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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS

THE SEARCH FOR GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY'S NEXT PRESIDENT CONTINUES

Open Forum today

When: 4 p.m.
Where:
Performing
Arts Center



Aaron Podolefsky named fourth candidate *He has been to GSU before*

By Charles Minshew
Editor-in-chief

Aaron Podolefsky, who currently serves as president at the University of Central Missouri (UCMO), is the fourth finalist in the search for Georgia Southern President Bruce Grube's successor.

Podolefsky will participate in a forum this afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

In his cover letter to the Presidential Search and Screen Committee, Podolefsky wrote that his vision for the University of Central Missouri is "to be a nationally recognized comprehensive university that delivers a world-class university education by providing a small college learning environment coupled with large university opportunities."

He continued to say that he feels that this vision "parallels" GSU's vision of becoming a "large-scale, small-feel" university.

This is not the first time that Podolefsky has come to GSU for a job interview. In 1999, Podolefsky was one of four finalists for the position of provost and vice president of academic affairs.

At a forum during his visit over 10 years ago, as reported in the March 9, 1999 edition of The George-Anne, Podolefsky said, "Academic leadership is not a position of

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McCarthy wants 'access to excellence' for GSU

By Robert Greene II
Staff writer

Belinda McCarthy, current provost and vice president of Academic Affairs at Missouri State University, spoke to the Georgia Southern community about her experience and her plans for the university if she were to become president.

McCarthy used the forum as an opportunity to describe her experiences at her previous institutions, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and the University of Central Florida (UCF), as well as her present university and how they would guide her in leading Georgia Southern.

"I see Georgia Southern and what it has to offer as a potentially good match," said McCarthy in her opening statements. She emphasized the importance of extracurricular activity in her undergraduate career through the Governor's Honors Program at the University of Georgia, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology.

She said such activity is important to Georgia Southern, and that's one reason she chose to apply for the position of president.

"That extracurricular activity, that outside the classroom activity, that engagement is so critical in helping our young people find their passions and find their careers and their directions for the future," said McCarthy.

McCarthy said that, while working at UAB, she realized that being in an administrative role means "caring for the institution."

McCarthy said, "To not really care about where you are, you're not going to contribute much to what that place is doing."

McCarthy's experience at UCF was, she



Brandilyn Brown/STAFF

Belinda McCarthy spoke to faculty, staff and students at an open forum on Monday at the PAC. McCarthy is the third finalist for the presidency.

called it, "A wonderful, wonderful time." She described her role in building up a brand new College of Health and Public Affairs at UCF, while the university was attempting to "move up the ranks to get closer to Florida State and the University of Florida." She said the university was trying to both build a

strong commitment to develop research and graduate education while also trying to hold on to a history of teaching and learning focused activity that McCarthy said was critical to preserve.

McCarthy also said that she didn't want to be at an institution that is solely oriented

Presidential candidate No. 3

Name: Belinda McCarthy

Present Position: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri State University, Springfield, Mo. (since 2006).

Previous Positions: Dean of the College of Health and Public Affairs, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Fla. (1990-2006), Associate Dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences (1984-1989) and Founding director of the Women's Studies Program (1987-1989), University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Ala.

Education: Ph.D. in criminal justice and M.A. in criminal justice from the State University of New York, and a B.A. in sociology from the University of Georgia.

Honors: Innovations in Education from the Orlando Business Journal (2001) and Educator of the Year from the Southern Assoc. of Criminal Justice (1988).

Professional Memberships: Member of Omicron Delta Kappa (since 1998) and Member, Phi Kappa Phi (since 1973)

for research and solely oriented to graduate education. She added that she wanted to be "in an environment where there is that opportunity for undergraduate students to

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excel, for faculty to have a full range of opportunities, research, service and teaching.”

McCarthy said that UCF's tagline, “Access to Excellence,” is “the name of the game...in higher education.”

She said that, as UCF grew from 19,000 students to 52,000 students, “I think a little bit of the identity and the opportunity that had attracted me to that community and to that opportunity to serve students was a bit lost.” She said she looked for a “place with more of a sense of real community,” which led her to Missouri State University.

She said that what excites her about Georgia Southern is that “your reach exceeds your grasp. That it's realistic, but confident. You're taking the doctoral-research university stage as an opportunity for a meaningful pause and reflection on who you are and what you want to be. That's a great time to walk into a university.”

McCarthy said that there is a record of leadership at GSU, “of strategic planning and achievement, of results, an ability that I've seen these last few days of execute. If you set a goal, you can set your mind to it and get it done.” She later said that she used Georgia Southern's strategic plan as “an example for my own deans, when I was trying to show them a multilayered plan.”

McCarthy said that partnerships are the way to go, and that the university must work with government, nonprofits and the private sector” in order to raise money for various university projects. Mc-

Carthy said her leadership style is threefold, and that it begins with starting “with people where they live,” and that any leader of a school must take into account the surrounding community. She also said she believes in strategic planning and the importance of communication on a college campus as the other areas of her leadership style.

McCarthy said that some of the primary challenges facing higher education include making sure that students have access to excellence and making sure that an institution doesn't care “only about excellence in terms of research and graduate education.”

At the beginning of the question and answer session, McCarthy was asked about her thoughts on the shared governance of a university. She said “it's extremely important,” and contrasted her experiences at UAB, which according to McCarthy, had a weak faculty senate, and UCF which McCarthy said was a “vigorous” faculty senate.

When asked how she would interact with students, McCarthy said that while she can't “experience everything on campus,” she would try to eat on campus with students and teach a class in order to maintain contact with regular students. She added that she would go on “unscheduled walkabouts” across campus in order to see students on a regular basis.

In a follow up-question, she was asked how students should be involved in decision-making. McCarthy responded, “I think it's important that they are involved.” She mentioned that Missouri State's budget committee includes student representation, and that whenever students have been involved in a committee that she's served on, she

couldn't think of a time when “students haven't conducted themselves in a very beneficial way for all those concerned.”

When asked about furloughs, McCarthy said she doesn't like them, and that she is “always fighting for faculty raises.” McCarthy also said in a question about attracting diverse leadership to GSU that she would make it a “24-7 commitment.” She mentioned that GSU has the opportunity to gain diverse staff by communicating the “hospitality and the richness of the environment.”

In a follow-up question that asked for specific examples of diversity in hiring she'd experienced, McCarthy mentioned that her College of Health and Public Affairs at UCF had the “highest percentage of diversity, both in terms of African-American and Hispanics” in both hiring and graduating students.

McCarthy said that a faculty club may be important for GSU if the university gets bigger, and that it's “very surprising it's not here now.” McCarthy also said she believes athletics is very important to a university and that “people connect to a college through athletics.”

