If he didn't do it last year, he definitely left a long lasting impression on the students this time around.





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### Today, Sept. 15

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7:30 pm  
Faculty Showcase  
Where: Foy Building

### Wednesday, Sept. 16

9:00 am  
Portraits in Gray  
Where: GSU Museum

7:30 pm  
'Colleges Against Cancer Club' Meeting  
Where: Russell Union

### Thursday, Sept. 17

4:00 pm  
Presidential Candidate Open Forum  
Where: PAC

### 7:00 pm

Unity Fest 2009  
Where: RAC Bandshell

### Friday, Sept. 18

8:00 am  
Presidential Candidate Faculty Q & A Session  
Where: College of Education

4:00 pm  
Eagle Women's Soccer vs. Mercer  
Where: Soccer/Track Complex

### Saturday, Sept. 19

8:00 am  
Black Male Empowerment Summit  
Where: Russell Union

### 7:00 pm

Eagle Football vs. Western Carolina  
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### Monday, Sept. 21

8:00 am  
Presidential Candidate Faculty Q & A Session  
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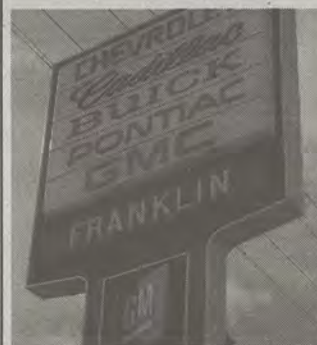
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# Disney/Marvel merger brings questions and hope

By John DiPietro

Guest writer

Last month, Disney dropped a bombshell by announcing that it was planning to buy Marvel for \$4 billion, pending the approval of the Federal Exchange Commission.

Many fans have questions buzzing in their head about the future of the comic industry in light of this revelation.

The first question that comes to some minds is, "Does this mean that Marvel is going to be more kid-friendly now?" For some, this is a legitimate worry – many of Marvel's biggest titles are built on adult themes (Tony Stark's alcoholism and the "X-Men" books being allegorical for multiple forms of discrimination and prejudice in the world, ever since Stan Lee first drew them).

However, I feel that there is no reason to worry for two reasons. First, Marvel has a few kid-lines of their own, allowing younger readers the joy of their favorite characters without the decades of continuity snarls or the potentially problematic subject matter. Second, Disney isn't just made up of children's franchises.

When I went to the GSU comic book club meeting last Wednesday, I asked one of my fellow club-members (who wished to remain anonymous) his opinion; he reminded me that Disney has other production companies within their family that deal with adult-oriented properties – one doesn't see "Lost" characters in the Magic Kingdom, after all, and the "Pirates of the Caribbean" films were all PG-13.

In truth, I don't see much coming in the way of changes to the comics; Marvel is a profitable venture, and Disney should be smart enough to avoid fixing something that isn't broken.

The only changes I can foresee in the actual comic production are a possible increase in the number of titles and a decrease in the price tag.

Having the wealth of Disney behind them means that Marvel may be able to take bigger risks with what they print – books that may not be as popular will not consume as much money, and the ability to hire more writers and artists means less time may



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be wasted, increasing the probability of more innovative works.

The extra money can also potentially stave off further increases in the price tags of their books, and may even allow them to lower the prices on popular titles without reducing the amount of content.

The big changes will likely be in other mediums of production, especially animation.

Marvel currently has multiple animation lines, and has had other successful projects in the past (namely the X-Men and Spider-man shows from the 1990s).

However, just as with comics, low amounts of capital have kept the company from venturing beyond the easily recognizable titles since they went bankrupt in the late 90s.

Disney's money, not to mention its world-class animation studios, can allow for less guaranteed projects on the animation front.

More than that, though, having an entire network channel (ABC) could mean that Marvel may see some live-action screen time. It's not as far-fetched as it seems – Fox will be running a show based on a lesser-known DC title called "Human Target"

in the near future, and ironically, ABC is set to run another DC production – the award-winning "Fables", about a world where our favorite children's stories live secretly among us.

