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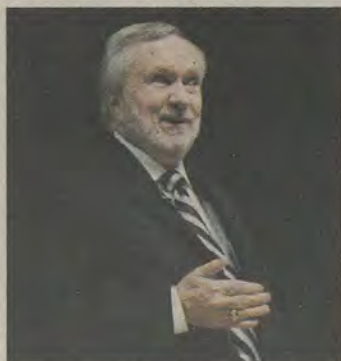
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THE SEARCH FOR GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY'S NEXT PRESIDENT CONTINUES



Brandilyn Brown/STAFF

Brooks Keel speaks at forum on Monday

By Charles Minshew
Editor-in-chief

Brooks Keel, the vice chancellor for Research and Economic Development at Louisiana State University, is the fifth candidate for the presidency at Georgia Southern.

Keel spoke to faculty, staff and students at an open forum in the Performing Arts Center yesterday. He discussed his leadership and managerial styles in his introduction.

"I prefer to think of myself more as a participatory leader," Keel said. "My door is always open."

Keel said that one of the things that impresses him about GSU is its focus on being a student-centered university.

"It is embedded in your culture," Keel said. "It's a part of the fabric of this university."

Keel said that if he were chosen as president, he would like to help implement a capital campaign for fundraising.

He said that he had helped secure a \$3.5 million grant from Shell Oil, among other grants, while at Louisiana State University.

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Podolefsky: Georgia Southern 'just feels good'

By Robert Greene II
Staff writer

Aaron Podolefsky, president of the University of Central Missouri, spoke to the Georgia Southern community in the Performing Arts Center Thursday about his plans for GSU if he were to become president.

Podolefsky said in his opening remarks that he chose to apply to GSU because of how he was treated 10 years ago, when he applied to become the vice president of Academic Affairs and the provost before the search was called off.

Podolefsky said that he left Statesboro thinking, "this is a wonderful place." While pursuing a presidential position in 2004, Podolefsky turned down positions because of the type of questioning involved; he "want[ed] to work with people that have a positive outlook on life."

Podolefsky also said that he liked GSU because "Statesboro is attractive to me." He told the audience he resolved with his wife Ronnie "to make our lives in communities that were of modest size, within reach of big cities" after living in Chicago and attending Northwestern University. He said that GSU "just feels good."

Podolefsky also spoke about his leadership style during his opening remarks. He said a leader has to have the characteristics of integrity, honesty, trustworthiness and confidence, and he went on to say that those are characteristics he thinks he has. He also said he would characterize his own leadership style as collegial and collaborative.



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Aaron Podolefsky spoke to faculty, staff and students at an open forum on Thursday at the PAC. Podolefsky is the fourth finalist for the presidency.

"I tend to want to motivate people based on the intrinsic values that we all hold about higher education, rather than the extrinsic values of particular rewards," said Podolefsky. He said that those in the higher education system "do things that are

important to the world, important for a democratic society"

Podolefsky also said that his philosophy of higher education is that the university "creates habits of mind so that students think differently and apprehend the world differently."

Presidential candidate No. 4

Name: Aaron Podolefsky

Present Position: President, University of Central Missouri, Warrenburg, Mo. (since 2005).

Previous Positions: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (1998-2005) and dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (1990-1998), University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Head of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work (1986-1990), West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.Va.

Education: Ph.D. with distinction in anthropology, M.A. in anthropology and M.A. in liberal studies from State University of New York at Stony Brook, and a B.A. in mathematics from San Jose State University.

Honors: American Association of University Professors Award for "unwavering commitment" to Academic Freedom (2002).

Professional Memberships: Fellow, American Anthropological Association (since 1993) and Fellow, Society for Applied Anthropology.

Podolefsky said a quality education is about "more than just learning some facts. It's about learning to see the

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The Physics Department presents 'The Planets' at the planetarium

By Daniel Fitzgerald

Guest writer

Families and students gathered in the planetarium last Friday night for the physics department's monthly astronomy event. Assistant Planetarium Director Becky Lowder presented "The Planets," an educational film about the origin of the solar system and how many of its planets and moons work.

The physics department sponsors events monthly and encourages people of all ages to attend.

"Sometimes we have outside speakers," Planetarium Director Clayton Heller said. "Sometimes it is one of the astronomers from the physics department here. Other times, like this, we have a pre-produced movie that is accompanied by a star show and, of course, telescopes."

Produced by Southeastern Planetarium Association, "The Planets" shows images taken by robotic spacecraft such as Cassini from Saturn, Galileo from Jupiter and Messenger from Mercury and uses them to explain many of the early events in the solar system's history.

The film is narrated by Kate Mulgrew, who is well known for her role in "Star Trek: Voyager."

After the film, Lowder demonstrated what the planetarium's capabilities of by teaching the audience how to find constellations in the dark "sky." Two telescopes were set up outside for those who wanted to get a peak at the moon and Jupiter.

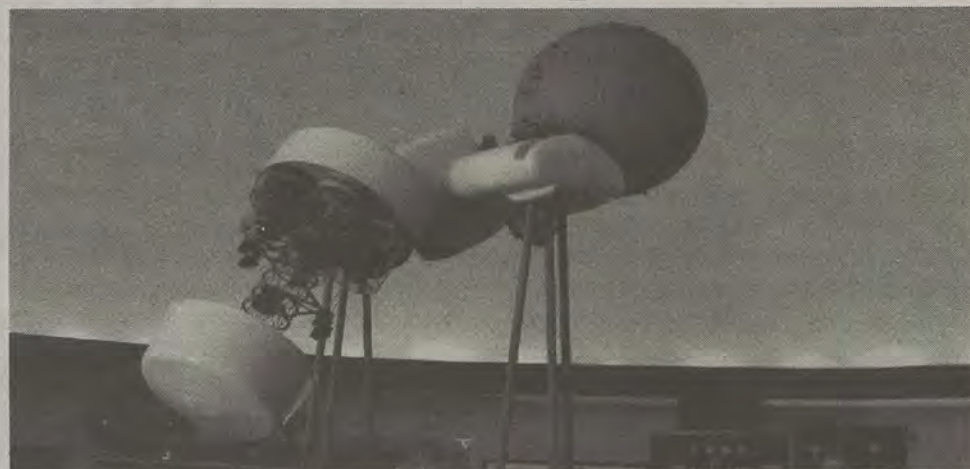
Lowder also informed the audience of some of the current events regarding astronomy, including information about upcoming space missions and the opportunity to send your name to Mars.

