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Engineering college could open in 2012

By CHARLES MINSHEW
Editor-in-chief

Georgia Southern University could become the home of the state's second College of Engineering as early as 2012, according to GSU President Brooks Keel.

Keel said that the new college could be created in August 2012 "if at all possible. That's real preliminary now, but I'd love to be able to do that."

Keel said Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Ted Moore must first conduct

dean searches for the College of Information Technology and College of Public Health before focusing on hiring a dean of the College of Engineering.

"We'll probably start that thought process at the beginning of the year and see if we can move

toward next summer putting that sort of thing in place."

"Once those [searches] are out of the way, I want us to start looking at what it's going to take to create a separate College of Engineering," he said.

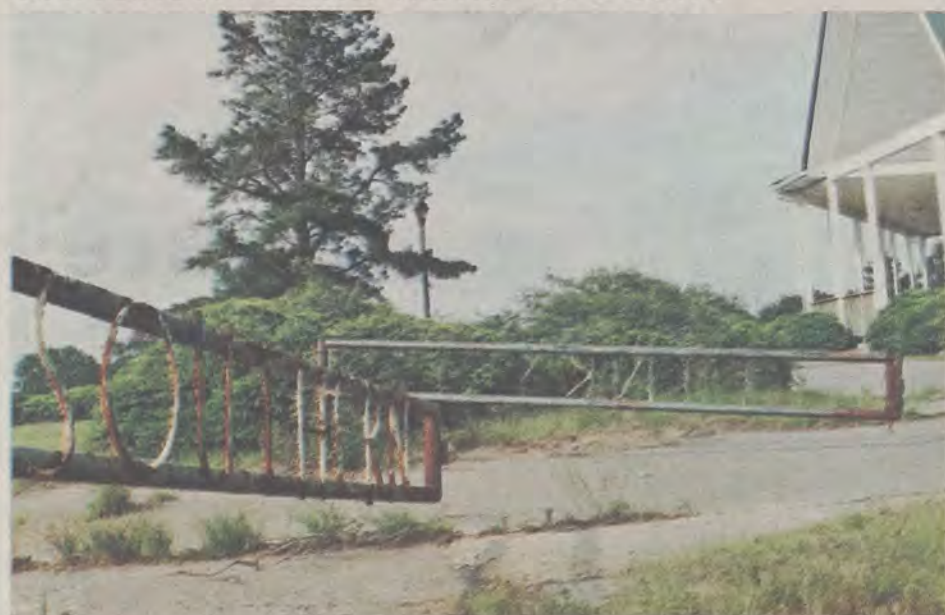
Current engineering programs

are housed within the Allen E. Paulson of Science and Technology.

Present undergraduate programs offered include engineering studies, civil engineering technology, electrical engineering technology and mechanical

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UNIVERSITY PARK WORK TO BEGIN



Andrew Partain/STAFF

Renovations at the former Southern Links Golf Course will begin soon to prepare for a September 2012 opening as University Park. See page seven for the full story.

Enrollment to hit 20,000

By JENNIFER CURINGTON
George-Anne contributor

For the first time in Georgia Southern University's history, enrollment is projected to reach 20,000 students this fall.

Teresa Thompson, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management, said approximately 19,600 students were enrolled for fall 2010.

The increase for fall 2011 is expected to be approximately 300 to 400 students.

GSU President Brooks Keel said approximately 10,000 students are expected to be enrolled in summer courses this year and that this is a very noteworthy amount.

"You have 10,000 students here now spending money, buying shoes, buying pizzas, going to the movies, doing all these things. It is great for the community and the economy," said Keel.

He said this increase of students will lead to an increase of professors and space for classes.

"[The increase] leads to more faculty and more space is the most important thing. I think we have enough space to allow some more expansion in the classroom buildings, as opposed to the online," Keel said.

"We would have to get more creative with scheduling classes, but it's the faculty that concerns me and the number of faculty and staff we have. That's what we really have to try and focus on increasing and if we can do that, then I think we'll be in great shape."

Thompson said the increase of enrollment is due to people recognizing what GSU has to offer.

"I think obviously we have a lot of great academic programs throughout our entire institution."

"I think people are coming to appreciate [that] and have learned a lot about the fact that we have outstanding faculty and staff and administration who care about students," said Thompson.

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- A fight was reported at Einstein's Bagels in Centennial Place.
- Someone spray painted a wall and a trash dumpster at University Villas.

• Jade Simone Jordan, 20, Campus Crossings, was charged with simple battery (domestic violence).

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

- Officers issued eight traffic citations, aided one sick person and responded to one motor vehicle accident.
- A complaint of harassing phone calls was made at Chik-fil-a.
- A stolen bicycle was recovered

at the Information Technology Building.

- A complainant at Centennial Place reported receiving harassing e-mails.
- A bicycle was reported stolen from Hanner parking lot.
- Officers responded to a fight at the RAC.
- Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity of subjects burning papers in front of Kennedy Hall.

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The focus of GSU will now be increasing the retention rate of the university because it is losing 20 percent of students between their freshman and sophomore years.

Keel said there is concern that at the current rate of growth, GSU may not be able to meet the needs of the students.

"If we continue the growth rate we've had in the last five years, it's going to be a challenge, no question about that. My anticipation is that enrollment of actual persons on campus will begin to start plateauing out a bit and that may be more economy driven than anything else. However, I think we have tremendous opportunity to increase the online enrollment," said Keel.

The budget cuts GSU has been experiencing over the last few years have affected the ability to maintain

the large scale, small feel that the university attempts to maintain.

