Caught and charged
Acting on an informant’s tip, UP officers Sgt. Chris McBride and Clay Gracen arrested Kern Blount Jr. Sept. 17, charging him with the thefts of two cell phones.

Help University Police solve this crime
Yesterday at about 12:45 p.m. an unknown black male wearing a white T-shirt, white ball cap, white shoes and khaki pants stole an iPhone from the IT building’s first-floor computer lab. Contact UP’s Lt. Wayne McKinney at 478-5234 or leave anonymous information on the Public Safety website.

Student leaders push for new Union

Kelsey DECKER • editor-in-chief

A group of nearly 50 organization leaders have decided to make the rumors of a new Russell Union a reality following a leadership weekend that encouraged implementing change at Georgia Southern.

The Russell Union, completed in 1990, is as old as most of the class of 2012 and older than the freshmen and sophomores.

While there have been rumors circulating campus that there were plans for a new student union already in the works, according to Kerry Greenstein, the assistant dean of Students, that’s not the case.

He said the creation of a new union needs to be student driven.

Todd Deal, the director of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, agreed, saying, “As a student-centered university, we care deeply about your thoughts, ideas, and opinions of our university and its initiatives. If the university is doing something particularly well, we need to know that. If something is not working well, we need to know that. If you see a need that is not being met, we need you to tell us. As students, you are the campus.”

The student leaders developed the action strategy for a new union this past weekend at Taking Action to Lead Organizations through Networking, a conference for leaders of university-sponsored student organizations.

Deal said, “The focus of TALON is truly leadership education, and the initiative that is ‘born’ from that is the vehicle for students to learn in a ‘real life’ situation.”

The decision to campaign for a new union came following a brainstorming session during which the students came up with 50 changes they wanted to see at GSU.

Students left TALON knowing that the thousands of other students on campus need to get on board to make a change happen.

Greenstein said, “I think that the hard part now is getting the word out to the rest of the student population and getting them as excited about the project as the student leaders from TALON. As a committee we have a lot of faith in the TALON leaders and trust that they will help get this project off the ground.”

Sophomore psychology major and TALON participant Becki Bury said TALON leaders need to come back to campus excited and ready to empower student so they realize “the changes we want are tangible and can be made into reality with hard work and dedication.”

What you say:
GADaily: Student leaders at this weekend’s TALON Conference have begun an initiative for a new student union. Do you support this plan?

So far:
Yes .................. 73.8%
No .................. 26.2%

Tell us whether you support this idea by voting on GADaily.com.

How to get involved:
One of the easiest ways for students to voice their opinions regarding the goings-on at Georgia Southern is by sending us a Letter to the Editor.

Tell us what you want in a student union. Administrators read The George-Anne.

Go to Student Government Association meetings and tell them what’s important to you. They represent you.

Finished?
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POLICE BEAT

Friday, September 10, 2010
▲ Officers issued two traffic citations, assisted seven motorists and responded to three alarms.
▲ A bicycle was taken from Kennedy Hall.
▲ Ashley Marie Sharp, 20, Woodlake Trail, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and obstruction of an officer.
▲ William Tyler King, 21, Azalea Drive, was charged with public drunk, disorderly conduct, failure to leave campus when directed and obstruction of an officer.
▲ Billie Lance Richardson, 21, Planters Lane, was charged with public drunk, disorderly conduct, simple battery and obstruction of an officer.
▲ Dale Steven Wilson Jr., 21, Planters Lane, was charged with public drunk, disorderly conduct and obstruction of an officer.

Saturday, September 11, 2010
▲ Officers issued one traffic citation, four traffic warnings, assisted three motorists, assisted one sick person, responded to eight alarms and one drug complaint at Eagle Village.
▲ Rhonda Loraine Jones, 32, Ivey Hall Clark Rd., Garfield, was charged with no proof of insurance and driving a vehicle with suspended registration.
▲ Carolyn Marie Dinapoli, 18, Watson Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
▲ Wesley Joseph Schlama, 21, Garden District, was charged with public drunk.

Sunday, September 12, 2010
▲ Officers issued one traffic citation, one traffic warning, assisted four motorists and responded to three alarms.
▲ Several items were taken from the Sigma Nu House.
▲ A bicycle seat was taken from Southern Courtyard.
▲ The tires were cut on a vehicle at Southern Pines.

