NCAA finds coaches did students’ homework; men’s program punished
Eagles basketball faces stiff penalties

Haiti outreach
Campus heeds call of quake victims; organizations unite

Victoria EVANS
Our House editor-in-chief

United for Haiti was brought together by Georgia Southern students to help Haitians in need after the strong earthquake last week.

United for Haiti was a small idea that developed into a campaign involving approximately 32 GSU student organizations.

National Pan-Hellenic Council President Natalia Daies generated this idea through many of the phone calls she received after last Tuesday’s 7.0-magnitude earthquake near Port-au-Prince.

The earthquake caused significant damage to Haiti. Aftershocks continued through the week and again yesterday morning.

Officials estimate that more than 72,000 were killed due to the earthquake. Many people are also injured and missing. Because of the extent of the damage, people are sleeping in the streets, waiting for help to arrive.

“Many people were asking what we were going to do to help,” said Daies.

Daies thought of a benefit show, and several other organizations

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Is your money going to Haiti?

Charles MINSHAW
editor-in-chief

Many organizations in the United States are collecting donations for relief efforts in Haiti, but there are some charities that may be fraudulent.

Ross Howard, vice president of the Better Business Bureau of Northeast Florida and Southeast Atlantic in Savannah, said people wishing to donate money should be careful when giving out cash, checks or credit card information.

"There's a lot of different things you need to look for in a charity," Howard said. "You'll want to check the reputation of the charity, determine how much of every dollar is going toward the cause. Some charities have high administration costs, which eat up a great deal of the money."

The American Red Cross, one organization providing aid to victims of last week's earthquake, has already received $112 million in donations.

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Dailies said that she was happy that everyone came together.

"It is important to come together during this tragic time and show our community Georgia Southern students do have a large helping hand," she said. "Student organizations can be united like a big family to help others in need."

The benefit concert, sponsored by the United Caribbean Association and several other student organizations, will be held at the Russell Union Commons from 5-8 p.m.

Music, poetry and commentary on the recent earthquake will be at the event. Students can learn about Haitian culture, food and history.

There will be letter writing booths and booths selling ribbons. To conclude the event, a candlelight vigil will be held at the Rotunda.

Donations to the American Red Cross can also be made at readcross.org or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS. You can also donate $10 using your mobile phone by texting "Haiti" to 90999.

Program had a booth in front of Lakeside. MAP students gave ribbons to those that would donate money.

Katie Poole was one student who donated money to United for Haiti.

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Our View

Eagles got off easy

The revelation that officials with the men's basketball program completed coursework for two student-athletes is appalling and violates all academic and athletic principles of Georgia Southern.

In the midst of the investigation, the entire men's basketball staff, including Head Coach Jeff Price, resigned from their positions.

Sometimes, however, resignations just aren't enough. Neither are training sessions. The NCAA's report stated that the director of basketball operations became "frustrated and dismayed by his involvement in academic fraud." The revelations are a disgrace to the coaching profession and the entire university. It will take many years to begin to repair our reputation as an institution that prides itself on academic and athletic excellence.

The Eagles got off easy, and we are eager to see how this kind of behavior is prevented in the future.

Hold the City Council accountable

The year 2010 marks the beginning of not only a new administration at Georgia Southern under Brooks Keel, but also a new city council in Statesboro. While there were only two seats up for grabs in last year's race, the newcomer to the City Council promises to shake things up.

John Riggs won the District 4 seat, which was vacated by Joe Brannen so that he could gain the mayor's position in an uncontested election. The Statesboro Herald has written that his election was due to the early turnout of student voters. While the election of 2009 saw a depressingly low turnout due to the lack of a mayor's race, Riggs' victory shows the power of the student vote in District 4.

That Riggs won District 4 should be no surprise, considering the large voting bloc of students in that district. However, this doesn't mean that the Stateboro community, both students and long-time residents, will allow this to happen again.

While the majority of the questions asked during the single candidates' forum in October ignored the concerns of students, a few questions were asked to some of the candidates about GSU, its students, and the interaction of both with the city. Riggs went on the record opposing Sunday alcohol sales, but also argued, on behalf of bar owners, in favor of an increased police presence in the parking lot outside of Retriever.