"I think we've also increased people across the board to help support in a lot of the areas. When you can absorb three or four hundred [students] each year, hopefully you can try to keep up and then when we didn't have budget cuts we were able to keep up," said Thompson. "But I think we all have to remember we've had major budget cuts the last three or four years. So what we do is that we institutionally try to place as many faculty [members] as we possibly can, but with the budget that has been given to us."

Thompson said the increase of students will not only come from new first year students, but also for online classes, graduate programs and transfer students.

Even though the enrollment seems to be increasing at GSU, there has been

an overall decrease of students staying in school in Georgia.

"About a two percent [decrease in retention], which was state-wide by the way, it wasn't just GSU... and a lot of it has to do with financial issues," Thompson said. "A lot of people are having to drop out to either work or [they] have to go closer to home."

There are many methods that GSU is currently using in order to recruit more students for future years.

"There are a multitude of ways [to interest potential students]," said Thompson. "You have your academic reputation that speaks for itself. We have excellent websites that get the word out. We have recruiters that go all over the state and the region that help with that. We have our marketing campaigns. We buy SAT names, and again we have legacies from alumni's children and friends."

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Our View

Without document, but not ambition

Undocumented students are the same as documented students. They need the same financial assistance, if not more. True, being an undocumented student is something that should be rectified through citizenship. A student's citizenship status, though, should not affect their access to a quality education.

Debra Sabia, a political science professor, is trying to help these students with that very problem with the Student Scholarship Fund.

Even documented students need more assistance with the rising tuition cost that coincide with GSU's growth. Many students who are documented might feel that this is an unfair allocation of money that should go to help them, but that could be said about everyone.

The real question here is: Are undocumented students deserving of this financial aid?

In most cases, yes. Foreign or out-of-state students take education just as seriously as their in-state counterparts.

Dr. Sabia's fund issues a private scholarship to these students. It is within donors' rights to contribute or distribute whatever amount to any cause they find worthy.

Undocumented does not mean untalented or undeserving.

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Marcus Barkley/STAFF

Playoffs draw fan attention

The NBA finals are here and for the first time in a long time, that's actually worth talking about. With the NFL's rise to dominance, every sport in America takes either shotgun or backseat. Therefore, the NBA, despite its current superstars, has struggled for relevance in the past couple of years.

Despite all the controversy and bad karma in the sports world, the NBA actually takes the stage of the media and controls the cameras. With the talk of who is going pro from college ceasing, the only thing left to talk about are the teams battling for contention of the finals. So how come the NBA has found a niche in the current market? It's because there are stories involved.

This year, each team in the NBA playoffs has a story attached to them. Whether it's the sports writers of America attaching these titles to characters or the game itself transforming into a moral tale, the game is actually worth watching. The game itself hasn't changed, as the ball still has to go through the orange rim and its players still travel more than George Clooney in



BROCK VICKERS

"Up in the Air."

What has changed is that we have been given underdogs, heroes, villains, kings, and old men archetypes to toy with as we watch a competition.

While the game is played on the court, the men need to sell the game to us, the fans. They have to paint a picture of epic proportions in order to ring in a few extra viewers. Therefore, the Lakers vs. the Hornets becomes David vs. Goliath and the Celtics vs. the Knicks becomes the Old Men of Boston vs. the Newcomers of New York.

The entertainment value of basketball has risen, with Big Three's forming all year like the Heat and the Knicks. Stories of youth rising to the top, such as the


Bulls and the Thunder, make the game resemble a soap opera. It's as entertaining as the game should be at all times.

During the regular season, most people will tune in to a Boston vs. L.A game for all of five minutes before growing bored. But now that the playoffs have arrived, the players of this theatre start to put on their best performances and suddenly, like a magic trick, the best players in the world start playing like the best players in the world.

Fans enjoy the picture that has been painted this year by sportscasters. It seems like the good San Antonio Spurs are out to seek justice for the common man against the evil Miami Heat. May not be true, but hey, it does make for interesting match-ups.

Whether or not LeBron and Wade are actually evil men doesn't matter. They are characters to us in a game we watch. Take it or leave it. This year, the NBA playoffs are actually worth watching.

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



"THE ROYAL WEDDING IS JUST LIKE A FAIRY TALE. EXCEPT, INSTEAD OF LIVING HAPPILY EVER AFTER, THE PRINCESS IS STALKED BY THE PAPARAZZI FOR THE NEXT 60 YEARS."

Coburn declares independence

Last week, the lone finalist for the Georgia Board of Regents Chancellor was named. At first glance it seems the nomination of a state representative is political, but after getting to know Rep. Hank Huckaby, he grows on you.

A 40-year public service official, Huckaby served as the vice president for finance and administration at the University of Georgia until his 2006 retirement.

He was Gov. Sonny Perdue's chief financial officer and ran the state Office of Planning and Budget for former Gov. Zell Miller.

He has the local experience to bridge the gap between the office of the governor, the regents and the legislature together to support higher education.

Huckaby will no doubt bring civility to what has been contentious debates over how the regents spends the money the legislature allots them.

In contrast to his predecessor Erroll Davis, Huckaby brings more experience managing public sector budgets.



CHARLES FEAGAIN

On Sunday, shots were fired between a senior Republican senator and Grover Norquist, the longtime anti-tax and conservative figurehead, over solving our nation's fiscal problems.

According to Politico, Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.), who is arguably the most prominent fiscal conservative in the Senate, is declaring his independence from one of the country's leading anti-tax groups, Americans for Tax Reform – and its fiery founder, Grover Norquist.

