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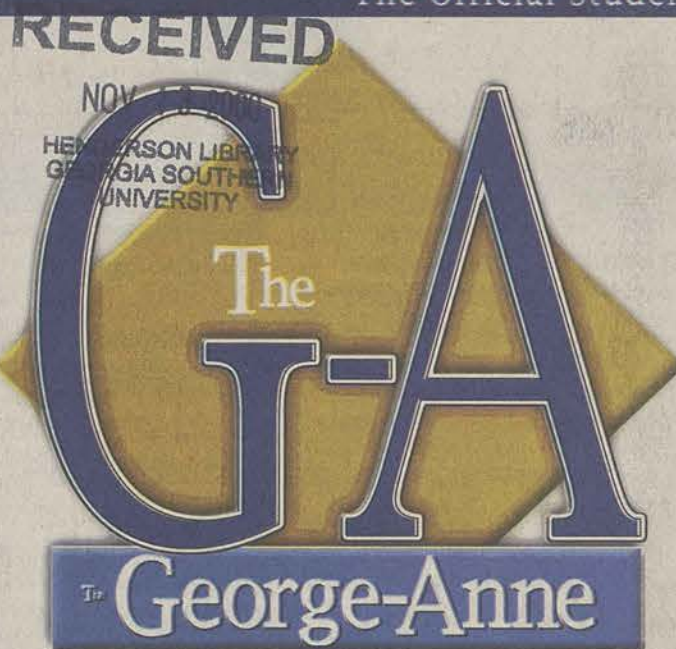


SPORTS

GSU men's basketball wins exhibition game

GSU men's basketball beats the Brazilian Select Club team in their first exhibition game of the season 76-62. Find out more inside.

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LIFE

'Little Nicky' makes national debut

Adam Sandler stars in "Little Nicky", which made its national debut in theaters recently. When your mother is an angel and your father is the devil, what to do?



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GSU gets back in gear with 32-9 win over Elon

By Doug Kidd
Senior Sports Writer

Behind quarterback J.R. Revere's two touchdowns rushing and one passing, the GSU football team got back into the win column with a 32-9 victory over Elon College in front of 14,084 at Paulson Stadium. The win puts GSU at 9-2 overall (7-1 in SoCon play) and wraps up the Eagle's regular season schedule.

"We wanted to come out this week and show everyone that what they saw last week wasn't Georgia Southern football," said slotback Mark Myers, referring to GSU's humiliating 45-10 loss to Furman last week.

After Elon took a 6-0 lead with a Chris Bryan four-yard touchdown run, Myers got the scoring started for the Eagles with a 61-yard run for a score. "I got some good blocks from my receivers and my linemen down field and J.R. got me the pitch and I got in the endzone," said Myers, who led all GSU rushers with 121 yards on seven carries.

Elon answered GSU's touchdown with a 32-yard Beau Wegmann field goal that capped a eight-play, 59-yard drive that was aided by Elon's lone pass completion of the game, a 37-yard strike from halfback C.W. Singleton to Arketa Banks.

A bad snap that went over Wegmann's head with 11:29 left in the second quarter gave GSU a safety that evened the score at 9-9.

GSU would take the lead for good when Revere scored from nine yards out with just over a minute left in the first half to go up 16-9.

Revere would add his second score on the ground, this time from eight yards out, to cap a six-play, 63-yard drive early in the third quarter to push the Eagle's advantage to 22-9. Scott Shelton's extra point was missed.

GSU's next score would provide a little history as Revere found senior Chris Johnson open for 39-yard touch-

down pass. Johnson's catch made him the program's single-season leader in touchdown catches and receiving yards. In 2000, Johnson has racked up eight touchdown receptions and 673 receiving yards to go along with 29 catches.

"Breaking the touchdown receptions and receiving yards records is a great honor," said Johnson, whose 13 career touchdown receptions an 19.1 yards-per-completion rank second all-time at GSU. "It's been a long time coming. I've worked hard in the off-season with J.R. throwing passes. It almost seems second nature between us. The extra work seems to be paying off right now."

"He really takes pass receiving to heart," said Revere of Johnson. "Every day in June and July at three o'clock we were out on the practice field throwing. It's not ironic that I go to him so much because he's always open. That's for a reason because we worked together so much. It doesn't surprise me that he broke the school record."

"Chris has been a big player for us this year; he's been a go-to guy," said GSU head coach Paul Johnson. "I'm happy for him. He deserves [the records]."

GSU would wrap up the scoring with a 31-yard field goal from Shelton late in the third quarter. The fourth quarter would remain scoreless as GSU and Elon would trade punts throughout the quarter.

Coming into the game with the Elon Phoenix, GSU was worried about the Elon wishbone attack that was averaging 281.2 rushing yards per game, good for ninth-best in I-AA.

"We knew going into the game that they were a pretty good team," said safety David Young, who posted a team-leading eight tackles, two for losses. "They handle the ball well and run it similar to Wofford, so we knew we had to play assignment football and stay focused."

