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SGA gives \$9,800 in 2 weeks

Left with \$2,200 remaining enough to fund four organizations

By JENNIFER CURINGTON

George-Anne contributor

Over the past two weeks Georgia Southern University's Student Government Association has awarded \$9,800 to organizations and individuals, leaving SGA with a current funding balance of \$2,200.

Dominique Quarles, vice president of finance for SGA said, "Our allocation budget at the beginning of the fall 2010 is 46,600 and that's divided between student organizations and also individuals who want to further their education or explore other education opportunities or

employment opportunities and also helps fund our Shuttle Gus program."

The money that SGA is given to allot comes from student activity fees that GSU students pay.

Student organizations and individuals may apply for funding through the Financial Advisory Committee for approval or denial of funds.

Student organizations are eligible to receive the maximum amount of funding, which is \$600. If two organizations combine for a cause to seek funding then the maximum reward available is \$1,500. Individuals that are seeking better

education or employment opportunities can receive up to \$150.

SGA's current balance of \$2,200 allows enough funding for four more organizations to receive the maximum amount for the remainder of the spring semester.

Quarles said, "For the most part, senators do [give out the maximum amount] and the reason why is because what we fund is generally just a little dip in the bucket of what they have to pay."

After the approval of multiple organizations and individuals' funding requests over the past two weeks, SGA's

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4 arrested for entering autos

By PATRICK STOKER

Staff reporter

Georgia Southern University Police have arrested four people in the past week and are still searching for another suspect in connection to several entering autos.



On March 8, UPD arrested and charged Demetrious Keuane Patterson, a GSU student, and George Cornell Truell, an East Georgia College student, with one count each of entering auto and theft by taking.

A warrant has been issued for Marq Jaudon Grant, also an East Georgia student, in connection to two counts of theft by taking.

Capt. Terry Briley of GSU Public Safety said UPD is actively searching for Grant.

Briley said the entering autos were occurring primarily at the RAC.

"What they would do is they would go into the RAC and they would steal keys or and they would go out and use the [keyless entry remote] and find the vehicle and then break into the vehicle," said Briley.

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RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY...

Andrew Partain/STAFF

Liz Gates waits underneath the gazebo at the Williams Center for the rain to stop Wednesday afternoon as a pizza delivery person runs for cover. High winds persisted throughout the day Wednesday and rain is expected through this morning.



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Police Beat

Friday March 4, 2011

- Officers issued three traffic warnings, assisted seven motorists and responded to one alarm.
- A student reported a vehicle rolled into his vehicle in C-Lot. When he got out of his vehicle, the other driver pointed a gun at him and fled the scene.
- A bicycles was taken from the Nursing/Chemistry Building.
- Corey Alphonso Smith, 26, Third Street, Pomponoa, Fla., was charged with entering auto.

Saturday March 5, 2011

- Officers issued six traffic warnings, two traffic citations, assisted two motorists and responded to one alarm.
- A fight was reported at the Delta Tau Delta House.
- An intoxicated person was reported at Watson Hall.
- Reagan William Brittain, 19, Landings Parkway, was charged with underage possession/

- consumption of alcohol and obstruction of an officer.
- Joseph Tanner Croft, 21, Georgia Avenue, was charged with public drunk.
- Ari Lee Tatum, 20, Statesboro Place, was charged with underage possession/ consumption of alcohol and disorderly conduct.

Sunday March 6, 2011

- Officers issued two traffic warnings, five traffic citations, assisted four motorists and investigated one accident.
- A laptop computer was taken from University Villas.
- An intoxicated person was reported at Kennedy Hall.
- Abigani M. Abduahi, 26, Georgia Avenue, was charged with public drunk, false report of a fire, obstruction of an officer and giving false information to an officer.
- Shirwa Jama, 23, Lanier Drive, was charged with public drunk and obstruction of an officer.

- John Michael Estes, 19, Olympic Boulevard, was charged with underage possession/consumption of alcohol.
- Aaron Alexander Schwartz, 18, Southern Courtyard, was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of a drug-related object and underage possession/ consumption of alcohol.

Monday March 7, 2011

- Officers issued one traffic citation, three traffic warnings, assisted nine motorists, responded to two alarms and investigated one accident.
- A cell phone was taken from the RAC.

Tuesday March 8, 2011

- Officers issued four traffic citations, three traffic warnings, assisted five motorists, assisted two sick persons, responded to two alarms and investigated two accidents.

Information listed in this report is taken from incident reports and arrest reports, which are public records and available at local law enforcement agencies. Not all arrests lead to a conviction. Guilt or innocence is determined by the court system. If you witness a crime, visit <http://welcome.georgiasouthern.edu/publicsafety/silentwitness.htm> and fill out the anonymous Eagle Eye Witness report.

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In a separate case, UPD arrested Corey Alphonso Smith and Stephen Antwon Johnson, both from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on March 4.

Both have been charged with one count each of financial transaction card theft and financial transaction card fraud as well as two counts of entering auto.

An investigation headed by Lt. Wayne McKinney led to the five suspects. All four of the arrested suspects have been denied bond.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Grant is asked to contact University Police at 912-478-5234.

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Our View

SGA should reach out to students

Student Government Association elections are right around the corner, but from the lack of campaigning and outreach that candidates have done, you wouldn't know it. There are two candidates for president of this organization that makes many decisions on behalf of the student body.

Both candidates currently serve on in SGA. One is president and the other is executive vice president. Candidates need to take to the pedestrian and talk with students about the issues that are important to them - the HOPE Scholarship, quality of education and basic student needs.

With this lack of openness, it would seem that SGA is a closed organization that does not welcome new blood to its ranks. Or is it rather that the students just don't really care?

Students are so busy with life both inside and outside the classroom that most of the on campus issues are left to a few SGA members who try their best to be objective and provide the university with as many student voices possible.

Students will say that they are too busy with classes and too worried but their own lives, but out of the 20,000 students of GSU, only a handful seem to make it to the SGA meetings, and even fewer run for office. Laziness is not an excuse to explain why there is no representation of the students.

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Marcus Barkley/STAFF

EA: It's no longer in the game

Are five star college athletes worth the trouble outside the realm of EA Sports NCAA Football 2012? Problems among college athletes continue to become big news as ESPN and every other sports talk show blows college sports into the realm of Norse mythology. Now, on every channel that covers sports, there are three guys claiming that some SEC quarterback or Big Ten running back is the future of the NFL and we as fans are buying in to every word that leaks out of the experts' mouths.

Furthermore, every time one of these "experts" becomes a prophet of the game, predicting the second coming of Walter Peyton, they need to be taken out back of a woodshed and beaten with a stick by some country farm boy who never got a chance to play in college. We are fueling the egos of these five star players to the point that even high school athletes are conducting press conferences to announce where they are going to play football.

The game is more popular than it has ever been and no sport comes close to the kind of ratings professional and collegiate football puts up and pulls in. However, the



BROCK VICKERS

line between student, athlete and entertainer is blurring in a way that is becoming sickening. When Cam Newton claims, before he is ever drafted, he wants to be an entertainer/athlete, something is wrong. When Terrell Pryor walks around like a Greek god, infecting his university and corrupting his team, something is wrong.

The push of the media on the game is reaching a breaking point. For example, the NFL wants to risk the safety of players just to have more games in the regular season. If that is not a question of whether sanity has been lost in the minds of NFL corporate executives in the name of greed, there may not be one.

