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Students return from mission in Botswana

Stories of the adventures of students from GSU who traveled to Botswana & South Africa

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GSU club soccer team times two

Nicholas Mantha starts a second GSU club soccer team.

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Statesboro in economic dip

GSU makes boro well-off in comparison to other towns

Kelley NORMAN • guest writer

Due to the recession, the city of Statesboro has been experiencing an economic dip, according to Donna Fisher, an associate professor in the school of economic development.

The city's economy has experienced "a little bit of a downturn," Fisher said.

"Although, we may have had a dip in the economy in Statesboro, it's been a lot smaller than other towns in the area," she said.

Fisher credits Georgia Southern's enrollment boost of students as a contributing factor.

"The economic benefit comes from the increased number of students," she said.

"If you look at the enrollment for [GSU] over the last few years, it hasn't gone down, it's actually increased ... and so with that, students are going to be spending money in town," Fisher said.

She also said however, that the benefit is just seasonal.

"During the summer, you know there's not a lot of people in town," Fisher said.

As a result, businesses naturally have less customers coming around.

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Keel continues time honored tradition



Brandilyn Brown/STAFF

President Brooks Keel jumpstarts 63rd tradition on Wednesday

President Brooks Keel cuts watermelon as he celebrates GSU's 63rd annual watermelon cutting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday. This GSU tradition has taken place every year since 1948. The tradition will continue for students beginning today at 10 a.m., and every Tuesday and Thursday through the end of July.



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POLICE BEAT

Sunday, June 27, 2010

▲ Officers issued three traffic warnings, assisted one motorist and assisted another agency.

▲ Kelton Jermain Saxton, 19, Morris Street, was charged with driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

Monday, June 28, 2010

▲ Officers issued one traffic citation, issued five traffic warnings and assisted three motorists.

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

▲ Officers issued one traffic citation, issued three traffic warnings and assisted one motorist.

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

▲ Officers issued one traffic warning, assisted one injured person and investigated one accident.

▲ Lakeisha Lynette Washington, 18, East Olliff Street, was charged with DUI, minor in possession/consumption of alcohol, driving with an expired license and open container violation.

▲ Dominique Marquise Wright, 17, Butler Homes, was charged with DUI, minor in possession/consumption of alcohol, driving with a suspended license and open container violation.

Thursday, July 1, 2010

▲ Officers assisted four motorist, responded to one fire alarm call, issued two traffic warnings, one traffic citation and one parking citation.

▲ An officer encountered a group of nine individuals acting suspiciously around Centennial Place. Further investigation found them to be intoxicated.

▲ An officer observed an individual throwing traffic cones in the area of Henry's Haircuts. Contact with the individual found them to be intoxicated.

▲ Joshua Garrick Holloway, 22, 3659 Hwy. 121, Glennville, Ga, Driving Under the Influence, Open Container While Operating a Vehicle, and Improper Stopping on Roadway.

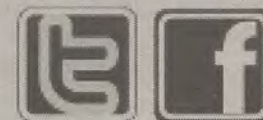
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▲ Officers assisted two motorists and responded to one alarm.

▲ Raymond Trevair Booker, 18, Shady Brook Ct., Hampton, was charged with false report of a fire.