Marvel doesn't have as many of non-superhero books as DC (mainly because DC has the Vertigo line for those adult-oriented, off-beat books); however, "Heroes" proves that even with limited special effects and no pre-established mythology, a superhero show can take off – no flight puns intended.

Even better, with the movie-verse that Marvel is creating with its "Avengers" character films, the television shows can extend the universe to the small screen – imagine "S.H.I.E.L.D." having its own show, or a show devoted to the training of smaller back-up teams a la "The Initiative".

Another question is what this will mean for the "X-Men", "Spider-man" and "Fantastic Four" movie lines, which are all currently outsourced to other production companies, unlike the Avengers projects, which are distributed by various companies but produced by Marvel themselves.

Disney said that the merger will not interfere with pre-existing contracts that both sides are currently bound.

For many fans, this is bound to be met with some chagrin; even non-comic readers that I have talked with moan at the thought that there are three more Spidey films lined up, and no fewer than four "X-Men" related lines are slated for the future.

While any of those films will rake in millions, the recent change in direction for Marvel towards a connected on-screen universe (not to mention the fact that they will not be making as much as they would had they kept total control) will likely not mesh well with outside producers going their own ways with their works, as the aforementioned titles have and probably will.

However, until Fox and Sony finally reach the end of their contracts, they will continue to make films based on those characters, and the change that many fans would seek from this future partnership will have to wait.

Anything can happen, but I feel that the Disney/Marvel partnership will lead to a bright future for all involved.

## Condoleezza Rice's single protester speaks out against event

By Kathy-Lee Cassie

Guest writer

Senior Reuben Hayslett was the only protester against the coming of Condoleezza Rice.

"I didn't think I was going to be the only person there. There was no real organized protest effort that I was aware of on campus," said Hayslett. "I had friends who were going to do it with me, but when it came down to it, it was just me."

He stood outside the Russell Union in the free speech zone for two and a half hours with four signs. Two of the signs said, "Condi Cost What?"

He felt like Rice charged a [substantial] amount of money to speak at Georgia Southern, and with our university in a budget crisis, it was

too expensive.

Hayslett pushed this point so people would recognize this, along with Rice's conservative viewpoint and her previous political career.

The last two signs articulated "Where's Ayers?" This was in reference to the Bill Ayers controversy on campus last year.

According to Hayslett, Ayers was banned from coming on campus when his past of protesting in the 60s against Vietnam and the Nixon administration became public.

He felt it was unfair that Georgia Southern would not have Ayers on campus because the security cost would be too high, but it spent almost 10 times as much for Rice.

"I just don't agree with anything she would

have had to say about leadership. I think she helped misinform the public into a making a variety of bad decisions for our country," Hayslett said. "Such as the lying to us about saying that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, which they did not."

Hayslett stood there for half an hour before Rice's speech and stayed until all the students had left.

According to Hayslett, he was motivated to protest because he did not know much about Bill Ayers, and he felt that it was unfair that he was not able to speak on campus.

"I felt students did not know what was going on with the Bill Ayers situation," Hayslett said. "I wanted people to not forget. I wanted them to ask

who Ayers is so that I could explain it to them."

A few people came up to him and questioned him about his Bill Ayers sign.

Many of them that came up to him were unaware of the Ayers controversy here at the university. They asked questions and gave good responses to what he had to say.

He got his chance to explain to students of who Ayers was and the situation that happened.

Hayslett said that he had nothing against Rice, but feels they have completely different views

Hayslett said "There's nothing against her personally, the reasons I protested against her were entirely ideological and not really about who she is as a person. Ideologically we're just not on the same stance."