It is this idea though, the premise that nothing else matters other than ratings and income, that has pushed college sports to the point of losing their grace. The purity of college

sports is what makes them great. College sports offer a break from the decay of pro-athletes and the greed of the system. Or does it? Even now, months after the end of the season, the news is still filled with student athletes taking money, selling gear, being complete morons because they can. While some of the crimes that athletes are punished for are extremely stupid, like being banned from a team for premarital sex, other injustices, such as taking money or being treated by the coaching staff like a prince, are becoming too prevalent. Too many factors are contributing to athletes becoming wash outs and slaves to advertisement before they ever establish their worth in the game. Due to all other controversy and hearsay being swapped around—what this coach is doing to get players and how this athlete is treated to keep him on campus—the sport is softening up for a gut check that will bring the entire system to its knees. It's amazing how some of the toughest men on the planet are coming off as babies these days.

Vickers is a senior theater and journalism major from Alma, Ga.

Green fee defended by SAGE

I would just like to clarify some things to all students about the proposed green fee. Firstly, I would like to make it clear that last week's proposal to SGA was not a permanent one and was presented with plans to change. At SGA if you present a resolution it must be presented twice before it is voted on.

I had already received criticism about the resolution before it was presented, in terms of the date of the survey and concern about the recent downturn of HOPE. I presented the resolution with plans to distribute a new survey to students, which is what has been collected over the past week.

I did this because the green fee could not wait any longer to be pushed forth. As mentioned in SAGE's resolution, "Funding for the Center for Sustainability is uncertain, due to potential changes in the structure of COST. With a loss of funding, Center for Sustainability activities including curriculum, speakers, campus activities, and community outreach will cease." Also, I had been holding onto the resolution for the past two



CHRISTINA BELGE / GUEST COLUMNIST

meetings because of several issues at Georgia Southern, specifically HOPE and losing Veazey. I wanted to make sure enough time and effort was put into those discussions first, which I heavily took part in.

Also, the use of the old survey's data has been wrongly used by The George-Anne. Yes, 56 percent of students voted that they would be willing to pay \$20 or more, but that is not what we are asking of them.

We proposed \$12. So, add that 56 percent with the 13 percent who voted for \$15-\$20, then add the 17 percent who voted \$10-\$15 and that adds up to 86 percent. That is 86 percent of students who would support a \$12 fee and then some. The new survey's

results are staggeringly similar. 81 percent of students supported a green fee, with the largest amount in the \$5-\$10 range, with 29 percent of the 1266 students polled. The other 52 percent of students were willing to go above \$10. But, in correlation with the largest amount of students, we decided to reduce the fee to \$10 to fit 81 percent of students' preferences.

Time really is of the essence; every day we are wasting energy on this campus, causing loss of funds not only for the university, but for you, the students. There are so many recommendations that have been gathered to help reduce energy consumption but only some can be implemented due to lack of funding. Without this cost-effective green fee we will not make the state mandatory 15 percent reduction of energy by 2020 and more importantly, in my opinion, we will lose all sustainability efforts that have been made on this campus and no longer serve the students in educating them in living greener, more efficient, and socially responsible lives.

Commencements interrupted

According to CBS just today, there are apparently very few high schools in the country who are attempting to get President Obama to be the graduation speaker as part of a nation-wide competition, with the deadline looming this Friday.

Some are undoubtedly going to blame the President's unpopularity; others will attempt to blame partisan bias - but really, when only 14 high schools across America aren't trying, that argument falls very flat. I, for one, prefer to think that it's a mix of prudence and an appreciation for what commencement really is about.

The prudence argument comes from a disturbing lack of information available on the official competition web page at whitehouse.gov. There's no indication as to who would be responsible for the outrageous security costs that would undoubtedly be incurred by the president speaking.

On one hand, the administration could tack the price tag onto the ever-growing national debt and the month's deficit, as February's deficit



JOHN DIPIETRO

for just that month was larger than all of 2007's. Or, they could ask the school to take on the burden of the cost - something few schools are going to be able to afford to do, no matter how badly they want the president to speak.

Schools should remember what commencement is about - it's about the students. It's not about the teachers, or the administrators, and it's certainly not about politicians whom the majority of the graduates, at least in high school, are too young to have ever voted for. It's about recognizing the achievement of students.

That goes equally for college commencements. Graduation

exercises aren't meant to be a photo op.

Even if speakers aren't politicizing their address or turning it into a free campaign ad, the presence of a political or celebrity figure will more than likely detract from who should be the real focus - the students. And when you factor in the added risk that a famous individual is as likely to annoy a segment of the audience as he or she is to inspire it, one wonders why politicians are even invited.

If those schools really believe that Obama is going to greatly enrich their commencement, then I suppose I could say, "Good luck." But then again, if you need a politician to enrich the exercises, then maybe it's time for a fundamental re-think of the whole program. The kids have already made it to the end of high school; why are we going to make them take any longer than they have to get on with the rest of their lives?

DiPietro is a senior political science major from John's Creek, Ga.

Senate tackles budget plan

Over the last few weeks, the so called "Gang of Six" senators have been working on a bipartisan plan to reduce the deficit and debt by tackling the major sources of budget imbalance. True to the definition of compromise, Senators like Mark Warner (D-Va.) come to the table open to entitlement reform and senators like Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.) come to the table open to reduced military spending and tax reform. Warner and Chambliss are working with two Democratic and two Republican senators who served on President Obama's bipartisan fiscal reform commission to craft legislation based on the panel's report. The panel recommended cutting deficits by \$4 trillion over the next decade through spending cuts and reforming the tax code by lowering rates eliminating and narrowing many tax breaks.

"If we put this off, we are approaching financial Armageddon," Warner said. "We don't need another study, we need to start."

Though there is no way to eliminate the country's \$14 trillion debt in a single shot, the Obama administration and members of Congress on both sides of the aisle must come together, the senators said, according to Politico.

Just yesterday Warner and Chambliss took their show on the road first to Richmond in front of local leaders and second to Virginia, speaking in front of a Chamber of Commerce audience ripe with business and corporate leaders. What this shows me is, they are committed to seeing this action through, however it must happen before the December recess as we all know party politics will dominate all of 2012. While this is more hopeful news than most anything else coming from the beltway, questions of whether this is possible remain.

The most glaring question is, to what extent will the House of Representatives become a roadblock



CHARLES FEAGAIN

to pragmatism? While Senators enjoy a six-year term which allows them to navigate to the center, House reps are always in campaign mode. Given the tone of the last election cycle and the far reaching political positions in the house-think Kusinich on the left and Bachmann on the right- how can a veteran of the hill like Chambliss not see a major roadblock?

This news comes after former Speaker of the House of Representatives Newt Gingrich has declared a somewhat intention to run for president. In his pre-campaign plans of speaking across the country and securing political clout from governors he supported, like Nathan Deal, Newt has found a new answer for questions regarding his past marriages and infidelity. From an interview with the Christian Broadcasting Network discussing his adultery:

"There's no question at times of my life, partially driven by how passionately I felt about this country, that I worked far too hard and things happened in my life that were not appropriate."