Many children show up to these shows every month, and Friday night was no exception.

"I personally love astronomy and have loved it since I was a kid. It's nice to be able to pass that on and spark interest in other kids," said Charles Jones, a child and family development major who interns for the planetarium. "My advisor really loved me taking this class because I get to work with kids."

The physics department can also schedule events for anything from church groups to field trips.

"Our main mission is outreach, which certainly involves children," said Heller. "We have on aver-



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The next event at the Planetarium will be held October 16th.

age 8,000 to 10,000 K-9 students here every year."

Georgia Southern students also attended the show. Some even expressed interest in attending future events as well.

"It was really cool to see how all the planets and moons were formed and how they function now," GSU student Andrew Dotson said. "I do plan on going back again. I am really interested in the life cycle of stars and some of the bigger

aspects of our universe. It's definitely something people should check out if they have any curiosity about what else is out there."

Some of the planetarium's future events include "The Fate of the Universe" on Oct. 16 and the holiday show on Dec. 5. All events are free including the monthly shows and those specifically scheduled for group trips. Call or visit the planetarium for more information.

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world differently. It's about training your mind."

He said that the most important challenge facing higher education could be found in the following three words: budget, budget, budget.

He told the audience this is what he was told as a delegate to American Association of State Colleges and Universities for the state of Missouri. Podolefsky said the reason the budget is a challenge is because "it's a challenge to our ability to deliver quality education and opportunity to our students, an opportunity to do the research and the scholarship that we feel can help them."

At the beginning of the question and answer session, Presidential Search Chairman Trey Denton asked Podolefsky how he planned to make sure students had access to his administration. Podolefsky responded by saying that he wanted to create "an environment in which the student government leaders know they always have access to the president."

As president, Podolefsky promised to have an open door policy with members of student government. Podolefsky also said he would have "various kinds of meals or visits with fraternity groups, sorority groups, the Gay-Lesbians' Students Alliance [Gay Straight Alliance at GSU], and every other student group that wants me to have those types of meetings" with them.

Podolefsky said he would also welcome a routine evaluation by faculty and staff in regards to his job performance, and he added that he encouraged the faculty senate at UCM to do the same.

When asked how he would deal with budget cuts, Podolefsky said that while at the University of Northern Iowa in the position of vice presi-

dent for Academic Affairs and Provost, he dealt with budget cuts four years in a row. Podolefsky noted that "the biggest challenge to looking at the budget...is that most folks that look at the budget look at it very periodically. They don't really know deeply how to understand it."

He added that "most of the solutions are found that are not going to be devastating to campus are found deep" within the budget. Podolefsky said that he was able to reduce class sizes from a ratio of 17 students to 1 professor to 16.4 students to 1 professor, despite the budget cuts at UNI.

Podolefsky also said that the process of fundraising had to be "centralized...otherwise, these different development officers will be stepping on each others' toes."

He also said he enjoyed athletics, and that they "provide a sense of community and a sense of identity for a campus" and that athletics often serve as a university's front porch. He applauded the high GPAs of the athletic teams at UCM, and he said that GSU's 1-AA, also currently known as FCS, classification "is a good one. It's not as expensive as 1-A, which is awfully expensive." He added, "You've got a great heritage with the football championships...with the way the budget is, this is really about right."

Podolefsky also said that diversity is "fundamental to my core belief system" and mentioned that it's "fundamental to what we are as a university."

Podolefsky tried various strategies to recruit minority students, staff and faculty to the universities where he worked.

One example was a "virtual department" in which various members of the university community interested in admitting new students could work together to bring in new minority

students, such as those recruited from historically black colleges and universities to attend graduate school at UNI.

Podolefsky said that at UNI they went from "4 percent to 6 percent" minority students, while he also recruited through personal visits and phone calls for staff and faculty positions.

Podolefsky also addressed his experience with gay-lesbian groups by addressing an incident that happened at UCM in 2006, in which a gay student was beaten up off campus while Podolefsky was out of the country.

Podolefsky said that he released a statement to the university of "zero tolerance for that kind of behavior."

Podolefsky said that in order to engage the first-year students of 2009, he often avoids blogging and instead uses Facebook or Twitter to reach them.

He also said that students are "increasingly concerned about some of the things that I think are core values."

He added, "I've seen more and more students ask, 'What are we doing about the environment? What are we doing about sustainability? What are we doing about recycling?'"

Podolefsky was asked if he saw students as customers. "When a student walks in a classroom, they're a learner," he said.

Podolefsky said the question is not "clear-cut," and that if they are at a registrar's office, for instance, then they are customers due to the need for efficiency in that office.

Podolefsky said that, in the first 24 hours as president, he would meet with his staff to see where the institution was at that very moment. He also said that it was critical to work with, and engage, the surrounding community.

have a certain passion and energy. I want to be able to share that with you in working toward making Georgia Southern, what I would call, the flagship university of South Georgia."

For expanded details on Keel's remarks, please read Thursday's edition of The George-Anne. Video from Monday's forum is online at www.gadaily.com.

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As for getting alumni involved in the university, Keel said that he would ask alumni for investments in the university rather than gifts.

Keel, expounding on the notion of investments,

said, "You can't just go with your hand out."

Keel said that in 10 years, when people look at GSU, they will see "a much more research-intensive university that cares about its students."

In closing, Keel shared his passion about the possibility of leading GSU.

