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TODAY



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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS



Tao Ventre/STAFF

Eagles opens season with win

The Georgia Southern swimming & diving team opened the 2007 season with an impressive victory over the College of Charleston this past weekend.

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NEWS

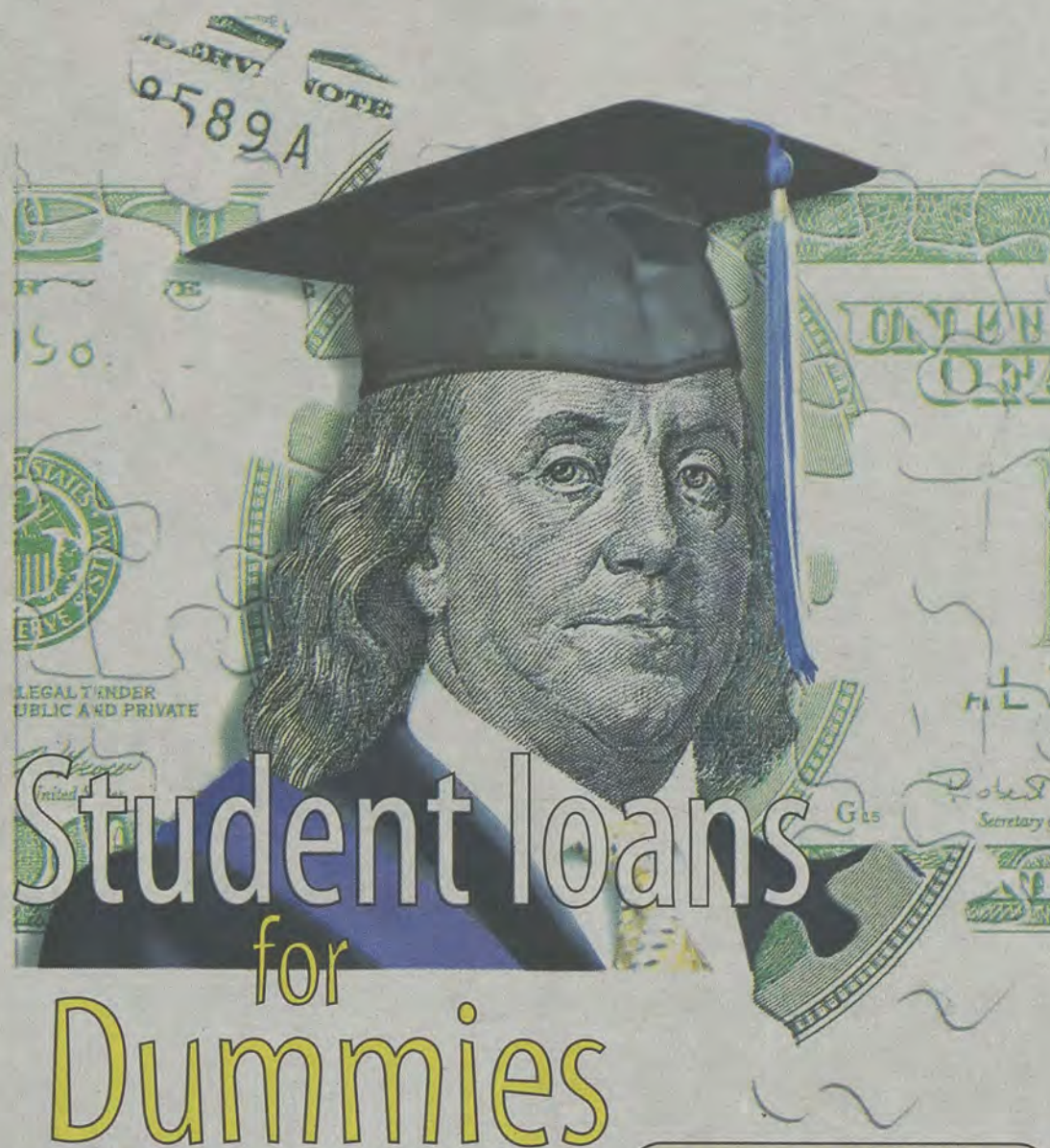


Special photo

The carnival from the eyes of a carnie

Carnival workers at the recent Kiwanis county fair open up to the G-A about the ups and downs of living on the road.

see **NEWS**, page 2



By Benjamin Wood / Guest writer

It is not cheap to be a student. The pursuit of higher education comes with a price that not everyone can afford on their own.