McCarthy said of the first-year students of 2009 that the “more qualified they are, the more opportunities you should provide” them. She also said that she does think of students as customers, since she thinks of “customers as serving them.” She also said that she believes integrity is the most important characteristic in a president. In a follow-up asking whether she had integrity, McCarthy said, “I aspire to it.”

At the closing of her remarks, McCarthy said she was “extremely fortunate to be standing before you.”

Approximately 130 faculty members have signed the petition.

The Muleskinner also reports that Podolefsky was a finalist for the presidency at Central Washington University in 2008, and in April, he was a finalist for president at the University of Central Arkansas.

For a video from today's forum, please visit www.gadaily.com after the conclusion of the event. For full coverage of Podolefsky's remarks, please read Tuesday's George-Anne.

In the April 6, 1999 edition of The George-Anne, in an excerpt from a memo, Grube said, “In absence of overwhelming support, across all of the university's constituencies for a single candidate, I do not think the university community has yet found the individual who best fits our needs at this time.”

According to the Muleskinner, the student newspaper at UCMO, a petition has circulated among faculty members there to extend Podolefsky's contract, which expires at the end of the year.

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power, it's a position of responsibility. Every day I go to work, and I feel that way, as opposed to how can I grab more power, I feel more successful.”

None of the four finalists received that position when then-incoming President Bruce Grube called off the search after the four candidates had visited campus due to a lack of support for one candidate.



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Our View: Regardless of name, lecturers are important

Georgia Southern has always been good about providing lecturers to come speak on campus. In the past few years we have had a variety of well-known speakers.

We have had astronauts, authors and, most recently, Condoleezza Rice, the former secretary of state. There is no doubt that GSU has done all it can do to provide students with excellent leadership examples through these speakers and the ability to learn new perspectives of global situations.

Students have been able to ask the former secretary of state questions about health care and war; they have been able to ask authors and poets how their past influenced their writing.

Whether it is for incoming freshmen or seasoned students, GSU has invested, and is investing, in a multitude of lecture series this year alone.

While some of these lecturers' names won't prove as famous as Condoleezza Rice or Jim Lovell, their messages are just as important.

While one person may speak on the importance of a historical event and another may speak on leadership, their messages are

equally important to those who choose to attend the lecture.

For example, this year's Fries Lecture features Steven Blair, a professor from the University of South Carolina, who will speak on physical activity and its role as the "biggest public health problem of the 21st Century."

While not everyone may agree with calling something like physical activity the biggest problem of our time, any person giving a lecture has a good reason to take the time out of their schedule to speak to a group of college students.

At many of the lectures, the seats are filled with students who are there to hear a new point of view, and sometimes the seats are filled with people who simply want extra credit.

So if you are a student attending who wants a slip of paper proving you were there, please stay for the entire lecture, listen to what the person has to say and attend it with an open mind.

It is in the best interest of GSU students to take advantage of every opportunity made available to them during their four or five years in Statesboro.

A call for student responsibility



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

Lately, my mind has wandered to the roles we play in our global community. Starting with the concepts in Condoleezza Rice's lecture, while preparing to leave for Ethiopia next weekend, I wonder a lot about the simple things we can do to help other people.

While many argue

that there are things that we can help in our own backyard, I've always felt that it is important for all of us to recognize what is going on in the global Community. This is not to say that we cannot play a valuable role in volunteering. Georgia Southern's Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement on the second floor of the Russell Union gives students invaluable opportunities to work with our community, region and world through service-learning, recognizing the challenges facing humanity cannot be faced alone.

President Obama addressed the United Nations yesterday with a similar theme, urging the world to build new coalitions, stating we shouldn't put our needs above those of others,

and vice-versa. He stated that we can no longer work alone, because we share a common future.

As our world has vastly become more connected over the past 100 years, hell, even the past decade, we no longer have the luxury of living in isolation. Like it or not, the world is no longer divided by governments and ideologies, but the "vast dominion of dollars" that Sidney Lumet's masterpiece "Network" so eerily prophesized in the 1970s. This does not only apply to our economic structures but also to the way we treat people in our global community. Corporations, conglomerates and service organizations have moved from local to global structures, giving us the unique chance to effect change in large-scale ways through small-feel opportunities.

There are chances every week for you to have this impact. The mission of the Office of Student Leadership and Civic engagement is to "integrate learning, service, and leadership to empower students to become global citizens who lead with a lifelong commitment to service." With all of this talk in the news and around town about getting involved in our world, I challenge you to find where your place could be in our very own campus community. I promise that somewhere in the past, someone paid it forward for you to give back today.

Inconsiderate public smokers: Stop blowing smoke in my face



Sarah Goodwin is a senior journalism major from Cartersville, Ga. She is news editor for the George-Anne.

Dear Inconsiderate Public Smoker,

Under the Constitution you are granted the right to choose whether or not you want to infect your body with cancer-causing substances, carcinogens if you will. However, I am granted the same right to choice as you are under the same Constitution.

With this right, I choose not to pump my body full of these deadly toxins. That being said, I would be extremely appreciative if while you are exercising your Constitutional rights, you not impose them upon me and more importantly, the health of my lungs.

Just because you are in a public place does not by any means imply that you are granted the right to not only light up a cigarette around me, but that you are allowed to rudely blow your cancer causing smoke into my face.

When this became a socially acceptable action I am not quite sure, but I would personally like to loudly and with a very annoyed tone tell you that this is not okay. If I wanted to subject myself to this lethal smoke, I would choose a brand of cigarettes that I liked and would proceed to join in the rush for the door after class with the rest of you to light up before the next class.

However, again, I choose not to do so. So when I walk out of Veazey Hall or Forest Drive or the Newton Building, please do not feel free to blow a giant cloud of smoke right in my path so that I either have to hold my breath to walk past you or brave the smoke and hope that it doesn't have that much of an effect on my lungs. It is not bad

enough that we "non-smokers" have to sit beside all of you during an hour-and-a-half long class while you reek of cigarette residue, but now we are assaulted by your smoke trails outside of every building on campus and even while walking down the pedestrian.

This is especially true in Paulson Stadium during football games. I love supporting the Eagles as much as the next student with school spirit, but, the rudeness of cigarette smokers is a constant annoyance. Just because you are there supporting your school does not give you the right to light up a cigarette in the middle of the student section and blow smoke directly in my face once again.

If you really cannot handle three hours without a cigarette then please go to the back of the stadium, away from the the public that chooses not to pollute its lungs, and smoke your cigarette to your hearts content.

And while we're on the subject, I don't understand when or why the majority of cigarette smokers decided that the world was their ashtray. Newsflash: It's not.

Throwing your cigarette butt on the ground is actually illegal. It's called littering, and you can be fined for it. So not only are you now polluting my lungs, but you are now choosing to pollute my beautiful world. And in so doing you are ripping away a piece of its beauty with the disgusting ends of your used cigarettes. Find a trash can. It isn't that difficult.

