New Paulson postponed

BY JACKIE GUTKNECHT
The George-Anne staff

The financial need for the expansion of Paulson Stadium and the new Football Operations Center has not been met yet, but is expected to be reached this fall.

"We have to raise $10 million before we can start building the Football Operations Center, and we only have $6 million now. Once we get the rest of the money we will continue and build," said John Mulherin, President of the Georgia Southern University Athletic Foundation.

The Football Operations Center is a 57,000 square foot building that will be located on the east end of Paulson Stadium, on Lanier Drive and will include a life-size statue of Coach Russell, the GSU Hall of Fame and a new scoreboard. Mulherin said that it is the single largest, privately funded project in the history of GSU.

Mulherin said that the other $4 million needed to complete the quota would have to come from private funding when the football season begins.

There is also a plan to expand the seating at Paulson Stadium, to add more seats for students. The seating expansion that will add 4,000 more seats will not happen unless the student body agrees on it.

"The way we are going to progress is we are going to approach the student body, we're going to have meetings and through social media we are going to talk to the students about a fee that would be designated to pay for the addition of these seats," Athletic Director Sam Baker said.

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Student overcomes obstacles

BY KELSEY ELAM
The George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University student Kendra Etheridge made a come back this summer by enrolling in classes after enduring a three-month coma and endless therapy treatments.

After surviving what should have been a fatal car accident, her doctors began calling her "miracle girl," Etheridge, senior public relations major, said.

The weekend after Kendra’s 23rd birthday, Sept. 19, she went home to celebrate the occasion with her family. That Saturday she went to a game with her father and out to dinner with her parents, but that’s all she remembers from that weekend, Etheridge said.

“I don’t remember the entire weekend. I remember coming home and going to the game and going out to eat at Papa John’s, and then I went to sleep,” Etheridge said. “I thought I was a dream for three whole months, but I was in a coma.”

On Sunday of that weekend she was traveling back to GSU, where she had been attending school since 2008. She took exit 126 off of Interstate-16 and stopped at the stop sign. Not aware of the pick-up truck coming towards her, she pulled out and was immediately hit on the driver’s side door, Etheridge said.

“I was airlifted to the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, and I stayed there for eight months,” Etheridge said. “I almost died in the helicopter twice because my blood pressure and heart rate kept dropping.”

Etheridge said before the accident, she was an athlete. She was a competitive gymnast for eight years and won two state championships, and when she was 13 years old she quit gymnastics.

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Archeological team receives history award

BY MARISSA MARTIN
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University’s Department of Sociology and Anthropology has received the Leadership in History award for their work at Camp Lawton.

The site was excavated by Sue Moore, professor of anthropology, and GSU’s Department of Sociology and Anthropology. The award is given to those who are recognized collecting and interpreting local and state history to create a more meaningful past.

The archeological research team consisted of Moore and six graduate students: Kevin Chapman, Matthew Newberry, Matthew Luke, Amanda Morrow, Mary Craft, and Christopher Kowalcyzk.

"States nominate projects for the award and there were 54 given out nationally. We were one of the 54," Moore said.

The archeological team has recovered information about Camp Lawton for the past 2.5 years, Moore said.

"We've done less than one percent, part of the stockade and where the prisoners lived," Moore said.

The site held stories of how cold and little shelter these prisoners had, Moore said.

"Prisoner of war camps were the darkest part of the civil war," Morrow said.

"A photograph-casing frame that went around a picture had been folded as though someone wanted to preserve the item," Moore said. "This type of artifact is unusual to find."

It was folded neatly like someone cared very much about the person in the photograph, Moore said.

"The folded picture frame was all that was left for one prisoner, it was really touching," Morrow said.

A broken smoking pipe with a lead shaped bowl was an interesting recovery, Moore said.

The fact that the pipe had a lead bowl made from melted down bullets showed the ingenuity of the prisoners, Moore said.

The discovery of these items points to the persistence and ingenious of the prisoners, Moore said.