As expected, conservative commentators like George Will are unimpressed by the narrow field of republican candidates thus far. Could it be that the lack of serious challengers to President Obama is sparking a rare chance at bipartisanship in the Senate? Either way, kudos to Mark Warner and Saxby Chambliss for an attempt to govern in the midst of financial and political gridlock.

Charles Feagain is a senior sociology major from Detroit, Mich.

‘Street Hustler’ leads to 57 arrest warrants

By **DANIEL FITZGERALD**

Staff reporter

Local authorities began executing the arrest warrants of 57 drug offenders in Statesboro Wednesday morning as part of an ongoing police operation.

According to Capt. Scott Brunson, “Operation Street Hustler” began in July of 2010 and targeted street level and mid-level drug dealers in Statesboro and Bulloch County.

“Many of the areas targeted by these agencies were in response to complaints by citizens that live in the areas affected,” Brunson said.

The operation involved the work of 90 officers and 12 organizations, including the Statesboro Police Department, Bulloch County

Sheriff’s Office and Georgia Southern Police Department, which lead to the arrests of 32 defendants as of Monday morning.

“Charges from this investigation include Sale of Cocaine, or crack, Sale of Cocaine Hydrochloride, or powder, Sale of Marijuana, Sale of MDMA, Possession of Firearms by a Convicted Felon as well as Probation and Parole Violations,” Brunson said.

Brunson mentioned that while there may be some connections between defendants, the crimes were primarily decentralized.

He also explained that they will continue with their multijurisdictional approach in the future and believes that it offers the best results for these kinds of operations.

Gas prices cause travel worries

By **BRITTANY TATE**

George-Anne contributor

Rising prices are causing some students to rethink their spring break travel plans.

Due to the recent unrest in the Middle East, the price can soon be expected to rise to \$4 a gallon.

Jessica Brady, AAA South spokeswoman, said the spike is due to the increasing price of crude oil.

“Well, gas prices are increasing because the price of crude oil has increased substantially,” she said.

“The price of crude oil has increased because of the unrest and turmoil in the Middle East, specifically in Libya.”

The International Monetary Fund found that Libya’s economy has accounted for over 95 percent of export earnings in 2010. According to the Oil and Gas Journal, Libya has approximately 46 billion barrels of oil reserves and 55 trillion cubic feet of natural gas reserves.

These reserves are producing

around 2 million barrels per day, however, Libya contributes from 2 to 6 percent of the world’s crude oil. With Libya’s strife ricocheting across the Middle East, there is fear that oil producers will be affected and discontinue production.

“The concern is among stakeholders and oil investors that the unrest protest will spread to neighboring countries that are large oil producers, such as Saudi Arabia and Iran, and will have significant disruption in oil supplier production,” said Brady.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration found that in the summer of 2008, gas prices rose to approximately \$4 a gallon as oil prices increased to \$145 a barrel. This sudden increase in amount was attributed to high demand for gas but little supply.

However, in the summer of 2009, gas prices continued to climb but demand dropped. Today, gas prices are beginning to reflect the summer of 2008. Showing no signs of slowing down, some individual’s finances may be affected.

“It’s affecting some people, especially those who are living pay check to pay check, and this is the time where you can begin to see behavioral changes, such as cutting out expenses to save money,” said Brady.

Georgia Southern University students are finding that gas is adding to their travel expenses.

“Gas prices are definitely affecting my spring break trip. If I don’t have enough money to pay for gas, then I can’t travel too far,” said sophomore communication arts major Amber Webb.

“Gas prices are becoming unaffordable for students like me to get around the city.”

“Gas is a major factor when taking long road trips and students may be sacrificing their spring breaks to save some money,” said senior English major Kenneshia Smith.

“I am worried that escalating gas prices will be devastating as it was only a few years ago when gas was shot up to \$4, it nearly crashed the economy.”

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balance dropped from \$12,000 to \$2,200.

Of that almost \$10,000 drop, \$3,000 has gone to ensuring that SGA’s Shuttle Gus program can run for the rest of the semester.

The program “is a safe routes program where students can call in. They can call in from anywhere in Statesboro and we drive them back home. No charge, no questions asked,” Quarles said.

According to Quarles, large amounts were given to student organizations such as the Society of Civil Engineering, Campus Crusades for Christ, National Society of Black Engineers,

Dyverzions Dance Team and Euphoria Dance Team.

Additionally, Quarles said eight or nine individuals have also been rewarded funding over the past two weeks.

Also distributed during the past two weeks includes funding for speakers, money to support an upcoming fashion show along with a dance show in the Performing Arts Center.

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SGA candidates gear up for annual elections

By DANIEL FITZGERALD

Staff reporter

Georgia Southern University's Student Government Association will hold their annual elections on March 28 to decide on the executive positions for the next year.

Current SGA president Alton Standifer will run against the current Executive Vice President Rob Roberts for president. Standifer believes his previous experience as president gives him an edge.

"I feel that after the one year [as president] that I have gained a lot of experience," Standifer said.

"I know a lot more than I knew at the beginning of the year. We have made some great strides this year in SGA and as the semester begins to close we are still working hard and

still doing good things."

"[We] continue to have the opportunity to serve the students and better the organization of SGA," Standifer said. "I definitely think that we have improved over the last year, but I also do recognize that there are some areas that we didn't get to reach, that we can continue to strive for."

Roberts thinks his varied experience with leadership positions across campus gives him a diverse perspective.

"I am running for president because I feel like throughout my time at Georgia Southern I have served the university in so many different leadership capacities that I feel like I bring a diverse perspective to the position because I haven't only served under one officer," Roberts

2011 SGA Candidates		
Rob Roberts	President	Alton Standifer
Dante Porter	Executive Vice President	Katherine Hilson
Christian Gibson	VP Academic Affairs	Garrett Green
Allyson Lumpkin	VP Auxillary Affairs	Christina Belge
Bonesiya Bonner	VP Finance	Dominique Quarles

said.

"I have branched out. My mission is to leave Georgia Southern a better place than when I got here. I just want to help the university make GSU a better place."

Library exhibit highlights work of women's historians

By RYAN MATHERLY

George-Anne contributor

In honor of Women's History Month, Georgia Southern University's Women's and Gender Studies Program is sponsoring an exhibit highlighting the work of GSU's women's historians.

The exhibit, titled "Women's History, Women's Historians," includes work from GSU history professors Michelle Haberland, Sandra Peacock, Laura Shelton, Anastatia Sims and Cathy Skidmore-Hess.

The showcase will be displayed in the Zach S. Henderson Library until March 31.

The display features not only women throughout history, but also gives testament to the hard work of the professors whose work is featured.

"We have several scholars in the Department of History who write on a variety of women who lived in different time periods, in different parts of the world. National Women's History Month seemed like the perfect time to acknowledge their work in contributing to that project,"

said Peacock, director of Women's and Gender Studies at GSU.

The exhibit shows photos, texts and important information about women in history and the historians who research their lives. It is a salute not only to the women being honored, but to the professors who have put time and research into the exhibit as well.

"I wanted to let them tell their own brief story about what they do and how they got interested in women's history, so it's a display that celebrates women's history by looking both at a sample of women

in history and a sample of women's historians," Peacock said.

"Students can get a look behind the scenes, so to speak, at how faculty get interested in a project while also learning a little about some historical figures they might not be familiar with."

According to Sims, whose work is shown in the exhibit, the display provides a greater look into the work of professors that students are not exposed to during classroom instruction.