Young and the rest of the GSU

defense did their part, especially after the first quarter. Holding the Phoenix to just 173 yards on 53 rushing attempts, GSU smothered Elon after the first quarter surrendering only 80 total yards in the final three quarters.

Offensively, GSU came out of the gate throwing, with Revere completing six-of-seven passes for 73 yards in the first quarter. "It was a shock to me [to come out passing]," said Revere, who ended up 11-of-20 passing for 161 yards and a touchdown. "I didn't think I was at Georgia Southern but at Florida State or somewhere. I thought I was Chris Weinke or Charlie Ward. When we started throwing the ball it made [Elon] think that they couldn't just try to stop the option. I think that was the feeling that [Coach Johnson] was trying to set."

"I felt that Elon was awfully good against the run," Coach Johnson said, "so during film [I decided to throw more with the stack formation]."

"[The stack offense] was confusing to them but that's why we came out in it," said Chris Johnson. "It was something they hadn't seen before. At halftime I'm sure they tried to adjust to the stack offense but then we came back with the spread and hit them with some big plays. I think we had their number today."

Playing without All-American Adrian Peterson for the second consecutive week, GSU changed the focal point of the offense from the fullback to the perimeter players. Although Peterson's backup, Edmund Coley, ran for 67 yards on 15 attempts, it was GSU's passing attack and pitchbacks on the option that got things done Saturday. With Myers leading all ground-gainers with 121 yards and fellow slotback Andre Weathers contributing with 57 yards rushing and five catches for 57 yards receiving, the Eagles saw the fullback position fail to gain over 100 yards in consecutive games for the first time since 1997.



Jill Burnham

BACK ON TRACK: The Georgia Southern Eagle football team wrapped up their regular season with a win over Elon College this past Saturday in front of 14,084 fans. GSU's win against Elon puts the Eagle's at 9-2 overall 7-1 in the Southern Conference. Above, Edmund Coley ran 67 yards in 15 attempts for the Eagles and helped lead the team to victory.

Bush files suit to block Fla. recount

TMS Campus

MIAMI - Republican George W. Bush filed suit in Miami on Saturday to block the manual recount of Florida ballots in the agonizingly close presidential election, a move that provoked Democratic leaders but did not stop the review of ballots in Palm Beach County.

When the result of the recount in that Democratic stronghold was announced at 1:50 a.m. Sunday morning, Democrat Al Gore picked up 36 votes and Bush lost three. Gore also won six more votes in Volusia County and Bush collected one during the first examination of write-in ballots there.

So, by Sunday morning, only a precarious, unofficial 283-vote lead supported Bush's claim to Florida's 25 electoral votes, which could be decisive.

The Republican lawsuit said the "threatened manual recount" was unfair to voters in counties where no recount was ordered and hinted that ballot inspectors could manipulate the outcome.

"Machines are neither Republicans nor Democrats, and therefore can be neither consciously nor unconsciously biased..." said former Secretary of State James E. Baker, representing Bush. "At some point, Florida's voters, and indeed all Americans, are entitled to some finality in the election process."

Democrats scoffed at the notion that a manual recount would be less accurate than a machine count. They suggested that Bush simply feared the outcome.

In addition to recounts under way this weekend, a partial manual recount in Broward County was set for Monday and another has been re-

quested in Miami-Dade County.

"If Gov. Bush truly believes he has won the election in Florida, he should not have any reason to doubt or to fear to have the machine count checked by a hand count," said former Secretary of State Warren Christopher, representing Gore.

"This procedure is authorized under Florida law, under Texas law and under the law of many other jurisdictions."

The lawsuit had no immediate bearing on the vote counts. U.S. District Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks scheduled a hearing for 9:30 a.m.



Special Photo

WAITING ON FLORIDA: The nation holds its breath as it waits the recount in Florida to be announced. The 2000 presidential election marks the closest election in the popular and electoral vote as to date.

Monday in Miami. Several legal analysts called the suit a long shot because federal courts rarely involve themselves in elections.

As if to illustrate Baker's concerns, however, ballot inspectors in Palm Beach County switched standards in the middle of the manual count, a development that produced quite a spectacle.

Inspectors initially said they would count a vote if any of the corners of the paper punched out of cards — called "chad" — were detached. Then, they decided to apply a "sunlight test" — if they could see light through an indentation, the vote

would count. Later still, they returned to the first standard.

"No matter whether Gov. Bush gains or loses votes, the confusion on display in Palm Beach County demonstrates that the results of this hand recount will be flawed," said Ari Fleischer, a Bush spokesman.

Much of the world awaited final results from Florida, which almost certainly will determine who becomes the 43rd president of the United States. The answer could remain in doubt until at least Friday, when absentee ballots from overseas are counted.

"We're all in limbo," Bush said during an impromptu press conference at his ranch near Crawford, Texas.