Such issues are important in any college town, but they have added importance in Statesboro, where students protested new alcohol laws passed by the City Council only a few years ago. The student body must continue to keep an eye on what the council does on a weekly basis.

The Student Government Association has already pressed for a meeting of the City Council to take place on campus. Mayor Brannen has made it clear he is not in favor of a meeting on campus, due to the precedent that could set for having meetings away from the council chambers, but he added that it's something he is not beyond considering.

Riggs has made it clear he'd like to see City Council meetings on campus. He has already spoken of the importance of Georgia Southern's SGA to the Stateboro community. So far, Riggs has shown himself to be a friend to GSUs student body.

Even with a new councilman pledging his support for students, at the end of the day the average student must act in his or her self-interest and cast a critical eye toward whatever the City Council does next. Holding them accountable makes sure students are never again caught off guard by the next important decision the City Council makes on our behalf, and on behalf of the entire population of Statesboro.
A good read and a raincoat?

I've walked around campus on a rainy day, and I realize that The George-Anne is grabbed up and used as rain gear. Not the most flattering use for something we put blood, sweat and tears into, but I understand. You do what you have to do.

If that can be forgiven, I guess I have to let go of the other less-than-glamorous ways our/your paper is used. Let's look at the other possible uses of your campus newspaper.

1. Birdcage liner. For those with pets, you know what I mean. When an animal has to go, it has to go. Is there a cheaper poop pad than a newspaper? Probably not.

2. Gift wrap. Late to a birthday party, and you're out of wrapping paper? Look no further than your local newspaper. The dimensions are great, and it folds beautifully. When I want wrapping paper with color, I reach for the comics section. Colorful and good for a laugh. Perfection.

3. Tablecloth. On special occasions, my father likes to steam crab legs instead of scraping and beating on the table, we look to our newspaper to protect the surface of our dining or picnic table. Its absorbent quality and many layers make it the ideal solution to our problem.

4. Insulation. Twenty-eight degrees is high for the day, and you've left your thermal underwear at home? No worries. Look to the news rack. Two to three quarters can land you warmth and absorbency. Wal-Mart can't offer a better deal! Plus, you can add or take away depending on how hot or cold you are. We could start a fashion trend -- the latest in layering.

GSU, remember where you came from

I had something really good written for this piece. It was cutting and witty and poignant. But somehow it wasn't right. So instead, I decided to write a letter. It's a letter to Georgia Southern -- to the Blue and White, south Georgia, get-after-their-ass university that has been a part of me for the past three-and-a-half years. And this is how it goes.

Dear Georgia Southern,

When I first met you, I loved you. I really did. I felt comfortable and safe and confident that I had made the perfect choice for me. I had found a place that got me involved, gave me a challenge, and taught me what to say when people asked me why I chose such a party school. This school taught me to take opportunities head on and how to drink beer from a keg. It taught me that the best professors are the ones who really like what they do and that with the right friends, Statesboro doesn't feel so small.

This is the place that has taught me so much more than anything you'd find in a textbook.

But the fact is, this started out as a letter to explain how disappointed I have become with the place that I love so much. But then, as I wrote, I found that I'm not disappointed at all. Actually, quite the opposite. I am proud to go to a university that puts its students first, a university that holds out hope for a better football season -- every season, a university that has taught me to give everything I've got.

But there's got to be a change. Growth is happening -- fast, but just because we are growing should not mean that we begin to make excuses. When I first came here, I was told that Georgia Southern didn't want to become the next UGA. Now I'm not so sure. While we can't cap enrollment -- no public institution can in Georgia -- the university needs to realize that it can't compromise the quality of education for more numbers on its stat sheet. GSU began as a student-centered teaching university and that should remain the top priority.

The administration needs to remember that numbers are not the only thing that will bring more funding -- a better school breeds better graduates, and better graduates will give back to the place that helped them become who they are. Average SAT scores have made leaps and bounds in the past three years alone -- they're almost at 1200 -- and the average GPA of incoming freshmen is consistently over a 3.0. What people -- students included -- need to realize is that we are no longer a second choice university. We have created our own category: a category for students who want all the resources and opportunities of a big state school but also want a school that doesn't overwhelm them and treat them like a number.

So my hope for this school, this university, this experience, is that when the administration looks at the facts and figures, the balance books, the numbers, and the board, that instead of making the easy choice it makes the right one. The one that bleeds blue and white, the one that looks at the long term, the one that doesn't just say it puts students first but one that actually does.