Typically, the first option for students in this situation is to pursue the various grants and scholarships that are available. If that road turns into a dead end, then student loans are usually the next best alternative.

At first glance, the acquisition of student loans seems like an intimidating and complicated process. However, if done correctly, students will realize that it can be accomplished with relative ease. All that is necessary is diligence, persistence and sometimes the assistance of Georgia Southern's Financial Aid office staff.

The first step toward getting a student loan is to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online.

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Special photo

Bar dress codes: restriction or discrimination?

Students question real motives behind the rule

By Shari Blackburn

Guest writer

Now that you've made it to college, you no longer have to worry about dress codes. Or do you?

Many local bars and clubs enforce dress codes that can make going out a hassle, especially for males. And strict dress codes have been speculated among many students here at Georgia Southern.

Among the various bars in Statesboro, Rude Rudy's and Oasis are two of several bars that enforce the "collar" dress code. It encourages males to dress a certain way in regards particularly to collared shirts.

"We're a nice bar and want a more professional appeal as far as our customers are concerned," said Oasis manager Chris Fisher.

According to Fisher, Oasis has become a lot more lenient in comparison

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Interest Rates of Various Loans

Stafford Loan:

6.8 %

PLUS Loan:

8.5 %

Perkins Loan:

5 %

JP Morgan Chase:

9.27 % - 13.53 %

Carnies: Behind the scenes of the Kiwanis Fair

By Porsche Bridges

Guest writer

Many kids grow up hearing stories of boys and girls who want to run away and join the carnival. They imagine becoming a part of the multi-cultural band of unusual characters that travel all over the country, performing tricks for an adoring audience of amazed children, and spending every day among the dazzling lights with fried treats for breakfast, lunch, and dinner!

The life of a carnie (carnival worker) may seem glamorous in the eyes of a child but like the "The Claw," it has its ups and its down.

It's true that the carnival travels all over the U.S., but venders, ride operators and game masters go further than that.

According to Bow Mitchell, one of the operators for "The Twister," the carnival currently parked on Fair Road, travels "as far South as Northwest Puerto Rico, then the day before Thanksgiving [they] come back up to the United States."

"We can hit around 46 states in a year," said Eric Johnson as he suspended passengers of the Ring of Fire in mid air.

Game master Jason Thompson confessed, "I haven't seen my family in 7 years. But it's okay. I'm a loner!" He then offered to let a passerby rent his basketballs for a dollar.

In fact, only one carnie admitted to not liking his job because the "kids get on my nerves sometimes. Their parents get on my nerves sometimes. They all get on my

nerves sometimes. But hey, gotta pay the rent right?"

Still there are others who seem to love what they do. Much like Texx Moon, who has taken his combined talents as a game master and ride operator around the world. "It's a fun job if you like to travel," said Moon.

Several of the carnies speak English as a second language. This is also true of most of the performers in the "Center Ring."

Each carnie gets paid differently. Ride operators get an hourly wage. "Even if nobody rides this ride all day long, I can sit on my butt all day I'll still get paid," said Mitchell.

Games, gifts, and food venders keep a percentage of what they make as well. "It depends on what I make and what the owner says I can keep," said Andrew B, game master.

Each carnie is also responsible for his or her own machine, cart, or station. "Everything about this machine; I know all about it," said Johnson with confidence.

What's the secret to their near magical set up and disappearance? They don't stay together. Many pack up and fold away their wears and journey in different directions to the next location.

How they know where to land next is carnies instinct as echoed in Thompson's phrase, "We just go where the money is."

