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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS

A Decade of Progress

The tenure of President Bruce Grube saw the development and revitalization of both the physical campus and also the programs offered here. Below is a list of achievements during his term.

By Robert Greene/Staff Writer

Feb. 3, 1999: Bruce Grube, then president of St. Cloud University, while visiting during the presidential search says that he "wants GSU to excel by becoming a more student-oriented university."

March 11, 1999: Grube is named the 11th president of Georgia Southern.

Dec. 1999: The Eagles football team welcomes Grube to the rich tradition of sports at GSU with a fifth national championship won against Youngtown State, 59-24.

Jan. 31, 2000: In the pages of The George-Anne, Grube predicts that GSU will win another national championship in football. The Eagles oblige the new president by defeating Montana 27-25 in December.

April 2, 2000: Grube is officially inaugurated as president in a ceremony almost a year after taking office.

2000: College of Information Technology founded. IT Building opens two years later.

Jan. 22, 2002: The Performing Arts Center opens. Among those in attendance are Georgia Governor Roy Barnes.

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President Bruce Grube steps down after 10 years at helm of Georgia Southern

A final farewell to Grubes



Charles Minshew/STAFF

Georgia Southern President Bruce Grube and his wife, Kathryn, react to the unveiling of a plaque naming the Learning Commons at the Zach S. Henderson Library in their honor.

University honors couple at reception Tuesday afternoon

By Charles Minshew
Editor-In-Chief

Outgoing President Bruce Grube and his wife Kathryn were honored at a reception in the Center for Art and Theatre Tuesday.

Both became very emotional when it was announced that the Learning Commons at the Zach S. Henderson Library would be named in their honor.

"In appreciation for [their] steadfast belief that the university has an obligation to provide our students with the best, most up-to-date technology that will help them succeed and learn, this area is now being named 'The Bruce and Kathryn Grube Learning Commons,'" said acting Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Gary Means.

Visibly emotional, Bruce Grube said, "Overwhelmed would be an understatement right now. It really would be. Thank you all so very, very much."

The circular area near the Chemistry/Nursing Building and the College of Education will also be named for the couple, becoming a park that will receive new landscaping.

Means not only spoke about Bruce Grube's achievements over the past 10 years, but also the role that Kathryn Grube has played in GSU's growth.

"She, in her own right, leaves a legacy equally as great as Bruce's," Means said. "A legacy of goodwill and partnership between Georgia Southern, Statesboro, Bulloch County and the larger region."

President Grube thanked everyone who has worked with him during his past 10 years and said that the couple realized that GSU was "where we needed to be."

In closing, Grube said, "We'll never leave Georgia Southern because Georgia Southern will always be with us."

NEWS

President Grube reflects on his presidency and legacy at GSU.

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Three-Day Forecast



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Partly Cloudy
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HOLA

Local stores offer textbook buybacks

By Kelsey Sorrell

Staff writer

Textbook buyback week begins next week during finals week.

Most students begin collecting their books upon the last day of class and begin to find the best location to sell their books and receive the most money.

Junior Andrew Mosley looks forward to his visit to Gray's Bookstore each semester.

"I usually sell my books back to Gray's because it's next to Subway and I'm often hungry, so it's very convenient," he said.

Many stores in the Statesboro area buy the books back at a half-new price, including the University Bookstore, Grays and Textbook Brokers, all conveniently located on or near campus.

Unlike other stores, however, Textbook Brokers informs their customers on the location that gives the most money for certain textbooks.

"We sell our books back for half-new price like most of the other stores until we have filled our quota," said Jereme Turner, the store manager of Textbook Brokers. "After we fill our quota though, we still buy back the books. We just give an offer on the book the student wants to sell back and let them know which store gives the most money, then we let them decide."

One issue many students struggle with is the dreaded situation in which a book cannot be sold back, causing the student to lose even more money.

"We take back any book with a value," said Turner. "Some stores won't take back books that were used in the fall [but] won't be used in the spring, but we do. We buy back 90 percent of the books, and the other 5 percent that we don't, we make tables out of them. If we don't take back a book, we inform students on as much knowledge as we know and tell them why we're not taking it back."

Textbook Brokers also allows students to

sell back unused access cards that come with textbooks such as Mathlab.

"Next week, the guy on the corner will be there taking books back. He doesn't give the most money for books that are being used at GSU next term, he offers the value of the book nationwide. So we will be there in a tent next to him paying half-new price over there so that students have a choice and don't have to wait in line at our normal location. We have two sites for students to sell back books [at Textbook Brokers] this year," said Turner.

According to Turner, Textbook Brokers is a competitive business and therefore does not give out their prices for buying or selling books, but "we can guarantee that if a student finds a cheaper book in the first 48 hours when buying a book, that we will match that price," he said. "Also, [for selling books] after we make our offer, we will educate students on the best place to sell books back to."

Sophomore Amanda Ervin generally buys her books online or preordered at the University Store, but mainly sells her books back to the University Store due to its convenient location.

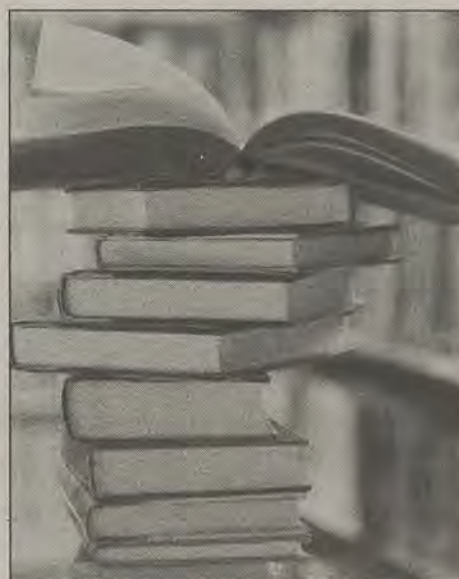
"I want to get money, and [The University Store] is the closest," she said. "I never heard of Textbook Brokers, but now that I know what they do, I will probably go there from now on to buy and sell my books back."

The University Store, like many other bookstores, buys textbooks from students at a half-new price.

For example, a macroeconomics book, for ECON 2105, a common core class that students are required to take, is sold new for \$93.35 and bought back for \$46.50.

Gray's Bookstore also buys back textbooks from students at a half-new price with differing prices.

The macroeconomics book at this location is sold new for \$91.70 or used for \$68.80 dollars and bought back for \$47.



Special photo

Local vendors around town are currently accepting book buybacks.

"I always buy and sell back my books at the University Bookstore," said sophomore Joseph Bakos. "I didn't know who else to sell them back to, and I always thought you had to sell them back to the place where you bought them from."

Now that Bakos knows the comparative prices he said it's awesome to have more options.

"I will probably start selling back my books to Gray's but buy my textbooks at Textbook Brokers," he said.

There are other sources for students to sell back their books this year. Amazon, eBay and textbookology.com all allow sellers to set up an account and sell their textbooks at the price the seller chooses.

