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Five arrested in Greenbriar Trail drug raid

By Ally Rakoczy Staff writer

Five people were arrested after the Statesboro Police Department raided a local home on Greenbriar Trail.

According to Stan York, Statesboro Chief of Police, multiple types of illegal drugs were found at the residence, including chocolate covered psilocybin mushrooms, ecstasy, and LSD.

The drug bust occurred after a twomonth investigation surrounding the property.

The catalyst for the initial investigation was due to a concerned citizen's complaint in the area.

Those arrested in the August 21 raid at the Greenbriar Trail residence were Danielle Johnson, Danielle Maskery, Matthew Keller, Rhama Neisler and William Elliott.

"We actually [conducted the investigation] through two means-through citizens and buy bust," said York.

According to York, a "buy bust" occurs when officers have a "hand to hand transaction" with the individuals that were allegedly involved in dealing illegal drugs.

Initially, the Statesboro Police Department did not arrest the individuals after the first transactions; however they did

obtain several different drugs through undercover means prior to making arrests. According to reports, the individu-



Danielle Maskery Matthew Keller

als arrested had over \$50,000 worth of illegal drugs present in the residence on Greenbriar Trail.

The operation was being housed in the



Rhama Neisler

residence of two of the women arrested as a result of the investigation. Those involved in the case could serve

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SGA holds weekly Senate meeting ShuttleGus, CIT Senate Openings discussed

By Taylor Walsh Guest writer

The Georgia Southern Student Government Association met in the Russell Union Ballroom Wednesday night.

Attorney Troy Marsh spoke to the Senate about free legal services he provides to GSU students. The purpose of his visit was to inform the Senate of meeting included: changes to these services.

Marsh's office is located in room 2112 of Centennial Place building two. He will take 6 appointments per week, to give 20 minute advice sessions.

Marsh made note that he does not represent students in court through these sessions.

Following Marsh's presentation, SGA President Samantha Young led the new senators in taking the oath of office, and began discussion of the Shuttle Gus program.

"Shuttle Gus is now in the hands of SGA," according to Young, adding that the Shuttle Gus program needs more support. Shuttle Gus provides free transportation for students on weekends in an effort to reduce drunk driving and alcohol-related road accidents.

Anyone interested in volunteering to work with Shuttle Gus should contact the Office of Student Activities.

Other business conducted at the Jessica Sparrow, SGA Vice President

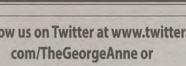
of Academic Affairs, discussed the House of Representatives, an extension of the Senate.

Sparrow, who also serves as the House's President, said that the House is still accepting applications, due Friday, September 4th, at 5:00 PM. For more information, contact Jessica Sparrow at jsparro1@georgiasouthern.edu.

President Young said there are two open seats for the College of Information of Technology. Those interested should contact her at syoung18-gw@ georgiasouthern.edu.



Vice President of Academic Affairs Jessica Sparrow informs the Senate about openings in the SGA's House of Representatives at Wednesday's SGA Senate meeting.



The qualities of Georgia Southern's next president.

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Ticket supply for Rice lecture exhausted

According to Assistant Director of Communications Betsy Nolen,

ticket supplies for Condoleezza Rice's Tuesday evening lecture have been exhausted. No additional

tickets will be for this event. Secretary to simulcast the Condoleeza lecture in the Rice will visit GSU on Tuesday.



made available Former Plans are in place of State Russell Union Ballroom and

Theater. No ticket will be required for the simulcast at these locations.

Up-to-date coverage of Rice's visit can be found on pages six and seven of today's paper.

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Georgia Southern University to host annual fundraiser 'A Day for Southern'

By Ally Rakoczy

Staff writer

This year, Georgia Southern's annual community fundraising event, "A Day for Southern," will incorporate a portion of the student body in efforts to get more people involved.

The decision to incorporate student workers and casual laborers stemmed from the research of Urkovia Andrews' Public Relations Campaigns class during the spring semester. Through the research, students found that other students wouldn't mind giving to GSU if they got to designate where their funds would go. "A Day for Southern for Students" was then created based on all the information collected.

"A Day for Southern" for the student participants has been ongoing for the past week, and the community day for the campaign will be from 8 a.m.-5p.m. on Sept. 15.

According to Wendell Tompkins, Director of Annual Giving and major organizer of the campaign, "A Day for Southern" raised \$1.4 million last year and the university has high hopes for this year as well.

"We are optimistic about this year's campaign and understand that the Statesboro/Bulloch County community has always been, and will continue to be, a strong supporter of the University," said Tompkins.

"For the first year, we decided to only provide information to student employees, graduate assistants and casual labor employees within the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (SAEM) and Auxiliary Services," said Vince Miller,

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up to ten years if convicted, as drug related cases of this nature are classified as felonies.

However, according to York, many of those involved have had multiple offences in the past, so they could potentially serve much more time.

Many of these investigations occur as a result



Georgia Southern raised \$1.4 million last year during "A Day for Southern" fundraising event.

Director of Special Projects in SAEM. Campus offices that fall under these departments include Residence Life, Campus Recreation and Intramurals, Food Services, and Russell Union.

"In addition, we shared information with student organizations that are advised by departments within the Division: SGA; Southern Ambassadors, Eagle Entertainment, Greek Life, etc,." said Miller.

According to Miller, these groups were targeted due to the "natural distribution process" through the Directors of the departments, which allowed for easily facilitated communication between the Directors and the students within the organizations.

"The main purpose [of "A Day for Southern for Students"] is to educate students on the importance of giving back to Georgia Southern. If we don't start

of civilian complaints, and the Statesboro Police Department takes all of these complaints seriously, according to York.

The police department has been working on various drug-related cases and other cases in the area.

"We've got multiple leads that we work, and once we've done one case we go on to the next. We get a tip or complaint and then we follow up on those complaints or tips. The officers actually make coneducating enrolled students now, it becomes more difficult to engage students once they become alumni and relocate all over the world," said Miller.

"A Day for Southern" has a long legacy of success at the university. For the past 36 years, both the community and the university have been contributing to GSU, and the goal is to have 100 percent participation from the students involved.

Alex Grovenstein, Assistant Director for Web Based Fundraising, has high hopes for this year's campaign.

"Our goal and our hope is that folks will continue to support GSU very generously as they have in the past. The scholarship money that goes to the students is really what it's about. Students are really the beneficiaries [of "A Day for Southern"]."

tact themselves. It's always a continuing cycle. We've always got something to do," said York.

York also stressed the importance of everyday safety

"Lock your doors. A lot of people leave their vehicles unlocked and they leave items of value and have personal items taken. They are very easy targets and it's invasive. Crimes can get personal very quickly," said York.