And so, an extraordinary week in American history ended with more dramatic developments, and additional turmoil seemed likely this week.

President Clinton called for calm and patience, and he injected a measure of humor.

"We have a Constitution, we have a rule of law,

we've voted, and now the system is trying to figure out exactly what we said," Clinton said during a Veteran's Day speech at Arlington National Cemetery.

Nationally, Gore held what appeared to be an insurmountable lead in the popular vote, with 49.2 million votes to Bush's 49 million. Gore won 262 electoral votes; Bush won 246 electoral votes. The victor must receive at least 270.

Like Florida, New Mexico remained too close to call. Bush led there by 17 votes, but the state controls only five electoral votes.

SGA presidential candidate update

By Jason Kemp
Staff Writer

By the end of this week, GSU students will once again have an SGA president. The candidates that qualified for the presidency have been narrowed down to three. The three candidates that will be considered for the presidency are Matthew Niemas, Francys Johnson and Aaron

Nicely, the former SGA president.

The candidates will go in front of the SGA senate and make their case in regards to why they should be the next president. The presentations will be made on Tuesday, November 14th with each senator having one vote.

The process should be completed by Tuesday evening with a new presi-

dent being announced on Wednesday. Robert Bryant, the current interim president of SGA believes that the process will be smooth and quick, allowing for the SGA to once again have an official SGA president.

"I think that everyone will be satisfied with the selection, and SGA will continue its successful year," said Bryant.



NATIONAL MEDIA CONVENTION: GSU Student Media traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the National Media Convention November 7-11. Representatives from WVGS, The George-Anne, The Miscellany and The Reflector attended workshops presented by professors from all over the country as well as speakers from top U.S. newspapers, magazines, and broadcast companies.

--Photos taken by David Koepeke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things To Do at GSU November 13

• **American Indian Activist** Russell Means will speak on "Being an American Indian" at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. Tickets are \$7 for the public, \$1 for GSU students and \$3 for GSU faculty and staff.

• **The Academic Resource Center** will hold a Math CPE Review at 6 p.m. in the North building room 1001.

November 14

• **Pi Kappa Phi** will hold their annual Push America Pageant in the Russell Union Ballroom at 7 p.m. The pageant will help to raise money to better educate people about the severely handicapped. Please come out and support this great cause. Admission is \$4 at the door.

• **The Spanish Club** will sponsor a movie, "Bitter Sugar," at 7 p.m. in Forest Drive room 1232. Free Admission.

November 15

• **Photographers Carol Beckwith and Angela Fisher** will speak and show slides based on their current book "African American Ceremonies: A Celebration of Life" at 7:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. Tickets are \$7 for the public, \$1 for GSU students and \$3 for GSU faculty and staff. Tickets available at the door.

November 18

• **Ms. Diva 2000** in the Russell Union Ballroom at 5 p.m. \$3 in advance, \$4 at the door.

November 19

• **Theatre and Performance** Masquerade Ball will be held at 8 p.m. in the

Russell Union Ballroom. For tickets or info call 681-4045.

December 2

• **The GSU planetarium** will present a star show of the constellations, planets, meteors and other sky objects visible during the holiday season. A partial solar eclipse will occur on Christmas Day and instruction will be given on how to safely view it. The Statesboro Astronomy club will meet before the presentation. For more info, contact the Physics Dept. at 681-5292.

• **NAACP Conference** about Confederate Flag in Russell Union room 2080 at 6 p.m. Ongoing

• **Free Tutoring** in several subjects: English, history, sociology and psychology, all math, chemistry, biology, and college reading/study skills. Each subject has different hours of operation. Call 681-0321 for more information.

• **The Christian Faculty/Staff** meets every Monday at noon in the Russell Union Room 2044.

• **The Black Student Alliance** meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For more information, call Jerald Carter at 681-5458.

• **The Black Student Leader's Roundtable** will meet every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Russell Union Room 2047. Open to all interested.

• **The NAACP** meets every Monday at 6 p.m. in the Russell Union Room 2048.

• **BSU** meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 401 Chandler Rd. across from Johnson Hall and Watson Hall. BSU also has lunch every Wednesday from 12 to 1 p.m. Everyone is invited. For more information, contact the

BSU at 681-2241.

• **GSU Chapter of Habitat for Humanity** meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Room 2044.

• **The Young Democrats of Georgia Southern** will hold meetings every Thursday night at 6 p.m. in the Russell Union. Call Zach Rushing at 871-7701 for more information, or email him at zachrushing@mail.com for more details.

• **The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)** meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 12 p.m. in the Technology Building Room 1103.

• **The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers** meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. in the Technology Building Room 2117.

• **The GLBT Resource Center** is offering a support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students, faculty, and staff. Meetings will be on Thursday nights from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in Russell Union room 2072. Contact the GLBT Resource Center at 681-5409 for more information.

• **Wesley** meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. across from the Hanner Fieldhouse. Come join for fellowship and lots of fun.

