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Oil spill takes toll on BP sales



Kelsey Sorrell/STAFF

BP gas station at 725 South Main St.

Kelsey Sorrell • news editor

Due to the recent oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, some privately owned BP gas stations have been experiencing lulls in business and a decline in clientele.

Statesboro local Suhash "Sunny" Badel bought the BP gas station on 725 South Main St. two weeks ago. Even though his business is slow, he remains optimistic.

"It's a good business now with the BP; I like it," he said.

Badel said that he does not plan to sell his franchise with BP and buy into a new gas company any time soon.

Some students at Georgia Southern expressed their anger toward the oil spill by boycotting the sale of BP gas.

Senior chemistry major Eddie Smith said that he has not been paying attention to the oil spill lately, but is sure that the time will come to boycott when it starts affecting the

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MLB selects GSU grad

Spring 2010 grad Jake Brown to play for Oakland Athletics



Left: GSU Athletics; Right: File Photo

Former GSU pitcher Jake Brown was chosen as the 785th pick of the MLB draft. He will be leaving Georgia for California.

Rick SPURGEON • sports editor

The Oakland Athletics took Jake Brown, a spring 2010 graduate, in the Major League Baseball draft yesterday.

The left-handed pitcher was chosen on the second day of the draft in round 26. He was pick no. 785.

Brown said, "Anytime anybody gets to play professional baseball, it's a dream come true, and it was yesterday. I'm really looking forward to

starting my pro career with the A's."

Jake got the nod for the no. 1 starting pitcher position for the Eagles this season. He said, "My main goal was to get hitters out and keep my ERA in the threes. I was able to do this until the last game."

His ERAs became a 4.32 to closeout his collegiate career. By the end of the season, he'd compiled a 7-6 record for his 17 appearances and 14 starts. He threw three complete games this season and his opponents

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POLICE BEAT

Thursday, May 13, 2010

▲ Officers assisted one motorist, responded to two alarms and responded to one motor vehicle accident.

Friday, May 14, 2010

▲ Officers responded to one alarm.
▲ A window was broken at Centennial Place.
▲ A cell phone was taken from the Recreation Activity Center.

Saturday, May 15, 2010

▲ Officers issued three traffic citations and two traffic warnings.

Sunday, May 16, 2010

▲ Officers issued one traffic citation, issued one traffic warning and responded to two alarms.

Monday, May 17, 2010

▲ Officers assisted three motorists and responded to one alarm.

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

▲ Officers assisted three motorists, responded to two alarms and investigated one accident.

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

▲ Officers issued seven traffic citations, issued two traffic warnings and assisted five motorists.

▲ A telephone was taken from the Housing Facilities office.

Thursday, May 20, 2010

▲ Officers assisted one motorist, issued two traffic warnings and one traffic citation, and responded to one alarm and one motor vehicle accident.

▲ Damage to property was reported at the Physical Plant.

▲ A report of criminal trespass was made at a Greek Row residence for a missing set of Greek letters and some missing mail.

▲ Damage to property was reported at the Legends building.

▲ A lost purse was reported at the Nursing/Chemistry building.

▲ An individual reported receiving threats from another person.

Friday, May 21, 2010

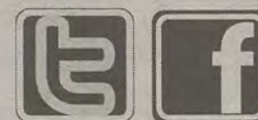
▲ Officers issued one traffic citation, issued one traffic warning, assisted two motorists, assisted one injured person and responded to one alarm.

▲ A cell phone was taken from the Recreation Activity Center.

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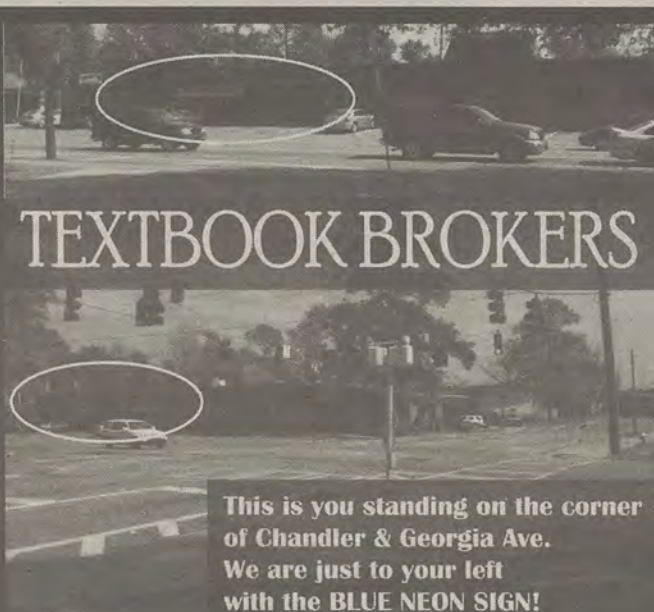
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Students give nearly 16,000 hours

Hensley: 'We are proud to have such a high number of service hours'

Patrick STOKER
guest writer

Georgia Southern students volunteered nearly 16,000 service hours during the 2009-10 academic year, according to the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement. This included 8,209 community service hours and 7,679 hours of university service.