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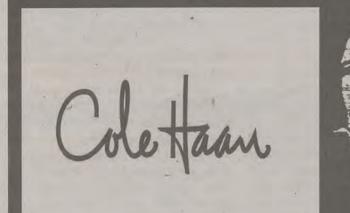
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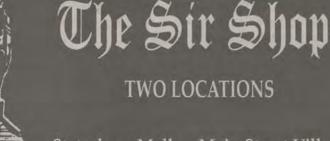
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The George-Anne Daily welcomes letters to the editor, story submissions and guest columns. All copy submitted should be 350 words or less, typed, and sent via e-mail in Microsoft Word format to gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu. All submissions must be signed and include phone number for verification. GSU students should include their academic major, year at Georgia Southern University, and hometown. The editors reserve the right to edit or reject any submission.



Our View: Georgia Southern's 12th President

The search for Georgia Southern's 12th president will enter its next stage in less than a week when the candidates begin to set foot on campus for interviews, forums, and meetings here. Now is the time for all of us to consider what standard of leadership GSU needs in the years ahead.

Whether you are a student, faculty, staff or administrator, it is your duty to evaluate these candidates. On average, the GSU community only gets the chance to help choose a new president about once a decade, so this is a golden opportunity for everyone to take part in this event of historic proportions.

Our next president should always keep the best interests of students in the forefront of his or her mind. Every decision that is made by the president should always put the student first. Without the students, GSU would not be the institution that

The next president should be a person who is familiar with the challenges that our university faces, but not content with our current stance on enrollment and growth. That is not to say that we are in a bad place. We need some one who continues to aspire for GSU to be a better place.

The president should be a person who has university. This person needs to have a fresh perspective on our challenges and our goals. We of growth and success.

things most people think

of when they decide it's

time to move away from

home: What kind of pet

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kind. Especially with

the economy the way it

is now, anyone who buys

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need someone who is ready to lead on day one. There is explosive growth projected for the University System of Georgia, and our next president should be prepared to deal with this while preserving what makes GSU a "small-scale, large feel" university. We must maintain this feel of a small

community if we are to continue to call ourselves a "student centered" university. The next president will also have to deal with

leading GSU in a time of economic decline that will, someday, lead to a recovery. What this means for the next leader of our university is not only planning for the current economic crisis, but setting a vision for the future of the university in better times to come.

In 1906, the community came together to support this school. The next president needs to be willing to continue a friendship with our home community that has allowed both the university and Statesboro to thrive for over a century.

While our list is not an all-inclusive list of qualities for our next president, it certainly provides a snapshot of what kind of leadership GSU needs, and we urge the Search Committee and the Board

and above-all, student-focused, leadership is necessary to help the university begin another 100 years

James Kicklighter s a senior publi relations major from Claxton, Ga. He is a staff columnist for the George-Anne.

who aren't Gmail users, the Tuesday outage may have passed by without any notice. But for the millions of us that use cloud computing services on a daily basis, this was a big problem. It turns out that the outage only affected Web-based services, not IMAP and POP

Clouds, e-mail, and Facebook, oh my!

accounts that feed into our cell phones and such, but the event again has called into question the digital future that we seem to be finding ourselves in.

As we become more reliant on technology and less individual computing on a corporate level, this will become much more of an issue. Even at many labs across this campus, there isn't a physical operating system or programs installed on computers. They are remotely accessed using your computer to allow for quick distribution of software and security from a handful of locations.

However, if something happens to any of these places, it will affect many users; such as the 14 percent of Gmail users globally who lost all mail services on Tuesday. Information can be turned

For those of you off in an instant online. Just look at the Chinese government, whose leader one day decided to turn off all national Internet services just to prove that he could.

> I like technology and tend to be connected to the newest and latest products, so I'm certainly not phobic to any of these things. However, it does concern me that we continually seem to be shifting from books to Kindles, CDs to MP3s and bills to ePay. If someone wants to, he can impact directly the way that any of these services are delivered to us.

> The New York Times ran an interesting article the other day about the exodus of a small percentage of the Facebook population. These people are leaving because they don't like the idea of the profile page; conceptually, with the new wave of advertising and connective media, the profile page isn't yours, it is Facebook's page about you, providing valuable information to advertisers, marketers and brands on how to best connect with your interests and ideas. This kind of access

> As we continue to live our online lives, incidents such as Gmail outages will call into question the way we rely on computing systems. Though it is convenient and easy to access, it is important for us to archive on hard drives too, so that if the cloud drops out, we won't be thrown into the storm.

It seems that people are not the only ones who are losing their homes



Shannon Knepp is a senior broadcasting major from Albany, Ga. She is the managing editor for the George-Anne

a pet needs to understand the full weight of his decision and decide if he can afford it, if he has

It's one of the first the time to dedicate and if he has the ability to According to a recent report by telegraph.co.uk, take care of the animal.

> According to an article published in January of 2008 by USA Today, more and more pets are being deserted by their owners because they are unable to afford them, and with the economy the way it is the situation isn't likely to improve anytime soon.

> However, the economy isn't the only thing that is causing people to suddenly drop their pets. In the past few years, pets have become more of a fad then a friend to most. People buy exotic pets, then realize that they have no idea how to care for these pets so they desert them.

> For example, the Harry Potter fad. Fans of this movie suddenly were buying white snow owls that looked like Harry's beloved friend Hedwig.

there is a sanctuary being opened for owls who have been abandoned by once enthusiastic owners. People bought these owls, then realized that they didn't have the ability to take care of them and would abandon these owls.

The sanctuary is being opened on the Isle of Wright in hopes that people will no longer dump these animals that they have no idea how to care for.

The issue is that people buy these pets based off of what they think is "cool" or "fashionable." People are not looking at whether or not they really have the time, money, or ability to really give these animals the time and affection that they deserve. Then, once they realize how difficult caring for these animals can be or how time consuming it is, they simply dump these animals off.

In the case of exotic animals such as the owl, people buy them because they think it will be exciting: however, once they realize that these animals are not easily tammed, and taking care of them isn't as easy as they thought it would be, people bale.

Redding.com discuses cases of warm-blooded animals such as snakes and iguanas, and how people let them go once they get too big to continue to be kept by owners.

People need to learn common sense when it comes to pet buying. Do the research you need before buying any kind of pet. In the end it will save you money and keep some undeserving animal from being locked away in the humane society awaiting an unspeakable fate.

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Saturday, September 5th

12:00 AM - GSU vs. Albany @ Paulson Stadium

Monday, September 7th

12:00 AM - 12:00 AM Labor Day: GSU Closed

Tuesday, September 8th

3:00 PM - 8:00 PM Intramural Flag Football RAC Member Services
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM IFC Delegates Meeting
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM OSLCE: Leadership 101 Workshop Russell Union 2041
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM NPHC Delegates Meeting
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM PHA Delegates Meeting
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM OSLCE: Condoleezza Rice L - PAC
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM GSU Unplugged @ Starbucks

Wednesday, September 9th

12:00 AM - 12:00 AM OSLCE: Blood Drive 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM OSA: Annual Registered St 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM FREE Preview Swim Lessons 7:00 PM - 9:05 PM Greek Life Speaker

Thursday, September 10th

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Parking problems anticipated for Condoleezza Rice's visit next week On-campus students are encouraged to walk to the event, while students that drive should arrive early

By Ditoria Geddis

Guest writer

On Sept. 8 students may be concerned with parking because of the presence of guest speaker Condoleezza Rice.