However, students selling their books on any of these online locations run the risk of not selling the textbooks at all, whereas any of these Statesboro locations will immediately buy a book back with cash from the student as long as it holds value to Georgia Southern.

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The George-Anne
Thursday, December 3, 2009

Our view: With a new year comes new things

It is almost the end of the fall semester, meaning upon students' return it will be spring 2010. For some, this means graduating and leaving their home of four years. For others, it's simply beginning a new year.

For those of us who will be staying at Georgia Southern for the spring semester, 2010 will be a year of big changes.

Bruce Grube, GSU's president of 10 years, will be leaving at the end of this semester, so 2010 will be the beginning of service from a new president, Brooks Keel, who will hopefully be bringing new and great things to GSU.

While Grube will be missed, it is exciting to see the college going into new hands. Hopefully Keel will keep in with some of GSU's old traditions, as

well as create new ones that makes him a good addition to the GSU campus.

Also new this year will be the head football coach, Jeff Monken. While those graduating this spring will not fully get to see the things Monken will bring to the table, the rest of the campus is hoping to see Monken carry on the traditions of Erk Russell and lead our Eagles to a winning season in fall 2010.

As GSU braces itself to face these and other new changes, there is something exciting to be seen in the horizon. GSU still has so much growing to do, and hopefully with some of the changes the campus will face in the next few months, GSU can continue to grow and meet the enormous amount on potential the university has.

Get prepared as finals approach



Brandilyn N. Brown is a senior music major from Kingsland, Ga. She is the photo editor for The George-Anne.

I have been a student here at Georgia Southern for five years now. Stressing about "making the grade"? Here are a few helpful hints to end the fall semester on a high note.

1. All-nighters are no bueno. Studies actually show that a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast make for better test scores.

Actually, we have been

hearing that advice since those ITBS tests in elementary. Coffee, Aderol and/or any other creative means that you can think of to keep you awake are not the answer to good grades on a final.

2. Start studying... NOW, Patrick Novotny tells his classes from the beginning, "Study your notes 15 minutes a day." Instead of taking a photo snapshot of information the night before or even the hour leading up to the final, which may not come back to you when pencils are tapping and the clock is ticking, study a little bit every day and you will know your stuff. Place your notes in the form of questions, true/false statements and even fill in the blanks- leaving out the important things, of course. Flash cards are also helpful, especially with terms and words that you may be asked to define.

3. Find out if your final is cumulative or just over the last part of notes from class. Trust me from experience, this is very important to know before

the final. On the one hand, you could over-study and not focus enough on what you need to for the actual final. On the other, you could not study enough and miss more than one question that you forgot about from the beginning of the semester. If the professor has given out study guides over the semester, look over those for cumulative questions. Nine times out of 10 you will be surprised to see the same question reappear on the final, just in slightly different wording, or if you're lucky, they may take it straight from your notes.

4. Take a break. "Club Henderson" becomes a hot spot for 24-hour studying and has always been packed during finals week and the weekend prior at least since I have been here. Studying the same subject for too long will bore you and cause your mind to hurt. Try not to spend more than 30 minutes straight on a subject at a time. In between studying for each final, get up and walk around for 3 - 5 minutes to stretch out your body. Remember to eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Sometimes as students we get too engrossed in what we are studying and forget that time is still moving, even though we may be sitting. Walk away for a while if you have to. Sweetheart Circle is a great place to take a blanket and just relax. Exercise can also be a good way to take a break from studying and give you more energy.

5. Make sure you know if you need a scantron and what kind or if you need a blue book and what size. Have at least two pencils because you never know when one may break or not have lead and a black pen or two for writing. Not all professors or other students in your class bring extras to finals, so make sure you are prepared.

Letter to the Editor:

An Open Letter to the Georgia Southern Community

At this time of giving thanks, the Georgia Southern Chapter of the American Association of University Professors would like to say that we are grateful that we still have jobs. Moreover, we are grateful that the furloughs we had to shoulder this year saved jobs and possibly saved families in our community. However, there is one thing for which we are not grateful: the way our institution handled the implementation of the furloughs without any consultation with faculty and staff — the groups who were affected the most.

During this month of holiday giving, GSU faculty took a 17.9 percent smaller paycheck home, which meant there was 17.9 percent less money to pay a mortgage, buy groceries, or make a car payment. According to data published online, over 50 percent of assistant professors at GSU make less than \$60,000 a year. For a professor earning \$50,000, the 17.9 percent pay cut adds up to \$769.23, more than double an average monthly car loan payment, and not enough to cover the mortgage-sized student loans we had to take out in order to become eligible to be professors. For the 20 percent of all faculty who are temporary, the average salary is closer to \$30,000, making the pay cut even more severe for those individuals and their families.

For those families in which all income earners work at GSU, the pay cut is exorbitant. There are many here who depend on GSU not just for their income but to educate their college-aged children as well. Increased student fees combined with the three-day pay cut will make this holiday season a grim one, indeed, for these families.

The members of AAUP recognize that the furloughs were not an institutional decision. Rather, they were mandated by the state. But, without so much as a meeting with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, President Grube issued a furlough policy that lumped all three of this semester's required days in the month of November. The administrators at Georgia State,

Kennesaw State and the University of Georgia (just to name a few) distributed the furlough days throughout the term. Some of the universities even allowed employees to choose a few of the furlough days and thus to choose when to bear the brunt of the pay cut.

When you're making \$30,000-50,000 a year, as so many faculty do here at GSU, being forced to take all of the furlough days in one month, right before the holidays, is a difficult burden to bear. This burden resulted from the lack of shared governance at our institution and the failure to consult with the very people affected most by the furlough.

The furloughs took three working days away from faculty at the end of the term, the busiest time of the semester. This resulted in three eight-hour days during which faculty were forced not to grade students' work or correspond with students or prepare lectures and lesson plans. The furlough policy took time away from our students whose education is the mission of GSU.

Since faculty at GSU are on a 10-month contract and administrators are on a 12-month contract, faculty are being hit with a 34 percent greater rate of pay cut than administrators. But at Georgia State, President Becker asked upper-level administrators to take an additional four days over what faculty were required to take in an effort to make the pay cuts more equitable. He justified this by saying, "The budget cuts are leading to sacrifices.... [I]t's important that the leaders demonstrate that by stepping forward and taking their fair share."

The faculty at Georgia Southern are more than willing to do their fair share during these difficult economic times. We understand that everyone is suffering the burden of the budget cuts. We simply wonder why we can't suffer equally, and why we had no voice in determining how the furloughs were implemented.