"The real story here is of creativity and survival," Moore said.

"This is really the only site of its kind because there had not been a lot of looting like Andersonville Prison," Amanda Morrow, graduate student, said.

"There was an assumption that nothing was there. I was surprised that this site was still pristine, meaning there had been little looting from the camp," Moore said.

Camp Lawton is located near Magnolia Springs Creek in Jenkins County, Georgia.

The excavated site will become a state park and there will be a visitor center this fall, Moore said.

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Historical memorabilia can be found at the Camp Lawton site dating all the way back to Civil War times

SOAR students donate to Snacks for Soldiers

BY MARISSA MARTIN
The George-Anne staff

As incoming SOAR students flood the campus of Georgia Southern University, donation boxes for Snacks for Soldiers were lined up along the halls of Russell Union, waiting to be filled.

SOAR administration leaders participated in the charity by opening up a donation drive Tuesday for personal care items to ship to soldiers. The students were notified about the charity before heading down to Statesboro and most of them brought items to donate.

"Parents and students during SOAR have contributed to 45 boxes of non-food items," Col. George Fredrick of Reserved Officers Training Corps (ROTC), said.

These items are products the soldiers can't go without and buy while in Afghanistan, Fredrick said.

"All of this has been donated by students who haven't even started classes," Fredrick said.

There have been five SOAR sessions where ROTC has received donations, Fredrick said.

"If the response keeps going like this, we will have enough for another shipment," Fredrick said.

"This is a community effort. It was started by a professor on campus and the response he received from his students was so great we decided to take it on," Jordan Bailey, leader of Snacks for Soldiers, said. "Now it is a permanent effort."

Letters were included and signed in care packages from Dr. Keel, SOAR administrators and SOAR students, Fredrick said.

"The SOAR program led the donations and the ROTC administration are in charge of boxing the items and shipping them," Bailey said.

"I think Snacks for Soldiers is a great idea for troops overseas in Afghanistan because you're not necessarily going to have phones or Internet when deployed. You won't have contact with anyone. The care packages are a way to show support and remind them that people back home care," National Guardsman Josh Cullen, junior construction management major, said.

These packages give the soldiers a taste of home and show them that we still care, Bailey said.

"We have sent 34 boxes of snacks to the soldiers weeks before this donation drive," Fredrick said. "We raised over $6000 during the ROTC Crawl, Walk and Run 5k to help fund our charity."

"We have received thank-you letters from the soldiers and they are very personal, and heartfelt," Bailey said. "They have shared more than just a thank you. There have been a lot of personal stories."

"We notified parents about the donation drive in two emails, the very first and the one right before SOAR. A link to the website was included in the email. SOAR students could turn in donations at check-in and we thanked people for donations during the welcome session," Paige Phillips, coordinator of orientation and parent programs, said.

There were SOAR parents who were not as aware about these donations as they wanted to be and did not believe the distribution was very clear, Lori Pearson, SOAR parent, said.

"I don't think they distributed the message well. They had a 'click here' in the email, so, I read about it, but I forgot about it because it was so far back. It didn't stick in my mind," Dawn Clarke, SOAR parent, said.

Fredrick said they are always looking for strategies to continue to do this.

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Police Beat

Sunday, June 17
• Officers issued three traffic citations, five traffic warnings and responded to three alarms.
• A lost key was reported at Centennial Place.
• Richard William Ericson, 20, was charged with DUI, failure to maintain lane and possession of a false I.D.

Monday, June 18
• A lost key was reported at Centennial Place.
• A piece of television equipment sustained water damage in the Carroll Building.
• Antionio Vicente-Crisanto, 24, was charged with theft by taking.

Tuesday, June 19
• Officers assisted Housing staff with serving an eviction notice.
• A loud noise complaint was reported at Southern Pines.

Wednesday, June 20
• A piece of television equipment was activated by accident.
• An employee of Henderson Library reported someone took money from her purse.
• Officer responded to a panic alarm at Centennial Place. It was activated by accident.
• A bike was found near lot 42.
• Officers found a broken window at University Park.