"From the exhibit, students, faculty, and staff should learn

new things about the historical experiences of women and about the impact of gender. Students in particular will also get a glimpse of an aspect of faculty work they don't usually see – the original research and writing that, although conducted outside the classroom, informs and enhances everything we do as teachers," she said.

"The field of women's history places women at the center of historical narratives. In addition, it examines the important role that gender plays in shaping the lives of both women and men."

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Student Media hosts Dress in the Press

By **JULIA WELCH**

George-Anne contributor

Move over Heidi Klum because Georgia Southern University's Office of Student Media is hosting the latest runway project.

The first Dress in the Press Fashion Show will be held today at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.

The audience will have the opportunity to watch group members as they create, just like on the television show Project Runway. The models will present the outfits to a panel of judges that will critique the creations.

The clothing will all be constructed using Student

Media publications. Paper from The George-Anne, Miscellany Magazine for the Arts and the Southern Reflector will be broken down and designed into clothing.

Victoria Evans, the marketing director of Student Media, is the creator of the show and will be the hostess for the evening.

"I got the idea from a conference I attended. Another school had done the same concept, but did it differently," she said.

"Ours will be an onsite thing, [but] they ran theirs over a 2 week span and had [groups] send it in."

Attendees should arrive around 7 p.m. to watch the groups in action as they create their pieces. The process will last for an hour.

All entries must be finished and have models prepared to walk down the runway at 8 p.m.

The amount of paper is standard for every group, but the designers can bring whatever tools they please.

The most current editions of The George-Anne will be used, along with Reflector Magazines and Miscellany magazines from the past year.

"There will be a lot of the same papers, so if they want to create a pattern they can," said Evans.

After they finish, the judges will take an in-depth look at every piece of clothing and judge them based on five criteria: creativity, wearability, construction, overall

design, and presentation.

The three judges will consist of Fashion Instructor Hope Wallace, the Miscellany's Editor-in-Chief, Christina Riley and Student Media Graduate Assistant Keith Warburg.

Riley said, "I'm looking at the construction and practicality of the outfit they create."

Miscellany will award the winner a page in the magazine.

"Miscellany is co-sponsoring this idea because it's using conventional items and turning it into art. It gets us outside our normal aspects of art," she said.

Although only one group can win, all groups will have the opportunity to model their designs.

Most groups are comprised of

fashion majors and D.I.M.E.S., a student fashion organization, members, but anyone can enter, and anyone can win.

"The first place winner will be featured in the spring edition of Miscellany, but there might be a few other surprises too," said Evans.

The groups consist of three to six designers and dress makers that will create two outfits to present. The two models that will walk have been chosen by the groups and are also GSU students.

Evans said, "It's a way to support the arts through allowing fashion creativity."

The George-Anne is a division of The Office of Student Media.

Chronicle: Class attendance not priority for students

By **SHAUNTEL HALL**

George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University students, like their national counterparts, question if class attendance is actually important.

According to an article published by The Chronicle of Higher Education, the first question many students have on the first day of class is whether they really have to show up.

"I don't think going to class is very important," said Sebritney Cooper, an athletic training major.

Other students like Makea White have contrasting viewpoints. "If I go, I pretty much know what's going on, but if I don't go then I'm bound to miss something," White said.

Randy Bass, executive director of Georgetown University's Center for New Design in Learning and Scholarship, believes going to class lies at the bottom of the to-do list for many college students.

According to The Chronicle,

Bass said that the most valuable part of the college learning experience lies outside the traditional classroom.

Recently the deal breaker on class attendance is whether or not professors include class notes or power points online.

According to the article, the ease of obtaining online material is currently reshaping the learning environment.

"If the lesson is already online [then] that's why I don't go to class," Cooper said.

Many professors on campus believe that the positives outweigh the negatives regarding coming to class.

History Professor Samuel Baker believes that reliance on online material does not lead to academic success.

"If you're relying on the PowerPoint presentation and class notes your professor gives you and not going to class or taking notes in class you're going to fail," Baker said.

Leilani Arthurs, geology

professor, believes that the benefit of class attendance is interaction.

"If you're not there then you're not engaging in the material with someone that's an expert in that field," Arthurs said.

Some professors provide incentives to their students for showing up to class while others place that responsibility within their students.

"For each absence they lose points which may at the end of the semester mean the difference in a grade; that's an incentive for them to come to class," said health professor Larry Bryant.

"I suppose that if you're satisfied with mediocrity or with failing then the benefit of not coming to class is that you're going to achieve just that," Baker said.

Additional factors associated with class attendance are class size and roll taken by professors.

Bryant said, "I try to add the incentive of your going to do better and obviously learn more if you're there but it's your call because I can't take roll with 250 students."

UPD holds women's self defense class

By **PATRICK STOKER**

George-Anne contributor

Several female Georgia Southern University students and faculty participated in a Women's Self-Defense Class on Saturday, March 5.

According to the Georgia Southern University Public Safety website, the class is part of the Rape Aggression Defense System, a program of "realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women."

"I call it a 'no-nonsense' approach to self-defense," said Maj. Laura McCullough of GSU Public Safety.

The class, which was sponsored by the GSU Police Department and the GSU Sexual Response Team, was designed to be more effective for women on a college campus.

"One of the things I find at a lot of the self-defense classes are martial arts based and they get a little involved and complicated about how to turn your hand and

hold and grip," she said, "but the moves that are taught in this class are easy to remember and easy to perform."

The class is the only women's self-defense class endorsed by the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators and was offered free of charge to students and faculty.

Course instructors included police officers from UPD, Campus Recreation and Intramurals staff and Counseling Center staff.

"We've got a mix," said McCullough.

"It's not all police officers that teach it."

McCullough said once a participant takes part in a self-defense course, they can take a refresher course at no cost.

"It's basically becomes a lifetime guarantee," she said.

A date has not been set for a future class, but McCullough said another course will likely be held in the summer for faculty and staff only.

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Southern Symphony wows the crowd

By MATT LANE

Staff reporter

Last Tuesday night, the Department of Music performed the Georgia Southern University Symphony concert, directed by Maestro Adrian Gnam.

The orchestra was made up of 40 students, hailing from different majors. The concert featured three musicians, Michael Thomas, Kaisaer Ainiwaer and Ray Nuss, all of whom competed in the Music Department's performance competition.

"These three are the winners of the competition that we held back in January," said Gnam. "[And now they] get a chance to play with the orchestra and show the talent level the music school has."

With that said, these three musicians played one solo each throughout the concert along with the orchestra accompanying in the background. Freshman and instrumental music education major Ray Nuss performed his horn solo of Mozart's "Horn Concert No. 2 in E Flat Major, K.417."

Michael Thomas, music education major and recipient of the Carol A. Carter Scholarship, played a trumpet solo titled "Trumpet Concerto in E Flat Major" by F. J. Haydn. Thomas will graduate from GSU in spring 2012 and hopes to become a high school band director.



Blair Martin/STAFF

The Georgia Southern Symphony, made up of many students that aren't music majors, performs a variety of music from classical pieces to a few contemporary songs.

Kaisaer Ainiwaer, a music student and pianist, performed Chopin's "Piano Concerto No. 1 in E Minor." Ainiwaer is from Northern China and has been playing the piano since age seven.

