Employment extravaganza

Recruiters available to students during Eagle Expo & Career Fair

Career Services will close its office doors Wednesday and open shop in a larger venue – the Recreation Activities Center.

More than 70 vendors will be available to discuss job opportunities, co-ops and internships at the RAC midday Wednesday at the Eagle Expo & Career Fair.

There will be representatives available from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the following fields: education, logistics, construction, government, sales and more.

“We have some new employers that have never come before – like the CIA is coming, and some school systems that have never come, so we’re very happy,” Heather Scarboro, recruitment coordinator with Career Services and organizer of the event, said.

Job seekers can receive tips on how to have a successful experience at the career fair from an Employer Recruiters available to students during Eagle Expo & Career Fair

Katherine KENNEDY • managing editor

Tips for Success

Heather Scarboro, the recruitment coordinator with career services, offers this advice to job seekers:

▲ Come early. While the career fair ends at 2 p.m., some of the employers begin to leave at 1 p.m.
▲ Check out the list of employers attending the event.
▲ Bring 10-15 copies of your resume.
▲ Be a go-getter. “Be the person that goes up to them with a good, firm handshake and engages them in conversation.”
▲ Talk to everybody. “Large corporations have a lot of capacities and even if that recruiter is not actively recruiting for them, they might know who they need to talk to.”
▲ Pick up business cards.
▲ Send thank-you notes. “For the ones they are really interested in, I would say within a week, send a thank-you note.”

Eagle fans support breast cancer awareness

Above: Students participate in an on-court version of musical chairs during the men’s basketball game Saturday. Left: Hints of pink could be found on game participants’ attire – from headbands to shoestrings to socks. Even the referees during the women’s basketball game donned pink whistles in support of the cause.

Sarah Cauthen, Zeta Tau Alpha’s chairperson for Pack the House in Pink, said that that over $3,500 was raised for breast cancer awareness and education. Approximately $1,600 was raised in the “50/50” raffle. The raffle was designed so that a person who signed up for the raffle who also attended the game would have won half of the money raised. However, according to Cauthen, the winner was not present at the game and all of the money raised was donated for the charity. Cauthen described the amount of donations and support from the community as “amazing” and said that Zeta Tau Alpha is still trying to raise money.

Miss GSU winner named Thursday

Fourteen students participate in event in Union Ballroom

Photos by Rob Eakins/STAFF

‘A labyrinth of the mind’

Features editor offers his take on “Shutter Island”
Family Weekend supports sports

First of three Family Weekends this semester helped Pack the House in Pink

Derek JOYCE
staff writer

On Saturday, Feb. 20, the Office of Admissions hosted the first of this semester’s Family Weekends.

“We enjoy coming down here and being with our son,” said Kelly Vondebur from South Carolina.

This Family Weekend is the first of three events this semester. The fall semester had only one.

Each weekend revolves around a sporting event. The fall weekend revolves around football, and the three spring weekends are based around basketball, baseball and an Atlanta Braves game.

“It's fantastic, everyone is excited about it,” said Faye Miller, who is family of GSU cheerleader Rachel Miller.

Those participating in Family weekends receive special seating and food vouchers for concessions at the game.

“We are always looking for opportunities for parents to come and visit with their students and enjoy different parts of Georgia Southern,” said Lauren O’Byrne, a graduate assistant in the Office of Admissions and Parent Programs.

About 70 tickets were sold for this family weekend.

This week’s Family Weekend occurred during the annual Pack the House in Pink event.

“This weekend is our first one and we are just doing the double-header basketball game. We are doing the Pack the House in Pink, and we are offering food vouchers at the game. It's more of a daytime thing for this one,” said O’Byrne.

Pack the House in Pink is an annual fundraiser put on by Zeta Tau Alpha to raise awareness for breast cancer.

“This is one of our biggest fundraisers and a lot of money goes to breast cancer awareness,” said Sarah Dellard, a junior member of ZTA.

ZTA activities at the event included providing pink T-shirts, face painting, special seating for breast cancer survivors and information boards.

“I think that it is great that we can raise so much awareness for all the cancer survivors and let everyone know to put their lives in their own hands,” said Jennifer Coleman, a breast cancer survivor. In addition to ZTA activities, the basketball players, cheerleaders and even Gus wore pink at the game.

Part of the halftime show included a march of all of the breast cancer survivors and a performance by the Rocket Stars, a traveling girl’s gymnastics team.

“Before you think that you have everything and that everything is wonderful and you thing you know about life and then you have breast cancer and realize that you know absolutely nothing and you never take a single day for granted,” said Coleman.

Reception for the Family Weekend was overwhelmingly positive.

“We have had a great time both times. An exciting day, we loved the sports, it was a great day,” said Shannon Seirayppa, the mother of a student.

“However, I do wish we had something to do before the game,” said Hanna Seirayppa.

“We are enjoying the game and just being with Ceigi,” said Clayton Wingard, a student's father.

The next weekend will occur in March and features an Eagles Baseball game.

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Students aren’t the only ones who can’t skip

Kelsey SORRELL
staff writer

Students follow attendance policies set by their professors each semester, depending on the class, but do professors also follow attendance policies?