Wednesday, June 21
• Officers assisted Housing staff with serving an eviction notice.
• A loud noise complaint was reported at Southern Pines.

Thursday, June 22
• An employee of Henderson Library reported someone took money from her purse.
• Officer responded to a panic alarm at Centennial Place. It was activated by accident.
• Officers assisted Housing staff with serving an eviction notice.

Friday, June 23
• A loud noise complaint was reported at Southern Pines.

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and became a cheerleader for seven years.
Her doctors told her that her athleticism was one of the reasons why she is alive today, Etheridge said.
“The doctor said that me being in such good physical shape really helped save my life. If I hadn’t been, then my body would not have been able to sustain all of the surgeries,” Etheridge said.
Etheridge endured eight hours of surgery after the crash. Her doctors performed a three-in-one surgery in which they operated on her brain, put braces on her broken hips and removed her spleen, Etheridge said.
Etheridge’s doctors and family had witnessed the first miracle survival. In the following months, Etheridge would accomplish feats that her doctors did not believe were possible.
“The doctors said that I probably wouldn’t speak, and if I did there was a good chance that I would have brain damage,” Etheridge said.
But when I woke, up the first thing my dad asked me was ‘who am I?’ and I said, ‘daddy.’”
It was three months after the crash and Etheridge was talking, but that wasn’t the end of her recovery. After seven months of being confined to a wheelchair, Etheridge began walking and today she uses only a cane to be mobile.
“Everything, man said, God proved wrong. God is the same God from the Bible days and he still performs miracles,” Etheridge said.
Etheridge is still attending GSU and hopes to graduate next spring.

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Keel must address the communication issues

In last week's edition of The George-Anne, we reported on President Brooks Keel's plan to move forward following a critical open letter from Georgia Southern University's literature and philosophy chair Dr. David Dudley. Keel laid out a plan of action that includes various forums and open office hours, both of which he plans to implement during the fall semester.

While this plan has the potential to be very effective, many variables will have to function properly for Keel's forums and office hours to work, the first of which is the president himself.

This fall is not soon enough. Problems are arising now, and Keel needs to follow up on these plans without delay. As the president of this university, it is his job to take charge of issues immediately when necessary. Politics should not trump concerns from faculty, who have the most direct relationship with students and therefore, are in tune with students' needs.

Keel's responsibilities also include fostering a friendly environment for faculty communication. Nobody should be afraid to voice concerns under threat of being reprimanded or fired. A university should be a zone of free speech and communication. Honest speech without fear of punishment should be a cornerstone of how GSU is run.

This does not mean listening and moving on without taking action. Speech is rendered impotent when there is no action to follow it up.

Keel alone, though, cannot make every change. He should encourage his administration to make changes immediately when necessary. Politics should not trump concerns from faculty, who have the most direct relationship with students and therefore, are in tune with students' needs.

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Our View

Faculty must be effective in voicing their opinions

In last week's edition, we reported on literature and philosophy chair Dr. David Dudley's open letter that explained multiple concerns about communication issues between GSU faculty and administration.

"I think that many faculty, particularly faculty who've been here a long time, feel ignored sometimes," Dudley said. Other members of the GSU faculty have voiced support for Dudley's view.

We hope Dudley will be the first of many. The George-Anne has covered faculty concern over administration in the past and met hard resistance. Of course, professors are weary of commenting on an issue that could lead to repercussions. Professors without tenure risk losing the chance to reach it. Professors with tenure risk not receiving research approval or funds.

However, faculty must act. The problems Dudley mentioned will not go away, and waiting silently causes more of the same. Dudley's letter has been met by such support by so many faculty that we wonder why more have not been written in the past.

Now, though, President Brooks Keel has offered an alternative to open letters. With his forums and open office hours, there is no excuse to remain voiceless.

One open letter has already created motion towards improved communication. If the entirety of the faculty can speak up without fear of being reprimanded, then GSU may have an effective and open administration that takes every angle into consideration.