Keel said, "I hope that you can gather that I do

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Technology: A major pain in the cuss



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Technology can be a huge pain in the butt. While it can be enabling, allowing us to do homework on the go, e-mail it to the teacher, then check for its receipt on our pocket PDAs, it can also drag us down, piss us off and cost us a lot more money than we were expecting to pay in the first place. For example:

CASE 1: Recently, I got a new laptop. My old Mac bit the dust after a long, four year run. Consequently, I had to wait over a year to round up enough money to buy another. Ok, cry me a river, I know. Well, I got a new one- another Mac in fact- paid the money and took home my newborn baby. Now, I enjoy video editing and was excited to get started. My old computer used a built-in FireWire cable port to import video. Not this one. They changed the cable! Why? It's "new and improved," of course. I have to buy the new one if I want to use these "great" new features. I also had some software from my previous Mac, and I was excited that I could get around paying for those "new and improved" programs that are almost exactly the same, just with a few new fonts and features. But, surprisingly, they would not run on my new machine since it, too, was

"new and improved." I had to buy all new programs anyway, which cost me over \$100 for stuff I already had. New and improved, my butt.

CASE 2: I upgraded to a Blackberry after a long period of Anti-PDAism. Touch screen this and trackball that. Who cares? Well, apparently I did because I got one, too. But for all you non-PDA owners out there, you cannot simply buy the Blackberry. It has to come with the car charger, the fancy, faux leather case and the silicone, scratch-protector pad to keep that puppy looking shiny and new! I will say that this was while my computer was broken, so having it would sort of replace the inability to e-mail off campus or check my bank balance on the go... Until my first one got stolen. Insurance saved me, and I got it replaced. Then I dropped it once (okay, maybe more than once...) and the screen stopped working. Insurance claim again. So I vowed to be more careful with it, and the very next day, the hard drive "crashed" or something. It's a real piece of work! I think I'm going to take my insurance claim and get a different, non Web-surfing, bank balance checking, pay-my-credit-card-at-the-last-minute machine and go retro with a rugged camera phone and unlimited text plan like I had before. I swear.

The moral of the story is this: Technology is really great- until it tears up and you have to pay someone a lot of money to fix it because you don't even know how to open the thing. Then it becomes a real pain in the cuss- and my cuss is starting to hurt.

Sex Offenders invited to...pitch a tent?



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Have you ever read a news article so absurd that you laugh when you read the headline, but cry as you read the article? I had this experience yesterday as the Associated Press reported that sex offenders in Marietta are encouraged to pitch their tents in the woods as a living environment. The muddy camp

in Cobb County is not the only place these offenders can live, but rather is considered a last ditch effort for homeless sex offenders to live if they can't go anywhere else.

Now, while I don't condone sexual offenses, it seems awfully inhumane to send people into the woods for committing a crime. Of course, there are plenty out there who would send all criminals to their death for inequities. I take the stance we're all humans and make mistakes, some bigger than others. However, I am in no way capable of determining

what offenses are right and wrong, because everyone has a different moral code. There are cultures around the world that perform certain sexual rituals, which arguably most Americans would find offensive. But camps? This isn't like my days in Boy Scouts where we have a mess hall.

I believe in the power of rehabilitation. I've seen it work too many times to deny its success. The cases that don't work get all the media attention, so of course it seems like it doesn't work. I just wonder if we shouldn't be treating the root of crimes, often rooted in psychological, economic, or social issues, premeditated before the individual committed the crime.

You realize that the vast majority of our prison system holds individuals with mental illness. However, our culture doesn't like to look at the root of our problems. We throw money at situations without actually thinking about how to make it better. Sure, it's cheaper to throw people in prisons, but what does that say about our culture?

The sad thing is, many of us don't care, because we're too wrapped up in ourselves. In the meantime, there are fellow Americans, humans, who need our help. How's that for some Bible Belt compassion?

This week in the world: Global cooling?



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For years, the world has been bombarded with numbers and predictions to support the idea of global warming.

However, in a report printed in The New York Times on Wednesday, world leaders who met at the United Nations on Sept. 22 are having difficulty building a

worldwide climate treaty when "global temperatures have been relatively stable for a decade and may even drop in the next few years."

According to climate scientists, the average global temperature has only risen .13 degrees Fahrenheit since 1999. This would lead the average person to believe that global warming is not as immediate a threat as we have been led to believe for the past decade or more.

Scientists say that the pattern for global temperatures in the last decade is merely "a result of cyclical variations in ocean conditions and has no bearing on the long-term warming effects of greenhouse gases building up in the atmosphere."

Because of the plateau of temperatures worldwide

during the past decade, and even global cooling trends in places like Antarctica, climate experts fear that their endeavors to reduce harmful air pollutants will be wasted.

Mojib Latif, a prize-winning climate and ocean scientist from the Leibniz Institute of Marine Sciences at the University of Kiel in Germany recently published a paper discussing the fact that "the cyclical shifts in the oceans were aligning in a way that could keep temperatures over the next decade or so relatively stable even as the heat-trapping gases linked to global warming continues to increase."

However, there are many climate scientists that do not agree with Latif's position. While many agree that a global cooling trend is inevitable sooner or later, they also are continuing to advocate the harmful effects of greenhouse gases.

While most climate scientists, according to the article, do stand by their projections for rising sea levels and other disruptive effects of global warming, they also agree that there is a one in eight chance of having a decade-long pause in global warming like we are currently experiencing.

So, will global warming continue to be a trendy subject in both political circles and the scientific community? I suppose the next few years will tell.

Multicultural Student Center presents 'PAH: Insight into Deaf Culture' this week

By Rachel Cason

Guest writer

The Multicultural Student Center and the Magnolia Coastlands Center are presenting unique event Tomorrow at 7 p.m. PAH: Insight into Deaf Culture.

"PAH!" is a word in the deaf culture that is the equivalent of "whoa!" in English, according to Robyn Greenstein, a Bulloch County teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing.

This hourlong presentation will highlight information that "many of us don't think about, but should," said to MSC Director Consuela Ward. She said the presentation will fall in line well with the Multicultural Student Center's mission statement, which is to inform students on the subject of diversity.