According to the Georgia Southern Faculty Handbook for academic year 2009-2010, all absences must be reported to the department chair, so a substitute can be provided for the class.

Professors are excused for one week's duration due to a health-related illness or a professional conference.

“Students follow attendance policies set by their professors each semester, depending on the class, but do professors also follow attendance policies?”

Sophomore physical therapy major Mike Metzger said that professors, like any other job, should be punished for not showing up.

“I think if they have an excuse, then it’s not their fault, like if they’re sick or something, but if they don’t show up because they don’t want to, then they shouldn’t do that,” he said.

Metzger said that his professors who have cancelled classes in the past gave a good excuse, such as illness; however, they never provided a substitute to take care of the students.

“It upsets me and ruins my whole day when class is cancelled, because I came to class to learn that day and it got my hopes up,” he said.

According to the handbook, GSU’s written policies, including professors’ attendance, does not fall under the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, and therefore is not a state or national law.

However, the professor attendance policy is an official procedure under which GSU operates.

“This policy is a norm, though, that I would imagine exists at most colleges and universities,” said Murray.

Associate professor for the department of sociology and anthropology Pidi Zhang believes in the professor attendance policy and follows its procedures.

“It’s very rare for me to miss a class,” he said. "Never may be too strong of a word, but I haven’t missed a class in a few years.”

His department also follows procedures as far as holding to the responsibility of finding a substitute to cover the class or to take care of the students when they cannot make it due to a health related illness or for professional reasons.

“I know when a few colleagues had to be away due to illness, they had someone cover the class,” Zhang said.

“I know students would like to hear we cancel class, but we don't do that, I don't do that,” Zhang said. “The most important part of my job is to be in the classroom.”

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Sexual assault is, without a doubt, a serious matter for both men and women. During college, students should take measures to refrain from ending up in uncomfortable or unwanted situations.

There are lots of things that, in college, young adults experience for the first time. Alcohol, clubs, parties and new friends and relationships are, for some, commonplace -- even if it may not be legal yet.

Often though, one is more concerned about having fun than paying attention to surroundings, and that can lead to trouble.

Yes, this is information most everyone has heard before, but since sexual assault is still a problem, obviously not everyone has gotten the picture.

If you find yourself in an uncomfortable situation, get out of it. Peer pressure still exists, even out of high school. Leave the party, say no to the guy or girl. Don't drink more than your body can handle.

But if the situation does get out of control and something that constitutes sexual assault occurs, tell someone as soon as possible, whether it's a friend or family member or whether you go to the hospital to see a doctor.

It's not the worst thing in the world or anything to be ashamed about, and it's easier to take action the sooner assault is reported. Watch "Law and Order: SVU," and this becomes apparent very quickly. Don't let anyone make you feel bad about what happened, and don't let anyone make you feel like it's your fault.

If it was your fault, it wouldn't be called "assault." There's no excuse for people to not have self-control when it comes to things like this; it's wrong to force someone into something he or she doesn't want to do.

Sexual assault is one of those taboo topics in our society that people are often reluctant to talk about frankly. Through events like the ones in Sexual Assault Awareness Week, maybe that can change.

On Thursday, after reading an article on the Student Government Association and what its officials believe they are accomplishing for the student body, I was left wanting. Samantha Young, president of SGA, touted "transparency" for the student body and a positive relationship with the City Council, while a senator-at-large, Charles Feagain, felt that meetings were "not very well ordered" and that the senate is largely underutilized.

I'm more inclined to agree with the latter because it seems that after all this time, SGA is not accomplishing its goals. They say they feel that they are more transparent? Considering that they have created numerous amendments to the constitution and the only notice I've seen concerning student feedback on those changes was in The George-Anne, I'd say they dropped the ball there. How can the SGA claim that it represents the interests of the student body if the majority of students don't know what it's doing?

One suggestion I read about -- streaming the meetings live online -- I think would add an immense amount of credibility, as well as a good dose of accountability to the council. When the student body can see how meetings are being run and what is being accomplished -- or rather, what's not being accomplished -- perhaps SGA would feel more accountable for their actions representing the student body.

There seems to be a large disconnect between what SGA thinks it's accomplishing and what it is actually achieving for students. Young cited the institutional fee increase as the reason they have not voted on additional fees for recycling or a new student union.

While I understand that SGA doesn't want to place more financial pressure on students, I don't think SGA thought through its reasoning. Yes, a lot of students do pay for their own tuition, but to be honest, I'm sure a majority of students didn't think twice about the institutional fee that the student body hasn't seen one ounce of results from.

Therefore, my question is -- why didn't SGA find out what students felt about this? It's become pretty obvious lately that they aren't accomplishing much during meetings, so who is to say that they are accurately portraying what students actually want? Now, I'm not arguing to create more fees. Rather, this is an argument that SGA doesn't seem to really know what the student body would support and what it wouldn't.

Without the SGA accurately portraying the desires of students, we are grossly missing out on opportunities to better our university in the present, as well as for future generations of students.

So, at the end of the day, the president of SGA thinks that they are transparent. After learning about the way things have been run and the lack of results and communication with the student body, I would have to say that transparent is not such an accurate description after all.
Which students can participate in SGA?

