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April 15 Heads up!

Tax Day is upon you.
Have you filed your taxes?

If you are a procrastinating citizen of the United States of America, there's a possibility you haven't filed your taxes. If this newspaper finds you running to a local accountant, remember these four tips:

- **Remember all documents** – W-2s, 1099s, tax deductible expenses, etc.
- **File electronically** – Tax software does calculations and will catch errors
- **Use direct deposit** – Paper or electronic, this will get you a refund sooner
- **File an extension** – Last day to e-file with extension is Oct. 15

A fantastic find

GSU alumnus uncovers two
2,000,000-year-old hominids

Laura KELLY • guest writer

Georgia Southern alumnus, Lee Berger, has discovered what is considered to be a major piece of palaeoanthropological history. Two partial hominid skeletons that date back two million years were uncovered in nearly untouched condition. Scholars are saying that this may be the "missing link" to our human ancestry.

Berger is a native of Sylvania, Ga., a town approximately thirty minutes away from Statesboro. He graduated from Georgia Southern in 1989 with a degree in anthropology. Berger said that his professors who mentored him and his experience at Georgia Southern helped him to become a professional.

"The multi-disciplinary focus of the curriculum and the field experience as an undergraduate student were instrumental in helping me chart the course of my life work," said Berger.

Berger is now a professor at the University of Witwatersand in South

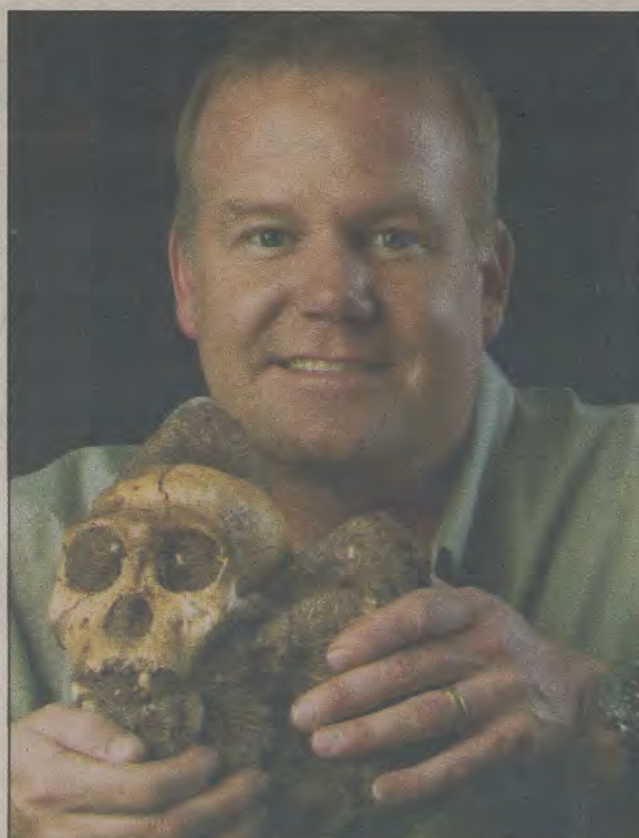


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Lee Berger poses with the cranium of Australopithecus sediba. Berger, currently a professor at University of Witwatersand in South Africa, graduated from GSU in 1989.

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Talent showcased in Boro this week



Local filmmakers featured at Averitt theater tonight

The second annual Statesboro Film Festival takes place tonight beginning at 7 p.m. in the Averitt Center for the Arts. The following awards will be presented: best film, best director, best cinematography, best editing and viewer's choice. Tickets are available for \$5 at the Averitt box office. For more information, call 912-212-2787.



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I'M ALL ABOUT GETTING AHEAD THIS SUMMER.

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From the SGA

The SGA discussed the following items of business at their Wednesday, April 14 meeting:

▲ Samantha Young reminded the Senate that the SGA will host the Statesboro City Council for their regular meeting at 6 p.m., which will be in the Nessmith-Lane auditorium (Room 1915).

▲ According to surveys distributed at Student Appreciation Day, students prefer to have one week out at Thanksgiving and an "overwhelming majority" prefers to have a four-day summer schedule. Little said that these topics as well as a potential Maymester would be discussed at the next calendar committee meeting on April 22.

▲ For a second week in a row, SGA did not have quorum needed to vote on fund requests from student organizations. Young made a motion to suspend the rules of quorum. The motion to suspend quorum was approved by a vote of 20-1. SAGE was approved for \$150; Dyverzion Dance Team was approved for \$600; Adrenaline Show Choir was approved for a \$600 request by a 10-9 vote. Baptist Collegiate Ministries was approved for \$600. Phi Kappa Phi was approved for \$110. Forte Step Team was approved for \$600. The African Student Association was approved for funding as well. The Collegiate Middle Level Association was approved for \$551. The Gay Straight Alliance was approved for funding. Mission to Love Campus Ministries was approved for \$600, but will receive a total of \$1,200 due to money owed to the organization from last semester. The Economics Club was approved for \$450. Tau Beta Sigma was approved for funding. The Voices in Ministry was approved for \$600. The Express Lane Talk Show was approved for \$460. The NAACP and the African Student Association were each approved for \$750.

April – a time to give life

Organ donation promoted during Donate Life Month

Katherine KENNEDY
managing editor

Organ and tissue donation touches the lives of hundreds of thousands of people every year and to honor and pay tribute to donors and recipients, April has been designated National Donate Life Month.

According to Tracy Ide, public affairs coordinator for LifeLink Foundation, one organ/tissue donor can save 50 lives or more. "What a huge legacy – to know 50 or more people will have a better quality of life because of a decision you made," Ide said.

To become an organ donor, visit a driver license office or donatelifegeorgia.org.

Ide said the most important step of becoming an organ donor is sharing your wishes with your family.

"Your family will be consulted on organ donation," she said. "They can make an informed decision if they are aware of your wishes. The faster the decisions are made, the more lives can be saved."

Kristine Yager-Rushton, a local organ recipient and a diabetic since

Organ donation by the numbers

▲ Registered organ donors in Georgia: 3,654,733

▲ Transplants in Georgia in 2009: 699

▲ Number of transplants in Georgia by age:

- Ages 50-64: 313
- Ages 35-49: 177
- Ages 18-34: 67
- Ages 11-17: 19
- Ages 6-10: 13
- Ages 1-5: 26
- Age <1: 7

▲ Lives that can be saved by one organ/tissue donor: 50

For more info

▲ Donate Life Georgia: donatelifegeorgia.org

▲ LifeLink: lifelinkfound.org

▲ Call Tracy Ide, public affairs coordinator with LifeLink Foundation at 1-800-544-0333

childhood, received a new lease on life in 1998 when she received a pancreas and a kidney. Yager-Rushton now enjoys a diabetes-free life.

"I don't know where I would be today if I didn't have this young man's pancreas and kidney working for me," Yager-Rushton said. "I am very grateful to this family for my improved health."

Corrections

▲ There will be a free showing of the film "The Hollywood Librarian" at the Statesboro Regional Library today at 6 p.m.

▲ A free lecture on the history of libraries in Bulloch County will be presented by historian Roger Allen on Saturday at 10 a.m.

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Our View

In short, don't let your clothes speak for you

It seems like the weather in Statesboro has finally become stable, and everyone can feel summer is on its way.

With the return of warm weather, everyone's wardrobes have changed, too. But the way some people see fit to dress just makes it seem like winter needs to return faster.

This is because when it warms up, it seems like some people forget that it's okay to look classy and instead exchange winter looks for short shorts and low-cut tops. In and of itself, that's not a bad thing. Dress how you want; that's one of the benefits in living in a society where the individual is praised.

Don't forget, though, that

others are going to judge you based on outward appearances. It doesn't matter whether or not they should.