"Having three winners is pretty significant," said Gnam. "None of them were students of mine. If they had been I wouldn't have been able to play a part in this."

The orchestra also performed works by Bach, Grieg, Wagner and Berlioz.

"The ensemble's members

represent several colleges within the university. [Only] about half are music department students. I am very proud of their performance on some very difficult repertoire," Gnam said.

As for what is next for the symphony, there will be an event later this semester at the First United Methodist Church on April 26 at 7:30 p.m. This performance will include a world premiere of Grayson Griffis' "Requiem Gulf."

"[This] will be a tuba concerto performed by Statesboro's Colby Parker. Beethoven's 'Mass in C [Major]'

for soloists, chorus and orchestra will be conducted by the department's new Director of Choruses, Dr. Shannon Jeffreys," said Gnam.

Also, on the first of May in the GSU Botanical Garden, Gnam will be conducting an event called Symphony Picnic Pops.

"[The music performed will be] everything from Harry Potter to 'Victory at Sea,' which is a song from Richard Roger's TV document about World War II," said Gnam.

Both concerts will be free and open to public.

The Buzz List

■ 'Pokemon' DS games have broken an all-time record for video game sales in the United States. After only 24 hours since its release, "Pokemon Black Version" and "Pokemon White Version" have already sold 1.08 million copies, making it one of the most popular games of all time, second to 'Mario.' It's good to know where Americans stand: with the Italians and the Japanese.



Mallory McLendon

■ 'Glee,' with Tuesday's sex education episode, has brought Fox's ratings up yet again. Is it Gwyneth Paltrow that got the crowd, or simply the kinky-ness that we love so much? We may never know.

■ Natural Selection, a company that has promised to produce 20 movies, can't do anything because Libya has frozen all accounts. They should have thought about this earlier. Probably, you know, during that whole revolt thing.

Information compiled by Arts Editor Mallory McLendon from TheHollywoodReporter.com, and Aria Gabol, assistant editor.

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The Barrel is in the 'Boro

Restaurant Review

By **KEN COYLER**

video editor



The opening of Statesboro's Cracker Barrel has been most anticipated since we caught wind of it last August. Whether you love it for the food or the shopping, the restaurant has always been a treat for those out on the highway.

Now, you can get some good southern home cooking just down the road.

Statesboro's Cracker Barrel experience starts off like any other, with a bit of browsing around the store's Americana items and seasonal wall hangings or a relaxing moment in a rocking chair on the big front porch for a game of checkers with a friend.

Inside, the entire restaurant is a bit different from regular Cracker Barrel restaurants. Instead of the dining area being completely cut off, it's just separated by a wall about shelf high. The dining area itself is very spacious, as opposed to being divided into several sections.


Since the restaurant is new to Statesboro, it is a little busy, but the tables still sport the popular triangle and golf tee game and the walls are still decorated with a plethora of antique pictures and other items.

The service is just like every other Cracker Barrel with smiling waiters and waitresses. The wait for meals isn't long and the food itself was wonderful. Finish it off with cobbler and a scoop of ice cream and your Cracker Barrel experience is complete.

My pallet of two crispy catfish filets garnished with a lemon wedge and followed with a heaping bowl of baked Mac n cheese, deep-fried okra and cinnamon apples were all cooked to perfection. Seriously, try those cinnamon apples. You'll get hooked.

However, if you are looking for a good 'ole home cooked breakfast, they can help with that, too. Breakfast is served all day, everyday and you can fix your craving for pancakes or a good country fried steak.

This Cracker Barrel is pretty much the same as every other Cracker Barrel I've ever visited. However, I plan to eat there as often as possible for the good food, relaxing atmosphere and country style.




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Russell Union Theater

7:00 PM

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Starbucks (Russell Union)

THURSDAY 3.24.2011

7:30 PM

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Performing Arts Center

GSU UNplugged amps up talent to the next level

By **AYANA MOORE**

George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University's Unplugged, a coffeehouse series sponsored by Eagle Entertainment, has seen a rise in its fan base as more students not only attend, but take the stage as well.

Held in the Russell Union Starbucks every Tuesday night from 7-9 p.m., the open mic nights provide an opportunity for students to showcase their talents to fellow peers. Recently, a variety in performances, a growing audience and technological advances have stirred up quite a buzz regarding the nearly four-year-old event.

"Seeing the musicians and acts, I realized we had very talented students. We wanted to provide them with an outlet to perform," said Activities Coordinator of Student Activities Sriravong Sriratanakoul.

Sriratanakoul, who took on the Unplugged project in 2007, held the event only once a month and would book bands and artists for students to come out to see perform.

"[Unplugged] has evolved simply because we have students performing," said Sriratanakoul. "Audiences connect more with the students than with artists. Seeing other students gives them the courage to perform."

Unplugged events hold a mixture of different types of performance art. Guitarists, singers, jazz bands, poets, rappers and comedians have all found their place on the Unplugged stage and each is as welcomed as the next.

"It's a positive environment," said Kai Taylor, senior psychology student and president of Eagle Entertainment. "You don't have to appeal to one type of genre. Performers are very supportive of one another."

Hoping to expand the impact of Unplugged events, Eagle Entertainment has begun implementing a variety of interactive elements for their audience such as a YouTube channel, radio interviews, live recordings and a website that launches this May.

"I definitely think it's going to be

a launch pad just because students get a lot from it. I hope for years to come that this is a foundation for students to grow," said Taylor.

Though Eagle Entertainment hosts the event, many of the people working behind the scenes who are thoroughly involved in the expansion of Unplugged don't go unnoticed.

"Starbucks has been really helpful in providing a venue and free coffee," said Sriratanakoul.

"Without the expertise of the AV crew, we wouldn't have such good sound quality," said Taylor. "We are the face of it, but we aren't the only ones bringing something to the table."

Lydia Luke and Wesley Jones, the duo that makes up the band "Finnagin's Father," just began performing their covers and original songs at Unplugged and have been received graciously.

"It's just really chill," said Luke, sophomore writing and linguistics major. "You can test out any new song. The people are really attentive and give good feedback."



Ayana Moore/STAFF

All students are welcome to perform at their music and poetry at UNplugged.

"It's a good way to get out there," said Jones, sophomore sociology student. "It's just a lot of fun to come and listen. All in all, it's great."

The vision for Unplugged has undoubtedly broadened and is an inspiration for not only Eagle Entertainment, but also for the artists that take the stage each week.

"One of our goals is hopefully to create a better music scene in Statesboro," said Sriratanakoul.

"It's definitely self-contained diversity," said Taylor. "At any given Unplugged, you can see different types of people enjoying one performance. We market to everybody."

Spring break plans include more than beachgoing

Opinion

By **LASHARRIA TAYLOR**

Staff reporter



Lasharria Taylor

Spring break is coming up fast and before you know it, you'll have a whole week dedicated to relaxing and time to hit the beach, chill with friends and just have fun.

There is also sleeping in, staying up all night and having a week with nothing to worry about.

But, what about those who actually have no plans for Spring Break?

It can almost seem like, if you're not hitting up the beaches somewhere in Daytona, Fernandina or Panama City, you're going to miss out on the entire week.

However, with a few simple ideas, staying at home can be just

as much fun as getting sunburned and emptying your wallet on these unbearable gas prices.