Eric SMITH

Important dates are approaching for students who wish to run for a position in the Georgia Southern Student Government Association.

The deadline to apply as a SGA candidate is Friday, Feb. 26.

The application can be found at the Georgia Southern SGA Web site, http://studentorg.georiasouthern.edu/sga/elections.html.

In order to run for a seat in SGA, the candidate must also attend one of the two mandatory candidate meetings March 1 at 6 p.m., and March 4 at 5 p.m. in Russell Union room 2044.

Failure to attend at least one of these meetings will result in disqualification as a candidate.

The Student Government is composed of 45 Senators and 5 elected executive officers, which include president, executive vice president, vice president of academic affairs, vice president of auxiliary affairs and vice president of finance.

The SGA Senate is divided up according to the individual Senators’ college of study.

Each college has five Senators. Represented colleges include: College of Business Administration, College of Education, College of Graduate Studies, College of Health and Human Sciences, College of Science and Technology, and unaffiliated “At-Large” Senators who have an undeclared major or are unrepresented by a college. To represent a given college an individual must be majoring in said college.

SGA’s office can be reached at 478-0655.

National Eating Disorder Awareness Week kicks off with relay race today

Shannon STUART

The Georgia Southern Office of Health Education and Promotion, along with support from Campus Recreation and Intramurals and the Counseling Center, is sponsoring multiple on-campus programs and activities to raise awareness for National Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

Students, faculty, staff and visitors are invited and encouraged to attend the third annual NEDAW “Relay Race” at the Russell Union Rotunda today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“The NEDAW Relay Race is a less formal take on a relay race. No one will be handing out water bottles and running around campus. However, it will be set up in the same format as your elementary school’s field day,” Assistant Director for the Office of Health Education and Promotion La’Shanda Johnson said. “Students will be asked to challenge each other at different stations that encourage self awareness and self image. The person to complete each station successfully will win the ‘relay.’

According to the National Eating Disorder Web site, “NEDAwareness Week is a collective effort of primarily volunteers, eating disorder professionals, health care providers, educators, social workers and individuals committed to raising awareness of the dangers surrounding eating disorders and the need for early intervention and treatment.”

The theme for this year’s NEDAW is “It’s Time to Talk About It.”

“We live in a culture saturated with unrealistic body-image messages and almost all of us know somebody struggling with an eating disorder. The peak onset of eating disorders occurs during puberty and the late teen/early adult years,” Johnson said. “Eating disorders are a silent epidemic with devastating and life-threatening consequences.”

Through the “Relay Race” and various other NEDAW activities being sponsored on campus, Johnson hopes participants are able to recognize their self worth and importance with a positive outlook on personal self images.
**POLICE BEAT**

**Monday, February 15, 2010**
- Officers issued one traffic citation, assisted four motorists, responded to one alarm and investigated one accident.
- A case of harassment was reported at Southern Pines.
- A purse was taken from a vehicle at the Recreation Activity Center.
- A gym bag was taken from the Recreation Activity Center.

**Tuesday, February 16, 2010**
- Officers issued 11 traffic citations, issued three traffic warnings, assisted five motorists, responded to one alarm and investigated two accidents.
- A wallet and two cell phones were taken from the Recreation Activity Center.

**Wednesday, February 17, 2010**
- Officers issued two traffic citations, issued four traffic warnings, assisted two motorists, responded to one alarm and investigated one accident.
- A vehicle was keyed (scratched) at Kennedy Hall.
- A computer was taken from Southern Pines.

**Thursday, February 18, 2010**
- Officers issued seven traffic warnings, issued six traffic citations, assisted eight motorists and responded to one hit-and-run accident.
- Lost property was found at the Hanner Complex and Public Safety.
- Brytnee Lynne Neely, 21, Richmond Hill, was arrested for driving under the influence.
- Brent Lee Goldman, 20, Centennial Place, was arrested for theft by receiving stolen property.
- Ridge Robert Fennel, 22, Jesup, was arrested for public drunkenness and affray.
- John Luke Allen, 19, Thomson, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol, affray and possession of a false ID.

**Friday, February 19, 2010**
- Officers issued one traffic citation, issued three traffic warnings and assisted three motorists.
- A bicycle was taken from Centennial Place.
- Chelsea Virgina Scordas, 19, Eagle Village, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- Kellie Anse Beaumont, 18, Southern Pines, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- Stephen J. Witherington, 18, Eagle Village, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

**Saturday, February 20, 2010**
- Officers issued five traffic citations, assisted one sick person and one injured person, assisted another agency and responded to one alarm.
- A Southern Courtyard resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

**Sunday, February 21, 2010**
- Officers issued three traffic warnings, assisted three motorists, responded to a drug complaint at Eagle Village and responded to one alarm.
- A bicycle was taken from the Henderson Library.
Student questions welcome at forum

Georgia Southern President Brooks Keel will be available to address students’ questions and concerns for two hours Wednesday.

The student forum will begin at 11 a.m. in the Russell Union Commons Area. During this informal discussion, Keel will be available to hear the questions and concerns of students.

Keel will talk about five or six themes that are on his mind then open the floor for questions from students.

SGA President Samantha Young will facilitate.