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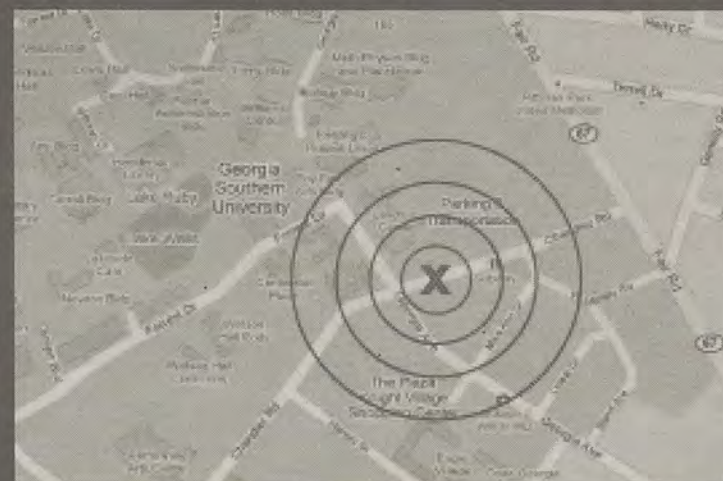
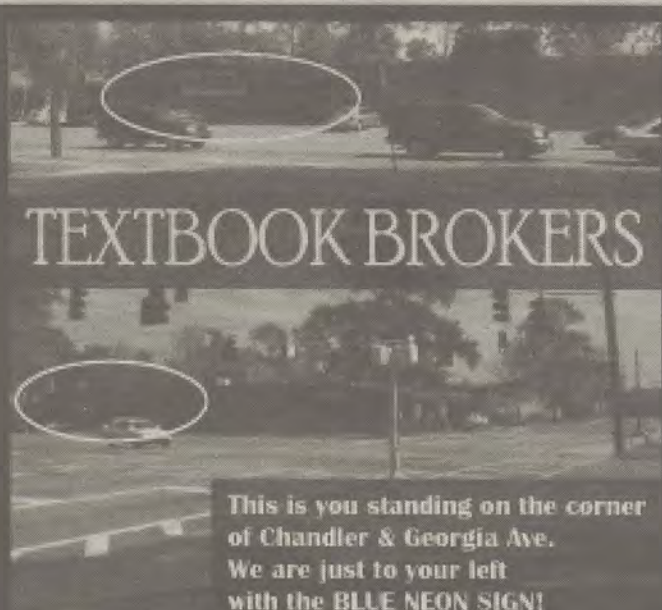
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TOWNS

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Suzie Lopez, a stylist at Eagle Clips said the hair salon business slows down by about "60 percent."

"During the fall, we get everybody," said Lorie Williams, also a stylist at the hair salon.

Throughout the spring semester, "it's steady, but it's not as busy as it is in the fall," she said.

Williams said the benefit of working at a business located near a university is getting "more than just the local people."

Williams said the salon does not raise prices, but uses advertising instead to attract students during summer terms.

"We try to keep a low price for the college students, so we don't

really raise our prices very much at all," she said.

"We haven't because we're competing with another hair salon, so we can't really raise prices," Williams said.

At other shops, the effects of summer are nearly the same.

Kallie Grooms, the manager at Fast & Easy, said during the spring and fall there is "a lot of students here," but in the summer "it's very slow."

She said the amount of customers they receive gets cut in half, and advertising does not help.

"It's not a steady income because the people aren't here," Grooms said.

Not every business in Statesboro is taking hits, however, according to Jarriell Denson, an employee at Subway and a student at GSU.

"We're doing okay [...] nothing

super drastic," Denson said.

He also acknowledges however, that business during the summer is not going to be quite the same.

"Of course with any business, you're going to take a bit of a slip," he said.

Denson claims the restaurant's product is the reason why business has not slowed down as much.

"We're the most convenient—everybody is trying to be more conscious about their health," he said.

According to Denson, the benefit of having a local business near a university is the "steady influx of customers."

Because of the university, he said, "we attract so many people."

"You can be in another place that's just populous like a city," Denson said, "but a university makes up a city."

GSU offers ROTC program for nurses

University recognized as one of top eight in nation

Faith CARTER
guest writer

The lives of Georgia Southern Reserve Officers' Training Corps nurses are filled, not only with regular nursing courses, but also with ROTC classes, and are expected to perform on the same level as their fellow cadets.

Leadership Development Assessment Course, an intense physical training program, is required during the summer between a cadet's junior and senior year.

The program is focused on three major qualifications: PT tests, land navigation, and sticks training. A regular cadet will have their entire junior year to prepare for LDac, but this is not the case for ROTC nurses. Nursing cadets go in the summer between their sophomore and junior year, not only losing an extra year of training for LDac,

but they are also enrolled in both nursing and ROTC classes during their sophomore year.

"We do not have to require our nurses to go to LDac during their sophomore year, but we find that this helps them so that during their junior year they can focus solely on their nursing degree in their junior and senior years," said Lt. Col. George Fredrick, commander of Eagle Battalion. He said that this is a decision that clearly works.

