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SPEED BUMPS or SPEED HUMPS?

By Ms. Leslie Elaine Galbert

So, there you are minding your own business, doing, say, 10 miles over the speed limit on campus, when all of a sudden-WHOMP! You hit a bone-jarring speed bump that seemingly came out of nowhere. Of course, the bump was there all along; but you were too worried about getting to school on time to notice. So the experience is harsh. Speed bumps are designed to slow traffic or reduce through traffic. The heights of them are usually around 3 to 4 inches.

Although, speed bumps are very effective in keeping speed down. Their use is sometimes controversial as they can cause noise and possible vehicle damage. A lot like the annoying speed bumps at Darton. The speed bumps at Darton are poorly designed they are hard to negotiate in the vehicles with low ground clearance. They are also too close together over by the Physical Education building. Speed bumps can also pose serious hazards to motorcyclists and bicyclist if not easily noticed. On the other hand if Darton would replace those horrifying speed bumps they could install speed humps similar to speed bumps. Humps are less aggressive than speed bumps also slows vehicles to 10-20 mph where as speed bumps is 5-10 mph. Students at Darton are aggravated with the speed bumps at Darton because they already have to pay a lot of money to go to school here. Not to mention having to pay a lot of money to get their cars fixed from running over speed bumps. Another option they could just take speed bumps out all together and stick with the crosswalks.

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Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant and HOPE Scholarship award increases

By Monét N. Robinson

Beginning July 1, residents of Georgia seeking undergraduate degrees from eligible private colleges and universities will receive extra financial help from the State of Georgia during the upcoming academic year. The \$500 increase in the Private HOPE Scholarship, from \$3,000 to \$3,500 per academic year, is the first increase signed into law since its inception in 1996. In addition, the Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) has gone from \$1,100 to \$1,200 – a combined total of \$4,700 for students who qualify for HOPE and attend a private institution.

The State of Georgia’s FY 2009 Budget provides an increase of \$2.5 million for the popular HOPE Scholarship and TEG program, which last year gave financial assistance to more than 31,000 Georgia students.

“With tuition, textbooks, and additional fees at an all time high, this boost will make a real difference for students and parents,” says Tim Connell, President of the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC), which administers the HOPE Scholarship and TEG program.

“These increases represent the Governor’s and General Assembly’s commitment to helping Georgia students take advantage of the education opportunities offered by those institutions, which typically have to charge higher tuitions than state-supported colleges.”

Eligible students will benefit for the HOPE and TEG increase when they enroll for the 2008-2009 school year. Students must demonstrate academic achievement by earning and maintaining a 3.0 grade point average to qualify for the HOPE Scholarship; and must be a full-time student maintaining satisfactory academic progress to qualify for the TEG.

CULTURE SHOCK

By Linda Kotut

When I got my U.S. visa, I didn't know what to expect once I landed here. With all the outrageous stories running around, I was petrified of what the Culture shock would be. I did get the culture shock, but not how I expected it to be. I was pleasantly surprised when I landed in the South. It isn't everywhere that a man holds the door open to a lady for her to pass. Where people are courteous to the point of deserving the title of 'ladies and gentlemen'. It is not that they don't exist; they just don't come in the great numbers I have seen in the US south. Frankly to say I am impressed will be an unfair understatement. I am flabbergasted. I wish the whole world was this polite. But then again, maybe I wouldn't appreciate it that much. Now, getting used to seeing a car stop at a stop sign and allowing a pedestrian to pass...now THAT is a first. I keep on being impressed. I come from a place that vehicles, or rather the people driving them are accorded the priority of owning the road, well except for wild animals that cross the road now and then. But the pedestrian have to cross, at a zebra crossing (in the urban centers) because in very small towns, either they are not there or if there are, they are faded. And one wouldn't like to lose a leg or worse just to cross a street.