Appreciation night for students Thursday

The Traditions Council is sponsoring a Student Appreciation Night during the men’s basketball game Thursday. There will be free food and other giveaways, and $500 will be given to the top Greek and non-Greek organization with the most attendance at the game. Only students will be allowed to participate in on-court promotions.

The first 500 students at the game will receive free pizza and the next 500 will receive a Verizon Wireless and Georgia Southern jersey bag.

The Traditions Council looks to break the student attendance record with more than 3,000 students.

Oxfam sponsors Haiti food drive

Oxfam at Georgia Southern is hosting a Campus Food Drive until Friday, Feb 26. There will be boxes located at the Market and Russell Union by the information desk where you can drop off donations of dried and canned food goods and bottled water.

Student selected for scholarship

Georgia Southern University Honors Program senior Thomas Eisenhart has been awarded the Rotary Foundation Academic Year Ambassadorial Scholarship to travel to Belfast, Northern Ireland, where he will attend Queen’s University Belfast during the 2010-2011 school year.

Eisenhart, a Statesboro native, plans to earn a master’s degree in chemistry during his year abroad.

Vaccination clinic closes this week

Vaccine clinics for the seasonal influenza and the H1N1 virus at the Russell Union will end this week.

The last clinic will be in Russell Union Room 2041 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

The H1N1 shot will be available free of charge, but there will be a fee for the seasonal influenza vaccine -- $5 for students and $13 for GSU faculty, staff and retirees. Student IDs will be required to receive the inoculation from Health Services.

For more information, Health Services can be reached at 912-478-5641.

New organization seeks members

Student Affairs and Enrollment Management is seeking applicants for a new student organization – the Southern Legacy Student Foundation. The purpose of the Southern Legacy Student Foundation is to serve Georgia Southern students by building, cultivating and sustaining relationships within the Georgia Southern community and to educate the student body about the impact and importance of charitable giving to the Georgia Southern Foundation.

Applicants should:

• Maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative G.P.A;
• Be an enrolled full-time student at least through the fall semester of 2010;
• Attend a weekly organization meeting Friday afternoons 2 - 4 p.m. (starting March 16);
• Attend a Saturday training workshop (date to be determined);
• Have a satisfactory judicial record.

The deadline to apply is March 4. Students can learn more and apply online at http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/specialprojects/southernlegacy.html.

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**Wednesday, February 24, 2010**
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**Sexual Assault Awareness Week**

* February 22-25

- **2/22-25** Clothesline Project
  * Survivors Invited to Come Design a Free Shirt
  * Rotunda 9:00am-5:00pm

- **2/24** Cathy McCall Presentation on Childhood Sexual Violence
  * Rotunda @ Noon

- **2/25** “Take Back The Night” March
  * Starts in Front of Landrum @ 7:00pm

- **2/25** End Sexual Violence Rally
  * Rotunda @ 8:00pm

- **3/8** Sexual Assault Risk Reduction Presentation
  * Russell Union @ 1:00pm
Panel that will be in the Multipurpose Room beginning at 9 a.m.

“We are going to have three employers on the panel – a representative from Sears, First Investors and Wachovia,” Scarboro said. “They will be speaking about things they like to see at the career fair – the do’s, the don’ts, what people should not be saying, what they should be saying.”

Scarboro suggests that students bring at least 10 to 15 copies of their resumes to the event.

“I would suggest they look and see who’s coming and bring at least one resume [for each business that appeals to them] and then five extra,” Scarboro said. “Even the ones you don’t think you want to talk to, you might talk to and realize that ‘I really want to work for GEICO and never knew it.’”

Students should come dressed in at least “business casual.”

“They are not only representing themselves but also representing the school, so we want them to show employers that Georgia Southern students can dress nice,” Scarboro said. “If they are getting ready to graduate and entering into the workforce, we highly stress business professional. That suit can make you stand out in a crowd.”

Some employers will be conducting interviews Thursday. “We have already scheduled interviews with 15 employers,” Scarboro said. “We have others who have reserved a room with us and will be building their schedule at the career fair. There will be seven to eight employers interviewing on Thursday – everything from Target to the CIA to GEICO and others.”

For those students that have class during the career fair, Scarboro offered this advice.

“Employers realize that students may have classes during that time frame. Do some research and see who you would like to contact. If you come to Career Services with that information, we may be able to help you. We would be able to help with your research and figure out what you need to do.”

Due to limited parking at the RAC, it is suggested that students utilize the bus/transit system.

“We have a shuttle that’s going to run directly from the stadium to the RAC,” Scarboro said. “There will be a big banner sign at the stadium so students will know where to meet. If someone parks illegally at the RAC, they will be ticketed.”

Eagle IDs are required for entry.

The competitors in the annual event were: Annelise Kitching, LaKea Burrison, Reedi Hawkins, Courtney Walker, Kiley Plyler, Christine Chianumba, Avanti Katkam, Brittany Cook, Lacey Odum, Caitlin McIntosh, Alexa Turpin, Michelle Johnson, Charlene Bibeau and Hayden Harrison.

