New bus routes go both ways

More options, fewer buses with changes

Kelsey DECKER • editor-in-chief

After six years of a one-way route, it will now be possible for Georgia Southern’s bus patrons to go from Forest Drive to the Union without first going past the RAC and stadium.

Bob Chambers, the director of Parking and Transportation, said that while the bus route was originally designed as a “park-and-ride response to the lack of parking in the center of campus,” students have come to want to use the buses to get around campus.

“It has worked fairly well; we’ve had crowding issues, but we have a limited budget to use,” Chambers said. “We spent $1.6 million last year on the transit system and carried almost that many passengers.”

According to Chambers, every class change time was a rush hour. Ten buses ran at the busiest times; now eight will run all day.

“We hired a consultant to come in ... and recommend some improvements, and in the meantime we’re getting suggestions/complaints from students, primarily, that they wanted it to run both ways.”

What are the major changes?

In past years, students have been dropped off for and picked up from classes along Forest Drive. This year, the road will be safer for pedestrians as buses will make up most of the road’s traffic. Students can view a map of the new bus routes on page 4.

1. Georgia Avenue from Forest Drive to Chandler Road is a one-way road for buses and limited delivery vehicles.

2. Forest Drive from Georgia Avenue to Plant Drive is accessible to faculty, staff and delivery vehicles.

3. A permit is not required to park at the stadium.

4. Left turns are now allowed at the Harvey Street and Chandler Road intersection between Eagle Village and Centennial Place.

5. There is no longer a stop at the nursing/chemistry and education buildings. There is now a stop at the Health Center.

6. A valid GSU parking permit is required to park at the RAC from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
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Can’t — I’m on hold for advisement
Some students, faculty favor advisement call centers

Kelley NORMAN
guest writer

Students may hear the phrase "get advised" each semester, but some faculty and students prefer a different advisement method.

Tyson Davis, a multimedia communication instructor and an advisor, said he favors the idea of an academic advisement call center, a process that some schools are turning to.

Davis said that if students were involved with it, then he does not think it is a bad idea at all. However, Georgia Southern does not currently offer call centers for students seeking advisement.

Ellen Murkison, assistant director of First-Year Experience, said, “This is not a method utilized by [GSU] because “personal contact with academic advisors every semester is a hallmark of [GSU’s] commitment to outstanding academic advisement for all students.”

Alicia Vines, a junior public relations major, said she understands Davis’ frustration but disagrees with his solution.

“I don’t think those students should miss those appointments,” she said, “but wouldn’t you just be putting that on another counselor?”

Vines said she backs the idea of an academic call center.

“It would be more convenient. I think that students would actually relate to other students and know exactly how to help with their different situations,” she said.

Vines also said that having to set up an appointment can be inconvenient at times.

“[GSU’s advisement process] is good for that one time of the year when you do need to go in and officially be advised. It doesn’t have to be something long and drawn out.”

Paris Simpson
broadcast information major

“If I have one single question, I would have to call and make an appointment just to ask,” she said.

Setting up an appointment is a shared frustration for Paris Simpson, a senior broadcast information major.

“I’ll just have a quick question I need answered [and] sometimes, I can’t get an appointment until later in the week or until the next week,” Simpson said.

She said she also favors the idea of a call center, though she thinks that the regular advisement process is also important.

“Having another outlet that I can go to to ask a simple question or just get a little bit of guidance I guess would be great,” she said.

“I think that it’s good for that one time of the year when you do need to go in and officially be advised,” Simpson said. “It doesn’t have to be something long and drawn out.”
Members of the Bass Anglers Club spent the week of July 12 collecting unused rods, reels, lures and tackle boxes to be used in the third annual “Fishing to Fight Autism.”

The event was held July 31 at Twin Bridges Lake in Lawrenceville, Ga.

The club, which consists of about 10 members, partnered with Finding Inspiration – Sharing Hope, Inc., a nonprofit organization with the purpose of teaching children fishing skills that they can relate to everyday situations.

The purpose of the charity event was to help children with autism enjoy fishing and to raise awareness for the disorder.

Wesley Maples, president of Georgia Southern’s Bass Anglers Club, said the event was designed to be relaxed rather than competitive.

“Everyone was running wild with fishing rods,” said Maples. “We were there to help them get the fish off the hooks and untangle their lines.”

Trophies for first, second and third place finishers for biggest fish, as well as other prizes for the different age groups, were awarded at the event.

Maples said the club donated $100 to the event and donated equipment as well.

He said the event was fun for the members of the Bass Anglers Club as well as the children for which the event was designed.

“It turned out real well,” he said.

Maples said that he and his team wanted to give back to the community through fishing.

“In addition to competing in collegiate fishing, our team decided that we wanted to support the sport that we love so much, and giving back through supporting the work of groups like FISH, Inc. is just one way,” said Maples in a press release.

“Making a simple donation of unused and unwanted equipment can make a difference in the life of a child and expose them to this great sport and the outdoors,” he said.

Maples said that this event is done twice a year, and the club plans to continue its participation in future events.