The MSC attempts to promote cultural diversity in all aspects. As an organization, it hopes that events such as "PAH! Insight into Deaf Culture" will assist students in understanding the disparities that arise as a result of the diversity that exists among people.

This is the first year that it has sponsored an event that deals directly with the deaf com-

munity, and Ward is very excited and hopes for a large turnout at Wednesday's affair.

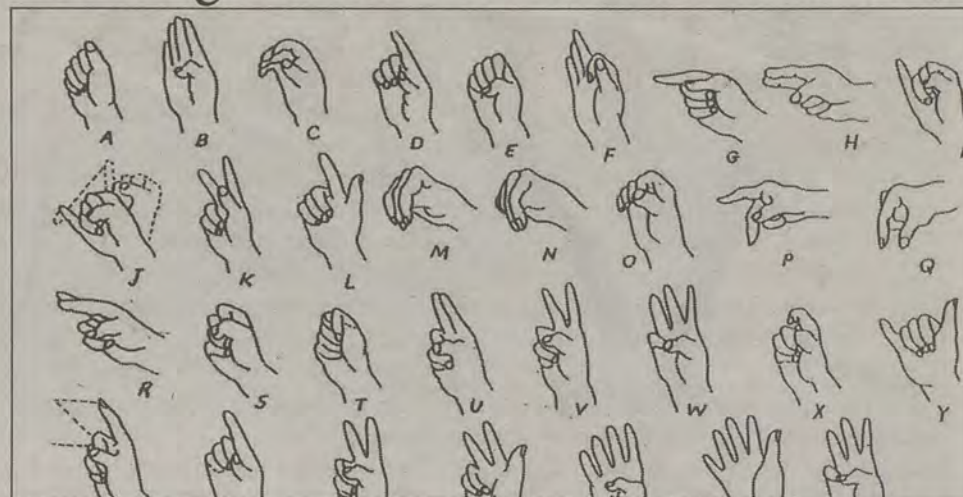
Greenstein will be the main presenter at tomorrow evening's event. Greenstein said, "PAH: Insight into Deaf Culture" is a one-hour presentation about the science of deafness, what it is like to be deaf as a child and as an adult, the culture itself, and what one can do to be more accommodating, should they interact with a deaf person."

Among other things, she hopes to help educate attendees (the event is open to everyone) on how to act when they interact with the deaf community.

Also, Greenstein said she wants to explore how the deaf community is a community, one with living, breathing people who need others to take a different approach to communication with them.

People who can hear well tend to take for granted the things that are not standard for others.

Every day is an opportunity for non-members to reach out to the deaf community. However, we will not be able to do so if we are not prepared to handle the differences



Special photo

that arise.

Greenstein said, "It is just as important to learn about deafness and how to interact with the deaf, as people with little to no experience may do many things that won't help the deaf person (or themselves) if or when they do interact."

The idea, then, is that this event will really help give an insider's point of view.

Ward also said that "PAH: Insight into Deaf Culture" will be broadcast live online for anyone who wants to see the show but is unable to make it to the Russell Union Room 2047.

For more information about PAH: Insight into Deaf Culture and the Multicultural Student Center visit <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/multicultural>.

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'Rocking Toward Academic Success': Academic Success Center holds student workshops

By Ally Rakoczy
Staff writer

The Academic Success Center began hosting a series of workshops to help students enhance their study skills in a series entitled "Rockin' Toward Academic Success."

The workshop series hosted several different sessions ranging from the top 10 study tips for students to learning styles and goal setting.

The workshop series has several sessions remaining, focusing primarily on study tips for a variety of classes. Tuesday's sessions will have study tips for psychology, biology and chemistry and Wednesday's sessions will have tips for political science and history.

The series will wrap up with sessions of study tips for sociology and economics on Thursday and math and geography on Friday. All the sessions are free and open to all students.

The ASC has held workshops at the beginning of the fall semester for several years; however this semester is the first time there has been a theme for the workshops.

Brian Hyer, educational program specialist for the ASC, said that Mike Czech, assistant director of the ASC, used his love for music as

inspiration for the "Rockin' Toward Academic Success" theme.

"We've been offering these workshops for a long time but we thought this was a clever little idea to get students into the workshops [this semester], and students really seem to appreciate them," said Hyer.

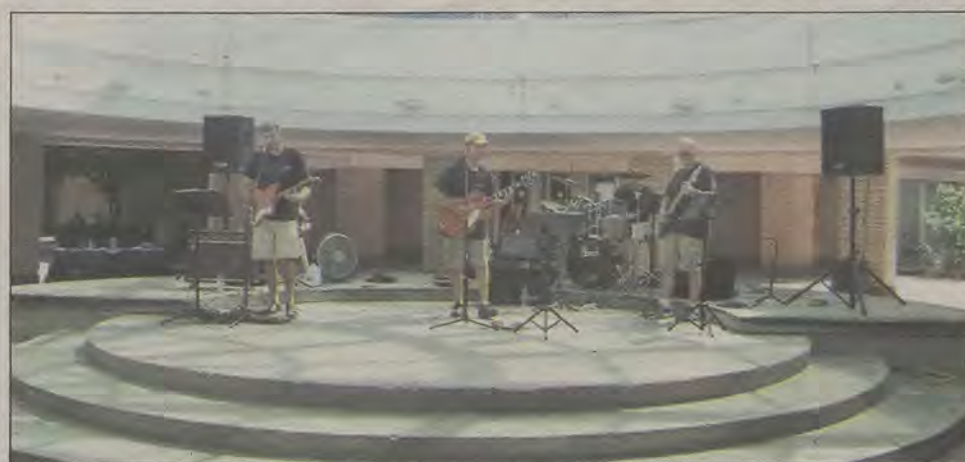
Hyer held a workshop recently on exam preparation and was pleased with the number of students that attended. According to Hyer, attendance this year was the highest yet and he hopes that students will get something out of the workshops.

"We hope first that students realize that we're over here, and now that they're familiar with where the ASC is, that they'll continue coming back here for workshops or tutoring," said Hyer.

