Three days of furlough for faculty, staff now spread over three months

Charles MINSHEW • editor-in-chief

Georgia Southern President Brooks Keel announced Tuesday that faculty and staff would take this semester’s three furlough days over a three-month period rather than all three during the week of spring break as previously decided by former GSU President Bruce Grube.

In an e-mail message addressed to “the University Community” on Tuesday, Keel wrote, “feedback I have received has overwhelmingly stated that taking three days out of one pay period is an extreme hardship for all employees, and especially our lower paid employees.”

Faculty and staff members will have to work with their departments to choose furlough days in February, March and April that do not conflict with class schedules or meetings.

Michael Moore serves as the moderator of the faculty senate. Moore said that the faculty senate had not been consulted about this move and that Tuesday’s announcement came as a surprise.

“His e-mail kind of was surprising because there hadn’t been any direct pressure that I knew of,” Moore said. “But I hear from faculty on a regular basis about the issues of class size, the issues of budget, if we’re going to cut, how are we going to do it?”

Moore said that GSU made it known to the Board of Regents that furloughs were not necessary for the university last year.

“We tried to make this clear, as an institution, last year, that Georgia Southern did not have to furlough,” Moore said. “We could make our cuts without furloughing and we told the chancellor.”

Michelle Haberland, an associate professor in the department of history, said that the furloughs in November had a tremendous impact on her, and that while she doesn't agree with furloughs, she was happy about Keel's decision.

“My first reaction was one of happiness,” Haberland said. “I was very delighted to see that President Keel had taken this action. I think it's a reasonable one in light of the furloughs and certainly one that will help the very lowly paid staff endure the pain of these pay cuts.”

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Furloughs by the numbers

6 Number of mandatory furlough days in fiscal year 2010
3 The number of furlough days that remain
3 The number of months that furloughs are spread out across
$23,660 Those making less than this amount are not furloughed

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SOAR begins service project

Vincent GARRETT
guest writer

SOAR is collecting children’s books, among other items, as part of their 2010 service project for the opening of the Family Scholar House Children’s Library.

The Family Scholar House, which is based out of Louisville, Ky., provides single-parent households with necessities and tools for learning and educational success. They also house some families with a 56 apartment campus.

SOAR is collecting the items for this charity in conjunction with other schools as a part of Southern Regional Orientation Workshop. SROW is a place orientation groups from all over the South compete for titles in three different categories: service, educational, and song, skit and dance.

SOAR has won the service award for the past two years. This year, SOAR wants to exceed the 40 boxes of school supplies it collected last year.

“It allows us to represent our university and show that we are service-oriented and that we can extend our service to communities other than our own,” 2010 SOAR leader Natalie Boatright said.

SOARs main plan for attaining the needed supplies is through appeals to the student organizations on campus, which are asked to collect as many items as they can from the list located on the SOAR Web site.

The organization that collects the most books for this charity will be given the first table at “First Night Out,” which is the biggest orientation event of the year put on for incoming freshmen.

“It gives the organizations a little competition and a goal to reach toward because the first table at First Night Out is the most important,” SOAR leader Jasmine Cutler said.

Student organizations will be setting up boxes to collect the items for SOAR in and around the Russell Union.

If you would like to help with this project, contact SOAR at 912-GSU-SOAR.

For a complete list of items, visit their Web site at admissions. georgiasouthern.edu/orientation.

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Brian Hooks, chairman of the staff council, said that the announcement came as a surprise to him as well. Hooks said that the council met with Keel and knew that the suggestion of spreading the furlough days was under consideration and that he was not expecting a decision so soon.

Hooks said, “[In August,] we had no opportunity to give any opinion on how to implement this plan, and this year with our first meeting with Dr. Keel, we expressed all of our concerns with all of our furlough days being in one week or one paycheck was very difficult to deal with.”

Hooks added that staff members would have to work with their departments in order to stagger furlough days. He said university operations would not be effected.

Jessica Hatton, the laboratory coordinator for the department of geology and geography, said that she was happy that Keel made the changes to the policy.

“It’s wonderful,” Hatton said. “It literally brightened my day when I got the group e-mail sent to the faculty. It seemed to lift everyone’s spirit. It was wonderful news.”

Hatton said that having three days of pay taken out of one of her paychecks in the fall was tough to deal with, and that while there still is a pay cut, it will be easier to plan ahead of time for the cuts each month.

“A huge, huge chunk of my paycheck was cut,” she said. “Even though it’s the same amount of money, essentially we’re still getting a pay cut. With it sort of being given up once day per month rather than three all in one pay check, it’s just less of a hit.”