All college ROTC programs are required to produce two nurses each year. Seven ROTC nurses graduated in the class of 2009, five graduated this past spring, and there are four to graduate in spring 2011.

GSU was just granted the MacArthur Award, recognizing the university as one of the top eight programs in the nation.

"The award is distributed geographically, and we are the number one program in the

southeast. Our brigade also produces more nursing students than any other brigade," said Lt. Col. William Roberts, Scholarship and Enrollment Officer, who was just honored as the Scholarship and Enrollment Officer of the nation.

"Roberts has been working days and nights and weekends for this program," said Fredrick. "Our program is a reflection of the quality of people that he finds and brings to us."

Roberts said, "The best recruiters we have are the students on campus."

However, he does not leave it all up to his cadets. He travels to receptions in order to meet future GSU students. He also works in SOAR sessions and local high schools.

He goes on to bring in, not only freshmen who are completely new to college, but also prior service members, such as second Lt. Joshua

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Geiger, who graduated this past spring, giving them the opportunity to earn their college degrees, and at the same time, fill in the need for Army nurses.

"There is a huge need for nurses in the Army, just as there's a need for nurses in the civilian world. The Army offers cadets incentives and the ability to specialize in any area we want," Geiger said.

Roberts said that GSU's ROTC program is so successful due to several important facts.

One of the most important and effective of them is that these students come together as a family. In the nursing program especially, cadets come together, young and old, and are able to work together and learn from each other in their close-knit community. Another is the relationship between the ROTC program and the Nursing program.

Fredrick said, "If we didn't have the relationship with the Nursing program like we do, we wouldn't be successful."

Our View

Student disinterest in the news

When you think of a college student, what comes to mind? Most would say that a college student is an individual who is career bound, or an academic. Therefore, most would say that a college student would be well versed and up-to-date in the world's news--or at least the U.S.

But let's face it; students are not really interested in the news. Of course this is just a generalization. There are those who are very abreast on most issues, but for the majority of the student body, they are oblivious to the news in their own country. Living in such a small town, such as Statesboro, emphasizes this isolation from the world.

We are currently in a world where we can follow a famous actor or actress with their daily feelings and life occurrences on twitter. However, there seems to be a great gap between this irrelevant interest in one individual's joy with finding a sale on their favorite pair of shoes, and the devastation, which is still occurring in many developing countries.

If a student can follow an actor

or actress on twitter, then they can follow the news just as easily with the constant access to the Internet. There are many Web sites that students can access for free, and gain the nation's news from with only a few easy clicks.

Holding students in their one country accountable to keep up with the international news might be too much to ask, but what is their excuse for not knowing their own national news? For example, the current oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. How many students even knew that any offshore oil drilling was being done prior to when the incident first occurred?

So many students argue and protest about the oil spill, and can splurge current facts about the matter, but how many of those students knew drilling was being done in the Gulf of Mexico in the first place? Also, how many of those students don't keep up with national news on a current basis?

As students, we come to GSU to receive an education. Part of receiving an education requires the knowledge of history, but how can you learn the history of your country, without being willing to learn the present?



Class conflict in a growing community

Ethnicity, finances, living arrangements. There are many differences that separate college students from one another. However, one similarity that unites over 19,000 Georgia Southern students, is the fact that we are students. We study in the same library, walk through the same student union, ride the same bus, and attend the same classes.

Approaching my fourth year here at Southern, I have progressively stumbled across another similarity that has been for many, and becoming for others, a serious problem. Many times, classes that are required for a major are not offered in both the fall and spring semesters, and I feel that they should.

As I said, this fall I will begin my fourth year in college. Class selection for me is now narrowed down to major classes. As a typical college student, other events, such as my job and organizations that I am apart of, affect my class scheduling. I work to build my schedule around these other activities, and if necessary, abandon them because they come second to my education. In short,

I try to do my part as a student to make sure I receive my education. However, I feel GSU is not meeting me, nor the rest of the student body, halfway on this issue.

One of several examples of this problem is the fact that my journalism major requires me to take classes such as, Investigative Journalism and History of Mass Communication. Investigative Journalism, so far, has only been offered in the fall, and the latter in the spring. As seniors approach graduation, the availability of these major classes becomes crucial.