Sincerely,

The Georgia Southern University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors

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WEEKLY BUZZ

Today

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Lighting of Sweetheart Circle

Friday, December 4th

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM Eagle Cinema Movie Series: Inglorious Basterds

Monday, December 7th

6:00 PM - 9:05 PM Finals Feast, Russell Union Ballroom

Tuesday, December 8th

Final Exams

Wednesday, December 9th

Final Exams

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Don't Stress It, Russell Union 2047, 2044, 2041

Thursday, December 10th

Final Exams

7 PM Senior Lantern Walk

Friday, December 11th

12:00 AM - 12:00 AM Commencement, Hanner Fieldhouse

Upcoming Events

HONDURAS...Alternative Spring Break Trip

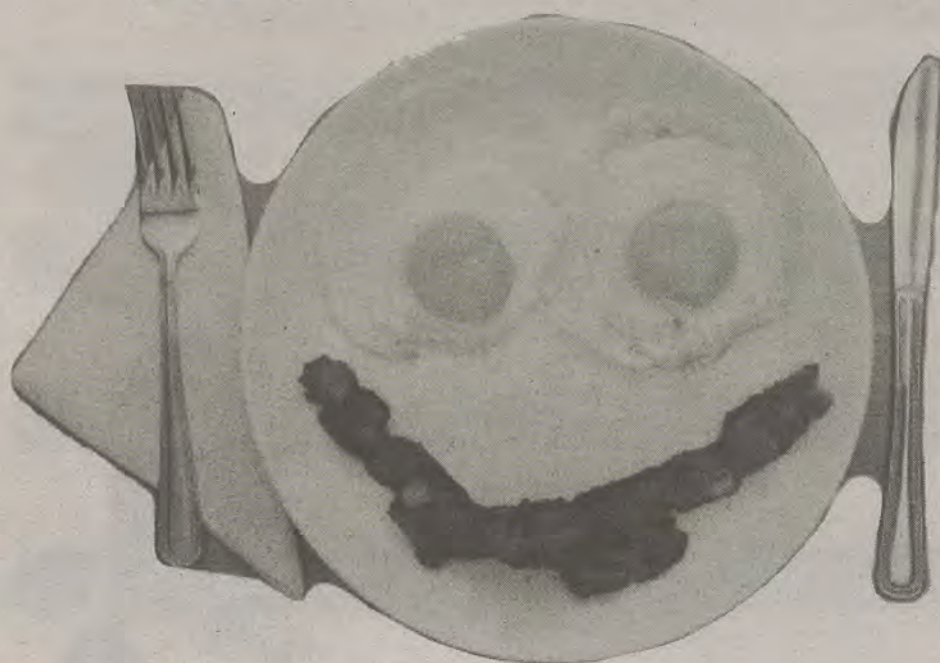
The Office of Student Leadership & Civic Engagement will be offering an Alternative Spring Break to Honduras! If you would like to spend your spring break working with kids in orphanages, helping construct homes for low-income, and spread the word about how great GSU is, please apply for the ASB 2010 trip to Honduras! Applications are available in Student Leadership & Civic Engagement (RU 2024) and will be due on Wednesday, January 13th.

Trip cost will be \$500 (includes lodging and transportation, but not food). Passports are required if you are accepted.



Eagle Entertainment destresses finals week with food

Finals feast provides different atmosphere for last minute cramming sessions



By Jessica Teal

Guest writer

This final exam season, check out the Finals Feast hosted by Eagle Entertainment, Dec. 7 in the Russell Union Ballroom from

6-9 p.m.

This is a chance for students to take a break from studying. The final feast is an annual event that has been going on for over 20 years.

The feast is always "breakfast for dinner"

and includes eggs, bacon, sausage and, this year, an omelet bar.

There will also be assorted juices and coffee for the late-night studying students.

"This event is a great way to enhance the relationship between the faculty and staff with the students of GSU," said James Kicklighter, public relations coordinator for Eagle Entertainment. "This event is not only for the students who live on campus but off campus as well."

"This year, the event is especially catered to the stressed out students by having six professional massage therapists giving out free 10-minute massages to all who attend the event," he said.

The Academic Success Center will also have a booth set up to give out helpful study tips and tutoring schedules, and the Wellness Center will pass on ways to deal with the stress brought on by final exams.

For the students just looking for something fun to do, decorating ginger-bread men will be available, as with various board games.

Gus, the Georgia Southern's mascot will

be there, dressed as Santa Claus to take pictures.

There will also be a canned food drive going on to aid the local food bank for this holiday season.

Kacie Whigham said, "I can't wait to see the turn out. It's going to be a lot of fun with nutritious food, study tips and games."

Activities Coordinator Sriravong Sriratanakoul said "Even if you are not stressed by finals, there is something for everyone, so everyone should try to stop by."

If there are any questions concerning this event or Eagle Entertainment, go online to www.eagleentertainmentonline.com, or check out the Eagle Entertainment group via Facebook.

Good luck!
See you next
spring!

New organization encourages political involvement

By Mallory McLendon

Assistant news editor

Oxfam, a new on-campus organization, was in the Russell Union on Tuesday holding its Oxfam Call In Day. Students were to call Senator Saxby Chambliss office and ask him to support the Energy Security Through Transparency Act.

"These extracting companies for oil are coming to developing countries," said Crystal Hardy, a campus organizer working with Oxfam. "They are paying the government money, but the government is so corrupt, it's not paying its people. There are people starving and don't have places to live. There's lots of pollution and no education."

The bill will make all the companies registered throughout the United States be more transparent about their payments. This way, the people working for the companies in the

area will have the right to know that their governments are held more accountable for the money.

This is building a framework where the companies publish what they pay and the governments publish what they receive.

"This way the people can get money transferred in for food, educations and things like that," said Hardy.

Students made a phone call to Washington D.C. and asked Chambliss to support the bill. The students then received their cupcake and a cup of Kool-Aid.

"I think it's a great cause," said Racheal Claxton, who gave Chambliss a call, "and it felt pretty good to try and help out with a cause like this. That, and I get a cupcake before it's over."

'The Right to Know, The Right to Decide' pledge cards were also available for students to sign and address to Chambliss. Students wrote their name and Georgia Southern address and

wrote anything they felt if they're passionate about the subject.

Oxfam plans to continue to the end of the semester doing more things with legislation campaigns and getting students involved with international and worldwide projects.

"Next semester we will probably be doing more service kind of work and, hopefully, bringing in speakers," said Allison Beasley, founder of Oxfam at GSU.

"We want to help people more in the community too," said Hardy. "We're an on-campus organization, and we want to do more things with the students."

The Oxfam organization on campus will begin work to support the Relay for Life and a new soup kitchen that is opening in Statesboro to help them become a nonprofit organization.

If you would like to join the Oxfam cause, visit them on Facebook at Oxfam at Georgia Southern.



Special photo

Students made phone calls to Senator Chambliss in exchange for a free cupcake.

Planetarium hosts event after equipment malfunction

By Martine Howell

Guest writer

Georgia Southern's Planetarium will host its annual Christmas Public Evening this Saturday, Dec. 5, featuring new shows using full dome, digital technology.

Phil Groce of Audio Video Imaging/Konica Minolta Planetarium has offered to return to GSU in order to demonstrate to the public the highest resolution, single projector, digital planetarium in existence.

