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Embodiment of manhood

The George-Anne finds most interesting man in the world here at Georgia Southern

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Mourning the end of the world since yesterday.

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Officials: World on way out

IIGA believe recent disasters prelude to end in 2012

Kelsey DECKER
foreteller of destruction

The International Institute for Global Affairs confirmed last night what many people have been fearing for years: The world is really going to end in 2012.

In a conference that included representatives from 83 countries, scientists concluded that the recent trend in natural disasters with increasingly disastrous effects irrefutably will culminate in a series of disasters around the world that will lead to the destruction of civilization.

"As a united global force, we have decided that the signs can no longer be ignored," IIGA Chief Alexander Harvey said. "The recent earthquakes in Haiti and Chile, the tsunami that flooded Laos and the earthquake that upset western China, when

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BREAKING NEWS

Student Media staff members missing

Jatt JAUNEY

This is not Matt Mauney

Six Georgia Southern Student Media staff members have been reported missing.

Matt Mauney, Keith Warburg, Alli Brenner, Ryan Babula, Victoria Evans and Christina Riley were last seen at the Student Media offices in the Williams Center last Saturday, March 27.

According to Ads Manager Zach Damon, the six staff members were performing an experiment to dispel rumors that the George-Anne newsroom and other Student Media offices were haunted.

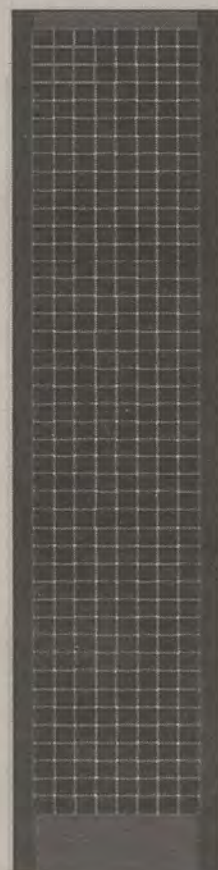
"We were ghost hunting," Damon said. "It started out as a fun time, just a bunch of friends and co-workers hanging out on a

Saturday night."

"I had to leave before the group began the experiment. I had to catch up on some homework," Damon said. "I haven't heard from them since."

"I waited around for everyone to show up for our weekly Sunday budget meeting, but no one showed up," said George-Anne Editor-in-Chief Charles Minshew. "At first I didn't think anything of it because no one ever shows up for budget meetings, but it's been a few days now, and I'm beginning to get worried."

If you know the whereabouts of these missing persons or think you may have seen them, please call 912-478-0565. Please visit www.GAdaily.com for the last known video footage of the missing staff members.



Artist's rendition of Millennial Place. Construction of Millennial Place to begin in July.

Make way for Millennial Centennial finds 'place' in history

Charles MENSCHOE • King of The George-Anne office

Centennial Place will earn its own place in history at the end of the semester when it is demolished to make way for traditional dormitories, according to one Georgia Southern official.

Millennial Place, which will include four eight-story buildings, will house 4,000 students and set on the property that currently houses the 1,001 bed mixed-use facility. Centennial Place has only been in operation since August 2009.

The move comes after a report published by the National Council of Students Living in On-Campus Housing showed that four out of five students in the U.S. said they would rather live in a traditional dormitory than an apartment with a kitchen and private bathrooms.

John Smith, who serves the coordinator for student appeasement in the department of university housing, said that to meet the new student demand, traditional dormitories have to be constructed within

the next year.

"In a resounding voice, students from Georgia Southern and across the country have said that they want traditional dormitories," Smith said. "We realized that because of its prime location, Centennial Place was taking up great property for new dormitories. It has to go."

According to Smith, demolition will begin just days after the spring semester ends, and construction will begin in July. Smith added that the new building will double the bed space provided on campus.

"Not only will Millennial Place meet the demands of students," Smith said. "It will also house 20 percent of Georgia Southern's population. This allows us to meet our goal of housing 7,000 students on campus."

Jeff Sanders, a student from Oak Hill High School in Macon, Ga., visited campus for Open House Saturday and said he is excited about the possibility of living in the

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The Police Beatdown

Tuesday, March 30, 2010

☞ Officers issued three tardies, five pink slips, assisted three green elephants and joined forces with The Batman.

☞ The Rotunda was reported missing from the Russel Union.

☞ A complaint was reported of clowns invading the area in mass swarms.

☞ Pink elephants were reported doing battle with the green elephants.

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☞ Kassie Typanese charged with assault on innocent writers.

☞ Lakes outside of Lakeside were reported to be the colors of the rainbow.

☞ A complaint was filed all over campus of The Joker taking all the napkins from food services and the left shoe off many students.

☞ Every gym bag, purse and cell phone was stolen from the Recreational Activity Center. (Y'all should learn to leave your crap in your car, for reals!)

☞ THE END IS NEAR! OMG THE WORLD IS ENDING! AHHHHHHHHHHHHH!

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☞ Thousands of people reported "being duped" by these ridiculous stories.

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☞ THE END IS NEAR! OMG THE MAYANS WERE RIGHT! SAVE YOURSELVES! ARGH! GUNS WILL BE OF NO HELP! OUR ADVICE – GRAB YOUR ANKLES AND PRAY!

Professor tracks down elusive 6th 'W'

Stepanek: This is something akin to the 'Holy Grail' of journalism

Ben LYON
guest writer

In a development many are calling the greatest breakthrough for journalism since Katie Couric abandoned her modified shag in favor of a trendy, kicky toss-'n'-tease with a flip-under and bangs, a Georgia Southern researcher has announced the isolation of the long-sought-after sixth "w."

"This is something akin to the 'Holy Grail' of journalism," said Steve Stepanek, an assistant professor in the university's department of communication arts. "Ever since [Gerard] Bonmot identified 'when' back in the 1920s, theoretical journalists have posited that at least one other basic question must exist in the reportable universe — most likely in the vast rhetoric belt that exists between 'why' and 'what.'"

Closing what Stepanek described as a "solid decade of painstaking scrutiny of Adam Sandler movie scripts and freshman composition assignments," the new discovery promises to

have significant — and possibly immediate — impact.

"For example, one of the most heated points of contention within the journalism community today concerns whether the 'inverted pyramid' is, conceptually, of the equilateral or isosceles variety," Stepanek observed. "The substantiated existence of the sixth 'w' thus throws open the question and leaves as viable the contention that what is involved here, ultimately, is the possible dispositive existence of a proper right triangle."

Not surprisingly, reaction from the journalism community has been both swift and mixed.

"I am extremely pleased for Steve — this has consumed him since the Clinton Administration and now he has his vindication," said Victor Mildrew, deputy chair of the colloquy department at Loggerhead College, Bennyhill-on-Steroids, England.

Mildrew, a close collaborator with Stepanek in the early 1990s — when they jointly chaired the Society for Proficient Journalists' ill-fated "Newspapers in the Operating Room" project

— also stated that history will mark Stepanek's achievement alongside that of Fulton's steam engine and Popeil's pocket fisherman.

Other researchers in the field are apparently far less sanguine, however, and are inclined to take the position offered by Terrance Lega, director of the Walter Burns Foundation, a noted media think tank.

"As my sainted father used to say, in the absence of some solid evidence, 'there just ain't no way' that we can accept and build upon this contention that the sixth 'w' really exists," said Lega. "The very foundations of journalism as we know it — crafted over myriad generations — are imperiled by such a mindless rush to acceptance."

In announcing his discovery, Stepanek assured skeptics that he is fully prepared to submit his research for full peer review, noting that the first installment of his work is already scheduled to be published in the spring planting edition of "The Great Plains Journal of Lexicon, Jargon and Crop Rotation," due out April 1.

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new building.

"I think having seven roommates will be an awesome experience," Sanders said. "Living in Millennial Place will be just like the fun times I

had at 4-H camp at Rock Eagle every summer."

Students who had received assignments for Centennial Place already will be assigned to other rooms. According to Smith, the plan is to turn rooms in University Villas and Southern Courtyard into double occupancy rooms. A similar offer was made to students in 2008.