Coburn, a member of the "Gang of Six" bipartisan group working on a deficit reduction plan, said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he'd favor a "net" increase in tax revenue if it didn't include hiking rates.

He'd do so even if it didn't include a dollar-for-dollar match

in spending cuts that he agreed to when he signed a 2004 pledge to Norquist's group.

"Which pledge is most important... the pledge to uphold your oath to the Constitution of the United States or a pledge from a special interest group who claims to speak for all American conservatives when, in fact, they really don't?" Coburn asked.

"The fact is, we have enormous urgent problems in front of us that have to be addressed and have to be addressed in a way that will get 60 votes in the Senate... and something that the president will sign."

"Where's the compromise that will save our country?" he asked. "This isn't about politics; that is normal."

Finally, a sign of independent strength, I applaud Senator Coburn's realistic approach to the deficit problem and hope he can find 59 others to go along with him.

Feagain is a senior sociology major from Detroit, Mich.

Plant's construction causes complaints

Last week, the National Labor Relations Board filed a complaint against Boeing for attempting to go forward with a plan to build a construction plant in South Carolina that will create 2,000 jobs, a plan two years in the making.

The problem the unions have is that South Carolina is amongst the 22 states that have right-to-work laws on the books, which prevent employment being contingent on union membership or due payment.

Many states still allow union activity, but this prevents the unions from requiring individuals to pay them in order to keep their jobs.

Washington, the home state of Boeing, doesn't have such laws. Building the plant in South Carolina means the union could lose power there, even though no jobs are projected to be lost from the Washington facility. But in these economic times, stopping a company from building a plant in the United States is a flat-out idiotic move that can't be allowed to stand - not to mention that it's utterly unconstitutional.

As I mentioned, 22 states have right-to-work laws, including Georgia and the rest of the Southeast. However, while the majority of such states are "red" (i.e. Republican leaning), many of them have still elected Democratic politicians at all levels of government, including Louisiana, Florida and Nevada.

This is a bipartisan idea. But obviously, unions tend to be a very unipartisan group - mainly, the Democrats. It's pretty hard to imagine that this is anything less than a reward for steadfast service, and a partisan decision designed to make the unions happy. The problem is, it punishes states that choose to engage in such behavior, which is completely legal and constitutional.



JOHN DIPIETRO

In fact, it even constitutes an attempt to usurp more decision-making from the states despite the 10th Amendment; if this action is allowed to stand, it allows the national government to blackmail states into changing their employment laws, since they could block any attempt by a company to establish a plant or branch in a right-to-work state.

Allowing the unions to decide where businesses go will not allow recovery to occur. If this was explicitly costing jobs in Washington, that would be one thing; but a company has the right to expand, and the unions should be grateful that Boeing is staying in the country.

Let the businesses decide where to expand. The people in South Carolina who could get those 2,000 jobs don't likely care - if they're willing to work without the benefits of a union, that's their right.

Every new job means more money to spread around the community, something economists like to call the multiplier effect, which helps our recovery even further. Preventing jobs from being created, likely long-term and stable jobs, goes against every capitalist principle, and last I checked, the Democrats are still saying they're not socialists or Communists. This is their acid test - do those in the government care more about partisan decision-making, favoritism and rewarding their loyal supporters, or do they really want to see the country grow in a healthy and long-lasting way?

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

Student survey finds improved consumer attitudes

By JENNIFER CURINGTON
George-Anne Contributor

Students in Georgia Southern University's "Marketing and Research" class have conducted a survey on Georgia consumers' attitudes toward the economy.

Edward Sibbald, director for the Center for Excellence in Financial Services, analyzed the data along with Benjamin McKay, research associate for the Bureau of Business Research and Economic Development of the College of Business Administration.

"The questionnaire was a 30-question survey. It was not only asking people how they feel about the economy and business conditions," he said.

"It asked them about what they think their income level will be six months from now, what has been

their experience in terms of the cost of living and their feelings about the amount of jobs that will be available six months from now compared to now."

Sibbald said the survey, which included 581 participants, found that those who took the survey have a better outlook on the economy now than a year ago when a previous study was done by GSU.

"What we're really saying is people are becoming slightly more confident than they were six months ago," said Sibbald.

"It is still well below the levels that existed in 2005 and 2006, but we've turned."

Sibbald said that this data reflects more open consumer feelings toward the economy.

"Consumer confidence is the primary driver of spending and consumer spending accounts for

“ Basically, the Georgia consumer right now is feeling a little bit better than they were a year ago. ”

-Edward Sibbald, director of Center for Excellence in Financial Services

70 percent of the U.S. economy," he said.

"Basically, the Georgia consumer right now is feeling a little bit better than they were a year ago, but not to the point where they're about to open their wallet and spend aggressively as part of the economic growth."

The regions of Georgia were broken up into four sections to create comparable data, McKay said.

"There was a general alignment

of opinions between North Georgia and the coastal region. There were a lot of similar results," said Sibbald.

"The central region tended to be a little bit more optimistic. In the rural southern region, it was not as optimistic as the other regions."

McKay said conducting research such as this will provide benefits to the participating students for their future careers.

"It gives the marketing students an opportunity to apply some of

the skills that they've learned in the classroom," said McKay.

"I would say for the sales students that it makes a big difference because it gives them the opportunity to do cold calling, and it's a skill that they're going to have to learn. It gives [students] a better understanding of the research process."

Sibbald said since the consumer's attitude has improved, more spending is likely to occur.

"Consumer confidence, we found, has a relationship of about 82 percent with consumer spending. The more confident people are, the more willing they are to spend their money," said Sibbald.