Groce visited GSU during last month's public evening, but because of a software glitch, the public was unable to experience his shows.

According to Becky Louder, assistant planetarium director, Groce called the GSU planetarium immediately after repairing the software and offered to return for another public demonstration.

"I'm so excited for Phil to return," said Louder. "I can't wait for the public to

be able to experience this technology."

The Konica Minolta Super Mediaglobe-II has five times the pixel density of the current HD 1080p format.

Using this new digital technology, Groce will immerse the audience in full dome imagery by projecting giant-screen, real-time computer simulations and pre-rendered digital movies that surround the audience.

The evening's program consists of a brief tour of the winter night sky along with a simulation of the upcoming close approach of the Mars and the Geminid meteor showers Dec. 13-14.

The show will conclude with a special showing of "STARS," the inaugural program at Nashville's new Sudekum Planetarium, narrated by Mark Hamill better known as Luke Skywalker.

Those who attend may also request to see the shark tank simulation that immerses the audience a Pixar 3-D-like experience.



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POLICE BEAT

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

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

A case of simple battery was reported at the Russell Union.

A case of harassing phone calls was reported at Physical Plant.

A case of harassment was reported at the Lakeside Cafe.

A bicycle was taken from Southern Courtyard.

Two bicycles were taken from Centennial Place.

A set of keys were taken from a jacket at University Villas.

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Officers assisted 11 motorists, issued one traffic warning, issued 10 parking citations, towed five vehicles and responded to two vehicle accidents.

There were two reports of harassing phone calls.

A report was made for burglary from University Villas.

Three separate thefts were reported at the Recreation Activity Center.

Two suspicious persons were reported at the Zeta Tau Alpha house on Olympic Boulevard.

A bicycle was found on Knight Drive.

Jeffery Alexander Jackson, 18, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and obstruction of a law enforcement officer.

Wednesday, November 25, 2009

No incidents reported.

Thursday, November 26, 2009

No incidents reported.

Friday, November 27, 2009

Officers issued two traffic warnings and responded to one alarm.

Saturday, November 28, 2009

Officers issued five traffic warnings and assisted three motorists.

Sunday, November 29, 2009

Officers issued one traffic citation, issued four traffic warnings, assisted three motorists and assisted one injured person.

A bicycle was taken from Sanford Hall.

Christopher D. Richardson, 22, Highway 67, was charged with public drunkenness and affray (fighting).

Jason Mathias, 25, Forest Way, was charged with public drunkenness, affray and obstruction.

Monday, November 30, 2009

Officers issued one traffic citation, issued four traffic warnings and responded to two alarms.

A bicycle was taken from the Russell Union.

A digital camera, GPS system, pair of boots and \$15 were taken from a vehicle at Southern Pines.

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Officers issued one traffic warning, assisted five motorists, responded to two alarms and investigated one accident.

A purse was taken from a vehicle at Paulson Stadium.

GREAT WALL

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2005: The transit system, later named Southern Express, debuts.

2006: Grube announces that GSU has obtained Doctoral/Research status.

2007: Paulson Stadium, home of the Eagles football team, is renovated.

2007: An expansion to the Recreation Activities Center is completed

2008: Renovations to the Zach S. Henderson Library are completed, doubling the size of the facility.

2008: The Center for Art and Theatre opens to the public.

Nov. 24, 2008: Grube announces that he will step down effective June 30, 2009. He later decides to stay until Dec. 31, 2009.

July 30, 2009: The Grubes participate in their last watermelon cutting at Sweetheart Circle.

August 2009: Centennial Place opens, providing 1,000 beds for on-campus housing. The new residence hall replaces Olliff, Johnson and Winburn Halls.

Sept. 10, 2009: The former secretary of state, Condoleezza Rice, speaks to students, becoming the highest-ranking official brought to campus by the university in its 103-year history.

Dec 1, 2009: The Grubes are honored at a reception at the Center for Art and Theatre. The Bruce and Kathryn Grube Learning Commons at the Zach S. Henderson Library and a park at the Nursing/Chemistry and Education Buildings are named in their honor.

Dec. 31, 2009: Grube leaves office after 10 and a half years.

Grube reflects on presidency, legacy

'We would choose Georgia Southern again, only ... sooner'

By Charles Minshew

Editor-in-Chief

A large line of shelves on the wall of President Bruce Grube's office in the Marvin Pittman Building now sits empty, and a stack of boxes, packed and ready to be moved, sits in the corner. Both are signs that his 10-year career at Georgia Southern ends this month.

Grube leaves office on Dec. 31, but does plan to return to the classroom after a sabbatical, although the details have yet to be worked out. He said that there is an unusual feeling surrounding his departure.

"This is going to be the first time in my life since I was a little kid that I've not had a job and so, the question doesn't scare me, but it does amuse the heck out of me," Grube said.

Grube noted that he has always held a job, whether it was mowing lawns, working in a steel mill or being a professor, which he first did in the 1960s.

"At that point in time, I realized that choosing to become a professor was something I really thought I would enjoy because I couldn't believe somebody was going to pay me to read and write and talk about what I was interested in," Grube said. "Then more fabulous yet, people were going to ask me questions about it because they thought I knew a lot."

Grube said that being a university president is a very fast-paced job that presents its own unique challenges.