Monday, September 13, 2010
▲ Officers issued three traffic warnings, assisted two motorists and responded to one alarm.

Tuesday, September 14, 2010
▲ Officers issued four traffic citations, three traffic warnings, assisted three motorists, assisted two sick persons, responded to six alarms and investigated two accidents.
▲ A bicycle was taken from F-Lot.
▲ A laptop computer was taken from the RAC.
▲ A domestic dispute was reported at University Villas.
▲ Kernard Maurice Blount, 18, Butler Homes, was charged with criminal trespass and obstruction of an officer.

Wednesday, September 15, 2010
▲ Officers issued two traffic citations, one traffic warning, assisted 10 motorists, assisted one sick person, responded to a vehicle fire near the RAC, responded to two alarms and investigated one accident.
▲ Susan Diane Martin, 43, Brinson Road, Brooklet, was charged with pedestrian under the influence.

Thursday, September 16, 2010
▲ Officers issued two traffic citations, one traffic warning, assisted three motorists, assisted one sick person, responded to three alarms and investigated three accidents.
▲ A cell phone was taken from Brannen Hall.
▲ Jason Kyle Pollett, 18, Southern Pines, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and obstruction of an officer.
▲ Connor Alonzo Gray, 19, Southern Pines, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and obstruction of an officer.
▲ Daniel Robert Beadling, 19, Southern Pines, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol, public drunk, disorderly conduct, simple assault and obstruction of an officer.

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LEED certification to become law
GSU takes initiative to create a greener environment

Kara AMEREIN
guest writer

According to the U.S. Green Building Council website, green, energy-efficient buildings are becoming the law in the state of Georgia and are required to undergo Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification.

The USGBC is providing building operators with guidelines for utilizing green building design, construction, operation and maintenance.

Bonnie McMakin, the program manager for the new biology building at Georgia Southern, said that GSU is taking initiative toward creating a greener environment.

The Recreational Activity Center is currently the only building on campus that has received LEED certification and upcoming construction on the new biology building intends to meet LEED certification, said McMakin.

"With a little thought put into it, there are ways to take care of the environment and save money," she said.

McMakin said GSU is taking initiative, implementing features like motion-censored lights, high-efficiency plumbing and designated recycling areas.

LEED is an internationally recognized building certification system that works on a points scale.

There are 100 possible points broken down in seven categories:
sustainable site, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, indoor environment quality, innovation and design process, regional priority credits and material and resources.

Once a building becomes LEED certified, it is given a rating of certified, silver, gold or platinum.

Jean Uhl, a green building professor for GSU, said, "For silver certification, which is in the middle, [USGBC] have proven it has only added about a 2 percent cost, and that is actual cost. Over time, you are actually saving money."

Uhl said that purchasing a heating and air conditioning system that meets standards would likely be the largest cost, but there are many inexpensive things that can be done to increase a building's efficiency.

According to the Georgia Peach Green Building Rating System website, eco-friendly building standards are becoming the law for construction across the state.

McMakin said, "It is a constantly improving process...we learn as we go."

These state and organizational standards are fostering an eco-friendly environment for the present and maintaining it for the future.

Uhl said, "It's the right thing to do, it's the cool thing to do, it's catching on. Hopefully, it's going to stay. People are finding it is more economical and that's the bottom line; people are in business to save money."
Our View

(You) need to decide carefully

We can’t speak for our fellow students, but many of us here have grown quite accustomed to using the Russell Union. Even freshmen can relate on some level because it was the first building they were familiar with.

Many a SOAR session has been held there, inviting parents, new students and visitors. History has been made there, and now there is a new operation in the brainstorming phase which aims to possibly build a new student union elsewhere on campus.

But the current union is a home. It is where we meet, learn, watch movies and hold organizational events. When we have to use the bus, everyone uses Russell as a reference point. And some students want to change all of that.

Shouldn’t we be thinking more about our fellow students’ needs and less about how the campus looks? There are many complaints from students about the things GSU could improve on, and here we are thinking about spending on something we already have. We should use that money for something more constructive that will actually appease the students who are paying for these changes, like more buses, more classes, majors and different programs, to name a few.