• **The Circle** is a new prayer ministry uniting all Christians on campus under the common thread of prayer. It meets every Friday at 7 p.m. in the Union. See Union schedule for room number.

• **The Golden Key National Honor Society.** It's not too late to join. Call Lauren Ferguson at 1-800-377-2401 for more info.

POLICE BEAT

GSU Public Safety November 3

• Matthew Jones reported someone keyed his vehicle in the Winburn Hall parking lot.

• Elizabeth Paulk reported a bottle of hand lotion was taken from the Williams Center.

• Joel Hightower reported someone entered his vehicle in the Johnson Hall parking lot and took a Panasonic radio face.

• Matthew Heller reported someone broke the left door window of his vehicle in the Johnson Hall parking lot. Nothing was reported missing from the vehicle but the face plate of his CD player had been removed and was found on the seat of his vehicle.

November 4

• Ashley Camille Youngblood, 19, 114 Olympic Blvd., was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

• Abby McColl Johnson, 20, 312 Donaldson St., was charged with DUI and failure to signal.

November 5

• Anna Cathryn Bunch, 609 East Jones Ave., was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

• Richie Ford reported someone keyed his vehicle in the Russell Union parking lot.

• Andrew Dornhecker reported someone broke the left door window of his vehicle in the Dorman Hall parking lot and took his CD player.

• Ryan Jacobs reported someone keyed his vehicle in the Recreational

Activity Center parking lot. Statesboro Police Department November 6

• Angela Reese, 23, Register, was arrested for driving on a suspended license and speeding.

• Grant T. Davis, 19, Park Place 128, reported criminal trespass.

November 7

• Willis Dean May, 23, Waynesboro, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

• Ray Lester Johnson, 19, 124 Cliff Hill Lane, was arrested for forgery.

November 8

• Mark Terry Johnson, 18, Loganville, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

• Anthony Jerome Hair, Jr., 21, Swainsboro, was arrested for DUI and speeding.

• Matthew Scott Gerrard, 19, Savannah, was arrested for speeding and driving on a suspended.

• Travio Lawaren Roberts, 20, 89 Northpoint Trailer Park, was arrested for entering an auto.

• Dontario Blackstone, 23, Atlanta, was arrested for theft by receiving.

• Loretta Shonta Donaldson, 22, 106 Cotton Ave., was arrested for shoplifting.

• Richard Allen Sanders III, 24, Atlanta, was arrested for DUI and making an improper turn.

• Jodi Lee Lanksy, 18, 331 North Main St., reported criminal trespass.

November 9

• Hubert Smith, 25, 205 Knight Dr. Apt. 2, was arrested for possession of cocaine, obstruction of an officer, driving on a suspended license, defective equipment, and open container.

• Charles Matthew Goff, 19, Acworth, was arrested for criminal trespass.

• Yolanda Marshall, 19, F2 Morris Heights, reported theft by taking.

November 10

• Joe Gray Hayes, 19, Surrency, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

• Maurice Washington, 24, 206 Maple St., was arrested on FTA warrant.

• Christine A. Vinsella, 21, Players Club 3, reported criminal trespass.

November 11

• Oliver Rawls, Jr., 21, Pembroke, was arrested for driving on a suspended license, speeding and no proof of insurance.

• Benjamin Richard James, 18, Snellville, was arrested for possession of marijuana, false drivers license, and underage possession of alcohol.

• Myia Barnes, 22, Eagle Heights 1, reported a domestic dispute.

• Michael Patrick, 25, P. O. Box 8515, reported an affray.

• Brett Lanier, 23, 15 North Main St., reported damaged property.

• Chadwick Freeman, 20, Decatur, reported battery and an affray.

• Aaron Smith, 21, Hinesville, reported battery.

Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every edition of the Georgia News Brief in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount, nature and location of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained from the GSU Division of Public Safety or at the Statesboro Police Department.

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Leigh-Anne Burgess, assistant news editor.

Professor's killer made angry notes on letter sent to him

The Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. - A University of Arkansas campus police report concludes that James Easton Kelly killed Professor John Locke on Aug. 28 because he blamed Locke for his dismissal from the school's comparative literature program.

The university's police department on Thursday released a final report on the murder-suicide, almost 21/2 months after the campus was shocked by the deaths of the two men on the first day of fall-semester classes.

Included in the police file were letters sent to Kelly by Locke, found in the briefcase Kelly carried Aug. 28 to Locke's office, where the shootings occurred. Angry, handwritten notes had been

scrawled in the margins of the letters.

"Another lie!" read a note penned in the margin of a letter sent Jan. 6, 1999, from comparative literature professor John Locke to James Easton Kelly. "Just plain fabricated Aryan lies."

Later that year, on May 12, Locke sent a letter to Kelly telling him he had been dismissed from the comparative literature program. "You have our best wishes for the future," the letter concluded.

In the margin beside that closing was a handwritten annotation, apparently by Kelly: "You'll need best wishes."