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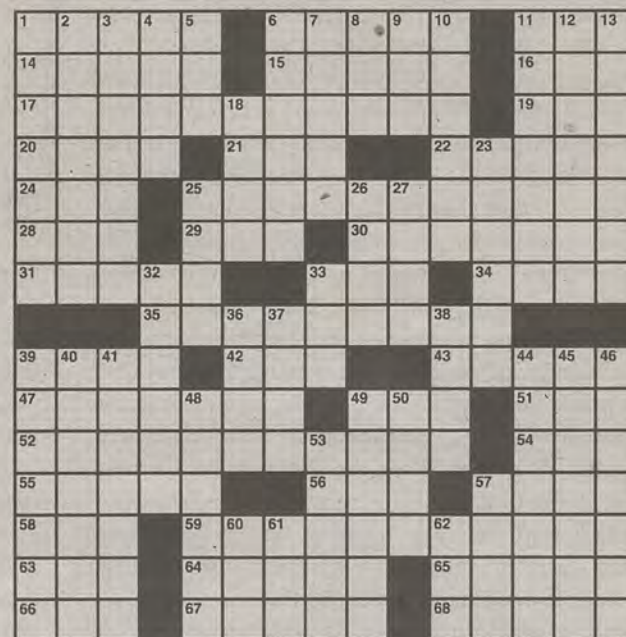
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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

### ACROSS

- 1 Places for chickens
- 6 Teapot feature
- 11 Roman 901
- 14 Comics orphan
- 15 Skier's jacket
- 16 Youthful fellow
- 17 London art museum, as it was formerly known
- 19 Some MIT grads
- 20 Extreme degrees
- 21 PGA teen phenom Michelle
- 22 Tibet's capital
- 24 "you ready for this?"
- 25 Its seat is Jackson, Wyoming
- 28 Oinker
- 29 Proofs of age, briefly
- 30 Ones making money
- 31 Pointy-eared "Star Trek" guy
- 33 Cookie holder
- 34 Small jazz combo
- 35 It shows a book's name, author, publisher, etc.
- 39 Parts of the Rockies: Abbr.
- 42 Boiling
- 43 Kitchen allure
- 47 Norse mariner
- 49 AT&T competitor
- 51 King, in France
- 52 Photographic memory
- 54 Prickly chestnut case
- 55 Blackmore's "Doone"
- 56 Paul Bunyan's tool
- 57 Piece of sausage
- 58 Stock mkt. debut
- 59 Multi-flavored ice cream
- 63 Fire, to the French
- 64 Actor Zimbalist Jr.
- 65 "the loneliest number": old song lyric
- 66 Ambulance destinations, for short
- 67 Goes bad, as milk
- 68 Strolls in shallow water



By Lila Cherry

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### DOWN

- 1 Short snoozes
- 2 Traveling away from home
- 3 Very busy
- 4 Pumpkin desserts
- 5 Part of a line: Abbr.
- 6 Bowler's challenges
- 7 Opposite of neo-
- 8 Source of iron
- 9 Kiev is its cap.
- 10 "Fire and Rain" singer/songwriter James
- 11 Vacuum
- 12 Orchestra conductors, formally
- 13 "Sounds about right to me"
- 18 Dumbfounded
- 23 Big game tracker
- 25 torch: patio light
- 26 Twice-monthly tide
- 27 Irene of "Fame"
- 32 Radiologist's procedure, briefly
- 33 Fast plane
- 36 Norse thunder god
- 37 "The \_\_\_ Ranger"

### Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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- 38 "Passages" author Sheehy
- 39 Insurance company with Snoopy on its blimp
- 40 State cop
- 41 \_\_\_ oxide: laughing gas
- 44 Circled the earth
- 45 Canadian cop
- 46 Smooch that even misses the cheek
- 48 Political candidate lineups
- 49 Adages
- 50 First symbol on a musical staff
- 53 Supply party food for
- 57 Pale-green moth
- 60 ET's vehicle
- 61 One-man show about Capote
- 62 Use oars