Corrections

- The performance of the United States Air Force Reserve Band will be tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center.
- Julie Kuykendall is the former Fitness Program Director at the RAC.
Our View

We’ve all made sacrifices

Furloughs are tough things to deal with in this time of economic downturn, but the fact that there have been no layoffs at Georgia Southern should provide some comfort to faculty and staff experiencing these pay cuts.

However, it was probably not a great idea to bundle the first three furlough days together before Thanksgiving break just to save money by shutting down the university. The same scenario had been expected for the week of spring break.

With that said, Brooks Keel’s decision to spread the furlough dates over the next three months will provide more comfort for faculty and staff members.

While furloughs are a bad thing, they’re much more acceptable than job cuts. Having less money is better than having no money at all. Better yet, these furloughs won’t halt the operation of campus. Employees must use furlough days when they don’t have classes or meetings.

It is true, however, as Staff Council Chairman Bryan Hooks has said, furloughs have had a tremendous impact on some staff members, especially in situations where both members of a couple are employees at GSU.

Michael Moore, who serves as the faculty senate moderator, has said that “Georgia Southern did not have to furlough.”

It’s noteworthy to point out that these furloughs were mandated by the Board of Regents.

The Board of Regents also mandated budget cuts that has left GSU’s budget 20 percent slimmer than it was one year ago. The same Board approved institutional fees on students that now total an additional $200 per semester.

While faculty and staff might feel they are alone in the pain, they are not. The students are making sacrifices too. Everyone is making a sacrifice in their wallets.

It is time for everyone to remember that if it were not for the students, there would be no Georgia Southern University. The same can be said for faculty, staff and administrators.

But, as this talk of furloughs and pay cuts continue, the following question remains: Is everyone doing enough?

As you have no doubt already seen in the pages of Tuesday’s George-Anne, or at gadaily.com, the large tree that stood next to the Williams Center for decades was finally cut down after branches began to fall away due to internal rotting. At first, I thought little of the tree being cut down. Then I began to think of all the history that tree has seen over the years.

The Williams Center was constructed in 1959, and served as the campus’ student union before the Russell Union. When it was built, the now deceased tree was already there, waiting to provide students, faculty, and staff with decades of shade, a place to play, and even a place to see squirrels congregate and scamper about.

Walking towards the Williams Center has become a new -- and for now disconcerting -- experience without the grand oak being there. I made my way to the area where the tree once stood, and was stunned by how different the place not only looked, but felt. Monday saw most of the tree gone.

By Tuesday, it was as if the tree had never been there, with only a stump standing where once a large and mighty oak was.

Now is the time to think back and reflect on what has transpired on this campus -- and in Statesboro -- while that tree was around. The tree was here during both World Wars, the Civil Rights movement, and the Kennedy assassination, and the September 11 attacks. It was around for such a long time that no one is even sure of how long it was there. Perhaps it was one of the oaks planted by college president Guy Wells during the 1930s.

Regardless, it has been around to experience numerous events in campus history.

The Williams Center tree saw this campus begin, grow, and nearly die during the World War II era. The tree saw the campus integrate in 1965, and also saw the ceremony to honor that event 40 years later. Not too far from the old tree’s location, Erk Russell held a press conference at Hanner Fieldhouse announcing the return of Georgia Southern football. Who knows how many students walked by the tree while going to work at The George-Anne, the Southern Reflector magazine, or 91.9 The Buzz radio station?

Beyond nostalgia, it’s a chance to think about what the university can do to protect and preserve other trees on campus. Over time, other oaks on campus will have to be defended against rot and decay in whatever way possible. Otherwise, the university will lose the traditional campus feel that has made Georgia Southern unique for so many years.

For now, make sure to savor the natural beauty of the campus around us. You never know when it will be gone.
A Nobel should be returned

And no, I'm not talking about Obama; rather, I'm referring to the International Panel of Climate Change. It turns out that when they split the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore, they weren't exactly being entirely scientific with their work – an accusation that was once leveled at critics of global warming.

To make a long story short, the IPCC used figures that were never vetted by the scientific method. Its lead scientist, Dr. Murari Lal, admitted to using the faulty statistics for a political angle in regards to the “vanishing” of glaciers.

Whether you believe in human-caused global warming or not, you cannot support the idea of anyone using bad science and claiming it as worthy of note, much less a major award. If global warming IS real – and I always had my doubts – this is a blow to its credibility.