Still confused about the difference between a carnival and a circus? Any carnie is quick to correct the mistake. It was said best by Texx Moon, "A circus has animals; we've got stuffed animals!"



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NATIONAL NEWS



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The GSU Black Student Alliance's team from the 2006 Relay for Life poses during the event.

U.S. cancer death rates are falling faster

By Frank Greve

McClatchy Newspapers

Declines in U.S. cancer death rates are accelerating, federal health agencies and the American Cancer Society reported Monday.

Julie Gerberding, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, said the trend "demonstrates important progress" in fighting cancer.

The drop in cancer death rates has nearly doubled in recent years, analysts said. Moreover, given the current trends in cancer control, "we should expect to see continuing declines," said David Espey, a physician at the CDC's Cancer Prevention and Control division and a co-author of the study.

Cancer death rates are the best measure of progress against the second-leading killer of Americans, after heart disease.

By the 2002-2004 period, the rate was 2.1 percent, according to the new assessment. It found the greatest gains against four leading killers: colorectal cancer in men and women, prostate cancer in men, breast cancer in women and lung cancer in men.

For men, the death rates declined for 12 of the 15 most common causes of cancer: lung, prostate, colon and rectal, pancreatic, bladder, kidney, stomach, brain, oral cavity, leukemia, non-Hodgkin lymphoma and myeloma. The death rate for melanoma was flat. Death rates for esophageal and liver cancers were up.

For women, death rates declined for 10 of the 15 most common cancers: breast, colon and rectal, stomach, kidney, cervical, brain, bladder, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, leukemia and myeloma. Flat were rates for pancreatic, ovarian and uterine. Up: liver and lung.

The study is based on cases of cancer reported by cancer registries nationwide and deaths due to cancer submitted by doctors on death certificates compiled by state vital statistics offices. Preliminary data for 2005 aren't expected until January.

Among new cancer diagnoses, breast cancer showed the sharpest recent drop — 3.5 percent a year in 2002-2004 — according to the report. Espey attributes it mainly to a fall-off in women's use of hormone replacement drugs after researchers linked such treatments to increases in breast and ovarian cancer.

Overall, early detection and improved treatments helped, especially in the prevention of colorectal cancer through screening and removal of precancerous polyps.

The lung cancer death rate for men continued to fall. For women, who generally both took up and gave up smoking years later than men did, the death rate plateaued at 0.2 percent in 2002-2004. In the 1990s, the women's lung cancer death rate rose nearly 2 percent a year; in the 1980s, it rose nearly 4 percent a year.

"They were behind the curve in tobacco cessation," Espey said.

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CRI hosts Southern Sprint for Wellness fun run

GSU News service

Good, clean fun is in the air! All these beautiful days full of sunshine with the perfect breeze call for playing outside.

CRI is hosting the 9th annual "Southern Sprint for Wellness" next weekend October 20 on the GSU campus.

The fun run is the perfect way to start the weekend and enjoy the mild weather of fall in the South.

Southern Sprint for Wellness is open to walkers, runners, kids and even pets of Georgia Southern University and the Statesboro community.

According to Fitness Director, Julie Kuykendall, the 5K race allows the GSU and Statesboro community to participate in a fitness event.

"Last year about half of our participants chose to walk the race. There's definitely a nice mix of runners and walkers who come out for the event," said Kuykendall.

Participants will be running around and through Georgia Southern's beautiful campus.

"This course is similar to those run in past years." This year the race will actually start on Akins Blvd in-between the RAC entrances. A course map can be found at www.georgiasouthern.edu/services/cri. Participants should meet and register at the Pavilion located on Old Register Rd.

No matter what your age or fitness level, the 5K fun run/walk has something for everyone. The ¼ mile Kiddie Run begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by the 5K Fun Run/Walk at 9 a.m.

Don't worry; the kids will stay entertained with games during the 5K. Mommy and Daddy will be able to focus solely on racing.

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Students, remember your entry fee is only \$10, even the morning of the race!