## Sudoku

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9	6	7	5	3	1	4	8	2
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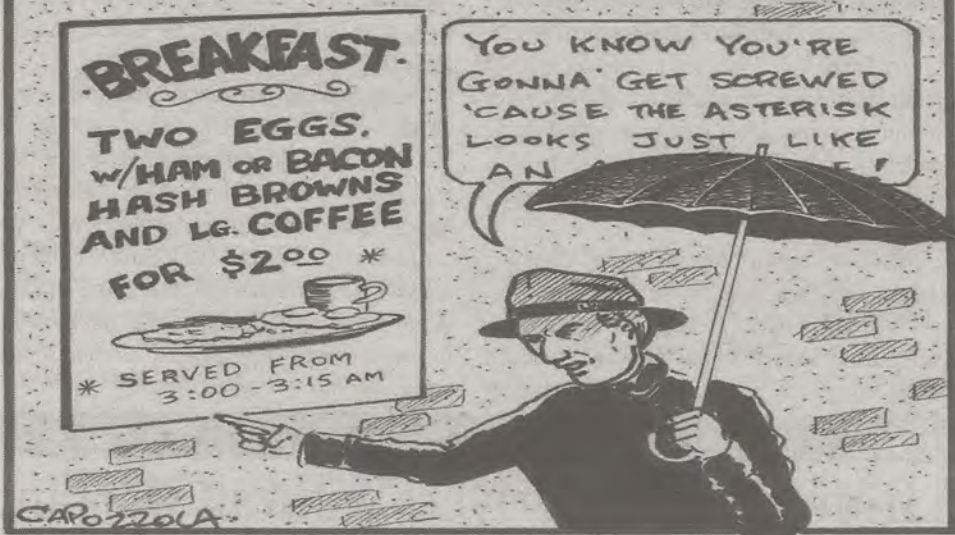


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"THAT ANNOYING CAR IS BEING STOLEN!"

"HOORAY!"



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# Bulloch County T.E.A. Party protests raised taxes in front of Courthouse

## Statesboro, Bulloch County citizens protests taxes without representation from local or federal government

By Chris Kessler

Guest writer

A great clamor erupted frequently in front of the Bulloch County Courthouse last Saturday. One could hear the sound of car horns honking, punctuated by the cheering of the crowd. It was the site of the Bulloch County T.E.A. Party.

The T.E.A., or Tax Enough Already, Initiative is a nationwide movement to lower taxes and fight legislation that raises taxes needlessly.

Heather Merritt, one of the event's coordinators, said, "The first party was in 1773. They were tired of being taxed without representation. I feel like we're in a similar situation, but without representation or deliberation."

The two major issues protested were the national bailouts of major American businesses, which began under former President George W. Bush, and the Nationalized Healthcare Plan, proposed by President Barack Obama. The bailout issue has been a concern since the first \$700 billion bailout was approved by the Bush Administration.

The fear is that since precedence has been set, any company of the proper size will be able to ask for help in the future.

The second issue protested is the health care bill that is currently in Washington. A nationalized plan would increase taxes in nearly every taxable sector of the American economy.

There is also a fear in the quality of medical field that gives little incentive to better doctors

and the potential to be on a wait list for a very long, possibly fatal amount of time.

While talking to Stan Van Dyke, we watched as people held T.E.A. party signs asking drivers to honk for support. Some did, but most simply tried to look busy with their cell phones or children.

Van Dyke said, "We're out here because it will be our children and grandchildren who will suffer for our decision. 'Most people are going to try and buy their heads in the sand. It is up to us to say something because once most of them notice, it will be too late.'"

While the majority of the crowd came for money issues, others had more varied concerns.

"We need to send a message to our congressmen, our administration, our president. Basically, we are fed up with everything that is coming out

of Washington. Our liberties are being trampled on every single day," said Julia Carson.

Many even shared it may take the removal of the president to change the political landscape for the better. The event was capped off by a speech from Carl Smith, who will be running against incumbent Jack Barrow.

He brought up an event from the recent past which most Americans have forgotten. Smith felt that it was our inability to remain bipartisan after 9/11 and elect leaders who could do the same that has carried us to the current political landscape.

In our elections and our feelings toward one another, we must reach around the table and look to our founding fathers. They did not build the nation on a single set of ideas but on compromise and good faith.

## NATIONAL NEWS

# New Texas law allows police to take blood from drunken drivers without warrant

By Mustafa Saifuddin

Uwire

A state law that took effect Tuesday allows police to draw blood from suspected drunk drivers in some situations without a warrant.

Police officers are now allowed to take blood samples without consent almost immediately after arresting a person for driving under the influence of alcohol if the driver has a history of offenses or if a serious injury or child passenger is involved. Police say the new law will not necessarily affect the "No Refusal" policy this Labor Day weekend.

Just 30 minutes after the law went into effect, 35-year-old Son Do was arrested in Austin after he crashed into a pole with an 11-year-old child in the car.