Professors probably judge their students in that way, too. It would follow that, in order to be taken seriously in the classroom, you need to dress like you want to be taken seriously. Typical summer attire is nowhere close to professional dress -- not that one has to dress business-casual in the classroom. There's a happy medium between that and looking like you plan to spend all day tanning. Cover up until you're actually at the pool. Just because there is no set dress code in college doesn't mean it's time to throw common sense out the window.



SUPREME COURT APPOINTMENT WARM-UP

Remember Confederacy in context

William Faulkner was famously quoted as saying that, for Southerners, "The past is not dead. In fact, it's not even past." That is the most important lesson to be taken from a recent talk about "Confederate History Month" in the state of Virginia. While Governor Bob McDonnell initially avoided mentioning slavery in his first statement denoting the event, he did reverse course after considerable political pressure. What's worrisome about this issue is the use of Confederate imagery in American history that, since the end of the American Civil War, is often linked to racism.

Take the debate over the use of the "Stars and Bars" in the Georgia flag. Most who argued that it only commemorated "Southern Heritage" seemed to forget that, when that symbol was inserted into the Georgia flag in 1956, it was meant as a protest to efforts by Black and White Americans to aggressively assert the rights of Blacks as American citizens across the South. Looking at today, what's lost in the hoopla over Gov. McDonnell's proclamation is that Gov. Sonny Perdue of Georgia has done the exact same thing—only a year earlier.

That's right, in April of 2009, Gov. Perdue proclaimed that month as Confederate History Month. Don't ignore the fact that Mississippi is also celebrating Confederate Heritage Month now.

I've met and befriended quite a few people who fly the Confederate flag, or have no problem pointing to it as a part of their heritage. I acknowledge that not everyone who flies such a flag is acting out of racist instincts, but I also submit to you that it's important to recognize what the Confederacy stood for when it went to war in 1861.

Alexander Stevens, Georgia politician and the only vice president of the Confederacy, argued in his "Cornerstone Speech" of 1861 that the Southern states sought to create a government built "upon the great truth that the negro is not the equal of the white man." He denounced



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earlier thinkers, among them Thomas Jefferson, who accepted slavery but abhorred it as a practice. Stephens argued that going to war against the federal government was, for him and many other slaveholding Southerners, for the right to hold slaves. For that matter, take a look at various secession ordinances that Southern states signed after leaving the Union. The vast majority of them mention slavery as the chief cause for their leaving the United States.

For decades, historians have argued what the Civil War was really about. I only argue that, without the slavery question, the other issues that scholars and pundits argue caused the conflict, such as states' rights or a clash of Northern and Southern cultures, could not have found the final, unstoppable spark that led to war.

I'm not trying to mock anyone who has a Confederate flag in their dorm room or on their car or truck. I want people to understand why quite a few in America today, regardless of race, cringe when they see reminders of the Confederate states. If you're going to remember the Confederacy, remember it in context.

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Find a venue for your opinion

Budget cuts. Assassination programs. Nukes in Iran. If we were playing "Pyramid," the category they'd all be filed under would be "Things I have an opinion about." But I know for a fact that I'm not the only one. I may have a column in the paper and co-host a radio show, but there are many ways you can share your opinion. Of my own free will and volition, I'm urging you to share it.

I know that others here at the paper urge the same thing, but it's a message that bears repeating. You are the only one with your exact set of opinions and your exact point of view. The First Amendment gives you the right to share those with the world. You will probably ruffle feathers by putting it on your Facebook page, but there are still plenty of other ways you can express yourself. This paper is one of them. Write letters in response to articles in the paper and events in your life. Come by the Williams

Center and fill out a story request or talk to our editors about writing opinion columns.

Call in to the Watchtower, the political radio show I co-host on Tuesdays and Thursdays. None of this is terribly difficult – you pay your technology fees, so you have access to computer labs and their programs even if you don't own your own laptop. I'm also sure you pass by the Williams Center at least once a day.

But the school's news media isn't the only thing you can do to share your opinion. Statesboro and Savannah have their own newspapers that you can write letters to, as well, which can reach an even wider audience. The Internet also makes



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this a brand-new world for sharing information and opinions. Create a blog and start publishing your work. Maybe no one will read it, but no one can if you don't publish your thoughts.

Another way to get involved is to help make the news. Many local and national stations include ways that you can send in your photos, videos and stories, which may be put up for even more people to see. It doesn't take much more than an e-mail or text message, and you could change the world around you.

There's only one thing you can't do – complain if you don't act. You have the ways to you. If you don't take advantage of them, you shouldn't complain when no one listens to you. YOU are the one responsible for your views. Maybe none of those sources will be effective at first – at least you tried, and at least you can keep trying. So speak now, Southern. It's not just your right – it's your responsibility.

It's never too late to get LinkedIn

As a senior who will be graduating, it is well past time to start thinking about the future. Now don't make a mistake – I've been contemplating my future for quite some time now, but reality is beginning to set in and doomsday (a.k.a. graduation day) is quickly approaching. I've put in the time. I've put in the hard work. Now it's time to put all that to work and land a job.

On Tuesday night, I finally pulled myself to do something that I now wish I had done a long time ago when I created a LinkedIn account.

I have heard a lot about this social media Web site and have been advised that I should take advantage of it, but I thought what's the point? I'm already an avid user of Facebook and have a Twitter account.

So why get a LinkedIn?

I'll tell you why. If you are looking to advance your career and have a chance at survival after graduation, then it is an essential tool.

LinkedIn allows you to post professional information about yourself. In short, think about it as a professional Facebook profile. It's easy and free.

If you have a resume, you can upload it to your profile, and LinkedIn will pull information out of it, such as skills, previous work experience and education information. You can then go and edit this information so employers can get a better idea of who you are and what you can bring to their company.

After creating a profile, you make connections with former and current co-workers, classmates



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and colleagues. This isn't like making "friends" on Facebook. The connections you make on LinkedIn will last for a lifetime. When I created my profile, I almost instantaneously had people that I have networked with in the past add me.

By inputting your current and past employment history, LinkedIn can assist you in finding current and former colleagues. As any aspiring job seeker knows, it's all about who you know and using those resources. Now with LinkedIn, this is easier and more beneficial than ever.

So, my suggestion for any procrastinating seniors out there that have no idea what the future has in store for them, I cannot recommend LinkedIn more to either get their job search going or further broaden their networking efforts.

It only takes a few minutes to get your profile up and running. So what are you waiting for? Go out there and start making connections!

Man on the Street

The G-A staff takes to the Pedestrium to get the student, faculty and staff's take on things.

Should students be allowed to carry guns on campus? Why or why not?



"No, because they might get mad at someone or a professor and shoot them."

Moniece McKinney
junior, nursing



"No, its just too much of a risk."

Donovan Albarto
sophomore, biology



"No, because one of them might get out of control and shoot someone."

Tenisha Martin
freshman, education



"I feel like students should be allowed to have guns in dorms if they're of age and with an intensive background check, but not on campus because things can get violent very quickly."

Sam Cavallaro
freshman, criminal justice

Weekly Poll at GADaily.com

With less than a month of the spring semester remaining, will you be graduating in May?

- Sadly, no. **39%**
- Yes, it's about time. **26.8%**
- I never want to graduate. **19.5%**
- I am going for fifth-year senior status. **12.2%**
- If I can get through this semester. **2.4%**

For next week's poll question, visit GADaily.com.

Everything I learned at GSU: Sophomore year

In my final four weeks as a GSU student, I'm going to look back at how each year has defined my life and has led me to where I am today. This is part two of the four-part installment.

Towards the end of my freshman year, me and several of my fraternity brothers started talking about getting an apartment together. Being the meticulous person that I am, we went to every complex in town to look at flyers, units and compare features to decide what would be the best place to call home. We thought it would be nice to stay put for the next three years, but certainly didn't plan on it.