Don't forget where you came from while you become more than we could have ever hoped for.

GATA, Ally

Man on the Street

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

What are your thoughts on the media coverage of the Haiti earthquake?

"There's way too much coverage because America has its own problems and the money should be fed into our economy."

Laura Barber
psychology, freshman

"It's very extensive, but it deserves the attention."

Blake Dill
multimedia, sophomore

"Lots of exposure is good because they do need the help."

Devon McLean
business, freshman

"I think the United States does too much for other people when we should worry about our own economy."

Kelsey Gordon
education, freshman

Weekly Poll

at GADaily.com

How do you like the new layout of The George-Anne?

- I love it soooo much! 50%
- It's so-so. 33.3%
- I don't even read the paper. 16.7%

For next week's poll question, visit GADaily.com.
Thursday, January 21st
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Wheelchair Basketball Demonstration, Russell Union
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM New Student Organization Chartering, Russell Union 2047
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Hypnotist: Sailesh (Uncensored), Russell Union Ballroom
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Wheelchair Basketball, RAC

Friday, January 22nd
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM OSLCE: MLK Day of Service, Russell Union Rotunda
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Movie: Paranormal Activity, Russell Union Theater
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM Movie: Paranormal Activity, Russell Union Theater

Saturday, January 23rd
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sea Kayaking 101 Clinic, Southern Adventures, RAC Aquatic Center

Sunday, January 24th
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Eagle Camp Information Session, Russell Union Student Center, Room 2047

Monday, January 25th
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM OSLCE: Leadership Workshop, Russell Union 2047
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM IFC Recruitment
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Traditions Council Meeting, Russell Union 2042
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM MEN’S HEALTH WEEK (Relationship Rehab), Russell Union 2047

Tuesday, January 26th
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Intro to Climbing Clinic, Southern Adventures in the RAC
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM IFC Recruitment
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM GSU Unplugged, Russell Union Starbucks
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM SPIN and a movie, Spinning Studio in the RAC
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM MEN’S HEALTH WEEK (What’s Up, Doc?), Russell Union 2084

Wednesday, January 27th
11:00 AM - 3:30 PM Let It Snow!!!, Williams Center/Student Media Plaza
12:00 AM - 6:00 PM OSLCE: Blood Drive
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Cultural Book Discussion, Russell Union 2047
5:05 PM - 6:05 PM IFC Bid Day
Dyson discusses King

Eric SMITH
guest writer

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Dyson also criticized modern American culture for still not living up to what he believed were King’s standards.

He also addressed what he views as inequality in the public education systems and said that under funded inner city schools undermine access to a quality education.

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He also implored today’s African-American youth to appreciate the opportunities afforded to them that were not available to their ancestors.

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Students can stop by the Office of Student Leadership, Russell Union, Room 2024 or visit http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/leadership for an application.

Entries must be submitted to the office with an application attached by 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 25. All students will be notified by Thursday, Jan. 28.

In the essay, students should explain how their future career will help them remain true to themselves and how it will allow them to impact the world around them.

Mycoskie will present his lecture “The New Rules for Tomorrow’s Business: A Student’s Guide to Making a Difference in the World” on Monday, Feb. 1 in the Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Jodi Middleton at jmiddleton@georgiasouthern.edu or call 912-478-1435.

Flu vaccine clinics at Russell Union continue

Vaccine clinics for the seasonal influenza and the H1N1 virus will continue to be at the Russell Union for the next five weeks, ending Wednesday, Feb. 24.

The clinics will be in Russell Union Room 2041 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the following days: Thursday, Jan. 28; Thursday, Feb. 4; Wednesday, Feb. 10; Thursday, Feb. 18 and Wednesday, Feb. 24.

The H1N1 shot will be available free of charge, but there will be a fee for the seasonal influenza vaccine - $5 for students and $13 for GSU faculty, staff and retirees. Student IDs will be required to receive the inoculation from Health Services.

For more information, Health Services can be reached at 912-478-5641.

The George-Anne staff
POLICE BEAT

Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009
• Officers responded to a fire alarm at Deal Hall.
• Officers responded to a suspicious person call at Southern Courtyard.
• An apartment was burglarized at Southern Courtyard.