Diana Hensley, the coordinator of civic engagement, said these numbers could be even higher, but not all students log their service hours.

"We are proud to have such a high number of service hours, and you also have to consider the students who do not track their progress," Hensley said.

During the last academic year, the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement offered week-long service trips to several locations including Honduras; Jacksonville, Fla.; and Rock Hill, S.C.

Cody Zahner, a graduate

student in the Masters of Business Administration program participated in the Give Kids the World trip in Kissimmee, Fla., which is a resort for children with life threatening illnesses who wish to visit one of Central Florida's theme parks at no cost to the family.

"Volunteering is so beneficial to the ones who are grateful for it as well as the volunteers themselves," he said in a press release. "Everybody gets something out of it, whether big or small."

Brooke Millard, a senior nutrition and food science major, was a co-leader for the Smoky Mountains National Park trip last May in which students built and repaired hiking trails at the park.

"Volunteering helps me to remember that it's not all about me," said Millard in the press release. "It is refreshing to do something for someone else and not focus on myself."

The office has several volunteer opportunities available in the near

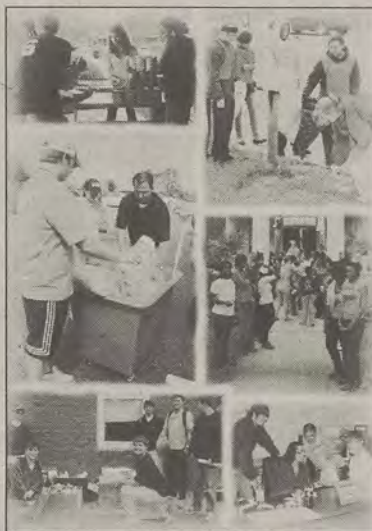


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future, including a Fourth of July fundraising event at Mill Creek Park and opportunities at The Mainstreet Farmers Market in Statesboro.

The American Red Cross also holds several blood drives throughout the year.

Any student looking to volunteer can contact the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement at (912) 478-1435.

boycott to get them to pay more for the environment," he said. "They're responsible."

Alex Polk, a freshman mechanical engineering major, however, had a different opinion.

He said that he would not boycott

the BP gas station, even though he does not really get his gas from BP, because he thinks it would be unfair to the gas station's owner.

Polk said, "[It] probably would be unfair because it's not really the gas station's fault; it's just other reasons."

BP

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environment.

"I would [stop buying BP's gas] if somebody organized some kind of

Correction: The article "Rain increases West Nile concern" from Thursday, June 3 stated there was one reported case of West Nile in Claxton. The one reported case in Georgia was in Clayton County, not Claxton.

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World Cup education session

When speaking to a colleague about the World Cup, she asked, "What is the World Cup?"

"This, ladies and gentlemen, is exactly what 'grinds our gears.' The U.S. being such a powerful country, one would think Americans would be more in tune with the most widely followed sport in the world.

The World Cup is a series of football — soccer, to Americans — games between 64 countries from Europe, the Americas, Africa, Oceania and Asia that is held every four years.

First games are played under a tournament point system, where a win is three points, a draw is one point and a loss is no points.

Groups have four different teams; each plays the other three once. In order to advance to the next round, teams need the most points. In the event of a tie in group points, goals scored will determine the victor.

After exiting the group stages, countries will then be pair according to their ranks within their perspective group. The tournament then turns to single-loss elimination games.

If a country can successfully win four consecutive matches, they will be crowned the new World Champions.

The United States has never won a World Cup. The top three countries with the most titles are Brazil with five cups, Italy with four and Germany with three.

This cup's favorites are Spain, Brazil, the Netherlands and Portugal.