Though visiting each other frequently, we went our separate ways for the summer, soon to discover a new fall season upon us. Compared to my freshman year, it was a much different experience this time around. Despite the fact that I was moving again, it wasn't to an unknown territory or quantity. It was with the people who I had grown to know well during the past year.

For the first few months, we pooled our money together for groceries and a "family dinner" every night. In fact, we shared pretty much everything, from cookware to laundry detergent, with no arguing. Our close, intimate circle grew bigger, as the friends of our friends grew to be part of our circle.

We were practically inseparable. Without many campus responsibilities and intensive classes, we were able to spend countless evenings together, going out or staying in, while experiencing countless activities in each other's company. We began to know each other better than any of our friends in high school. Together, we took weekend trips and distant



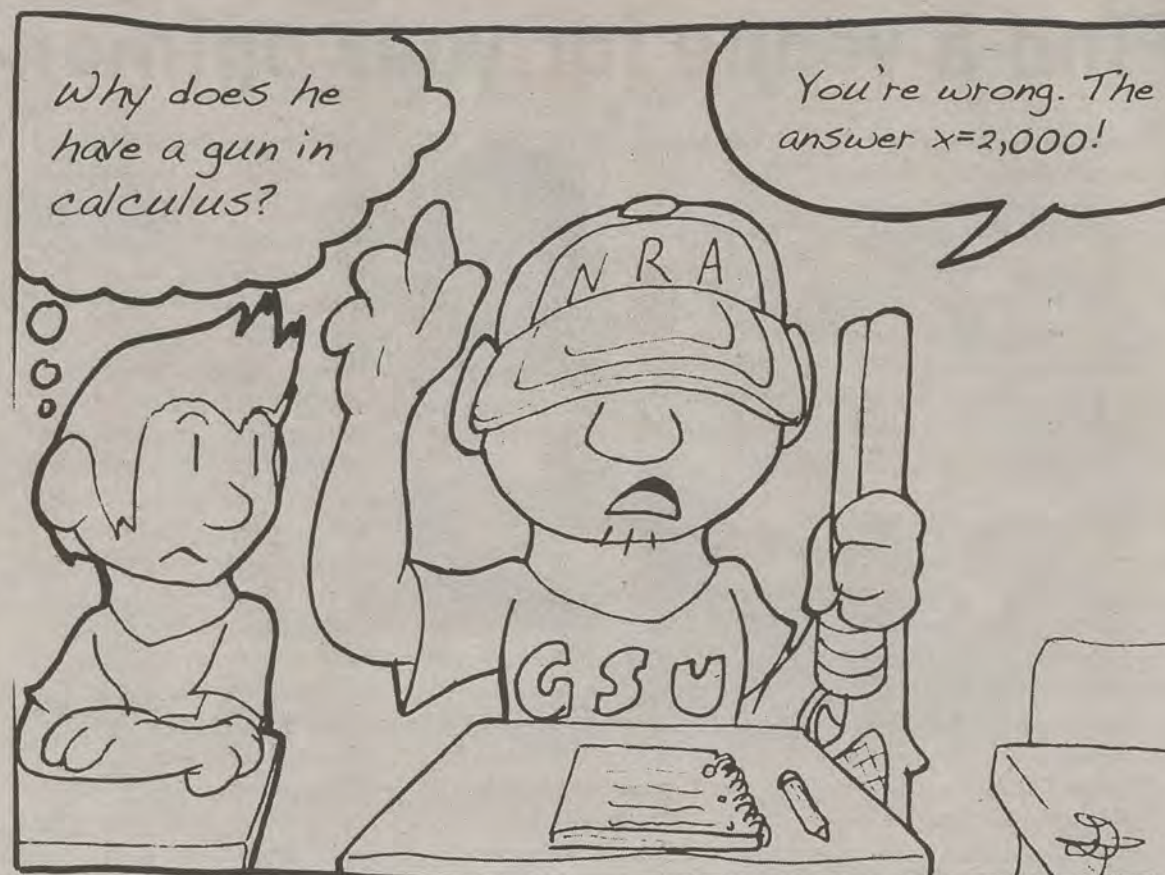
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journeys to places like New York City, moving as a single unit.

Somewhere around February, we started to realize that the end of the academic year would mark the halfway point in our college career. It didn't seem like it could be so, because we just started the year before. Friends began to be accepted into their upper division majors, while others didn't meet the qualifications and had to readjust their life goals, all within a matter of weeks. It didn't seem right or fair to make so many big decisions in such a short period.

At the end of the year, we had a luau party that everyone went to. After a few too many drinks, we all went swimming in the pond next to a house on Cawana Road. The mud was thick as we walked around in it, and suddenly, someone had the bright idea to start throwing the mud around. Soon, we were all drenched in the thick, black substance. No one was angry, though, not just because we were drunk, but because we had become more than friends – we had become a family.

It didn't matter what choices we had to make or what directions we were heading, because in that instant, we had each other. While I knew we would continue to be friends, soon we wouldn't have time to spend evenings together, travel, or have family dinner. Because for the first time in our lives, no matter where we lived or what we did, it was time to start growing up.



Beauty of original should not be lost

I watched a video on YouTube the other day about the capabilities of the new CS5 version of Photoshop. I was blown away by what it can do. It removed an entire tree from a photo and replaced the background automatically – no manual cloning required. The possibilities for Photoshop's capabilities are really starting to look endless.

And that is going to lead into huge ethical dilemmas when it comes to the authenticity of photos not only in journalism, but in everyday representations as well. Some people already question the minor alterations that go into photo editing pre-publication, and that's not without credible reason.

Changing the way something looks, whether it's removing a fence, a tree or a person for purely aesthetic purposes is a misrepresen-

tation of life, basically. That's not the purpose of journalism; the purpose is to share facts in an unbiased manner.

If someone was to do that with words – change them until they fit the editor's ideal of beauty – that would be just as wrong. Altering aspects of a photo like contrast or saturation are like fixing grammatical errors of an article: It fixes what is there in order to show it in the best possible light.

But this new capability of Photoshop has awakened the potential for ambiguity in other



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facets of photography too. Changing the way one looks through editing has already somewhat become the norm. People fix their skin, crop the photo and make other arguably minor changes.

To do anything really drastic though, one either had to be willing to devote time or have seriously advanced photo-editing skills.

With CS5, however, things look so easy that one of the consequences is bound to be that photos are going to become fake. There's really no other way to say it, though maybe I'm just being overly cynical.

I'm not saying that CS5 isn't a great achievement; I'm definitely a fan. It just needs to be used in an ethical way. People shouldn't forget the importance of seeing the beauty of what is just because they have the ability to achieve what could be.

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Africa, along with members of the Department of Biological Anthropology and Anatomy at Duke University and the Department of Anthropology at the University of Arkansas.

"The species has long arms, like an ape, short powerful hands, a very advanced pelvis (hip bone) and long legs capable of striding and possibly running like a human," said Berger.

The name of the fossil found is *Australopithecus sediba*, the first word meaning "southern ape" and the second meaning "natural spring." During March 2008, Berger began working on exploration project with colleague Paul Dirks, that would require them to map out popular fossil sites that are known for being previously investigated. The area they were exploring was said to hold nearly one third of all human fossils found in Africa and has been host to many archaeological excavations since 1935, according to Berger.

Berger utilized technologies such as Google Earth in order to locate caves and potential sites containing new fossils. The satellite images from Google Earth helped him to share information with colleagues and easily identify fossil sites and caves. Before using Google Earth, there were approximately 130 known cave sites in the region and approximately 20 fossil deposits, increasing these numbers to nearly 500 caves and 25 fossil sites.