Now, I would like you to know, inconsiderate public smoker, that I am not angry with you as a person, as I am sure you are a very nice, upstanding citizen. I am, however, extremely aggravated with your disgusting habit and need to impose it upon me. I want to breath clean, fresh air that is good for my lungs.

Thank you very much.



WEEKLY BUZZ

Today

OSLCE: Blood Drive

4:00-4:50 pm: Academic Success Workshop Series: Learning Styles; Cone Hall rooms 2002 & 2003

5:00-5:50 pm: Academic Success Workshop Series: Goal Setting; Cone Hall rooms 2002 & 2003

6:00-6:50 pm: Academic Success Workshop Series: Time Management; Cone Hall rooms 2002 & 2003

9:30 PM - 11:59 PM CRI Mini Golf Night @ Hackers

Friday, September 25th

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Climbing Trip

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM Eagle Cinema Movie Series RU Theater

Saturday, September 26th

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM OSLCE: Fall Leadership Conference, RU

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Climbing Trip

Sunday, September 27th

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Climbing Trip

Monday, September 28th

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM OSLCE: Leadership 101 Workshop

Tuesday, September 29th

4:00-4:50 pm: Academic Success Workshop Series: Study Tips for Psychology; Cone Hall rooms 2002 & 2003

5:00-5:50 pm: Academic Success Workshop Series: Study Tips for Biology; Cone Hall rooms 2002 & 2003

6:00-6:50 pm: Academic Success Workshop Series: Study Tips for Chemistry; Cone Hall rooms 2002 & 2003

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM New Student Organization Chartering, RU 2089

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM GSU Unplugged @ Starbucks

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM SPIN & a Movie RAC

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Erica Upshaw's Keep Friendship Alive Nessmith Lane Assembly Hall

Wednesday, September 30th

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Mountain Biking Skills Rodeo, RAC

5:00-5:50 pm: Academic Success Workshop Series: Study Tips for Political Science; Cone Hall rooms 2002 & 2003

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM New Student Organization Chartering, RU 2089

6:00-6:50 pm: Academic Success Workshop Series: Study Tips for History; Cone Hall rooms 2002 & 2003

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Pah: Insight into Deaf Culture, RU 2047

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM Inner Tube Water Polo RAC Pool

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM Comedy Night: Dan Cummins RU Ballroom



Students raise over \$1600 for 'A Day for Southern'

By Charles Minshew
Editor-in-chief

Over 250 students in offices and organizations in the Division of Student Affairs raised more than \$1604 for the annual "A Day for Southern" campaign last week.

This is the first year that students have participated in the annual campaign.

According to Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (SAEM) Teresa Thompson, the idea was sparked by students.

Thompson said, "It's really important for people to understand that this idea truly emerged from students to be a part of the process of helping to build the university."

Lauren Jackson, a graduate assistant in SAEM, said that the idea was formed in a class on campaigns last year, where she decided to work with the division.

Jackson said that the driving force behind involving students in the campaign was a survey conducted in the spring that concerned student reaction to getting involved in fundraising.

Vince Miller, director of Special Projects, said that it is important to begin educating students about giving back to their community.

"We kept the first year very concentrated within the



Abbey Lennon/STAFF

From left to right: Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (SAEM) Teresa Thompson, SAEM Graduate Assistant Lauren Jackson, SGA President Samantha Young and Director of Special Projects Vince Miller announce the student involvement with "A Day for Southern"

division of student affairs and really got the information out so that we could see how students would respond. I think \$1600 the first year was very good, positive feedback," Miller said. "We appreciate the students and their generosity toward Georgia Southern."

Miller and Thompson said that all of the money donated by students could be designated to various funds such as those for a new student union or a particular program.

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POLICE BEAT

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Officers issued one traffic citation, assisted two motorists, responded to one residential alarm and investigated three traffic accidents.

A student reported his bicycle was taken from Eagle Village.

Officers responded to a report of items taken from a vehicle while parked at Southern Courtyard.

A student reported a cell phone and money were taken while at the Recreation Activity Center.

A student reported that an iPod was taken while at the Recreation Activity Center.

An employee reported damage to a fence gate at the Hanner tennis courts.

Officers responded to a call of a person struck by a vehicle at the intersection of Chandler Road and Plant Drive. Officers assisted the Statesboro Police Department in this accident.

Officers responded to Southern Pines for a drug complaint.

A student reported he lost his wallet while at the Recreation Activity Center.

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Officers issued three traffic citations, three traffic warnings, assisted three motorists, assisted one sick person and investigated one accident.

A golf cart was taken from Southern Pines.

Aaron Samuel Keith, 20, Preston Drive, was charged with wanted person.

Daniel John Wakefield, 19, Centennial Place, was charged with DUI and too fast for conditions.

Kara Marie Osborne, 20, Lanier

Drive, was charged with minor in possession/
consumption of alcohol.

Monday, September 21, 2009

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

A vehicle was reported damaged while parked at Kennedy Hall.

A cellular phone was reported taken from the Recreation Activity Center.

A textbook was reported taken from Henderson Library.

Officers responded to a report of an injured person at the Recreation Activity Center.

Officers responded to a report of a sick person at the Health Center.

Adams Bruce Stephens, 25, Rucker Lane, Statesboro, was charged with attempt or conspiracy to commit drug-related offense and open container of alcohol while operating a vehicle.

Dylan Paul Caldwell, 24, Landings Parkway, Statesboro, was charged with possession of schedule IV drug, attempt or conspiracy to commit drug-related offense, open container of alcohol while operating a vehicle and driving under the influence.

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Officers issued two traffic citations, assisted six motorists, assisted two sick persons, responded to a drug complaint at University Villas and investigated one accident.

An iPod was taken from Kennedy Hall.

A book bag was taken from a vehicle at Olympic Boulevard.

Georgia Southern continues sustainability initiative on campus

The 'Go Green' campaign sweeps offices and buildings on campus to increase energy efficiency

By Anna Glisson
Guest writer

"Georgia Southern is making strong steps towards becoming more sustainable," said Lissa Legee, director of the Center for Sustainability and associate professor of Biology.

"We now have a Center for Sustainability and an Environmental Sustainability Coordinator; we have just dedicated our first LEED [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design] certified building, the RAC; we have an excellent Sustainability Seminar series and many sustainability education discussions and programs; we have Sustainability action projects, like our nationally covered re-lamping program in which students participate to make our campus greener," she said.

Georgia Southern has partnered with Georgia Power to further GSU's sustainability efforts through the re-lamping project.

The project, which was started back in February, requires the replacement of all incandescent light bulbs in accent, desk and floor lamps across campus to the new Compact Fluorescent Lamp bulbs.

The re-lamping project will be completed over four phases, ending this fall. "For every 500 CFL bulbs used the re-lamping project is projected to save the university \$10,000 a year and removes eight cars worth of carbon dioxide omissions," according to the GSU Parent Programs March Newsletter.