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Hanging by the thread of advocacy

The Clothesline Project delivers its message with eye-catching visuals

Ally RAKOCZY
staff writer

Today marks the beginning of the Clothesline Project, which will be held at the rotunda from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The event, which is organized by the Sexual Assault Response Team, will serve to bring awareness of sexual violence through the use of t-shirts created by victims and advocates of victims. Students are invited to create a shirt, with each color representing a different form of sexual violence.

According to Jodi Caldwell, chair of the SART, the Clothesline Project, originally begun in Cape Cod, Massachusetts in 1990, has been an important component to bringing awareness for the past 10 years.

“This will be the 10th year that we’ll be having it on our campus. We always have it about two weeks before spring break,” said Caldwell.

Caldwell said that the reason SART originally decided to bring the Clothesline Project to campus was its powerful way of bringing awareness.

“The idea is just to raise awareness among students’ issues about sexual violence, because spring break tends to be the time when more students experience sexual violence,” added Caldwell.

The shirt colors that students use represent various acts of sexual violence that survivors have experienced, including pink for rape, yellow for domestic violence, blue for survivors of childhood sexual abuse and purple for survivors of violence due to their sexual orientation. In addition, there are white shirts that can be decorated in memory of individuals who were killed due to sexual violence.

For Caldwell, the event serves as an important reminder that sexual violence is an ongoing issue on Georgia Southern’s campus and within the community and brings the awareness closer to home.

“We often think that sexual violence is something that happens to other people and that it’s not something that happens to people we know,” said Caldwell.

“In fact, we know that sexual violence is horrendously prevalent. One in four women are sexually assaulted in their lifetime and one in six to one in ten men are, depending on your source and the clothesline drive really brings that home,” explained Caldwell.

Junior education major Elizabeth Bragg echoed Caldwell’s sentiments.

“I definitely think it’s important because a lot of times I think sexual violence is overlooked and that it’s really important to bring awareness to the issue because it happens all the time,” she said.

Kim Fowler, the graduate assistant for SART, also cited awareness as one of the key elements of the Clothesline Project.

“It’s important because it helps raise awareness and helps get the students into what’s going on, because a lot of the shirts are having a great impact,” said Fowler.

“When they see [the Clothesline Project] they see that [sexual violence] is really going on and that it happens more than they think,” Fowler said.

Caldwell has also felt the personal affect of the Clothesline Project over the years.

“Personally, no matter how long you do this work, I’m always honored by the courage that survivors show coming forward and putting their stories out there,” said Caldwell.

“I’m definitely humbled by the experiences that people have survived [and] I’m always dismayed by just how prevalent sexual violence is.”

According to Caldwell, awareness is more than simply knowing that sexual violence exists, it is about increasing sensitivity to it.

“Unfortunately, we still live in a society that, in many ways, glamorizes sexual violence,” said Caldwell.

“A lot of the way we socialize men and women to interact promotes sexual violence in some ways,” said Caldwell.

Caldwell went on to add that it’s also important to bring awareness in order to educate people on their own behavior and how to respond when friends or loved ones tell them that they’ve been victims of a sexually violent act.

“The more we talk about it, the more aware we become of it... we need to be more respectful [and] we’ll start to see the incidents [of jokes] go down,” said Caldwell.

According to Caldwell, there were just under 175 shirts made last year alone by survivors and shirts from previous years will be displayed in buildings throughout campus.

“All the shirts are made by people here on this campus, so it’s a very visual way for all of the students to become aware of how many people right here in our community have been impacted by violence and that we need to be active and aware of the issue,” said Caldwell.

In addition to the Clothesline Project during the day, there will be a “Take Back the Night” march and an “End Sexual Violence” rally on Thursday at 7 p.m. that will begin in front of Landrum and end at the Russell Union Rotunda.

“We definitely encourage and invite people to come out and participate,” said Caldwell. “It’s a very empowering experience.”
4th annual Drag Show to feature new star

Derek JOYCE
staff writer

On Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m., the Multicultural Student Center will present the Fourth Annual Georgia Southern Drag Show in the Russell Union Ballroom.

According to information given out by the MSC, the audience will “be entertained by elaborate performances of song monologues and dance while gaining more insight into the GLBTQ lifestyle. There will be a question and answer period immediately following the show.”

The drag show will feature pop — or vaudeville - style performances, a question and answer session, and a “suicide drag.” For the first segment of the show, each of three performers will go through two songs. After a break, the second segment of the show will commence.

This year will be the first “suicide drag,” where audience members can perform to a song. Following that will be a final scene by the performers followed by a Q&A.

“During the question-answer period it is very active and a very large amount of the audience remain for that,” said Director of the Multicultural Student Center Consuela Ward.

To timing conflicts, previous years’ headline Bianca Nicole will not be able to attend this year’s function.

Winner of many drag contests and “mother” to many famous Atlanta performers, Nicole’s most recent awards were Miss Georgia USofA 2008 and Entertainer of the Year F.I. 2009.

Nicole was the headline for all previous GSU Drag Shows and recruited this year’s headline. “Bianca and I have been friends for six years. Bianca actually got me to do the show last year and since she couldn’t do it this year she passed it on to me,” said GSU graduate Brandon Majors.

Majors has performed in drag for many years under the name White Queen. As a former GSU student and a close colleague of Bianca Nicole, he seems to be a natural choice to head this year’s show.