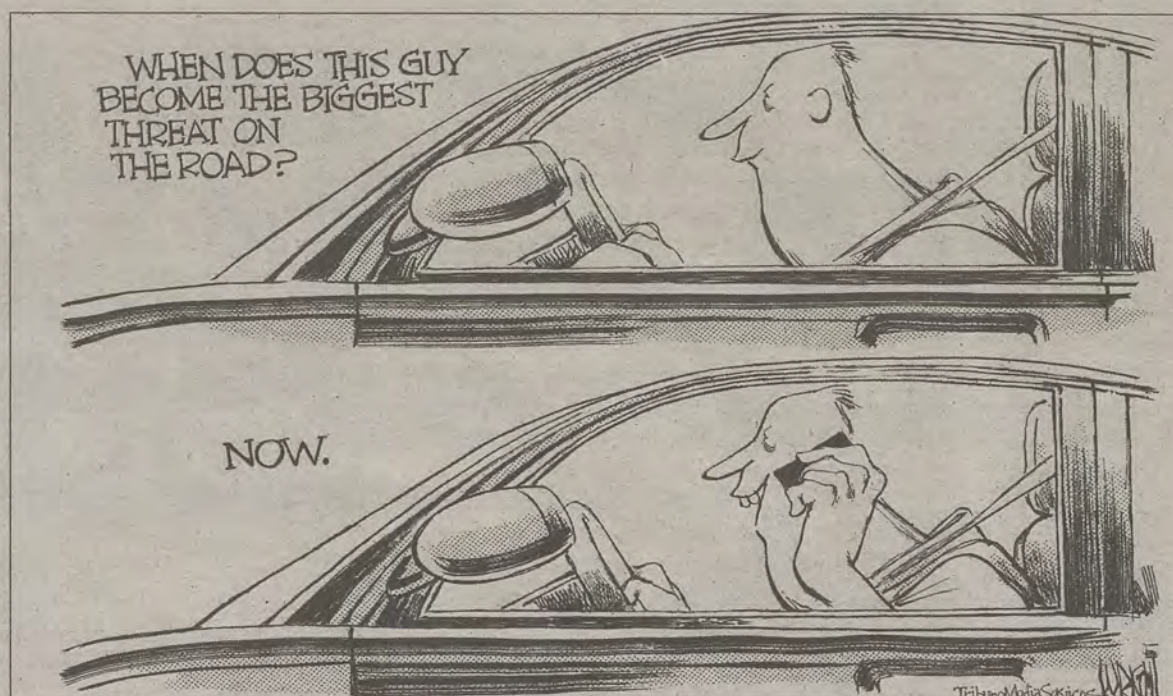
South Africa is hosting the 2010 World Cup, and it begins tomorrow. The United States will play the first match in Group C Saturday against England.

The United States' general disinterest in the global sport of football must cease if we are ever to have hopes to win the renowned the World Cup.

Sports fans should transfer the enthusiasm they have for other favorite teams and come together for one month every four years to support our nation in this worldwide tournament.

In other countries, there are riots or great parties in the streets when a team loses or wins.

If showed that kind of interest, we could motivate the U.S. team to its first win ever.



Disconnection through connection

Recently, I did something I thought I would never do. I bought a smartphone and started a Twitter account, as well as a blog. This started for professional reasons, and I didn't think I would be able to overcome my deep loathing of the core idea behind Twitter — constant contact with the wider world. I don't really "truck" with that concept.

I've had a cell phone since high school, but I prefer not to use it for the same reason that I don't like windows: it's a two-way experience. I can call anyone I want at any time, but they can also call me. Similarly, I can look through windows to see things, but those things can also look in and see me.

That's why my home will one day only have one-way windows. But I digress.

I like the idea of being able to stay in check with the world. Using the Internet is one of my biggest time-wasting tools. But the idea of having to actively participate in creating the content that other people view makes me uncomfortable.



Smith Holloway is a senior writing and linguistics major from Metter, Ga.

My problem is that I feel obligated to interact once I have started. I started using Facebook soon after I began college, and I still maintain it to this day. Out of some obsessive notion, I check it daily and participate to maintain my profile page. I can't stand the idea of it all being for nothing.

Perhaps there is some kind of payoff in the end, a prize for sticking with Facebook despite my abject disgust with it. I like to imagine that my reward would be all the time back that I lost on so many mind-numbingly inane interactions.

Reluctant as I am to admit it, I find myself enjoying this new level of interactivity.

I'll check Twitter when I'm bored, and I have a forum for shar-

ing the many things I see every day.

In some ways, social networking sites are kind of like archives of human experiences, albeit in a very roundabout fashion. They can be trawled for memories, and a person could dredge up almost anything within the confines of human existence from their bowels, and they could even be learned from.