With a whole week of free time, it would be a perfect chance to catch up with friends who attend different colleges, or those still in high school. Colleges like the University of Georgia and Valdosta State University both share the same spring break as Georgia Southern University. So, this is the perfect opportunity to get with friends and

make plans to spend time together.

You could all plan a trip down to a beach in Georgia such as Tybee or Jekyll Island and spend the day there. They have plenty of inexpensive options for you to explore.

And don't forget that St. Patrick's day also falls during the break. Make a trip to Savannah for the parade, which is on Thursday, March 12.

This break is also the perfect time to catch up with family.

Spending time with parents, siblings or other relatives is probably something most students take for granted. Although it may seem cliché, quality time with family is always something that you need, so set aside a few days for them as well.

Some other ideas that can keep you busy include whatever hobby it is that you like, such as a reading.

If you're a gamer, find a few games that you haven't been able to play because of class, work and school. Make this week about conquering them.

Or if you like to party, get some friends together and throw a party on the beach with them. Go all out with leis, punch, snacks, beach balls and music.

You could also take this time to catch up on all of the movies that you haven't been able to see lately. Redbox is great for this; they have a dollar a day rentals.

If you're more into the outdoors, you could even take a trip this weekend to Claxton for the Rattlesnake Roundup to kick off the break.

If history is your thing, visit Reidsville for the Civil War reenactment that depicts the Battle

of Manassas on Saturday, March 19. There will be snake handling demonstrations and education, wildlife exhibits, arts and crafts, food and even a turkey calling contest.

Overall this spring break doesn't have to be all about going far away and blowing all your money. It's easy enough to find things to do to make this week fun and relaxing for you and your friends.

It's the time to just kick back and enjoy the fact that you've made it halfway through a semester and forget about grades and tests for a while. And, after spring break is over and done, there's not much left to the semester.

This spring break can be used for you to kick back and relax, or for you to just forget about school. Well, for at least a week.

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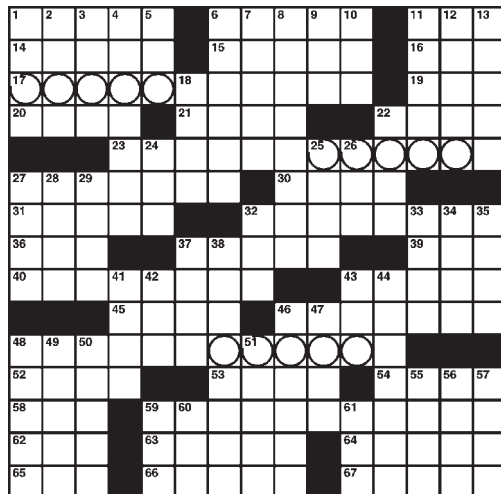
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6 Playground rejoinder
11 Down
14 Center of Florida?
15 Pageant prop
16 ___ mater
17 Negotiation obstacle
19 Gallery opening?
20 PDQ relative
21 Palindromic fashion model
22 Surgeon's patient, perhaps
23 Recovery sites
27 Chip away at
30 Paint choices
31 A and B, at times
32 Holdup note?
36 '70s-'80s televangelist show "The ___ Club"
37 Vinegary prefix
39 Be in the running
40 State capital component, often
43 Old fallout source
45 Apollo 11 destination
46 Trading places
48 Must agree it should be reduced
52 Skunk's weapon
53 "Children of the Poor" author
54 Reason for the downfall of many kings?
58 ___secret
59 Street weapon, and a hint to the circled letters in 17-, 23- and 48-Across
62 Rollover subj.
63 Turn away
64 Kitchen tubes
65 Turk's topper
66 Fills (up)
67 Germs may lead to them

DOWN

- 1 Yeats's "___ and the Swan"
2 Copies
3 Sweet Sixteen initials
4 7-Down athlete
5 Place to play favorites, briefly



By Pamela Amick Klawitter

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- 6 Score direction after accelerando, perhaps
7 Home of a 4-Down
8 Words of defiance
9 Rush find
10 Galley tool
11 Fifth wheel
12 Broadcast
13 Some are blind
18 Doctor's suggestion
22 Kitchen meas.
24 Come-___; lures
25 Bronco or Charger
26 "Taking Woodstock" director
27 "House" actor Omar
28 Wasatch Mountains resort
29 One way to stand
32 First name in comics villains
33 Say and mean
34 Speedy Gonzales assent
35 ___ precedent
37 Loads
38 Cops' favorite birds?
41 Dubai big shot
42 Jack of "Barney Miller"
43 NYPD broadcast
44 Beyond repair
46 Orders from above
47 Screen door material
48 "___ you paid me!"
49 Hold precious
50 Birthstone after opal
51 Petrol unit
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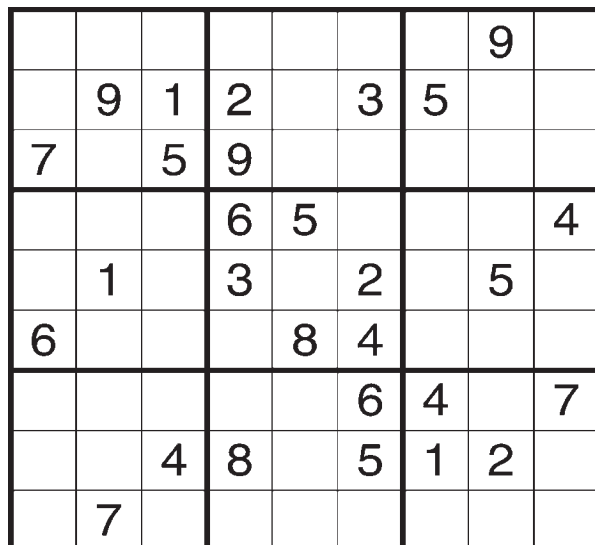
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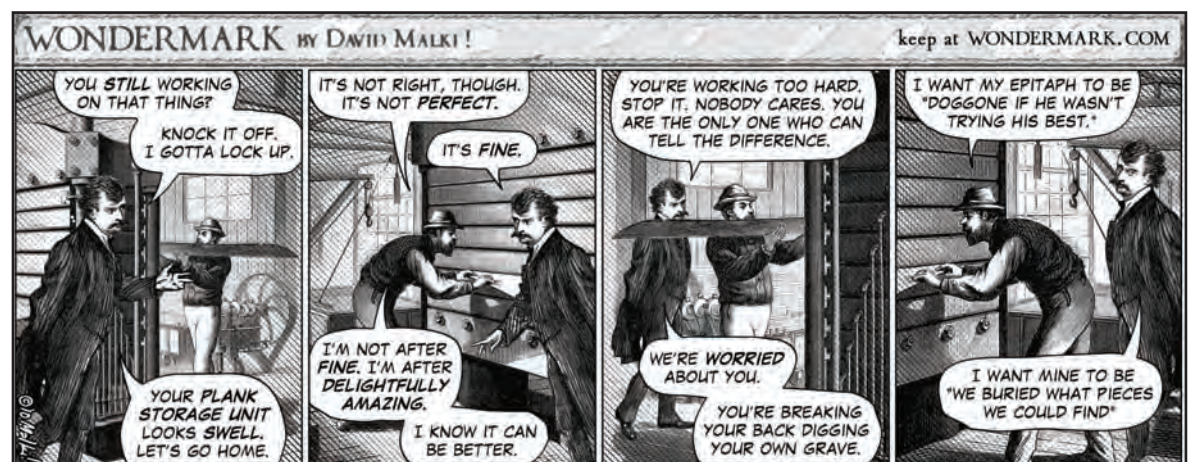
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The Press Box

What's going on in GSU sports

- The baseball team will compete in a three game home stand March 11-13 against Furman. Former Eagles Head Coach Jack Stallings will be honored during the match-up.
- The softball team will continue its seven game home-stand tonight in a battle against Mount St. Mary's.
- The golf team finished 11 place this past week at the Cleveland Golf Palmetto Intercollegiate.
- The men's tennis team started their conference play this week against the Furman Paladins. The Eagles defeated Furman 4-3 for the first time in 12 years on Tuesday, March 8.