For those of us who don’t believe in it, this is yet another nail in the coffin that is being built around the concept.

For the world, though, it is an insult purely and simple. Arguably the most well-known award in the world was given in part to the IPCC for their so-called “findings.” Any trust the world had in the Nobel Prize has now been violated by this, and those who won it for genuine achievements in world peace have had their victories cheapened.

Further, it insults true scientists of all stripes who have diligently followed the scientific method in their own work, even when it would be faster and easier to take findings as they are without any double-checking or peer review.

The Nobel Committee should not have given any awards for the findings in the first place. If anything, it falls under physics, unless the person or group made a true, demonstrable effort to curb the effect – which is, it is worth saying, not universally accepted – and in doing so created peace.

Now, to make up for it, the Committee should strip the IPCC of its award unless it relinquishes it voluntarily. It is no less than what would happen to the author of any other award-winning paper whose work was later discredited for not following the method.

Don’t tarnish the Nobel any longer – it should be given or taken back.

One moment leads to a look back

For most of my life, while I generally don’t get emotional, I do get wildly sentimental. There are little moments that take me back to bigger things, and one of those places is at Georgia Southern.

Longer than anyone here can probably remember, a large oak has stood beside the building on the Founder’s Terrace, shading the entire area during all seasons. If you’ve walked by there, you know what I’m talking about.

This weekend, though, the tree fell. It was hollow on the inside and finally collapsed without any support.

Graduating in May, I’ve watched a lot of things change since I came here as a freshman in 2006. Walking through Centennial Place the other day, I couldn’t help but think how strange it was that Winburn, Oliff and Johnson weren’t there, as I lived in Johnson as a freshman. I would visit friends in Winburn and Oliff all the time; we’d jump across the parking lot. We were just under 16,000 students then, while today, we’re just under 20,000 – a difference you can feel just walking around the pedestrian.

As the oak tree grew and grew, it seemed that it couldn’t support any of its weight, because the branches grew to heavy to hold. I suppose this is the great worry that I have, and a lot of people share.

We have grown so quickly over the past few years, so fast that it’s hard to keep up with the growth.

I just hope that what has made Georgia Southern special doesn’t grow hollow as we grow because I sure would hate to see it fall.

We want to hear from you!

The George-Anne welcomes letters to the editor. Submit your thoughts on our community to gamed@georgiasouthern.edu.
Thursday, January 28th
OSLCE: Blood Drive
George-Anne
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Eagle Rally, Russell Union Commons
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Bouldering Night Out, RAC Climbing Wall

Friday, January 29th
Eagle Camp Applications Due, Office of Student Activities
7 and 9 PM Eagle Entertainment Movie: Where the Wild Things Are, Russell Union Theatre

Saturday, January 30th
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Canoeing 101 Clinic, Southern Adventures, RAC Aquatic Center

Sunday, January 24th
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Eagle Camp Information Session, Russell Union Student Center, Room 2047

Monday, February 1st
OSLCE: Leadership Week
Intramural Soccer entries due, RAC
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM OSLCE: Leadership Lunch Discussion, Russell Union 2080
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM OSLCE: Blake Mycoskie Lecture, Performing Arts Center
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM Soccer Officials Clinic, RAC Seminar Room

Tuesday, February 2nd
OSLCE: Leadership Week
George-Anne
Intramural Soccer entries due, RAC
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM OSLCE: Leadership Lunch Discussion, Russell Union 2080
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM OSLCE: LeaderShape Info Session
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM OSLCE: Leadership Workshop, Russell Union 2041
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM GSU Unplugged, Starbucks

Wednesday, February 3rd
OSLCE: Leadership Week
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM OSA: Getting Involved Fair, Russell Union Commons
11:35 AM - 1:00 PM Battle to the Bone: Wing Eating Contest, Russell Union Rotunda
Proposal in works to bring former president to campus

Natalie DEMARKO
guest writer

When an autographed copy of former President Jimmy Carter’s memoir was presented to the Zach S. Henderson Library by the Peace Studies Faculty Learning Community, the group did so with additional hopes in mind.

Rosemarie Stallworth-Clark, the founder of the Peace Studies Faculty Learning Community, had the idea of bringing the Carters to speak at Georgia Southern.

“President Carter, the first Southern president in 120 years, set a tone for peace in the White House that drew me to his work and efforts,” she said. “He stood up for civil rights in the South where he and Rosalynn have been workers for peace in the finest sense of the word.”

Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, both born and raised in Georgia, founded the Carter Center in 1982. The Center is nonprofit, nonpartisan establishment that addresses national and international issues of public policy.

For the past year, the Peace Studies Faculty Learning Community has been working on a proposal of an invitation to send to the Carters.

“The process for getting the Carters to come and speak on campus is anything but easy,” Jonathan Harwell, the Collection Development and Assessment Librarian at Henderson Library and former Peace Studies Faculty Learning Community facilitator, said. “You can’t just call or send an e-mail.”

Talking with a number of resources, discovering information about the invitation process and long hours of preparation has been the Learning Community’s strategy.

“We will soon share the proposal with the college deans on campus and with Lisa Lege, director of the Office of Sustainability,” Stallworth-Clark said. “We hope to have the proposal in the office of Dr. Teresa Thompson, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management, by Feb. 1.”

Although the Peace Studies Community has been working on the proposal, it would be GSU President Brooks Keel who would initiate the process by extending an invitation to the Carters.

“The decision to take the proposal to President Keel rests with Dr. Thompson,” Stallworth-Clark said. “She has stated that she is willing to entertain the proposal for bringing the Carters to campus if we can get strong support from the Office of Sustainability and the College of Public Health.”

Stallworth-Clark believes it would be beneficial to students if the Carters came to GSU.

“It is Georgia Southern’s great loss that the Carters have never shared their work and visions here,” Stallworth-Clark said. “Our students need to meet the Carters and to learn from them. They have lessons to teach about leadership and civic engagement that we all need to learn.”

Jimmy Carter’s book, “Keeping Faith: Memoirs of a President,” has been added to the other rare books in the Special Collections series located on the fourth floor in the library, but the donation is part of the Peace Studies Collection.

The Collection was started in 2008 by the Peace Studies Learning Community, and anyone can contribute to the collection.

Snow provides winter fun for everyone regardless of age

Derek JOYCE
staff writer

Eagle Entertainment brought a flurry of snow to Georgia Southern from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m yesterday between the Williams Center and the Herty Building.

“This was an opportunity for people in South Georgia who don’t normally have the opportunity to play in the snow to have the chance to,” said Sriravong “Swerve” Sriratanakoul, Eagle Entertainment activities coordinator. “Like Lil’ Wayne can make it rain, I can make it snow.”

Accompanied by hot cocoa and marshmallows, those who went to the snow pit were free to do as they wished.

“I didn’t expect it. A friend told me there was a snow day, and I had no idea what she was talking about,” said William Mayes, a GSU student.

This event was the brainchild of Gigi Gonzales, a program coordinator for Eagle Entertainment.

“I figured it would be an easy way to have everyone have fun on a day where it doesn’t normally snow in Statesboro,” said Gonzales.

The snow was provided by Snow South, a company that provides 300-pound ice blocks for numerous purposes.

Originally, the ice was used for personal or family ice boxes. Now, they make business by selling snow days on the road.

“I think it is working real well. It draws a lot of curiosity. Considering how cold it is today, the snow seems to be holding up real well,” said Andy Jameson, Snow South owner.
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POLICE BEAT

Wednesday, January 20, 2010
▲ Officers assisted 13 motorists, issued two traffic citations, issued six traffic warnings, responded to one traffic accident and responded to one injured person call.
▲ A theft was reported from the Recreation Activity Center.
▲ University Housing reported a theft of property.

Thursday, January 21, 2010
▲ Officers assisted 13 motorists, issued two traffic citations, issued six traffic warnings, responded to one traffic accident and responded to one injured person call.
▲ A theft was reported from the Recreation Activity Center.

Friday, January 22, 2010
▲ Officers assisted 13 motorists, issued two traffic citations, issued six traffic warnings, assisted one injured person, responded to one alarm and investigated two accidents.
▲ A textbook was taken from the University Store.
▲ A Chick-Fil-A employee reported receiving harassing phone calls.
▲ Joseph Christopher Rogers, 24, Warren Heights Drive, Augusta, was charged with theft by shoplifting.
▲ Corey Jaynes Hill, 19, Copper Beach, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol, theft of a bicycle, obstruction of an officer and possession of a false ID.

Saturday, January 23, 2010
▲ Officers assisted 13 motorists, issued two traffic citations, issued six traffic warnings, assisted three motorists and investigated two accidents.

Sunday, January 24, 2010
▲ Officers assisted 13 motorists, issued two traffic citations, issued six traffic warnings, responded to one traffic accident and responded to one injured person call.
▲ A theft was reported from the Recreation Activity Center.
▲ University Housing reported a theft of property.