“I did it last year and I was more than happy to support any positive gay imagery that Georgia Southern does. I tried it once and I really liked it and I really like dancing and music and entertaining people. For me, drag is just a form of entertaining. I do not have any inclinations of being a woman,” said Majors. Outside of drag shows, Majors works at the Lenox mall and takes classes at Southern Polytechnic State University.

There is a history of controversy surrounding the annual drag show.

“Our fliers are continuously being taken down, and one year, we had to put fliers back up at least three times. I normally have security available just in case. We have had people protest,” said Ward

However, despite all that, “They [the performers] enjoy coming back each year, the students come every year, and I have noticed that resistance to the show has weakened every year,” said Ward.

Each year all seats are filled at the drag show, meaning 500-600 attendees.

The drag show originated with the Gay Straight Alliance who wanted to hold a drag contest along with a couple professional performances. However, participation was not as high as was hoped, so the contest portion was dropped in future shows.

Other performers for this year are Kyra Mora and Pandora Boxx. Mora was the winner of Miss Atlanta Rising Diva 2009 and Boxx was a contestant in Drag Idol 2008. Both entertainers are based in Atlanta and perform in a large variety of venues.

“Pandora is very creative and very talented. Kyra Mora is a very tall, beautiful blonde girl. We are going to be down there to give you all a great show,” said Majors.

The drag show occurs at the same time as Eagle Entertainment’s Dan Adhoot comedy show in the Russell Union Theater and the Take Back the Night March at Landrum Cafe.

Dan Adhoot is known for his performances on Last Comic Standing and Comedy Central’s Premium Blend. The Take Back the Night March is part of this week’s Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

The Fourth Annual GSU Drag Show promises to be a large, exciting event that will live up to the high standards of past events.

With a new headline, new stars and a few surprises in store, it is not an event to miss.

“Every year we have a full house, which tells me that people are interested and that it is a need,” said Ward.

‘Shutter Island’ delivers psychological thrills

Ryan BABULA
features editor

“Shutter Island” is a labyrinth of the mind; a maze carved out of the deranged and wrought with psychological tension.

The film is filled with such staggering imagery and symbolism that a second viewing is almost immediately warranted.

The ending may be easy to spot from a mile away, but it’s the journey that matters here, and one can’t help but get intensely involved in the film’s mystery. The drama doesn’t lie in the procedural aspects of the film - it lies in the exploration of what drives someone mad.

The film follows Federal Marshal Teddy Daniels (Leonardo DiCaprio) and the investigation of a prisoner’s escape from Shutter Island. Going anymore into the film’s plot would rob it of its power to twist the audience’s perception of the real and the imaginary.

Director Martin Scorsese hasn’t tackled a film like this before. “Cape Fear” was his last visit to thriller territory, and most will associate him with works such as “Goodfellas,” “Taxi Driver” and “The Departed.”

Going into the film, I had no idea what to expect, and I’m glad to say that Scorsese has delivered in spades. The set design and cinematography ooze with dread and menace.

The score evokes thrillers from the 1950s, and Scorsese tricks the audience into looking at the broad strokes.

Pay attention to the little things, especially in Daniels’ dream sequences. The slightest bit of dialogue or movement may hold the key to an entire sequence.

The film is rich with flourishes like this, and Scorsese’s enthusiasm for the genre is apparent in every frame.

DiCaprio’s work here is stellar. He makes Teddy Daniels’ personal trauma real and hypnotic at the same time. It will be pretty easy to guess what’s really happening on Shutter Island, but DiCaprio’s work makes it engaging and tense entertainment.

Technically, this is one of Scorsese’s most polished films. Most of what works in the film is a result of the technical prowess on display. Scorsese tells the film not only in stretches of dialogue but in visual puzzles.

If the ending comes off as convenient, it’s only because of the genre’s handicaps. All needs to be explained, but I think the film wants the ending to be known.

It makes the characters’ motives and realizations during the film all the more captivating.

“Shutter Island” doesn’t pull punches and doesn’t take the easy road in telling its story. It feels fresh and will stick with you after you leave the theater.

The film requires a second viewing. Nothing will be missed as far as the plot goes, but it’s in the flourishes and visual tools that Scorsese uses to tell the film that make it worth re-watching.

It’s a visual and psychological maze, and I absolutely loved it.

G-A Rating: 5 out of 5

Showtimes: Carmike Cinemas today through Thursday - 4:05 p.m., 7:10 p.m., and 10:15 p.m.
Famed therapist to speak on campus

Jeff HARRISON
guest writer

Cathy McCall, a famed memoirist and family therapist, is coming to speak this Wednesday, Feb. 24 at the Russell Union Rotunda as a part of the “Clothesline Project.”

Her presentation will center on childhood sexual violence based on research and writings. The hour-long speech will begin at 12 p.m.

“I am very excited about visiting the community of Georgia Southern University [...] and I feel a sense of gratitude about being a part of it,” said McCall. “As a family therapist, it is not often that I get the opportunity to speak about private matters in a public forum.”

“The invitation to speak in the Rotunda as part of the Clothesline Project feels like a special honor,” said McCall. “My message will be a least three-fold: to witness, to educate, and to challenge. I say ‘at least’, because I leave space for what may get stirred up in me, and how that may become part of my message.”