Critics of the new law claim that it violates the Fifth Amendment's protection against self-incrimination.

The new law is intended to address the lack of evidence that often results from drunk driving cases in which Breathalyzer or blood tests are delayed by the process of obtaining warrants.

Beginning last Halloween, Texas has run "No Refusal" weekends on holidays and during celebrations such as Super Bowl Sunday, when surges in drunken driving are expected.

"No Refusal" weekends before Tuesday required police officers to always obtain a warrant before drawing blood.

Austin Police Department Cpl. Scott Perry recalls as many as 30 arrests on a single night during past "No Refusal" weekends but remains

optimistic about their efforts to minimize drunken driving incidences.

"Our expectation is that no one will drink and drive. But if anybody is caught drunk, they will be arrested," Perry said.

APD expedites the warrant process on "No Refusal" weekends by obtaining a warrant and conducting tests within as little as an hour after an arrest.

"Drunk driving is a continuing problem and a growing problem," Perry said. "The purpose of 'No Refusal' weekend is to obtain as much evidence as possible so that when we go to court the jury can make a decision."

Drivers should have numerous reminders not to drive while intoxicated as the Texas Department of Transportation launches its annual "Drink,

Drive, Go to Jail" campaign.

This year's campaign, titled "Choose Your Ride," features a hybrid between a police car and a taxi cab and asks people to choose one or the other if they have been drinking.

The actual vehicles will be parked in entertainment districts throughout the state along with internet banners, posters featuring cab phone numbers, billboards and even window clings that look like parking tickets.

"Our approach was to remind people at every stage," Tracie Mendez, Program Director at the DOT, said. "We're not telling people not to drink. We just hope that people choose a safe ride and do not get behind the wheel if they have been drinking."

# "Outbreaks near me" Swine flu tracking application debuts for iPhone

By Melody Y. Hu

Uwire

A new iPhone application called "Outbreaks Near Me" that allows users to track and report local outbreaks of infectious disease was released Tuesday.

Developed by researchers at Children's Hospital Boston and the MIT Media Lab, the application combines the GPS system of the iPhone with outbreak tracking information from HealthMap.org, a web prowling system that mines official and unofficial Internet data sources for information on outbreaks of emerging, infectious diseases.

"Outbreaks Near Me" provides "location based alerting" of infectious disease outbreaks, according to HealthMap co-founder John S. Brownstein, an assistant professor at the Children's Hospital Informatics Program (CHIP). Users can also choose to set alerts to notify users of new local outbreaks or when they are entering new areas.

"If people know what's happening around them, they might be more likely to take basic precautions," such as washing their hands and getting vaccinated, Brownstein said.

On top of alerting users to outbreaks, the application allows users to submit reports, even photos if they want, of potential outbreaks from their own

phones, which would be reviewed by HealthMap, according to HealthMap co-founder Clark Freifeld.

Harvard's University Health Services Director David S. Rosenthal '59 said that although the application will probably not be helpful in diagnosing individual H1N1 cases, it is a "very interesting technique" that could provide health officials with additional information on general incidence trends.

"Using more contemporary ways of reporting what's going on in the community can help public health officials find out [about disease outbreaks] at the earliest possible moment," Donald A. Goldmann, a professor in Immunology and Infectious Disease at Harvard Medical School, said

when asked about the application. "This is a nifty, portable way to get people's attention, especially young people."

Some students, however, are skeptical of whether the application will be useful in practice.

Russell C.S. Mason '10 said he would probably not use the application. "I think it would be really stressful and incite a lot of panic."

And Sean R. Singh '12 said, "I hardly use many of the apps on my phone; if it was important it would show up on my News app. I'm not going to spend my time worrying about H1N1."

"Outbreaks Near Me" is available for download for no cost in the iTunes App Store.



## Eagles fall to South Dakota State

By GSU News Service

Georgia Southern found itself down only by 10 at halftime but, South Dakota State pulled away in the second half and handed the Eagles a 44-6 defeat Saturday night at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium. The Eagles dropped to 1-1 overall while the 21st-ranked Jackrabbits won their season-opener.