In retrospective, the idea is attractive, though what might actually be a worthwhile endeavor is not building a new union, but renovating the old one, which we realize is a possibility. If students are intent on spending that money on the union, we could attempt to add more space, get extensions, make it a three story building or change up the building infrastructure.

But to use our money to replace something we aren’t even complaining about, already have and are content with when there are several other, potentially more pertinent things that need attention, is something that needs to be carefully considered.

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

It was a beautiful day in the neighborhood, Sept. 16, 2010. My friend and fellow SOAR leader, who will remain anonymous, invited me to lunch with several fellow SOAR leaders.

She mentioned that the lunch was at Dingus Magee’s, a restaurant nearly on campus which she loved to attend. I was slightly skeptical because I had heard substandard reviews based on the premise of race. However, I am a firm believer in making judgments based on my own experiences, so I agreed to accompany my friend.

The lunch was scheduled for 12:15 p.m., and due to my class schedule I arrived around 12:20 and was greeted by the four outstanding SOAR leaders who were all white.

After a warm welcome, they informed me that they just ordered their food minutes prior to my arrival. Following this conversation, another SOAR leader, black like me, entered. We ordered our food, chicken fingers and french fries, all before 12:30. Moments later the first four from our group received their orders. I was under the impression that since it took no more than 10 minutes for their food to arrive, that mine was definitely on the way. Unfortunately, the customer service, or lack thereof, proved me wrong.

I must admit, I had my doubts about Dingus, and I wanted this establishment to falsify my predictions. In essence, I wanted a great experience, especially since my dear friends are “regulars.”

Just about 30 minutes later, two white male college students seated in front of me placed their orders and approximately five or so minutes later, they received their cheeseburgers and fries. Keep in mind, I waited roughly 40 minutes for my chicken fingers and fries and did not receive any service.

I glanced around the table to make sure I’m not the only person who caught what just occurred. I recall silence around the table.

So, I ask, “Did anyone see what just happened?” Not one person responded. I took it upon myself to explain what happened. The more I spoke the higher my blood pressure rose. The waitress came to our table and asked my close (black) friend and if we could repeat what we ordered. Her words gave me a feeling mimicking nails slowly scratching a chalkboard.

She showed no remorse or worry about the blatant disregard given.

At this point, I am so outraged my thoughts crossed because I didn’t want to make any rash, impulsive decisions or embarrass my friends and former coworkers.

However, my friend (who also did not receive his food) was not prepared to respond to the waitress.

He also noticed the imbalance by giving off a facial expression of confusion but did not vocalize his distress. I kindly stated, “I love y’all and thank you inviting me. I had a great time catching up with you guys. But I cannot justify what happened. I decided to give this establishment a try to see if my experience would be as bad as the others. I was wrong.”

I had a great time catching up with you guys. But I cannot justify what has just happened and I am not giving any of my money to this establishment. I will talk to you all later!”

A question that still resonates: Why are my people passive? Why is this still an issue?

It is my desire that in 2010, Statesboro will move forward in bridging the gap of racial divide.

Brian Johnson

sophomore, communication studies
Competition brings NASCAR to GSU

Kelsey ELAM
guest writer

For the first time, the NASCAR Kinetics program has invited Georgia Southern to participate in this semester’s competition. GSU will be represented by five sports management undergraduate students. They will compete against 10 teams from universities across the country.

Competing schools include the University of Notre Dame, Central Michigan University, and Howard University which was last semester’s winner.

The winners will be announced Nov. 5 and will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the final race of the Sprint Cup Chase in Miami, Fla., said the press release.

Todd Hall, a faculty member in GSU’s sport management program, will act as the team’s advisor.

He said, “We have assembled a very competent and creative team, so we’ll see how they compete.”

The Kinetics program was founded in 2009 to connect college students with NASCAR.

Students will learn the business side of the sport while gaining real-world experience in the sports management field.

Hunter Brown, the team’s group leader, said he is excited to be “dealing with issues that NASCAR is actually dealing with.”

Brown’s team members are Herb Church, Amy Jones, Travis Coxworth and Connor Vogel.

Teams will be given three case studies concerning issues and problems that NASCAR is currently involved in.

The first case concerns the recycling of used tires.

“NASCAR produces about 86,000 tires a year,” said Hall, and the challenge for this case is what to do with them.