I thought I would lose my way in the airports, or maybe miss my flight and have to wait for another connecting flight. I was pleasantly surprised. I enjoyed my flight tremendously. The airports were organized and nothing like the roads I was so used to: Smooth all the way. So finally I am in the U.S. the so-called land of opportunity. A place I was told I would not see any natural grass poking from anywhere and wild ani-

mals are only found in animal parks and orphanages (I found out that they are called zoos). I not only found the grass in abundance, they were natural and greener than most that I have ever seen. I woke up in the first morning to be surprised by a group of squirrels foraging for something to eat. I was accorded the pleasure of viewing well manicured lawns that is a rare feast for the eyes. Speaking of feasts, I believe the best way that I would remember the American summer is by the aroma of the grills and the barbeques that waft around the whole neighborhood. It makes me hungry just to think of it.

The next shock...My teachers. I was more used to pompous no-nonsense madams who would sneer at any stupid question and frown when asked to repeat a question. They always cultivated the impression that if you crossed the line, you would be crushed, or worse, write twenty vocabularies on the blackboard else face her wrath. Pleasantly surprised, they are easy to understand and all over sudden, one of the languages is my favorite subject. (The one that took the first spot before, if you must know was physics. I know, groan). So, I can't say I have anything to complain, except that things are outrageously expensive! (What I am paying for rent is what a high school teacher earns in a month) and what I pay for a loaf of bread is what the minimum wage. (Yeah I know) I wasn't used to buying veggies and fruits. They grow in abundance. Then there is the fifteen hours of sunlight, I am still marveling at that. Then the vending machines, the water fountains, the setting of the dinner tables....the list is endless. But I love it here.

Now if you are interested to know where I come from, it's Kenya. A paradise on earth. If you are planning a holiday, try there. I promise you will not be disappointed.

New Advisor for Cavalier coming!

By Roger Marietta

You know we are desperate for news when I start writing articles:)

If you are tired of grammatical and spelling errors, cynical editorials, and speed bumps on the front page, then this is good news. No more "stories" featuring Canadian Imperialists, rabid squirrels, man-eating cockroaches, or killer cats. After 13 years of a cavalier approach to journalism, we are moving up a notch with our new Advisor in the Fall 2008 semester—Larry Anderson.

Rumor has it that Larry was the advisor for the Georgia Southern student paper and he did a great job. We have had a couple interim Advisors—one who abruptly left last year for a love interest in Kentucky. Crazy me—I refuse to let this paper die.

We have a good staff and plenty of advertising coming in and the prime support of student activities. The Albany Herald publishes us once a month on paper and Dorea Hardy, our Web Publisher, helps prepare the layout and then posts it on the DC website at : <http://www.darton.edu/current/orgs/CA/index.php>

Publishing a student paper is a lot of work for all involved as we are all volunteers. We do the best we can but I believe that, in Larry Anderson's hands, the *Cavalier Attitude* will rise to a new level. Thanks to all the student writers, editors, and DC community for all your support over the years. Please continue to help Mr. Anderson take the *Cavalier Attitude* to the next level.

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including a Masters Degree in Management and 16 years of leadership experience.

Kevin Sproul said that he works with children. He said that he had an Associates Degree in Social Work and an Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Leadership.

Terrence Kennedy asked "What will you do about contraband in the jail?"

Kevin Sproul said that he would review all personnel.

Benita Childs said that she would talk with every person in the Sheriff's Office and act in a diligent, hands-on approach to determine if there was a problem and end it.

James Williams said that he would be fair, firm and address the issue.

Mr. Foundary asked if the candidates were able to evaluate gang activity.

Kevin Sproul answered that he had level 5 gang awareness and GREAT training in Athens.

James Williams said that he was first to be classified as a gang expert.

Benita Childs stated in her response, "With all these experts, we should not be having the level of gang activity and violence that we do in Dougherty County." Apparently the audience was thinking the same thing because they interrupted her response with spontaneous applause. Ms. Childs called for video surveillance of streets where gang activity had been reported, stating that "gang members" have no right of privacy in a public street."

The County Commission race featuring challenger Harry James and incumbent Arthur Searles was next. Art Searles introduced himself as the Publisher of the Southwest Georgian and Commissioner of District 5 for the last 5 years. He said that he is just one of seven votes and has to get a consensus to reach a majority of four. He said that he had experience and respect and has done the job.