Rice will be speaking to the student body about leadership at 7 p.m. in the Hanner Fieldhouse.

The doors will be open at 6 p.m. and no one will be allowed in after 6:45 p.m.,so guests will want to get there early.

No tickets will be sold on the day of the event, but for those who do not get a ticket in time, it will be simulcast in the Russell Union, according to Vince Miller, director of special projects.

"The event will hold nearly 5,000 guests," said Miller.

Parking for the evening will be available for everyone in all lots surrounding Hanner, including the Russell Union parking lot and places accessible from Sweetheart Circle.



Campus safety and security officials will be

"No full lots will be closed because of this

using the same strategies normally used during

winter graduation because of possible traffic,

event. Some spaces in front of Hanner and be-

hind Cone Hall will be closed during the day on

Tuesday and will be converted to handicapped

and reserved parking for the evening event,"

said Miller. "Students living on campus are

according to Miller.

Deborah Innskeep/STAFF

strongly encouraged to walk, and others are encouraged to take the bus and walk from the student union bus stop," he said.

Junior political science major Brittany Horn expects problems with parking.

"I think that parking is going to be an issue with anything on campus because it is an issue on campus right now," said Horn.

The designated area for those who want to protest the event is outside the Russell Union

Rotunda.

Because of the designated area for demonstrators, protesters should not interfere with traffic. Peaceful demonstrators are allowed there.

If students are unaware of what a peaceful demonstration is, they should read the code of conduct regarding peaceful demonstrations.

"Guests attending 'Remarks of Condoleezza Rice,' that interfere with the normal operations of the event will be warned and potentially removed from the facility," said Miller.

According to Miller, Rice will not be flying into Statesboro, but she, her security and staff are making arrangements to come to campus and are working with Campus Security for movement around campus.

Everyone attending the event should visit the website www.georgiasouthern.edu/speakerspotlight.

This site includes a parking map as well as the top ways to enjoy this event under the "Are you Ready," tab.

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ast minute details are finalized for Rice's visit to campus next week

By Jessenia Martinez

Guest writer

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Condoleezza Rice's visit to Georgia Southern's campus has the campus and community excited for her arrival, and the Department of Public Safety and the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Enggement are making some final touches to plans for the Sept. 8 event.

As the students began receiving their tickets to the event in the preceding week, the supply has been exhausted. Therefore, no tickets can be picked up at the door on the day of the event.

Details on her location upon arrival are secret; Rice will arrive late Tuesday afternoon her whereabouts to the public, but we can say she will be arriving on the day of the event and not the day before," said Captain Laura McCullough of Public Safety.

There are a few guidelines to follow for the event and the Rice's arrival.

Students are advised to not be worried about the media, since those coming to the event will have their own parking area and should not interfere with students' schedules or transportation.

"People have been concerned about roads being blocked, but she [Rice] is so easygoing, there shouldn't be any," said Todd Deal, director of Student Leadership. "She was willing to take

following a visit to Fort Stewart. "We can't give a golf cart as transportation around campus. It's nice to see an international figure so laid back."

Students are also advised to follow their everyday routines and to not worry about traffic since the event will not take place until late in the day at the Hanner Fieldhouse.

"Other than Hanner having traffic, there shouldn't be any anywhere else on campus," said McCullough. "There will be a shuttle bus for transportation for Rice and her party."

The contract with Rice states there will be no still-or video photography allowed.

"The media, like the George-Anne, will have the opportunity to take photography the first five minutes of the speech," said Deal, "There may be opportunity after the speech for a meet and greet, but with her busy schedule, it is not a definite thing."

Also, students should make sure they are hydrated before the event, as there will not be any concession stand available, nor will any food or drink be allowed into the event.

Although there are minor limitations to the event, all parties involved expect a fine turnout and more excitement and appreciation for the school.

Deal said, "I am hoping that students enjoy the event and that they see even though she is an international figure, she is still an average person who enjoys what she does."

Simulcast of Rice's speech to be held for students, faculty and community members in Union

By Tiffany Colston

Guest writer

Since Hanner Fieldhouse can only accommodate 5,000 people for Rice's speech, a simulcast will take place so that the Georgia Southern student body can experience the event live.

Any student, faculty or member of the community without tickets to the event will have the opportunity to participate in a simulcast, for notable people such as Lisa Ling have been at the end of the week," said Vince Miller, Director a live video and audio stream, of the lecture at the Russell Union from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m the day of the event.

According to Jodi Middelton, Assistant Director of Student Affairs, the Program Planning Committee coordinated the simulcast.

"Future speakers may be simulcast depending on the campus response, but previous simulcasts

successful."

Tickets are limited for the event and there are a limited number of seats available to the public. Complimentary tickets were distributed to the public on Aug. 31, Sept. 1 and Sept. 2 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Hanner Fieldhouse.

"Tickets will be available for community dispersment, and additional tickets will be released

of Special Projects. "Guests will be seated until 6:45 p.m., and then if other people arrive and they do not have tickets, they will be permitted to fill the remaining seats."

For more information regarding Condoleezza Rice's visit, contact the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement at (912) 478-1435.



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Georgia Southern opens College Optical Center in recently opened Centennial Place

By Tiffany Colston

Guest writer

Georgia Southern recently opened its first optical center, College Optical Center, at Centennial Place on Aug. 17.

According to Tierra Fleet, office manager, it's conveniently located on campus and is easy to access.

"With us, you don't have to fight traffic or get a ride, and our doctor is more accessible than other local optometrists. We are also \$6 cheaper than Wal-Mart and have a system where you can order your contacts online."

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According to the owner, Dr. Michael Acker, the location has been fairly busy and 25 patients have been seen since the grand opening. "People have heard about us mainly through word of mouth," said Acker.

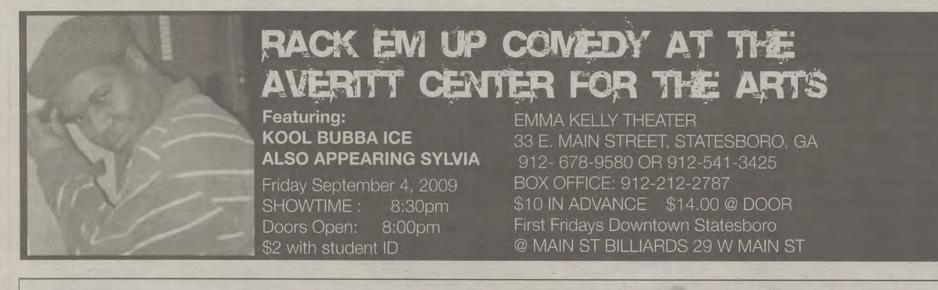
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Georgia partners up with surrounding states to go against Drunk Driving

Shari Blackburn Guest writer

Law enforcement in Georgia, as well as the five surrounding states will be implementing a "no tolerance" policy against drinking and driving this coming holiday weekend.