The second case deals with promoting one of NASCAR’s sponsors, M&M. M&M executives will also be evaluating the presentations given by each team.

The final case involves a specific business problem at the Atlanta Motor Speedway,” Hall said.

Brown is confident in his team’s capabilities.

He said, “Being in sports management, I think we have an advantage over some schools because not everyone in the program are sports management people. This is our element.”

The grand finale will be a viewing party hosted by the team. Not only will they present their cases to the judges, but also various activities will be set up for attendees.

The viewing party is scheduled on Oct. 24 and is open to all GSU students and faculty.

Hall said, “If we do a good job, if we represent the school really well, then we will be invited to participate yearly.”

GSU drivers ‘Get Pumped’

Ryan KEESEE
guest writer

Over 60 drivers learned how checking their tire pressure can save money, improve safety and reduce pollution at the Center for Sustainability’s “Get Pumped” program last Tuesday at the RAC and Alumni Center parking lots.

Students, faculty, staff and community members attending the “Get Pumped” event learned the benefits of checking their tire pressure.

Volunteers told drivers that by checking tire pressure they can save up to $500, cut down on the carbon dioxide released into the air and, if done regularly, offshore drilling would become unnecessary.

Other important benefits include improving the performance of tires and the decreased chances of having an accident.

During the event, drivers were given a free tire gauge provided by the Center for Sustainability and shown how to check their tire pressure on their own. If their pressure was low, pumps were provided at the Alumni Center parking lot.

Volunteers gave drivers window clings with the date of their tire pressure check in order to remind them when to check their tire pressure.

Finally, the drivers were asked to sign a pledge to check their tire pressure regularly.

Lisa Leege, the director of the Center for Sustainability, said, “Drivers are more likely to check their tire pressure if they sign a pledge, even if it is not binding.”

Freshman communications major Ciara Whimper attended the event.

“I never knew how to check my tire pressure until now, and learned I can ultimately save a lot of money,” said Whimper.

She said the event was very helpful.

Leege described “Get Pumped” as “the low hanging fruit.”

“It is a small, simple change that makes a big difference,” said Leege. “Students become interested when they hear they can save $500.”

Leege said that the purpose of “Get Pumped” is to promote a change in behavior to a more environmentally aware attitude.

She plans to move the event into the community by hosting it during First Fridays and the Farmers Market.

“Get Pumped” is one of many programs the Center for Sustainability plans to implement at GSU as well as in the Statesboro community.

The Center for Sustainability will offer a Sustainability Certificate Program within the next year and eventually, a concentration in Environmental Sustainability.

Leege said she hopes to see the center have a broad outreach in the community and internationally.

Two more “Get Pumped” events will take place today and Sept. 28 from 5-7 p.m. at the RAC and Alumni Center parking lots.

More information regarding “Get Pumped” and other programs hosted by the Center for Sustainability can be found on its website at cost.georgiasouthern.edu/sustainability/.

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The GSU cycling team recently traveled to Boone, N.C. to compete in the SECC Collegiate Mountain Bike Series.
Matthew Gentry, one of the club's cyclists, recounts the adventures of the race, from treacherous trail conditions to racing wardrobe malfunctions:

"This past weekend's race was epic. We traveled seven hours deep into the western mountains of North Carolina to Lees McRae College. We watched out the window as rain poured down and slept uneasy that night knowing that for every hour it rained, the trail conditions would only get worse. We woke Saturday morning to cool air and even more rain.

The SECC Collegiate Mountain Bike Series is broken down into two categories: gravity events and endurance events. Downhill cycling and dual slalom make up the gravity events portion while cross country and short track cross country make up the endurance portion. Because our team is so well diversified we were able to compete in both categories.

Cross country was first. Nicky Thomas, Chad Beggs and I biked the cross country route, which was six miles long. The course had real steep climbs and nasty rock gardens. It was so technical and wet from the pouring rain that towards the end of the race everyone was losing their breaks. The trail conditions became dangerously slippery, so much so that we actually had to get off our bikes and walk several sections of trail.

Despite the hardships of the trail, Nicky placed third and Chad placed 10th in the race. After completing the cross country race, we quickly changed out of our cold, wet clothes and met the rest of the team at Beach Mountain Ski Resort for the downhill race. Four of our members, Joe Whitfield, Matt Davenport, Steven Gilland, and Nick Simpson loaded their bikes onto the ski lift and headed 1,000 feet up to the top of the downhill course.