Harry James introduced himself as a candidate with the platform of betterment of the community. He said that he is a local contractor who will get down in the ditches and work on the problem. James said that he would bring citizens' concerns for District 5. He said that he wanted to make sure government operates effectively and fairly for Dougherty County citizens.

The question was asked of Harry James, "How would you be different that Art (the incumbent)? James replied that he would work to represent all the people in his district. Mr. James said that he would like to build the tax base and lower taxes. He said that property reappraisals are a problem.

Commissioner Searles said that there is a suit against the County over revaluation and he could not comment on it. He said he would like to see his opponent accomplish all of that, but then, Searles stated, "I'm going to win so I won't get to see that." The audience reacted with a collected drawn breath at the level of arrogance shown by the incumbent.

At Large School Board candidates Tommy Langstaff and Anita Williams-Brown introduced themselves. Langstaff called for team work as the solution to the School System's problems and used his Westover High School Basketball team experience as an example. Ms. Williams-Brown said that the school system needed to challenge the students and improve the gifted programs.

County Coroner candidates incumbent Emma Quimbley and challenger Andrew Harris also spoke. They discussed the Coroner' budget and promised effective delivery of services.

Representative Dukes and Adjunct Professor Chisolm thanked the audience for their questions. Dr. Dankwe announced that the forum would be shown repeatedly on ASU Channel 19.

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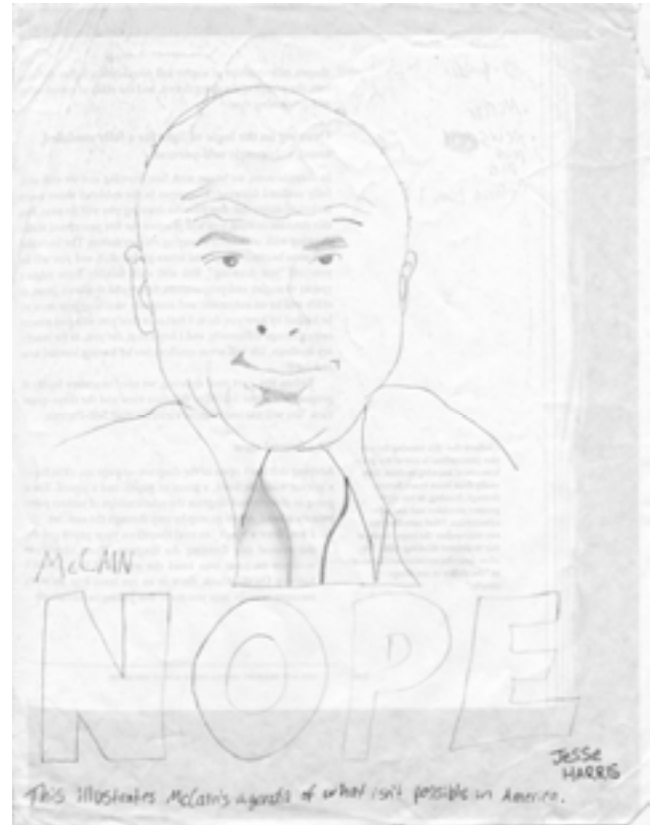
By Ynessa Pines

The presidential election this year has been one that will make history. Each candidate thought that have what it takes to become the next president and restore America, but the candidates have some odds against them.

McCain, who is a republican, has had issues with his age as being the next president in office. Going into office in his seventies has made it hard for McCain in his election. Many feel that an older president is a risk for America, so many feels that McCain is not the one for the job. Obama has found many hard times as becoming president. Being because he is a black male, some feel that the White

House is not ready for a black man. Not only because of his color but Obama's name has caused attention in the media. Some have tried comparing him to the El Quaeda terrorist Osama. The media has also made it hard because some feel as if he should pick Clinton as his vice president.

Obama has set history in the African American community for being the first black to go as far as he did in the election, but some may argue that he shouldn't have gotten this far while others may argue that he should make Clinton his vice president. Many feel that he will be assassinated if he is elected president. Some feel that he will be assassinated because he would be the first black president and that there is still hatred about blacks that some feel that there shouldn't be a black president in office. That's why some feel and talk about Obama being assassinated.