Monday, Dec. 21, 2009
• Officers took in found property turned in by personnel at Henderson Library.
• A Motorola radio was found and turned in to University Police.

Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009
• Found property was turned in to officers.

Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009
• Officers issued one traffic warning and responded to one alarm.

Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009
• Officers responded to one alarm.

Friday, Dec. 25, 2009
• No incidents reported.

Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009
• No incidents reported.

Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009
• No incidents reported.

Monday, Dec. 28, 2009
• Officers issued one traffic warning.

Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2009
• Officers assisted another agency.
• Matthew J. Korrow, 20, Highway 67, was charged with DUI, failure to obey a traffic-control device and following too closely.

Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009
• Officers assisted another agency and investigated one accident.

Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009
• No incidents reported.

Friday, Jan. 1, 2010
• Officers issued two traffic warnings.
• A door and doorframe were damaged at University Villas.

Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010
• Officers responded to one alarm.

Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010
• No incidents reported.

Monday, Jan. 4, 2010
• Officers issued one traffic warning.

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010
• No incidents reported.

Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010
• Officers issued two traffic warnings.

Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010
• Officers issued one traffic citation, issued two traffic warnings, assisted one motorist and responded to three alarms.

Friday, Jan. 8, 2010
• Officers issued four traffic warnings, assisted three motorists and responded to two alarms.

Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010
• Officers issued three traffic warnings, assisted three motorists and responded to a loud noise report at the Kappa Sigma house on Olympic Boulevard.
• Two bikes were taken from Centennial Place.

Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010
• Officers issued two traffic citations, issued two traffic warnings, assisted three motorists, responded to one alarm, responded to a drug complaint at Brannen Hall and investigated two accidents.
• Christopher Jacob Rayburn, 20, Brannen Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana.
• Azam Aziz Mughal, 21, Robin Hood Trail, was charged with DUI and failure to meet headlight requirements.
• Amon Barry Jr., 21, Registry Boulevard, Hampton, was charged with driving with a suspended license and failure to obey a traffic control device.

Monday, Jan. 11, 2010
• Officers issued one traffic citation, issued one traffic warning, assisted three motorists, assisted one sick person, assisted one injured person and investigated two accidents.
• An Eagle Village resident reported his X-Box hard drive was taken.

Tau Kappa Epsilon mourns the loss of an active leader

One of Tau Kappa Epsilon’s active members passed away on Monday in Georgia. Preston Frank Sanders has been involved in TKE since his initiation in Georgia Southern’s Lambda-Upsilon chapter in 1988. He joined the fraternity’s professional staff in Indianapolis after graduating GSU and worked there for five years during which time he was able to achieve tenure as senior director of Chapter Services.

Upon returning to Georgia, Sanders got involved with the GSU chapter again. Over the years, he received a variety of awards for his service to the fraternity.

"Frank Sanders was a man who gave great time and great effort to many good causes," said Stephen Derengowski, the 2009 TKE chapter president. "As president of the board of advisors, he cared deeply about the welfare of each member of the undergraduate chapter."

A scholarship, the TKE Georgia Province Scholarship of Excellence, has been renamed to honor Sanders.

The scholarship is meant for someone who demonstrates qualities similar to Sanders, including a record of leadership, a commitment to academic excellence and a history of volunteer service.

"Frank was willing to help anyone," Derengowski said. "His loss is a tragic one for the TKE fraternity as a whole, the Georgia Southern chapter and everyone who knew him. He is already missed dearly."

Georgia Southern is offering five six-week dance classes throughout the spring semester sponsored by the Continuing Education Center.

The classes will meet once a week at the College Plaza activity room in Statesboro. The first course is East Coast Swing, which begins tonight at 7 p.m. "Swing is one of my favorites," said Jimmy McNeely, who will be teaching the course with his wife, Gail McNeely.

The couple has been teaching dance courses for three years at GSU. The McNeelys began taking dance classes 13 years ago and have loved it ever since. Jimmy McNeely said having his wife teach with him "definitely helps." Teaching as a couple allows them to show the students how to lead or follow.

The couple will also be teaching Rumba starting March 11 and Samba starting April 29.

For anyone who can’t make the Thursday evening courses, Blake Weinberger will be teaching two Monday evening classes. The first of his classes is Lindy-Hop. "Lindy-Hop is the first swing, a concoction of styles of dances and rhythms," said Weinberger. Weinberger began dancing 10 years ago when he was in college and believes "you should always try something once."