Bruce Grube, the president of GSU, signed the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment in December of 2007.

This pledge holds GSU to a commitment to model and educate not only students but the surrounding community on global warming emissions.

Numerous action plans have been established in cooperation with ACUPCC which are available to the public online.

The GO GREEN campaign is sweeping across several on-campus offices and organizations to make our campus more energy efficient.

Jessica Spaleta, the community liaison for Keep Bulloch Beautiful, and the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, is currently coordinating with professors to recruit students to volunteer with recycling efforts at GSU tailgates and other KBB events.

According to Environmental Sustainability Manager for Georgia Southern, Monique Deserres, the results from the tailgating were significant, as well as the GSU recycling program.

"Last week during tailgating recycling, 1560 pounds of recycle materials were collected," said Deserres. "Last year the GSU Recycling program has collected more than 175 tons of paper products, 110 tons of cardboard, 18 tons of cooking oil, and 35 tons of plastic," she said.

Spaleta said, "We are not only trying to get students involved in helping at these events, but more importantly, we want students to be educated on the importance of recycling so they can understand how those efforts impact our environment and future."

Now that the RAC is LEED certified, it has also taken the initiative to inform and encourage students on campus to lead greener lifestyles.

CRI's University Wellness Program states that there are seven dimensions of wellness, environmental being one of those dimensions. For the month of October, CRI has created the LiveGreen Challenge.

Michelle Vegliante, an undergraduate

student who works for CRI's public relations department, said, "The main component of the challenge is for students to live in environmentally conscious ways and to enhance awareness about reducing fossil fuel consumption and omissions."

Students can sign up for 10, 20 or 30 days of participation to learn and focus on living green.

Leege said, "I would like to see us work towards increasing student awareness of sustainability issues and motivating individuals to work together for a greener future."

Students can assist the GO GREEN campaign through measures such as printing less, conserving water, recycling, carpooling, riding the bus or a bike, switching to CFL bulbs and, most importantly educating others.

Students are encouraged to participate and share their ideas on how to make our campus more sustainable.

Leege said, "I think we can continue to make great gains by picking the 'low-hanging fruit' - increasing energy and water efficiency, and also making more long-term gains by building more sustainable buildings."

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GSU history department hosts speech by professor from Weber State University *Susan Matt's lecture is entitled 'Missing Home: A History of Homesickness in America'*

By John Bender
Guest writer

Georgia Southern history department and the Campus Life Enrichment Committee (CLEC) are sponsoring a lecture given by Susan Matt of Weber State University entitled "Missing Home: A History of Homesickness in America".

It will be held on Sept. 24, at 6:00 p.m., in the CIT Lecture Hall. Dr. William Allison, head of the history department at GSU is responsible for bringing Matt here.

He believes it is a positive thing to have such a prestigious speaker come to our campus.

Michelle Haberland, also from the history department said, that she is "very excited Matt is coming. She is an accomplished and award winning historian. Matt does not approach history in a typical way, she looks at concepts and how they change over time, and these concepts are slippery yet ever-present ideas in American history.

"It will be a treat for GSU students; they

will learn that history is not just about people or events," she said.

"Americans are among the most mobile people on earth, and patterns of mobility are well studied within American history," Matt said.

"On the other hand, the emotional costs of that mobility have been neglected by scholars. Homesickness has been a recurrent part of the American experience, but it has been overlooked. How Americans have dealt with the emotion has changed over time. In the 19th century, many believed you could die of homesickness, that it was a physical illness; in the 20th century, we just see it as the price of getting ahead."

"So my talk will look at the changing experience and meaning of homesickness. I will also focus on how exploring homesickness can change our understanding of U.S. history since so many people who emigrated here from foreign countries, or moved west, ultimately went back home, thinking the life they had left behind was better than the one they found in these new locations."

Allison stated that at the end of the day, "students will enjoy Dr. Matt. She is a very engaging speaker and her ideas about the history of 'home' are cutting edge in the discipline. I am looking forward to the lecture because she is an outstanding historian speaking on a topic I do not know much about, so I'll learn something."

Matt, the chair of the department of history at Weber State University, earned her doctorate at Cornell University, and is the author of "Keeping up with the Joneses, Envy in American Consumer Society. 1890-1930."

At WSU, Matt's areas of specialty are the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era, consumerism and the cultural and social history of emotion.

For more information about this lecture visit the history department.



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Eagle Entertainment offers students the opportunity to experience 'The Big Apple' in December

By Anthony Visintainer
Guest writer

This winter, Eagle Entertainment is hosting a trip to New York City. Students participating will leave Statesboro on Dec. 12 and return Dec. 18.

The trip from Statesboro to New York City will be via bus, but "we leave at night, so most students sleep through most of the ride," said Eagle Entertainment President Paul Tenzel.

Graduate Assistant for Eagle Entertainment Joey Newton, who has been on the trip three times, said, "The bus should arrive in NYC around noon, and then people will be given time to unload their stuff and settle in. This is the fourth year we've done this, so we've gotten the process pretty streamlined by now."

Once in New York City, students will be given the option to either participate in a set of group activities or take a more freelance approach and set up their own schedules.

In the past, the planned events have included things like touring the Statue of Liberty, visiting the Rockefeller Center and Empire State Building, and, in the words

of Newton, "just doing all the typical New York stuff."

The more self-scheduled students have attended Broadway shows, spent time in Central Park and gone on shopping sprees. The stay in New York City will last five days, so students will have plenty of time to do whatever suits them.

Students will be staying in New Jersey, about a 10 minute ride from Time Square. Transportation will be provided; every morning, a bus will leave at 9 a.m. and drop off students at various locations.

At 10 p.m., the bus will return and pick them up at the same locations. The cost of this transportation and the trip from Statesboro to New York City is included in the activity fee, so students don't need to worry about transport money.

Students will be allowed to start their day earlier and end it later than the bus's schedule. If they want to start their day before the bus can get them to New York City, they can use the public transit system or get a taxi, although taxis are a more expensive option.

The trip is mainly "just a way [for Eagle



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Entertainment] to work with student activity fees for students to have some fun," said Tenzel.

All students are allowed and, in fact encouraged, to go on the trip. "If you haven't been to New York, or even if you have, it's a great way to do something on your own, and a great way to have memories in life with friends," Tenzel said.

There is an activity fee of \$375 for the

first 50 people to register, and \$390 for all subsequently registering students.

The payment can be made in two deposits. The first will be \$250 due on Nov. 1, and the second of either \$125 or \$140 (depending on how early the student registered) will be due on Nov. 30.

For more information, students should attend an informative meeting that will be held on Sept. 28 in Russell Union room 2084.

The Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement hosts leadership conference

The theme for the 46th annual fall conference is 'Leadership Boot Camp' and will feature Dave Kelley as speaker

By Whitney Baker

Guest writer

The Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement will be sponsoring the fourth annual Fall Leadership Conference on Sept. 26 in the Russell Union from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

The keynote speaker will be Dave Kelley, a well-respected, motivational speaker based in Atlanta.

Kelley will be giving the keynote presentation called "10 Steps to Winning Mental Attitude."

He will also hold two sessions in the morning called "Making the most of your 24/7" and "Everyday Leadership," both of which fall under the Leadership Legacy Track.

Along with the keynote speaker, a variety of faculty and staff from Georgia Southern and individuals from South Carolina will be presenting.

The leadership conference will be based on four tracks: Self leadership, designed to help participants develop individual leadership skills under the premise that you cannot lead others without effectively leading yourself;

Collaborative Leadership, designed to help participants develop skills that allows them to effectively lead their organization and work in collaboration with other organizations;

Community Leadership, designed to help participants understand how their decisions and actions make an impact in the community of the university and beyond; and Leadership Legacy, designed to help participants see how their leadership today can impact their campus and community for years to come.

Students are also encouraged to seek

leadership development opportunities beyond their collegiate experience. The new concept of the track system, promises to be beneficial to students in deciding what sessions to focus on.

"Personally, I am very excited because this is my first time as a coordinator of the fall conference," said Rachael Rimer, committee chair of the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement.

"I am just looking forward to the new track system to increase attendance and encourage other students outside of our college to come and take part in all of the festivities," she said.

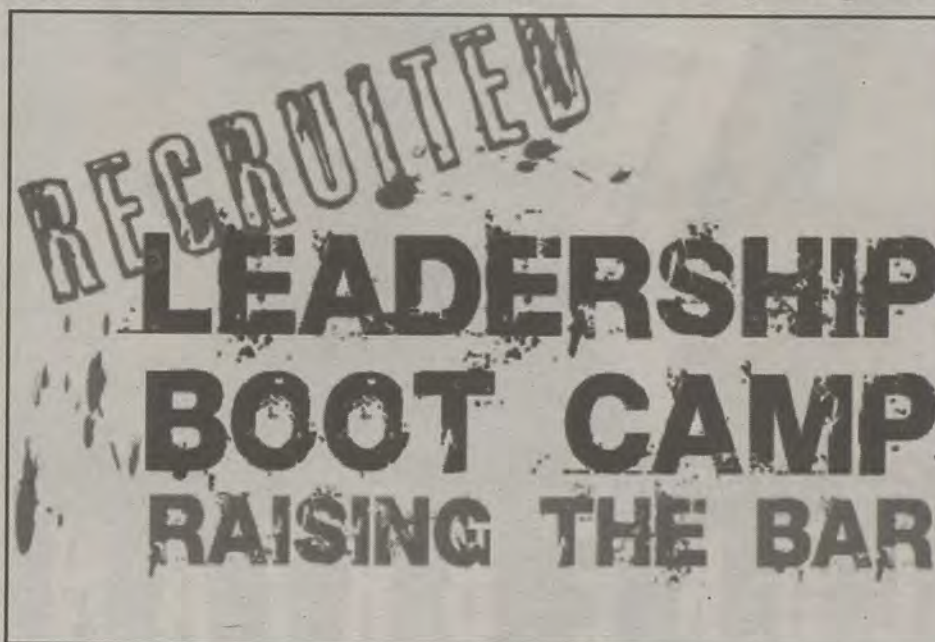
This event has sparked excitement on not only our Georgia Southern campus, but in the community as well.

"I am looking forward to the leadership conference because the entire event was planned for students by students," said Mandie Thacker, leadership coordinator of the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement.

"The students want to show that they have influence and that they can use their voices effectively, so by being involved in this event they are not only sharing the leadership legacy with others, but they are also leaving one behind as well," she said.

Each year the conference plans for about 300 students to attend, but this year the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement is hoping that the turnout is much greater.

"This is my third year serving on the board, and the numbers have increased from when we first started," said Natalia Daies, committee chair of the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement.



Special photo

"My first year before serving, I never went to a conference, and when I did start to attend over the past three years, I saw how the students underwent a change. I can truly say that this conference really does make a difference because it motivates students to step outside the box and do something new; it is also a good networking opportunity. I am so proud of the board members for making all of this possible," she said.

For those still interested in attending the Leadership Boot Camp, on-site registration is available for \$15.

The Georgia Southern Office of Student Media which the George-Anne is a part of is also sponsoring this event.

Upcoming events for the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement:

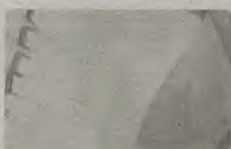
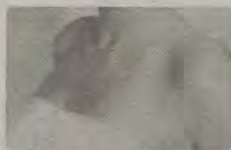
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Kappa Kappa Gamma and Sigma Chi host second annual Low Country Boil

By Sam Gordy
Guest writer

Tonight, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Sigma Chi are hosting their second Annual Low Country Boil for charity. The event takes place from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in between the two houses located in the front of Greek row.

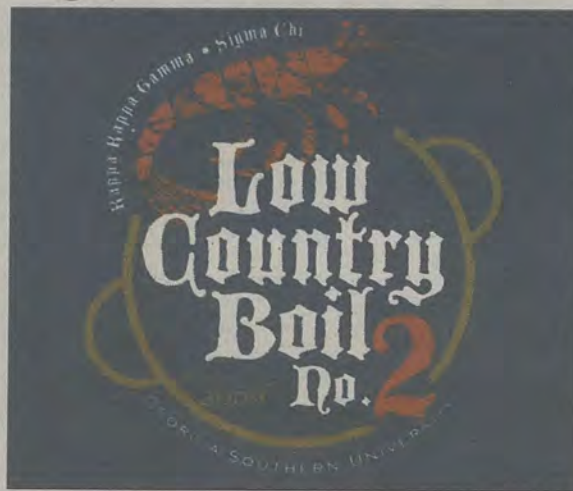
The money collected will be donated to Safe Haven, a battered women's shelter that serves women who have experienced domestic violence in Bulloch and the surrounding counties. "We chose a local philanthropy that had to do with women, because we are a group of women and we wanted to give back," said President Allyson Streeper.

Plates will cost \$5 and will be prepared and served by members of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Sigma Chi. The food this year was donated by Fresh Market

Savannah.

For those that are unfamiliar with the Low Country Boil, it's a regional dish that combines shrimp, sausage, potatoes and corn boiled in a big pot along with special seasonings.

Last year's Low Country Boil was a success. A couple hundred people showed up throughout the event, and they ran out of food. "I think it's going to be good this year but I don't want to jinx anything," Streeper said. "I'm keeping my fingers's



crossed."

This Low Country Boil has been advertised more this year than last, has sold more tickets in more locations and had an advertisement in Connect Statesboro.