Obama has caused a change in the African American community already because more blacks has gone out and voted than they have in history. Younger African Americans turned out and voted as a result of the Obama campaign and actually understand politics a little better. Now that the race is down to only two candidates some whites may vote for Obama because McCain is Republican and some may not agree to what McCain is for in his campaign.

Being because McCain is a Republican many fare concerned that the economy will only worsen if McCain is in office. Some feel this way because McCain voted against tax cuts

and also for the war in Iraq, which means that he feels that our soldiers should stay in Iraq until the Iraqi government is strong enough. Many are against this belief and feel that Obama has a chance at becoming America's next president.

With the two different parties one feels as if many Republicans don't care about exactly what goes on with minorities, poor, and average working citizen but more less of themselves and how they can save money. On the other hand, most see the Democratic Party as for helping citizens and assisting people with government needs. Democrats focus more on how they can make United States better by assisting lower class citizens, because of the two differences in the two different parties one feels that Obama may actually have a chance in winning the presidential election because he has more to offer lower and middle class citizens. That is why this writer favors Obama in his campaign for the 2008 presidential election

Albany State Candidate Forum Well Attended

Staff reports

The Albany State History and Political Science Department and Pi Sigma Alpha hosted one of the more entertaining candidate forums of the year. Dr. Kwame Dankwe and students recruited Representative Winfred Dukes and Adjunct Professor Chimere Chisolm to moderate the forum. After welcoming remarks by Dr. Everette Freeman, President of Albany State University, the forum began with several hundred interested spectators.

The Honorable Freddie Powell-Sims, Stare Representative for House District 151 and candidate for State Senate, introduced herself as a retired 30 year educator. Representative Sims stated that she had made a major impact in Atlanta by saving from budget cuts our Dougherty County Health Lab and the ASU Ray Charles Fine Arts Center.

John White, who served in the state house until the mid-nineties and has been the front man for Trinity Development's controversial Dalewood Estates Housing Project., claimed to have help ASU recover from the flood and introduced the lottery bill that led to the HOPE scholarship program.

Dr. Freeman asked them both what they would do for education. John White's response was to say that he would try to reduce class sizes to no more than 15 students. Freddie Powell Sim's re-

sponse was that we need to prioritize and hold educational institutions accountable. Representative Sims said that education was the key to economic development.

An audience member asked how the school system could better prepare for the CRCT. Rep. Sims said that the solution was to work with local governments and understand the needs of our students. Mr. White said that the CRCT was a product of No Child Left Behind which is a problem.

Another audience question was about vouchers. Rep. Sims said that she supported vouchers for special needs children. Rep. Sims also discussed "schools of choice", which allows students to attend public schools of their choice within the school district. Mr. White said that he was against vouchers in any form.

In the District Attorneys' race, Ingrid Driskell said that she wants to be fair for everyone and would prosecute only when the evidence is there. She said that she would improve communications and hold the right people accountable. Ms. Driskell said she had been a defense attorney for years and would provide integrity to the District Attorney's Office.

Greg Edwards, currently serving as the Chief Assistant to the DA, said that he wants to protect the citizens, your families, and your property. Greg stated that he had great experience having served in the DA's office since 1990 and as Chief Assistant since 1995. Mr. Edwards stated that he would continue to enforce the gang task force measures, emphasize child support recovery, and pledged to serve the community. Mr. Edwards said the two important tasks were 1) prevention of crime by

educating them, and 2) stopping first offenders from making another mistake.

The Sheriff's race was next. APD Lieutenant Benita Childs was first. Ms. Childs emphasized her education – the only candidate with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and the only candidate with a Masters Degree (Management). She said the crime rate is increasing and that juvenile crime is also on the rise. LT Childs said that as Sheriff, she would put together a coalition of churches, schools, and law enforcement to prevent juvenile crime and involvement in gang activity. Ms. Childs said that the Sheriff's Office needs to make domestic violence programs more effective. Ms. Child noted the \$16.4 million Sheriff's budget and said that she has the education, leadership experience, the will and the ability to manage that budget effectively.