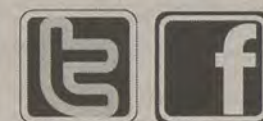
Berger discovered the most complete skeletons of early hominids ever discovered that dated from approximately two million years ago.

"The fossils, one juvenile male, one adult female, occur together in near articulated state in the sedimentary remains of a deeply eroded cave system, where they were laid down by a single debris flow, indicating the timing of their death was closely related, and occurred shortly before the debris flow carried them to their place of burial," said Berger.

According to the Berger, the fossils of the humans that were found seem to have fallen into a deep cave and landed on the floor for several days or weeks. "The bodies were then washed into an underground lake or pool, probably pushed there by a large rainstorm," said Berger. The male fossil that was found is said to be around the age of 10-13, while the female was aged to be around 20.

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WEEKLY BUZZ

Thursday, April 15th

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Multicultural Vendor Expo (food, jewelry, artwork) Russell Union
4:30 p.m. Interviewing Skills Workshop: Russell Union, Rm 2048
7:00 p.m. Roll Out: Sushi Class, Russell Union Ballroom

Friday, April 16th

4:00 p.m. Cardboard Boat Regatta, Lake Wells Near the Library
7:00 p.m. Georgia Southern Baseball vs. Samford, J.I. Clements Stadium
7:30 p.m. 4 Celtic Voices, PAC
8:00 p.m. FREE Outdoor Movie, Sweetheart Circle - "The Book of Eli"



Saturday, April 17th

1:00 p.m. Blue-White Spring Football Game, Paulson Stadium
6:00 p.m. Georgia Southern Baseball vs. Samford, J.I. Clements Stadium

Sunday, April 18th

1:30 p.m. Georgia Southern Baseball vs. Samford, J.I. Clements Stadium

Monday, April 19th

Tuesday, April 20th

7:00 p.m. Film: "City of God," Russell Union Theatre

Wednesday, April 21st

4:00 p.m. Talk to me: How to say "I'm Sorry..." and Really Mean it, Russell Union, Rm 2041

Relay for Life begins on Friday

Shannon STUART
guest writer

Bulloch County is hosting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at the Kiwanis Ogeechee Fairgrounds on Friday.

Over 100 teams throughout the Bulloch County community, including churches, banks and Georgia Southern organizations have registered to volunteer and raise money in support of the American Cancer Society.

GSU's Society of Communication Scholars and the Public Relations Student Society of America came together to form one team and raise donations — they now have about \$400.

"SOCS and PRSSA got involved with Relay for Life together. PRSSA has been doing Relay for Life for years, but this is SOCS' first time," SOCS President Brittany Woody, who has battled cancer, said. "So, I just wanted to get our organization involved so that we could be

a part of Relay for Life in the future."

The SOCS/PRSSA team currently consists of about 40 student participants, and faculty department members are also joining the team, including professor Lisa Muller. The volunteers will take turns walking the track and participate in events and games and enjoy various food and beverages.

"I think students should participate in Relay for Life in order to get involved with things within and around the community, and because it is for a good cause. I am sure someone has a family member [or] friends who has had cancer," Woody said. "So I feel that participation runs deeper than just the event itself. I believe being a participant will provide all volunteers with a wonderful feeling of rejoice."

The University Store joined in the cause with a team of 30 students and staff members.

"Participating in Relay for Life was

something that we [The University Store] had always done, to a small degree at least. But we had never formed a team to participate in the event," University Store team member Jay Canady said. "We are always looking for new ways to be involved in campus and community events, and since several of our staff have either fought cancer or have been directly affected by cancer, it just seemed logical for us to step up and form a team for this event."

With an original goal of \$1,000 that the University Store has already exceeded, with donations totaling around \$1,300, they are now hoping to double their original goal.

"Overall, the money that we raise will be donated on behalf of The University Store. However, each individual who donates money had the opportunity to give in honor or in remembrance of someone, or to remain anonymous," Canady said. "Luminaries, which will line the walking track, are available for a \$5

donation. Luminaries can also be purchased in honor or in memory of someone."

Though this is Canady's first time participating with Relay for Life, he feels deeply connected to the cause, as his mother is a cancer survivor.

"My mom was diagnosed with Stage 2B Invasive Ductal Carcinoma [Breast Cancer] this past June. It has been a long and trying battle, but as of March, she is cancer free," Canady said. "I can't express how helpful The American Cancer Society was during her diagnosis and treatments."

The 12-hour event begins tomorrow at 7 p.m. and ends Saturday at 7 a.m. Anyone is invited to attend or donate to the event.

Woody said, "I feel that it is a wonderful cause to just remind people every day — with or without cancer — that we are all there for one another and support the friends and families that have to deal with this every day."

Alleviate finals stress

Jenn DYAR
guest writer

With the end of the semester rapidly approaching, spring finals are right around the corner.

The GSU Counseling Center will host the "Gearing up for Finals" workshop in the Russell Union in room 2041 today from 2-3 p.m. concerning stressful finals issues.

This workshop will help students become better prepared emotionally and academically for final exams.

Shannon Fussell of the GSU Counseling Center believes it is important for students to understand how to maintain a healthy lifestyle with an adequate amount of sleep and physical activity during exam week.

"Finals are an especially important time for students to take care of themselves, both mentally and physically," said Fussell. "Learning these strategies and understanding reasonable expectations will help students plan for a successful finals week."

This presentation will aim to help attendees decrease stressors in their lives and lessen the risk of negative psychological outcomes.

Justice studies major Lauren Gibson believes the workshop can provide helpful information for being successful during weeks when numerous projects and tests are due.

"Finals week in the fall and spring are definitely some of the hardest days of the year, not just academically but also emotionally," said Gibson. "I think by holding a workshop about de-stressing school can benefit everyone. I also think it is important to know how to handle stressful situations outside of school so when test time comes around, the stress won't be so built up."

Business major Liza Pierce feels workshops like this can help neutralize stressful factors that are often overlooked in everyday life.

"To me, school and life are not the only things that get in the way of studying and preparing for finals," said Pierce. "Other things like Facebook, friends and family can stress me out or take away my focus from studying. Knowing how to tune them out can definitely benefit someone to be a successful test taker during finals and throughout the course of the school year."

Professionals from the Counseling Center will be available to answer additional questions.

MSC to host diverse group of vendors

Expo to showcase cultures, businesses

Kelsey SORRELL
staff writer

Georgia Southern's Multicultural Student Center presents its annual Multicultural Vendor Expo today in the Russell Union common area from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The expo will contain various booths with artwork, books, jewelry and food which will be on sale for the GSU community.

"The Multicultural Vendor Expo is basically when different individuals from different backgrounds and ethnicities bring their businesses and share items to express items from their culture such as artwork, books, jewelry, food, etc.," said Jada Holsey, the graduate assistant for the Multicultural Student Center.

The expo, according to Holsey, is catered to all of the GSU community -- the students, the

faculty and the staff.

"It's a great experience, and it's catered to no particular group," she said. "It's catered to all."

The different vendors sell items from their businesses; however, Holsey said that they are there to make sure that everyone learns something from each of the vendors.

Some of the vendors include Rolling Chopsticks, Hispanic Food Association, D & D Caribbean Kitchen, and many more.

She said that in the past, the expo has always attracted a lot of students and faculty in the past, and this year, for the first time, the Multicultural Student Center hired Magical Fire of Polynesians to do a cultural dance for the entertainment of the attendees.

The dancers will be at the event from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

"I'm hoping for the same results [as in the past], but I hope we can get more people to come," she said. "The more the better."

Calendar

April

Today
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■ Multicultural Vendor Expo

Where: Russell Union Commons
When: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

■ Free movie: "The Hollywood Librarian"

Where: Statesboro Regional Library

When: 6-8 p.m.

■ Roll Out: Sushi Class

Where: Russell Union Ballroom
When: 7-9 p.m.