Ultimately, this is about the students. The best environment for us as students is an environment where students, faculty and administration can all communicate openly and honestly.

New housing complexes can make improvements

In last week's edition of The George-Anne, we reported on One Eleven South, one of three upcoming housing complexes being developed to be offered to Georgia Southern University students by fall 2013.

We also reported on Aspen Heights and Monarch Douglas, two new housing complexes that are in the works and also slated to open in fall 2013.

With Aspen Heights and Monarch Douglas yet to break ground, I would like to take this opportunity to recommend some improvements that can be made to the typical college apartment.

First things first, build some real walls and ceilings. People live here, and I would like to be able to sleep while my upstairs neighbors are giving their pet elephant tap-dancing lessons at 3 a.m. While you're at it, maybe make some walls that don't expose the sheetrock when I am eventually forced to remove my Dark Side of the Moon poster.

Alexander Good is a senior writing and philosophy major from Cumming, Ga.
Providing an alternative to GSU’s transportation

The Georgia Southern University bus system has more issues than Britney Spears had in 2007.
Along with the rudeness that seems to shroud the passengers of these transportation vehicles, more frustrations now ensue; the buses are prone to explosions. In addition to that, the interim buses GSU was set to receive this summer have worse issues than the previous ones.

At this point, I think it's pointless to even have a bus system. Seriously, how many more bad omens do we need until we take the hint that we shouldn't be investing in, or even riding in, these large metal death machines?

I say we eighty-six the whole bus thing and find new methods of transportation. These new methods should be greener, more fun and interactive. Best of all, there's probably a way to get a KINS credit out of them.

My first idea: Rickshaws and pedicabs.

For those who are a little behind on the times – maybe a few streets behind – rickshaws are wagon-like chariots that are pulled by a running person, and pedicabs are wagon-like chariots that are pulled by a person on a bicycle.

Students seeking a credit in either a running or cycling class could pull these small cabs through campus and help out their fellow students by providing them with rides. They could even make time by wearing feedbags like a pack-mule and at the end of the ride they could collect tips. Win-win.

Now, I know that the Statesboro heat may make this idea sound like a bit of a turn off, but just think of it as riding in a small convertible without air conditioning.

Some students may also be concerned with the pace of the wagon-cabs and think that it may be easier to just walk or bike to class themselves. They would be correct.

But wouldn't you rather feel like you're riding in a parade when you're on your way to class? Everyone loves parades, and let's be honest – it's not like the buses we pay for go any faster.

My second idea: Horses.

While I do find horses terrifying with their Gary Busey teeth that never end and flared lips, I think that they are an excellent way of transportation and I don't see why we stopped using them.

If I've picked up anything other than a thing for Matt Damon's burly mustache from re-watching the Coen brother's version of "True Grit," it's that your horse will keep on keepin' on until you stab it repeatedly in the side and then shoot it in the head when it finally passes out hours later.

Students could earn an equestrian credit for riding individual horses and our civil engineering students could gain real-life experience by finding ways to improve our road system so that the waste runoff from the horses can be used for fertilizer in our green space.

Horses could be used in so many ways. We could ride them individually; they could pull covered wagons, buggies and chariots through the bus route, and I'm pretty sure horses don't suffer from small electrical fires.

There will be no chariots of fire on this campus!

The only possible turn-off to this idea is the issue of where we would keep the horses. Simple solution: Turn Sweetheart Circle into a functional stable and pasture. Who would it hurt? It's not like anyone uses Sweetheart Circle for anything other than jagweed past-times like Frisbee, hacky-sack and hammock-chillin' anyway.

Maybe in order to get to campus efficiently we need to go back in time. Or maybe we should just stop complaining and be grateful that we even have buses because really, what are our alternatives?