Special photo

This year's Southern Sprint for Wellness fun run will include the 5K race as well as a ¼ mile kiddie run.



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Greek row provides safe trick-or-treating to children

By Derek Joyce

Guest writer

Growing up, children from all around the country dress up and walk from house to house; pleading for candy and treats in one of childhood's most anticipated holidays, Halloween.

For parents of Statesboro and the Georgia Southern faculty, one of the best and safest places for the children to go to is located right here, within the GSU campus.

Every year, the members of Greek Row keep the spirit of Halloween alive by doing what parents have been doing at home for hundreds of years. They decorate their houses, dress up in costumes, and provide the kids with a good time.

While the activities of the individual will be varied, the overall event is coordinated by the Pan-Hellenic Council. The council, which is lead by Lindsey Smith, is in charge of coordinating all of the major activities of Greek Life.

Many of the organizations on Greek Row partner up with other fraternities or sororities, especially those that do not reside on the street, so that all of Greek Life can be involved.

The Trick or Treat event "Promotes unity in the Greek community and the Statesboro community," said Christa Stephens, who is the

president of Phi Mu.

Kappa Kappa Gamma plans on doing a few games with face painting, lemonade and, of course, candy. "Last year, we partnered up with Zeta and carved out cute little pumpkins," said KKG member Lauren Foster.

The Phi Mu house will be sporting a "traditional" theme for this year's Trick or Treat. Their anticipated activities, if they pass the final planning stages, will include a moon walk, cotton candy machine, and face-painting. They are partnered with Pi Kappa Phi, who will help with the decorations and help hand out the candy.

Zeta Tau Alpha, which is the sorority for Lindsey Smith, will be making "popcorn hands" with the children. While this may sound weird, these "hands" are just plastic gloves that are filled with layers of popcorn and candy and have been a proven favorite for the sisters of ZTA.

In addition, according to Smith, the Kappa Sigma house, which is located towards the middle of Greek Row, may have a haunted house as it had in previous years.

The Greek Street Trick or Treat will be on October 30, from about 5 p.m. to 8 p.m..

The event is "a really neat tradition. I believe the kids really look forward to it," said Smith, "and is open to everyone, although the focus will be on the children."



Special photo

Kelsey Odom of Kappa Delta (right) joined the festivities in last years Greek Street trick or treat

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8. Belgium
9. France
10. Germany

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Listed below are 10 cities or towns in Austria, Belgium, Germany, or France. Do you know in which country they are? Good luck!

1. Foix _____
2. Koblenz _____
3. Graz _____
4. Bourges _____
5. Vorst _____
6. Kappenberg _____
7. Hamelin _____
8. Ypres _____
9. Reims _____
10. Kassel _____

Loans

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Students will receive a notification containing their Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). This determines the financial standing of the student and whether or not the loan be subsidized.

Subsidized loans are simply those that are provided for students with the greatest financial need. The interest rate for these loans does not begin to accrue until after the student graduates. Interest rates on subsidized loans, however, begin to accrue right away.

Down to brass tacks, the predominant loan disbursed through GSU is the Stafford Loan. It is a Federal Direct loan, which means that the U.S. Department of Education is the lender.

The amount that a student is disbursed depends on his or her grade level. Freshmen are eligible for \$3,500 for the year. The amount is \$4,500 for sophomores and \$5,500 for both juniors and seniors.

For some students, this is just a drop in the bucket of their overall expenses. In a case such as this, the next step would be for the student's parents to fill out a Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) loan through the GSU Financial Aid office.

This loan is based on the parent's credit rating. However, the number cannot exceed the student's cost of attendance amount, which is determined by a number of factors including housing, tuition and personal expenses.

Next is to go through outside lenders. There are two types of outside lenders of student loans: those that require certification of enrollment through the school, like Sallie Mae, and those that do not. J.P. Morgan Chase is a lender that does not require certification, but they still want

some proof of enrollment, usually in the form of a student transcript. This type of loan is based on a student's credit rating.