Monday, January 25, 2010
▲ Officers assisted 13 motorists, issued two traffic citations, issued six traffic warnings, assisted four motorists, responded to five alarms and responded to a loud noise complaint at University Villas.
▲ A door was damaged at Centennial Place.
▲ John David Wilson, 18, Southern Courtyard, was charged with DUI, minor in possession/consumption of alcohol, possession of a weapon in a school safety zone, open container violation and failure to maintain lane.

Tuesday, January 26, 2010
▲ Officers assisted 13 motorists, issued two traffic citations, issued six traffic warnings, assisted three motorists and responded to one alarm.
▲ A counterfeit bill was reported at Eagle Dining.
▲ A wallet was taken from Hanner Fieldhouse.
▲ A book bag was taken from the Recreation Activity Center.

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RUSH comes to close

Wednesday

Spring RUSH for Greek Life began on Sunday and concluded Wednesday. During the week, fraternities and sororities of the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Association recruited new members into their chapters. RUSH takes place at the beginning of each fall and spring. For more information on Greek Life, visit students.georgiasouthern.edu/greeklife.

McGaughey awarded
Gilman scholarship

Georgia Southern University Honors Program sophomore and Macon, Ga. native Anna McGaughey has been awarded the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and the Institute of International Education, the Gilman award provides money for student travel and studies overseas. McGaughey will use the scholarship to travel to Denmark in February, where she will attend Roskilde University during the spring.

Sisters finalists
for Harbuck Scholarship

Two Georgia Southern students -- both with 4.0 GPAs and members of the Honors Program -- were recent finalists for the Harbuck Scholarship. Sisters Kate and Cassie Beasley were also both winners of the 1906 Scholarship. Kate has a double major in creative writing and Spanish, while Cassie has her major in creative writing and a double minor in English and Spanish.

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With only 100 days left for many seniors, it’s obvious that life is no longer a game.

For those working at the Career Services, it means advising students as they try to navigate their world from undergraduate to employable adult.

“Students definitely need to be applying to positions and networking. Seventy-five to eighty percent of jobs are found through people you know, which is why networking is critical in the job process,” Amy Rowell, assistant director of Career Services said.

Not all students are searching for jobs directly after earning their bachelor’s degree.

“A lot of students are still hoping for full-time jobs but, because of the economy the way it is now, more and more students tend to be leaning towards graduate school,” Rowell said.

Although 100 days may sound like plenty of time, Rowell said students should start applying for either graduate school or professional jobs now.

“Different schools have different deadlines so it’s not necessarily too late [to apply to graduate school]. Most schools have a March or April deadline but some are in September,” Rowell said. “A job search takes nine months to a year from the time you apply to getting a job.”

Besides advisement from the career center, Georgia Southern University offers other support for those about to graduate, as well as those preparing for their futures.

On Feb. 24 at the RAC will be the “Eagle Expo career fair, where typically 60 companies come. Each company has a table where they collect resumes and students can talk to employees about jobs and networking,” Rowell said. “I would really advise students to come to the fair and then come in [to the Career Services], use our services, and we’ll critique your resumes.”

Rowell also had advice for upcoming graduates.

“Be flexible given the current economy, be persistent and don’t give up, and be willing to relocate,” Rowell said. “And please come take advantage of the services we offer.”

On Feb. 2, the Auxiliary Services Department will present their annual Dinner and a Movie at 6 p.m. at the Russell Union Ballroom. A special dinner featuring prime rib, vegetables, and cheesecake will be provided. A raffle for iTunes gift cards will take place as well.

The Dinner and a Movie premiered last year, showing “Fireproof” near Valentine’s Day with catering by Catering Services for $10. This year, “we really wanted to benefit our dining plan holders,” said Allison Harper, the marketing coordinator for Dining Services. The food will be catered by Talon’s Grille. While intended for a Valentine’s Day showing, the Ballroom was only available for the 2nd.

Auxiliary Services is in charge of Health Services, Dining Services, Housing, and Parking, and the University Store and shops. “We feel that dining plan holders can expect more events or promotions to occur in which they receive benefits by being dining plan holders,” said Harper.

The event is free for people holding meal plans and $10 for those who do not. Tickets are available through the Eagle Card Center until Friday, Jan 29. Seats are limited to 100 people.
Cinema Arts Series gears up for the spring

Every Monday at 7:15 p.m. starting on Feb. 1, the John Humma Cinema Arts Series will be presented at the Russell Union Theater. This series will present seven foreign and/or independent films that will be sure to strike the interest of viewers.