Finally, the clouds broke and the sun started shining. We were no longer stuck in a wet, windy mess and were able to begin riding. By the time our division started racing the course had already been torn to pieces by all the other riders. The technical parts of the trail were shin deep in thick mud and the grassy parts were ragged and slippery.

Nick was very brave racing a mountain bike without suspension. At the top of the mountain he hit a PVC pipe that sent him flying 15 feet off the trail. Upon landing, the button on his shorts actually broke off, causing Nick to bust slack going into the most technical section of the course. He then flipped over the handle bars and landed in the mud. After his fall, Nick realized he would never make it down the slope if the shorts didn't go. So, right there in the middle of the course Nick dropped his shorts and remounted his bike!

I started one minute behind Nick so when I came up on him and saw him riding in black army underwear, I was a little confused. In the end though, we all got a good laugh at Nick's story and how nasty the course was.

After Saturday's adventure we were looking forward to the next day's slalom and free ride session. Joe and Matt entered the downhill slalom race and did amazing, with Joe taking first place! Joe's race was a real nail-biter. He was behind the whole course until the very last jump, when he passed his Lees McCray rival in mid-air and landed just inches in front to take the win. Joe's rigorous and disciplined workout routine had paid off- he got Georgia Southern its First B win of the season.

It was all smiles and laughs the rest of the day. The mountains were beautiful and we soaked up as much of the cool air as possible before heading back to Statesboro."
Iron Eagle Challenge

CRI is proud to announce that the first round of Iron Eagle Challenge (IEC) posters have gone up! The sixth annual Iron Eagle Challenge will be held on Friday, Oct. 29 from 3-6 p.m. For those of you who have never heard of IEC, it is an adventure race hosted by Southern Adventures that travels through Georgia Southern’s scenic campus.

The course requires two person race teams to off-road/urban cycle, run/walk, paddle, and conquer many mystery challenges along the way. The mystery challenges require both mental and physical skills while providing a nice break from cycling and running.

The Iron Eagle Challenge totals around 4.5 miles, starting and ending at the RAC. The actualities of the course are kept top secret until race day. But to give you an example of the type of challenges you may face, last year's teams had to run across a lake on kayaks that were tuned over!

Prizes will be given to the top three teams with the overall best time. Race divisions will consist of the following:
• Men's
• Women's
• Co-Rec
• Student Organizations

For GSU students the entry fee is $15 per person. Be sure to indicate your team name and race partner on the registration form.

Don't have a partner? Check "I need a partner" on the form to be put on our race partner matching service. Complete registration forms and drop by CRI Member Services, located at the RAC.

All entries must be received by Oct. 22. The race is limited to the first 75 teams to register.

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Gain new experiences abroad

Kelleigh CRAM
guest writer

Let’s face it — Statesboro is not the most “happening” place on Earth. However, Georgia Southern has programs where students can travel all over the world and students learn about it through the Study Abroad Fair.

There will be faculty available to talk to about studying abroad and students who have been on trips before to share their experiences.

One GSU student, Martha Barry, took advantage of this opportunity. She visited seven countries and 28 different cities through the program last semester. Her main study took place in Tilburg, Netherlands.

“It was a small city sort of like Statesboro, except we biked everywhere instead of driving,” Barry said.

She said she had a great time in the countries she visited and made new friends, some with whom she still keeps in touch. They shared their cultures with her, and she shared her culture with them.

“My mom sent me grits while I was over there, and I was eating them one day and they were fascinated with them. They all had to try them, although they decided it should be a dessert food and that sugar needed to be added,” she said.

Barry said she greatly enjoyed these experiences and grew from them.

She said, “I learned a lot about myself, because it was the first time in my life that I was completely on my own. I am an identical twin and we both attend GSU and joined the same sorority, so last semester was a chance for me to get to know me.”

Barry is now a global ambassador for the International Student Exchange program, and plans to go backpacking in Europe once she graduates.

Fifth-year information systems major Randi Bunch attended classes in Spain.

“The people of Spain are very accommodating and welcoming to everyone. The people truly made the experience great,” said Bunch. “I loved it so much that I am considering a Master’s program in Spain.”