Escher is a junior journalism major from Canton, Ga.
Eagle Nation Rains Watermelons
GSU celebrates 65th annual watermelon cutting

BY JANINE STEPHAN
The George-Anne contributor

Crowds gather around the Pedestrium to watch Georgia Southern University President Brooks Keel, the First Lady and retired GSU cafeteria manager Curtis Frink, take a knife to the iced-down green ovals at this season's 65th annual watermelon cutting.

The event took place on Monday at 10 a.m. on the Pedestrium near the banks of the campus lakes and in front of the Caruth building.

"These traditions are what make Georgia Southern so interesting and attractive to others. It's exciting to provide for the community and give a little back to those who do so much for us," Keel said.

The tradition, which has been taking place on campus every summer since 1948, brings out new, curious members of the university's community each year.

"My method? I let Mr. Curtis show me how to do it! It's all in the wrist. That's what I was always told. They don't usually like me to have a lot of sharp objects around so I'll be under a great deal of supervision to make sure everything stays safe," Keel said.

Frink has sliced locally grown watermelons by the side of every president since the tradition began. His presence at the event was not only longstanding, but also essential for mastering the traditional method of watermelon cutting.

"Lay [the watermelon] on the table, bring the knife up real high and come down right in the center of it. Then just keep on slicing it in half," Frink said.

As Keel excitedly greeted the awaiting watermelon truck and staff accompanying it, people chatted amongst themselves about their own personal experiences at traditional GSU events. Many were first-timers and others had been attending the watermelon cutting for decades.

"I've been coming to this thing for over five years now and it's my favorite part of the summer. I love getting to take a break and eat a sweet, cold slice of watermelon. Mr. Curtis really has a way with that knife," custodian Arnold Perkins said.

"As an outsider, I think it's awesome that you all do this! GSU has a lot more traditions than any other school I've attended. I'm here at Georgia Southern for the first time today so I'm trying to soak up all of the experiences I can. But why watermelons instead of peaches? This is the peach state right? Well I guess watermelons are much more exciting," the temporary professional in the department of resident life, Jenna Ryan, said.

Many members of the crowd had no idea what they were in for and could not believe that the President himself was actually cutting free watermelon.

"Woah! Those slices are huge! I had no idea we were getting a quarter of a watermelon here!" GSU alum Ben Karpel said.

The watermelon cutting tradition will continue every Tuesday of July at 10:00 a.m. on the Pedestrium.
Pirate maze puts a new spin on Georgia history

BY DUSTIN TILLIGKEIT
The George-Anne staff

Navigate through the hazardous path of a pirate's life in the Georgia Southern University Museum's latest exhibit, "Pirate Attack: A Georgia Adventure Maze."

The exhibit is a maze that features posters and displays with information about the lives and traditions of pirates.

"The great thing about a maze is it's a lot of fun and in the process you have to read the material," director of the museum, Brent Tharp said.

A dead end in the maze means potential capture for the unskilled pirate by a naval gunship or an impenetrable fort protecting any riches a pirate might seek to plunder.

The idea to have a maze featuring the history of piracy was originally thought of while the staff was searching for an era of Georgia's history that is rarely discussed for the theme of the maze, Tharp said.

"At first, the challenge was laying out the path, but now the maze takes about two days to build," Tharp said.

The maze is constructed inside the museum in the main exhibit room and students can navigate the exhibit for free with an Eagle ID from now until Sept. 2nd.

"This is the really early history of Georgia. Before it was a colony, it was a no man's land between English and Spanish territory, which made it perfect for pirates," Tharp said.

Pirates have long appeared in popular works thanks to the exciting and adventurous air of their life. This tradition has continued to the modern day with the successful "Pirates of the Caribbean" film franchise.

"Early on, pirates held a popular image, the idea of adventure and striking it rich is appealing," Tharp said.

The maze also featured several other pieces of cultural history, including the diversity found among pirate crews and the dangers of being injured.

"I liked the fact that they had women pirates. That was cool, even though there were only two that were famous," junior education major Latosha Chong said.

"I liked the weapons panel because I didn't know why pirates carried multiple flintlock pistols," graduate assistant of the Museum, Brandi Moody, said.