The series is run by Tomasz Warchol from the Department of Literature and Philosophy.

The first film, "Transsiberian," is a 2008 film from the UK, Germany, and Lithuania and is about a couple who become close to fellow passengers on the Trans-Siberian Express who may be involved in drug trafficking.

Other movies in this series are “O’Horten,” from Norway, about a forcibly retired train engineer and his attempt at life in retirement. Feb. 22 will feature “Frozen River,” about illegal immigrant smuggling.

“White Soup,” playing on March 1, is based on a true story about a widowed mother’s search for her grandchild’s father. “White Soup” will be in Polish with English subtitles.

After a two week break, the series will resume on March 29 with “Revanche,” an Austrian film about an ex-con and a prostitute’s attempt to escape a brothel.


The final film of the series will be “The Burning Plain,” which will be shown on April 26. The film is about one woman’s travels that connect her with several characters grappling their romantic destinies and the power of forbidden love.

Derek JOYCE
Staff writer

January 28
What: Glyphs and Scripts: Writing Systems of the World
Where: Georgia Southern Museum
When: All Day

What: Bouldering Night Out
Where: RAC
When: 7 p.m.

What: Eagle Men’s Basketball vs. College of Charleston
Where: Hanner Fieldhouse
When: 7 p.m.

What: FREE MOVIE: “Where The Wild Things Are”
Where: Hanner Fieldhouse
When: 1 p.m.

February 01
What: Blake Mycoskie Lecture
Performing Arts Center (PAC)

What: Intro To Climbing Clinic
Where: RAC
When: 8 p.m.

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What: GSU Unplugged
Where: Russell Union
When: 7 p.m.

03
What: Battle To The Bone
Where: Landrum
When: 12 p.m.

What: Inner Tube Water Polo
Where: RAC
When: 7:30 p.m.

To submit calendar items to The George-Anne, stop by our office on the second floor of the Williams Center or e-mail us at features@georgiasouthern.edu. All entries should include the who, what, when and where plus your contact information.
**Announcements 100 - 199**

*130 Lost & Found*

My Pug dog OTIS has been missing since December 8th. He is 4 months old, fawn colored and about 15 pounds. If you have any information on him please contact me. Sara 912-288-6674

*140 Other Announcements*

GSU Club Softball is looking for more players. Experience preferred. Call 678-480-8617 or email gasouthernclubsoftball@gmail.com.

**Buy or Sell 200 - 299**

*220 Auto Parts for Sale*

A.R.E. LSII Series Truckbed cover for sale. Excellent condition. Currently on a green 2001 Toyota Tacoma 4-door. I am looking to get a full sized camper top, and hope to sell it to a good home. Call 229-942-6231.

*240 Books for Sale*

Survey of Accounting 8th edition. Used. $50 OBO 912-690-2569

*260 Miscellaneous for Sale*

Black ICON Accelerant Jacket (MSRP $400) and Black ICON Domain Decay Helmet(MSRP $390) for sale. Only worn for a couple weeks, no damages and are practic new. Selling for $200 each or $350 together. Call 770-881-1980.

Miniature Dachshunds for Sale: $150 each, CKC registered, first shots and wormed. Ifechter@georgiasouthern.edu

I have a full/twin wood bunk-bed set for $100 or best offer. Full will need a mattress. I also have an X-box with games and a PlayStation 2 with games for best offer. Wayne @912-536-4489

1 year old white Whirlpool Roper extra large capacity dryer for sale. Works great, minor scratches on top. Asking $100. Call Tiffany (912)690-4986.

**Employment & Job Services 300 - 399**

*350 Jobs/Full Time*

I need someone to take over my sublease in The Woodlands for Spring 2010. $490/month-all inclusive. Pets ALLOWED! (deposit and monthly fee already paid) Pool, gym, computer lab! Ready ASAP!! Call 845-642-2030.

Take over rent on master bed in Hammocks until July. 1 male roommate there and easy to get along with. Ready to move in Washer and dryer included $387.50 a month. Call 706-564-3560.