According to Hyer, the workshops are offered at the beginning of the fall semester because that is the semester when students typically take their finals.

While the ASC is the sole sponsor of the workshops, other departments acknowledge the positive effects that students can experience from attending academic workshops.

"I think it will give them the skills necessary to focus on what's really important," said Rachael Barrett, career services specialist in



File photo

The Just ASC band is one of the traditions of "Rocking Towards Academic Success."

the Career Services Office.

Barrett said that the things that students learn, such as reading effectively are skills that recruiters are paying attention to.

According to Barrett, these skills help students in ways "beyond getting through the next test or getting through the course" by building skills that they can use beyond the classroom.

She believes that when students put the effort into going to workshops that help them with their weak areas they will set themselves

apart in the eyes of recruiters.

"I definitely think...you're putting yourself out there saying, 'This is not my strongest area, but I'm willing to put effort into it.' Employers are always interested in students who go the extra mile," said Barrett.

All workshops are located in the Academic Success Center, which is located on the second floor of Cone Hall.

For more information on workshops offered, visit <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/success>

Upcoming Fries lecture discusses public health with faculty and students

The lecture is entitled 'Physical Inactivity: The Biggest Public Health Problem of the 21st Century'

By Robert Greene II
Staff writer

This year's Norman Fries lecture will be given by Steven Blair, a professor at the University of South Carolina's Arnold School of Public Health.

The lecture is entitled "Physical Inactivity: The Biggest Public Health Problem of the 21st Century." Blair's lecture will be given in the Performing Arts Center tonight at 7 p.m.

According to Charles Hardy, dean of the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, this year was "our college's time to host the event."

The Norman Fries lecture, which was hosted by the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences last year, is being hosted this year by the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health.

Hardy said that he asked faculty, the community advisory board and other college

deans for help in choosing a guest lecturer to speak at Georgia Southern.

Immediately, a common theme became apparent in what kind of speaker people wanted to see.

"We were trying to target areas of concern in our community," said Hardy.

He said two main areas of concern were constantly brought up: obesity and physical inactivity. After that, the college looked for various experts on the subject, until it found Steven Blair.

"Blair is probably the foremost expert in this field," said Hardy. According to Hardy, Blair's lecture will touch upon subjects that are especially important for residents of Statesboro.

"We've heard from the community," said Hardy. "We also know the data."

Currently, the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health is working with the College of Health and Human Services on an initia-

tive to fight childhood obesity, according to Hardy.

Steven Blair, who has 450 published papers to his credit and has become an internationally known figure on the issue of physical activity, also believes it is important for everyone to know the importance of good exercise habits.

"Physical inactivity affects most major health problems," said Blair.

"College students aren't going to drop dead soon" from diabetes, a heart attack or cancer, but Blair said that exercise every week means a "much lower risk of dying" in the future.

Blair said that meeting exercise guidelines of about 150 minutes of moderate walking a week can cut the risk of death by heart attack in half.

Going up to 300 minutes a week, said Blair, can cut that risk by a further 10 to 15 percent.

In addition to physical health, Blair also said, "regular physical activity is good for brain health."

For instance, Blair pointed to evidence that MRI scans show a noticeable difference in brains of people who are physically active versus the brains of people who are not active.

He also said exercise is very effective in battling depression, as studies have shown that exercise helps people suffering from depression even if anti-depressant medication alone doesn't work.

"College students, if they can establish and carry on through life, are far better off than their peers," said Blair. He said that he sees this lecture as a "way of getting this message out."

"I think any time that the university has the opportunity to bring national or international scholars, it's sometimes students have to take advantage of," said Hardy.

Tar spill cleanup nears completion

By Chris Buchanan
Staff writer

Georgia Southern has almost finished cleaning up after a minor chemical spill between Kennedy and Southern Courtyard Residence Halls last Wednesday.

According to police reports, Director of Transportation Bob Chambers said that a chemical coating had washed off the overflow parking lot on Knight Drive.

Reporting Officer Jeff Gooding found chemicals on the road and in the nearby drainage ditch between the two residence halls.

"The amount spilled was small, but the director of public safety encouraged me to report it anyway," said Safety Engineering Manager Francois Song.

Song said that while the spill was relatively small, officials still called in the Environmental Protection Agency and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to evaluate the conditions and also called in a cleanup crew to help prevent any major damage.

Song said that "booms" and bales of hay were two measures being taken to reduce the

impact of the spill as well as a pump to pull up the remaining overrun.

Ellis Wood of Ellis Wood Construction said that everything had been done to prevent the runoff, but that it occurred as a result of a washout.

"It was just a freak occurrence caused by heavy downpours in that one spot," Wood said. "We're sorry it happened and sorry for the inconvenience it caused."

Song said the spill didn't compare to one that occurred just a couple of years ago where a diesel tanker overturned on Akins Boulevard.

"That night it rained so we had to put sand from the bypass all the way to Forest Drive," he said.

But regardless of the size of the contaminated area, Song said that ecological concerns were a top priority for his department.

"When we're talking about the protection of the environment, we don't want to pollute the navigable waters of the United States," said Song. "Something like that could end up in the water that we drink [and] it could kill the ecosystem of the water."

Chambers was not available for comment.



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Top: Workers begin to clean up the spill from the Southern Courtyard parkinglot on Lanier Drive. **Left:** Police Officers assisted the clean up last Wednesday.

Far Left: Clean up crews line Lanier Drive in order to clean the spilled tar out of the creek that runs behind Kennedy and into the pond behind Buffalos. According to Ellis Wood, the construction was meant to prevent runoff, but ended up causing pollution to the area.



Colleges Against Cancer organization raises student cancer awareness

By Jessica Teal
Guest writer

Georgia Southern students are coming together to help bring awareness to the Colleges Against Cancer club.

According to club President Rachel Newcomer, this club's goal is to "reduce total cancer incidence and mortality by cutting it off at the source through education and support and to help the American Cancer Society reach it's goals through fundraising and organized events on campus and throughout the community."