The 18 annual Hands Across the Border, which began Sunday, August 30, will run through Friday, Sept. 4 as aneffort to reduce the number of those who risk their lives, as well as the lives of others, on the roads every year in the Southeast.

"We are partnering up with law enforcement to try and educate people against all types of illegal impaired driving," said Captain Matthew Libby of the Port Wentworth Police Department. "This includes aggressive driving, texting, as well as drinking and driving."

Law enforcement officials will be setting up conferences and meetings in designated Georgia welcome centers to speak out against the risk of drinking during the holiday season.

The program is in effect in Georgia and will be enforced at border lines with Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, North and South Carolina to promote driving safety during the Labor Day weekend.

ists that whether they're coming from or going to Georgia this Labor Day weekend, road checks on both sides of the state lines will be enforcing safe driving laws," said Bob Dallas, director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. "We may have different governors, different laws and even different accents, but we all make the same commitment to take drunk drivers off our roads."

According to Edgar Snyder and Associates, there were 1,493 deaths in the state of Georgia associated with auto accidents in 2008. Of that amount, 28 percent of the fatalities involved a driver with a 0.08 or higher alcohol level.

Hands Across the Border will work coordinately with Operation Zero Tolerance, which simply states that if you get caught with a 0.08 or above Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) level, you will immediately be sent to jail; no warnings nor citations. The OZT will be in effect until Sept. 7.

"In the state of Georgia, you can actually get a legal DUI at 0.05 BAC," said Libby. "But with that are mediated factors in which you would not be sent to jail. With OZT, you will be sent straight to jail at 0.08; no questions asked."

"Hands Across the Border reminds all motor- (SETEN) and police officers will be enforcing the "under the influence, under arrest" policy by placing sobriety checkpoints on major in-going and out-going roads in Georgia to remind drivers that if you get caught, you will be locked up.

> The policy will affect everyone and college students are certainly not out of the equation. Some feel that the policy will not make an overall impact on drunk drivers, but will only be a temporary answer to a long expected problem.

> "It's just another worry that people have to carry on their backs," said GSU sophomore Bon Tria. "People should not drink and drive, but sadly, they are going to do it either way."

> According to the Carmax Foundation, 1,700 college students nationwide die from alcohol related and unintentional accidents including car accidents. Roughly 1,400 of those deaths are caused by motor vehicle accidents.

> Though students will have to determine their own judgment with drinking and driving, Bulloch County actually implemented measures such as Operation Rolling Thunder to set up check points outside of GSU back in January 2009.

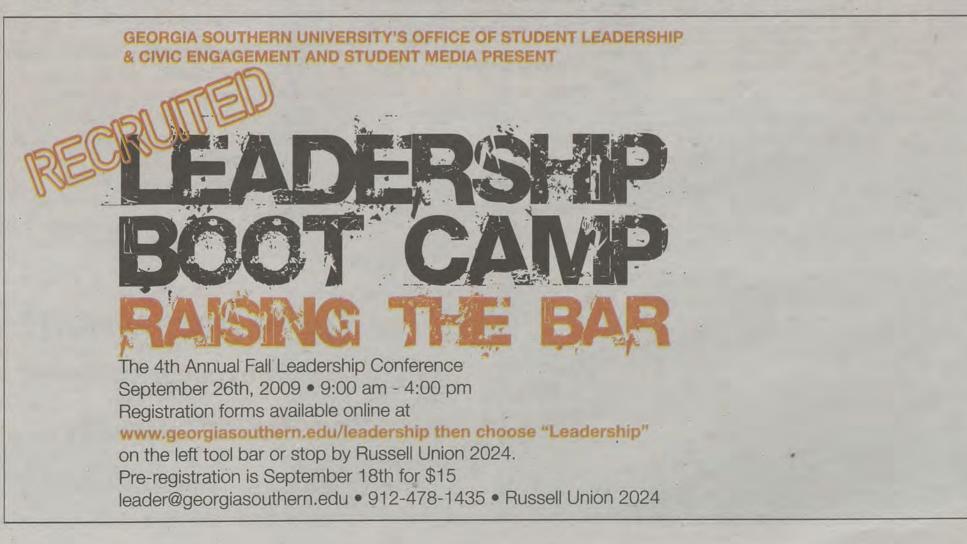
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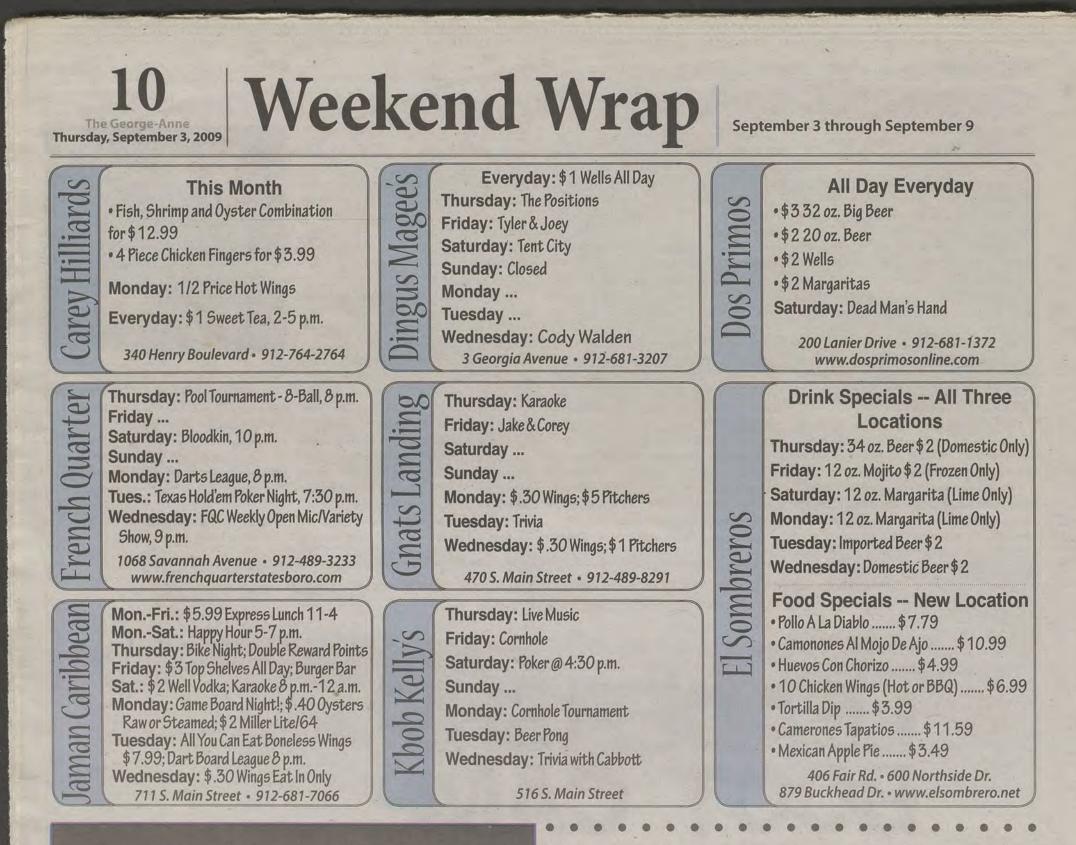
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ing and driving is concerned," said Libby. "With efforts to educate through policies like Operation Rolling Thunder, we have seen improvement in the Statesboro area."