In the letter, Locke had written that the comparative literature committee "remains convinced that you are a talented person;

however, these talents have not been sufficiently directed toward completing the requirements of our Ph.D. in a timely fashion."

"You hateful son of a b---," read a note penned in the margin of the letter. "The grounds for my termination were baseless."

University officials say Kelly's dismissal followed several semesters during which Kelly enrolled in, then dropped, English department classes several times. The May 12, 1999, letter noted that Kelly had pledged to take three comprehensive exams by the end of that spring's semester, but had not done so.

For this year's fall semester, Kelly had signed up for seven credit hours as a non-degree student.

GEORGIA NEWS BRIEF

State looking into voting irregularities

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - State officials say they will look into complaints of voting irregularities that led civil rights leaders to call for an investigation.

Secretary of State Cathy Cox said her office will deliver a list of potential solutions to state lawmakers when they convene in January.

No one has claimed voter fraud or contended that Tuesday's troubles influenced any election outcome, but many Georgia voters have complained of long lines at precincts, broken voting machines and an inadequate supply of registration slips.

In Cherokee County, about 1,000 absentee ballots were not counted because the file cabinet that held them was under a table and election workers did not discover it until Wednesday morning.

The misplaced ballots are not be-

lieved to affect any local races, said Al Stone, the county elections supervisor. But a judge has ordered that they be counted Tuesday and added to the official tally.

The Rev. Joseph Lowery, head of the Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda, asked state and federal officials to investigate "the failure of election officials to adequately conduct the Nov. 7 election."

Election officials have long said Georgia's system suffers, partly because so many counties still use old-style voting machines. The

state has little control over the actual balloting and tabulation process because each county manages its own system.

The troubles may have caused an unknown number of blacks to

leave their polls without voting, said Joe Beasley, who serves on the board of the GCPA and is regional director of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition.

"Many people saw the long lines and had to leave to go to work," Beasley said.

One possible recommendation to ease long lines is to allow early voting, which has allowed up to 40 percent of the electorate in other states to vote before Election Day, said Chris Riggall, Cox's spokesman.

The U.S. attorney in Atlanta has followed the routine practice of designating an assistant prosecutor to review alleged voting problems, a spokesman said.

Gov. Roy Barnes said through a spokeswoman that he wants to ease voting problems in future elections.

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12-year-old drives ailing dad 45 miles for help

KIRKSVILLE — Only 12 years old and blind in one eye, Justin Williams knew exactly what to do when his father collapsed miles away from any help in remote northeast Missouri.

Although he had never driven before, Justin put his father in the family pickup truck and drove 45 miles to get help. Gary Williams, 40, was having a heart attack.

"I was thinking that I got to do this, 'I got to drive, and I got to get him there so he can live,'" Justin, a sixth-grader, recalled Friday.

The elder Williams was eventually taken to Boone Hospital in Columbia for surgery to clear two arteries. He was released Friday and is expected to make a full recovery.

Father and son had gone out Wednesday scouting for deer so the family could go hunting Saturday, the first day of the firearm deer season.

Just before they reached a likely hunting spot about 50 miles from their Kirksville home, Gary Williams stopped the truck on a deserted country road "and put his head on the wheel," Justin said.

He watched as his father got out of the truck, clutched his chest and fell to the ground.

Williams was having a heart attack. Justin's grandfather had suffered heart attacks before, but not his father.

"There were no houses for miles," Justin remembered. "He was just lying on the ground. I went to him and picked him up and put him in the passenger's seat. ... I had to

drive. I knew he couldn't."

It was Justin's first time behind the wheel on the open road. His vision isn't the best because he lost the use of his left eye three years ago after his brother accidentally shot him.

His mother, Ronda Williams, said it was devastating to Justin's vision and to his confidence. There were schoolmates who made fun of him and daily tasks to relearn.

Wednesday, none of that mattered.

"I prayed for mercy that I wouldn't crash," Justin said.

He drove for 20 minutes searching for someone to help. He went to a family friend's home, hoping someone would be there. No one was.

The 12-year-old kept driving the half-ton pickup, roughly 45 miles total. The pickup fishtailed and swerved all around the dirt roads as Justin tried to keep a tight grip on the wheel.

All the while, his father slouched in the passenger seat and tried to give him directions.

Twenty minutes later, they came across another car on the road. Justin followed the stranger to his home, pulled into the man's driveway and pleaded for help. The Good Samaritan took them to a Kirksville hospital.

Justin went back to school Friday, where his classmates didn't believe his story.

His mother's eyes swell with tears when she talks about her son and his journey.

He's my baby," she whispered.

Wednesday, Justin became his father's hero.

2 Ohio

Students get an 'A' for telling their professor "up yours!"

ATHENS — No longer will Ohio University professor Mel Helitzer have to put up with insults and sex jokes from his students during their final exam. His humor-writing class, in which applause determines the test grade, has ended its 16-year run.