The fair is today from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.

Sorority recruitments reach record high

Tiffany Larkin
true blue editor in chief

Greek Life has broken another record this year, with the highest number of sorority recruits yet. This year nearly 400 women registered for the chance to become a part of Greek life at Georgia Southern.

“I was really excited to see how successful recruitment was this year,” said Pan-Hellenic Association President Mackenzie Stratton.

There are six sororities at GSU — Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Kappa Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Mu and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Every chapter represents a different philanthropy for which they host events and raise money.

This year, by the end of the week, there were 296 bids offered. All of the chapters offered around 50 bids.

Stratton was excited to see such a large turn-out this year because more women were involved in Greek Life, which means there were more opportunities to reach out to GSU as well as the Statesboro community.

“Sorority recruitment was a tremendous success for Greek Life as a whole. It’s the largest we’ve had in years, and the sororities were all excited to welcome their new members,” said Vice President of Recruitment Abby Johnson.

Sorority recruitment is a week-long process that consists of different themed house parties every day. The themes are ice breakers, values, theme and preference. Each party is an opportunity for the girls to get to know the chapters and what they stand for.

Laura Bacon, a new Phi Mu recruit said, “I loved going through recruitment. I made so many friends and met a lot of new people, it was a great way to start off my college experience.”
Always toward the future

Sarah FONSECA
guest writer

Gregory Sapp, a junior psychology major and transverse myelitis survivor, has continued his journey to raise awareness for transverse myelitis, a neurological disorder which temporarily robbed him of his ability to walk in 2008.

While he was able to regain most of his mobility, he still has constant pain and numbness. There is no known cure, which is why he feels increasing TM awareness is important.

Sapp is featured in an episode of "Mystery Diagnosis" this month—a program on Discovery Health that features real-life medical mysteries.

Filmed in June, "The Toddler Who Stopped Walking" includes interviews with Sapp's medical staff and relatives along with several reenactments of the days he was paralyzed and the consequent rehabilitation.

The episode, which originally aired Sept. 6, will be rebroadcast Saturday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m.

In between shooting for Discovery Health, Sapp exceeded his fundraising goal for Reeve Marine Corps, the handcycling team he'll be riding with in this year's Marine Corps Marathon.

"I'm way over what my goal was. I set out for $1,700. I've raised $2,720," he said.

He plans to continue to raise funds until the marathon, which takes place on Oct. 31 in Washington, D.C. Georgia Southern students who make a donation have an added incentive.

"Anybody who donates from the school will be entered into one of these raffles for a bunch of products if they put in 'Georgia Southern' or 'Statesboro' when they register," he said.

Raffle prices include watches, mp3 players and other electronics from corporate sponsors. Donations can be made through ChristopherReeve.org by clicking the 'Sponsor an Athlete' button or through the custom URL on Sapp's Facebook page.

Many students struggle to balance their academic load with extracurricular activities. Sapp has to tailor his schedule to fit that of an advocate and athlete.

In preparation for the 26.2-mile race, he rides for 10-12 hours weekly. On days he can't make it to the RAC, he modifies his handcycling bike.

"I have my bike mounted to a tripod and it attaches to the front wheel so I can ride it inside," said Sapp.

The George-Anne featured Sapp last April, and since then, his website, the Transverse Myelitis Network, has also had an increase in membership—up from 478 in the spring.

"We have 575 members now, which is pretty good for a disorder which affects between one to four people per million," he said.

This summer, Sapp participated an Achilles handcycling race in New York, during which he was able to network with other cyclists from all over the United States, including supporters such as Cindy and Meghan McCain—and Prince Harry of Wales.

"Prince Harry actually pushed a guy in the race, so that's kind of cool," he said.

"The one person who inspired me is Jim," said Sapp. "He also has transverse myelitis, but his version paralyzed him from the neck-down and he's been like that since the '80s. That's over 20 years. He's a website designer. He has a tube that comes to his mouth, and he sends Morse code using his mouth, and that's how he types. If he's online and I'm talking to him, I am typing, and he's blowing into a tube."

"There's also Italia who is a quadriplegic," said Sapp. "She's three years old. She can't do anything, which is sad, but these people are the ones that I race for."

Students interested in handcycling or volunteering are strongly encouraged to get in contact with Sapp through his Facebook page.