As for the other occupants of the current buildings, both Einstein Bros. Bagels and Cold Stone Creamery will move into the space formerly occupied by the Pickle Barrel in Landrum, while the Market at Centennial Place and College Optical Express will move to temporary buildings near J.I. Clements Stadium.

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analyzed together, solidify what we have been researching for years."

The Institute did not release a specific date regarding when the catastrophes would begin, as "it would be impossible to pinpoint any one day at this point in time," data analyst Simone Dubois said. "This is simply the first of many monumental announcements to be made over the coming months and year."

Scientists and theologians have been intrigued by what will happen to the Earth over time for centuries. One of the most popular theories has derived from Mayan predictions made long ago, but according to

"Sit down with your friends and families and start figuring out what kinds of things you want to do in the next year."

Angelika Bruschkov
human resources manager

Harvey, the IIGA's findings were not based on mainstream theories.

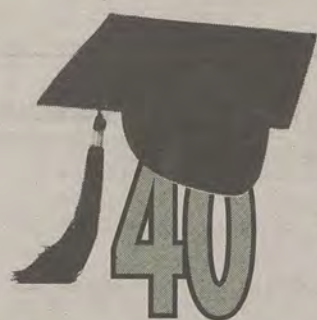
"We formed this institute in the late 1980s in an attempt to get to the bottom of this issue and either confirm or dissuade

everyone's fears once and for all," he said. "This is obviously not the outcome we would prefer, but as we checked and rechecked ourselves before going public, we are quite sure of our findings."

Human resources manager Angelika Bruschkov said now is the time for people to start preparing.

"Sit down with your friends and families and start figuring out what kinds of things you want to do in the next year," she said. "But the most important thing to remember right now is not to panic. We will be setting up stations in all countries in the coming weeks to assist people with questions they may have."

More details will be released as they become available.



Countdown to graduation

Seniors consider other options as big day nears

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Eagle wrestler takes first place

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Cheerleaders take stage

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APRIL FOOLS'!

The George-Anne
Staff, 2009-2010

Photo Illustration

And let the hilarity ensue ...

On this day of pranks and frivolity, the Student Media staff presents our annual April Fools' edition. The exterior pages of this edition are here for your entertainment. Enjoy a laugh on us!

SGA election draws to close Wednesday

Charles MINSHEW
editor-in-chief

Elections for Student Government Association have closed, but results won't be announced until noon today.

Presidential candidates Charles Feagain and Alton Standifer both said that the campaign has been stressful and both expressed hope that they would be the successful candidates.

"I've been pretty pleased," Dean

of Students Georj Lewis said. "The people running have been excited and have been running very hard."

Lewis said that nearly 1,500

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Shots fired at Garden District

No one injured; police investigate

Charles MINSHEW • editor-in-chief

The Statesboro Police Department is investigating a shooting at the Garden District Apartments.

SPD officers arrived to the complex shortly after midnight on Wednesday in response to a large crowd and gunshots.

According to the police incident report, there was a large crowd near building four of the complex. An official with the Garden District Apartments, according to the report, asked the crowd to disperse "because

they did not belong on the property."

The report further stated that the crowd ignored him. Soon after, the complainant heard "several gunshots close to him." As soon as the officer arrived, the crowd dispersed.

Officers found bullet holes in a stairwell in building four and shell casings in the parking lot. No one was injured in the shooting.

If you have information about the shooting, contact the Statesboro Police Department at (912) 764-9911.

Health Services: No increase in H1N1

Charles MINSHEW
editor-in-chief

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, various states have seen an uptick in the number of cases of swine flu.

Dr. Brian DeLoach, chief of medical staff at Health Services said, "We've not really seen an

increase in cases [of influenza like illnesses] since we've got back from Christmas."

DeLoach added that his office had seen fewer cases of flu in February and March of this year compared to the same time period in 2009. He also said that they "fully expected to see more" cases of flu-like illnesses after spring break.



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Armed robbery at GSU last Thursday

Arrests made at the scene, next day



Charles Minshew/STAFF

Kelsey DECKER
news editor

Four people were arrested last week after an armed robbery was reported at approximately 1 a.m.

The robbery took place on Chandler Road near Centennial Place Thursday, March 25.

Three male Georgia Southern students were walking through J-Lot when they were approached by a man who pulled a gun and robbed them of a small amount of cash.

When the suspect ran, the victims followed him. Someone called 911 while the suspect was being pursued.

Officers apprehended the suspect after arriving on the scene and seeing him being chased by the victims.

The gun, a Rohm RG38, was found approximately 25 feet away from the suspect.

The suspect, Jermaine Quintez Scott, 19, Halcyondale Rd., Sylvania, was charged with armed robbery, possession of a firearm while committing a crime, possession of a weapon in a school safety zone and obstruction of an officer.

When he was searched, officers were able to retrieve the stolen cash, which was \$5.

Scott was subsequently taken to the Bulloch County Jail.

The following day, three more arrests were made, and all were charged with armed robbery, as they had been seen fleeing the scene by car when Scott fled on foot.

The three males who were arrested are Tayvon Marquez Miles, 18, Rifel Road, Sylvania; Dwayne Marquez Harper, 19, Terrell Road, Warner Robins and a 16-year-old from Sylvania.

From the SGA

The SGA discussed the following items of business at their Wednesday, March 31 meeting:

▲ It was suggested that it be suggested to the Department of Parking & Transportation to add more visitor parking spaces at residence halls.

▲ Black Talon Airsoft was approved for \$175 for advertisement and Web hosting. They were not approved for the purchase of air-soft guns, ammunition, batteries or battery chargers.

▲ The Justice Studies Club was approved for \$175. \$10,067 remains for individual and organization allocation. There are only two more opportunities to request funds.

▲ The possibility of building a crosswalk at the RAC near the intersection of Akins Boulevard and Malecki Drive was discussed.

▲ Election results will be posted in the Student Activities Center in the Russell Union by noon today.

▲ Student Appreciation Day and National Census Day will be held April 8 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Russell Union.

▲ The Senate discussed the possibility of having 15 minutes in between classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday instead of only 10 minutes. In addition, the Senate discussed the possibility of having four-day weeks for summer classes.



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Our View

Remember, laugh often

As you've certainly noticed by now, this is the April Fools' edition of The George-Anne. This is our one opportunity each year to take a break from reporting just the facts and events on campus, instead turning to good, old-fashioned humor -- at least, it's funny to us.

It's what April Fools' Day represents as a whole: One day out of the year where everyone is encouraged to have fun and play jokes on each other -- and that's a really important concept to remember.

As people grow older, the harsh reality of life starts to set in, and we lose the carefree naivety we as children possessed.

Children, at least, truly appreciate the concept of an April Fools' joke and will turn the slightest little occurrence into something that permits them to scream, "APRIL FOOLS!" And that simplicity of humor is something that adults can learn from, just so they don't forget about what it means to laugh -- and have fun at another's expense.

In college, chances are that

the so-called "real world" hasn't set in for everybody. There are people who still care mostly about partying and getting drunk on Monday night as opposed to preparing for life post-college.

These people probably have a great time every April 1, but they shouldn't be the only ones to do so.

Everyone needs to take advantage of today. Put cellophane on your roommate's toilet seat, get in one really classic prank phone call, put shaving cream in your significant other's hand and tickle his or her nose and laugh about it together afterwards.

But then, come April 2, don't forget the harmless fun you had, that simple joy you felt the day before. Do something tomorrow to put a smile on your face, even if it doesn't involve pranking someone.

Don't get bogged down by the trials and stresses of everyday life. Laugh. Keep everything in perspective. Doing simple things like that will make it easier to deal with other things that happen in life that might not be so laughable.



What does SGA face next year?

Today sees the announcement of the next president of the Student Government Association. As you've already read in the pages of this newspaper, SGA elections are not to be ignored. The president of SGA is, for all intents and purposes, the representative of the student body to the administration at Georgia Southern. Don't forget that. Regardless of who has won, however, students attending GSU face serious issues in the fall of 2010 and beyond.