“We always like to help out the community,” he said. “Anything to help the sport of fishing.”
Our View

Little Eagles under guided wings

My fellow Eagles, this is an address to you in regards to the 2010 fall semester. Granted, not all of you have been at Georgia Southern for multiple years, but it falls on the shoulders of returning students to educate the fresh and undeveloped minds of the incoming students.

Remember back to the days when you were a freshman, then fast forward to where you are now and ask yourself, “Had I known what I know now, would my first year been better off?”

More often than not, most of us would answer this question with an unequivocal “Yes.” Being able to navigate accurately and quickly from your residence to your first class or knowing which professors to avoid and which ones you should jump at the opportunity to take are valuable knowledge now.

A more scholastic issue that each of us have to face is advisement. How much easier would your college experience have been if you knew which classes to take, which semester to take them and not waste your time on those classes that are not in anyway necessary to your ultimate goal of a degree?

If you are a part of a group or club that you know would suit the students, especially younger ones, make the extra effort to make sure that they have somewhere they feel they can fit in.

Of course, we cannot protect the newer students from everything because there will always be those hard-headed students. But they can still make it.

Another reason to take an incoming Eagle under our wings is to show them the traditions that surround GSU. School traditions such as chants, songs, festivals and even the watermelon cutting ceremonies are critical to the GSU experience.

If you know that these students are going to be the face of your alma mater, take that extra step to make sure that they know the traditions and can correctly show the beauty that is Southern.

The new students are the future of the GSU name. If you want to be a part of that future, the easiest way to be remembered in your school is to leave a legacy behind as the one student who helped that new student when they didn't need to.

Hello Students,

My name is Alton Standifer and I will serve as your Student Government Association president for the 2010-2011 academic year. I truly look forward to all of the great things that this year will hold for our institution and the endless opportunities that are available to you as a student.

I would like to welcome all first time Eagles to Georgia Southern University and extend a welcome back to all those that are returning to campus. I hope that you continue to enjoy the rich culture of our university and begin to build a Georgia Southern legacy that will last a lifetime.

As your president it is my job to represent you all to the best of my ability in all issues that affect the students of our university. As your representative I invite you to freely contact my office at anytime if you have questions or concerns regarding issues taking place on campus, improvements that you would like to see or if there are things that you need assistance with as a student. My office is located on the first floor of the Russell Union, and my contact information can be found on the Student Government Association website.

You can also visit our website for information on how to get involved with the Student Government Association.

As we enter into a new era at Georgia Southern I ask that you all begin to embrace the changes that our university will begin to make as well as understand that we are committed to continuing to build upon our rich history that has brought us to where we are today. To ensure that we as students assist in making Georgia Southern the best that it can be it will important that we put our V.A.L.U.E.S. to good use.

I know that this will be a great year for the “Eagle Nation.” Again, feel free to contact the Student Government Association if there is anything that we can do for you.

We are committed to serving the students of Georgia Southern University. Go Eagles!

Alton Standifer

A senior education major from Monticello, Ga.

SGA’s website: http://studentorg.georgiasouthern.edu/sga/
**POLICE BEAT**

**Monday, August 2, 2010**
▲ Officers issued four traffic citations, three traffic warnings, assisted two motorists and responded to two alarms.

**Tuesday, August 3, 2010**
▲ Officers issued three traffic warnings, assisted three motorists, assisted another agency in locating a wanted person, responded to one alarm and investigated one accident.

**Wednesday, August 4, 2010**
▲ Officers assisted four motorists, issued two traffic warnings and responded to two alarms.
▲ A hit and run accident was reported at the RAC.

**Thursday, August 5, 2010**
▲ Officers issued three traffic citations, one traffic warning, responded to three alarms and assisted two motorists.

**Friday, August 6, 2010**
▲ Officers issued three traffic citations, one traffic warning, responded to three alarms and assisted two motorists.

**Saturday, August 7, 2010**
▲ Officers issued 11 traffic citations, three traffic warnings, assisted one motorist and responded to three alarms.
▲ Praneeth Vadrevu, 22, Chandler Road, was charged with DUI, failure to obey a traffic control device and failure to maintain lane.

**Sunday, August 8, 2010**
▲ Officers issued four traffic citations and right traffic warnings.
▲ Zachary Ryan Stanford, 23, S. Williams St., Metter, was charged with DUI, failure to maintain lane and safety restraint violation.
▲ Cally Lynn Hannon, 19, Burkhalter Plantation, was charged with DUI and stop sign violation.
▲ Brandon Stanley Barton, 22, Mike Ann Dr., was charged with public drunkenness and obstruction of an officer.

**Monday, August 9, 2010**
▲ Officers assisted one motorist, issued two traffic warnings and one parking citation, and responded to three alarms.
▲ A laptop computer was reported stolen from the Williams Center.
▲ A report of entering auto was made at the Physical Plant. A set of keys was the only item missing.
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‘The Other Guys’ are here and hilarious

Smith HOLLOWAY
guest writer

One year ago, if you had asked me if a buddy-cop film starring Will Ferrell and “Marky” Mark — sorry, Mark Wahlberg — could be entertaining, I would have knocked you over and stolen your shoes while singing a medley of TLC songs.