Friday
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■ Cardboard Boat Regatta

Where: Lake Wells
When: 4-6 p.m.

■ 4 Celtic Voices

Where: PAC
When: 7:30-9:30 p.m.

■ Free Movie: "The Book of Eli"

Where: Sweetheart Circle
When: 8-11 p.m.

Saturday
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■ Ten Minute Play Festival

Where: Black Box Theatre
When: TBA

Sunday
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■ Baseball vs. Samford

Where: Clements Stadium
When: 1:30-4:30 p.m.

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■ "White Cane" Drive

Where: Northside Drive East
Chick-fil-A
When: 5-8 p.m.

Tuesday
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■ Free movie: "City of God"

Where: Russell Union Theater
When: 7 p.m.

■ GSU vs. Georgia Tech Tailgate Event

Where: Atlanta
When: 3:30-8 p.m.

Wednesday
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■ Talk to Me: How to say "I'm Sorry" and Really Mean It

Where: Russell Union, 2041
When: 4-5 p.m.

■ Movie: "Dirt! The Movie"

Where: Biology Building, 1119
When: 7-9 p.m.

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Spring is all around

Right: Drew Carr, age 19, freshman early childhood education major, rests under two trees on a warm day in April. He shares his shady spot with a few ducks who were also taking a break from the heat in the shade beside Lakeside.

Below: Sarah Franco, 20, junior criminal justice major, anticipates spring finals as she listens to Professor Thomaz Warchol in one of his last six lectures to his class. With three weeks until finals, the campus is on pins and needles, making the best of their final grades.

Brandilyn Brown/STAFF



Sweetheart Circle



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Guns possibly permitted in schools

Pending approval of bill, colleges and universities could allow firearms on campus

Jenn DYAR
guest writer

On March 24, the Georgia Senate adopted a bill, possibly soon to be an Act, to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

According to the Georgia General Assembly, "this bill is related to crimes and offenses, so as to change provisions regarding the carrying and possessions of firearms; to amend Code Section 12-3-10, or relating to what persons may be in parks, historic sites, or recreational areas, so as to permit persons with a weapons license to carry certain weapons while hunting during archery or primitive hunting season."

If the bill is passed into law, colleges and universities will have the option to vote whether or not the right to bear arms will be allowed on campus.

The subject has become a hot topic around

campus for faculty and students alike.

Communications arts professor Reed Smith feels guns do not belong on campus and agreed with GSU President Brooks Keel about not allowing guns on a college campus.

"Guns do not belong here and serve no reasonable purpose," said Smith. "President Keel has said no guns will be allowed, regardless of the bill and I agree with that. There is no justifiable reason for handguns on campus, unless you're a police officer that is trained and understands how they should be used. Guns should not be here."

Amy Dietrich, a public relations major, somewhat agrees with the passing of the bill and believes there should be a way to allow guns on campus for protection.

"I think that guns should be allowed with certain qualifications on size, type, and a school firearms admissions program," said Dietrich. "People should have to qualify through the

school and carry a school-sanctioned permit for the gun at all times."

Registered firearms carrier CharWel Brown feels the right to carry a gun is his own freedom and if the Constitution allows it, then public places like colleges and universities should too.

"As someone who is a registered gun carrier, I feel people should have the right to carry their gun around with them wherever they want to because it is in the US Constitution for one to bear arms," said Brown. "Especially if that person has no prior history of assaulting someone with that gun."

As a professor, Smith feels guns on campus serve no justifiable means of protection and could potentially harm GSU if something were to cause a person carrying a gun to snap.

"Most people on college campuses are reasonable and mature. Professors make decisions about students and their character. However, some students could make an

unreasonable act and the repercussions could be those like the Virginia Tech shootings three years ago," said Smith. "We can settle disagreements in reasonable ways that do not require the usage of guns."

However people at GSU feel about the right to bear arms, the decision from the Senate will not fully be put into law until the governor officially passes the bill.

In the official draft from state Senators, the bill "shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall apply to all offenses committed on and after such date. The enactment of this Act shall not affect any prosecutions for acts occurring before the effective date of this Act and shall not act as an abatement of any such prosecutions."

No date has been mentioned regarding when Governor Sonny Perdue will sign either for or against the bill.



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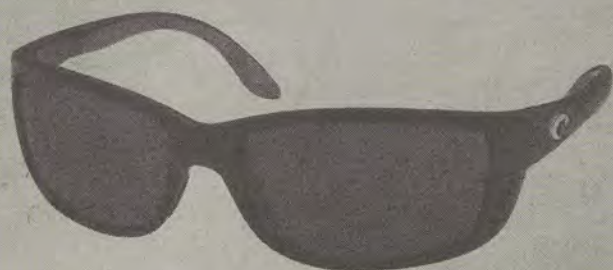
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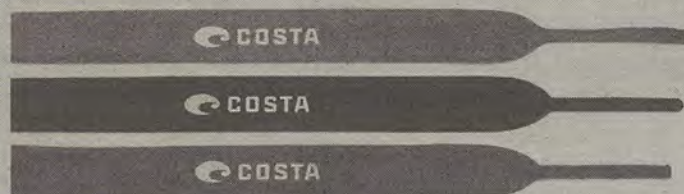
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Mr. GSU crowned

Jeremy Hill: 'The feeling is beautiful'

Natalie DEMARKO
guest writer

Monday night, April 12, junior Jeremy Hill was crowned Mr. GSU in the sixth year the competition has run.

Traditions Council hosted the contest, which was entitled "Southern Swag."

The seven contestants were asked to express their styles through the different categories on which they'd be judged.

Judging was based off the four separate categories of onstage question, talent, swim wear, and formal wear.

Participants included Laron Davis, John Nwosu, DeMarco Mims, Jeremy Hill, Derek Joyce, William Guy, and Carols Feliciano.

Davis said, "I feel this is a prestigious event and an opportunity for me to pose as a positive role model for my peers. This was my inspiration for participating."

Davis prepared for the event by rehearsing over and over. His talent portion of the competition included a poem entitled, "Call Me Mr. Davis," authored by him.

The show started at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom and was hosted by Dominique Cunningham, GSU Homecoming King 2009, and Alexa Turpin, Miss GSU 2009.

"Mr. GSU gives an opportunity to guys on campus to show Georgia Southern who they really are," Cunningham said.

When asked to help out with hosting, he was more than happy to be a part of the show.

It was a good turnout of students who eagerly watched to see who would be crowned.

"I'm looking forward to a night of humor, dancing and possibly even Speedos," freshman Laena Rodriguez said.

As member of the club Hermanas Unidas, Feliciano's sponsor, Rodriguez came out to support him.

Other students came just to see what the competition was all about.

"I saw signs all around campus and decided to bring Kevin [Dillon] with me," freshman TJ Jackson said. Jackson and Dillon came together and were looking for a night full of laughs.

Senior Fernando Olina, winner of last year's Mr. GSU competition, crowned Jeremy Hill. Olina said, "Each contestant brought

something different, but overall I found the competition interesting."

The contestants each represented themselves a little differently and had the audience guessing about who would win.

Junior Benjamin Cartagena was surprised at who took home the title.

"The show was entertaining and I was glad I came, but I thought someone else was going to win," Cartagena said.

Each contestant made sure he prepared for the competition and performed to the best of their abilities.

Paige Walters, homecoming coordinator for Traditions Council, organized Mr. GSU.

Walters, along with Traditions Council, started planning for the event two months ago.

"I feel like everything went well for the night," Walters said. "The most important thing for me was for all the guys to have fun, and it seemed like they all had a blast."

Unfortunately, there were a few AV problems during the show, but Walters explained it was nothing they could have changed.