Thirteen students teased smiles, chuckles and guffaws out of about 200 people Thursday night for the last Comedy Class Live final.

Crystal Wong Szewai told the crowd that after moving to the United States from China she learned that Americans cared a lot about the three Ds: "diplomacy, democracy and drinking."

"Drinking is the biggest," she said on stage at OU's Front Room. "If you didn't get a drink before coming here, you wouldn't be laughing that much now."

Students could tell jokes, recite poems, sing songs or do magic tricks during their stint in

the dimly lit coffeehouse in Baker Center. But they have to be funny for five minutes.

The louder the applause, the higher the grade in Humor Writing 488.

"I teach the only class at OU where you get points for insulting the professor. And they do," said Helitzer, 76, who is retiring at the end of the school year.

"They call me up at 9 o'clock and say 'I hope I didn't wake you.'" They think my back goes out more often than I do."

The class was the first of its

kind at a U.S. university when Helitzer started it in 1985. About 70 colleges and universities have started humor writing classes since.

Some of the jokes Thursday were dirty, but Helitzer, who also teaches advertising and public relations, doesn't believe in censoring.

"They have three subjects that they constantly repeat over and over again, drugs, alcohol and sex," he said. "I keep saying to them, 'Come on, that's an easy laugh, up your standards.' And they all shout back, 'Up yours.'"

Jake Jacobson, a former student turned actor/comedian, was

the master of ceremonies for the test takers. He piped in with his description of Athens, the university's home in southern Ohio, as "Mayberry on acid" and told the audience about his traumatic childhood.

"I was ignored by my imaginary playmate, but at least he quit beating me up," said Jacobson, who's currently playing Jacob Marley in the play "Scrooge" for the Columbus Children's Theater.

Jacobson credited his ability to make people laugh to Helitzer, who has as many one-liners as Henny Youngman.

"It's not what's taught at a university but what's caught. And if we can get our students' mouths open for laughter, we can slip in a little food for thought," Helitzer said.

He came to OU in 1979 after working as a journalist and later owning an advertising and public relations agency in New York City.

"I have written for such people as Ernie Kovacs, Sam Levinson, Sammy Davis Jr., and Shari Lewis. You notice they're all dead," Helitzer said.

He's also written for presidential candidates.

"One of my clients was Adlai Stevenson when he ran for election in 1956. We lost."

Other schools not only took their cue from Helitzer, they use his book "Comedy Writing Secrets," said Pat Sutherland, a Helitzer protege who teaches humor writing at Bethany College in West Virginia.

"He's the type of teacher that will nudge you along gently, but also with those well-placed barbs to keep you honest, keep you on your toes," Sutherland said.

That was true Thursday night. Helitzer delivered a stand-up rou-

tine when his students were done.

"One of the things I'm going to miss about Athens, I guess, is the signs," he said. "Remember a couple years ago they had that big sign 'Hicks for Sheriff.' I said, 'Why brag about it.' Then you go out to farmland and they have this big sign, 'Lots for Sale,' and there's nothing there."

As always, he got the last laugh.

3 Georgia

Mother who benched toddler to rob bank gets 17 months

AUGUSTA — A young mother who robbed a bank while her toddler waited on a nearby bench has been sentenced to 17 months in prison.

Kimberly Hale, 21, faced up to 37 months without parole, but U.S. District Chief Judge Dudley H. Bowen Jr. said Thursday that he believed federal sentencing guidelines did not fit Hale's case.

On June 28, Hale was kicked out of her parents' house with her 3-year-old daughter. She parked the toddler on a bench in a bank lobby and approached a teller, handing her a note demanding money. She collected the money and the child and walked out of the bank, but was later caught.

"I felt desperate and I made a mistake," Hale told the judge. "All I ask is that you please have mercy on me, for my child."

Bowen also ordered Hale to undergo substance abuse counseling and mental health treatment while in prison. She must also repay the \$241 she stole from the bank and spent on food and a hotel room.

Pepsi wins contract to be official soft drink of PNC Park

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania — The Pittsburgh Pirates are saying goodbye not only to their old ballpark, but their old soft drink.

The team announced Friday that only Pepsi products will be sold at the new PNC Park. Only Coca-Cola products were sold in Three Rivers Stadium for the 30-year history of the park.

Terms of the seven-year deal were not disclosed. At Three Rivers, money from the Coke deal was split between the Pirates and Steelers. But the Pirates will get all the money in the new deal, team officials said.

The deal includes radio advertising for Pepsi during Pirates games, permanent Pepsi signs at PNC Park, advertising in game programs and promotional events.

Mark Schneider, chairman of the city's stadium authority, which owns Three Rivers, said the Coke deal was worth about \$350,000 in each of the last three years. But he said the figure only included the value of serving Coca-Cola products in the stadium and Coke signs.