I realize I'm stating the obvious, but this truly is an important concern. Every year, tuition and fees increase, housing becomes more limited, parking space decreases, and the list goes on. It seems as though the one thing that



Derrek Ashberry is a senior journalism major from Valdalia, Georgia.

students should not have a problem getting, is a required class. Class is why we pay the increasing tuition prices. Class is why we spend our entire summer break looking for off-campus housing when on-campus housing gets filled up. Class is why we park on campus even though we know to expect a yellow ticket tucked behind the windshield when we return to our cars, yet we still make that sacrifice because we don't want to be late. Simply put, class is why we are here.

I understand that I can be nothing but biased on this issue. After all, I don't know what happens behind closed doors in GSU meetings. I don't know what the GSU budget looks like, or if my request is even one that can be considered. I can only speak on what I know. And I know that as a student, on the verge of graduation, we need our major classes readily available for us. It may not seem like such a big deal, but for me, if one class could potentially be the difference between graduating on time and paying another semester worth of fees, I'd rather be viewed as whiny than indifferent.

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Eagle's View: What do you think about the effectiveness of the new texting and driving law?



I think this is a good law because you should not text while you drive. You are endangering lives of others and their children.

Shatai Saxton
freshman, justice studies



Personally, I text while driving and I haven't gotten into a wreck yet. I don't think the police or anyone will follow it.

Dillon Scott
freshman, nursing



I think its a good idea even though you can't really tell who is texting in the car, they could always lie to the police.

Christina Deveaux
junior, chemistry



I think it's a pretty good idea. I don't think it'll help more than it'll hurt, but I think there will be a problem enforcing it.

Nicholas Williams
freshman, nursing



I think it's one of the best laws. I know a lot of people who text and drive, and it's just not safe because you have to actually look down to text.

Carlie Smith
senior, biology



I don't like it, because I text and drive. I really don't agree with it. I don't think people will be able to catch people who text and drive.

William Harrison
freshman, information technology



I guess its good thing because it's causing accidents in America. It's going to be kind of hard to tell who's texting, but I think it'll be effective.

Mark Contigiani
freshman, business



I think its a good idea and I think it's going to be very effective. But, it's going to be hard to enforce unless they have the phone on top of the wheel.

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Tales from Africa : Botswana stories



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Christina RILEY
miscellany editor-in-chief

Seven Georgia Southern students recently returned from a summer mission's trip to South Africa. These students went to the Johannesburg and Soweto, South Africa in early June for two weeks as part of GSU's Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) mission trip. These seven students, along with the GSU BCM director, Dr. Jerry Johnson, ministered and shared the gospel with the South Africans. They partnered with International World Changers who organized the trip with several other college ministries from around the country.

"The main purpose of the trip was to spread God's love and show them what Christ is like," one of the participants, Morgan Springer a sophomore Pre-Med major said. "I was really glad I got to go. I really just felt God wanted me to go on a mission and that it really was just my time to go."

The trip was open to any active BCM member. However, only seven spots were available, due to cost and other factors. Those chosen found out about the trip through advertising and announcements from BCM. The interested members were chosen through interviews, interests and availability. After selecting the group members, they begun to prepare for the trip. The group had many preparations to make: extensive fund raising, many prayer nights and street evangelism in the local community.

"Different nights we would do training. We would go to Savannah and go up to people and start talking to them about Christ and

what it meant to be a Christian," Ben Phillips, a sophomore at GSU and BCM Council member said.

While in South Africa, some of the members would do street evangelism while others would hold a soccer camp for the locals of the area. Several of the volunteers were avid soccer players. Springer, a current GSU soccer player, and the other group members enjoyed the aspect of being able to "use soccer to tell others about Christ" and, as a segue, to talk about their faith. Since they were in South Africa during the World Cup, they were able to attend the Brazil vs. North Korea game.

"It unlike anything I've ever experienced," Josh Salmon said. "The energy and the fans were incredible. The atmosphere of the game—I'll never forget. It was great!"

However, it wasn't all fun and games the entire trip. During the street ministry aspect of the trip, the students found it challenging to get people to come to the services.

"The main challenge was being bold about everything. It was hard to just go up to people and just talk about our faith," Springer said.

They also had to try to explain Christianity to a people who worship their ancestors and Christ.