*SUBLEASE: Spring/Summer Semester 2010*  
-1 BR/Private Bath (largest bath) in a 4 BR Apt. *Campus Crossings: Great Location!*
- Walking distance to campus  
- 3 female roommates  
- Friendly, easy going, and clean  
**PRICE NEGOTIABLE**  
Please contact me at: rachelraubolt@yahoo.com

Spend the next year in a nice 3 bedroom house in Whispering Pines Sub. Close to Campus. Two rooms avail. Only $350 / mon + utilities. Call Dan 404.273.9707

*This is a beautiful 2-Story Home in a secluded neighborhood near campus. Looking to sublease ASAP, rent is $750 a month + utilities. Please contact me via email.*

*Sublease 1 br in a 3 br house in the Landings for Spring 2010. Rent:365 plus utilities, pets allowed. Large living space, large closets, nice backyard, plenty of parking. Contact 678-983-2762

$399 4bd/ba at Campus Club fully furnished, w/d, pools, hot tub, and gym. Female roommate needed in a 2BR/2BA apt @ The Garden District. All inclusive including all utilities plus wireless internet. W/D in unit. Tanning beds, Fitness Center and a 24hr security. 912-288-4262

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A BR with private bath, large window, fully furnished for sublease now, located at the Points @ Southern. There are 3 great female roommates. Can trade for different apt at complex. $339/w/utilities. Call 678-431-0549.

**420 Lofts & Rooms**

ROOM FOR RENT in private home, furnished, all utilities included, access to kitchen, cable, internet, W/D. minutes to GSU and Ogeechee Tech. $400/month!! Call Ed at (912)531-5223

Roommates needed for Spring semester at Cambridge! Give me a call! Great prices, beautiful pool, and close to campus! 912.681.2262

**450 Roommates**

1 bedroom with private bathroom in nice, quiet neighborhood. Can be furnished or unfurnished. Move in by March 1. Rent is $325/month plus utilities. W/D in unit. Tanning beds, Fitness Center and a 24hr security. 912-289-6972

**480 Sub Leases**

1 br in an all-inclusive 2br/2ba apartment in The Woodlands. 1 female roommate. Only $399/month!!! Call 803-528-7039 if interested.

$400/month. Fully furnished, covered parking, 2 pools, hot tub, and gym. Female roommate needed for female living there now. Rate negotiable. First come first serve. Call or e-mail for more info. Call 770-298-3228.

sublease Jan. - July 31, 2010

The Exchange

all inclusive, fully furnished

male

1bed/ 1 bath in a 2bed/2bath apartment

$469 per month.

call 229-424-2201

*tentative* July 1st

Call 912-632-2324 for best offer. Wayne @912-536-4489

**Housing & Real Estate 400 - 499**

**410 Apartments**

1br/1Ba, 2Br/2Ba, and 4Br/3Ba Apts Close to GSU; From $175/room. 240.273.9707

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**Services 600 - 699**

**610 Education & Tutoring**

Need help with classes this semester? Experienced tutoring for Macro/Micro Econ + all levels of Span. GSU Department Tutor experience + very flexible schedule. Just $15/hr. Email mmccorvey1@gmail.com

3 years experience as less-than-10 small Japanese classes tutor at Georgia Perimeter College. Text Genki provided.

I am from Tokyo. Call 678-549-3643.
Basketball to honor Webb
Ceremony planned for halftime of Saturday’s game against College of Charleston

Chester Webb

Webb’s Career Stats
- Points: 2,542
- Rebounds: 1,685
- Field Goals: 883
- Free Throws: 776
- Points Per Game: 24

Chester Webb, the all-time leading scorer and rebounder in the history of the Georgia Southern men’s basketball program, will have his No. 22 jersey retired on Saturday, January 30. The ceremony will take place at halftime of the College of Charleston-Georgia Southern game which is scheduled for 1 p.m.

A 6’7”, 180-pound center from Elberton, Ga., Webb was named to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution collegiate all-state team for four years, the first individual to earn the honor every year of his career.

Selected as an All-American after the 1955 and 1956 seasons, Webb was picked in the NBA draft following his senior year. Webb’s jersey number is only the fourth to be retired in the history of the program.

The other three retired jersey banners hanging in Hanner include Scotty Perkins (No. 15), Jeff Sanders (No. 42) and Michael Curry (No. 20).

Webb’s basketball career -- and his life -- was influenced by Roger Parsons, who had played basketball at Georgia Teachers College for the legendary J.B. Scearce. When Parsons became the new basketball coach at Elbert County High School, he couldn’t understand why Chester Webb -- the tallest boy in the school -- wasn’t on the basketball team.

Despite not playing “organized” basketball, Webb was no stranger to the sport. He would play at home, using a tire rim affixed to the barn as a hoop, but the five-mile distance from the high school to his family’s farm might as well have been 500 miles. It simply wasn’t practical for Webb to walk home after basketball practice.