Assistant Director of the Multicultural Student Center Christopher Pugh, Assistant Director for Facilities in Russell Union Susan Nelson and Director of Student Activities Charlie Hueber were the judges for the evening.

Because they used a very intricate system, the judges were just as surprised as the audience when the winner was announced.

Not knowing what the others had written, they submitted comments for each portion of the night; an auditor tallied up the points.

First Runner-up for Mr. GSU was Nwosu.

Hill took home the title of the next Mr. GSU and the People's Choice Award.

"Although the competition was seen as somewhat humorous, I decided to take it very seriously," Hill said. "I wanted to be a part of something I could one day tell my children about."

"I felt I could bring something different to the table and that's why I decided to participate," he said.

Hill will hold his title until the Mr. GSU competition next year.

"The feeling is beautiful," Hill said. "I have never felt like this before, it is such a humbling experience. I welcome the chance to represent Georgia Southern University."



Seniors look to the future and remember old friends

Alli Brenner • student media intern

Special Photo

Graduation comes with many feelings. Whether you're happy to be finished with schoolwork, sad to leave behind friends, anxious to start a new job or grad school, or relieved to have made it through with a somewhat acceptable GPA, the end of college is a confusing and complex time.

For most, life after college is full of possibilities and a blank slate to try something new.

"I'm excited because I'm taking the next big step in my life. I'm not sure what's ahead of me yet, but I'm looking forward to what awaits me," senior public relations major Jonathan Daniel said.

Although the future is exciting, some students are feeling a bit of sadness over the thought of leaving their home for the past four plus years.

"I'm both excited and sad at the same time: sad to leave my friends but excited to move on to the next

chapter in my life," Lauren Edwards, a senior fashion major, said.

For some students, classes are the worst part about college. For others, classes are part of the college experience.

"There are a lot of things I know I will never have the accessibility to do in real life like just being able to learn about things I'm really interested in," said senior broadcasting major Kevin Solomon.

College offers students a secure environment where they can meet new people, go to events and use on campus resources. Once a student leaves Georgia Southern, the familiarity is gone.

"[I'm going to miss] just mingling and going to the sports bar watching the mixed martial arts fights. I'll miss intramural sports and having a world-class gym for free, more or less," Daniel said.

Besides missing the events on campus, students are

about to experience changes in other aspects of their lives.

"I'll miss being able to walk out into the living room and just hang out with my best friends anytime. I know that I will probably never have the same kinds of relationships with friends because I'll never be in such close proximity and have as much time to spend with them," senior general studies major Aaron Salkill said.

After graduation, many groups of tight-knit friends will be dispersed as each pursues his or her job or graduate school of choice. In doing this, one would think it would be difficult to remain in contact.

"Being a fifth-year student, I have already felt the loss of many of the friendships I have acquired while being a Georgia Southern student; however, through this loss I have been forced to make new friendships and have opened new doors for myself," senior broadcasting major

Thomas Griswold said. "I will miss all of the friendships I have made while being at Georgia Southern, but that's just a part of college. The closest friendships I have made I will not lose; I will try my hardest to hold onto them for the remainder of my life."

Even if people do get separated by the working world, there are ways of staying in touch.

"I'm sure it'll be quite a change but it also means plenty of places to visit come vacation time. I hope someone ends up in California," Blair Barney, information systems major, said.

With college winding down and classes coming to a close, seniors are taking this time to reflect on their experiences here at GSU.

"[There is an] overall community of Georgia Southern," said Griswold. "We all have our differences, but we are all Eagles, and will always have that camaraderie in this small town."

The Buzz List

News from outside the Boro

▲ Justin Bieber gets number 1 album over Usher. What is he, like 12? Come on, Usher, you got beat out by a kid!

▲ Joss Whedon is director of 2012 Avenger's movie. Let's hope he doesn't get too attached.

▲ "Glee" doubles its audiences with its return to TV. Bow down in joy everywhere, Gleeeks.

▲ Michael Bay announces new TV adventure series, "One Way Out." This should be interesting

▲ "Kick-Ass" stands at a 77% on RottenTomatoes.com. I'll shy away from bad puns now.

▲ Eminem announces his new album title "Recovery" on his twitter page.

▲ Lil Wayne talks sports in latest blog on Philadelphia Eagle's trade up of star play McNab. Isn't there anything else to do in prison? Guess not.

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The Release of the iPad

Chris Buchanan ▀ Former editor-in-chief

Chris Buchanan/GSU ALUMNUS

Commercial and media hype has surrounded the iPad for months and with its release, millions of loyal Apple-ites flocked to Apple stores around the country to be the first to get their hands on the supposed holy grail of modern technology. But is it really all it's cracked up to be? You decide.

Design:

Users of the iPhone and iPod Touch will be fairly familiar with the overall design of the device. In fact, anyone who's turned on a television in the last six months has a fairly good idea of exactly what the device looks like. But television can sometimes make it difficult to decipher the size of the device. First off, don't expect the iPad to replace your big screen LCD television. The iPad's size is about 9.7 inches--a little smaller than a piece of notebook paper. Like its touch-based predecessors, the thick border around the screen means that usable space is actually a little smaller. While not huge, the screen is still considerably larger than the iPhone and iPod while still being extremely portable at 1.5 pounds.

Users should take note that while specifications for the new device tout a fingerprint resistant coating, you can

still expect the screen to be covered in fingerprints after extended use.

One design feature which you will either love or hate is the return of the brushed aluminum back from the original iPhone. While some may not consider this as nice as the shiny covers on recent models, it barely shows fingerprints or scratches.

Design Rating: 5 out of 5

Interface:

Most of the public is probably looking at the new iPad as a big version of the iPhone. With the upper-end models supporting 3G, that may not be far from the truth. The device sports the same slick interface from the iPhone with drop-down menus in various built-in apps to take advantage of the larger screen. It is also extremely fast. However, the larger size also has a significant impact on the usability of the device. For instance, most websites can be displayed at full size with limited zooming. The same goes for many apps designed for the device. When in portrait mode, the screen also becomes wide enough for an almost full-sized QWERTY keyboard. As a touch typist, getting used to typing with no physical feedback will take some getting used to, but if you use Apple's current keyboards, you're used

to that. You'll probably be making quite a few errors while you get used to the way of typing, but the auto-correct features are fairly intuitive with few unintended words popping up.

For those that absolutely can't stand typing on a screen, Apple allows the use of a bluetooth keyboard.

Interface Rating: 5 out of 5

Apps:

One of the biggest selling points for Apple seems to be a little weak on the companies newest handheld. As it stands now, while there are already thousands of apps out for the iPad, some of the regularly used widgets for the iPhone and iPod have not made the jump to full iPad support. As of this writing, neither Facebook nor Yahoo Messenger have full support for the iPad.

What does this mean? Basically you'll be stuck with the much lower resolution iPhone apps until companies catch up. The iPad does allow the use of these apps but with major drawbacks.

You have two options: view these apps at original size -- that's right, a tiny screen in the middle of your iPad -- or blow them up to full screen in all their blocky low-res goodness. Both can be fairly frustrating if you just

shelled out at least \$500 for the device.

That being said, apps that do make the plunge on the iPad tend to look excellent. They come in two "flavors". Some app builders merely add native support for the iPad to their existing apps. More or less, these apps tend to be bigger and higher resolution versions of their iPhone brethren. The other type is perhaps the most exciting -- apps built exclusively for the iPad. Examples include the Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and several other periodicals and magazines. These apps take full advantage of the screen space, speed, and ability to design much more intuitive interfaces.

In the long run, these apps will probably take over the App Store but as it stands, you'll find yourself wading through thousands of independent apps to find your old favorite.

Apps rating: 3 out of 5

Pricing:

An area where Apple has always drawn criticism is its pricing. This can be a make-or-break issue for many people especially in today's market. While the \$500 minimum is considerably less than almost any Apple computer, it's a lot more than the iPhone (with contract).