But my fear is experience without context. Human beings have told stories since we first clustered around campfires in times immemorial. Through these stories, we can learn lessons and even grow as people.

But I think that power lies solely in human-to-human communication, undiluted by anything but the air between speaker and listener.

Uploading pictures and updating statuses is all well and good, but it is empty of the human touch, the indefinable spark carried in voice and facial expression and body language. I fear that in this electronic era, while we are more connected and in-touch than ever, we are also further apart than ever before.

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Demand integrity when lives are at stake

It's about time The George-Anne made mention of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. After all, it's an environmental disaster that's been making headlines in every other news source since April 20, when there was an explosion on a drilling rig working for BP.

That was over 50 days ago, and in the almost two months following, most of the frustrations have been directed towards BP, and after BP, the sentiments shifted towards Obama. Critics likened his reaction to the spill to Bush's (lack of) reaction to Hurricane Katrina.

They also called for more emotion from Obama than his unwavering calm and collected demeanor. People, especially in areas bordering the Gulf, wanted to see Obama get angry!

And he should have been — before he decided to find out “whose ass to kick.”

There's no reason for this oil spill to have reached the magnitude that it has, even if it may not be one of the largest oil spills in history. The fact of the matter is that it



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a formal inquiry from the Justice Department. Perhaps it's more of a saving face tactic than some kind of corporate greed, but if BP's reports of the amount of oil spilled are really significantly less than independent estimates, as a CNN report stated, then BP really ought to be ashamed.

As it stands, though, animals are being killed. Why BP was not more alarmed by the situation and quick to act is anybody's guess, but after seeing just one animal covered in oil, why couldn't officials do everything in their power to stop it from hurting more? Animals don't

shouldn't have happened, and BP officials should have taken immediate steps to control the spill.

If they had, BP may have been able to avoid

deserve to suffer for our mistakes, even when it's an accident.

A New York Times profile of the oil spill, updated June 7, reported the following animal casualties:

▲ **Birds:** 820 have been collected, 298 visibly oiled. 597 birds were dead; 223 were captured alive. 28 have been released.

▲ **Sea Turtles:** 289 have been collected; 243 dead; 46 alive.

▲ **Mammals, Including Dolphins:** 33 have been collected in the spill zone; 31 were dead. Determination whether oil was the cause of death is pending for 30 dolphins.

The common figure for the amount of oil being released per day has been 5,000 barrels. There are 42 gallons of oil in a barrel, so that means approximately 210,000 gallons of oil per day disrupting all kinds of aquatic life.

And to think that there's a possibility BP's trying to soften the severity of what's happening? Well, that just makes the company look worse, especially if it turns out to be true.

Man on the Street

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

What should officials be doing to combat the oil spill in the Gulf?



“Officials need to stop the leak at the source.”

John Wilson
senior, information technology



“They should control that because it's getting nasty. If it's still affecting people, they should stay on it.”

Chasity Thompson
freshman, sociology



“They need to get on it and contain it as soon as possible. They just need to get everything back to normal.”

Natasha Benefield
freshman, general studies



“They should try a variety of things instead of concentrating on just one idea at a time.”

Travis Phillips
senior, general studies

The summer heat can be beat when necessary

As the summer continues to get hotter, there are many things you can do to beat the heat.

1. Wear cooler clothes. Or wear clothes that breathe, and stick to lighter colors. Guys: shorts and T-shirts. Girls T-shirts, tank tops, halter-tops, dresses — the choices are endless for us.

2. The shade is your friend. Most shaded areas are two to three degrees cooler than exposed areas.

3. Have the Freon in air conditioners checked. Also, run a fan while inside.

4. Water, water, water. Water at Tybee Island, water in a bottle, water at Splash in the Boro, water at the pool party every Wednesday at University Pines, water at pools in general. Get where this is going?

5. Consider a haircut. Length may be attractive, but it also adds heat to your neck, making you feel much hotter. Donate it to a charitable cause. Ponytails and up-dos also work.

6. Put up a solar reflector in the windshield of your car. It decreases the heat being admitted in to the closed vehicle, and it decreases the temperature in the car after it's been sitting in the parking lot.

7. Rent a movie. There are



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Red Boxes and other rental boxes located all over Statesboro. It costs a dollar for one night, and it is cooler inside.

8. Exercise. But do it in the morning or in the evening when it's not as hot.

9. Avoid being outside during the heat of the day. That's between 12 and 4 p.m.

10. Do something. Get your mind off the heat. The RAC is open, Sweetheart Circle has frequent visitors. Any form of activity you can think of will help you beat the heat.