Marc Ganis, president of Chicago sports-industry

consulting firm Sportscorp Ltd., estimated the Pepsi agreement could be worth about \$3 million annually. He said the value of the deal depends on factors like the number, size and location of the ballpark signs and the number of commercials.

Ganis was a consultant in 1998 to Mayor Tom Murphy and Allegheny County officials as they developed the plan for building Pittsburgh's new baseball and football stadiums. He said the Pepsi deal would be worth more if Pittsburgh was a larger market.

"But one thing the Pirates have working for them is that PNC Park is a new park, and that increases attendance and adds cachet. That's going to increase the price" of the Pepsi agreement, Ganis said.

Vic Gregovits, the Pirates' vice president of marketing and broadcasting, said the team

could soon announce "official" brands of hot dogs and pizza at PNC Park. The state Liquor Control Board prevents a team from designating an exclusive brand of beer.

The Pepsi products to be sold at PNC park will include Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew and Aquafina bottled water.

Pepsi will also sponsor a display that will appear in the stadium called the "Home Run Alley." It will appear every time a Pirates player hits a home run.



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PAST ELECTION SHOWS EVERY VOTE COUNTS

With the results of last Tuesday's presidential election still up in the air, *The George-Anne* can't help but say "I told you so!" For months and in more than several editorials, *The George-Anne* implored GSU students to go vote and exer-

Our Opinion

cise their civic duty because "every vote does count." This has become evident now more than ever.

It is likely that the presidential election is going to come down to a handful of ballots (less than 1,000 is likely) in the state of Florida, where the election is so tight both parties are frantically jockeying for leverage in the courts and in the media.

Is there a 'rape problem' on campus?

Over the course of the past couple of years there have been some serious occurrences here on the campus of Georgia Southern University. Yet it wasn't until quite recently that I decided to start looking into some of these events somewhat more closely.

Everyone remembers the botched bombing/robbery attempt involving four students and another individual. Just as I am certain most will recall the three (recanted) allegations of rape.

Did you read what I just wrote? There were *three* separate allegations of sexual assault and violation, yet *all three* women separately involved each recanted their story. Three women, on three separate nights, alleging three separate and unrelated charges of rape...and yet, *each woman* followed suit by recanting her individual story?

Call me a bit too nosy, or a bit too paranoid, or even a bit too curious, but something just doesn't sit right with me on this, umm, neat little "coincidence". Something just doesn't make sense. Why on earth would any woman do such a thing, or, more precisely, why did they feel the need to do so? For, in fact, recanting does not mean they lied. Rather, it means they decided not to pursue the matter(s).

Why would a woman subject herself to such a barrage of interrogatory torments that would involve questioning her stories, or that would dig into her past (and present) sexual behavior, or that would involve a physical examination that is, as was explained to me, "...horribly demeaning and invasive", or that would question her sincerity or truthfulness?

And, now that the cards are on the table anyway, why would a woman's truthfulness even be questioned in the first place!? At what point in our nation's history did we stop holding women to such high levels of esteem? Did you know, back in the days of the so-called "Wild West", if a woman were even slapped, posses would travel for days and weeks to find the culprit(s)...and then hang him/them...on the spot?

At what point did men stop standing when a woman left, or arrived at, the table? When did we stop opening car doors, or any other doors for that matter? And at what point did we, at least here in the

South, become so cynical where women were concerned? Do you know that under the U.C.M.J. (Uniform Code of Military Justice), the laws by which all military personnel are governed, if convicted by a military court, one can still receive the death penalty for rape? It's true.

Anyway, I decided to discuss this topic with a couple of female friends of mine asking them, under conditions of anonymity of course, to be as honest as they possibly could regarding this matter. And, you know what? The things I discovered caught me completely by surprise.

I discovered that they are afraid to walk across campus, not just at night, but also even at dusk. They also informed me that there are many, *many* more rapes on this campus than are actually reported...by *any* publication or agency. And we discussed the fact that three different and unrelated allegations of rape had been recanted, which made both women all the more uneasy.

One of the women involved, I will say, is actually a rape survivor. And by survivor I mean both physical and emotional survivor as well. As such, her opinion on this subject means a great deal to me, so I listened astutely. When asked what she thought of my concerns and curiosity, or if they are misguided, she spouted off an array of statistics that, even if only half true, leads me to believe there could definitely be more room for investigation into the frequency of reported sexual assaults here on the campus of Georgia Southern University.

In addition, if in fact there actually are so many alleged instances of sexual assault of any kind on this campus, then why are the proper authorities not being more forthright with the students and community of GSU, indeed Statesboro?