A direct loan from the government only requires that a student be enrolled at least half-time (six credit hours). There is no evaluation of a student's credit or GPA.

Alternative lenders, like Chase, usually carry a higher interest rate than Federal Student Loans. It is important that students interested in Federal loans get started early. The process can take anywhere from a few weeks to a few months.

If a student's loans are not processed in time, he or she could wind up in dire straights.

"You don't want to have been enrolled in classes for two weeks and then find out that you have been dropped," said senior history major Stephen Purvis, who works at the GSU Financial Aid office.

The GSU Financial Aid office is staffed with several professionals and students like Purvis who are dedicated to helping students receive their funds from the government.

"We are here to protect the student and to serve the student," said Amber Blair, assistant director of the Financial Aid office.

Students, however, should keep up with the status of their loans by logging on at Wings or by visiting the Financial Aid office.

Junior public relations major Brittany Hall received her student loan within a few weeks. "[The staff] were really helpful," said Hall. "I called them and they got back to me the same day."

The Federal Government is focused on making student loans as attractive as possible to students. There is a proposal right now to lower the current interest rate to 3.4 percent over the course of the next five years. Assuming this occurs, now might be a good time for students needing assistance to look into these Federal Loans.

Cunningham also believes that the enforced dress code is very inconsistent. He said he would wear a pair of jeans that caused his admission to be denied one night, and then on another occasion, wearing the same exact pair of pants, he paid and went straight into the bar.

Although it seems as if race plays a part in these dress codes, the bars that do enforce this rule feel that it is strictly for appearance purposes for the company itself.

"We're trying to keep it upscale and more of a dress to impress deal," said 21-year-old marketing major and Rude Rudy's bartender A.J. Marino. "The dress codes go the same for everyone no matter what their race is."

Not all Statesboro bars enforce these types of dress codes, though. Bars like Retrievers do not strictly enforce any dress code at all.

"We welcome everyone no matter [how] they are dressed," said Retriever's manager Nathan Queen. "We encourage our customers to dress nice, but we don't force them to."

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code. "We've eased up because of the student feedback," he said.

Among the different forms of feedback, there are many students who feel as if the dress codes are unnecessary and indirectly discriminatory.

"Not everyone wears a tight Abercrombie polo shirt," said 19-year-old business major Dominique Cunningham. "And most black people wear baggy pants and shirts, which is urban wear."

Cunningham explained that his experience involved a few friends and himself going to a bar and being turned away due to their pants and shirts being "too baggy."

"If we can all get together, dress decently and pay just like everyone else, there should be no reason for us to be turned away," said Cunningham.

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Men's tennis standout, Emmanuel Nkoueue, claims singles title at North Florida Invitational

Parity anyone?

As an avid college football fan, I understand the things to expect when following this terrific sport. Every year, there are always the blowouts when the top teams in the nation face schools that most people don't even know what state they are located in, there are the close high scoring shootouts of high powered

offenses in the Big East and the Pac Ten, and those hard fought defensive struggles between SEC schools that are annually considered some of the best squads in the country. Well, fans... not this year.



Matt Mauney

At the beginning of the season, who would have expected that a mountaineer would make a wolverine look like a house cat, that fans in Kentucky (who aren't obsessed with Brian Braum and Louisville...

Zac) would have something to look forward to other than the upcoming basketball season, and that a herd of golden bulls would be ranked second in the nation? Well guys and gals, welcome to the 2007 college football season!

I would love to be able to do absolutely nothing on Saturdays (and Thursdays... and Fridays... and sometimes even Sundays) other than to watch schools across the nation battle it out on the gridiron. But if I did do that, I wouldn't be in school, wouldn't have this job, and would be working 60 hours a week somewhere saying "Would you like fries with that?" thus still not being able to watch all the games. Every week, I do what many die-hard fans do, I go on the Internet or turn on ESPN, and find out what key match-ups are taking place that week, and then I try to make room on my calendar to view those contests.