Get out have fun this summer, but think smart. Shade, water and air conditioner are your friends and all those things with other friends make for the best memories from a hot summer.



Weekly Poll

at GADaily.com

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| • Antarctica | 20.8% |
| • Israel | 16.7% |
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For next week's poll question, visit GADaily.com.

Get yourself to the theaters... for a laugh

Ryan BABULA
g-a alumnus

"Get Him To The Greek" is a fun comedy and another success for the Apatow camp that relies on placing ordinary characters in obscene or complicated situations.

Russell Brand returns here as Aldous Snow, the hard-partying rocker from "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," and Jonah Hill plays Aaron Green, the junior record-executive that's tasked with getting Snow from England to the Greek Theater in Los Angeles.

Sean "Diddy" Combs plays the head of the record company that Green works for and constantly berates him into giving in to Snow's every whim. Drug abuse, sexual antics and hilarity ensue.

Apatow productions always tend to teeter a

fine line between heartfelt sentiment and gross humor, and "Greek" deals both out in spades.

Some of the situations that Green and Snow get into are hilarious, yet scary in their consequences.

If there were ever a humorous take on "Requiem For A Dream," this would be it.

The film argues that a rock-and-roll lifestyle cannot be attained without the copious use of drugs and alcohol, and through this disillusionment comes the downside side of Snow's demeanor.

Newly separated from his one-true love, Jackie Q (Rose Byrne), Snow has slipped into a life of non-stop sex and heroin use.

He knows no bounds to his partying ways, and Green's naïve look at the record industry can in no way prepare him for the 72 hours he'll spend courting Snow.

Green is a fan of the music and an admirer of the lifestyle. Snow must have been one too, until it caught up with him and consumed him.

I know I'm making this seem like some deep character study, but "Greek" is far from it. Intent on making the viewer laugh, the film goes to extreme lengths to do so.

To spoil any of the jokes would be a disservice, so if you want to go into the theater and laugh, you'll most likely do so.

I laughed a whole lot, and in the end, that's all I can offer you.

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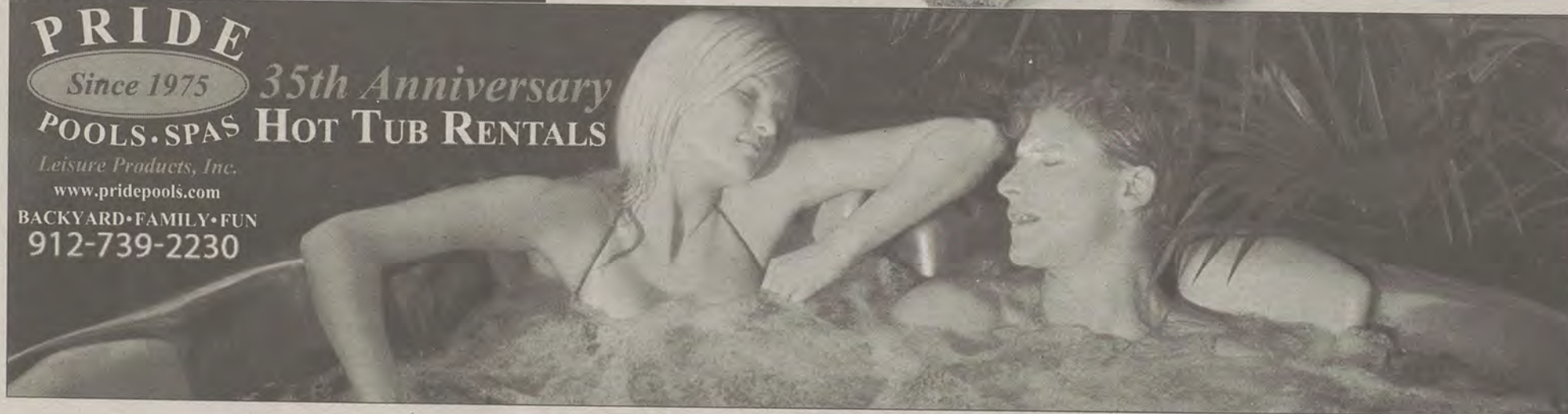
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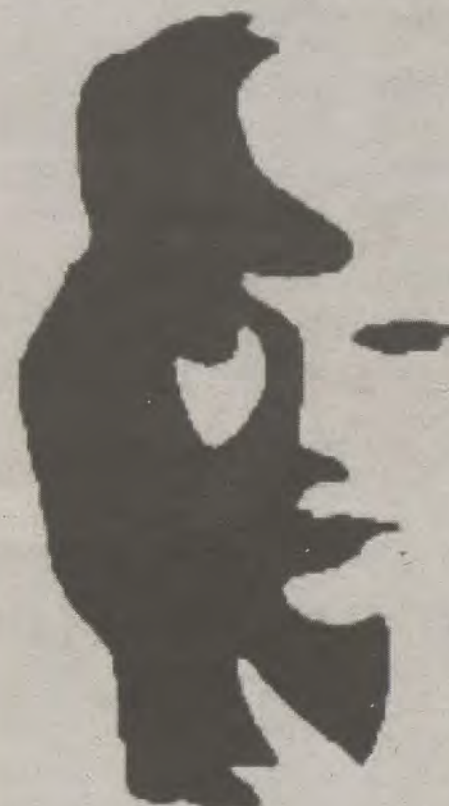
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Raymond's last day as the band's sound technician