First on our minds has to be the budget crunch facing the state of Georgia. Cuts are going to be made across the board, and while students, faculty and staff across the state have fought hard against these cuts, adjusting to them seems like the most likely scenario. Is that fair? No, but it will take a long and tiring process for everyone to adjust to having to do with less. The next president of SGA must make strong ties with faculty on campus, to make sure that the two groups most critically effected by budget shortfalls stay in constant contact for the future, in case such a crisis occurs again. Monthly meetings

between representatives of the SGA and the Faculty Senate would be a good start, and would foster a spirit of cooperation.

It's also imperative to reach out to members of Georgia Southern's staff, too. I'd suggest to SGA to hold forums for them to stress their concerns about the future of the university as well. No one should be left out of the process of determining what's next for Georgia Southern.

The next SGA president must also deal with the Statesboro City Council. In the best interests of both GSU and the city of Statesboro, the City Council must move with haste to put an SGA representative on the board. It does not need to be a person who actually votes, but a representative in attendance from the



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campus nonetheless would remind city council members that students have not forgotten about conflicts between the two groups in the past. This is not meant as a threat, but only as a statement that students are committed to making Statesboro a better place every semester. And that's for the benefit of both lifelong Statesboro residents and students who pass through the city and the university every four to five years.

These are the two biggest issues the next president of SGA must deal with. I haven't even addressed how to deal with population growth, exploding class sizes, and various other matters. But none of this will happen without the average student chiming in, too. It's not enough to vote; student, you must also stay engaged and informed. The next president must make it a priority to get the word out about what happens at SGA meetings, but students must take the next step and voice concerns when they have them. Democracy, whether on campus, in Atlanta, or in Washington, is worthless without staying involved.

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Ponder Sunday alcohol sales

In these days of economic uncertainty, I think I have found a great solution for our worries: alcohol.

No, I'm not talking about drinking to forget our problems, but rather that we can change the existing laws regarding alcohol. It's not an end-all solution, but rather a way to help our economy out.

The first problem is that there are laws which restrict or forbid alcohol sales on Sundays. I may hold Sunday as holy as the next guy, I also don't believe that there's anything inherently immoral about drinking or even buying alcohol; it doesn't diminish from the sanctity of the day, especially not when you can still buy tobacco products and lottery tickets. They weren't drinking grape juice from cardboard containers in the Bible. Allowing people to buy alcohol on Sundays will have a few

benefits. A detractor might say that it will spread the sales from other days onto Sunday, ultimately amounting in a wash when it comes to sales, but I don't think that will be the case.

People may buy less on Saturdays, but I doubt they'll consume less; if anything, they may start to consume a bit more heavily at home.

Even if home consumption doesn't change, you'll also see more sales (and thus taxes) from bars and restaurants that are able to sell for an extra day. If you go out to eat on any given day and are accustomed to drinking at the



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restaurant, you'll probably do the same Sunday. In addition, bars will be able to open their doors, which means they will make more sales and have even more taxes that they can pay (basic sales tax, payroll tax, income tax on added employees and work hours – at least until me and mine get the FairTax in place). The additional revenue also means that wait staff and bartenders will make more money (or that more of them will be hired, which has the same effect), which they can spend or invest and help improve our economy.

It's not the only solution, I know, but it's a start. Just by opening up alcohol sales on Sundays, we can generate more revenue across the nation, and do that much more to fight off our national and state deficits. So stand by me. Let's end the Blue Laws and open up the bars!

Planes, trains and automobiles

This weekend, I was fortunate to attend the Garden State Film Festival in Asbury Park, NJ with my new film "The Car Wash." Some of you might know this as the home of Bruce Springsteen. With an estimated 40,000 in attendance, it reminded me of the population disparities between the South and the Northeast. Sure, we have plenty of people here, but not in the concentrated amounts they do.

Flying into Newark, I took New Jersey Transit down to Asbury Park, utilizing an extensive train system that keeps much of the Northeast moving. President Obama has made this an initiative for his administration, updating our train system and expanding it in areas where they aren't as prevalent for commuters, including a Tampa to Orlando route in Florida.

We talk about ways to enhance our sustainability through transportation,

but many Americans prefer to take their cars on our extensive interstate system. I'm one of them. But after traveling through Europe on the train system, I know that the capacity for high speed, efficient rail exists.

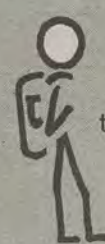
Last year, I took Amtrak for the first time to get from Atlanta to Massachusetts filming the documentary "Theater of the Mind." It took eleven hours to get from point A to point B. I think about Italy, where you can get across the country in no more than five or six hours due to high speed rail.



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This is an investment that we have only begun to make in this country, and it's exciting for several reasons. If implemented properly, we have the capacity to improve interstate congestion and our carbon footprint as less people drive. But this also requires a change in the way people think about their habits, and that can be harder than implementing a new kind of system. I don't have to tell you some of the acronyms people use for MARTA in Atlanta. An inefficient system is just as bad as not having one.

In the 21st century, we have so many possibilities for utilizing old technologies with modern efficiencies. The train isn't a new invention, but it does have new implementations with high-speed rail. If the Northeast can move millions of people every day, why can't we do it across the country?



Man on the Street

The G-A staff takes to the Pedestrium to get the student, faculty and staff's take on things.

What are you planning for April Fools?



"Probably nothing."

Lindsey Monroe
freshman, business



"Playing jokes on my friends, but other than that, nothing."

Ashley Williams
junior, exercise science



"Honestly, I have two tests in the afternoon, so I have to study the whole morning. I won't be able to do much."

Kevin Kipkemboi
sophomore, electrical engineering



"April's Fools is tomorrow? I didn't even know."

Greg Bekkers
senior, philosophy



Weekly Poll

at GADaily.com

What normally happens to you on April Fools' Day?

- I fall for some of the dumbest pranks. **32%**
- Other. **32%**
- I go around pranking everyone because I am the "Prank Master." **28%**
- I go crazy. **8%**

For next week's poll question, visit GADaily.com.

Letters to the Editor are welcome! | Submit to gamed@georgiasouthern.edu

POLICE BEAT

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

▲ Officers issued eight traffic citations, issued seven traffic warnings, assisted six motorists, responded to a drug complaint at Southern Pines and investigated two accidents.

▲ A bicycle was taken from Kennedy Hall.

▲ A room key was taken from Kennedy Hall.

▲ A wallet was taken from Eagle Village.

▲ A wallet was taken from the College of Business Administration building.

▲ A credit card was taken from a vehicle at Southern Pines.

▲ A wallet was taken from a vehicle at University Pines.

▲ Jermaine Quintez Scott, 19, Halcyondale Road, Sylvania, was charged with armed robbery, possession of a weapon in a school safety zone, possession of a weapon during the commission of a crime and obstruction of an officer.

Thursday, March 25, 2010

▲ Officers issued nine traffic citations, issued five traffic warnings, assisted one motorist and investigated two accidents.

▲ A vehicle was keyed at Southern Courtyard.

▲ A GPS system was taken from a vehicle at C-Lot.

▲ An I-Pod was taken from a vehicle at Southern Courtyard.

▲ An I-Pod was taken from a vehicle at Centennial Place.

▲ An I-Pod was taken from a vehicle at University Villas.

▲ Nicholas Craig Waggoner, 18, Knight Drive, was charged with DUI, open container violation and obstruction of an officer.

▲ The following subjects were arrested in connection with the armed robbery reported yesterday:

▲ A juvenile was charged with armed robbery.

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WEEKLY BUZZ

Thursday, April 1st

8:00 a.m. 7th Annual Southeast Coastal Conference on Languages & Literatures, Nessmith Lane

11:00 a.m. Control Stress Before It Controls You! - Stress Management Workshop, Russell Union, Rm 2041

6:00 p.m. Eagle Egg Hunt- GSU Pedestrium

Friday, April 2nd

11:30 a.m. International Conversation Hour, Russell Union Ballroom

7:00 p.m. FREE MOVIE, Russell Union Theater

Saturday, April 3rd

Sunday, April 4th

Happy Easter!