The Buzz List

News from outside the Boro

▲ "The Town" gets a 93% on rottentomatoes.com. Okay Ben Affleck, I'm game. We'll see if your filmmaking skills are on the same level as your acting skills. I expect high quality in this movie since Damon seems so passionate about it.

▲ "Devil" gets a predictable 41% on rottentomatoes.com. On some level, I feel so sorry for Shyamalan because he does have very interesting plots. They just happen to all be completely predictable with the same inevitable plot twist.

...Movie titles for this year just keep getting more creative, don't they?

▲ Peter Coyote joins the cast of "Law and Order: L.A." in a recurring role as a district attorney. I didn't even know that "Law and Order" was still airing new episodes. That show is older than I am!

▲ James Bacon, renowned columnist and reporter, died in his sleep of congestive heart failure last Saturday in his California home at the age of 96. During his 75-year-long career, Bacon reported news of Hollywood's "glory days." From one reporter to another, R.I.P.

Information compiled from TheHollywoodReporter.com, Variety.com and Billboard.com

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14 "As a result..."
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29 Comportment
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33 Tarzan's son
37 Huge mess
40 "Danny and the Dinosaur" author
40 Two-horse
41 Court postponement
42 Ancient Greek military power
43 Blood fluids
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45 Gregarious fun lovers
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Quick Hits

- Club bass fishing won the final qualifying National Guard FLW College Fishing Southeast Division event on Lake Chickamauga Saturday with six bass weighing 12 pounds, 3 ounces. The victory earned the team $10,000 to be split evenly between the university and the university's bass-fishing club.
- Men's soccer made a show with a score of 4-0 in the win over Winthrop this past Sunday. They open Southern Conference play in the next match against Furman on Wednesday, Sept. 29 at Eagle Soccer Field at 2 p.m.
- Women's soccer was able to get the win against Coastal Carolina 1-0. They open SoCon play as well in their next match against Wofford on Friday, Sept. 24 at Eagle Soccer Field at 4 p.m.

GSU football ranked No. 24 in FCS

Eagles become one of the three SoCon teams in top 25

Sports column
Rick SPURGEON
sports editor

It's been a while since Georgia Southern was ranked in the top 25 nationally for the Football Championship Subdivision. We last made it on the list two years ago exactly tomorrow — Sept. 22, 2008 — for the Sports Network poll.

But what's more important to me is the perception of the coaches around you, and the last time we made it on the FCS Coaches poll was October 13, 2008.

Following Furman's loss to South Carolina last week, we are now the third Southern Conference team in the top 25 in the No. 24 position.

Even if it is 24 out of 25, that is No. 24 out of 125 other teams in the nation.

This is something to be proud of and to make known. After more than a year absent of any national attention, we are once again at least recognized by those coaches who are on the same level.

The triple option is back indeed. Not just the offense that GSU is known for, but the hard-nosed defensive play that came along with it in the days of Erk Russell, who was the defensive coordinator for the Junkyard Dogs defense at the University of Georgia before he was asked to be the head coach for the Eagles — something that is lost in the mystique of the triple option.

GSU is currently ranked No. 11 in total defense and No. 7 for scoring defense in the NCAA, as well as No. 1 in the SoCon for both categories.

With an All-American player like Brent Russell holding down the defensive line, we have a great chance of keeping our opponents down while the triple option does its magic.

GSU was able to take down Savannah State University with no problem, as expected. The Eagles competed with Navy in a defensive struggle. GSU was able to keep the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers at bay with two late fourth-quarter scores to win it 43-26 this past weekend.

We're the team of tradition with six national championships already won; it's about time we started down that track again. We've come back to our roots on both sides of the ball and a pedigree coach at the helm of our ship.

Monken's Eagles are a legitimate contender for the Southern Conference title this year, and if they continue to play the way they have and keep working to get to his standards, I believe we will keep climbing up the rankings after we beat No. 10 Elon this Saturday, and No. 1 Appalachian State on Saturday, Nov. 26 here at Paulson Stadium.
Eagle teams have winning weekend

Sara Olands scored her fourth goal this season in this past weekend's game against Coastal Carolina. Because of her goal, the Eagles won, 1-0.

The volleyball team serves, sets and spikes its way to victory in all four of their matches to completely sweep the competition.

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