Libby said that those are the same hopes for Hands Across the Borders. With proper education through the program, and its partnership with Operation Zero Tolerance, there will be a decrease in fatalities associated with intoxication during the Labor Day weekend.



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Dos Primos reopens after the completion of recent rennovations

By Tiffani Addison

Guest writer

Under new management, Statesboro bar Dos Primos has an entirely new look.

Simply known as Dos, located on Lanier Drive across from Parkers and in the plaza with Shannanigans and Don Corleons, the popular social hangout has undergone several renovations.

The bar now offers a remodeled bar, stage, light fixtures, computer system, restrooms and a new arcade area with a pool table, boxing game, "Pac-Man", and "Big Buck Hunter 2."

There are also seven televisions, including five flat-screens, and a double deck outside that will be completed in two months.

Manager Mohammed Khan said they want to have the deck completed before football season. According to Khan, the bar will offer the same food menu but with better quality.

"We want to promote more of a sports bar and grill where locals and college students can mingle," said Khan. Dos opened officially last Friday with a huge crowd.

The operating hours for now are Mondays-Saturday from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m., but they will soon return to their original hours which were Monday-Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

This Thursday, Alabama country singer Johny Holland will perform at Dos, and on Friday, Georgia Southern alumnus, Bryan Clark will perform.

Dos will offer events regularly: a mariachi band on Mondays, Trivia with Phil and Jake on Tuesdays, karaoke on Wednesdays and, according to Khan, Dos will soon have specials everyday including happy hour Monday-Saturday from 5 - 7 p.m.

Dos is now hiring for all positions, including a DJ, servers and bartenders. Dos has been around for seven years, and Khan is an 18-year Statesboro resident, excited about the changes made to upgrade this establishment during all of the changes going on in Statesboro.

Khan encourages not only students but the community of Statesboro to come together and experience the new and improved Dos Primos. "We will still have great drink specials and

we're still home of the big beer," he said.



Patrons shoot pool at the newly reopened Dos Primos, which is now under new management.



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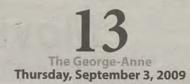
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Eagle Entertainment hosts 'Comedy Night'

By Samantha Graves Staff writer

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Georgia Southern's Eagle Entertainment has been actively bringing new and exciting events to campus for the fall semester. On Monday evening, it hosted its annual Comedy Night with headliner comedian Roy Wood Jr., featuring Chris Pugh.

For those who are unfamiliar with Wood, he has been featured on several television shows such as the new season of The Late Show with David Letterman, The Last Comic Standing and Comedy Central's Bob & Tom Comedy Tour.

YSTAFF nent. He is most noted for his appearances on HBO's DEF Comedy Jam and his affiliation with fellow comedian/actor Ricky Smiley. The Comedy Night is one of the most popular events to take place on GSU's campus.

> The event was held in the GSU Ballroom with quite a decent turnout. As usual the staff of Eagle Entertainment was there to guide and greet wandering students throughout the Russell Union to yet another enjoyable production courtesy of our student fees.

Freshman Mia Evans said, "I was surprised by how they have [activities] every night. My favorite so far would have to be the Casino Night because they had a lot of music and games to play. It's cool to be able to take part in activities outside of doing school work."



Comedian Roy Wood Jr. performed at GSU this past week to an enthusiastic crowd . This event is one of many that Eagle Entertainment has hosted this semester.

Before Wood could appear on stage for his act, Pugh took the stage to provide the audience with some jokes of his own.

Pugh is an active participant in numerous programs, including MAP, has hosted several step-shows and has been featured in a variety of different comedy shows on and off campus.

Those who know him best know that he is gifted in playing to the crowd and having them rolling in their seats. "I really have a nice time knowing that I allow someone to forget about their problems, if only for a few minutes," said Pugh, who is also the assistant director of the Multicultural Student Center. "I consider laughter a gift because I realize animals can't do it."

After Pugh's performance came Wood and he wasted no time in getting the audience amped up. Wood's act touched on everything that students detest about Statesboro and college life, from dealing speeding tickets to the "senile" greeters at Wal-Mart.

He is definitely one of the more tasteful comedians that has performed at GSU. Practically everybody in the crowd was pleased with his animated performance. Overall, Comedy Night was another success for both the performers and* Eagle Entertainment themselves.

There is one thing in particular that drives Wood to perform on college campuses. "The energy of the crowd definitely," he said. "Out in the real world people are depressed and dealing with stress, they don't laugh. College is like a bubble and people tend to be in a better mood. We're able to connect and then hey, we wind up both having a good time."

For further information on Roy Wood Jr., you can visit his website at roywoodjr.com or myspace.com/ roywoodjr.

Thursday, Sept. 3 Portraits in Gray: A Civil War Photography Exhibit Where: GSU Museum

Career Services Kickoff Cookout Where: Williams Center When: 11 a.m.

'On Dragonfly's Wings' Where: Performing Arts Center When: 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 4 Eagle Cinema Series: 'The Hangover' Where: Russell Union Theater When: 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.

'On Dragonfly's Wings' Where: Performing Arts Center When: 7:30 p.m.

Eagle Rally Where: Russell Union Bus Stop When: 7:30 p.m.

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Saturday, Sept. 5

Main Street Farmers Market Where: Downtown Statesboro When: 9 a.m.

Georgia Southern Eagles vs. Albany Where: Paulson Stadium When: 6 p.m.

<u>Monday, Sept. 7</u> Portraits in Gray: A Civil War Photography Exhibit Where: GSU Museum Cinema Arts Fim Series: 'Gran Torino' Where: Russell Union Theater When: 7:15 p.m.

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Movies to watch in honor of Labor Day

In honor of your Labory Day weekend, Features editor Ryan Babula has compiled a list of films that highlight the finer points of office work or manual labor.

Office Space

Mike Judge's comedy about a handful of unhappy office drones who decide to make a change from their repetitive work lives was unsuccessful at the box office, but has since become a cult classic for anyone who hates his job, even the slightest bit. Ron Livingston, Gary Cole and Jennifer Aniston give great comedic performances, but it's Stephen Root's "Milton" that most people remember. His "not-quite-there" demeanor and love for his red Swingline stapler makes him the unlikely star of the film.