As an incest survivor from an alcoholic home, McCall provides an insight few others can, and one that most dread.

“I am an incest survivor, I have dear women-friends who have been abused, and many women I have worked with in therapy have been sexually assaulted at some point,” said McCall. “I expect that I will be emotionally moved by the ceremony.”

McCall will also speak to undergraduate and graduate classes throughout the week, discussing topics that range from abuse and psychotherapy, to writing. She will also read from her book, “When the Piano Stops,” in the College of Education auditorium Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m.

“I’m really looking forward to seeing her,” said Lindsay Sims, a freshman majoring in education who’s planning to attend the Thursday speech. “I think it is great that Georgia Southern is doing something like this, and drawing attention to something so important.”

“What do I hope students will take from my speech,” said McCall. “Awareness, reverence, a sense of solidarity, compassion, peace, commitment, hope, healing, and ultimately, a call to arms -- loving arms.”

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Quick Hits

▲ GSU baseball took one out of three games during their weekend series against Tennessee Tech.

▲ GSU softball will host a double header on Wednesday, Feb. 24 against Georgia State. The first game begins at 2 p.m. with the second game scheduled for 4 p.m.

▲ GSU women’s tennis defeated Hampton on Sunday, Feb. 21 7-0, improving their record to 4-2.

▲ GSU basketball celebrated Pack the House Pink on Saturday, Feb. 20 with both teams playing Wofford. The women won 68-50 while the men lost in overtime 82-76.

▲ GSU baseball begins a two game series against nationally ranked Georgia Tech tonight at 6 p.m. Tomorrow’s game is set for 4 p.m.

▲ GSU men’s tennis defeated Hampton 7-0 during weekend play.

▲ GSU swimming & diving placed fifth during the CCSA Championships while five university records were broken.

▲ GSU men’s basketball will host Elon Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m.

Softball season has started

GSU catcher Mackenzie Williams (#17) makes a plate appearance during the Eagle Classic Tournament this past weekend. During the tournament, the Eagles went 2-2 before loosing in the championship game to Lipscomb.

Dylan Thompson
staff writer

The 2010 Georgia Southern softball campaign kicked off this past weekend under a hot February sun in Statesboro.

The Eagle Classic featured four teams and 10 games played over this past Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The tournament saw the Eagles come up short in the championship game to a Lipscomb squad that featured dominant pitcher Whitney Kiihnl, who was 4-0 on the weekend and consistently mowed through line up after line up.

To open the season, the Eagles scored 8 runs en route to an 8-0 shut out of Oakland, located in Michigan. They were sharp out of the gate, scoring three runs in their half of the first.

Marie Fogle chimed in with a home run that also brought in senior Nina Iduate. Jenny Side, a senior who played solid defense at third base all weekend, drove in the third run.

GSU applied pressure on the base paths in the third inning, scoring on a myriad of singles and smart base running. A couple of passed balls later, the game was culled due to the NCAA run rule at 8-0.

The second game of the opening day was against Binghampton with the Eagles falling 6-4 in a ten inning game.

Fogle was active on the bases, stealing second before being knocked in on an Iduate single. The teams scored on one another before Binghampton finally took it.

The second day of the tournament pitted GSU against Lipscomb’s wonder kid pitcher Kiihnl.

Lipscomb cruised on the back of a seven run 2nd inning, dispatching the Eagles 10-0 in six innings. Kelly Burnett’s single in the 5th broke up Kiihnl’s bid for a no hitter.

The second game of the day was a grudge match against Binghampton that went the Eagles way 6-4.

Brianna Streetmon picked up the win, going seven innings, and giving up four runs, two of which were unearned. The win locked them into the championship game on Sunday against Lipscomb.

The offense sputtered in the face of Kiihnl’s pitching, but a serious 7th inning rally threatened a 4-0 Lipscomb win.

Runners were on second and third with one out, but the rally fell short.

Despite the loss, the Eagles played sharp defense at times, limiting Lipscomb to four runs.

Head coach Maggie Johnson was pleased with what she saw from her team on its opening weekend.

“We showed a lot of guts. We were in a lot of tough situations, and we played our hearts out.”

She also stated that the team would go as its pitching and defense did.

Coach Johnson looks to shore up those inconsistent areas heading into the rest of the season. The Eagles will play a double header at home on Wednesday against Georgia State.

Going into that game, senior third baseman Jenny Side thinks the Eagles had a good weekend, but that they needed to keep it simple and “bring more intensity.”
Eagles fall to Wofford in OT, 82-76

Brandon Richardson
staff writer

The Georgia Southern men’s basketball team lost a hard-fought game in overtime Saturday to Wofford, 76-82.

“I’m really proud of the way we played,” said head coach Charlton Young. “I’m usually very upset with my team after a loss, but today I just went in and gave them a hug.”

The Eagles won the opening tip only to miss a three pointer. Wofford scored the first basket of the game with 18:37 to play. Guard Willie Powers III responded with two points shortly after.

The game was one of many missed opportunities. The Eagles would force a missed shot or a loose ball, but Wofford would get the rebound or recover the ball and score.