"That's important because consumer spending accounts for 70 percent of the U.S. economy, so when consumers spend more, the economy gets better."

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engineering technology.

Additionally, a master's of science in applied engineering is currently offered through COST.

Students currently in the engineering technology programs will have the choice to stay on the technology track or pursue one of the new engineering degrees.

The focus now is on the first engineering students enrolling in the new degree programs this fall, Keel said. For the past 30 years, GSU has offered engineering technology degrees.

"Our immediate focus right now is getting a curriculum in place so we can enroll the first freshman class in the fall," Keel said.

"We're very close to having that done and that's not a trivial task, but it's not a huge task."

Keel said that he anticipates no roadblocks from the state in the creation of the new college and that the Board of Regents typically leaves academic decisions such as college designations to universities.

"The biggest hurdle was getting the curriculum approved. I don't anticipate any issue with the Board of Regents at all as they typically let the campuses take care of

those issues themselves," Keel said.

The Board of Regents approved new engineering degrees for GSU and the University of Georgia in November.

The board approved the programs by a close 9-8 vote after plans for more engineering programs in the state met criticism from then-Governor Sonny Perdue.

Beginning this fall, GSU will offer bachelor's degrees in electrical, mechanical and civic engineering.

Currently, the only College of Engineering in the University System of Georgia is at Georgia Institute of Technology.

According to the UGA student newspaper, The Red and Black, there are no current plans for a school or college of engineering in Athens.

Keel said the approval of the degrees last year was the "greatest event since we were classified as a university."

Keel said the engineering degree programs are designed to train students to be "work-ready" with a practical engineering education.

He said, "We create a different kind of engineer."

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Work begins at University Park

By **SHAUNTEL HALL**
George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University officials are working on development plans to renovate a former 167-acre golf course purchase for students and the surrounding community.

The new land development, formerly known as Southern Links Golf Course, will be an 18-hole championship golf course open to the public and will include recreational activities and support facilities. It was purchased by the University Housing foundation for \$675,000 in September 2010.

The land was purchased with the intent to expand recreational offerings for the future student population, which is projected to exceed 20,000 students.

GSU President Brooks Keel said he believes this new land development, which will be named University Park, will be a great recreational addition to the campus.

"We've known for some time we need additional recreational field type facilities. We've basically outgrown the RAC. This will give us the chance for more acreage to do all sorts of things concerning recreation," said Keel.

Keel said the land will be used for recreational amenities such as walking, cross-country and a disc golf course. He believes the new land will give the cross country team a venue to hold practices and the new clubhouse can be used for student social events.

Keel said the projected cost for the renovations to the golf course will be

roughly \$3 million and that a portion of those funds would be used toward irrigation of the land.

The new golf course is intended primarily for student use, but it is also available for use by alumni and the community.

Gene Sherry, director of campus recreation and intramurals, said that the new golf course will "provide students additional recreation activities and also will give the university a great opportunity to collaborate with the community."

The park is expected to open in fall 2012 and any revenue gained from the facility will be used for development of the property.

Charles Minshew contributed to this report.

OSA to host yard sale

By **RYAN MATHERLY**
George-Anne contributor

A community-wide yard sale will be held this Saturday, giving participants the opportunity to buy and sell unwanted belongings.

The yard sale is open to not only GSU students, faculty and staff, but community members as well.

The event will be held at the sports complex parking lot near the Hanner Complex and will run from 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.

The Office of Student Activities as well as the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement planned the yard sale to allow GSU students to sell any unwanted items before the end of the year.

Walton said it is "an opportunity to provide students a venue to sell their unwanted items as they depart Statesboro either for the summer or due to graduation."

Participants wishing to sell items will have to register for a space and will be required to pay a registration fee, however, GSU students can register for free.

GSU faculty and staff are required to pay \$15 and community member must pay \$25.

The students themselves are also the source of the items being sold, said Carter Walton, assistant director of Student Activities.

"The items come from the individuals participating," he said.

"They are selling their own personal items for their own profit."

Walton said the yard sale is also a way to connect the community and GSU.

"In addition, the consideration was that any money raised from registration fees and unwanted items would be donated to a local or national charity," said Walton.

Students will not only have the chance to sell items, but also purchase items.

"I think the community-wide yard sale is a great event that adds to a list of campus events which bridge gaps between students, faculty, staff and Statesboro and local community members," said Walton.

Individuals interested in registering for a spot can print a registration form from the Office of Student Activities website.



Andrew Partain and Ken Colyer/STAFF

The former Southern Links Golf Course is planned to open in September 2012. The purchased land and the facilities on it, which have been left unattended for over two years, are planned to experience many renovations before becoming available for student or public use. The grounds of the future University Park are projected to allow for a broad range of athletic use, including disc golf, cross country and golf.

Georgia Southern students play the Pops

The Buzz List

By JULIA WELCH

George-Anne contributor

The Georgia Southern University Symphony will perform the Pops Symphony Concert in the Botanical Gardens Sunday at 6 p.m.

The concert is a free event and will allow the public to experience the GSU Symphony in an open, informal picnic setting, which is different than the more formal performances throughout the year.

The outdoor performance will feature contemporary music selections from movies, television shows and popular music.

Maestro Adrian Gnam, the GSU Symphony Conductor, is hopeful that the Pops Symphony Concert will be a success again in its second year.

"I think it will catch on really well with students. We are doing it then

" We do a variety of concerts and programs, from opera to ballet to choral, but the Pops program is the student's favorite thing to play.