Monday, April 5th

3:00 p.m. Too Much Work, Not Enough Time? - Workshop, Russell Union, Rm 2041

Tuesday, April 6th

2:00 p.m. Diverse Religions, Russell Union, Rm 2047

5:30 p.m. Public Relations for the College Student's Soul, Russell Union, Rm 2041

6:00 p.m. GSU Baseball vs. Kennesaw State, J.I. Clements Stadium

7:00 p.m. GSU Unplugged, Russell Union Starbucks

Wednesday, April 7th

6:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, RAC Lobby



Spring enrollment tops 2009 number

President Keel attributes increase to student retention, online courses, graduate programs

Submitted to The George-Anne

Georgia Southern announced that its spring semester 2010 enrollment reached 18,134, an increase of 1,404 students from the same period last year.

"Georgia Southern has become a university of first choice for outstanding students from throughout the country and around the world," said Brooks Keel, president of Georgia Southern. "Georgia Southern is now home to students from nearly every U.S. state and from more than 100 countries around the world."

Keel noted that while enrollment has continued to grow, so has the university's retention of students, reaching an all-time high this past year. In addition, Keel says that increased interest in the university's graduate and online programs is continuing to grow.

"There are hundreds of thousands of students that may have started their degree throughout the country, but life, kids and their mortgage payments made it tough to finish," said Keel. "Now is the perfect time for them to come back, and we're seeing an increased interest from students that want to earn a degree from a respected state university."

Through GSU's online degree programs, students can learn from anywhere with an Internet connection without having to travel to campus. The university is continuing to introduce new online degree programs including the new fully online M.S. sport management program that will welcome its first students this summer. This recent addition complements the university's already wide variety of education, business, IT and health care online degree offerings.

Betty Foy Sanders admires art



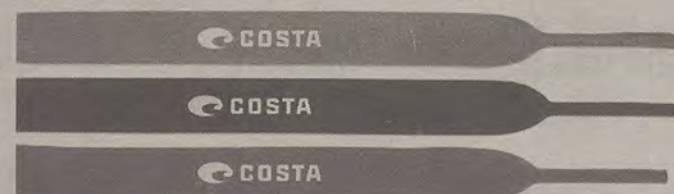
Courtesy of Georgia Southern
Betty Foy Sanders, art department's namesake, speaks with Sarah Davis, an M.F.A. candidate, about a piece of art on display. Sanders is a Georgia Southern alumna and accomplished artist. The art department took on her name in 1999 to honor her for her various support and contributions.

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Diplomats tour campus

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She said, "It's part of Georgia that I've not had the chance to visit before, and it's really opened my eyes up to all the many things that this part of Georgia is involved in."

GSU students provide community with water

Submitted to The George-Anne

With an outdated water distribution system that has deteriorated through nearly a century of use, the town of Vidette, Ga., could literally dry up.

However, a team of Georgia Southern students and faculty has stepped in to keep that from happening.

Without the resources to design a new system and unable to secure federal funding because the town's per capita income is too high, Mayor Rob Peel turned to GSU.

"We had been denied another grant, and I thought, there's always another way to do something," Peel said.

GSU construction management and civil engineering technology students and faculty jumped at the chance to help. Over more than two

years beginning in October 2007, nearly 40 students and five faculty members put in countless hours to design a new water distribution system for the 110 residents in Vidette's 32 homes.

The team from GSU made nine trips to Vidette and collected approximately 2,200 data points across more than 60 acres. The students then created a 3D plan of the town showing all current residences and commercial buildings, as well as the ground surface at or near the locations of all new pipes and a water tank.

The project not only gave the students valuable hands-on experience, but also a chance to help others.

"We need our students to see the importance of not just learning and working, but serving the community," said construction management professor Gustavo

Maldonado, who led the project.

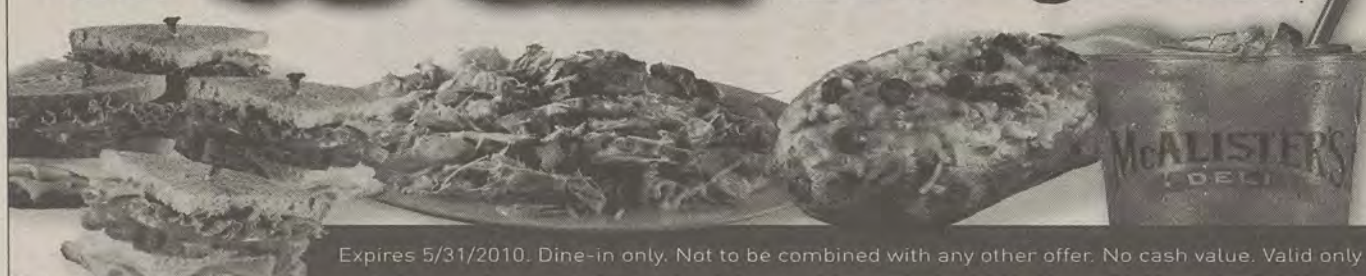
"It's great to survey points around campus, but going out and collecting data that will actually be used to help a community is a valuable experience," said Sean Dudley, a construction management major who collected the most data points per day among the participating students.

In addition to designing the new water distribution system, the GSU students estimated the cost of the construction (approximately \$600,000) and looked into possible funding sources.

The proposal will soon be submitted to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division for approval.

"This project has meant everything to us," Peel said. "Whether we can get a grant or not, we can at least start and get the work done in stages."

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BRIEFS

SGA voting closes; results announced today

According to Dean of Students George Lewis, nearly 1,500 students had voted in SGA elections by 8:30 p.m. Wednesday night. He said that some of the races, including executive board positions, had differences of less than 100 votes. Election results will be announced before noon today in the Student Activities Center in the Russell Union. Check www.gadaily.com soon after for results as well.

Students invited to Eagle Egg Hunt on Friday

Eagle Entertainment and The University Store will have 1,000 eggs hidden all over the Georgia Southern campus on April 2. The hunt officially begins at 8 a.m. and will continue until all of the eggs are found.

Hundreds of prizes will be hidden in the eggs, including 10 free tickets to see the Jabbawockeez performance at Hanner Fieldhouse on April 8. Other prizes include gift cards to redeem at several local businesses, T-shirts and lots of coupons for The University Store. One lucky student who finds the Golden Egg will win an iPod Touch.

Ticket sales continue for upcoming events

Students can still purchase tickets for both Jabbawockeez and Tim McGraw at the University Store. Tickets for the Jabbawockeez performance are \$5 for arena seating and \$10 for floor seating with GSU Student ID. The performance is scheduled for 7 p.m. on April 8.

Students wishing to attend the April 30 performance by Tim McGraw can also purchase online at etix.com in addition to the University Store. Stand tickets are \$28 and field tickets (standing room only) are \$35.

Need to stop putting things off?

Counseling Center to host procrastination presentation Monday

Laura KELLY
guest writer

The Georgia Southern Counseling Center is inviting students and faculty to attend "Too Much Work, Not Enough Time?" -- a presentation on time management and procrastination.

The workshop will begin at 3 p.m. April 5 in Russell Union Room 2041. Monica Williams, a psychologist at GSU, will be speaking at the presentation.

Williams will share tips on how to prioritize more efficiently to help students reach their future educational and career goals.

She will be covering scheduling, procrastination, creating school/life balance and the use of time management tools such as lists and weekly planners.

Williams will also be helping individuals gain insight into the potential health hazards that can

be caused by stress and discuss ways to cope with these problems.

"This program is designed to provide students with the necessary tools to improve their overall functioning, academic functioning, social functioning, and emotional functioning," Williams said. "I believe that effective time management allows students to more fully enjoy the collegiate experience. The program is geared to help students recognize the importance of a balanced life."

The Counseling Center has been presenting a series of "psycho-educational" workshops that help people to decrease stress in their lives and prevent potential psychological issues.

These programs are referred to as "Outreach," which means that staff will be going outside of the Counseling Center to offer educational programming on psychological well-being in an effort to prevent problems.

