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Center for Art and Theatre offers chance to win a Beetle

By Kristin Grebel
Guest writer

For the cost of a raffle ticket, one student may soon be driving down Fair Road in a fully restored 1970 Volkswagen Beetle courtesy of Georgia Southern’s Theatre and Performance organization.

More than two years ago, Dan Strickland, a GSU student, and Kelly Berry, technical director for the Center for Art and Theatre, started brainstorming ways to raise funds for lighting and seating for the Black Box Theatre.

After the initial conversation, Strickland concocted the idea of rebuilding a fire-damaged VW Beetle and raffling it off in hopes of raising $100,000.

Strickland raised cash to purchase the VW now being raffled by selling another VW on ebay, and selling the Corvette donated by Talmadge Griffin from Blackshear, Ga.

Initially, the reactions to the raffle varied. The project was not taken seriously by most, at first, but now that the car is complete, excitement fills the air. "We are getting a lot of good reactions, the car shows really well. If anyone sees the car out, stop by and take a look and certainly buy one or two or four tickets," Berry said.

With the lack of support in the first stages of the project, it was difficult to get the funding needed to restore the vehicle. Strickland and Berry used personal money and funds from the Theatre and Performance Organization to pay for the project.

"I was surprised at the beginning of this project that local businesses were hesitant to help out. It wasn't until Ken Daniels, owner of Preferred Collision Center, agreed to help with the paint and body work that others began to get on board and help move the project along," Strickland said.

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Civil rights leader Morris Dees will be speaking at the Performing Arts Center Theater at 7 p.m. tonight.

Dees, Georgia Southern University's Fall Civic Engagement Speaker, is the co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, a non-profit organization that handles cases across the South involving civil rights violations, domestic terrorism and hate crimes.

For his achievements through the Southern Poverty Law Center, Dees has received numerous awards, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Award from the National Education Association in 1990.

Dees will present his lecture "With Justice for All," which will highlight the need for people to learn tolerance, love and respect for one another as our nation becomes more diverse. He will also talk about his experiences and how he became interested in fighting for civil rights.

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GSU to host annual LEAD conference

**GSU news service**

The Office of Student Leadership & Civic Engagement will host Georgia Southern University’s 3rd annual Fall Leadership Conference on Saturday, October 11, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Russell Union.

This year’s theme “MADE: I Wanna Be a LEADER!” focuses on up-and-coming campus leaders.

Co-sponsored by the Office of Student Media, the Fall Leadership Conference will be a day of leadership training.

Students will participate in different LEAD sessions, focusing on the individual leader, group leadership skills, and how leadership can impact society.

Registration for the Fall Leadership Conference is available online at: http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/leadership.

Participants can register for the conference by visiting the Web site or by going to the Office of Student Leadership & Civic Engagement in the Russell Union, Room 2024. Registration deadline is Saturday, October 4:

- There is a $10 fee for Georgia Southern University students and a $20 fee for non-Georgia Southern students. The registration fee will include continental breakfast and lunch.

Georgia Southern invites students, faculty, staff, and members from the Statesboro community to come and take advantage of this opportunity to get leadership training and network with other like-minded individuals.

If you would like more information or have questions, contact the Office of Student Leadership & Civic Engagement at 912-478-1435 or visit the online site at: http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/leadership.

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**Suspect captured in assault and burglary**

The suspect in a sexual assault and burglary at Eagle Village Friday morning was apprehended later that afternoon by campus authorities according to police reports.

Ebril Vilareal was arrested on charges of rape and burglary. Vilareal, an illegal immigrant, may also face deportation by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) according to Head of Public Safety Ken Brown.

Vilareal is currently being held at the Bulloch County jail.

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Man arrested outside Obama’s home

McClatchy News Service

A man was arrested near Sen. Barack Obama’s home Tuesday morning after he refused to leave the area and a gun was found in his car, Chicago police said.

The man, who has not been charged, approached the security perimeter of Obama’s residence, which is about a block from his Kenwood neighborhood home, at about 5 a.m. and was stopped by a Chicago police officer assigned to the U.S. Secret Service security detail, said Monique Bond, spokeswoman for Chicago police.

The man drove up in his vehicle and got out of the car, and “appeared to be intoxicated,” she said.

The officer spoke with the man, who then left and returned shortly, she said. The officer questioned the man again, and then found a weapon in his vehicle, she said. The man, who does have a criminal history, did not threaten Obama, she said.

“He was not considered to be an imminent threat and he didn’t make any threats,” she said.

According to a source, police also found a bulletproof vest in the vehicle. The source said the man also talked about wanting to get a job.

The man remains in custody pending charges, likely unlawful use of a weapon.

The area where the man was stopped is a checkpoint of sorts, where police have placed signs warning passers-by not to enter.