-Maestro Adrian Gnam, GSU Symphony Conductor

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because it is the first day of the week before finals, and it will give students something to do that is relaxing and free," said Gnam.

The students performing will be in T-shirts and jeans, ready to have a relaxed evening with their audience. The music will cover many pieces that are from popular sources.

Students will recognize some of their favorite movie soundtracks. Music from movies like Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, and E.T. will be featured in the concert. Stars and Stripes Forever, Carnival de Rua and

other popular pieces will add a fun twist for the audience members.

"It is going to be very relaxed and very entertaining. It is dramatic music like what you hear when you go to the movies," said Gnam. "You don't realize at the time that the music in the background was created and played by a real symphony, and we are going to perform the songs for you as one. They will be very recognizable and familiar."

The Pops concert is the last chance for students, children and families to experience the symphony before senior members graduate.

It will give the students a chance to sit down with their fans and have a night to celebrate their accomplishments.

"We do a variety of concerts and programs, from opera to ballet to choral, but the Pops program is the students' favorite thing to play, and it is a really enjoyable time," said Gnam.

Junior Jacob Wright, music education major, performed in the concert last year and is excited about being able to play in the gardens.

"Pops is very freeing and informal. It is one of my favorite concerts to perform. I like the setting and the feeling of being in the botanical gardens. It is a very open performance."

The public and students are welcome to bring picnic baskets, blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy an evening in the gardens.

■ Angelina Jolie is hiring nannies for her six children. Nannies must speak at least two languages and have

degrees in either education or child development. You all might think that it's crazy she's expecting so much of a nanny, but I can't get over the fact that she has a kid named Shiloh and Maddox and Knox. No self respecting elementary school students are not going to pick on those kids.



Mallory McLendon

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

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The Underground Revue comes to center stage

By **ARIA GABOL**

Assistant arts editor

The Russell Union Rotunda will be filled with poetry and music on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. featuring the Underground Revue poetry show.

It will feature Georgia Southern University students and alumni showcasing their poetry and music.

"The inspiration for the name of the show came from the fact that we are all 'underground' poets," said senior graphic design major Jessica Lester. "Mainly because our name hasn't got out there in so long, it is pretty much a resurrection of our poetry scene here on campus."

The reoccurring series began in 2006 in Statesboro and throughout the years has moved to campus. "We decided on the Rotunda because it is a open, laid back environment and the acoustics are way better," said Lester. "The show is about student artists showcasing their work and getting their names out there."

There are regular performers that perform at every show, including the "Backpack Poets," Isreal (Jessica Lester), Jonah (Kai Taylor), and John-Bernard.

"GSU was the beginning place of my spoken word career. This show is both a reunion of the "Backpack Poets" and my final show as a student," said Lester.

Although this is returning member senior psychology major Kai Taylor's first big solo musical performance, she is ready for the challenge.



Photos courtesy of Jessica Lester

The Backpack Poets consists of John-Bernard (left), Kai Taylor (center), and Jessica Lester (right). The three met in 2008 at a poetry show, where Bernard decided to take Taylor and Lester on and mentor them.

"I am more nervous about performing my music rather than my poetry, mostly because the music is based on popular melodies, so there is a lot of pressure to do well," said Taylor.

GSU alumni John-Bernard enjoys poetry because, for him, it is a great way express himself.

"When I thought of poetry, I thought in the form of 'school

poetry," not spoken word. Spoken word allows the artist to tell a story the way they want, while using their own emotions," said Bernard.

The open-mic session during the show is where the performers find future options for the following shows.

It adds a variety to the show and gives other GSU poets an opportunity to perform for a live audience.

"The thing I miss most about performing on campus is the following it creates and the regular audience you always have," said Bernard.

Depending on the number of sign-ups, the open-mic performers will be scattered throughout the length of the show. There is also a live band that will perform, featuring GSU students, that covers a melody of neo-soul and R&B.

For any students interested in the open-mic session, there will be a sign up sheet at the performance on stage. However, it is first-come, first-serve; all poets, lyricist, guitarist, singers are welcome.

Lester said, "I really just want students to be able to relate to my poems and be able to join me in those moments and experience what I've written."

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11:00 PM

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6:00 PM & 9:00 PM

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8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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Pedestrium Pavilion

7:00 PM

GSU Unplugged Eagle Entertainment

Georgia Southern Unplugged is a coffeehouse series sponsored by Eagle Entertainment held every Tuesday from 7:00PM - 8:30PM at the Russell Union Starbucks. The event provides an opportunity for students to showcase their talents at an open mic. The series is committed to both education and entertainment by showcasing different performers each week. There will be FREE Starbucks coffee for the first 30 attendees. Vouchers are available on a first come first serve basis and can be picked up from Eagle Entertainment staff working at the event. If you are interested in performing at an Unplugged event, sign up at the Office of Student Activities in the Russell Union.

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11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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Music and dance benefit the Hearts and Hands Clinic

By JULIA WELCH

George-Anne contributor

The Heart and Hands Clinic held a concert to raise funds for their facilities at Georgia Southern University last night at the Russell Union Ballroom at 7 p.m.

"Why can't we all have an equal chance at healthcare, at hope, and at life?" said Andres Montes, CEO and founder of the Hearts and Hands Clinic. He gave an inspiring speech to the students who attended the Heart and Hands Benefit Concert last night.

The host for the show was Carter Walden, assistant director of Student Entertainment, and he introduced the variety of student performances.

The GSU student violin quartet started off the event and was followed by Kerry Greenstein, assistant dean of students, who presented a check of \$1,181.00 to Montes for the Hearts and Hands Clinic.