"To me, psycho-educational means that it is learning about information that impacts one's psychological well-being," said Kimberly Rowan, outreach coordinator and staff psychologist at the Counseling Center. "Basically, problems with time management can lead to stress, anxiety or even depression, if it is severe enough."

"So with psycho-education, we aim to help students learn how to enhance well-being and prevent issues from becoming more severe problems," she said.

Individuals who attend the workshop will be asked to complete a mini self-assessment of their current time management skills and will also receive advice on how to improve their schedules.

Information will also be provided on how to use campus resources to help students cope with stress, anxiety and other health problems caused by busy lifestyles.

ELECTION

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students had voted in the election. Another 500 votes were needed to break the record number of votes cast in an election.

"We're looking at less than 100 votes making the difference in three of the executive board positions," Lewis said, noting that even the race between Feagain and Standifer had a margin of less than 100 votes.

Lewis said that he has high hopes for candidates, regardless of the outcome.

Lewis said, "I hope that those who don't win still find a way to be involved in Student Government or any other student organization on campus because regardless of win or lose, students can be involved."

"What students don't realize is they still have a pretty major voice in all this," Lewis said. "What I hope is that it increases student engagement, students become concerned about their campus and how lively it is."

Both candidates were making final pushes last night, with Standifer focusing on off-campus apartments while Feagain focused on Greek Row and other areas with high student populations.

"I'm feeling pretty good," Standifer said. "We've run hard these past few days of voting. We have been out on the pedestrian every day this week just to get people not only to support our ticket but to support SGA voting in general."

Lewis said that there had been two reported violations, one - which was confirmed - and that he felt that violation was the result of an honest mistake.

Feagain said that the campaign had been

clean.

Feagain said, "There's been a few things on both tickets that I didn't think were fair, but they were all resolved. I think the elections committee has done a very good job in handling everything quickly and efficiently."

Both candidates said that they would look back on the campaign positively.

Feagain said, "I'm going to look back that we've laid it all on the line. We knew what we had to do from the get-go and we tried our hardest to get to that goal. We're really excited on the amount of participation from the student body as far as volunteers."

Standifer said, "When the results are posted, whichever candidate wins - I think there definitely will be some heartache if I don't win - but I think overall the future of SGA is definitely bright."

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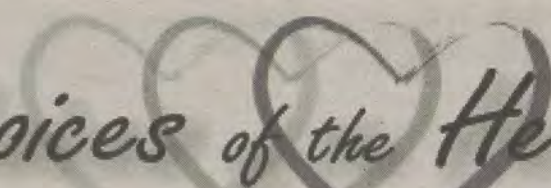
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April

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■ **Screven/Jenkins County Eagle Club Annual Event**

Where: Sylvania First

Methodist Church

When: 6:30-8 p.m.

Friday
2

■ **International Conversation Hour**

Where: Russell Union Ballroom

When: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

■ **"Growing Up Black in Germany"**

Where: Nessmith-Lane

Building

When: 3 p.m.

■ **Free Movie: "Sherlock Holmes"**

Where: Russell Union Theater

When: 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Saturday
3

■ **Mens Tennis vs. SC State**

Where: Hanner Tennis Courts

When: 1 p.m.

Sunday
4

■ **Easter**

Where: Everywhere

When: All day

Monday
5

■ **Time Management and Procrastination Workshop**

Where: Russell Union, 2041

When: 3-4 p.m.

■ **Glyphs and Scripts**

Where: GSU Museum

When: All Day

Tuesday
6

■ **Diverse Religions**

Where: Russell Union, 2047

When: 2 p.m.

■ **The Garden Painting Series with Neena Giles**

Where: The Botanical Garden

When: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

■ **Baseball vs. Kennesaw**

Where: J.I. Clements Stadium

When: 6-9 p.m.

Wednesday
7

■ **Blood Drive**

Where: RAC Lobby

When: 6 p.m.

■ **Free Movie: "Welcome to the Party"**

Where: Russell Union Theater

When: 7-9 p.m.

Submit calendar items to The George-Anne by e-mail to features@georgiasouthern.edu.

Summer: Not only a vacation

Submitted to The George-Anne

Summer used to be a time when college students went home, worked a full-time summer job or took a break from classes for a semester.

Not any more. Georgia Southern will be offering more than 900 classes this summer designed to help students get ahead in their chosen degree program.

"In college, summer classes have become about getting ahead, earning your degree early and potentially positioning yourself to get a jump on the job market," said Gary Means, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "We continue to see an increase in interest in summer classes from not only current Georgia Southern students, but from students from other colleges and universities due to the number of courses we offer in the summer."

Students from a variety of universities also

choose to take summer classes at GSU because of the amount of classes that are available.

Students are also discovering that summer is a great time to take several of their required core courses because they benefit from the shorter summer terms.

"We are finding that students are not only using the summer to get ahead, but to also add a second major or a minor," said Means. "We are also seeing an increase in interest from graduate students who are choosing to start their degree during the summer, when their children are out of school."

If students are interested in taking a summer class at GSU, please visit www.georgiasouthern.edu/summer for more information.

Students from other colleges and universities interested in taking a summer class as a transient student may contact the Office of Admissions at admissions.georgiasouthern.edu or by calling 912-478-5391.

Why isn't the George-Anne covering this? I'll write a letter later. I don't have time. I'm graduating soon anyway. That's not my major. I'm not a writer. I'm not all that involved anyway. Someone else could do a better job. I could never make a sale. I can't handle deadlines. I'm not a good leader. I may go talk to someone next week. **ENOUGH ALREADY.**

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Returning student brings new meaning to non-traditional

After six tours in the Middle East, Cody Ward returns to school to finish his degree while juggling a stressful profession and supporting a family

Ally RAKOCZY
staff writer

Cody Ward is not your average student. The 32-year-old general studies major and Statesboro EMT has come back to school after doing six tours in the Middle East, encompassing both Iraq and Afghanistan.

According to Ward, he joined the army after Sept. 11 with just two semesters until graduation.

"I joined on my 26 birthday; I was a senior. I was kind of sick of college at the time. I guess I had a bit of an immature attitude about it," explained Ward. "I had been in school about five years at that point and probably should've graduated already. I kept asking myself, 'What impact am I having going to class?'"

With his brother already serving overseas, Ward also looked at serving in the Army as the opportunity to fight side by side with his brother.

"[I] thought I was going to miss the war. As soon as I got there, my unit was preparing to deploy for their second time. We came back early to prepare for Iraq.

"Sept. 11 happened and I thought [my brother] would definitely get sent over there and I thought, if I had to go, then I could go with my brother. [However], by the time I got there he was injured and they had released him," said Ward.

For Ward, coming back to school was not only something

he wanted to do for himself and his family, but for those who had supported him over the years. However, it was the post 9/11 GI Bill that enabled him to go back financially.

"I owed a lot of people. A lot of people sacrificed for me to go to college in the first place. I was young and immature and I took advantage," remarked Ward. "I had a pretty easy life and didn't do what I should've. I felt like I owed it to the people who sacrificed to send me in the first place and owed it to myself. What really catapulted it was the post 9/11 GI Bill."

According to Ward, his time serving overseas has made a lasting impact on his perspective of life.

"I really appreciate the simple things about being free in America that probably most people take for granted," said Ward.

Even the simplest things, such as the water soldiers used to shower and the way the sodas tasted made him appreciate what people have in the United States.

"Everything is different. Nothing tastes really like it does at home and you really learn to appreciate that," Ward said.

Ward also learned to

appreciate his relationship with his wife and the time he's able to spend with her and his children now.

"I got married shortly after I joined, right before my first deployment. It's pretty tough on any relationship. [The years] run together after a bit [and] there are a whole lot of firsts going on that you kind of miss out on," remarked Ward.

Now that Ward is back in school and finishing his degree, his experiences serving overseas

have helped him manage his time between his family, classes and working part time as an EMT.

"There are 24 hours in a day, so 6-8 hours of it are sleeping and if you

throw in 2 hours of randomness to transition from one point to another, you still have 14 hours during the day," explained Ward.