Verdam enjoys GSU as new home

TENNIS

By JAMES FARMER

George-Anne contributor

Matthijis Verdam is one of the international student athletes on the Eagles tennis team. However, the Holland native's path to GSU was quite different than most student athletes.

Verdam did not know much about GSU prior to attendance.

"It's weird because in Europe you go to advisors; they bring you into contact with several schools," said Verdam.

"The only thing I knew of GSU was of the webpage. I knew it was in the south. I knew it was close to the beach."

Despite a choice between six schools, it took Verdam only three days to decide GSU was right for him.

He also had a rather unique challenge that most student athletes don't have to face.

"It was hard to come here. I didn't speak English before I came here. We got English class once, twice a week [in high school] but that was just writing and listening."

Verdam said he picked up the speaking portion of the language in just a year and a half.

Even though Verdam had never heard of GSU before, it was his collegiate choice. He said he loves playing in the United States.

"Over here, people are just incredibly excited about sports. The athletic part is really, really, really good."

He said that the weather is much better for tennis here rather than freezing temperatures in Holland.

When comparing American sports to those in Europe, Verdam said that European sporting venues were much smaller and the attendance wasn't nearly as impressive. He said he loves the excitement of American culture.

"People want to live their lives, they go for it. You guys probably

think that you're lazy, but it's nothing compared to Europe. In Europe, it's a total different attitude," said Verdam.

After graduation, Verdam plans to continue living in the U.S. and pursue a career in hotel and restaurant management and Spanish.

"If I get a chance to go up north and work in some of the hotels in New York [or] Chicago, that'd be great."

Although Verdam's family is far away, he said that the distance between them is not as bad as it seems.

"These days it's really easy. I see them [my parents] twice a year physically, but we Skype once or twice a week."

Verdam mentioned that the men's tennis performance so far this season has been "pretty solid."

"I think we are going to [rank] high in the conference this year," said Verdam. He calls his team "incredibly supportive," and referred to his teammates as "a bunch of good fighters." He was also impressed by his team's effort to come back from such a large deficit on Tuesday.

"Today we were 3-0 down and we came back to 4-3. I didn't see that last year, and this year we've got it."

Verdam's latest match turned out to be his favorite as an Eagle. In his second match as the number two player for GSU, the sophomore won an epic three hour and fifteen minute battle against Furman's Alex Christ to cap off GSU's (5-5) four-set rally to defeat the Furman Paladins (1-11) for the first time since 1999.

"That was incredible. I was hoping on a second serve, to be honest, and I got it. I knew when I went [into the ready] that I could get him," Verdam said.

"When he made a mistake, I didn't know what to think, I was just laying down on the ground and my teammates were running to me," he added.

His goals for the season are to bring a title back to the GSU men's tennis team.

"Hopefully we can go through this and get [a] SoCon championship back to Statesboro."

Ennis proud to follow family Eagle history

SOFTBALL

By JANNAH BOLDS

George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University softball player Hannah Ennis's 2011 season has gone well so far.

Born and raised in the Kennesaw, Georgia area, Ennis's softball career began at age four playing on a team coached by her father, Bob Ennis.

"My father was my coach all the way through rec ball up to when I was about ten years old," she said. From then on, young Ennis played travel ball every summer to improve her game.

"I played until I turned 18, and then that's when I was recruited to Georgia Southern by Coach Pool," she said.

Ennis decided to become an Eagle right after she finished high school when she took a tour of the campus.

"I fell in love with the campus and its small town atmosphere," she said.

"My father is also a Georgia Southern alum and it would make him proud to know that I went where he went," she said. "It's also nice to have a bit of history here."

Since this is Ennis's junior year, she has already planned for her postgraduate options.

"Hopefully after college, I would love to be a collegiate coach somewhere," Ennis said.

She feels that getting a degree in sports management and having a lot of experience as an athlete will give her an advantage to start a career.

"I would just really love to stay in the collegial sports management area," she said.

Ennis said if she could choose her dream career it would be working as a college coach.

"I would definitely choose to be a softball college coach for a D1 school simply because I love softball and I would love to be a leader and continue to coach others in the right direction," she said.

Ennis, as an avid softball player, closely follows the United States softball team.

"We had Natasha Wattley and Monica Havvick come for a camp down here at Southern and did an amazing job giving the team some advice," she said.

Ennis also admires her father and coaching staff for pointing her in the right direction when she needed it the most. "I also look up to Rodger Kincaid, my travel ball coach," she said.

Outside of the softball field, Ennis also enjoys other outdoor activities. "I love to play basketball, [go] four-

wheeling, tubing, all water sports, and just anything that involves spending time with the family," she said.

So far, Ennis and the rest of the Eagles improving their skills as a team. "This year, we have gone against bigger teams like Auburn, Kentucky and Tennessee. [We are] aiming to improve as a whole because it's more of a challenge, and learning this way will benefit us more instead of running over smaller teams," she said.

This season Ennis and her team have set goals to improve performance.

"We have set our goals pretty high this year, because we have some good young talent and we are ready to use it to our advantage," she said.

"We also set a goal to win two of the three games in every conference series, which is high since we are the number three seed, but we are going to try and accomplish it."



Randy Hudgins/STAFF
No. 16 Hannah Ennis stands on third base during the Lady Eagles game against Mercer.

Lady Eagles struggle to overcome rain, Mercer

SOFTBALL

By **JAMES FARMER**

George-Anne contributor

The Georgia Southern University Lady Eagles softball team suffered a 6-1 defeat at the hands of Mercer on Wednesday in a rain-shortened contest.

The Lady Eagles sole run was a solo shot off the right field foul post by Shelby Morrill. However, Morrill's first career homer was the only sign of life that GSU had in the game, as they were two-hit by Mercer's Kari Chambers. GSU was unable to capitalize on a good scoring opportunity when Junior Mackenzie Williams reached on a Mercer fielding error, but pinch runner Nicole Benton was unable to score after being moved over on a sacrifice bunt in the fifth inning.

The Mercer Lady Bears took advantage of some GSU fielding mistakes to take an early 2-0 lead in



The Lady Eagles huddle on the mound during the game against Mercer University on Feb. 12th.

the second inning. The Lady Bears

scored two runs in each the second, third and sixth innings to reach their

run total for the game.

Preseason Southern Conference player of the year Megen Smith

continued her woes on the mound, giving up three earned runs and picking up her third loss of the

season in five and a third innings of work.

Preseason SoCon pitcher of the year Brianna Streetmon pitched in relief for Smith, officially pitching two thirds of an inning before the rain delay forced the play to stop for the day. Streetmon also pitched the seventh inning, but the delay as well as the score forced the teams to officially end the game after the sixth innings, per NCAA rules.