A wide variety of GSU students have been participating in events coordinating with this group, using Relay for Life to raise money and bring awareness as well

as helping petition to make GSU a smoke free facility.

This club was originally established by the American Cancer Society (ACS) in 2000 and was brought to GSU in 2005 by former student Amanda Brown.

Colleges Against Cancer is the only on-campus club that is directly linked to the American Cancer Society and is known as a "little sister" organization of the ACS.

Not every one in this club has been directly affected by cancer, but many have. Faculty adviser Martha Hughes is a breast cancer survivor.

Rachel Newcomer, a second year grad student, was last year's vice-president, and this year's President. She joined the club in support of her brother and best friend, Joel

Newcomer, a former GSU student, who died from Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

Kristen Bantin, a freshman joined this group because of her late grandfather's battle with lung cancer and her support of her sorority's (Zeta Tau Alpha) philanthropy.

Bantin said, "I was so happy to find out that GSU has a great group like this and am willing to do any small thing to help in the fight against cancer. I am looking forward to having a bigger role in the organization in years to come."

This club is a way to get involved in the community and help find a cure for all cancers.

With members welcoming new students, staff, faculty and events, GSU students can and will help make a difference in finding

a cure for all cancers.

This once-small group is becoming a well-known club that strives to raise students' awareness in the growing issue of cancer in society.

Even students such as Sam Pencek, who have not been directly affected by cancer, are becoming aware of the issue because of CAC.

Pencek said, "I don't personally know anyone who has passed away from cancer, but CAC has opened my eyes to how many people it actually does affect."

No dues for this organization and only few meetings make it easy for anybody interested to become involved.

CAC is open to new ideas to help raise money and make awareness.

Spotlight on Student Leaders: Rachael Rimer

By Ally Rakoczy
Staff writer

Rachael Rimer, a senior interior design major with a bubbly personality and a passion for Georgia Southern, has been actively involved at GSU since her freshman year when she was a participant in the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement's Building Undergraduate Involvement in Leadership Development (BUILD) program.

BUILD, a program that gives incoming freshmen time together to work with Habitat for Humanity and learn about leadership before classes start, served as a catalyst for her involvement on campus.

"It was the first year they had started [BUILD], and I decided to participate in it the first week before school started and that led me to get involved in the Leadership Office," said Rimer. "It also allowed me to find that I was really passionate about helping freshmen and underclassmen as well."

According to Rimer, being a part of the BUILD program her freshman year led her to volunteer as a BUILD leader, a Southern Ambassador and a First Year Experience Peer Leader.

Not only has she built a foundation of leadership roles with underclassmen, but she has developed a passion for leading through serving others, something that she found out as a Leadershape Coordinator last summer.

"That was the most humbling position I've ever held because I was so behind the scenes, even though I had such a key role in making the program happen," said Rimer. "There are so many opportunities so even if you're not the spotlight you're able to grow as an individual."

However, while she found her place in lead-



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Rachael Rimer is currently involved with the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement

ership easily, Rimer admitted that, like many student leaders often discover, that there have been times when she's had to step back and recognize that she can't do it all.

"Freshman year, me and a teammate that played lacrosse wanted to start a lacrosse team, so we took it upon ourselves and tried to start a club team," said Rimer.

According to Rimer, starting the club was much more time consuming than she had previously thought. The girls had to find funding and players, and, as one of the captains, she also had to coordinate many of the team's activities. She soon realized that all the responsibilities of the team were difficult to accomplish in addition to all of the other things in which she was already involved.

"That was really hard for me because I played lacrosse all four years of high school," said Rimer.

"I knew that I was passionate about it but with all the things I was involved in I had to step down from that role."

"I loved doing it [but] I knew I couldn't be as passionate of a leader as I should've been. It was a humbling experience. It was the hardest decision to make and the only reason I did make it is because I only take on roles or positions that I can give 100 percent. That was something I couldn't do at that time," she said.

What she has found, however, is that some of the most rewarding experiences she has had at GSU have stemmed from helping others find their role as student leaders on campus.

"I was a BUILD leader for two years and got to be a witness to all those freshmen, to see them come to college without knowing what they want to do with their lives and [help them] find something to get plugged into on campus," said

Rimer. "I've seen so many of my BUILD kids become great leaders on campus."

According to Rimer, those are the kinds of experiences that make her involvement rewarding.

Like many students who come to GSU, Rimer came with the intention of transferring but found that once she got involved, it was hard for her to imagine leaving.

"I was going to finish core and transfer, but because of BUILD and Southern Ambassadors and my other involvement, I became so connected," said Rimer.

"I think so many students that think about transferring need to get involved and try to become connected to the campus to get more experiences and have more fun," added Rimer.

Rimer encouraged freshmen trying to get involved to find something they really enjoy.

"Really find what you're passionate about because if you're not passionate about something, you're not going to stick to it. I think programs like BUILD and SOAR help students feel connected, and I think other students have a role in that as well," said Rimer.

Rimer said that she believes it's important for upperclassmen on campus to take an active role in developing underclassmen as leaders.

"Something that I think people forget is that upperclassmen need to think about the people that are going to replace them as leaders on campus," she said.

Rimer feels that she has done her best to develop young leaders on campus through positive encouragement.

"I take the time... to be encouraging and let people know that I'm there for them and that I'm there to help them in any way that I can. I want to help them feel like a part of the group and to [let them] feel needed," said Rimer.

'Surrogates' is a fun and morally challenged sci-fi adventure

By Derek Joyce
Guest writer

"Surrogates" has a top-notch storyline with lots of action and plot twists to keep you at the edge of your seat for the whole movie.

The visual aspects of the movie are top of the line as well. Throughout the movie, it was difficult to tell what were special effects and what was not.

While the story, acting and directing were all great, what intrigued me most about "Surrogates" was its metaphorical parallels to real life. The main example, and the point of the movie, is that all but the few live their lives through their surrogates.

People love to hide behind facades, makeup, and aliases. I know that I first began using nicknames so that I could act like the person I wanted to be so that I could live a lie.