"And you've got all weekend, [so] you've got another 48," he added.

According to Ward, as long as he manages his time well and doesn't let things pile up, he won't have too much difficulty handling everything.

"You have to be pretty disciplined about doing stuff

ahead of time. My job allows me to do a lot of the studying there and my wife helps me at home," said Ward. "It's just a matter of using all your resources."

With a family, a job and classes, Ward also recognizes that he has more free time now than he did when he was in college the first time, mostly because he doesn't go focus as much on going out.

"Between going to school and working and playing with my kids and hanging out with my wife—that's my social life. I'm not consumed with spring break and going to College Plaza on Thursday nights because they have good drink deals," explained Ward.

"My kids, my working and my partnership with my wife keep me from having to worry about all that stuff," said Ward.

These days, Ward lives in the present and is moving forward with his life.

"I hate to say that I would change anything because I try to not live with regret, but that doesn't mean I don't recognize that some of the choices I made probably weren't the best at the time," said Ward.

At the end of the day, however, Ward is enjoying his time with his family in Statesboro and doesn't plan on leaving any time soon.

"We're finally getting settled and probably for now we are going to try and not go anywhere," said Ward. "I'm happy with the way things turned out."

The Buzz List

News from outside the Boro

▲ Anna Faris ("The House Bunny") is set to star in the upcoming remake of the Goldie Hawn 80's film "Private Benjamin."

▲ Jaime Escalante, the teacher that inspired the film "Stand and Deliver," died at the age of 79.

▲ Of this weekend's new releases, "Clash of the Titans" stands at an 18% on Rotten Tomatoes. "The Last Song," stands at 06%. I wonder if Disney will take her back if this fails.

▲ Shannon Doherty was the first celebrity voted off of ABC's "Dancing With The Stars." It's a shame she couldn't have "Charmed" her way into the voter's hearts.

▲ Justin Bieber topped the Billboard 200's album list with his second album "My World 2.0." Lady Antebellum dropped to #4 and The Black Eyed Peas rounded out the top 10.

Information compiled from TheHollywoodReporter.com, Billboard.com and mtv.com

Top-tier education an option for many



Special photo

With less than 40 days to graduation, many students are eyeing graduate school as option

Alii BRENNER
student media intern

Small children are constantly asked what they want to be when they grow up or what their dream job is. In contrast, school is often looked at as a necessary evil on the way to getting a "grown-up" job.

With this in mind, it seems interesting that students would choose to stay in school past earning their undergraduate degree. As the end of the school year approaches, many Georgia Southern students are continuing their education and starting at graduate schools in the fall.

"I feel like grad school is the right decision [for me] because I feel there are a lot of things I don't know yet and having a degree further than a bachelor's degree will look much better on my resume," senior Multimedia Communications Jonathan Pope said.

He has been accepted into the University of Southern California's graduate program in the fall.

Senior mass communications major Shannon Knepp, who also wishes to improve her resume, will be a grad student at the University of Georgia in the fall. "I decided going to grad school would give more dimensions to my resume and make me more marketable in the job world," Knepp said.

Although UGA is only a few hours away, some students prefer to stay close to their Eagles. Thad Oviatt, a graduate student in the Georgia Southern M.B.A. program, realized

there were benefits to staying at the same school. "I received my undergraduate degree from Georgia Southern and was living in the area. The engineering masters program had recently changed from a Master's of Technology to a Master's of Science and the tuition was only \$1,000 more than the undergraduate tuition. This is also considerably less money than a graduate-level tuition fee at another university," Oviatt said.

Travelling outside of Statesboro for school may be more expensive, but for some, it is part of the experience of attending grad school.

"I'm nervous because [USC] is on the other side of the country and because it's so far away from my friends and family, but I'm more excited than anything. It's only the distance that makes me nervous," Pope said.

It appears as though more GSU students are excited about furthering their education. Senior graphic design major Matt Rodgers, who plans to remain at Georgia Southern for grad school, said, "I feel pretty confident about it because I feel like as a grad student, I'll have more freedom and privileges and I'll be more focused and work harder."

Oviatt wishes to share words of wisdom to all incoming grad students: "The classes are more challenging than the undergraduate level classes, but in a different aspect. The graduate level courses require more time management and group coordination skills," said Oviatt. "Also, the best thing to get is a graduate assistantship. They pay for tuition and sometimes have a salary associated."

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WORD OF THE DAY

er•ro•ne•ous (adj.) [uh-roh-nee-uhs]

1. containing error; mistaken; incorrect; wrong; an erroneous answer
2. straying from what is moral, decent, proper, etc.

Quick Hits

▲ GSU baseball defeated North Florida on Tuesday, March 30, 3-2.

▲ GSU baseball announced its game against Kennesaw State, originally scheduled for April 6, has been moved to April 28 due to a scheduling conflict.

▲ GSU baseball will travel to College of Charleston for a three-game series beginning Friday, April 2 at 6 p.m.

▲ GSU softball third baseman Jenny Side received SoCon Player of the Week honors for batting .583 with two home runs.

▲ GSU softball will travel to Georgia on Monday, April 5.

▲ GSU football has eight remaining spring practices before the Blue and White game scheduled for Saturday, April 17 at Paulson Stadium.

▲ GSU track & field will travel to Albany State for an all day event on Friday, April 2.

▲ GSU golf will travel to Augusta State for an all day event on Saturday, April 3.

▲ GSU men's tennis will host South Carolina State on Saturday, April 3 at 1 p.m.

Pendleton receives gold

Thom CUNNINGHAM
sports editor

Junior Brooks Pendleton competed in the NCWA (National Collegiate Wrestling Association) Tournament held in Hampton, Virginia on Saturday, March 13.

Pendleton competed with 32 other wrestlers from across the country looking to win the gold medal.

"There were over 60 different teams competing in the tournament," said Pendleton. "I was in a 32-man bracket, but I only wrestled five times."

How did Pendleton receive an invitation to this tournament?

"We all wrestled in conference," said Pendleton. "Whoever places sixth or better gets invited to go to Nationals. So, I went. I wrestled at the 235 mark and I weigh about 233 pounds."

According to Pendleton, if you plan on winning the entire tournament, you will only compete in five matches.

"I won all five matches," said Pendleton. "If you win all your matches and end up in first place, you will only need to wrestle five times."

Obviously no one wants to lose, but anyone who lost during the tournament was placed into a different bracket.

"If you lose your first match, then you go into a consolation round to try and place third," said Pendleton. "There are a lot more people in the consolation round, so you would have to compete in a lot more matches. So I would say winning is the shortest, fastest and quickest way out of the tournament."

Pendleton did just that, winning four games in a row and making it all the way to the championship match.

"In the championship, I wrestled some guy from Texas A&M," said Pendleton. "His name was Brian Millford and he was about 29 years old. He was really tough and definitely had 'old man' strength. It was one of the toughest matches I had ever competed in."

Although it was one of Pendleton's

toughest matches ever, he defeated the 29-year-old Aggie in a convincing fashion on the scoreboard.

"In the first period, I took him down, making the score 2-0," said Pendleton. "In the second period, I chose bottom. He threw in a grapevine and started cranking a power half on me. This was dangerous for me because if I had turned over, he would've gotten back points."

If any athlete's back is exposed, meaning the back is at a 45-degree angle or less from the mat, the referee will start counting.

"Once the ref counts '2-3-4,' it's two points for your opponent," said Pendleton. "Once the referee hits the fifth count, your opponent is awarded three points."

With Pendleton refusing to turn over, Millford continued to put pressure on his head.

"I never turned over and held on as hard as I possibly could," said Pendleton. "He was cranking me so hard that I couldn't really breathe that well and I almost passed out. We ended up rolling out of bounds and I was able to get a reversal on him, making the score 4-0."

Pendleton was up four points heading into the third period.

"In the third period I chose top," said Pendleton. "The rule is if you keep a guy down for more than a minute, you automatically get one point. I did that and ended up winning the match 5-0."