This year, however, I find this a lot more difficult to do. I mean, really people, who of you out there seriously saw that Cal was playing Oregon State and highlighted it as a game to watch? Anybody... yeah that's what I thought. Saturdays used to mean watching the Fighting Irish pound on teams, and now if people actually have nothing better to do than to watch Notre Dame "play," then you know that Charlie Weis and company need to be praying not for a bowl game, but just for a victory.

Now I, for one, have leaped onto the Wildcat bandwagon much like I bought into the "wood choppers" at Rutgers last year, but I wasn't about to go out on a limb and pick them to beat the Tigers of LSU (my record of picking games is bad enough as it is for those of you who don't know, and ironically it is worse now because Kentucky did what my beloved Gators couldn't do).

While we are talking about surprise teams in the world of college football, let's direct our attention to the Golden Bulls of the University of South Florida. Pop quiz everyone... where is USF located? Oh yeah, and saying 'the southern part of Florida' doesn't count. They actually play in Tampa. This is a team that doesn't even have their own stadium and didn't even have a program in the early 90s (They play in the Bucs stadium and created their program in 1996). Now they are the second ranked, maybe not second best, but the second ranked team in the nation.

The great thing about college football is that it is a sport where you must expect the unexpected. This year that phrase means more than ever. Just ask USC's head coach Pete Carroll.



Tao Ventre/STAFF

The Georgia Southern swim team practicing at the RAC Aquatic Center. The Eagles will compete against Vanderbilt at home on October 20.

Eagles leave Charleston Cougars in wake

GSU News Service

The Georgia Southern swimming & diving team opened the 2007 season with an impressive victory over the College of Charleston in the Eagles first ever Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association (CCSA) meet, held in Charleston this past weekend.

The Eagles (1-0, 1-0) defeated the Cougars 184-115 on Saturday afternoon. Three Eagles swimmers were triple winners helping GSU to the victory. Sophomore, Courtney Martz accomplished the feat in the 100 back, 50 free and 200 free relay, while teammate Ashley White was successful in the 200 free, 100 free and 200 free relay. Freshman, Ali Campbell opened her collegiate career on a high-note as the Ft. McMurray, Alberta, Canada native notched three wins in the 200 free relay, 100 and 200 breast events.

"I am very pleased with our performances, energy level, and racing," said coach Nathan Kellogg. "The meet was short-course meters, so most of our swimmers had no idea what their times meant. It was all about racing and I feel like we did a good job of that."

Georgia Southern was very consistent as a team as three Eagles swimmers were double event winners. Freshman, Steffi Sheckler was successful in both the one and three-meter dives and teammates Ka-

tie Thompson and Jennifer Clayton were a part of the 200 medley relay team. Both Thompson and Clayton also posted wins in the 200 IM, and 200 free relay.

The swimming & diving program had a very strong start to the 2007 season. Three other GSU swimmers claimed individual titles in one event each. Freshman, Kristen Haudenschild was successful in her debut taking first as a part of the 200 medley relay. Lindsay Goodman opened

her collegiate career with a victory in the 200 back and junior Katelyn Woolfolk was a member of the 200 free relay.

"This meet was an opportunity to learn what our strengths and weaknesses are," said Kellogg. "We'll use this meet to get better for the remainder of the season. Our divers were very successful and we are hopeful that they will continue to do that. Overall, we had a great opening meet and had a lot of fun."

GSU Event Winners

Event	Swimmer(s)	Time
200 Medley	K. Thompson, A. White, K. Haudenschild, J. Clayton	2:02.99
200 Free	Ali Campbell	2:09.65
100 Back	Courtney Martz	1:07.32
100 Breast	Ashley White	1:16.55
50 Free	Courtney Martz	27.26
100 Free	Ali Campbell	1:00.26
200 Back	Lindsay Goodman	2:25.55
200 Breast	Ashley White	2:45.55
200 IM	Katie Thompson	2:30.32
200 Free	C. Martz, A. Campbell, J. Clayton, K. Woolfolk	1:50.65