Tickets are being sold at the rotunda by the Russell Union, the IT building and Greek row.

Tickets will also be sold at the event tonight.

It is a rain-or-shine event, and in the case of rain, the event will be moved

inside the Kappa Kappa Gamma house.

Brent Stephens from Southbound will provide the entertainment, performing country songs and other covers.

This charity event is one of many for Kappa Kappa Gamma. "Cookies for Cops" and "Fudge for Firemen" are two charity events where the sisters "choose a day to bring food and distribute the food to police and fire stations around Statesboro," Streeper said.

Last year they also had a paintball tournament where the money collected was donated to the Boys and Girls Club.

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'Cinema Arts Film Series' brings diverse films to GSU students

By Kelsey Decker
Staff writer

Cinema does not always have to be a teenage, vampire romance, a sorority horror flick or a 3-D cartoon. Film can be art, and that's the way the John Humma Cinema Arts Film Series wants it portrayed.

Georgia Southern's Cinema Arts Film Series is a biweekly event that takes place on Mondays in the Russell Union Theater at 7:15 p.m. The program was started in 1982 by retired Professor John Humma and is the longest running cultural event at GSU.

"A group of us charted the beginnings of what then was called the Film Classics," Humma said. "This was before VHS and DVDs. It was not easy to then see classic films, so we began in 1982, charging just a dollar. We showed a film almost every week on 16mm three-reelers."

Today, Tomasz Warchol, a professor in the literature and philosophy department, is in charge of the program. He has been a part of it since he came to GSU in 1984.

"I got on board almost right away because I had a passion for film," Warchol said. "This [program] was one of the appeals of Georgia Southern. I joined Professor Humma, and when he retired a

few years ago, we named the program after him."

For almost 28 years, the Cinema Arts Film Series has worked to bring in a variety of films – over 600 – to GSU that would otherwise be unheard of.

"Initially, the idea was to bring in foreign films, art house films, independent films, documentaries or classics that students normally wouldn't have access to," Warchol said. "It was meant to expose students to the artistic qualities of cinema."

Some students had similar opinions.

"Through this program, you get to be exposed to films you otherwise wouldn't get to see," said psychology major Christine Vitiello.

Movies that are typically unheard of or from another country can be beneficial to students who take the time to watch them.

"[Students] learn to appreciate cinema as art and can see the artistic effort and originality, the insight and the thoughtfulness of the film," Warchol said. "They step into different worlds in the film, different contexts and settings. They're exposed to cultures; it's always enriching and beneficial to see how other people live and what their values and philosophies are."

"Foreign films are a lot more unique; they are not formula films. You see the director, you see an artist; you see a vision, a certain imagination. It's not made according to a recipe, there's an

author," he said.

The Cinema Arts Film Series is not a part of student activity fees; it's independently funded, so there is a \$3 admission fee to each film. This, however, may not be enough to keep the program running if more students do not attend.

"It's been tough trying to keep the program afloat," Warchol said. "It costs me, on average, \$250 per movie for the performance fee. In addition to the \$250, there are other costs."

"We had to go to \$3 admissions, and still, I'm not making a profit or even breaking even. Unfortunately, it's losing the money slowly. I may have to accept the reality of just folding it sometime. If we run out of funds, why keep it alive artificially?"

At least 100 students need to attend each film in order to cover the total costs, and well-known movies are shown occasionally to draw a larger crowd.

"We try to get popular and commercial films once in awhile, just to generate more interest," Warchol said. "[We want] to show a film that has gotten critical and commercial attention, but nothing too mainstream. We'll throw in ambitious Hollywood movies as well – 'Grand Torino,' for example."

Warchol has an established process for selecting the films each semester.

"It helps me to run a program in Savannah called Reel Savannah, and the films I bring there are just released and shown on 35mm," he said. "They're kind of a way for me to screen what I may want to show at Georgia Southern once the film is released on DVD."

He is also well-informed about world cinema, a feat made easier because of Warchol's European background.

"I subscribe to a number of magazines, American and international," he said, "and I keep track of what's going on at major film festivals, as well as a few Web sites, so there is plenty of information there to make sure these are highly regarded films. I feel like I keep track of what's going on in world cinema and can choose the right films, and that my taste is pretty refined and it would benefit others."

The next film, "Milk," will be shown on Oct. 5. "Sicko" will be shown on Oct. 19, followed by "Tomorrow" on Nov. 2. These films are all American. The French film "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" will play on Nov. 9, and the final film, the Swedish "Let the Right One In," will be shown on Nov. 16.

At least half of the films shown each semester are foreign, according to Warchol. All movies are played in their original languages with subtitles if necessary, and proof of attendance is provided for all films.

'Legend of the Arts' recipient Michael Braz: The Transcendentalist

By Jazmin D. Dekle
Guest writer

As I walk into the room, I am immediately taken away by the immense amount of awards, instruments and international souvenirs that surround me. Firsthand, I've gotten a quick glimpse at the characteristics that make Michael Braz, The Averitt Center for the Arts third recipient of "Legend in the Arts."

When you think of "legend," words such as star, marvel, prodigal may come to mind. Remembering the first two recipients of this award, Lady of 6,000 songs Emma Kelley and blues legend Blind Willie McTell, Braz is nothing short of any of these words, falling right into place with these musical legends.

Standing in the corner, anticipating the minutes ahead, I witness Braz having a discussion with one of his students. Appearing focused and genuinely interested in helping his student, Braz intrigued me with his subtle but conscious efforts.

His journey, my interview instantly began...

"Surprised!" is how Braz explained his initial reaction to this newly attained achievement. Adding that he thought he was attending the program for the introduction of prior presidents of the Statesboro Arts Council, Braz had no problem admitting his

astonishment.

However, he chuckled at his own hind-sight suspicion after recalling a few familiar faces, one being his sister, who hid expectedly with her husband, and also spoke in honor of her brother.

"To qualify as a recipient, the nominee must have reached a certain level of achievement internationally, state-wide and in their local community," said Delia Mobley, chairman of the Legend in the Arts selection committee.

Braz gives back to his community in countless ways. He has spent a great amount of his time volunteering at Bulloch County's Boys and Girls Club, he founded the Statesboro Youth Chorale, and he currently teaches piano lessons at St. Joseph's Home for Boys.

"I love what I am doing," said Braz. "If you love your job, you never work a day in your life."

And that is evident in the slightest presence of this musically-inclined genius. While listening to Braz elaborate about his journey to this point, I realize his work is not work at all, but it is what he embodies.

"My job is to teach music. I'm not telling people what they are suppose to like, but rather teaching them about different types of music. After they learn, they decide," said Braz.

A simple memorandum from a true educator. "If you've never heard something, how do you know if you like it?" Braz added.