Freshman Elgin Moore, information technology major, got everyone in the audience on their feet in front of the stage for the beginning of the performances.

"I've performed in front of my fellow students in a previous show that Georgia Southern hosted and it was awesome. The support and the love they show is the best and I really appreciate it all," said Moore.

His rap performance led the way for several other artists including Tim Fletcher, Jay Denson, YungBoi and JayTez.

Junior Steve Cantrell, justice studies major, also known as YungBoi, said, "It's that excitement clashing with the sensitivity you have for your craft because it's so dear to you that makes the performance. You want everyone to enjoy what you have prepared for them to witness, even though you know some may not."

Senior Shenna Russell, early childhood education major, said, "I liked Jay Denson and Armonde Blake. They put together a really great performance musically."



Lindsey Hartmann/STAFF

"Born-Forty," a local band who is competing in the Battle of the Bands this weekend, performed an acoustic cover of "Lollipop" by Lil' Wayne and "Hit Me Baby One More Time" by Britney Spears.

There were many other styles showcased like Jessica Hines who sang and played piano and Janee Spence who played guitar and sang with Jay Denson.

Senior Daymen White, computer science major said, "I loved Janee Spence. I just think that she has an amazing talent and is a great female performer with a great voice."

Local rock band "Born-Forty" took the stage in an acoustic twist to their normal sound.

Sophomore Scott Taylor, international studies major and vocalist for "Born-Forty" said, "I am excited to perform for the benefit. I always have nerves, no

matter how big or small the event is, but helping out a good cause is always great."

"Familiar Faces" also played several rock style pieces with a freestyle rap from Moore thrown in.

Sophomore Pam Delarosa, a philosophy major, said, "Familiar Faces' was really talented. They have a unique style compared to the other performances and caught my attention."

Several dance routines, like the Adrenaline Show Choir, Euphoria and Dyerzion, showed off a variety of dance styles. The Adrenaline Show Choir also performed a cappella style song before they

danced.

At the price of a \$6 donation to the Hearts and Hands Clinic, anyone could enjoy this variety show of GSU's student talent.

"Raising money to help the sick or less fortunate is what I've always wanted to do with my music by using my talent as a tool to contribute to foundations that need the support," said Moore.

The Heart and Hands Clinic showed a video of their current facilities which provide hundreds of locals with free medical, vision, and dental services. They hope to expand with the charity from students who contributed to the concert.

The Heart and Hands Clinic was established three years ago by GSU students. The clinic provides free healthcare to local families who can not afford health insurance. Their facilities are currently located at the Son's Light Fellowship Baptist church last year.

"It's a well put together event for a good cause and I can feel the energy between other performers that I know and the people over the concert which is always inspirational," said Cantrell.

The Heart and Hands Clinic continues to provide healthcare thanks to the donations of students and the public who are invested in the community's welfare.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

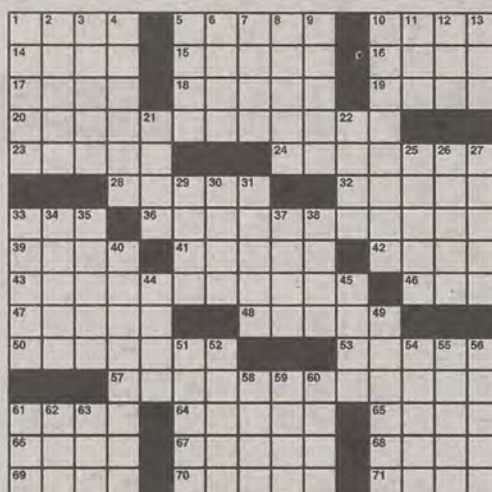
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43 George, Abe et al.
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47 Pianist Claudio
48 Ruby's spouse
50 Welcome site
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57 Place to find both parts of 20-, 36- and 43-Across
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By Jonathan Porat

4/28/11

Today's Puzzle Solved



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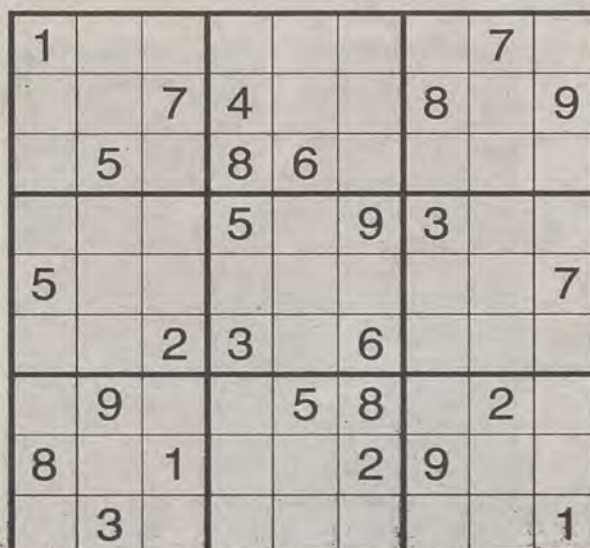
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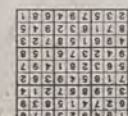
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Melian Puigventos named Player of the Year

TENNIS

By JAMES FARMER

George-Anne contributor

Juan Melian Puigventos has made an impressive stamp on Georgia Southern University history by being the first Eagle named Southern Conference Men's Tennis Player of the Year, announced April 19.

During his freshman year, Melian Puigventos led the team in singles and was named to the SoCon All Freshman team.