The Lindy-Hop course will begin Feb. 1, and he will also be teaching Salsa beginning March 22.

According to Weinberger, students should dance "because it’s a social activity, fun, good exercise, helps flexibility and balance, and it’s good to challenge yourself!"

All three teachers said to students unsure about taking a dance class, "if you can walk, you can dance."

Each class is $75 per person and $125 per couple. No previous dance experience is required. To register, call 912-478-5551.

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‘Swing’ into spring

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For anyone who can’t make the Thursday evening courses, Blake Weinberger will be teaching two Monday evening classes. The first of his classes is Lindy-Hop. "Lindy-Hop is the first swing, a concoction of styles of dances and rhythms," said Weinberger. Weinberger began dancing 10 years ago when he was in college and believes "you should always try something once."

The Lindy-Hop course will begin Feb. 1, and he will also be teaching Salsa beginning March 22.

According to Weinberger, students should dance "because it’s a social activity, fun, good exercise, helps flexibility and balance, and it’s good to challenge yourself!"

All three teachers said to students unsure about taking a dance class, "if you can walk, you can dance."

Each class is $75 per person and $125 per couple. No previous dance experience is required. To register, call 912-478-5551.
Braving your Winter Wonderland in style

A look at this season’s fashion styles and trends

Winter weather brings gray skies, cracking fires, and cold season. It also brings an excuse to bust out your credit card and buy a new wardrobe that isn’t only warm, but stylish as well.

Although winter is not nearly as long as summer here in Statesboro, where the weather starts getting warm at the end of February, the cool air is an excuse to seek the warmth of the mall.

Winter clothing, just like any other season’s clothes, has trends and “in” pieces.

“Over the knee boots and high thigh boots, capes, heavy knits, tights or stockings are very in right now,” senior fashion merchandising major, Lauren Edwards said.

“Also see through clothing, military inspired jackets, ripped denim, bold accessories and jewelry, and one shoulder tops and dresses. ‘80s inspired clothing, heavy metal detailed clothing, neon color clothing, leather, sequins and lacy clothing are really big trends too.”

Men have trends to try this winter as well. “Classic cardigans, crisp Polos matched with khaki pants, and jeans are always in style, but form fitting, straight cut jeans are the trend for Winter 2010,” Edwards said.

“If they’re paired with a nice dress shirt, the look is classic and sophisticated.”

Winter clothing, besides being stylish, also needs to be practical too.

“With the ice, snow, sleet, and cold during winter, fashions need to keep the wearer warm as well as allow them to carry on in those conditions.”

When asked what specific items she would buy, Edwards said that she “would buy UGG Australia ‘Langley’ Cuff Boot with buckle detail from Nordstrom.com.”

“These are not your frumpy looking UGG boots. These boots have a chunky heel of 1 ½” inches, they are crafted with water proof leather and are topped with a soft shearing cuff, a rubber sole and are still lined in the inside with cozy sheep skin,” Edwards said.

“They’re warm and you can still walk in ice.”

Although the weather outside may be gray and the flowers may not be in bloom, there are still reasons to feel sunny.

Edwards said the key to truly being in style this winter is to, “be daring and bold and don’t be afraid to experiment!”

Most stores carry clothes for the winter months, but Edwards recommends certain places that have both affordable and stylish duds. “Forever 21, H&M, Target, Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, Century 21, Bluefly.com, Overstock.com, Macy’s, Express, and Zara have really good winter clothes.” For men, Edwards recommends Target, Abercrombie, American Eagle, and Express Men.
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NCAA: Coaches completed athletes’ homework

Men’s basketball faces strict penalties

Thom Cunningham
Sports Editor

On Wednesday, Jan. 20, the NCAA released a public infraction report to Georgia Southern claiming that the institution committed violations regarding the men’s basketball program.

Violations filed include academic fraud, provision of false and misleading information and failure to monitor by the institution. This is GSU’s second major infraction case with the men’s basketball program, as the university was under investigation in 1995.

The report did not name the director of basketball operations nor the assistant coach that committed the violation. The Associated Press reports that Assistant Coach Nolan Myrick was suspended in February 2009, while the GSU Men’s Basketball media guide for the 2007-08 season lists John Miller as the director of basketball operations.