SURROGATES

Special Photo

"Surrogates" is a cinematic masterpiece. Mixing sci-fi and suspense, this movie has a great plot, great acting, and superb twists and moral standpoints. It's a worthwhile movie for everyone to see.

Showtimes (Carmike): 9/29-10/1 @ 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

Make sure to get a more detailed review of 'Surrogates' at gadaily.com

'Keep Friendship Alive' speech gives GSU students an outlook on alcohol and drugs

By Alli Brenner

Guest writer

Georgia Southern's First Year Experience is hosting an educational and in-depth presentation about an issue that is present in many college students' lives.

"Keep Friendship Alive" provides a detailed look at the problems underage and excessive drinking can cause, told by someone who has seen the effects first hand.

Erica Upshaw, a motivational speaker, consumed drugs and alcohol in college alongside her brother until that lifestyle claimed his life.

According to www.campuspeak.com, Joey, Upshaw's brother, was two years older than his sister.

After he graduated from high school, he attended a university and joined a fraternity there. Soon after, Upshaw chose to go to the same school and become a part of the same social scene where she began heavily partying. It was during this time

that Joey overdosed on a lethal cocktail of the drug GHB and alcohol. These life experiences, along with her personal tragedy, are key points in her message to students.

"We felt her story was one our students could relate to because she's a recent college grad," said Joy Hamm, the assistant dean and director of Greek Life.

This free seminar, which is being held on Sept. 29 at the Nesmith Lane Continuing Education Center at 7 p.m. and again on Sept. 30th at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., was so that students may receive alcohol education.

"First Year Experience asked us to have an alcohol component to their success series in the past, and this year they approached us again," Hamm said.

These on-campus presentations are not solely to raise students' awareness of pertinent problems they may come across in college. "We bring programming to help students consider obstacles that can often be stumbling blocks for their first

year," said First Year Experience Director Chris Caplinger.

A crucial part of educating students through these productions is making sure the GSU student body knows about them in the first place. The school accomplishes this by incorporating these lectures into the mandatory first year course. Some professors make it required for their students to attend in order to make them more comfortable in the college setting. "We want to help integrate them into the college life," Caplinger said.

"We want students to be more aware of the dangers, misuse and abuse of alcohol. We will have a list of resources available, and hopefully they will know when it's necessary to intervene if they know someone with problems," said Hamm.

For any students who want to learn more about the program or Erica Upshaw, www.keepfriendshipalive.com has information available, as does www.campuspeak.com, which has a direct link to the "Keep Friendship Alive" presentation.



Special photo

'Last Comic Standing' performer comes to GSU

By Derek Joyce

Guest writer

Eagle Entertainment, who brought students "The Whitest Kids U' Know" and Roy Wood Jr., is now presenting you with the "Stand Up Comic for People Who Don't Like Stand Up Comedy": Dan Cummins.

Raised in Riggins, Idaho, Dan Cummins was not always a comedian.

Despite his psychology degree, he worked as a trainer at a gym until his soon-to-be wife convinced him to try stand-up, believing that if he was going to have a low-paying job, he should at least do something he would enjoy.

In 2005, he got his first big break on the "New Faces" show at the Montreal Comedy Festival. This was quickly followed by appearances

on HBO, "The Late, Late Show with Craig Ferguson," and on Comedy Central's "Live at Gotham."

In 2007, Comedy Central filmed his "Comedy Central Presents" special, which debuted in January 2008.

This special was voted the third best half-hour special in Comedy Central history for the Stand-up Showdown in 2009. Also in 2009, Cummins released his first CD, "Revenge is Near."

In 2010, Comedy Central will debut his first hour-long special.

According to Eagle Entertainment Student President Paul Tenzel, "if [Comedy Central] thinks that somebody is gonna be making it big, they will do the 'Comedy Central Presents' special on them and then they will usually give them an hour-long special after that, if it goes really well."

Cummins has a very unique comedic style. While he, like most comics, essentially speaks about the silly, absurd stuff that goes on in his brain, Cummins has an above average level of unusual.

According to Tenzel, Cummins tells his stories "in such a way that [what he will say next] is always a surprise."

Some of his topics from the Comedy Central Presents special include his Squirellador, his job as a ventriloquist mime, an army of the homeless and pretending to be abused by his dad in public.

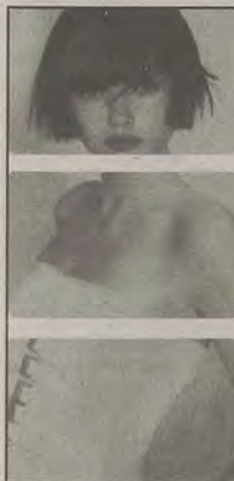
However, it has been two years since his special, so he probably has a lot of new material to keep us laughing.

Cummins' performance will mark the end of Eagle Entertainment's comedy series.



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Cummins will be performing for free at the Russell Union Ballroom tomorrow at 7 p.m. Make sure to get there early as seating is on a first come, first serve basis.



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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- 5 Partner of alas
- 10 "City of Seven Hills"
- 14 Sitcom named for its country star
- 15 Supple
- 16 French state
- 17 Cupid
- 18 Hope of one placing a personal ad?
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- 22 "Carmen," e.g.
- 23 Quite large
- 24 In a while
- 26 Peruvian worshiper?
- 30 "... the two shall be ___": "Wedding Song" lyrics
- 31 "Sweet Caroline" singer Diamond
- 32 Crazy of comics
- 35 Delighted
- 36 Former Alaska Territory capital
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- 45 One you won't find in a foxhole?
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- 57 Insolvent S&L company
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- 62 Hotel conveniences
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By Jack McInturff

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News from the Nest: GSU Volleyball falls to Furman

By GSU News Service

Sophomore outside hitter Bethany Sanford posted her fourth consecutive double-double of the season, but was unable to carry the Georgia Southern volleyball past Southern Conference foe Furman Saturday afternoon. The Eagles dropped to 10-6 overall on the season and 1-1 in conference action as they fell in a four set battle to the Paladins, who improved to 8-3, 1-0 with the win.