Parsons eventually talked Webb into coming out for the team and was willing to drive Webb home in his pickup truck after practice each day.

Webb, the tallest among his eight siblings, was a naturally gifted athlete. He made the all-state team as a senior and scored the most points in the Region 2-A Tournament for the Blue Devils. Selected to play for the North team in the state’s annual North-South all-star game, Webb received scholarship offers from both the University of Georgia and Clemson University.

It seemed a natural progression for Webb to follow his coach’s path and accept a full scholarship to attend college in Statesboro and play basketball for “The Professors.”

A four-year starter, Webb would not only earn a place on the Atlanta Journal-Constitution’s all-state collegiate team, but would be the first freshman ever selected for that prestigious squad. Four years later, as a senior, the Professors’ No. 22 was the only unanimous choice of the senior college coaches who voted for the team.

If the basketball coaches of the state of Georgia thought Webb was something special, he was even more highly regarded for his abilities on campus. One of the most prolific scorers and one of the best all-around players in the history of the program, Webb’s name is etched in the record book 18 times, and his records stand out with 2,542 points and 1,685 rebounds.

His single-season scoring averages for the 1954-55 and 1955-56 seasons rank as the two highest. Over his collegiate career, he scored more than 40 points nine times and more than 30 points in 15 games, more than any other player.

Webb not only set many individual records at GTC, but also helped set team records and achieve success at the state, regional and national level.

“The biggest difference between our team at GTC and other teams, was that most tall people weren’t quick,” said Webb, who holds the distinction of being the first native Georgian to be selected as a basketball All-American in the state of Georgia. “We were pretty tall, we were agile and we could run.”

After graduating with his degree in physical education, Webb received an invitation to join the 1956 U.S. Olympic basketball team and was drafted by the Nationals of the National Basketball Association in what would be the equivalent of today’s first round.

The United States’ Army had a different draft pick in mind for Webb and he served his country for two years. With his basketball skills, Webb was quickly recruited to play for the Army and picked as a member of the All-Army basketball team where Webb and his teammates played in AAU tournaments.

Webb fulfilled his military service and then signed on to play basketball with the Gibbs Corporation in the industrial league. He ended his professional basketball career, but did not leave basketball behind, beginning a career in public education, where the sport continued to play a large role in his life.

A high school basketball coach for six years in Appling County, Webb took two teams to the state playoffs.

He returned to his hometown of Elberton and coached his high school team for seven years and while also teaching woodworking.

With positions in school administration and supervision, including time as the principal of two elementary schools, Webb also served as director of two county-wide programs and as Assistant Superintendent of Elbert County Schools for eight years.
A lot has happened in a short period of time for Georgia Southern athletics. Looking at the track record, football has a new head coach, basketball has been punished for academic fraud and the athletic director has been under fire for almost a year now.

So much drama has occurred you would think the athletic department turned into an episode of /T_h e Hills. What has worked for me when dealing with negative news in sports is to look at all angles of a story and have fun with it.

For example, Nolan Myrick was the assistant coach for men’s basketball before he was suspended in February of 2009. Although the NCAA report never named the assistant coach who committed academic fraud, Myrick’s coaching bio listed him as the team’s academic enhancer.

Academic enhancer? What are the job duties of an academic enhancer? The irony in that job title is to obvious to make fun of.

Seriously, an academic enhancer? Since when did BALCO start getting involved with academics? Did he improve our student-athletes’ GPAs with steroids and syringes?

Athletic director Sam Baker commented on the academic fraud situation by saying, "There was a moment when he decided to act in an improper manner, and broke NCAA and institutional rules."

Now I might be getting to political here, but there was more than just a moment in which academic fraud was committed. As a matter of fact, there were many moments that occurred during the 2007-2008 academic terms.

Was it the moment when he pretended to be a student during online chats or was it the moment he got a high school teacher to write an essay paper? Perhaps it was the moment he took over academic duties for a student-athlete after the former director of operations resigned because he couldn't continue with academic dishonesty.

The whole situation is messier than Don King's hairstyle, but that doesn't mean the university can't clean it up.

Baker has been under a lot of fire with all of these issues going around on campus. What happens when you make a mess? You should probably clean it up, and Sam Baker has been trying his best to clean up all these messes.

Say what you will about our athletic director, but also realize that he is trying to improve the athletic department as best he can. Still, many fans feel that Baker’s time here should come to an end for various reasons.