APD LT James Williams said that he started running for Sheriff in 1998 and narrowly lost in 2004. He said that he was the Gang Task Force head and a Master Mason. He said that he was a minister and a little league coach. Mr. Williams said that he had started SRO and GREAT anti-gang activities and had the experience to make a change. He said that he would continue to be a servant.

CAPT Kevin Sproul said he would not bore us with more information about himself. He said that kids don't care what you know just that you care. He said that he has foster children in his home. CAPT Sproul claimed to have brought the GREAT program to Albany in 1994. He said that crime prevention was the number 1 issue. Sproul said that it costs \$47/day to keep an inmate. He said that he wants to upgrade the Sheriff's Information Technology budget to prevent fraud and child molestation on the internet. CAPT Sproul said that he would enforce the laws of the Bible and Dougherty County.

Bill Bird asked the question: "What makes you more qualified than your opponent?" James Williams answered first and said that his leadership ability on the gang task force – he claims to have reduced gang activity and witchcraft. He said his experience makes him more qualified.

Benita Childs said that all three candidates had experience but that she was the only one with Command experience. She reiterated her education **(continued on Page 3)**

**Please vote on
July 15th in the
General
Primary**

Darton Sports

Cavalier Athletics Ranked 17th Nationally at Conclusion of 2007-2008

The Darton College Athletic Department ranks 17th nationally according to the final NATYCAA cup rankings.

The National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) announced the winners of the 2007-08 NATYCAA Cups at its 21st Annual Convention. Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas won the NJCAA Scholarship Division, scoring 142.00 points.

The NATYCAA Cup program began in 2004 and was previously sponsored by Pepsi. This program recognizes excellence in two-year college athletics based on success in championship competition. **The Top 20:**

Scholarship Colleges Grand Totals By Score			
College	Men's Total	Women's Total	Grand Total
Johnson County CC	70	72	142
Monroe CC,	54	79	133
Butler County	67.5	64.5	132
Rend Lake	66.5	64	130.5
Barton County	47.5	76	123.5
Iowa Central CC	76.5	42	118.5
Central Arizona College	55	55	110
Mesa CC	50	57.5	107.5
Cowley College	48	55.5	103.5
Vincennes University-Ind.	86.5	13	99.5
Alfred	54	42.5	96.5
South Plains College	54	36	90
Iowa Western Community College	31.5	49.5	81
Pima Community College	24	53	77
Tyler Junior College	39	34	73
Univ.of Arkansas-Ft. Smith	31	31	62
<i>Darton College</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>55</i>
Illinois Central	15.5	38	53.5
Mott CC	36	17	53
Kirkwood Community College	32	20	52

Darton Sports

Upcoming Athletic Events:

Soccer: Men - 08/09/2008

College Experience @ Darton, TBA

Soccer: Women - 08/09/2008

College Experience @ Darton, 4PM

Soccer: Men - 08/16/2008

Darton @ Georgia Southwestern State University, TBA

Soccer: Women - 08/16/2008

Georgia Southwestern University @ Americus, GA, 2PM

Soccer: Men - 08/17/2008

Darton @ Thomas University, 2:00

Soccer: Men - 08/22/2008

Darton @ Wallace State, AL, 2:00 Shelton State Invitational, Tuscaloosa, AL

Soccer: Women - 08/22/2008

Shelton State @ Tuscaloosa, AL, 2PM CST

Soccer: Men - 08/23/2008

Darton @ Hinds Community College, MS, 8:00am Shelton State Invitational, Tuscaloosa, AL

Soccer: Women - 08/23/2008

Hinds CC @ Tuscaloosa, AL, 10AM CST

Soccer: Men - 08/30/2008

Darton @ Hiwassee, TN, 3:00 South GA College Labor Day Tournament

Cross Country: Men - 08/30/2008

Young Harris Invitational @ Young Harris, GA, 8 a.m.

Cross Country: Women - 08/30/2008

Young Harris Invitational @ Young Harris, GA, 8 a.m.