"I really like how all the information was more of the practical parts and the history of pirates, unlike what we see in Hollywood," Moody said.

"It's really informative. Almost better than a history book," freshman philosophy major Diante McIntosh said. "It was way more legit than I thought it would be."

Tharp said, "This is something in your own backyard and students can take a break and enjoy something fun."
Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
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By Marti DuGuay-Carpenter

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**Coconut Thai Cuisine**  
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ALL-DAY:  
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-$3 Sangria punch  
Happy Hour (5-7 p.m.):  
-Half-off draught beer, wings, chips & queso, and chips & salsa

**Applebee's**  
-$3 Long Island Iced Tea  
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### Saturday

**Gnat's Landing**  
Happy Hour (5-7 p.m.)  
-$10 beer buckets  
Live music

**Loco's Grill and Pub**  
-$5 Absolut Bloody Mary Bar (11 a.m. - 3 p.m.)  
ALL-DAY:  
-$5 Miller Pitchers  
-$3 Eagleritas

**Applebee's**  
-$3 appletinis  
-$3 Long Island Iced Tea  
-$3 wells

**Dingus Magees**  
Happy Hour (5 p.m.- 12 a.m.)

**Emma's**  
-$2 12oz lime margarita

**GATAs**  
-Kegs on Deck: $5 cups  
-$1 refills
**GSU athletics improve APR scores**

**BY JANNAH BOLDS**  
The George-Anne staff

A total of 10 Georgia Southern University athletic programs have improved their Multi-Year Academic Progress Report scores from the reporting period ending with the 2010-2011 academic year.

All 15 teams achieved the 925-point single-year standard and five teams recorded the perfect score of 1000 including cross-country, women's basketball, golf and men's and women's tennis.

"We continue to see progress, not only in the multi-year APR scores, but also in the other indicators of academic success," Associate Athletics Director for Compliance and Eligibility and Director of Student-Athlete Services Keith Roughton said.

The GSU cross-country program has received a score of 1000 for the third time in four years.

"It really shows their dedication to being both a student and an athlete and they do a great job at balancing the two," cross-country and track and field head coach Marlo Mincey said.

GSU's women's soccer program made the second highest APR score of 989 out of 1,000 for the 2010-2011 APR year.

"It's a good reflection of the women's soccer program and the tradition we have of carrying solid student athletes," women's soccer head coach Lindsey Vanderspiegel said.

The GSU football program reached an APR score of 953 for the 2010-2011 year which pushed its APR Multi-Year average to 923, seven points shy of the 930 point standard - according to data released by the NCAA.

According to NCAA data, the Eagles' 2010-2011 Multi Year score did increase from the previous year by two points.

"We're all proud and we've worked hard in improving our resources for our student athletes, said Roughton. "I believe this plays a part in the score increase," he said.

According to NCAA data, the GSU football program's scores have increased each year. With the help of a consistent coaching staff, the team has made academic improvements.

"It starts with the head coach and staff and I believe that it was the stability in the head coaching system that helped out the most," Roughton said.

"Coach Monken comes from a family of educators and he makes sure that his players know the importance of academics," Roughton said.

The men's basketball team put a focus on improving APR scores from the past as well.

"The same goes with our men's basketball program. We have struggled in the past but coach Young has the same intentions as Monken and has pushed his team to be the best they can be," Roughton said.

NCAA regulations state that if a program's APR score meets or drops below 900, the team would be banned from postseason activity.

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**Eagles participate in Tri-Eagle Challenge**

**Intramural**

**BY ANNA WELLS**  
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Georgia Southern University students have found a unique way to beat the heat and stay in shape for the summer with Campus Recreation and Intramurals' Tri-Eagle Challenge.

The challenge features activities from three areas of fitness: cycling, running and swimming. Challengers have to complete 100 miles of cycling, 26.2 miles of running/walking and 5,000 yards of swimming during the length of a summer semester.