The Democratic nominee was scheduled Tuesday morning to fly from Chicago to Florida, where he will practice for Friday’s debate with Sen. John McCain.

It was unknown whether Obama was home at the time of the man’s arrest, although he likely was because he had been out late the night before.

His public schedule did not reflect any appointments that day, although he does often work outside his home in the morning.

The Secret Service stepped up security for Obama when he officially became the Democratic nominee. In late August, steel barricades were installed near his home, along with parking restrictions that angered some neighbors who complained that parking already was short in the neighborhood.

Lawmakers object bailout plan

McClatchy News Service

Top government officials urged Congress on Tuesday to give quick approval to the Bush administration’s $700 billion financial-rescue legislation.

Key senators warned that political support for the effort to pass the administration’s bill rapidly and without amendments is waning fast.

“At this juncture, in light of the fast-moving developments in financial markets, it is essential to deal with the crisis at hand,” Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke told the Senate Banking Committee.

“Over the past days, it has become clear that there is bipartisan consensus for an urgent legislative solution,” Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson added.

“We need to build upon this spirit to enact this bill quickly and cleanly and avoid slowing it down with provisions that are unrelated and don’t have broad support.”

Whether rebellion among rank-and-file members is growing enough to threaten the passage of any bailout plan was a question hanging over negotiations Tuesday between Congress and the administration.

Vice President Dick Cheney and White House Budget Director Jim Nussle met behind closed doors with House Republican lawmakers.

Many conservative Republicans oppose the administration’s plan as too expensive, too large a grant of power to the executive branch and too much intervention by government into free markets.

Meanwhile, Senate Banking Committee members from both parties took turns venting their anger at the administration’s proposal and what Chairman Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., called “the economic maelstrom” that brought things to this point.

Senators described how their constituents are confused and suspicious about the plan and concerned that taxpayers will wind up paying for the failings of big firms and their highly paid executives.

Dodd, who spent the past five days trying to broker a deal with administration officials and Republicans, was particularly frustrated Tuesday.

Dodd warned that the package “would do nothing to help even a single family save a home. It would do nothing to stop even a single CEO from dumping billions of dollars in toxic assets on the backs of taxpayers and walking away with a bonus and a golden parachute.”
For The Millionaire
Activists Told Me So

When I saw that the multicultural center would be showing the “documentary” “For The Bible Tells Me So”, I was interested in what it could be about, but was also cautious in remembering the other wasteful and controversial programs the multicultural center has put on in the past.

After recently seeing this “documentary”, I was absolutely blown away by the hatred, ignorance, and misleading information promoted by the film.

A documentary is by definition supposed to be an unbiased, objective work that provides a factual report.

In the case of this film, however, two of the executive producers are multimillionaire homosexual activists with many other producers deeply seeded in the homosexual agenda. If you thought you were in store for an objective portrayal of the film itself, you were sorely mistaken.

Apart from the warped interpretations of the Bible, the more than five GLBT special interest groups represented in the movie, and the twisted facts, I was surprised by the bigotry of the film itself.

The film many times represented Christians that didn’t agree with homosexuality with scenes of individuals holding up signs reading “God Hates Fags” and yelling all sorts of awful slurs. It also compared them to old people and ignorant people from the South. They paint this picture that Christians are extremely hateful creatures whose only goal, topic of speech, and mission is to keep homosexuals down and it’s simply unfair and untrue. Christians are called to love everyone but that certainly doesn’t mean you have to agree with everything everyone does.

I have visited four campus ministries at GSU and I have no doubt that each group not only is nothing like what you see in the film but would love for everyone (including homosexuals) to be a part of their service.

The multicultural center says its purpose is to promote learning, celebrate diversity, and develop partnerships. Because of the way they are portrayed in this film, it is absolutely a slap in the face to Christians at this University for the multicultural center to sponsor such a biased film with our own student money. It also promotes hatred and creates a more hostile environment for those of us that are Christians here at GSU because of the stereotypes.

I am not trying to say that this film should be blocked from a place where free flowing ideas are treasured and valued.

What I am saying is that this film should be seen for what it is. Untrue, biased, unfair, divisive, and a promoter of hatred.

I believe that this kind of film should not be promoted by the “all-inclusive” multicultural center, and it should not be funded by our student money. I don’t care if the cost of the event breaks down to ten cents per person.

I wouldn’t even give a hundredth of a cent.

FROM GADAILY.COM

A New Adventure for the Mouths and Wallets of Statesboro

Enjoyed this article. I can’t wait to try Coconuts! Well done.
- whataboutjackie

Campus smoking poses serious environmental risks

If there is one thing I cannot stand, it is close-minded, self-centered people like yourself. Most smokers do not smoke because it’s considered “cool”, nor could a non-smoker ever understand the benefits associated with smoking. I smoke on campus EVERYDAY and never, EVER find myself throwing my cigarettes on the ground.
- thenextjonholmes

The Campus Question
What do YOU think?