Pendleton did claim his 5-0 victory as one of the toughest in his life, which proved to be true after the match.

"It was such a tough match that afterwards I was spent and exhausted," said Pendleton. "It was seven minutes of hell for me. After the match, I threw up for about ten minutes and started to see double vision. My dad was there and I told him I was seeing two of him. He told me that my blood pressure was probably high. After that, I started to overheat and then just collapsed."



Special Photo

Brooks Pendleton won five straight matches to win the NCWA gold in Hampton, Virginia. Pendleton was one of 32 wrestlers competing in the tournament.

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BROOKS

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Pendleton fell to the ground minutes after the match, bringing in an ambulance to check on him.

"They called the ambulance for me and paramedics came to check my vitals and whatnot. I was actually so sick that I couldn't stand on the first place podium."

Pendleton missed a photo shot that had the top wrestlers in the tournament holding up their awards.

"They took a picture that shows only seven guys, places two through eight," said Pendleton. "Then there is a picture of the first place podium with no one standing on it. I wasn't feeling very well."

All the effort Pendleton put into the wrestling match was influenced by his coach William Hurst.

"Our coach is William Hurst," said Pendleton. "He is a graduate student. He came up to me after the match and said he wanted me to leave everything on the mat. So I left everything on the mat and ended up throwing up."

Any coach who can get their athletes to perform so well that they throw up must be pretty well-respected among his players.

Pendleton gives Hurst the credit for getting him back into wrestling after he gave up on the sport during his high school days.

"I didn't wrestle when I first came to Georgia Southern," said Pendleton. "I used to wrestle, but I stopped. Two years ago I was missing wrestling. I went to go check out the club team and ended up meeting Coach Hurst. He pretty much reignited the passion I had for the sport."

Pendleton has multiple reasons for believing that Hurst deserves credit for getting him back into wrestling.

"I think one main reason is because he's closer to age with me," said Pendleton. "It's

just easier to connect with him than my high school coach. I'm actually friends with Coach Hurst. He always teaches us new moves, techniques and other stuff because he enjoys it. You know he's not getting paid a dime to do this, so we all appreciate him for that."

Pendleton was not the only Eagle to compete in the tournament however, as the entire GSU wrestling team made the trip to Hampton.

"We placed fifth as a team during the NCWA Tournament," said Pendleton. "This is really good considering we only have about seven wrestlers on the team."

Although the wrestling team is relatively small and unknown, Pendleton hopes it will grow in the near future.

"We're a small team, so hopefully we can get the word out that Georgia Southern does indeed have a wrestling club team, because a lot of people don't know about it right now. We want to try and build it up."

Recognition and publicity are ways Pendleton believes the wrestling club team can grow.

"I work at the RAC," said Pendleton. "Since I won, a lot of people up there will be recognizing me. That is the type of publicity we're trying to get across the campus. Hopefully this victory will help in getting more people out to join the team."

Pendleton's vision doesn't stop there. There are more ways he can see the wrestling club team become publicly known down the road.

"We traveled everywhere last season," said Pendleton. "Hopefully we can start to host a couple of home meets. I'm really hoping we can host conference one season which, from what I've been told, could be held at Hanner Field House or one of the local recreational parks such as Mill Creek. This would help us grow, which would also help us out with budgeting."

The wrestling club team practices every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

GSU Sports Schedule

Thursday, April 1

▲ FOOTBALL

Spring Practice

Wednesday, April 7

No Events Listed

Friday, April 2

▲ BASEBALL

@ College of Charleston - 6 p.m.

▲ TRACK & FIELD

@ Albany State Invitational - All Day

Thursday, April 8

▲ FOOTBALL

Spring Practice

▲ MEN'S TENNIS

vs. Furman - 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 3

▲ BASEBALL

@ College of Charleston - 1 p.m.

▲ MEN'S TENNIS

vs. South Carolina State - 1 p.m.

▲ GOLF

@ Augusta State - All Day

▲ FOOTBALL

Spring Practice

Friday, April 9

▲ BASEBALL

@ Elon - 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 10

▲ BASEBALL

@ Elon - 4 p.m.

▲ MEN'S TENNIS

vs. UNC Greensboro - 12 p.m.

▲ WOMEN'S TENNIS

@ Samford - 11 a.m.

▲ FOOTBALL

Spring Practice

▲ TRACK & FIELD

Johnson C. Smith Invitational - All Day

▲ SOFTBALL

vs. Chattanooga - 1 p.m.

vs. Chattanooga - 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 4

▲ BASEBALL

@ College of Charleston - 1 p.m.

Monday, April 5

▲ SOFTBALL

@ Georgia - 5 p.m.

▲ FOOTBALL

Spring Practice

Tuesday, April 6

▲ SOFTBALL

@ Mercer - 4 p.m.

@ Mercer - 6 p.m.

▲ FOOTBALL

Spring Practice

Sunday, April 11

▲ BASEBALL

@ Elon - 1:30 p.m.

▲ SOFTBALL

vs. Chattanooga - 1 p.m.

▲ WOMEN'S TENNIS

@ Chattanooga - 12 p.m.

Brooks Pendleton Wrestling Bio

Weight: 235 Record: 23-3

Pins: 17 Points: 181.45

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The true definition of EPIC

In a George-Anne exclusive, the most sophisticated man in the world tells all



Epic photo

Ryan Babula has been called a provocateur, a catalyst for change and pretty damn sexy. Here he poses at the 12th wonder of the world. He discovered it while snowboarding with penguins.

Ryan BABULA
renaissance man

Wearing a button down green shirt and a pair of old khakis, Ryan Babula would seem like a model of modesty on the surface.

He speaks little and hardly blinks; yet there's something about his ruse that leads some to question his quiet disposition. Underneath this calm and demure exterior lies a man of immense sophistication and cultural prowess.

Unbeknownst to many, Ryan Babula is one of the most interesting persons to have ever graced the world.

Usually a man of privacy, Babula opened up to me during our interview 30,000 feet in the air on his private jet. "It's just something I threw together," he said, referencing the homemade aircraft he fashioned out of tin, brawn and eco-friendly fossil fuels.

Born in Massachusetts, Babula was brought up in humble beginnings. "I only had three toys growing up – including a kerosene lantern – and I never watched a minute of television," he reflected. "My imagination was far too massive for the limits of basic cable."

Growing up in a single-bedroom household, Babula didn't have access to many of the basic amenities one would normally have in their upbringing.

"I used to bathe in a puddle in my backyard

that was replenished mainly with rainwater. There would be days when the puddle would dry up. Those were hard times," Babula remarked. After ten years in the north, Babula and his family decided to pack their bags and travel to greener pastures. Arriving in Georgia in 1997, Babula can still recall his first moments off the plane.

"It was as if a whole new world had opened its arms to embrace me. I looked around at my new surroundings and said 'Yes. This will do.'"

Babula quickly rose through the world of academia, graduating from high school and immediately felt the urge to travel the world. "It's something I've always wanted to do. I've always considered myself a natural-born ambassador," he said.

After packing his bags, Babula hiked from his home in Augusta all the way to the Himalaya Mountains. "Many think it's hard to swim across an ocean, but really, all it takes is a lot of determination and gas-powered flippers."

Once in the mountains, Babula found his ascent to be a royal challenge. "There would be days when my gear would malfunction or an avalanche would try to thwart my climb," Babula reflects. "But, at the end of the day, you have to push on and ask, 'What would Chuck Norris do?'"

Once at the top, Babula became enamored with his heavenly environment and found a

certain thrill in bird watching. "I began to track the migratory patterns of bald eagles. They truly are majestic creatures," he said.

In an attempt to learn from them, Babula fashioned a cage out of branches gathered at the bottom of the mountain, ice glue and stone. "Mining rocks with your bare hands will really teach you a lot about what kind of person you are. I'm a Virgo, by the way," Babula said.

After a year of living – and flying – with the eagles, Babula decided it was time to move on to greater things. "I always wanted to spin homemade glass, but I found it too hard to garner lightning by myself. Instead, I decided that writing was my true calling," he said.