The loss also marked the first time GSU was held to less than seven points since the second round of the 1995 playoffs, a 45-0 loss at Montana.

GSU took the opening kickoff and drove into SDSU territory. Lee Chapple converted his first three pass attempts, extending his streak to 18 consecutive completions dating back to the Albany game, but missed on his fourth attempt of the drive. The Eagles eventually had to punt, and despite a muffed return the Jackrabbits were able to recover.

The Eagles defense held on third and short. Sophomore Kyle Harris converted his first career field goal when he nailed a 44-yard attempt with 6:58 remaining in the first quarter.

GSU responded with another drive into Jackrabbit territory. Facing fourth-and-long, Adrian Mora converted from 46 yards out, improving on a career-high he set the previous week to tie the game at 3-all.

The Eagles were able to overcome an interception in the second quarter when Brent Russell forced a fumble which K.R. Snipes recovered. However, Chapple was hit and fumbled on the next drive and the Jackrabbits recovered inside the Eagles 20. Kyle Minett scored from two yards out making it 10-3 with just over 10 minutes remaining in the half.

Chapple tried to hit J.J. Wilcox deep across the middle but was hit when he threw and Conrad Kjerstad came up with an interception. He returned it 40 yards putting the ball on the GS 13. J.B. Shippy recorded a sack on first down and the defense forced two hurried passes. SDSU had to settle for a Harris 37-yard field goal and 13-3 lead which would be the halftime score.

SDSU took the second half kickoff and returned it just into GSU territory. Ryan Crawford's 4-yard pass to Mike Steffen capped the seven-play touchdown

drive, putting the Jackrabbits ahead 20-3.

After a 3-and-out by the offense, SDSU converted on third down when Crawford and Steffen connected again on a 62-yard touchdown pass with nine minutes left in the quarter.

Mora kicked a 36-yard field goal with just over four minutes left in the third, cutting the deficit to 27-6. The Jackrabbits came right back with a 5-yard TD run by Minett and 34-6 lead.

Early in the fourth quarter Harris connected on a 40-yard field goal, his third of the game. Thomas O'Brien found Sam Kavanagh on a 5-yard touchdown for the final margin.

It also marked the largest margin of defeat for the Eagles since a 62-14 loss at Florida in the second game of the 1996 season.

"I thought in the first half defensively we played well, holding them to two field goals and having them miss one. They were a better football team than us

tonight, that showed in the second half," said head coach Chris Hatcher. "At times we played hard and executed well. Going into the game I thought they would be one of the best defenses we would face all year. They have a great defensive line... It's only one game and it's a long season. We'll see how we respond come Monday."

Chapple completed 25-of-39 passes for 174 yards but threw two interceptions. Kyle Collins completed 6-of-15 passes for 58 yards and threw an interception.

Freshman Darreion Robinson rushed for 47 yards and caught a game-high nine passes totaling 14 yards. Mitch Williford hauled in six passes for 59 yards.

Dion DuBose paced the defense with nine tackles. Russell added a personal-high eight stops and Derek Heyden also recorded eight tackles.

The Eagles return to Paulson Stadium Sept. 19th to open Southern Conference play against Western Carolina. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

### Statistical Leaders (vs. South Dakota State)

Passing	Rushing	Receiving
Lee Chapple 25/39, 174 yards, 2 INT	Darreion Robinson 6 carries, 62 total yards	Mitchell Williford 6 receptions, 59 yards

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# GSU volleyball hosts 'Bash in the Boro' tournament



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Sophomore Hannah Nelson makes a play at the net while facing SEC opponent Auburn.

## Eagles take two out of three games in weekend 'Bash in the Boro' tournament

By Dylan Thompson  
Guest Writer

This weekend's "Bash in the 'Boro'" tournament pitted Georgia Southern against a trio of tough squads. Over the course of the weekend, the Eagles defeated Coastal Carolina and ACC opponent, Wake Forest, while falling in a thrilling, five-game finale to Auburn.

GSU kicked off the tournament with a comeback victory over Wake Forest. The Eagles came out crisp in the first game, eventually battling Wake Forest to a 25-23 victory. Sophomore Bethany Sanford imposed her will on the Demon Deacons, slamming down spike after spike. The Deacons rebounded to take games two and three, swinging the momentum on their side. Backed up against the wall, the Eagles took the next game, 25-18.