Erin Brockovich

This true-life tale of a woman who helped bring down a corrupt corporation for poisoning a small town won Julia Roberts an Oscar for Best Actress and is sure to be inspiring for anyone who watches it. It proves that working hard and sticking to your morals can truly pay off, and Erin's devotion to her job and to the people she helps is great motivation for anyone to work harder.

Anchorman

This Will Ferrell vehicle may not be in good taste, nor may it inspire you to work harder, but it's sure to make you laugh nonstop from start to finish. The inner-office competition between the men and women is over the top and hysterical, and the dialogue is instantly quotable. A sequel is rumored, but hopefully nothing can steal the luster from this great comedy.

Fraternity RUSH takes place on Greek Row

This past week, IFC fraternities began their week-long RUSH events to recruit new members. Most of the events took place on Greek Row, but a preliminary meet-and-greet was held in the Union earlier this week.



Jeff Haas/STAFF

Above and Left: Brothersfrom various fraternities on campus congregate on their houses to greet and recruit potential new members.

Roger & Me

Love him or hate him, Michael Moore's documentaries always manage to strike up hot-topic debate and are usually pretty eye-opening (that is, when they're not totally self indulgent like "Fahrenheit 9/11). "Roger & Me" follows the downsizing of a major car factory in a small Michigan town and the negative effects it has on its inhabitants. It's easily one of Moore's better documentaries and is simultaneously shocking and funny.

The Pursuit of Happyness

While it's definitely not one of my favorite movies, one cannot deny the immense power the film packs. I guess it's something about horrid poverty that makes a happy ending all but inevitable. Will Smith's performance is top-notch, and while the film will have you in tears for the majority of its runtime, the ending is so absolutely vindicating that you can't help but feel inspired. Chris Gardner's immense work ethic and devotion to his family have turned him into one of the most successful businessmen today.



Norma Rae

This classic film put Sally Field into the league of some of the best actresses and was nominated for four Oscars. It follows a female textile worker who organizes her co-workers and struggles to unionize their factory in order to curb their horrible working conditions. It's a great "fight the man" story, and is made all the better because it's based on true events. It's a wonderful and classic film.

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'Trouble the Water' is a masterful documentary about Katrina

By Kevin Gordon Guest writer

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Kimberly Roberts points her camera out from the front porch of her home in the Lower Ninth Ward, New Orleans, La. The wind whips, the trees sway, the streets empty, the apocalyptic tone sets in. The time for evacuation has passed; the time for hope has started.

So starts Tia Lessin and Carl Deal's poignant documentary "Trouble the Water", a harrowing story of aspiring rap artist Roberts' fight for survival not only during Hurricane Katrina, but in the chaotic aftermath as well.

"Trouble the Water" delivers on multiple fronts: the characterization of Roberts and her companions personalizes the struggle of the people of New Orleans like no news program ever could. Underneath their story lies a broad allegory on the plight of a people seemingly neglected by their government.

The filmmakers masterfully manipulate point of view, switching between hand-held, first-person footage, broad helicopter shots of the devastation, clips of news interviews and professionally shot footage of Roberts and her husband Scott's return to New Orleans.

The thumping of helicopters marks the end of the footage of the actual storm as the documentary shifts focus into a full-fledged social commentary of the American government.

The recurring use of these shots of passing helicopters draws parallels to other trying times in American history (Vietnam, among others) to symbolize the gross disconnect between the people and their government.

The focus on this disconnect seems to be the filmmakers grandest theme, as the rest of the film stresses the government's failure to address the individual needs of its people.

The examples of disenfranchisement shown in the film are often biting commentaries on the

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social and political state of America. Shots shift from hundreds of poor, mostly African Americans waiting for aid at the convention center to clips of news programs showing out-of-touch reporters covering stories about such arbitrary and insensitive topics as the effect on gas prices or the looting of grocery stores by people who are desperate to survive.

They touch on George W. Bush's response to the situation, choosing to let the president speak for himself by showing actual footage of him speaking to senior citizens in Arizona three days after the storm, telling his television viewers in New Orleans to "keep holding out for help," before brilliantly juxtaposing eyewitness footage of just how desperate the situation remained on the third day after the storm.

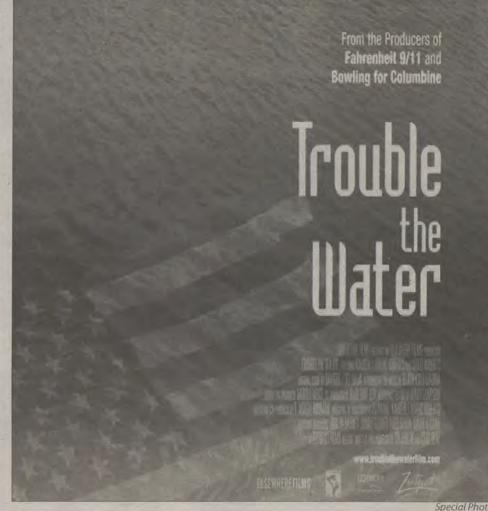
This sort of detachment between the people and their government is further illustrated by portraying the illogical rigidity of government officials in an obviously amorphous situation.

The characters in the film are turned away from federal aid over technicalities, denied boarding in empty navy housing while homeless, not allowed to speak with incarcerated family members and other unnecessary adherence to "the rules" that literally cost people their lives.

With all the film has to say about the state of the government, its greatest strength may lie in emphasizing that the triumph of the people is just as important and meaningful as the failure of the government.

Months after most of the initial filming, Roberts and her husband return to New Orleans. The family tried to relocate, but the trials of picking up and moving with no possessions or money prove to be too much. And so the film comes full circle, and the true weight of the documentary can be felt.

The documentary shows that nothing had changed. A child born today in the Lower Ninth Ward today is still subject to the same cycle the



'Trouble the Water' covers the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and those involved in rebuilding

Robertses went through: born into poverty, abandoned by the public education system and resorting to crime until death or jail.

If Hurricane Katrina highlighted the abandonment of a people in need, "Trouble the Water" proves that those people were abandoned long before Katrina and will continue to be forgotten long after the storm. Try as they might to downplay their essentially forced-return to New Orleans, Kim, Scott and many others know that New Orleans isn't where they want to be; it's where they have to be. The government failed miserably, the general public grew disinterested and forgot and the people of the Lower Ninth Ward are equipped with *no*thing but a change of perspective to see them through.