Babula began to write romance novels, and has since completed three. When asked why he hasn't published them, he simply replied, "Those stories are for me."

The journey back to America was wrought with wonder and magical happenings.

"Whilst I was running the length of the Great Wall of China, my legs whispered the first signs of fatigue. Before this could truly set in, I summoned a Pegasus from the heavens to carry me all the way home. It's an experience I'll never forget," Babula said as he teared up.

This seemed to be his truly defining moment as a human being. "It's about that time that I turned to mythical advocacy.

There's a lot of grace to be found in the realm of the Greek," Babula remarked.

Returning to Georgia after his trek, Babula decided that school was the next great adventure. "I had already traveled the world, but I needed something else in my life; a purpose," he said. Babula enrolled at Georgia Southern University, and has since excelled in pretty much everything he does.

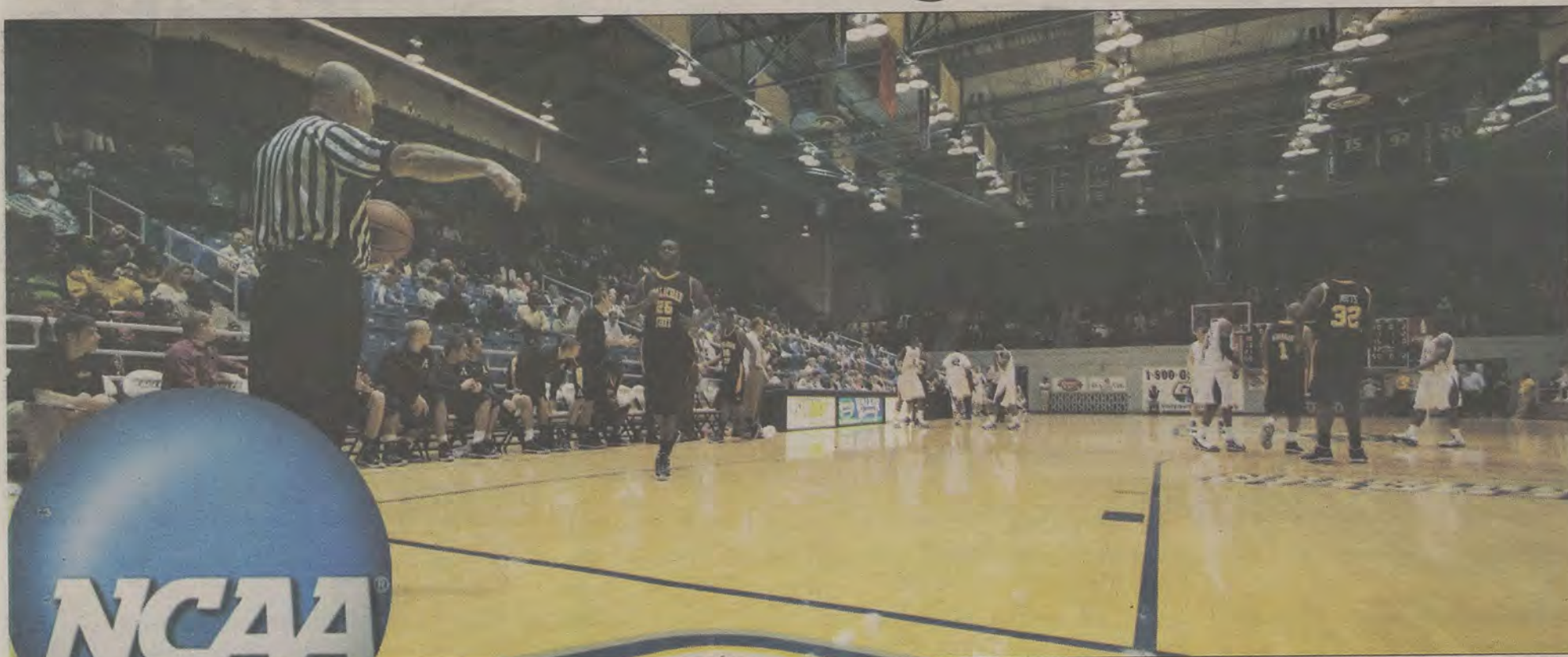
"I'd like to consider myself a jack-of-all trades, except I hate the name Jack," he admitted.

Babula graduates in May, and likes to think of his future as an earthy trail waiting to be deforested. "I can't say what I'll do after I leave Statesboro. I've always wanted to do sports. Nothing intense like football or basketball, but rather badminton. It's a true gentleman's sport, you see," Babula asserts. "I've always wanted to skydive, but not from a plane. That's been done. I'd like to do it from space. Spacediving into the San Francisco Bay. What a challenge that would be."

Babula claims that all of his adventures are not for publicity's sake, but rather for personal fulfillment. "I've gotten just as much fulfillment out of reading the dictionary as I have skiing down the side of the Pyramid of Giza. It's all about being yourself and not conforming to society's expectations," Babula said.

"That's why clear is my favorite color. It's so ambiguous."

Hanner Fieldhouse gets NCAA bid



Special Photo

The NCAA announced that Hanner Field House will host a pair of opening round games during the 2012 NCAA March Madness Tournament. Statesboro was selected to host the 1/16 and 8/9 games for the South region.

Matt MAUNEY
special assignments editor

Hanner Fieldhouse will be one of the venues for the opening round of the 2012 NCAA men's basketball tournament, according to Sandy Parrot, the coordinator of men's basketball events and venues for the NCAA.

According to Parrot, Hanner Fieldhouse is a perfect setting to reflect a new initiative that the NCAA tournament is trying to achieve.

"March Madness is all about excitement, and everyone loves it when the small mid-major schools make a run deep in the tournament," said Parrot. "Take this year for example. Not many people thought Butler would make a run to the Final Four, so [the NCAA] wants to show recognition for these smaller schools and host one of the opening round games at a mid-major venue."

This will mark the first time that a GSU athletic facility will host a major tournament/championship since the 1991 NCAA I-AA Football Championship game.

One issue that will have to be addressed

is the seating capacity of Hanner Fieldhouse. Currently, Hanner only holds 4,358 people, significantly less than the average amount of most opening round venues.

"Seating capacity does create a problem, but we feel that this will bring a more intimate experience to the March Madness tournament. Hanner Fieldhouse is a perfect fit for what we're going for," Parrot said.

According to Jim Isch, the interim president of the NCAA, Hanner will host the number 16 vs. 1 and 8 vs. 9 matchups for the 2012 NCAA tournament.

"I think that Hanner creates an ideal venue for the opening round," said Isch. "It's quaint and can get loud if you pack it full of fans. We at the NCAA feel that this will give fans from south Georgia the opportunity to experience March Madness first hand."

Pam Faker, the Athletics Director for Georgia Southern, said that this is a great achievement for GSU.

"Hosting the first round of one of the most recognized tournaments in all of sports is a great thing for our school. We hope that this will

bring nationwide and possibly even worldwide exposure to Georgia Southern and Statesboro," Faker said.

"Who knows, maybe even the Eagles will be playing a home game that day," Faker said jokingly.

The RAC was also an option the NCAA was looking at, but due to lack of seating and space, Hanner Field House was determined the best option.

Other locations have been determined - eight different places - to host the opening round of the tournament.

These locations include Little Rock, Rocky Top, South Park, Springfield, Disney World, Indonesia and Atlantis.

Having the NCAA tournament come to Statesboro has locals both excited and worried.

The publicity that will come with hosting the opening round would be beneficial for the community and the university, but others feel this event might bring in too many people, which could over-populate the city.

The exact date for the opening round of the 2012 tournament has yet to be announced.

Quick Hits

▲ Former GSU football player Adrian Peterson leaves the Chicago Bears in order to pursue his career in river dancing.

▲ Former GSU basketball player Louis Graham was knighted for the heroism he displayed on the court while playing overseas.

▲ GSU athletics announced that the university is starting a 'hop-scotch' team that will begin sometime next semester in order to compete in the 2010 NCAA Hop-Scotch Tournament.