They were glued together by the great play and leadership of the lone senior of the bunch, Cristin Haines. "I just try to keep everyone calm," said Haines. "When we get too excited, you can make mistakes, so I just try to keep everyone even keel whether we're up or down."

The Eagles managed to keep their cool and take a pressure packed fifth game that saw eight ties before finally winning 15-11. The final point, a Lauren Claybaugh ace, launched the crowd and team into a frenzy.

On Saturday, GSU came up against a staunch Coastal Carolina team. Both teams came out looking sharp, but it was the Eagles who took the first game 25-23.

GSU would be plagued by unforced errors and mental mistakes in the second game, which they dropped 25-20. Game three saw the Eagles refocus and ramp up their defense at the net for a 25-21 victory. In the fourth game, a slew of Kate Van Dyke assisted kills proved to be too much for Coastal, who would drop to 2-6 on the season.

Later in the day, the anticipated match with Auburn took place at Hanner. Auburn greeted the Eagles at the net with 6'5" Alyssa Davis, a dominating presence that GSU struggled with all night. After a round of pre-game introductions, the Tigers came out and flexed their SEC muscles in game one. The team seemed to come out in awe of Auburn's great size as they would ride their early dominance to a 25-21 game one victory.

The second game saw the Eagles scrap and claw for every point against a talented Auburn team. Stretches of flawless execution and tremendous performances from the likes of sophomore Hannah Nelson and junior Sarah Gildersleeve propelled the Eagles to a 24-24 stalemate in game two. An Auburn error and a Nelson kill resulted in a big win going into the half.

Game three featured the Eagles coming back to steal one in the last few points. Auburn stumbled over its own feet committing four serving errors. The Eagles feasted off of this and hung around, scrapping out tough points on drawn out volleys.

The crowd seemed to hang on every bounce as GSU stormed ahead to take the lead on a Lauren Claybaugh kill after being knotted up at 25. They would take the game 28-26, stealing a second tightly contested game in a row from the Tigers.

Coach Chad Callihan praised his team's comeback. "We showed a lot of moxy in that game three come back," said Callihan. "This team has really shown they can play in these close contests."

The fourth game between the two teams saw Auburn's superior size win out in a 25-19 victory to set the stage for a high stakes, winner takes all game to 15. A full out struggle ensued in game five as the crowd attempted to will their hometown Eagles to a victory over an SEC foe. Both teams pulled out a flurry of remarkable digs and effort

intensive defense. Tied at 13, the Eagles would drop a couple of points and be handed a disappointing loss.

Callihan put the loss into perspective. "I still like the way we're really fighting out there," said Callihan. "Throughout the entire weekend, we played in a lot of tight matches, and I thought we responded pretty well."

The Eagles are currently 6-4 and travel to Charleston Southern for a game on Wednesday. They have a total of seven straight road games before they return home to face North Florida. The Eagles will play in the 'Wingate Inn Classic' before beginning conference play.

## 2009 Schedule

9/16 - @ Charleston So - 7:00

9/18 - @ James Madison - 11:00

9/18 - @ Winthrop - 7:30

9/19 - @ Gardner-Webb - 11:00

9/25 - @ Wofford - 7:00

9/26 - @ Furman - 2:00

10/03 - @ Chattanooga - 2:00

10/06 - vs. North Florida - 7:00

10/09 - vs. The Citadel - 7:00

10/10 - vs. College of Charl. - 2:00

10/13 - vs. Davidson - 6:00

10/17 - @ Elon - 2:00

10/18 - @ UNC-Greensboro - 2:00

10/24 - vs. App. State - 2:00

10/25 - vs. Western Carolina - 2:00

10/30 - vs. Furman - 7:00

10/31 - vs. Wofford - 7:00

11/06 - @ College of Charl. - 7:00

11/07 - @ The Citadel - 8:00

11/10 - @ Davidson - 6:00

11/14 - vs. Samford - 7:00

11/20 - 11/22 - SoCon Tournament