Currently a sophomore, Melian Puigventos has received several league recognitions this season. He holds the all-time best winning percentage of .955 for a singles season.

In addition, he was named SoCon Men's Tennis Player of the Month for March, SoCon Men's Tennis Player of the Week (April 11-17 matches), as well as named to the All-Conference first team for singles this year, which was the first for GSU since 2001.

On top of all his recognitions, Melian Puigventos had a flawless 10-0 at No.1 singles in league plays this season, winning eight and only losing two matches in two sets. He ended the regular season with a 15 match winning streak in the number one position for singles and a 21-1 record in singles action.

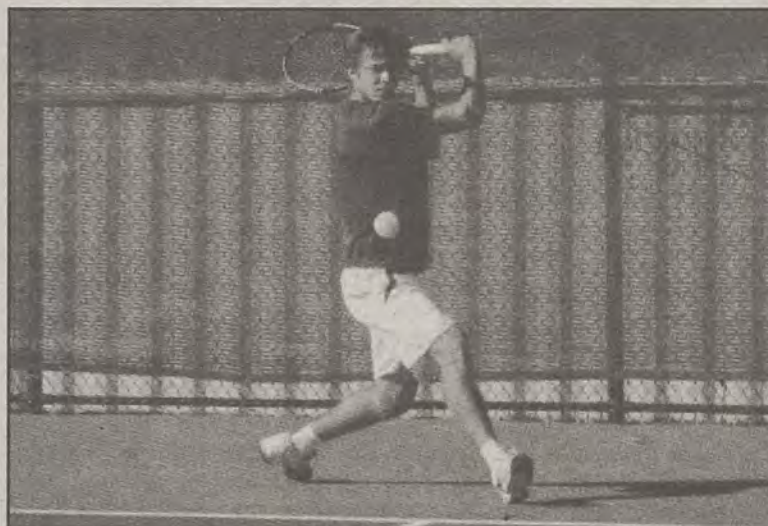


Photo courtesy of Georgia Southern Athletics
Juan Melian Puigventos slices a backhand earlier this season.

However, none of this has come without a humbling attitude and dedication to hard work on his part.

"Juan's been one of the best players that I've been able to work with, not because of his talent level or the wins, but just because of the dedication day in and day out and the focus that he brought to practice," said Head Coach Nick Zieziula. "I remember there was one streak...where we went through a week of practice where he didn't lose a game in the practice set."

Zieziula expressed that Melian Puigventos possessed the ability to bring a higher level of dedication to every practice and match without wavering.

"Juan never had that let down ever at practice. Mentally, he was always challenging himself, pushing himself to continue, to improve, and to continue to be the best, not only in the team, but also in the conference and against everybody that we were playing," said Zieziula.

Melian Puigventos felt that his award was just a testament to his hard work and the effort he put into the season.

"That's the thing, I'm not that much better than my opponents... The separation of winning and losing here in college tennis basically is just a small amount of concentration in certain points and of mental sharpness," said Melian Puigventos.

"We are all real equal players and the difference between winning and losing is nothing," said Melian Puigventos.

"So you can make that difference a bit bigger by staying mentally [focused] every single point. Every single shot you hit and the ones who don't, the ones who aren't there for every single point are the ones who give a few balls away and a few points away, and those are the ones who lose.

"The ones who stay there every time are the ones who win," he said. Melian Puigventos was grateful for the added assistance of Coach Zieziula during the season.

"Under him [Zieziula] one of the highest points was that every time I asked him to practice, or work on something...he was always up to do it. He was really dedicated to me and to everybody on the team. Every time we were in weights... everything had to be really, really precise and that's the way I think we have to be in the collegiate world- you need to be really precise on the courts."

In the end, when Melian Puigventos reflects on the season he only has praises for his team's hard work and effort.

"I think as a team, we worked extremely hard this year... and I think we need to continue to do that. It's just being better every single practice, every single match, and that's it. Working hard."

The Press Box

What's going on in GSU sports

- The softball team will face off against conference foe University of Tennessee at Chattanooga this Saturday and Sunday.
- The swimming and diving team was added to The College Swimming Coaches Association of America list after the team accumulated a 3.27 grade point average, finishing third place behind Notre Dame and Harvard.
- The annual Pro-Am Golf Tournament to benefit the 2011 Southern Conference Champion Georgia Southern University golf team will be held on Monday, May 2 at Forest Heights Country Club. The public is welcome to attend.
- Football Head Coaches Jeff Monken and Charlton "C.Y." Young will serve as speakers for both Georgia Southern University's Effingham and Savannah Eagle Club.

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Season turns with SoCon championship win

GOLF

By JAMES FARMER

George-Anne contributor

The Georgia Southern University golf team won the Southern Conference Championship for 2011, the team's first tournament win of the season.

The team captured the title after being down four strokes going into the final round of the tournament. The group shot six under during the final round to win the tournament at three under.

"To actually get it done on the last day, on the last nine, really the last [couple of] holes was really special," said Head Coach Larry Mays. "We knew it would be close, and if we played well we would have a chance."

He said that the win was due to the boys stepping up and playing some great golf coming down the

stretch on the four hardest holes on the golf course.

After receiving at-large bids the last three years, the Eagles found themselves in an unfamiliar situation, in which they had to win the tournament to make the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Regionals.

"We always want to compete for the Southern Conference Championship, and this year we needed to win it to get into regionals," said Mays.

"We felt confident going in, but Chattanooga is a top 35 team in the country and we knew we would have to play really well to beat them."