The Eagles’ former assistant coach knowingly engaged in academic fraud and failed to deport himself in accordance by providing false and misleading information to GSU representatives and NCAA staff.

As a part of the academic fraud charges, it was reported that the assistant coach provided portions of course work and completed course work for two student-athletes. The former assistant coach submitted and provided an athlete with work that included completed tests. The assistant coach also participated in online chats in several English and criminal justice courses between fall 2007 and fall 2008.

The students’ grades for the classes where academic fraud was committed were changed to an “F”.

The student was accused by his professors of academic dishonesty and had to take exams in the presence of a proctor. The same situation occurred for a second student-athlete.

During the 2008 spring term, the assistant coach directed the director of men’s basketball operations to be responsible for the second athlete’s work in English and history. The director of operations then submitted athlete’s work.

The assistant coach was assigned academic oversight responsibilities for the men’s basketball team. According to the report, this individual obtained athletes’ Eagle IDs and passwords and manipulated athletes’ coursework.

The assistant coach was also charged with providing false and misleading information when questioned by the NCAA on Jan. 22 and March 24, 2009. In the report, the assistant coach denied providing student athletes with coursework. He also denied his involvement in online chats and directing the director of operations to commit academic fraud for student-athlete two.

He denied in these violations is the subject of unethical conduct for providing false and misleading information.

According to the director of operations, the assistant coach fashioned a systematic pattern of academic fraud on behalf of student-athlete one. This was indeed confirmed by student-athlete one who also claimed the arrangement began when he first enrolled at the university.

Student-athlete one claims he observed the assistant coach “posing” as student-athlete one during required online chats and answering questions. The investigation also revealed that a high school instructor, who was an acquaintance of the assistant coach, wrote a paper turned in by student-athlete one. Although the assistant coach denied the charge, he did admit to obtaining the paper from the high school teacher.

The assistant coach also instructed the director of operations to perpetuate academic fraud on behalf of student-athlete two in a similar way. As a result, the director of operations resigned toward the end of the 2008 spring semester.

After the director of operations resigned, the assistant coach continued the pattern of academic fraud for the second athlete.

The director of operations’ duties included monitoring study halls, spot-checking for class attendance and providing academic monitoring for assigned student-athletes.

In spring 2008, the assistant coach directed him to be responsible for two of the second athlete’s courses. The director of operations admitted to reading students’ answers to help him answer questions. He also recalled writing papers that were eight to 10 pages in length and spending many hours in the library researching.

The second athlete denied any involvement in academic fraud; however, when confronted with specific details of course requirements, the student could not recall any. Student-athlete two also could not recall topics discussed in class or any information on which he was tested during exams.

Because the assistant coach was assigned oversight of academic affairs for the men’s basketball team, he was allowed to communicate directly with professors and instructors regarding courses that athletes were enrolled in. The report states that while officials were aware of his responsibility, the assistant was not monitored.

The NCAA staff did conclude, however, that the activities of the assistant coach were done in such a manner that it made detection by the university very difficult.

According to the report, the academic fraud can be attributed, in large part, to the decision to assign the assistant coach with oversight of academics for the athletes without supervising him.

The university did admit that certain aspects of the “structure” under which the academic fraud occurred was inadequate.

An NCAA committee member said that the facts in the See PENALTIES Page 16

2008

Dec. 1 - Officials from Georgia Southern received a letter from the father of a former student-athlete alleging academic fraud in the men’s basketball program. The institution notified the Southern Conference. The university’s president appointed a four-member panel to lead the institution’s investigation.

Dec. 17 - The institution and enforcement staff participated in a telephone conference regarding the academic fraud allegations.

Jan. 6 - The enforcement staff and university jointly interviewed a former men’s basketball student-athlete.

Jan. 20, 21 and 22 - The enforcement staff and institution jointly interviewed numerous student-athletes and men’s basketball coaches.

Feb. 3 - The enforcement staff and university jointly interviewed the former director of basketball operations.

Feb. 5 - The university suspended the former assistant men’s basketball coach and placed him on administrative leave. The institution also suspended student-athletes 1 and 2 and a men’s basketball student-athlete.

Feb. 6 - The enforcement staff conducted a joint telephone interview with an assistant men’s basketball coach.