How do you feel about the economic situation in the United States?

Laura Kelly
Junior journalism

“I hope the new president can pull us out of this slump. The price of bread and gas is too high.”

Cameron Sutcliff
Freshman kinesiology

“I do not like the idea of redistribution of wealth. We need better redistribution.”

Asleigh Williams
Freshman undeclared

“I know that watching the political stuff I feel that John McCain needs to learn more about it [economy].”

Joshua Taylor
Sophomore athletic training

“I really don’t know because I haven’t been following it. I try to stay out of it.”
Famed producer comes to Statesboro

By Claire Gallam
News Editor

There is more than just football going on in Statesboro this Saturday. The Elvera Mays Teen Center, which is a part of the Boys and Girls Club of Bulloch County, will have award winning song writer, musician, and producer Billy Hume to speak about the music industry.

Billy Hume, who is the owner of "The Zone" recording studio in Atlanta, has worked with famous hip hop artists David Banner, Lil John, Rich Boy, Nelly, and Will Smith.

Hume also helped produce "Party like a Rockstar" by the Shop Boyz and "Rock on," by Madonna.

Hume will be speaking on how to get into the record industry, and working with the members of the teen's center in their recording studio and radio station.

Malyqua Roberts, who is the unit director for the Teen Center, recommends that anyone who is interested in getting started in the record industry, whether as an artist or producer, come out on Saturday to meet Hume.

"He is going to be doing a Q & A, as well as working with our teen center members in the recording studio and radio station we have on site," Roberts said.

The Teen Center was able to get Hume to come speak through the efforts of their director of development, Mike Backus.

The event is sponsored by Willing Way Hospital, which specializes in drug and alcohol rehabilitation.

Hume will be at the Teen Center, which is located on 1 Lee Hill Road in Statesboro, at 1 p.m. this Saturday, September 27.

"It will be a great opportunity for students to learn about the music industry from someone like Billy Hume who has been there and has the experience," Roberts said.

The event is free; however, the staff urges interested parties to call in advance by this Friday to get tickets to the event.

To get a ticket, call Roberts at (912) 764-9696 ext. 233.

"We were lucky to get him [Hume] and are offering the resources to anyone interested, so it is our responsibility to be responsive as a community," Roberts said.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, 24
Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Event: American Red Cross Blood Drive
Location: Russell Union Ballroom

Time: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Event: Dare to Declare
Location: Russell Union 2080

Time: 3:30 - 5 p.m.
Event: Patrick Combs - Major in Success
Location: Nessmith Lane Assembly Hall

Time: 4 - 7 p.m.
Event: Eat a Breast Save a Chest
Location: RAC Pavilion

Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
Event: Morris Dees - Student Leadership
Location: Performing Arts Center

Time: 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Event: Patrick Combs- Major in Success
Location: Nessmith Lane 1905

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.
Event: Movie: Wanted
Location: Russell Union Theatre

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.
Event: Film Showing-Thomas Klein
Location: Newton Building 1103

Thursday, 25
Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Event: Page Teacher Leadership
Location: Nessmith Lane 2911

Time: 2:50 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Event: Research Interviews
Location: Russell Union 2001B

Time: 12 - 5 p.m.
Event: The Curriculum
Location: Russell Union 2080

Time: 4 - 5 p.m.
Event: International Festivals
Location: Russell Union 2052

Time: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Event: Eagle Mentor Program
Location: Russell Union 2054

Time: 7 - 8 p.m.
Event: Health and Fitness Forum
Location: Russell Union 2047

Time: 7:30 - 11 p.m.
Event: Dimes Model Practice
Location: Russell Union 2084

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.
Event: Movie: Wanted
Location: Russell Union Theatre

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Special Photo from Billy Hume website

Hume at work in the studio he owns in Atlanta, The Zone.
Millhouse serves up a good steak at a steep price

The restaurant offers an extensive menu and decent food, but is it worth the cost?

By Nicole Fusaro
Guest Writer

Whoever conceived the slogan for The Millhouse was almost deceptively explicit.

There is no denying that they certainly offer more than a steak house or any other restaurant and at a staggering high price. Prices that raise expectations.

A raise that is regrettably too high for The Millhouse to meet. A meal diverting from traditional grilled meat will leave you wondering whether less is more.

Early Sunday evening is sure to get you seated immediately.

The restaurant, which is located right off the Georgia 301 Bypass, is a new edition to the ever growing community of Statesboro restaurants.

The restaurant has the impressive ability to accommodate a banquet group of 120, cater up to 1000, and still have capacity to seat 200 more.