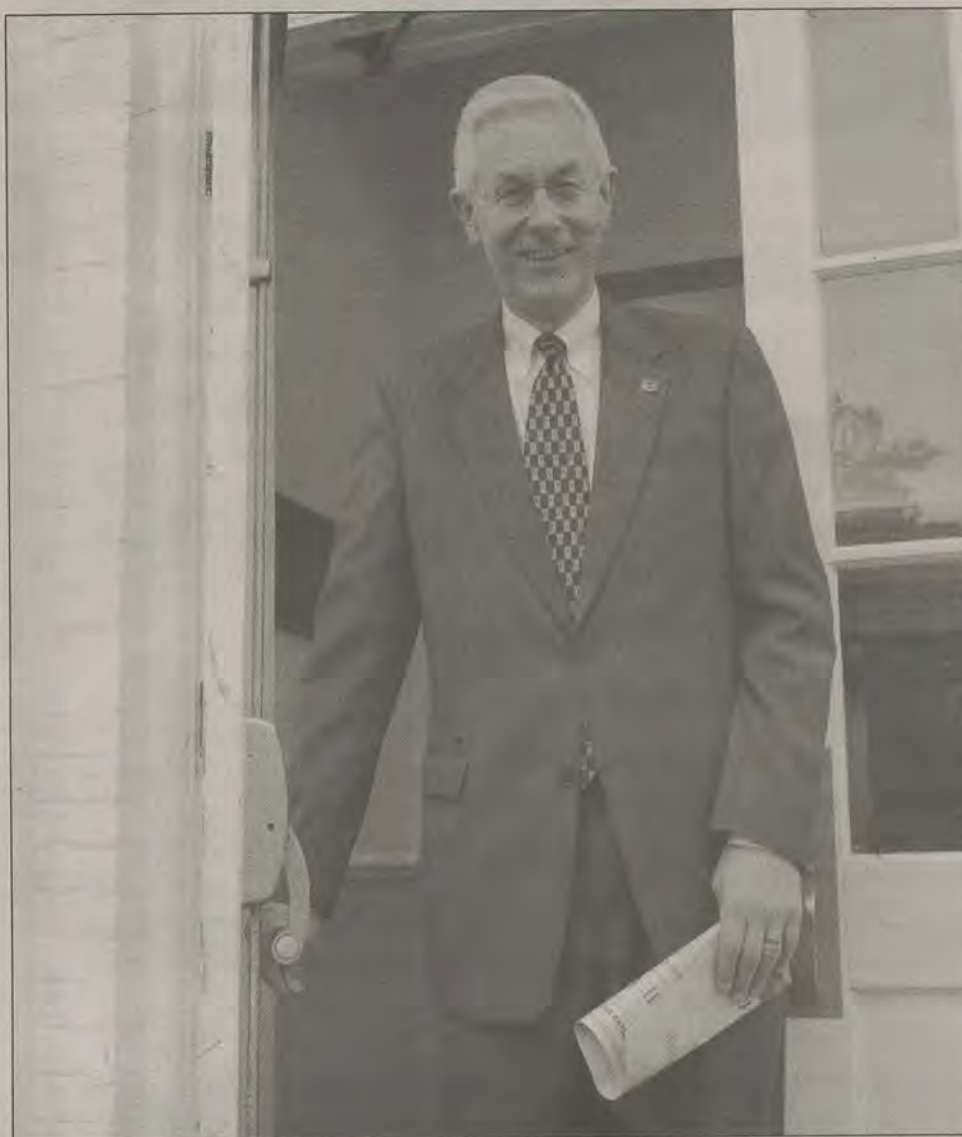
"Being a university president is life in the fast lane," Grube said. "You discover you're responsible for everything. So, if there's not enough toilet paper in the restrooms somewhere, you may get a letter of complaint. The basketball team doesn't win, people will have all kinds of suggestions. It goes on and on and on."

However, Grube said that he could not specifically pinpoint his "greatest accomplishment" because he said that teamwork among everyone in the university allows the accomplishments to occur.

"You're just about as good as the people you get around you, and I have been incredibly fortunate to have folks here working with me who have been first rate."

Grube said that he and his wife, Kathryn, plan to move back to Texas, where she grew up and where the couple lived for 10 years, after he steps down at the end of the year. He added that they have roots in Statesboro now.

"The longest Kathryn and I have ever lived in a single house has been in Statesboro," Grube said, "so, we've set down lots of roots. We didn't know it when we chose to come here, but in looking back on it, we could not have possibly chosen a better place to finish out a career than Georgia Southern because so much has happened during the time that I have been here."



File Photo

Bruce Grube walks out of the Marvin Pittman building during his first semester as president at GSU.

Grube said that in his 10 years, many goals have been accomplished, but that there is more work still needs to be done.

Grube said, "One thing about my job is that it is never done. Ever. When I leave, believe me, I could hand Dr. Keel a very lengthy list of things that still need to get done and he will construct his own list in addition."

Grube said that he has second guessed himself on decisions, citing a convocation where he recited a poem from an on-campus poet with a curse word in its text.

"I chose to read one of his poems during an opening convocations, and in one of his poems he uses the f-word," Grube said. "I just recited the poem, and I thought the place was going to go crazy. I had half the audience going 'Yes! Yes! Freedom of expression!' and support for the arts. The other group going 'Blasphemy. Blasphemy. Sin!' It was one of those things afterwards where Kathryn said, 'I'm going to

vet all of your speeches from now on."

He added that it was a "learning experience" for some and noted that a university is not a place to "reinforce your orthodoxy. Universities are there to ask questions."

Grube spoke in detail about his wife. The couple has been together for 32 years. He said that they are looking forward to retirement and being able to spend time together.

"Kathryn is literally the university's 100 percent, uncompensated volunteer," Grube said. "She is not only a life partner, but when the university brought me here, they got two for the price of one."

Grube said, "It's been wonderful. If we could choose where we would have liked to have spent the last 10 years of our life in higher education, I couldn't think of a better place. If we had to do it all over again, from day one, we would choose Georgia Southern again, only we would have gotten here sooner."

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When: All Day

What: Club Mud Exhibition and Sale.
Where: Ceramics Studio
When: 10 a.m.

What: Annual Lighting of Sweetheart Circle
Where: Sweetheart Circle
When: 4 p.m.

What: Graduation Recital
Where: Foy Building
When: 7:30 p.m.

What: John Berry Christmas Performance
Where: PAC
When: 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 4 (LAST DAY OF CLASSES)

What: Form & Content - 4th Annual Juried Undergraduate Exhibition
Where: Center for Art and Theatre
When: All Day

What: Symphonic Wind Ensemble & Wind Symphony
Where: PAC
When: 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5

What: Sacred and Profane
Where: Center for Art and Theatre
When: All Day

What: Discovering New Worlds
Where: Planetarium
When: 7 p.m.

What: Senior Recital
Where: Foy Building
When: 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 6

What: Sacred and Profane
Where: Center for Art and Theatre
When: All Day

What: Seasonal Celebration Concert
Where: Foy Building
When: 3 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 7

What: Final Exams
When: All Day

What: Sacred and Profane
Where: Center for Art and Theatre
When: All Day

Tuesday, Dec. 8

What: Final Exams
When: All Day

What: Sacred and Profane
Where: Center for Art and Theatre
When: All Day

Wednesday, Dec. 9

What: Final Exams
When: All Day

What: Sacred and Profane
Where: Center for Art and Theatre
When: All Day

What: Annual Tree Planting Ceremony
Where: Deal Hall
When: 3 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 10

What: Final Exams
When: All Day

What: Sacred and Profane
Where: Center for Art and Theatre
When: All Day

What: The Lantern Walk
Where: Russell Union
When: 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 11

What: Sacred and Profane
Where: Center for Art and Theatre
When: All Day

What: Commencement
Where: Hanner Fieldhouse
When: All Day


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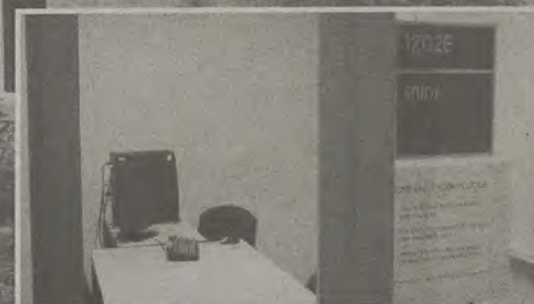
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The George-Anne
Thursday, December 3, 2009

Annual Lighting of Sweetheart Circle  Today at 4 p.m. at Sweetheart Circle

The 'Joys' of Academia

The time for finals is upon Georgia Southern students, and with everybody cracking down on their work, our staff delves into their favorite places to study...or cram.