That’s about as close as I can come to depicting the level of reality present in “The Other Guys.” By the 10-minute mark, you will know exactly how insane this film is and whether you will enjoy it as much as I did.

First of all, I have to tip my hat to Wahlberg, whom I have never seen in a comedy film before. Here, he plays one half of the most dysfunctional police pair in the history of cinema, Terry Hoitz — a pent-up detective with severe anger issues. While I never thought anyone could steal the spotlight from Ferrell in a comedy role, this movie belongs to Wahlberg, who takes every opportunity to unleash his madness and chew the scenery.

Of course Ferrell is no slouch, and while his character, Allen Gamble, is a pencil-pushing detective, it doesn’t stop him from delivering the laughs. Ferrell’s strength has always been in his ability to say or do anything with a straight face, and it serves him well here. He is the disparaging commenter to Wahlberg’s physical comedy. Together, these two are a pair that I’d like to see work together again.

“The Other Guys” keeps the laughs coming right from the start and never relents. The surreal nature of the film and its tenuous-at-best relationship with the real world lend even the serious moments a hilarity that is hard to resist.

Every line is either a witty observation by Ferrell or a bad-cop tirade against banality by Wahlberg. The scripting is tight and has to be commended for its laser-guided focus and perfect grasp of when a joke is played-out. Out of the secondary characters I enjoyed Michael Keaton’s Captain Gene the most, as his hilarious and subversive police Captain must be seen to be believed.

The film isn’t for everyone, as Will Ferrell detractors will obviously not be entertained. Also those who come looking for a comedy buddy-cop film in the vein of “Lethal Weapon” or “Rush Hour” will also be disappointed, as the film often leaves the realities of police work behind when it gets in the way of laughs.

I loved every moment of this film, and found it to be a good break from the summer of blockbusters we’ve had so far. If you’re looking for a laugh, ‘The Other Guys’ is the film to see.

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Those who are tired of campus food but don’t want to waste money should get excited: Monday, Aug. 16, Eagle Entertainment is hosting its annual event, “A Taste of Statesboro.”

From 11 a.m.-1 p.m., vendors from 26 different restaurants will have samples of their menu’s cuisine for students to try at the Russell Union Rotunda.

“It’s a great event to welcome students back,” said Mert Slaton of Moe’s Southwest Grill. “We participated every year since the beginning, and it’s a lot of fun for students and even the vendors.”

“A Taste of Statesboro,” an event designed to showcase all the caterers and restaurants around the Georgia Southern campus, is used to show students that they don’t just have to eat on campus. During Welcome Week, these restaurants also want to reach out to incoming freshmen.

“We're always trying to bridge the gap between the campus and Statesboro community,” said Kai Taylor, president of Eagle Entertainment. “Food is always found at social events, so we're using it to bring people together.”

The campus community makes up a large part of restaurant business in Statesboro. “The students make up about 90 percent of my business,” said Slaton. “They’re very important to me, and I want to reach out to the new students as well.”

The event will include an Eagle Dining Services beverage cart with Coke and Diet Coke for students during the event.

Students will also have the chance to vote for their favorite restaurants for culinary and people’s choice awards that will be given out at the end of the event. The winners will receive a certificate as a prize.

“We want to show the freshmen new places besides just what they can find on their dining plan,” said Taylor. “It’s going to be a lot of fun, and everyone is welcome to come out and try something different.”
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Eagles work to get on Monken’s level

Rick SPURGEON
sports editor

Georgia Southern’s football team is going into its second week of preseason football camp. This means two-a-day practices in full pads for the morning sessions and in partial gear — shells — for the afternoon.

In just a little over three weeks, the Eagles will be kicking off against Savannah State in Paulson Stadium for the Sept. 4 season opener.

"We went in shells this afternoon just because we were getting a little banged up," said first-year Eagles Head Coach Jeff Monken in a press release. "I hoped the guys would come out and practice hard this afternoon in shells. There is almost a mind set that it is not going to be as hard a practice because we’re not in full gear. I thought they handled it pretty well. I wouldn’t say it was a great practice; this morning wasn’t a great practice. Early on in practice it was a little sluggish, but I thought the end (of practice) this morning was better. Little baby steps like that are encouraging."

The team is working to get where they need to be, although complete knowledge and fluidity of the plays and formations are still in the future. The majority of new things to be implemented were done within the first few days, with only a couple things being added to the offensive and defensive schemes recently.

"We’re getting it better," Monken said. "There are some young guys who are getting a lot of reps, particularly on offense, so it is going to take them a little more time. I’m hesitant to really slow practice down and teach and walk them through things. We try and get as many reps as we can, maximize our time out here and then spend a lot of time in the meeting room and watching film.”

The football team not only has to deal with learning new schemes and systems but also the mental and emotional intensity and competency that their coaches are looking for. They need to be able to practice and play with this attitude consistently.

"I’ll never change my philosophy and my beliefs; that is what is difficult about the transition," Monken said. "They are going to have to change to my standards, and I won’t back off of that."

The Eagles return to single practices this afternoon and tomorrow.