Someone who has grasped his true position as an educator understands that educating someone is to give them the knowledge of learning and the ability to decide what to like and how to apply it to life.

Braz has definitely grasped his position.

Continuing to inspire, Dr.

Braz's accomplishments go beyond the "bare minimum." Braz's list of accolades is subsequent to receiving Bachelor and Masters degrees in music from the University of Miami and receiving a Ph.D. from Florida State University.

Braz also taught at Miami's Barry University. While at Barry, he composed his first opera, "Memoirs from the Holocaust," which was inspired by a visit to the Dachau concentration camp. Among other things, Braz has dedicated himself as a professor of music composition and theory and aural skills for 23 years here at GSU.

Braz is a member of GSU's faculty senate and represents the senate on the university's Strategic



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Planning Committee. He has received the Boys and Girls Club's Volunteer of the Year award, the Statesboro Herald's "Humanitarian of the Year" and in 2008, was honored by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia as a recipient of the lifetime achievement "Signature Sinfonian" award, and he is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Statesboro.

So when you think of legend, the words star, marvel or prodigal just may come to mind. But considering the talent, inspiration and humanitarianism transcended by a certain individual, the name Michael Braz should undoubtedly appear in the bubbled cloud we call thoughts above all of our heads.

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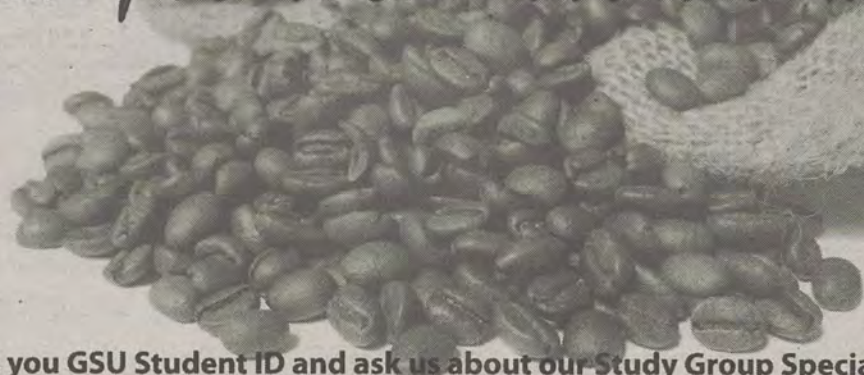
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Giant Mel et al.
- 5 Skating jumps
- 10 Ballpark figs.
- 14 Beat to a froth
- 15 Euripides tragedy
- 16 Predicament
- 17 Pre-euro denaro
- 18 *Singly
- 20 *Gathering of reporters
- 22 Authorized, briefly
- 23 "... the morn ... Walks o'er the dew of ___ high eastward hill": "Hamlet"
- 24 Olympian's quest
- 25 Sources of overhead costs?
- 27 Highchair feature
- 30 GPS suggestion
- 31 *Workplace gambling group
- 34 *The Swiss Family Robinson" author Johann
- 35 Game for one
- 37 Barbecue site
- 40 *Furthermore
- 44 "I love," in Latin
- 45 Topple (over)
- 46 Stereotypical parrot name
- 47 ___ jumbo
- 49 Cote occupant
- 51 Mormon initials
- 52 *Negotiating for a lesser sentence
- 57 *Credit company with a "Priceless" ad campaign
- 58 Boardroom VIPs
- 60 Director Preminger
- 61 Postpone, as a motion (and word that can follow the last word of answers to starred clues)
- 62 Morales of "NYPD Blue"
- 63 Lowly laborer
- 64 German industrial city
- 65 JFK arrivals, once
- DOWN**
- 1 Big-eyed bird
- 2 Envision
- 3 Fed up with
- 4 Gush
- 5 Gas giant that merged with BP
- 6 One of the noble gases
- 7 First garden site?
- 8 Tree growth
- 9 Fill to the gills
- 10 Lauder of cosmetics
- 11 Washer setting
- 12 Alley prowlers
- 13 TV's Remington et al.
- 19 Military force
- 21 Big name in food service
- 22 Guadalajara gold
- 26 Catcher Carlton ___, who famously homered to win Game 6 of the 1975 World Series
- 27 Bottom line amount
- 28 Turnpike, e.g.
- 29 "Put ___ on it!"
- 32 Author Wiesel
- 33 Woody's aerosol scent
- 34 "What are ___ believe?"

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By Dan Naddor

9/17/09

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 36 Turn red, perhaps
- 37 Janitor's tool
- 38 Try to equal
- 39 Regains consciousness
- 41 Reason to miss work
- 42 Nasty geezer
- 43 Where Hillary was sen.
- 45 Lakers star Bryant
- 48 It's passed in relays
- 49 Grammy-winning country star Steve
- 50 Add lanes to
- 53 Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- 54 Victrolas, e.g.
- 55 Ties up the phone, say
- 56 Chills, as bubbly
- 59 Bro's sib

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SOLUTION TO FRIDAY'S PUZZLE

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8	3	6	7	1	2	9	4	5
3	9	2	6	4	1	8	5	7
6	8	5	3	2	7	4	1	9
7	1	4	9	5	8	2	6	3

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

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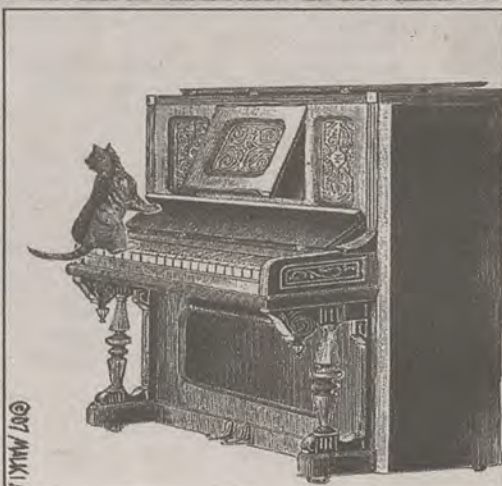
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Player Profile: GSU volleyball hitter Bethany Sanford



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Sophomore outside hitter Bethany Sanford begins play with an attempted serve.

volleyball court.

"It came natural to me," said Sanford. "It was different than anything I had ever played before."

Once she got her feet wet, she dove in. Honing her skills on both club teams and her highly successful high school team Ironwood, Sanford began to excel. Her biography runs on with award after award, including state championships, player of the year awards and all-region teams. Her achievements eventually netted her a place on the Georgia Southern volleyball team.

Playing well at a Junior Olympic tournament in Minnesota, Sanford made an impression on then University of Georgia Assistant Coach Chad Callihan. When Callihan landed at GSU, he remembered Sanford's performance and brought her in for a visit.

"I remember coming here and loving it right away," said Sanford. "There were lush trees, and active people all around campus. Everyone seemed to really support Georgia Southern here and have pride in their school. I love that."