The win was even more special because of the GSU golf team's regular season. It only finished in the top half of a tournament twice in nine tournaments, finishing fifth out of 15 at Francis Marion University and seventh out of 15



Photo courtesy of Georgia Southern Athletics
Florian Sander tees off at a game earlier in the 2010-2011 season.

at the Schenkel Invitational. "I've been saying all year, we've been a

pretty good two round team, but not a very good three round team. Unfortunately, all the tournaments are three rounds," said Mays.

"Our bad rounds are really bad this year, and that kind of knocked us out of a couple of tournaments." Mays said he thinks that the success that the team experienced during the tournament can carry on.

"We've now proven to ourselves that we can play three rounds and be consistent and have all five guys playing well," said Mays. "For them to do that gives us a ton of confidence going into the regional."

The NCAA Regionals have not been determined yet by the selection committee, but Mays thinks that the team might have further to travel this year.

"We've ended up in the Southeast the last couple years that we've had regionals, so if you go by that, then technically our best odds

are to end up in Florida, but my gut's telling me that they're going to move us out of Florida this year," said Mays.

While this season is not yet over for the golf team, there is still plenty of reason to be excited for the upcoming year.

"We'll have three guys back that are all young. [We have] a sophomore, a freshman, and a guy that'll be our senior leader next year in [Lewis] Gruber," said Mays. "We have a great recruiting class coming in with five freshmen, all ranked in the top 115-120 in the country and a transfer that's going to be a Division II All-American this year."

He adds that the momentum from this win could even carry over to affect the newcomers of next year.

"It was a great accomplishment for the team and the boys, and that back nine is one I'll never forget."

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GSU finishes fifth in SoCon championship

TRACK AND FIELD

By BIONCA BALL

George-Anne contributor

The Georgia Southern University track and field team placed fifth in the Southern Conference Championship and broke multiple records along the way.

The event took place in Birmingham, Ala. on the campus of Samford University.

The Appalachian State University Mountaineers swept the conference as the men's and women's team took first place.

Senior Shaunta Hamilton was given the crown for the long-jump competition for the second consecutive year. "It felt really awesome. I mean, I worked really hard all semester to try to do as well as I could for SoCon and for conference," said Hamilton.

The Eagles were up against stiff competition, as Western Carolina University and ASU dominated the event. The Mountaineers tallied 195 points, the Catamounts earned 138, and the Eagles obtained 87.5, coming in behind Elon University and Samford.

"I think we put out our best effort based off of our season and how well we worked," said Hamilton.

"I think we worked really hard and put our best effort out at the conference... Of course, we could have done better, but we gave it our all."

Head Coach Natalie Smith has watched the Mountaineers dominate the SoCon Championship, but does not let that discourage her. Smith felt as though the opening minutes of Saturday's performance may have hindered the team from finishing better.

"I think overall, [we did] really well. To be really honest with you, I think the first 30 minutes of Saturday is what put us in a hole. We had some mishaps. We didn't get the stick around the 4x1, which we were in second in that race at that particular time. Then, the heptathlon didn't finish the way we wanted it to for Shaunta," said Smith.

"The triple jump was just a great event. A lot of people jumped really well. They jumped their personal best. In the same token, we were set back in the placing. So, in some areas we kind of missed that," said Smith.

In her fifth season, Smith feels as though the team has matured and progressed within their craft.

"I would say we have become a very unified team. We have a lot of camaraderie on our team," said Smith. "One of the things I really love is our young crew, like our

freshman and sophomores [who get along] really well with the team now. When you are out here, whether it's training or at a meet, you're not going to know if they are a freshman or a senior."

This year has been filled with records being broken; in particular, sophomore Sara Curry has broken records more than two times this season.

Smith said the sky is the limit on what the girls can achieve, but she also understands the importance of allowing the girls to set goals at their own pace.

"I think the big thing is to really take it one day at a time, especially dealing with someone like Sara, that runs several laps. We have had her in three or four different events this year," said Smith.

The Eagles will travel to Orlando, Florida to compete in the University of Central Florida Twilight competition on May 5.



Photo courtesy of Georgia Southern Athletics

Shaunta Hamilton prepares for the long jump earlier in the season.

attention

Freshmen & Seniors

NSSE 2011

On February 10, 2011, randomly selected samples of freshmen and seniors at Georgia Southern were emailed invitations to participate in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). Results from past NSSE administrations at Georgia Southern have provided valuable insights into our undergraduates' perceptions of their academic and other experiences. To encourage participation in the NSSE, the following incentives will be offered:

1. Freshmen will be entered into a drawing for one of three parking permits for Fall 2011.

2. Seniors will be entered into a drawing for one of two \$100 gift certificates to the University Bookstore.

In order to be eligible for the drawings you must submit your completed survey by **no later than May 31, 2011.**

TO ACCESS THE SURVEY: All remaining eligible students can access the survey by using the link posted in the March 23rd email they received from NSSE (subject line: "This is the last chance to give Georgia Southern your feedback!"). Your confidential responses will be an invaluable source of information to the University as it identifies aspects of your undergraduate experience that can be improved through changes in policies and best practices in undergraduate education.

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Come to Bouldering Night Out TONIGHT for some unique bouldering challenges and to support Hearts and Hands Clinic. We are asking for a \$5 cash donation to climb, but you will get free food, be entered in a raffle, and get an opportunity to climb some problems that you wouldn't normally face! Prizes include koozies, chalk bags, chalk, nalgene, and more.

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Summer Hours

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Friday: 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.



Biggest Loser

Congratulations to the Spring 2011 Biggest Loser participants! The group of nine lost a collective total of 156 pounds.



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