"Two years ago we did a summer challenge called The 100 Mile Challenge which was just a running challenge. We also had an old Sprint Triathlon and we took both of those ideas and combined the two into one summer challenge," coordinator, Greg Stephenson, said.

The challenge for term A began on May 21 and ended June 21 and out of 128 participants, 51 finished the challenge and received a prize as well as a beneficial workout.

"We have a lot of people that are adhering to that program and are sticking with it," fitness program director Justine Coleman said. "It's a free program that gives you more individualized attention."

Registration is free for students and participants must have a RAC membership in order to use the facilities. Contestants may sign up any time throughout the terms, but will only receive a prize if they complete the entire challenge by the allotted time.

"Tri-Eagle Challenge participants have enjoyed having the swimming component in the program because it has opened up their eyes to a new workout and they seem to really enjoy it. This program has really encouraged participants to give swimming a try, even if they are not proficient swimmers," aquatics director Gabby Marquez said.

"Last summer we had about 70 people do both A and B term and this summer we had 128 just for A term and we already have 40 more people signed up for B term," Stephenson said.

When a participant completes an obstacle, fitness staff members and lifeguards are required to sign off on participant cards after every exercise session.

"It's nice when someone gives you a goal and tells you what to do as opposed to just going out there and trying to figure things out on your own. Everybody has goals for the summer so it's just a fun challenge to get out there and try some different ways of training," Stephenson said.

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The stadium expansion is split up into two different projects, one for the Football Operations center and the other for seat expansion. Mulherin is in charge of private funding for the Operations Center while Baker is in charge of funding for the seat expansion.

"It is 100 percent privately funded, and it takes a long time to raise $10 million, but we have been raising money for about a year now and plan on having the rest of the money by the fall," Mulherin said.

"For a long time we have realized as the student body has grown we have a need for more seating. When the stadium was built we had a student body of about 6,000 students, today we are over 20,000 students," Baker said.

Baker said that the stadium has 14,444 seats in the stands and there are 8,000 seats on the North side, 4,000 of those are dedicated to seats for students.

"We've been averaging anywhere from 8,500 to 9,000 students per game, and students have come to me on occasion to talk about the need for seats dedicated totally for the use of the student body," Baker said.

Baker said that all of the new seats would be designated for student seating, so it would come out of student fees and go right back to the students.

"It would be adding two sections on to the North side, which would each be about 1,500 seats on each end of the sideline, and then we would go up above and build what we would call a middeck, that would add 4,000 seats," Baker said.

The stadium is used for many different events outside of football, and having more seating available would open new doors for these events.

"We have also moved Graduation out to the stadium. Now you have over 20,000 people coming to graduation and you're running out of seats. Plus, Student Affairs has started using Paulson Stadium for concerts, and when promoters come through they start asking 'what is your capacity for a concert?' well this would raise our capacity," Baker said.

GSU has high hopes for its football team, with hopes of one day being invited to the Football Bowl Subdivision.

"In 2009 we did a feasibility study on FBS Football, and in that we explored how we can expand the stadium. We took the first couple steps in that by designating seats for the students," said Baker.

"For GSU to go into the FBS, two things have to happen, first you have to be invited and you have to be able to afford to do it. You have to make yourself more attractive to get invited, and certainly putting in a new facility like The Football Operations Center, as well as expanding the stadium will make you more attractive to a 1-A Conference," Mulherin said.

To compare the size of the new building, the Bishop Field House, located in the west end zone of Paulson Stadium is 13,000 square feet, and the new weight room in The Football Operations Center is going to be 11,000 square feet, almost matching in size.

"All of the football operations will be in this building, the team meeting rooms, a player lounge, an academic center, all of the video staff, a weight room, a locker room, a training room and a hall of fame," Mulherin said.

The George-Anne previously printed an article with GSU President Brooks Keel saying, "this project has already received $5.1 million in pledges and $5.9 million in proposals. There is no confirmed date, but construction for the project is set to start sometime in late spring."