Soccer: Women - 08/30/2008

Young Harris @ Young Harris, GA, 1PM

Soccer: Men - 08/31/2008

Darton @ USC Salkehatchie, SC, 3:00 South GA College Labor Day Tournament

Soccer: Men - 09/06/2008

Darton @ Truett-McConnell, GA, 2:00

Cross Country: Men - 09/06/2008

2008 Eye Opener @ Roger Millican Center,

Spartanburg, SC, 8 a.m.

Cross Country: Women - 09/06/2008

2008 Eye Opener @ Roger Millican Center, Spartanburg, SC, 8 a.m.

Soccer: Women - 09/06/2008

Truett-McConnell @ Cleveland, GA, Noon

Soccer: Women - 09/07/2008

Georgia Perimeter College @ Darton, 1PM

Soccer: Men - 09/09/2008

Andrew College @ Darton, 8:00

Soccer: Women - 09/09/2008

Andrew College @ Darton, 6PM

Soccer: Men - 09/12/2008

Georgia Military @ Darton, 8:00

Soccer: Women - 09/12/2008

Georgia Military College @ Darton 5PM

Soccer: Women - 09/13/2008

Oxford College @ Darton, 6pm

Soccer: Women - 09/16/2008

ABAC @ Darton, 6PM

Soccer: Men - 09/19/2008

South Georgia @ Darton, 7:00

Soccer: Women - 09/19/2008

South Georgia College @ Darton, 5PM

Soccer: Men - 09/25/2008

Middle Georgia @ Darton, 7:00

Soccer: Women - 09/25/2008

Middle Georgia College @ Darton, 5PM

Cross Country: Men - 09/27/2008

Mercer Invitational @ Macon, GA, 8 a.m.

Cross Country: Women - 09/27/2008

Mercer Invitational @ Macon, GA, 8 a.m.

Soccer: Men - 10/01/2008

Darton @ Young Harris, GA, 2:00

Soccer: Men - 10/04/2008

Georgia Perimeter @ Darton, 2:00

Soccer: Men - 10/06/2008

Darton @ Andrew College, GA, 6:00

Soccer: Women - 10/06/2008

Andrew College @ Cuthbert, GA, 3PM

Soccer: Men - 10/09/2008

Gordon College @ Darton, 7:00

Soccer: Women - 10/09/2008

Gordon College @ Darton, 5PM

Soccer: Men - 10/11/2008

Darton @ South Georgia, 4:00

Cross Country: Men - 10/11/2008

Albany State Invitational @ Albany, GA, 8 a.m.

Cross Country: Women - 10/11/2008

Albany State Invitational @ Albany, GA, 8 a.m.

Soccer: Women - 10/11/2008

South Georgia College @ Douglas, GA, 2PM

Soccer: Men - 10/13/2008

Darton @ Georgia Military, 6:00

Soccer: Women - 10/13/2008

ABAC @ Tifton, GA, 4PM

Soccer: Women - 10/18/2008

Schoolcraft College @ Lakeland, FL, TBD

Soccer: Women - 10/19/2008

Polk CC @ Lakeland, FL, TBD

Soccer: Men - 10/23/2008

Darton @ Middle Georgia, 7:00

Soccer: Women - 10/23/2008

Middle Georgia College @ Cochran, GA, 5PM

Cross Country: Men - 10/25/2008

Region XVII Championships @ Young Harris, GA, 8 a.m.

Cross Country: Women - 10/25/2008

Region XVII Championships @ Young Harris, GA, 8 a.m.

Soccer: Women - 10/28/2008

Region 17 Play-IN, TBD

Soccer: Women - 10/31/2008

Region 17 Semi Final @ Darton, TBD

Soccer: Women - 11/01/2008

Region 17 Championship @ Darton, TBD

Soccer: Women - 11/07/2008

District Semi Final hosted by Region 17 Champs, TBD

Cross Country: Men - 11/08/2008

NJCAA National Championships @ Roger Millican Center, Spartanburg, SC, 8 a.m.

Cross Country: Women - 11/08/2008

NJCAA National Championships @ Roger Millican Center, Spartanburg, SC, 8 a.m.

Soccer: Women - 11/08/2008

District Final Hosted by Region 17 Champs, TBD



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