And \$500 MINIMUM

meaning more storage and the fabled 3G network access can set customers back as much as a whopping \$829!

While the iPad is a revolutionary device, many people will have trouble justifying the cost over a full-fledged laptop or net book of the same price.

Most early adopters of the device are paying for the ease of use, however. While touch screens are no doubt available in large numbers, very few have an interface to scale quite like the iPad.

Price rating: 3 out of 5

In conclusion, the iPad is no doubt a revolutionary device that's easy to use and seems to do exactly what it set out to do. Its portable, lightweight, versatile, and genuinely fun to use. While the iPhone and iPod set out to give the same experience, the larger screen really brings touch screen mobility to a new level.

However, being an early adopter can be pricy and waiting for your favorite app to make the switch can be frustrating when you've plopped down that kind of money.

So is the iPad worth the money? Like most Apple products, you really have to try one for yourself to make that decision.

Overall: 4 out of 5

Music artists: Prepare for 'Battle'

Shannon STUART
guest writer

Connect Statesboro and Retrievers Sports Bar and Grill are teaming up to bring the diverse stylings of nine local bands together Saturday, April 17 for what is sure to be an unforgettable night at Battle of the Bands.

Beginning online at connectstatesboro.com, 11 bands entered the contest by posting videos of their musical talents, and from there, students, fans or anyone who felt the music move them deep inside were invited to vote-up to 10 times a day-for the band of their choice.

However, on Saturday, the battle leaves the cyber world and lands right in the middle of one of Statesboro's most popular watering holes. With doors opening at 5 p.m. and the first band, Craig Waters, set to start at 6 p.m., patrons will enjoy 30 minutes of covers and original music from each band. All the while, three judges will be mixing and mingling with the crowd while critiquing the performances.

Comprised of six Georgia Southern

students — sophomore Scott Taylor, junior Tyler Whiteley, senior Mike Cristancho, sophomore Alan Weathers, sophomore Robert Cottle, and freshman Hunter Johnson, Born-Forty is one of the nine bands set to play Saturday. The self-described "pop-rock with an alternative edge" band found out about the contest, and they decided to enter online.

"Battle of the Bands is one of the few times you can come together for a showcase of local talent," vocalist Taylor said. "It's a chance for all of the bands to gain great local exposure while performing their music. We have friends that are in some of the other bands competing, and it'll be fun to share the Retrievers stage with them."

Born-Forty got their name from a stigma Taylor has carried almost his entire life.

"People have always said that I was born forty years old, or that I'm an 'old soul.' As a kid, I wore a lot of suits, debated, always did the student council thing, worked political campaigns in high school, that sort of stuff," Taylor said. "I always said if I had a band I'd call it 'Born-Forty,' and the name ended up sticking."

Immediately following Born-Forty's 11:15 p.m. performance is another local talent, Familiar Faces — junior James Massey, sophomore Kyle Gruskowski, senior Rhett Hutcheson, senior David Silva, and senior Matt Meeks. These five Georgia Southern students began playing together in November 2008. According to lead guitarist Hutcheson, the band's history is traced back to a Tenacious D concert, and "the rest is history."

According to keyboardist Gruskowski, Familiar Faces' style is along the lines of a "hip-hop-infused improvisational rock band," and the band currently plays at least once, maybe twice, a week at various Statesboro venues such as Millhouse, Rum Runners and Dingus Magees.

"We just want people to come out and enjoy our music because we sure as [expletive] enjoy playing," bass guitarist Massey said.

At the end of the night, the judges' scores will be tallied with the online votes, and the band with the highest score will be taking home the win for the 2010 Battle of the Bands. Along with bragging rights, the band will take home \$1,000 and will have

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11:15 p.m. Born-Forty

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For more information, go to <http://fourcelticvoices.homestead.com>.

Community invited to Final Friday lunch program

Students in Georgia Southern University's Hotel and Restaurant Management program will host the final program in their Spring 2010 Friday Lunch Series on April 16.

The Friday Lunch Series gives Hotel and Restaurant Management majors a hands-on opportunity to market, prepare and serve lunch in the HRM Dining Room. Georgia Southern University is the only university in Georgia that offers such a program.

The lunch costs \$8. Seating for the lunch is from 11:45 to 12:15, with take-out service available as well. Reservations are recommended for lunch; to make one, contact Larry Stalcup at 912-478-5975 or stalcupl@georgiasouthern.edu.

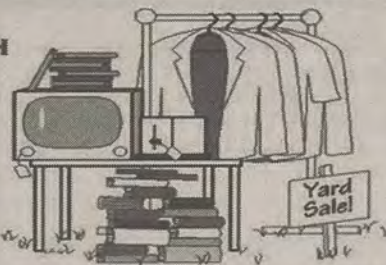
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Quick Hits

▲ GSU baseball defeated Jacksonville on Tuesday, April 13, 6-5.

▲ GSU baseball will host a three-game series against Samford beginning on Friday, April 16 at 7 p.m.

▲ GSU softball will host a three-game series against Samford beginning with a doubleheader on Saturday, April 17 with games beginning at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

▲ GSU men's tennis will host Chattanooga on Saturday, April 17 at noon.

▲ GSU men's tennis will host Samford on Sunday, April 18 at 10 a.m.

▲ GSU women's tennis will travel to College of Charleston for a 2:30 p.m. game.

▲ GSU track & field will compete in the War Eagle Invitational this weekend.

▲ GSU football will host the annual spring Blue-White game on Saturday, April 17 at 1 p.m. at Paulson Stadium.

▲ GSU golf will compete in the SoCon tournament beginning on Sunday, April 18.

News from the Nest



Two GSU student-athletes, Caroline Beviillard (left) and Spence Fulford (right), received the 2010 Scholar Athletes of the year awards during a banquet Monday night.

Special Photo

2010 Scholars Award

GSU News Service

The Annual Georgia Southern Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet was held Monday evening on the GSU campus, recognizing distinguished student athletes in all sports.

Caroline Beviillard and Spence Fulford were honored as the 2010 Scholar Athletes of the Year for their efforts in the classroom and in athletics.

Beviillard, a member of the swimming and diving team, has a 3.96 GPA in sport management.

The junior holds several University records and has been a member of the team for three seasons.

She was named All-Conference her freshman campaign and broke the school record in the 200 Freestyle at the CCSA Championships her sophomore season.

Beviillard has been a member of the President's List four semesters of her collegiate career.

Representing the men's golf team, Spence Fulford, a senior, carries a 3.68 GPA in management.

During fall competition, Fulford tied the all-time low round in program history, launching a 63.

Fulford helped lead the Eagles to their first NCAA Regional since 2006 last season where he finished fifth individually after shooting a then-best 54-hole total 205 (-8). Fulford was most recently named to the President's List for Fall 2009.

Other GSU scholar athletes include Kevin Bowles (baseball), Gregory Bekkers (men's tennis), JoAnn Benson-Jaja (track & field), Michelle Carlson (women's soccer), Danny Hall (men's soccer), Colby Wohlleb (men's basketball), Chris Rogers (football), Melanie Rolle (women's tennis), Brittani Martin (cross country), Jessica Geiger (women's basketball), Cristin Haines (volleyball) and Nina Iduate (softball).

Football golf tourney set for May

GSU News Service

The 2010 Legends of Georgia Southern Football Golf Classic returns this year to Cobblestone Golf Course.

The Golf Classic, which is in its third year, is set for Friday, May 14. Registration for participants begins at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

The Classic will be played in a captain's choice format. Cost for each participant is \$125, which includes a cart, round of golf, breakfast and a goody bag.

Bottled water will be provided on the course.

Head Coach Jeff Monken and the Eagle Football coaching staff will be on hand as well as players from all eras of GSU's modern football history.