Quick Hits

▲ GSU baseball players Shawn Payne and Andy Moye became the second and third Eagles selected in the 2010 MLB draft, drafted 1,319th and 1,519th.

▲ GSU basketball's incoming class was ranked sixth among all mid-major programs by ESPN.com.

▲ GSU athletics had five teams earn perfect Academic Progress Rate single-year scores of 1,000 for the 2008-09 academic year.

Season ends with NCAA Championship

Patrick SAIKAS
guest writer

Georgia Southern's golf team competed in Chattanooga, Tenn. June 1-6th at the NCAA Men's Golf National Championship.

The Eagles competed in the NCAA Southeast Regional, where they finished in the top five, earning a bid to the NCAA National Championship. It has been five years since the Eagle's last NCAA championship appearance.

Thirty NCAA teams competed in this three-round tournament on the 72-par course.

Senior Spence Fulford pulled in a score of 71 for his first round. His second round was a 74, followed by a 76 in the third round.

Fulford was the lowest scoring member of GSU's team, tying for 72nd place within the 156-man field.

Logan Blondell captured a round one score of 73, a round two score of 74 and rounded out his tournament play with a 77 stroke finish.

These scores placed Logan second among GSU's players and tied him for 86th place.

Florian Sander concluded the tournament with scores of 77, 79 and 76 in the first three rounds. Florian tied for 141th place overall with his teammate Ryan Zabroske, who scored a 76, 76 and 80 in the three rounds. Matt Deal finalized the tournament with scores of 79, 75 and 81 in championship play. Deal tied for 152nd place in the standings.

GSU placed 30th out of the teams competing in the tournament.

The team's score for the first day of play was 297. The second day of Eagle's play garnered a score of 299, and GSU put up a score of 309 for the third day.



GSU Athletics

GSU's 2009-2010 golf team.

Their tournament score was a 905, which was a cumulative 41 strokes over the 864 stroke par. The average score for the tournament was 874 — 10 strokes over par.

This tournament was GSU's last golf event of the season. The team has three of its five players returning to play again next year.

2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa

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The World Cup games kick off tomorrow morning at 10 when South Africa plays Mexico in Johannesburg. But for the U.S. men's team, tournament play won't begin until Saturday.

At 2:30 p.m., the U.S. team, which has yet to win a World Cup championship, will face off against England, whose last title came in 1966 when the nation hosted the tournament.

The U.S. has played eight friendly matches against England between 1953 and 2008, winning only one. In those eight matches, England scored 35 goals; the U.S., seven. According to the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking, England is ranked eighth while the U.S. is ranked 14th.

The game will be shown on ABC.

BROWN

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only had a .270 batting average against him. Brown logged 102 innings and had 19 walks, accompanied by 79 strikeouts.

He was also named the Southern Conference Pitcher of the Month in March.

In his career as an Eagle, Brown had a total record of 13-9, with a 4.41 ERA. He logged 190 innings and 143 strikeouts with four complete games.

His 6-3 record in 2009 was a part of the

effort that took the baseball team to the SoCon Tournament Championship last year.

Brown graduated this past spring with a general studies degree with an emphasis in communications.

He said his plans are to go straight to wherever Oakland takes him, which looks like short-season ball with the minor league team, the Vancouver Canadians.

"I'm ready and excited to experience the West Coast," said Brown. "I'm looking forward to it and think it's an opportunity to grow as an individual. They have a great system to develop their pitchers and I can't wait to be a part of the As."