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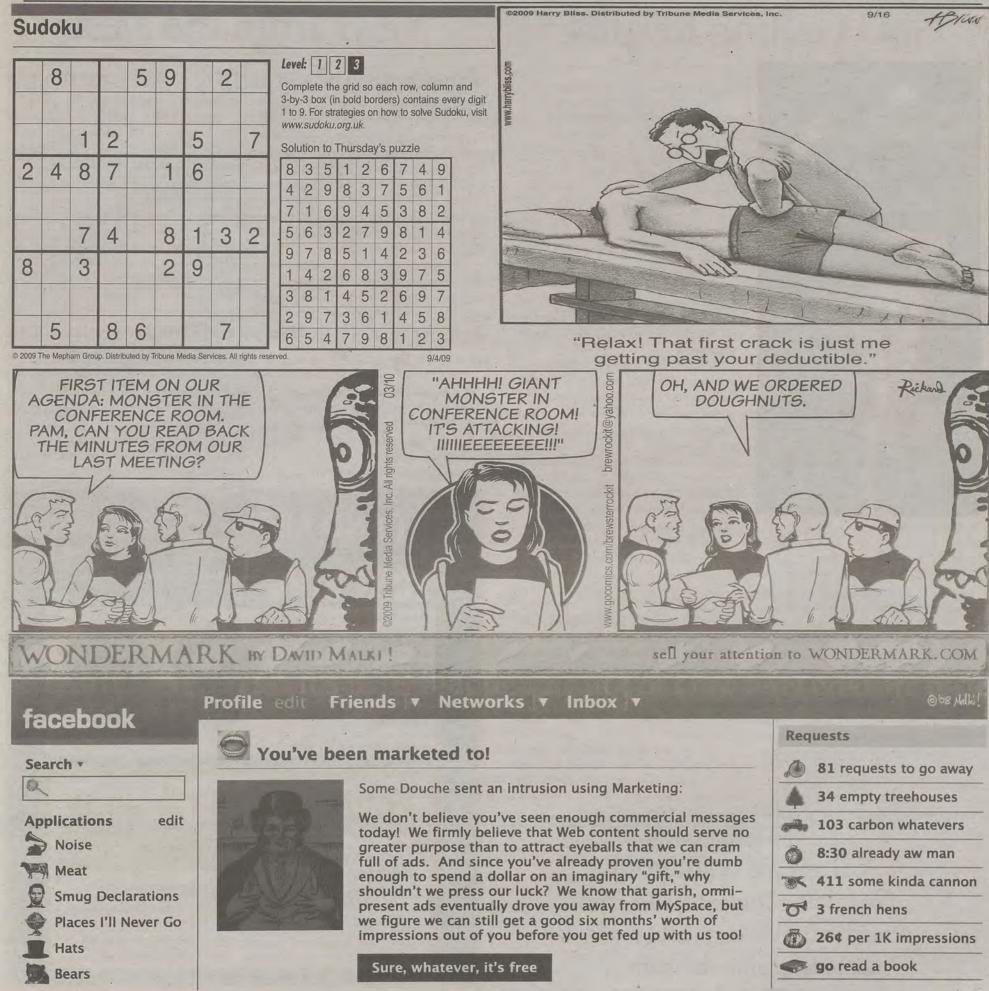
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GSU Golfing Results



By GSU News Service

Firing five birdies over the final 18 holes of the Golfweek Conference Challenge, Ryan Zabroske finished tied for fifth for his first collegiate 'Top 5' mark. Zabroske shot a final round 70 to complete a tournament-total 2-under 214 for his new collegiate career low. Georgia Southern wrapped up the tournament at Blue Top Ridge tied-11th alongside Texas-Arlington at 894.

Florida State took the title sliding into first place at11-under 853. Iowa grabbed second place at 861, followed by Coastal Carolina at 866. Florida State's Drew Kittleson and Iowa's Brad Hopfinger took the individual medalists honors finishing at 9-under 207.

Zabroske led the charge for the Eagles, posting scores in the red over the final two SPECIAL PHOTO

Senior Ryan Zabroske tied for the fifth position in his first top five finish in his GSU career. The Eagles finished in 11th place overall

rounds. Teeing off on 11 with the shotgun start, the Alpharetta, Ga., native opened with two birdies on 12 and 17 before trading birdies with bogeys on the front nine. For the tournament, the Eagle recorded 10 birdies to tally his 2-under tournament total 214.

"Ryan had a great tournament and played really solid golf, helping him to his first topfive collegiate finish," said Eagle head coach Larry Mays. "Hopefully we can build off his good finish and prepare ourselves for the next tournament."

Fellow senior Spencer Fulford earned a share of 36th place finishing at 223 (+7). Fulford's final round was highlighted by two birdies, seven for the tournament. The Eagle jumped from a 50th-place tie to finish tied for 36th

Junior Joe Monte slipped in the final round, posting a 6-over 78. The Chantilly, Va., native finished at 229 (+13) for a share of 57th-place. Finishing two strokes behind Monte, senior Matt Deal (Statesboro, Ga.) also carded a final round 78. Deal tallied a 231 over the three rounds to finish in 65th place.

Rebounding from his second round, junior Logan Blondell finished tied for 72nd after a final round 76.

Blondell pared the front nine but stumbled at the finish to post a 4-over 76.

'This was not really the start to our season that we were looking for, but at least we know where we stand. We know we have some work to do to build ourselves into a championship team," stated Mays on the season-opening tournament.

Georgia Southern returns to the course at the Springhill Suites Intercollegiate, September 14-15, at the Country Club of South Carolina. Francis Marion will host the tournament on the par-72, 7,120 yard course.

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News from the Nest

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Eagle football kickoff and pep rally set for tonight the buffet line opening at 6 p.m. **By GSU News Service**

Alumni and fans will enjoy a preview of the 2009 season from Eagles head football coach Chris Hatcher and a buffet dinner at the Bulloch County Eagle Club Kickoff Dinner and Pep Rally tonight.

This annual event, held at the Russell Union Ballroom, includes appearances by Georgia Southern's Center for Wildlife Education, GSU cheerleaders and fan-favorite GUS.

The University Store will set up a mini-location with both new merchandise and classic items. The program is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. with

Following the kickoff dinner, attendees will adjourn to the pep rally outside near the Union.

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The pep rally will feature Coach Hatcher, members of the Eagles Football team, GSU's 'Southern Pride' marching band, Georgia Southern cheerleaders and GUS.

Seats are limited and this event has been a perennial sellout.

Tickets for the event are \$15 each and may be purchased in advance by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at (912) GSU-ALUM (478-2586) or online at: http://alumni.GeorgiaSouthern.edu.

Tryouts for GSU Golf team to take place this month

By GSU News Service

A mandatory meeting will be held on September 16th at 7 p.m. for all those interested in trying out for the Georgia Southern golf team.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the Hanner Fieldhouse main lobby.

Those interested in trying out must fill southern.edu.

out and bring the attached documents to the meeting as well as the requested material on the information sheet (proof of insurance, class schedule, proof of physical, entry fee and the information sheet).

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Share your opinion on Eagle football's first game of the season. Do you see a winning season in the making? Let us know.





GSU News Service

By Justin Pilgrim Guest Writer

Eagle linebacker J.B. Shippy has been playing football for his entire life; and for his entire life, he has been a major contributor on many teams he has been a part.