February and March - The institution reviewed e-mail and computer records of former assistant coach and student-athletes 1 and 2.

Mar. 4 - The enforcement staff and university jointly re-interviewed three men’s basketball student-athletes (including student-athletes 1 & 2).

Mar. 23, 24 & 25 - The enforcement staff and institution jointly interviewed an assistant football coach and a personal friend of an assistant men’s basketball coach. A second interview was conducted in person with the head men’s basketball coach. The enforcement staff and institution jointly conducted a second in-person interview with the former assistant coach and his counsel.

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Mar. 25 - The former assistant coach submitted a letter of resignation.

Mar. 26 - Student-athlete 2 appeared before the institution’s office of judicial affairs for academic misconduct. He was found to have committed academic dishonesty. A former student athlete was cleared of academic misconduct and reinstated with the men’s basketball program.

Mar. 30 - The then head men’s basketball coach and the then associate head men’s basketball coach submitted their resignations. The institution accepted their letters of resignation.

Mar. 31 - The former assistant coach’s resignation was rejected, and the university terminated him for cause.

Mar. 31 - Student-athlete 1 appeared before the institution’s office of judicial affairs for academic misconduct. He was found to have committed academic dishonesty.

April 15 - The enforcement staff and institution jointly conducted a second interview with the former director of operations.

May 29 - The enforcement staff issued a notice of allegations to the president of the institution, the former assistant coach, the former tutor and the former Director of Operations.

Aug. 26 - The institution submitted its response to the notice of allegations.

Aug. 27 - The former assistant coach wrote a letter to the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions stating that he was not submitting a written response to the notice of allegations.

Sept. 10 - The former director of operations sent an e-mail to the enforcement staff stating that he was not attending the hearing. He did not submit a response to the notice of allegations.

October 9 - Hearing before the Division I Committee on Infractions.

2010

January 20 - Infractions Report No. 315 released.

Visit GADaily.com for a link to the full report.
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case were clear.

"It seems to me that most of the facts in this case are not in dispute," said an NCAA committee member in the report. "It also seems to me that there is general agreement as to how the rules apply to the facts and the violations that have been admitted."

The official said, "It occurs to me ... you had insufficient staff in the fall of 2007 through the fall of 2008 to really cover the academic service needs of the hundreds of student-athletes you have in your program ... I would think that academic services would be something that would be a high priority."

You delegated responsibility for academics to a coach, which I think, a red flag for most of us."

In a response to what the NCAA committee member had to say, former university President Bruce Grube responded.

"The fact that none of the people associated with this any longer work for us, I hope is an incredibly strong message to any who remain or who come after," said Grube.

"We have changed reporting structures, process other structures to try and deal with this, and then we have the ongoing issue of how the university generally is going to handle online courses as well as specifically how that might be handled in athletics."

Failure to monitor infractions were based on several factors.

The assistant coach was assigned oversight responsibility of academics to the men's basketball team.

This responsibility included access to the student-athlete's academic accounts and professors.

The assistant coach also didn't receive guidance or supervision in his capacity as the academic overseer for men's basketball.

According to the infraction report, this placed the coach in an inherent conflict of interest position.

Evidence also revealed there was neither the time nor the personnel available to monitor the former assistant coach.

With all of these infraction charges, there are penalties the university will have to deal with, some of which were self-imposed.

The university will receive public reprimand and censure and will also receive two years of probation from Jan. 20, 2010, through Jan. 19, 2012.

GSU will only receive 11 grants-in-aid during the 2009-10 academic year, two less than the NCAA limit of 13.

Another self-imposed penalty the university will receive has to do with recruiting. During the 2009-10 academic year, the number of official recruiting visits for men's basketball will be reduced by four.

The university will be forced to vacate all wins in which both student-athletes competed during the 2007-08 and 2008-09 seasons.

Individual records of the former student-athletes will be vacated as well.

Any university that employs the former assistant coach shall prohibit him from participating in any off-campus recruiting activities for five years.

Any NCAA member institution employing the former director of basketball operations shall document the institutions monitoring of the employees and confirm that they have complied with the provisions of the show cause penalty.

Once the probationary period ends, President Keel will have to provide a letter to the NCAA affirming the university's athletics conformed to all requirements of the NCAA.