Sarah Jane Goodwin: News Editor

"I like to study at Latte Da or in my room without any noise. But, if I'm really feeling studious...I climb a tree!"

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Abbey Lennon: Assignments editor

"[I look for] the deepest, darkest, most isolated corner as far away from people as I can. Typically I prefer a hard chair and a table to keep me awake. It's uncomfortable, but it keeps me focused. Being brilliant literally hurts sometimes!"

Keith Warburg: Executive editor

"I like to finish my work in my office [at the George-Anne]. I'm almost always in a working mind-set at my desk, and that transfers to home-work when I come in late to study."

Thom Cunningham: Sports editor

"I like being [in my living room] where I can focus and get all of my stuff done. It is a comfortable setting and I get more done when I'm comfortable."

Shannon Knepp: Managing editor

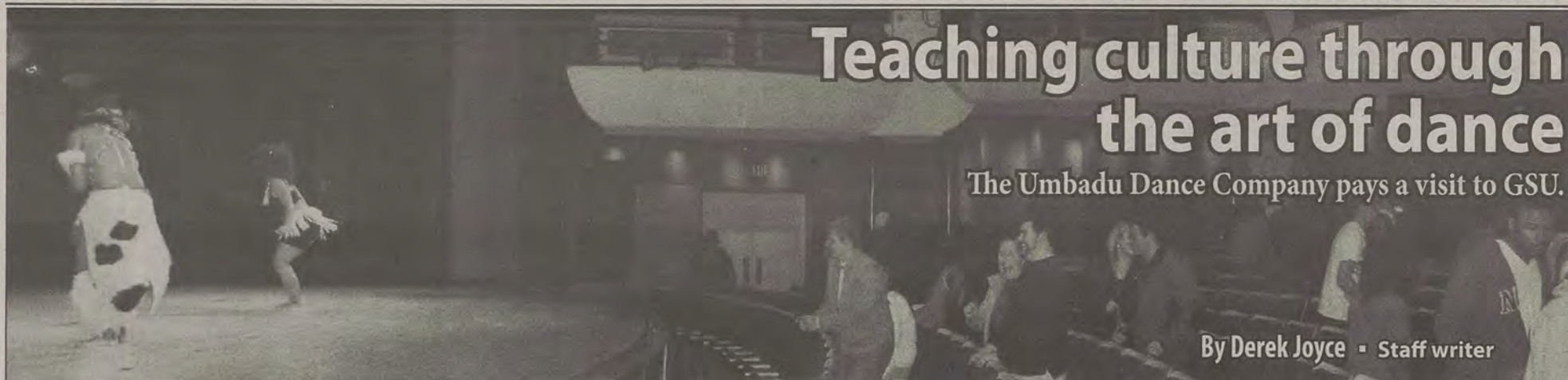
"If I'm studying, then my room. But, if I'm writing a big research paper, the library. I like being able to spread out, and I can't do that in my room."

Brandilyn Brown: Photos editor

"When it's not raining, I love to take a blanket and my notes to Sweetheart Circle and study. If it's raining, I study on the 4th floor of 'Club Henderson'."

Charles Minshew: Editor in chief

"When I have time to study, I normally find myself going directly to a secluded spot on the first floor [of the library]. It always takes me a few minutes to make my way through the maze of shelves just to find a desk."



Teaching culture through the art of dance

The Umbadu Dance Company pays a visit to GSU.

By Derek Joyce • Staff writer

On Tuesday, Dec. 1, the Umbadu Dance Company performed at the Performing Arts Center.

From beginning to end, the show was filled with energy. The group consisted of three male dancers, a female dancer and a drummer.

Throughout the show, the group members communicated with each other through the Zulu language and wore traditional outfits. This allowed for a truly authentic, traditional-feeling atmosphere for the performance.

Steps in the dance included stomping, jumping and high kicking. All of the dancers acted in unison, except for the female only routine, but the differences in styling were still apparent. The

subtle differences between the dancers made the performance seem more natural and free-spirited.

In between dances, the lead dancer and founder of the group, Johannes "Jomo" Xulu, taught some of the history of Africa and the Zulu tribe. He described some of the different situations for dancing and life for the Zulu people.

"To make sure people understand one thing that is missing in this universe, because we are the residents of the world. We are all one people," said Xulu. He also taught some syllables of the San language, which is famous for its use of "clicks."

Towards the end of the show, and the female dancer enacted the story of Shaku Guru, where the prince of the Zulu tribe who fell in love with Nandi,

a woman from a neighboring tribe which the Zulu were forbidden from wedding with.

"I'm not sure how many students are aware of the story of Shaku Guru, so the fact that he went over the story, I was impressed," said Consuela Ward, director of the Multicultural Student Center.

The highlight of the show was the audience participation. About halfway through the show, the group taught the audience some of the basic movements in Zulu dancing.

This brought up the energy in the entire audience and enforced the group's theme of unity of all people.

The audience was also encouraged to speak some of the San language. At the end of the show, the

audience was again asked to dance with the group.

"I loved it. It was really energetic and I want to go home dancing tonight," said Christina Brooks, a friend of Georgia Southern student Tasha Williams.

"Sometimes people forget that learning can be fun," said Ward.

Xulu, a Zulu who danced since he was 4 years old, began the group in 2000 after working with other dance groups around the world, including England.

The Umbadu Dance Company provided a fantastic, energetic show that left every audience member satisfied. "It was so culturally fused and interesting," said Janelle Clarke, a Judicial advocate and member of the Adrenaline Show Choir.

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Quick Hits

Men's basketball travels to Charleston to take on the College of Charleston. Tip off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Women's basketball returns home Saturday to face in-conference opponent Elon. Tip off is scheduled for 5 p.m.

Two of three Walter Payton Award finalists represent the SoCon. Representing are Appalachian State's Armanti Edwards and Elon's Terrell Hudgins.

Willie Powers was named Legends Classic MVP averaging 20.3 points per game and recording a career best 27 points against Valparaiso.

Guard Antonio Hanson received all-tournament team honors for his performance during the Legends Classic. Hanson scored double figure points in all three games.

Jared Collins was dropped from the men's basketball team and is appealing to the NCAA to re-gain playing status.

NEWS FROM THE NEST

Men's basketball prepares for SoCon play

By GSU News Service

The early part of "Season 2" for Georgia Southern Head Coach Charlton "C.Y." Young begins Thursday, Dec. 3, with the Eagles traveling to the College of Charleston for a 7 p.m. game. The Cougars have had almost a full week to prepare for GSU after a loss to ninth-ranked Tennessee last Friday. The Eagles played three straight days last weekend, going 2-1 in the Statesboro Sub-regional of the Legends Classic, and bring a two-game win streak into Southern Conference play. GSU plays at The Citadel Saturday at 3 p.m. for the second game of the early conference road swing before finals week.