Hitting only .124 for the match, the Eagles struggled offensively, recording 49 kills in 170 attempts. The Eagles had four players reach double-figures in digs, led by Sanford with 18, who also recorded 13 kills to post a double-double. Senior Cristin Haines trailed Sanford in digs by just one, with 17. Freshman Kate Van Dyke had 43 assists, but 12 blocks by the Paladins hampered the Eagles.

Freshman Kirby Monson witnessed her first double-digit kill performance of her inaugural season as an Eagle. The Houston native contributed

10, while Parker Small added 11 and Sanford led the team with 13.

The Paladins took the first set, 25-22. The teams traded points in the opening stanza that saw 13 ties and three lead changes. To close the set, at 21-all, Furman put together a 4-1 run to take the early match lead. The Paladins managed to hold the Eagles to a mere .056 attack attempt from the floor to secure the opening set.

GSU kept the second set close, trailing by two before tying the match at 8-all. At 14-11, a 4-0 run gave the Paladins the separation they needed as they pulled away with an 18-11 lead. The Eagles closed to three at 20-17. However, three Paladins kills coupled with a pair of Eagle attack errors sealed the second set for Furman at 25-18.

After intermission, the Eagles responded to a two-set lead by the Paladins, grabbing a heated third set, 26-24. Seven lead changes and 17 ties ensued in the third stanza as the conference foes tossed the lead back-and-forth to a 22-all standstill.

The lead switched twice before both teams stood at 24 apiece. Sanford's third kill of the set forced a Furman timeout seconds before Small finalized the third set for GSU with her fifth kill of the stanza.

Service errors plagued the Eagles in the final set that saw half the service errors by the Eagles in the match. A pair of Monson kills gave GSU a 6-3 advantage and a Small kill would give the Eagles a three-point lead at 10-7. But the Paladins posted a 3-0 run that tied the match at 10-all. The teams kept the set to within two points until Furman took a 3-point lead at 21-18. Following Monson's sixth kill of the set, the Eagles' fourth service error gave the Paladins a 22-19 margin. GSU's final kill of the set would come as Monson's seventh in the set as Furman closed the match on a Natalie Braun kill and Eagle error. The Paladins secured the conference match with a 25-22 fourth set.

Furman's .206 hitting percentage was helped by Alexis Shaffer's 15 kills. Stephanie Smith led the Paladins with 22 digs and Kelsey Salava recorded

51 assists.

GSU returns to action on Saturday, Oct. 3 as they close out this three-match road trip with a visit to Chattanooga. Match time against the Lady Mocs is scheduled for 2:00.

Upcoming Games

Sat., Oct 3rd - @ Chattanooga

Tues., Oct 6th - vs. N. Florida

Fri., Oct. 9th - vs. The Citadel

Sat., Oct. 10th - vs. Co. of Charl.

Tues., Oct. 13th - vs. Davidson

Sat., Oct. 17th - @ Elon

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Coaching Profiles: A look at the GSU Coordinators



SPECIAL PHOTO

Eagles offensive coordinator Rance Gillespie has been with the GSU coaching staff for almost three years.

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Offensive Coordinator

'My history with coaching defense is the best... When we put in great effort, we always have a chance to be great.'

Ashley Anders
Defensive Coordinator



SPECIAL PHOTO

Eagles defensive coordinator Ashley Anders also enters his third year with GSU, he also coaches linebackers.

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Going under the headset of the GSU coordinators Rance Gillespie and Ashley Anders

By Derek Hardge, Jr.
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Although Coach Chris Hatcher is the man in charge, what do we really know about the coaches who call most of the plays?

Rance Gillespie returned for his third year under Hatcher's program as the offensive coordinator for the Georgia Southern Eagles.

In 1991 in Clayton, Ga, Gillespie started his coaching career at Banks County High School. From there, he traveled around Georgia to coach different teams, ranging from middle school to college.

Now in his 18th year of coaching, Gillespie has collected awards that detail his coaching technique as a successful one.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution named Gillespie "Coach of the Year" two years running (2005-06). Gillespie also received

coaching accolades from the Macon Touchdown Club and Atlanta Touchdown Club (Class AAA) after he won his first state title.

Gillespie was named Region 4-AAA "Coach of the Year." In 2004, he was named Region "Coach of the Year," as well as "Athletics Director of the Year."

"I have a strong passion for the game," said Gillespie. "There is no other game like football. I love every aspect of the game and enjoy being around football games."

For Gillespie and the Eagles, 2008 marked an outstanding year as the Eagles ranked 20th nationally in offense, and their passing game was number one in the SoCon.

With Gillespie also overseeing the special teams punt return, the Eagles' Raja Andrews placed 12th nationally in 2008, averaging 14 yards per carry.

"We have a good football team," said

Gillespie. "We have to work on consistency and momentum as far as the entire season is concerned. Other than play-calling and getting these kids prepared for Saturdays, consistency and momentum is important."

Gillespie also oversees the running back position.

On the other side, GSU defensive coordinator Ashley Anders enters his 13th season coaching football and his third year on Hatcher's staff.

In Hampton, Ark., Anders started coaching high school football at Star City High School, where he would become a graduate assistant at Auburn University.

Anders then became defensive coach/linebacker coach at Holmes Community College, and made one more stop at Valdosta State, before he became the defensive coordinator for the Eagles.

Two players who received honors and awards under Anders include Chris Convington and Dakota Walker. Under Anders' defensive coaching methods, Convington received the defensive player of the year award in 2008 while Walker tied 12th nationally for most sacks in a single season. He also led the SoCon in sacks during the 2008 season.

Anders' defense is also noted for holding conference rival Furman to 10 points in last year's final game - the fewest points allowed by any defense since 2005 (the score was 17-10).

"My history with coaching defense is the best," said Anders. "We have to win one game a week and take this season one game at a time. When we put in great effort, we always have a chance to be great."

Anders is also in charge of overseeing the linebacker position.