"Many of the people would tell us they were Christian, but they would also worship their ancestors or other family members," Phillips said. "We would explain to them that there was only one way through Christ. We would try to clear up their understanding of what they understood Christianity to be."

Their dedication paid off. They would go up to people and ask them to come to a church service and many said they would.

However, "A local pastor was telling us that most of them will just say yes to be polite but not really show up," Phillips said. When church time came they had different results and could see the effort paid off. "But this time, the pastor was telling us that this was the biggest crowd they had ever had."

The trip proved to be very eye-opening for the students. For most, this was their first volunteer trip.

"It was heavy on my heart how prevalent the poverty is. There are well-off communities right next to poverty stricken ones. It really hurt my heart to see the stereotypical Africa and the terrible poverty," Salmon said.

However, overall the students learned and accomplished their mission to share the gospel. "Every little moment was unforgettable. Everyday seeing how grateful and excited they were that we were there, and experiencing the joy in their life inspired me," Springer said.

They all returned safely with a greater sense of thankfulness for their American lifestyles, "I feel really spoiled being an American," Springer said. "I'm much more thankful for my car and house. I don't overlook those things anymore."

While most of the volunteers have various career goals other than ministry. None were opposed to returning and doing other volunteer trips. "I would really like to go back," Salmon said. "If I get the opportunity, I definitely want to go. It was an unforgettable experience."

Even if they do not get to return to the same place, Phillips recognizes that, "We don't have to go across the world to minister Christ and tell of God's love. We can go right across the street and do that here at GSU."

The Buzz List

News from outside the Boro

▲ Lindsay Lohan receives 90 days of jail time for a probation violation after being arrested drunk behind the wheel. Will she bounce back and actually find work like Robert Downey Jr. or will she continue her long spiral downwards? Personally, I'm just waiting for Miley Cyrus to get to this stage.

▲ 'Paranormal Activity 2' has proven to be 'too scary' for Twi-hards as complaints file in after the trailer debuted before 'Eclipse.' Can you really be surprised? Stephanie Meyer's idea of horror was a sparkly vampire. 'Perfect predator'? Tell that to Arnold Schwarzenegger.

▲ 'Cyrus' receives an interesting 79% on rottentomatoes.com. Will it be as good as 'Get Him to the Greek'? Doubtful. Am I going to see it and laugh my proverbial buttocks off. Most likely.

▲ Disney loses \$270 million in the conclusion of the jury verdict over 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire.' The entertaining giant says it will appeal for another trial, but until then, vacationers are still going to pay too much for nachos at Disney Land.

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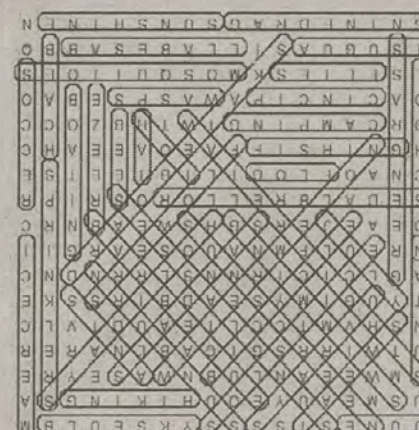


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With soccer becoming more and more popular in the US, it is understandable that GSU interests in the sport should equally increase. Though not everyone could become a part of the GSU soccer team, there is another option. The GSU club soccer team is that option. The club teams sponsored by GSU is operated by students with interested in those sports.

The club soccer team has, over the years, progressed into a well renowned organization within the state of Georgia and has been placed in many tournaments in the southeastern region. The club team holds tryouts during both the fall and spring semesters. During a typical three day tryout, nearly 60 different hopefuls could join the team.

This will be the first time that GSU has had two club soccer teams, the Blue and White teams. The man responsible for the creation of the second team is Nicholas Mantha. Nick is a senior sports management major, who has been involved with soccer since the young age of four. He played sports throughout his childhood, but found his calling to what he calls "the beautiful game of football". His interests carried over into his high school career where he played for his school in Cartersville, Georgia.

In his previous involvement with the soccer club team, he has played with them his freshman year, later to act as coach over the team in his junior year.