Coaches, players and participants will compete for individual and team prizes on what is considered to be one of the best public access courses in Georgia.

Cobblestone Golf Course, which is located on the shores of Lake Acworth in northwest Atlanta, was rated as a four star course by Golf Digest, selected as one of the "Top 100 Courses You Can Play" by Golf Magazine and rated one of the "Best Municipal Courses" by Golfweek Magazine.

Proceeds raised from the 2010 Golf Classic will benefit the Georgia Southern Football program and the Erk Russell Endowment fund at Georgia Southern University.

Deadline to register for the 2010 Legends of Georgia Southern Football Golf Classic is Tuesday, April 27.

Registration forms may be mailed to the Eagle Football Alumni Association in care of "The Eagle Fund" at Post Office Box 8115-01, Statesboro, GA, 30460 or faxed to (912) 478-0468.

For additional information about the Golf Classic, call EFAA President Mel McBride at (770) 926-3148



FILE PHOTO

Tyler Reed (62), Steve Cundari (86) and Terrence Hall (25) touch the memorial Erk Russell statue before heading onto the field during last year's Blue-White game.

Eagles to test wings Saturday

Blue-White game at Paulson Stadium at 1 p.m.

Latrice WILLIAMS
staff writer

Ready or not, here they come!

The Georgia Southern football team may not have every "i" dotted and every "t" crossed, but there is no turning back now.

Saturday, the Eagles will participate in their annual spring game. With just two days remaining until kickoff, the players are hoping they can give the fans something to cheer about.

Although there have been some significant improvements, they still have a long way to go on both sides of the ball, particularly on offense.

Quarterback Russell DeMasi ran the triple option in high school, and although he is very familiar with the system, he pointed out that there is still some room for growth.

"There's always some more I can learn," said DeMasi. "The whole thing is speed here and I know I have to get faster to play this offense so hopefully I can do that over the summer."

With most of the team being unacquainted with the new offense, DeMasi has been helping his teammates to the best of his ability.

"I've tried to help them out. I go in and study a lot of film, so hopefully if they ask me questions I know what I'm doing. Usually I feel like I can

help them out if they need help," said DeMasi.

Defensive back EJ Webb has been one of the most outstanding veterans on the team and has proven that he can lead the younger guys by example.

"I help them by preparing like it's a real game because the spring game is a big event here at Georgia Southern, and we have to go out there as a team and produce a good show for everyone to see," said Webb. "We want to show everyone that we haven't just been playing around and that we have been working hard and trying to get better and renew some of the tradition that's been here before us and try to get back to the top where we belong."

In preparation for the game, Webb plays it safe by sticking to his same routine.

"[I'm] doing the same thing as usual, just practicing hard everyday, listening to what the coaches have to say, and going out and trying to execute my assignments to the best of my ability," said Webb.

As part of one of the biggest moves on offense, slot back Nico Hickey made the transition from running back after the arrival of Jeff Monken, and while it hasn't always been a breeze, Hickey noted that with each practice he continues to progress.

"The change is a little tough, but once you get into it and start working hard at it, it's not that bad at all," said Hickey.

Hickey is hyped about the opportunity to demonstrate his talent.

"Oh yeah, me and my teammates are planning on coming out and playing 100 percent, so if we go out and fly around and have fun, we'll all give everybody some excitement," said Hickey.

When asked about the probable starters for Saturday's game, Monken couldn't give a definite answer without his secret weapon.

"If I had the depth chart I could tell you exactly who they are going to be," said Monken. "We've got a depth chart set on both sides of the ball. The interesting thing about the spring game is that there will be two starting offenses. There will be a starting offense on the white team, a starting offense on the blue team, a starting defense on the blue team, and a starting defense on the white team. We'll have 22 starters on each side."

The Blue-White game begins on Saturday at 1 p.m. inside Paulson Stadium with free admission.

Before the game, GSU football will host the Little Eagles Football Camp that will take place between 11 a.m. and noon.

GSU Sports Schedule



Tuesday, April 13

▲ **BASEBALL**

@ Jacksonville - W (6-5)

Thursday, April 15

▲ **WOMEN'S TENNIS**

@ Samford - 11 a.m.

▲ **FOOTBALL**

Spring Practice

Friday, April 16

▲ **BASEBALL**

vs. Samford - 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 17

▲ **BASEBALL**

vs. Samford - 6 p.m.

▲ **MEN'S TENNIS**

vs. Chattanooga - 12 p.m.

▲ **FOOTBALL**

Blue-White Game - 1 p.m.

▲ **TRACK & FIELD**

War Eagle Invitational - All Day

▲ **SOFTBALL**

@ Samford - 1 p.m.

@ Samford - 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 18

▲ **SOFTBALL**

@ Samford - 1 p.m.

▲ **BASEBALL**

vs. Samford - 1:30 p.m.

▲ **MEN'S TENNIS**

vs. Samford - 10 a.m.

▲ **GOLF**

SoCon Tournament - All Day

Monday, April 19

▲ **GOLF**

SoCon Tournament - All Day

Tuesday, April 20

▲ **SOFTBALL**

@ Kennesaw State - 3 p.m.

@ Kennesaw State - 5 p.m.

▲ **BASEBALL**

@ Georgia Tech - 7 p.m.

▲ **GOLF**

SoCon Tournament - All Day

Wednesday, April 21

▲ **BASEBALL**

@ Georgia Tech - 7 p.m.

Friday, April 23

▲ **BASEBALL**

vs. Western Carolina - 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 24

▲ **BASEBALL**

vs. Western Carolina - 2:30 p.m.

▲ **TENNIS**

SoCon Tournament - All Day

▲ **TRACK & FIELD**

SoCon Tournament - All Day

▲ **SOFTBALL**

vs. College of Charleston - 1 p.m.

vs. College of Charleston - 3 p.m.

For sports scores and updates, visit GADaily.com.

Preview for the 2010 Blue-White Game

Spring stars to watch Saturday



FILE PHOTO

Former GSU wide receiver Joe Haynie (82) attempts to make a grab over two Eagle defenders during last season's Blue-White game.

Thom CUNNINGHAM
sports editor

Last season's Blue-White game was an overall success. Many GSU fans and students got a preview of what Eagle football had in store for the 09-10 season.

This season might be different as both new and familiar faces will be on the gridiron come Saturday afternoon.

Although Jaybo Shaw will more than likely be the starting quarterback next season, Eagle fans should see plenty of action from potential starters on both sides of the ball.

Tyler Sumner stands out as a familiar face who had a very successful Blue-White game last season.

Last year, Sumner recorded two touchdown catches, one of which was a one-handed grab in the back of the end zone.

With the new triple option offense being implemented this season, fans will probably see more blocking out of Sumner than receiving, not only during this game, but throughout the season.

Good blocking up front increases the chance of a successful triple option attack. Returning to the offensive line are veterans Brandavious Mann and Jared Flowers.

Although it was a rough season for the offensive line, who gave up a total of 43 sacks last year, they will be tested in the running game this spring.

Last season, the GSU rushing attack was overall successful, with all three running backs averaging more than four yards per carry.

On the defensive side, Tavaris Williams is a play maker to watch out for.

During last season's Blue-White game, Williams looked like the most impressive defensive player other than Harland Bower who had three sacks.

Williams recorded two sacks during last year's game and almost came up with two interceptions.

Defensive tackle Brent Russell didn't stand out last spring game, but he made a huge impact during the season last year and should be another player to look out for during the Blue-White game.

Players to watch for



Darius Eubanks
Linebacker
#13



Brent Russell
Defensive Tackle
#66



Tavaris Williams
Linebacker
#11



Jared Flowers
Offensive Line
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Zeke Rozier
Running Back
#26



Brandavious Mann
Offensive Line
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