And for a hot meal away from the rural motif they offer a to-go service offering their entire menu from soup to tiramisu.

The ever growing list of appetizers shows the menu’s range with selections like a fried brie salad ($6.99) and pan seared crab cakes ($9.99).

Our server made the recommendation of wings parmigiano reggiano ($7.29). They had a very mild taste and a nice crunch of wings parmigiano reggiano ($7.29). They were the downfall of this dish.

At the suggested medium-rare doneness the meat was perfectly broiled and seasoned. Tender and dripping in its own juices, the steak house came through with a finely produced, well-conceived dinner.

The dessert menu is sure to please with many classic favorites, such as Millhouse mud cake ($5.50) and blueberries and cream ($5.50).

One item of interest to those considering using this program, is the lack of any background checks for those who will be potentially sharing a vehicle.

Paul Floeckher, Senior Communications Specialist at GSU, addresses this issue.

“RideShare’s many advantages, including new transportation options for those not possessing vehicles, lower costs for students that commute to Georgia Southern’s campus, and convenient parking on campus, promise to make RideShare a permanent and popular feature of GSU’s transportation services.
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**BrainfreezePuzzles.com**
Eagles tied for ninth at shoal creek

GSU news service

Following the first two rounds at the Shoal Creek Intercollegiate, the Georgia Southern golf team stands in a tie-for ninth overall. The first two rounds on Monday (Sept. 22) took place at the Shoal Creek Country Club, hosted by UAB.

The event will conclude Tuesday morning with the final 18 holes.

Georgia Southern shot 602 (+26) overall, tying with Auburn for ninth place. However, the Eagles are just seven strokes back of fourth place.

The squad shot an opening round 305 then followed with a 297.

Senior Drew Lethem carded a 75 and 74 to finish 5-over and tied for 18th overall.

Sophomore Logan Blondell shot a 1-over 73 in round two, finishing in a tie for 25th overall at 7-over.

Freshman Sean Brannan is tied for 37th, two strokes behind Blondell carding a 79 and 74.

Junior Spencer Fulford is tied for 43rd shooting a 73 and 81 to end the day at 10-over.

Senior Jordan Johnstun finished the day tied for 52nd with a 157.

Baylor was the only team to shoot even par in the first round and was 5-over on the day to take an eight-stroke lead into the final round.

LSU was at +13, followed by Mississippi three strokes behind.

From there UAB and Tulsa were tied at 19-over; East Tennessee State, North Florida and Texas Tech finished at +20; followed by the Eagles and Auburn at +26.

"I think this was the best weather we had in 10 years, but today we made too many big mistakes, too many doubles [bogeys]," said head coach Larry Mays. "Drew played solid today, in fact he was the only one on the team that did not make a double-bogey... The guys are in good spirits, ready for tomorrow. If we can go out tomorrow, eliminate the doubles and play a solid round we can certainly make a run up the leader board and leave here with a good feeling."

Delta Tau Delta and ZTA 3rd Annual

“Eat A Breast
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Wednesday September 24th
at the RAC Pavillion 4-7pm

Liz Beirne joins softball staff

GSU news service

Georgia Southern head softball coach Maggie Johnson has announced the hiring of Liz Beirne as assistant coach.

Beirne will work primarily with the pitching staff and in recruiting and travel, and joins the staff after a one-year stint at Tennessee State University.

“We are excited to add Liz to our staff," said Johnson. "Her experience and competitive philosophy on pitching will blend seamlessly with our overall team philosophy. Our players are excited to have a full staff in place and we are anxious to move forward as a team." Beirne spent the previous two seasons at Liberty University as a graduate assistant coach in charge of pitching and academic progress.

In her first year at Liberty, two pitchers recorded 16 wins, marking only the second time the university had two 15-game winners on the same staff.

In addition, during the 2006 season, the pitching staff set a school record with 351 strikeouts, surpassing the previous record of 291, and the team ERA improved from 3.08 in 2005 to 2.44.

“I am excited to have the opportunity to work with Coach Johnson and the Georgia Southern softball program," said Beirne. "I am looking forward to working with the team and Coach Johnson in order to continue building a strong and competitive softball program at GSU." Beirne, a graduate of Olivet Nazarene University (Ill.), earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in history in 2004. As a standout pitcher at Olivet, she accumulated a 74-26 career record in the circle, including 32 shutouts.

In 2003, Beirne helped lead Olivet to a third place finish at the NAIA national tournament and a team record 61 wins, posting a personal record of 29-7 with a 1.61 ERA.

Beirne was selected to the 2003 National Christian Colleges Athletic Association All-American first team.

She followed that up with a 21-win campaign in 2004 and again led Olivet to an impressive 51-17 overall record and was an All-Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference selection, as well as an NC-CAA All-Tournament team member.