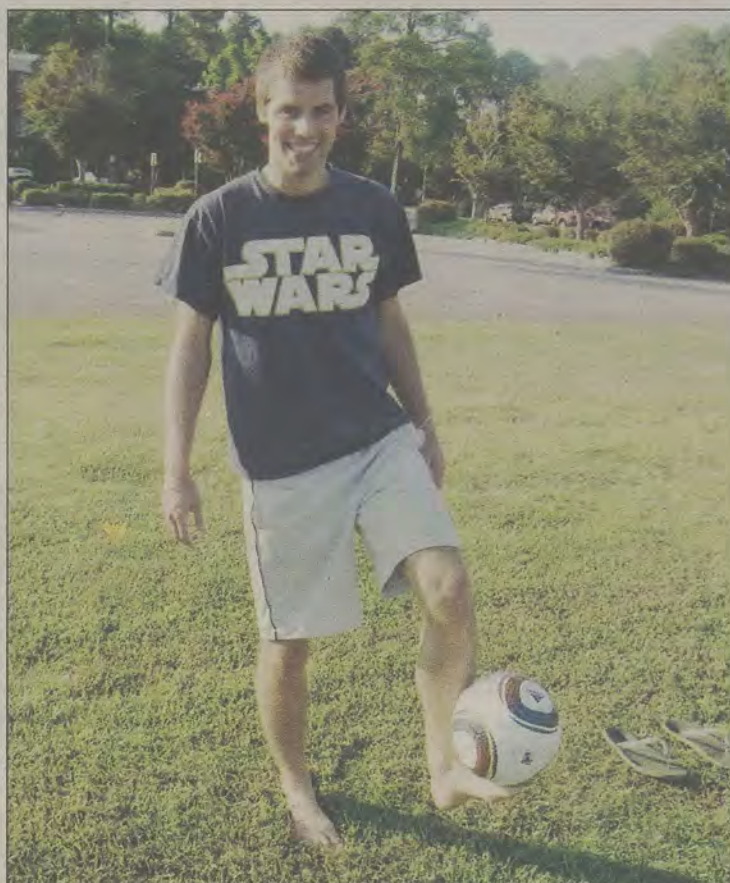
Club soccer will participate in several tournament during the upcoming semester

after tryouts decisions have been finalized. Some of the tournaments being hosted by University of North Florida and Clemson University.

Tryouts are scheduled to begin on the 24th of August and will continue for a three day session. These dates are subjective to weather and scheduling, and can be subject to change.

When asked what he planned to achieve by creating the second team, he states that he wishes to see GSU soccer club and school team to graduate to a level where student-athletes are being recognized not only on the regional level but also be successful on the national level.

One of the upcoming tournaments for the fall 2010 season will be hosted by GSU with dates yet to be decided and will take place RAC fields. Nick says that he will be excited to see the support that the team can muster for the tournament. The tournament hosted



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Nicholas Mantha shows his skills with the soccer ball.

by UNF will be held during the 17th and 19th of September. The tournament hosted by Clemson University will be held from the 8th to the 10th.

Contact with Nick regarding tryouts or tea can be addressed to nm00008@georgiasouthern.edu.

Quick Hits

▲ CRI Sand volleyball has begun there season tournaments this week on Tuesday, June 6th.

▲ CRI Southern Adventures will be offering a sea kayaking day trip on the 10th and a mountain biking day trip on the 17th of this month.

▲ SOCON announces the Academic All-Conference team spring 2010 season totaling 318 students 25 GSU with a 3.54 GPA.

World Cup update

In the World Cup championship final, which will be played this Sunday with a historic conclusion. Neither team has ever won the World Cup. The Netherlands clinched their spot in the finals with a three to two victory over Uruguay.

Spain, joined the Netherlands after a grueling match against the Germany, who has been dominating over opposing teams, in a one to nil match. Sixty-four matches have been played to arrive at the World Cup final where a new champion will be crowned.

The aggressive Holland team, ranked fourth in the world, will play against the cup favorite Spain in an all European final in the first World Cup hosted by an African nation.

Join the many viewers in Statesboro and support your favorite team this Sunday at 2:30. There will also be a constellation game between Uruguay and Germany in an third place match this Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

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