The next game of the double header, scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, was also canceled due to the strong rain and winds experienced at GSU. This was the softball team's first home game in nearly a month after an impressive 16 game road trip that included stops at Florida State University, University of Tennessee, Auburn University and Georgia State.

GSU fell to 7-12 on the season with the loss, and is currently sixth in SoCon after being picked to finish second in the preseason coaches' poll.

Eagles dominate No. 1 Florida Gators

BASEBALL

By **NATALIE DEMARKO**

Assistant sports editor

The Georgia Southern University baseball team defeated number one ranked University of Florida 7-0 on March 8 in Gainesville. After Tuesday's victory, the Eagles improved to a season record of 8-5.

This shutout win over the Gators is a big victory and should give the Eagles a huge boost of momentum for the rest of the season.

Within the first two innings, the Eagles only allowed one hit, giving them a great deal of confidence for the rest of the game.

GSU put their first runs on the board in the fifth inning. With a single from Andy Moye and a bunt from Ben Morgan, both players made it home and scored the first two runs.

The seventh inning saw another strong performance from the Eagles adding three

more runs to their score. Hits from Shawn Payne, Eric Phillips, and Steve Cochrane added to the score making it 5-0 in the top of the seventh.

Shortstop Ben Morgan went three for four and scored a total of run for the Eagles.

Josh Adams, Chris Beck and Matt Murray had a stellar performance.

The pitching unit was solid as they had 11 strikeouts, the most for Florida thus far this season. The Gators also managed four errors to their three hits which ultimately contributed to their loss to the Eagles.

The Eagles will begin conference play this weekend with a three game series against Furman University, starting with the first game on Friday night, March 11 at 7 p.m. During Saturday's game, beginning at 2:30 p.m., former Head Coach Jack Stallings will be honored for his past history with Georgia Southern baseball. The series will finish up with Sunday's game at 1:30 p.m. All games will be set at J.I. Clements Stadium.

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Baseball

3/11 Furman 7 p.m.
3/12 Furman 2:30 p.m.
3/13 Furman 1:30 p.m.
3/15 @ Ga Tech 6 p.m.
3/16 @ Ga Tech 4 p.m.
3/18 @ Samford 7 p.m.
3/19 @ Samford 3 p.m.
3/20 @ Samford 2 p.m.



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Softball

3/12 App State 1 p.m.
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3/13 App State 1 p.m.
3/15 @ Ga Tech 3 p.m.
3/15 @ Ga Tech 5 p.m.
3/19 @ Western Carolina 1 p.m.
3/19 @ Western Carolina 3 p.m.
3/20 @ Western Carolina 1 p.m.



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Women's Tennis

3/12 @ Davidson 10 a.m.
3/13 @ App. State 12 p.m.
3/18 vs. Southern Illinois
University Carbondale at
Hilton Head, SC 11 a.m.

Men's Tennis

3/14 Southern Illinois
University Carbondale 1 pm
3/17 Liberty 2 p.m.
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Soccer

Men's
DCAL Memorial Squad 4, CCF There's Always Money in the Banana Stand 1
There Are Skittles In There 6, Chelsea 0
La Flama Blanca 0, **Suck My Kick 4**
Team Whispering Eye 1, **Strikers F.C. 6**
Southern Adventures 0, **Nothing Inappropriate 4**
Wicked Crickets 2, **TREOS 4**
DFW 3, Borussia Monchengladbach 2
Fiesty Goats 2, Aston
Manpoolhamingtonlivercity Utd 1
Leones 0, **Didiers 10**
Booty Bandits 5, Sport Club Internacional 4

Co-Rec
Troll 1, **1017 Geeb Squad 10**
The Worst Team in the League 0, **Just A Little Bi Curious! 4**
Wii Not Fit 4, IM FC 0
Wicked Crickets 2 0, **Hermaphrodites 10**
KOK 3, **Bad News Brews 6**
CCF Fourth Meal 6, **CP Referee Beaters 1**
Dongs and Thongs 11, **Kicks and Giggles 2**
Look Ma No Hands 3, **Lady Bugs 9**

Women's
Kappa Kappa Gamma 0, **Kappa Delta 4**
Phi Uita's 4, Alpha Delta Pi 1
Zeta Tau Alpha 4, The Haymakers 0
Swift Kick in the Grass 2, **Upper 90 4**
Storm 4, Alpha Omicron Pi 0

Softball

Men's
Eagles (Got the Runs 3), **Beavers 23**
I'll Feed Popcorn to A-Rod 2, **Phillie Bunts 9**
Kekambas 13, Drop Bombs 8
Master Batters 7, **Rolled and Shaved 9**
Sotally Tober 9, I'd Hit That 6
Wig Poppers 22, Sons of Pitches 8
Multiple Scoregasms 12, **Hit It and Quit It 20**
BC Finest 5, Socks Marino 0
I Can Do Nothin For Ya Son 27, Southern Adventures 5
Eiffel Tower 11, **Here We Go 21**
Hit Men 13, **Happy Hour 14**
T-Shirt Time 14, **Team Rip 15**
Our Balls Are Soft But We Are Hard 12, **DWet 18**
Delta Tau Delta 6, **Pi Kappa Aplha 18**
Kappa Alpha Order 19, Delta Chi 5

Co-Rec
Heavy Hitters 6, **The Blue Ball Busters 9**
Scared Hitless 22, Southern Sluggers 2
Balls Out 2, **Innies and Outties 14**
2 Legit 2 Quit 7, She's the Man 4
Booze On First 2, **Base Busters 16**
Brannen RIP Squad 5, **The Pain Storm 7**
The Best of the Worst 7, **Original Stokers 20**
Sock It To Me 1, **Rays Co-Rec 26**
Tuff Draw 21, Pitch Please 1
Blackouts 0, **Watson Hall Warriors 7**
Open Fly.. Balls 3, **Title 9 28**

Club Volleyball

It was a big weekend for Georgia Southern Club Volleyball. Both the Men's and Women's club team hosted a tournament here at Georgia Southern this past weekend. Women's Volleyball won the tournament with an undefeated 8-0 for the weekend, beating Coastal Carolina in the finals for the win. Men's Volleyball placed 4th out of 11 teams. This was their first tournament of the season.



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For those who are staying in the 'Boro over Spring Break, it is time to mark your calendars with the RAC's Spring Break hours and Group Fitness schedule:

- Friday, March 11: All group fitness classes canceled except Noon Yoga and Noon Pilates
- Friday, March 11- Saturday, March 19: No Group Fitness Classes
- Saturday, March 12- Sunday, March 13: RAC Closed
- Monday, March 14- Friday March 18: RAC Open 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 19: RAC Closed
- Sunday, March 20: Group Fitness Classes resume at 5:30 p.m.

*There will be no Faculty/Staff Fusion, Fitness Assessments or Women and Weights during the week of Spring Break. Programs will resume Monday, March 21.

Spring Facility Hours

With Springtime in full bloom, the RAC will now be switching over to its Spring Facility Hours at the end of Spring Break. Beginning Sunday, March 20, The RAC will be open at the following times:

- Monday- Thursday: 6 a.m. – 11 p.m.
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- Saturday: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Sunday: 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.



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