Growing up in Gaffney, S.C., he tried to emulate his childhood hero, Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis. As a linebacker, Shippy assumes the same role that Lewis holds. That is the 'ball hawking' linebacker who is also its sights set on a national championship," the emotional leader of the team.

Shippy played this role in high school by collecting over 200 tackles his junior year and receiving state Defensive Player of the Year accolades by both the High School Sports Report and ESPN 1400AM. He led his team to an undefeated season and state title that year, only to repeat as the state champs in the following season.

Following his senior season, Shippy was invited to play in the Shrine Game, a football classic held annually between high school players from North and South Carolina.

When it came time to pick a college, Shippy considered Georgia Southern for a variety of reasons.

"I wanted to pick a school with a rich tradition," said Shippy. "Southern had hit a rough patch the last few years, and I wanted to come here and help them return to the top where they belong.

"I wanted the chance to be a top dog on a great team, and I believe Georgia Southern gave me the perfect opportunity to do that."

Playing as a freshman may have been a shock to many, but to Shippy and the team it was nothing less than what was expected. He had made significant contributions at every level he played and it was nothing new when he suited up for the Eagles.

"The biggest thing that I took from starting last year is that I feel like I can be more of a leader on the field this year," said Shippy.

These leadership skills are going to be much needed in order to fill the role that has been left vacant with the graduation of the team's emotional leader and leading tackler, Chris Covington.

"Of course every team in the country has said Shippy. "If we want to achieve that we are going to have to take this season one week at a time, treating each game like the most important one we will play all year."

This attitude is shared by all of the players on the Eagle's roster, and according to Shippy, it all stems from head coach Chris Hatcher.

"Coach's energy rubs off on everyone around him," said Shippy. "It's impossible not to be as excited about everything as he is."

"His way of doing things will stick with me forever. He's the best coach I've ever had and I will remember the things he has taught me for the rest of my life," said Shippy.

J.B. is still undeclared for his major, but did say

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> - J.B. Shippy Sophomore linebacker

that his criminal justice class is his favorite. He is unsure as to what he wants to do after graduation, but is sure that once he declares his future will become clearer. His ultimate goal is to enter the NFL Draft and with the potential that he showed last year as a freshman, the sky is the limit for this young and aspiring talent.

Although Shippy played inside linebacker last season, there are speculations that he might play on the outside this season.

You can catch Shippy and all of the Eagles play their first game this Saturday at Paulson Stadium.

QUICK HITS - Named to SoCon All-Freshman Team in 2008

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- Won two state titles in 2005 and 2006 -
- First Team All-State honors in high school
- Two time All-Area selection

High School Sports Report 'Defensive Player of the Year' in 2006

ESPN 1400 AM 'Defensive Player of the Year' in 2006

- Played in all 11 games as a freshman

News from the Nest: GSU athletics partners with recycling program

By GSU News Service

For the fifth year, Georgia Southern University Athletics has partnered with Keep Bulloch Beautiful for the recycling program at Paulson Stadium. The 'Tailgating Recycling' program will be available starting with the season-opener on Saturday, September 5th.

Tailgating at Georgia Southern football games is a fun tradition that unfortunately generates a lot of waste. Georgia Southern University is teaming up with Keep Bulloch Beautiful and volunteers to promote and refine the recycling to the tailgating area.

Recycling will be available inside the stadium and outside in the parking area. As part of the tailgate portion, special event recycling containers will be set up 3-4 hours prior to kickoff in "pods" next to each dumpster, trashcan, and at the end of each row of parking spots. Volunteers will also navigate through the tailgating area to pass out bags to tailgaters for their plastic bottles and aluminum cans. Fans are encouraged to use these bags for their recyclables and leave the bags in their tailgate spot as they enter the game. Tailgaters are also asked to -

bring beverages in cans or plastic bottle, glass will not be recycled for safety reasons.

The recycling container "pods" will be removed 15-20 minutes before the game starts and all bags containing recyclables will be collected. Last year's the tailgating recycling program averaged 1,000-1,200 pounds of recyclables collected and diverted from the landfill at each game.

GAMEDAY MAYDAY

GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLES VS. ALBANY GREAT DANES - SEPTEMBER 5, 2009



By Thom Cunningham Sports editor

The Georgia Southern Eagles kick off the 2009 football season playing the University of Albany Great Danes, an overall productive program from the Northeast Conference. The quarterback position for the Eagles has been won by Greater Atlanta Christain's Lee Chapple. The Eagles are ranked 24th in the nation, but are not favored to win the SoCon in mass media polls.

"We've watched a good bit about them (Albany). Whether our players know it or not, we've been working in our walkthroughs and all through camp to prepare for that first game of the season," said head coach Chris Hatcher.

"They're very physical and very sound in what they do and they have a good football team. I'm sure they're going to come down here ready to play and we will be too."

Recently, the New York Giantshead coach Tom Coughlin spoke to Albany players at practice about their upcoming game here in Statesboro.

Kickoff is scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

Inside the Huddle: UAlbany Great Danes

Offense

The Great Danes' quarterback Vinny Esposito (6'1, 210) will be returning under center for his senior season.

He has thrown for 3,744 yards in his UAlbany carrer which ranks second in the history of their program.

Esposito also became the first Great Dane to throw for 200-plus vards three times in the same FCS season.

The UAlbany halfback, David McCarty (6'0, 215), is another player to watch. He was the nation's second-leading rusher and is on the Walter Payton Award watch list.

Defense

Rob Eakins/ STAFF

Inside linebacker Justin Brancaccio is entering his senior season as one of the team captains.

Last season, he was named to the All-Northeast Conference first team. He also recorded 15 tackles in an overtime win against Hofstra. This was the most tackles recorded by any Albany player since 2006.

Defensive end Tony Sparano will enter his second season as the starter. In 2008, ESPN the magazine named him to the All-District Academic Team.

He started five games last season before breaking his arm.

Players to watch Harland Bower

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players gone:

Due to internal issues that have been disclosed with the team, last year's starting guarterback

Antonio Henton left the Eagle roster during the off-season.

Senior defensive back Carson Hill, sophmore halfback Chris Teal and sophmore receiver Leander Barney are all ineligible to play this season due to academic issues.

Chris Covington is no longer a player, but rather a student coach after finishing his final season of play in 2008.

Other Notables: Raja Andrews, Dakota Walker, Brandon Echols

players returning:

After splitting time with Antonio Henton last season, Lee Chapple will take over starting duties behind center."

The Eagle offensive line returns three seniors, all of which play on the right side of the center (who is also a senior).

The leader of the linebacking core, J.B. Shippy, will enter his second year as the Eagle's backer.

Cornerbacks Ronnie Wiggins and Darrell Pasco will be starting for the GSU defense. Wiggins was a starter last season, unlike Pasco who was a main threat in the special teams game.

Game weather



High: 91° Low: 71° 60% chance of precipitation

Lee Chapple Adam Urbano

J.B. Shippy