"I tell our team that our season is really three seasons within the one. Non-conference games are 'season one,' conference games comprise 'season two' and the conference tournament is 'season three,'" said Young. "We have a little bit of crossover with our non-conference games and this road trip, but everything we have learned in our games so far is going to help us tremendously as we head

into conference play."

The Eagles lost both decisions to the College of Charleston last season, both by a 13-point margin: 87-100 in a Jan. 10 game at Charleston and 68-81 at Hanner Fieldhouse Feb. 19. Last season the Eagles were without the services of Willie Powers III in both games, as he went down with a knee injury in The Citadel game prior to the January meeting. The Cougars have a 22-17 lead in the series and have won the last four contests between the two schools.

Senior guard Antonio Hanson was the leading scorer for the Eagles in the Jan. 10 game with 25 points, but the Cougars shot 56 percent to put the game at a comfortable margin by halftime. In the February game at Hanner, Tyler Troupe had the Eagles' high with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Heading into conference play, four Eagles are averaging double figures in scoring with Powers (15.3), Hanson (14.4) and Rory Spencer (12.0) in the starting lineup with Ben Drayton III providing 10.7 points off the bench. Freshman forward Cameron Baskerville, who missed the last two

games with a muscle strain, averages 8 rebounds per game. Spencer is behind Baskerville with a 5.9 boards per game average.

In last weekend's three-game Legends Classic, Powers was named the tournament MVP of the Statesboro sub-regional and Hanson earned all-tournament team honors. Powers averaged 20.3 points per game in the three games at Hanner with a career-best 27 points against Valparaiso game. Powers hit the game-winning shot with two seconds left to give GSU the victory over Troy with a flawless game with six assists and no turnovers, contributing 16 points and grabbing seven rebounds. Hanson scored in double figures in all three games, extending his skein to six. He had 20 against the Crusaders and tied for the team lead with 18 against Arkansas-Fort Smith. In the finale versus Troy, Hanson had 14 points with four three-pointers, as well as three assists and two steals.

"This weekend showed us we have what it takes to finish close games," said Powers. "We just have to keep taking strides in putting a full 40 min-

utes of Georgia Southern basketball together. Last weekend helped our team in a lot of different situations."

GSU is the league-leader in scoring with 77.9 points per game and has a SoCon-best 16.0 assists per game. Individually, five Eagles, the most of any conference team, rank in the top 30 in scoring: Powers (T8th-15.3), Hanson (10th-14.4), Spencer (16th-12.0), Drayton (23rd-10.7) and Johnson (30th-9.9). Several GSU players are listed in the SoCon statistical rankings with top-five placements for Spencer (blocked shots 1st-2.7), Hanson (3-Pt FG Made 1st-3.9), Powers (assists 4th-4.7), Rucker (steals 2nd-2.6) and Drayton (A/T ratio 3rd-2.8).

The first set of NCAA statistical rankings was produced today with three Eagles holding spots in the top 50 of their respective categories. Hanson ranks seventh nationally with his 3.9 three-point field goals per game. Spencer is tied at 26th in blocked shots (2.7 per game) and Rucker is 41st in steals per game (2.6).

Four football players earn SoCon honors

By GSU News Service

A pair of Georgia Southern defensive linemen received All-Southern Conference honors, and four Eagles were named to the All-Freshman Team. The league office announced the postseason awards Tuesday, voted on by the head coaches.

Redshirt-freshman Brent Russell and senior Markeith Wylie earned Second Team All-SoCon honors. Russell, wide receivers Patrick Barker and Jamere Valentine and defensive back Darius Eubanks represented

the Eagles on the Freshman team. Georgia Southern's four selections were one shy of the league-lead.

Russell tied for 55th nationally in sacks and stands 84th in tackles for a loss. Starting in all 11 games, he is the second-highest ranked freshman in the country in sacks. Russell finished with 48 tackles, blocked three kicks, recorded an interception and forced a fumble.

Wyle, earning the first All-SoCon accolades of his career, started eight times while playing in all 11 games. He shared team-high honors with 11.0

TFL (with Russell) and recorded three sacks. He led the Eagles and ranked second in the league recovering three fumbles, in addition to his 30 tackles. He recorded his first collegiate points with a safety during the second half at North Carolina.

Eubanks finished second on the team making 58 tackles. He recorded four TFL, one sack, an interception and broke up two passes. He forced two fumbles and recovered one of them. Eubanks also played in all 11 games, making 10 starts at rover.

Valentine led the receiving corps

with 51 receptions (tied 64th nationally with 4.6 per game) totaling 487 yards and a team-leading four TD receptions. His 51 catches were the second-highest season total in program history, and Valentine finished as the nation's top-ranked freshman in receptions per game.

Barker moved into the starting line-up early in the season and stayed there, making seven starts while playing in all 11 games. He finished third on the team with 40 receptions totaling 255 yards and a touchdown.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Furman (1-6) @ Samford (6-1) - 6:30

VOLLEYBALL

C.ofC. (18-12) @ Florida (23-5) - 7:30

MEN'S BASKETBALL

GSU (3-4) @ C.ofC. (1-3) - 7:00

Furman (4-1) @ App. State (4-3) - 7:00

Davidson (1-5) @ The Citadel (5-3) - 7:00

Elon (2-5) @ Samford (1-5) - 8:30

FRIDAY (12/4)

WRESTLING

The Citadel @ Ohio - 9:00 a.m.

App. State @ Ohio - 11:00 a.m.

The Citadel @ Cleveland State - 11:30 a.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wofford (4-3) @ Michigan St. (8-2) - 7:00

SATURDAY (12/5)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Davidson (1-6) @ WCU (1-5) - 2:00

Elon (2-3) @ GSU (1-4) - 3:00

Wofford (1-5) @ Samford (6-1) - 5:00

Furman (1-6) @ UT-C (2-5) - 5:00

UNC-G (1-5) @ C.ofC. (4-2) - 6:00

MEN'S BASKETBALL

UNC-G (1-4) @ Samford (1-5) - 2:00

WCU (5-1) @ Furman (4-1) - 3:00

Davidson (1-5) @ C.ofC. (1-3) - 4:00

GSU (3-4) @ The Citadel (5-3) - 7:00

Elon (2-5) @ UT-C (4-3) - 7:30

MONDAY (12/7)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Elon (2-3) @ C.ofC. (4-2) - 7:00

App. State (2-3) @ Davidson (1-6) - 7:00

MEN'S BASKETBALL

App. State (1-5) @ Wofford (4-3) - 2:00

C.ofC. (1-3) @ UNC-G (1-4) - 7:00

The Citadel (5-3) @ Mich. St. (8-2) - 7:00

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Past mistakes outweigh good decisions, won't save Baker's job

COLUMN: SHOW ME THE MAUNEY

By Matt Mauney

Staff writer

All things, good or bad, eventually have to come to an end.