“We hit a couple of tough spots, but we stayed together as a basketball family and executed the game plan,” said Young.

The highlight of the half came when the Eagles were down nine with eight minutes to go.

Guard Ben Drayton dribbled down court and with a spin move, passed the ball to Guard Antonio Hanson for a three pointer. It was one of his three assists in the half.

Once again, Wofford had a response for the Eagles, dribbling down court for a three of their own.

On the following Eagle’s possession, Drayton responded with a three, bringing the Eagles within five points with less than six minutes to go.

Wofford got up to their largest lead of the half with a 32-21 lead and 4:11 to go. The game looked like it was going to be a blowout, but the Eagles ended the half on two straight threes and headed into the locker room down 29-33.

“We knew from the way they would defend. We could force inside outside threes,” said Young.

The Eagles outrebounded and shot better from the field than their opponents.

The 10 fouls committed by the Eagles in the half led to eight made Wofford free throws. The Eagles only made one of four free throw attempts on the half.

The good note the Eagles ended the first half on was erased by the 8-0 run made by Wofford to begin the second half.

The run forced Eagles coach Young to call a timeout. In the timeout, Young told his team, “keep chopping wood. Let’s get it back one shot at a time.”

He drew up a play and the Eagles scored five straight points that included a ‘traditional’ three point play and a Wofford turnover. Wofford responded with four straight points making it 45-33.

A three by forward Colby Wohlleb with 14 minutes to go got the Eagles within two.

A Powers lay up and a shot from Rory Spencer gave the team their first lead of the game at 51-50 with 11:21 on the clock.

Of the team, coach Young says, “we have the ability to fight back when we’re down.”

The Eagles blocked shots on the next two Wofford possessions, but also went scoreless on their end. With 7:30 to play, it was 55-52 Eagles.

Only one shot had been made from the field by both teams since the Eagles took the lead.

“In the second half, our presses got better. We did a good job of forcing tempo,” said Young.

A long range Hanson two at 1:46 in the game was followed by a Wofford three tying the game at 66.

The exciting last minute of the game showed Powers missing a one-handed three pointer to beat the buzzer, sending the game into overtime.

Wofford won the tip off and made a quick two 15 seconds into overtime.

The Eagles responded to tie it up at 68. It was the closest the Eagles would get to Wofford in overtime.

An intentional foul resulted in a four-point play, putting Wofford up by six.

“I felt no question we should have won the game. I thought there were some real questionable calls,” said Young.

Wofford would lead the rest of the period by as many as nine on the way to winning and locking up a first round bye in the conference tournament.

“We are definitely getting better at the right time going into Charlotte. We are a very dangerous team,” said Young.

The Eagles’ next home game is set for Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. when GSU faces Elon.
Eagles struggle in season series debut

Matt MAUNEY
special assignments editor

Eagle baseball dropped two out of three games in their season opening series against Tennessee Tech this weekend at J.I. Clements Stadium.

In game one Friday night, the Eagles tried to overcome a five run deficit in the bottom of the ninth but fell short 5-2.

GSU managed to score two in the final inning, but left the potential winning run at the plate after junior Kyle Blackburn struck out with the bases loaded.

In game two on Saturday, the Eagles broke open a tied game in the eighth after back-to-back RBI singles by Kevin Bowles and Victor Roache.

GSU would put up seven runs against the Golden Eagles of TTU in that inning, giving them their first win of the season by a score of 16-9.

“I’m very proud of the team and their effort tonight,” said head coach Rodney Hennon after the game.

“We fought back after making some mistakes early on to overcome Tennessee Tech. It’s good to get the first win under our belt and I’m proud of the bounce back by the team.”

In the rubber match of the three game set, the Eagles jumped out to an eight run lead after the first two innings of play.

RBI hits by seniors A.J. Wirnsberger and Bowles and a three run home run by Blackburn contributed to the Eagles’ early lead.

Eagle starting pitcher Trent Franzago threw four scoreless innings before TTU managed to get three runs off him in the fifth, cutting their deficit to 8-3. Franzago would be pulled at the end of the fifth as the GSU bullpen took over.

Four Eagle relievers would combine to give up nine earned runs on nine hits and five walks, including a three-run homer by A.J. Kirby-Jones off of GSU reliever Andy Moye in the top of the eighth.

That homer would give the Golden Eagles a 9-8 lead. GSU would tie the game in the bottom of the eighth after an RBI double by junior Shawn Payne, but three more runs in the top half of the ninth would make the deficit too big to overcome for GSU, as they fell 12-9.

The Eagles will look to get back in the win column Tuesday night when they take on in-state rival Georgia Tech at J.I. Clements Stadium.

The game will be part of a two game series with the Yellow Jackets, with first pitch for game one set for 6 p.m.

The Yellow Jackets enter Statesboro with a 3-0 record, sweeping Missouri State over the weekend.

Outfielder Chase Burnette leads the Yellow Jackets with a .727 batting average. Burnette also had two home runs with six RBIs.

Georgia Tech has a team total of nine home runs over the last three games with 37 total runs.

Even more impressive is the pitching staff, who have allowed only three runs. Starters Deck McGuire and Jed Bradley have perfect ERA’s with no earned runs.

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