GSU turned out to be the perfect fit, even if it was over 2,000 miles from home. While she missed her family, the sting was eased by her "other family."

"The girls are like my sisters," said Sanford. "We're all really close with one another. We all have a joke on the team that Chad (Callihan) is like our dad and we're all sisters."

The team's cohesiveness oozes through in their spirited pre game rituals, their ever-present words of encouragement to one another and their execution on the court. Sanford cites this camaraderie as her primary reason for committing to the Eagles.

Comfortable at her new school, Sanford

would turn her sights to the court where she would continue to tear up the competition. The competition is exactly what got her fire stoked for playing college volleyball.

"It's exciting because this is the best of the best," said Sanford. "It's really competitive out there, and that gets me up to play."

Immediately inserted into the lineup, Sanford responded with a SoCon All Freshman season. She recorded 399 kills in her first go 'round and looks primed for many more in her career. This season, she has continued her kills pace, already approaching 200 in the early season.

Numbers can't possibly tell the full story of her impact, though. Until you see one of her spikes break an opposing defense, you don't know exactly what she means to this Eagles squad. She unleashes pure power and fury upon volleyballs that are floating anywhere in her area code.

"I think the team feeds on the big hits," said Sanford. "I'm not a loud, vocal leader, that's Lauren (Claybaugh), but I like to lead by example with what I do on the court."

From her outside hitter position, #5 is a stalwart and sure bet to play the entire match. Her ferocious kills aren't the only thing she contributes either. Sanford is solid when serving the ball, finishing second on the team in service aces last year.

Not only does she kill and serve, but also accumulates a large amount of digs every game. Like basketball, volleyball has its own double-double stat with kills and digs when one player collects at least ten of each. Not surprisingly, she racks up double-doubles with regularity too.

Accompanying her notoriously mean spike is a contagious smile and warm personality. You won't run into a superstar here, in the attitude department. Underneath the guise of a good volleyball player is one of you and I. She's as down to earth as one of her hard spikes, and, ultimately, that might be what gets this rising star farther than anything.

Taking a closer look at one of GSU's rising athletes

By Dylan Thompson

Guest writer

When the crowd at Hanner Fieldhouse is going wild this fall, there's a good chance they're responding to a Bethany Sanford spike. The sophomore outside hitter is the hammer at the end of the sets from her teammates. She's always the exclamation point at the end of a well played dig or pretty set. Her booming points spark runs, regain momentum or whip the Blue Zoo into a craze.

Bethany Sanford made her way to Statesboro from Avondale, Ari. Her journey in volleyball began in the eighth grade. Always tall and athletic for her age, she experimented with a variety of sports, including basketball and soccer, but discovered her love when she hit the

'I'm not a loud, vocal leader... but I like to lead by example with what I do on the court.'

Bethany Sanford
Sophomore outside hitter

The meal costs \$10 per person.

When GSU travels to Wofford on Saturday, Oct. 3, Alumni Relations will offer the first of the two events, featuring Big Bad Wolf BBQ. The event will take place at Wofford's football stadium

from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Prior to the Eagles' football game at Appalachian State on Saturday, Oct. 24, Alumni Relations will hold their barbecue at the Sagebrush Restaurant from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

To purchase tickets or check on hotel room blocks that are also available, contact the Alumni Relations office at (912) GSU-ALUM (478-2586) or on the internet at <http://alumni.georgiasouthern.edu>

News from the Nest: Alumni offers pre-game BBQ for two SoCon road games

By GSU News Service

The Georgia Southern Office of Alumni Relations has planned pre-game barbecues prior to two of the Eagles' upcoming road football games.

GAMEDAY MAYDAY

GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLES (2-1,1-0) VS. ELON PHOENIX (2-1,0-0)



Rob Eakins/STAFF

The Georgia Southern Eagles storm the field in last Saturday's matchup against Western Carolina.

By Thom Cunningham
Sports editor

The Georgia Southern Eagles (2-1,1-0) are coming off of a SoCon win against the Western Carolina Catamounts.

In last week's game, the GSU defense did not allow a touchdown and only gave up three points.

The offensive line seemed to find their groove by not allowing a sack on quarterback Lee Chapple after giving up a total of nine against South Dakota State.

Most impressive was the play of cornerback Darrell Pasco. Heading into the 2009 season, Pasco was not even a listed starter but has played the best from the secondary.

Last week he kept Catamount receiver Marquel Pittman out of the endzone and snagged an interception when tested in the redzone.

Elon's explosive offensive versus a tough and physical Eagle defense will be the matchup to watch.

The offense needs to take advantage of field position and execute better on third downs.

Inside the Huddle: Elon Phoenix

Offense

Elon has a very explosive offense beginning with their man behind center, quarterback Scott Riddle.

Riddle is an All-American selection and made the second All-SoCon team as a sophomore last season.

Three Elon tailbacks recorded 250 rushing yards or more in 2008. Now starter, Jamal Shuman, was Elon's backup last season and rushed for a total of 339 yards.

The main target for Elon's offense is in the hands of All-American receiver Terrell Hudgins who ranked 4th in the FCS with 7.7 receptions per game in 2008.

Hudgins also recorded 1,116 yards and ten touchdowns.

Defense

All-SoCon pick Eric Ludwig will anchor a very experienced defensive line.

The Phoenix defensive line has a combined 32 total starts.

Linebacker Brandon Wiggins led Elon in tackles the past two seasons. Wiggins is a returning starter this year and had a total of 80 tackles in 2008.

The Elon's defensive strength lies in the secondary where there are five upperclassmen, four of which are seniors.

Walker White is a force to be reckoned with in the secondary.

White only played in nine games last season, but received All-League honors by recording 65 total tackles.

Players to watch

Lee Chapple
Brent Russell

Adam Urbano
Dion DuBose

Darrell Pasco
Darius Eubanks

Saturday's Stars

GSU Players

Tailbacks Adam Urbano and Darrieon Robinson are averaging over four yards per carry on the year. Urbano leads the team in rushing yards with 161.

Dion DuBose leads the Eagle defense in tackles with 26. He also has one fumble recovery.

Freshman receiver Jamere Valentine has surprised many leading the Eagles in the air game. Currently, Valentine leads the team with 17 receptions, 178 yards and three touchdowns.

The offensive line has yet to allow a sack in Paulson Stadium this year.

Elon Players

Jamal Shuman leads the ground attack for the Phoenix and has tallied a total of 366 yards, averaging 5.5 yards per carry.

Elon quarterback, Scott Riddle, has yet to throw an interception on the season. Riddle has a total of 867 yards and nine touchdowns.

Terrell Hudgins leads the Elon receiving corps by averaging 134 yards per game. He currently has 403 yards with five touchdowns.

Cameron McGlenn has recorded three interceptions in the 2009 season. He also has 10 solo tackles, the most among any player on the current Elon defense.

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