The Georgia Southern football season came to a disappointing one with the team's third losing record since resurrecting the program in 1981.

This year also saw the end of the Eagle coaching career of Chris Hatcher, who was informed after the Eagles' last game against The Citadel that his contract would not be renewed for the 2010 season.

Today will mark another end: a football column, my last one ever as a student journalist at GSU, so hopefully, unlike Eagle football, this one doesn't disappoint.

With ends, come new beginnings.

Sunday afternoon, GSU Athletic Director Sam Baker announced Jeff Monken as the new Eagle head coach.

Monken, who had been an assistant under Paul Johnson at GSU (1997-2001), Navy (2002-2007) and Georgia Tech (2008-2009), has held a variety of positions including his latest as a slot backs and special teams coordinator for the Yellow Jackets.

With Monken's experience running the triple option for more than a decade, he looks to be just the answer to the catastrophe that has become GSU football.

The Eagles haven't embraced their long tradition of running the football since 2005 when Mike Sewak was the head coach. That season marks the last time the Eagles made a post-season appearance and won more than seven games in a season (the Eagles were 8-3 in 2005 before blowing a 19-point lead to Texas State in the first round of the I-AA playoffs).

Monken will bring a refreshing change to a program that is in dire need for a change.

However, coaching a program that has a long tradition of winning brings heavy expectations.

Just ask Hatcher.

When Hatcher first came to GSU in early spring of 2007, expectations couldn't have been higher.

After experiencing the worst season in recent program history in 2006 and a one-year coaching campaign from current Atlanta Falcons defensive coordinator Brian Vangorder that Eagle fans would like to pretend never happened, Hatcher and his "Hatch Attack" offense were to be the saving grace for Eagle football.

What Eagle Nation got was another three years of disappointments.

Hatcher would finish his three years as head coach of the Eagles with a mediocre 18-15 record,



Special photos

Jeff Monken (left) was recently hired as the new head coach for Georgia Southern football after Chris Hatcher (right) was relieved of duties at the conclusion of the Eagles' regular season.

one that might be acceptable for an up-and-coming program like Samford or a program that has a vast losing history like Western Carolina, but at GSU, mediocrity just doesn't cut it.

The "Hatch Attack" offense, which saw the Eagles throw the ball a team record 1,022 times in three seasons, only accumulated for 6,162 yards in that span.

That's just 187 passing yards a game, which doesn't exactly scream "dynamic passing attack."

The 187-yard average is only 10 yards more than Vangorder's Eagles, who averaged 177 passing yards a game.

In Hatcher's three years, the Eagles got progressively worse in most offensive categories, posting corresponding seven, six and five win seasons from 2007-2009.

In 2009, the Eagles only managed to score 18.6 points per game, 13.2 points less than in 2008 (31.8 ppg) and 17.9 points less than in Hatcher's first season in 2007 when Jayson Foster led the Eagles to 36.5 points per game.

Now, once again, the Eagles clean house and start over again, seeing their fourth different head coach in the span of five seasons.

But if Eagle Nation thinks that this will be a quick fix they are dead wrong.

Since the dismissal of Sewak and his staff in 2005, the Eagles have been a primarily pass heavy team, and after two complete recruiting classes by Hatcher, the Eagles are currently in no shape to run a wishbone offense.

Lee Chapple is not Jayson Foster and never will be. Although Adam Urbano and Darreion Robinson are quality backs, it will take more than one season to make the current Eagles into an effective option team.

The other large problem will be building and finding a quality offensive line that can effectively run block. The Eagles lose 16 seniors this year, including two of their Eagles best O-linemen in Trey Dunmon and Cole Fountain.

It will take at least two to three years to bring in athletes to get back to where the Eagles used to be when they led the nation in rushing, posting 300-400 rushing yards a game.

Essentially what this has become is a quick fix, one that pleases the majority of GSU students, fans and alumni, but is only saving face for the current state of the program.

All things come to an end.

Eagle Nation has seen many departures in athletics in the past few years, not just in football, but in its men's basketball program as well. Earlier this year, Jeff Price resigned after 10 seasons as head coach of the Eagles, posting an 8-22 record in 2008-09 and having the team placed under NCAA investigation for an accused cheating scandal.

One factor that has stayed constant in this giant equation that is GSU athletics is the athletic director, Sam Baker.

While hiring Monken to replace Hatcher and bringing in GSU alum Charlton "C.Y." Young to take the place of Price were both good decisions, they both were decisions that were righting past wrongs under Baker's administration.

Sewak was wrongfully fired in 2005, after leading the Eagles to three post-season appearances in his four years with the program.

Bringing in Vangorder, a coach that had little head coaching experience and none at the Division-I level, along with little knowledge or respect for the long standing winning tradition of the GSU football program, was also a poor decision and led to the

Eagles worst showing in over two decades.

Bringing in Hatcher, a good-ol-boy coach with a country swagger that embraced the traditions of GSU, was a smart move on a public relations standpoint, but bringing in a coach that has an offensive philosophy drastically different than anything the team has ran in the past and not allowing the proper amount of years to establish this system was a poor decision.

To save face and please boosters, Baker hired Monken, a former assistant at GSU in a time where the Eagles were a feared, powerhouse team.

Monken helped lead the Eagles to their fifth and sixth national titles under Paul Johnson in 1999 and 2000, but the team that Monken will inherit now will not be filled with talented option players.

Monken was destined to get a head coaching job in the near future, but it can be safe to say that this decision was made not because of the coach, but because of the offense that the coach ran.

Although the football program at GSU is in the center of the universe of Eagle athletics, let us remember that an athletic director's job is not only to manage the football program but all of the NCAA sports at a college or university.

Looking at the rest of the Eagle Athletic programs, things don't look much better.

This year, for example saw the GSU men's and women's soccer teams post a combined 2-32-1 record in 2009 and a 1-16 showing in Southern Conference play.

As noted earlier, the 2008-09 men's basketball team posted an 8-22 campaign, their worst showing in more than a decade.

C.Y. hopes to send men's basketball back to the NCAA tournament for the first time since he did so in 1992 as a player.

The women's team hasn't made it to the big dance since 1994, despite their head coach, Rusty Cram, earning the most wins in program history.

Monken is a last resort for Baker to return Eagle football to supremacy. C.Y. hopes to clean up the mess that Jeff Price has left.

Whether or not these two men can return two of the biggest sports at GSU to their once high-profile winning ways, all they will do is glaze over a problem that the athletic program has had since 1996, when Baker took the job as A.D.

Baker has been on the hot seat for too long. Monken's and Young's successes or failures at GSU will not be reflected on Baker.

It is Baker's past decisions and mistakes that GSU athletics is in its current state of depression.

Only time will tell if things get better for Eagle Nation, but while GSU is in this hiring and firing mode, they should look at the real problem that hasn't change since 1996 and continue this trend.