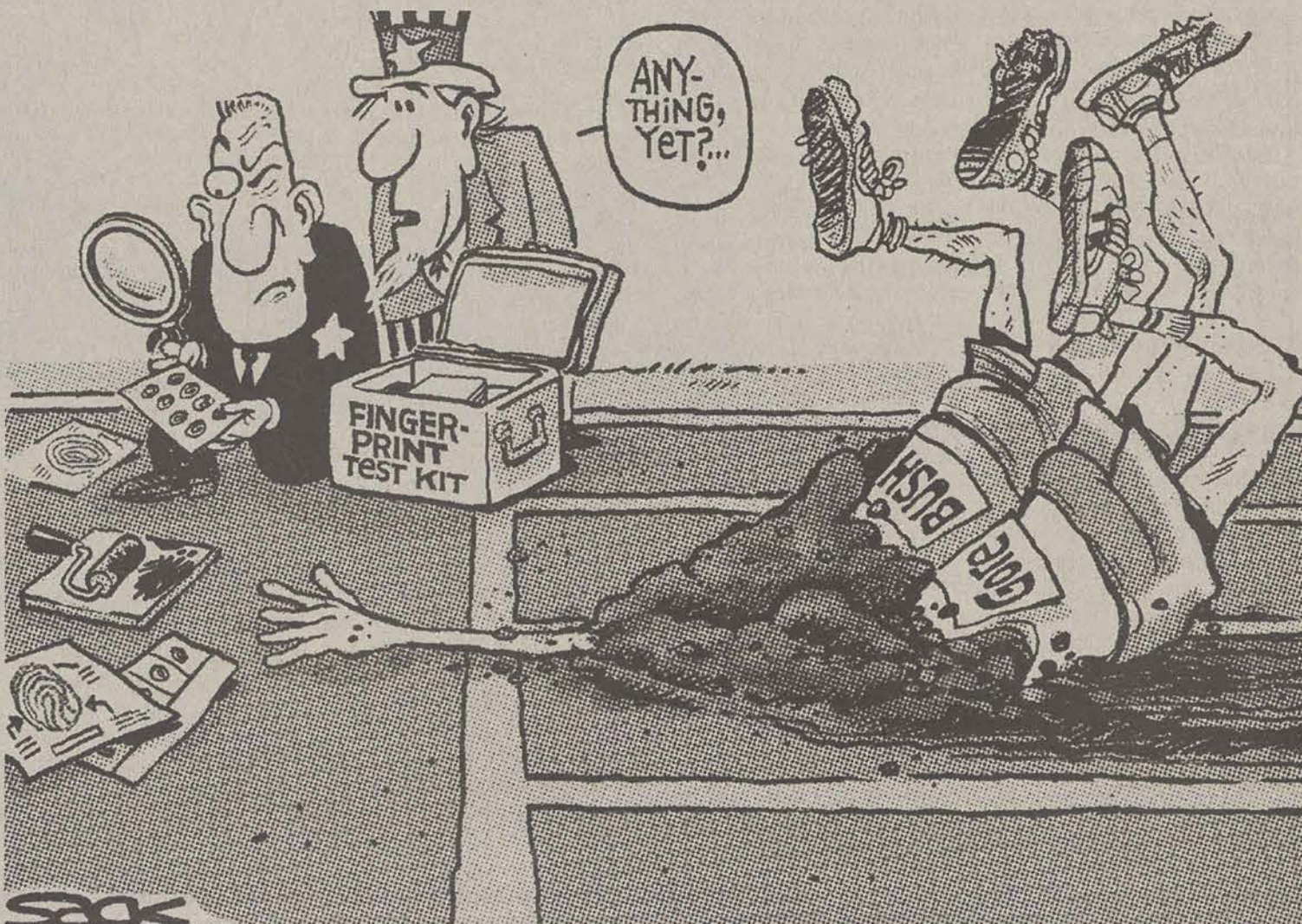
I do not know the answers to these questions but, given the level of concern of the number of women with whom I have talked, I will definitely be looking into it. And, should anyone need assistance or guidance regarding this matter, please contact the Rape Crisis hotline here on campus, or email Randy Dobson. Your privacy will be kept in the strictest of confidence...I guarantee it.

Please feel free to email Randy Dobson at redobson2000@netscape.net with any input you may have.

While it is true that the margin of victory for Bush in Georgia wasn't close, imagine if you were now a member of the military in Florida who sent in an overseas ballot. Do you think they, in their wildest dreams, thought that their vote could determine the outcome of the election. *The George-Anne* thinks not.

In our own county, Republican Craig Lanier was elected to the state House of Representatives by the slimmest of margins (246 votes). If 123 people had changed their minds, Wayne Brannen would be going to Atlanta instead.

This election is indeed the closest since 1960, and has only illustrated the point that Americans need to get involved in the election process. The recurring problem of voter apathy must be shaken by this interesting, yet rejuvenating, turn of events that have brought voter turnout to the forefront.



I see conspiracy everywhere

Author's Note: This column is completely unfounded speculation. Conspiracy theory, if you will. It's also not serious at all. If I happen to hit on something that's true, please don't kill me.

Gotta love the rumors on campus, and the facts. First, the story about the new College of Education Building sinking into the Nicholas Henry memorial swamp/reflecting pool on its side of the campus. Various versions have it dropping at a rate of six inches a week, sinking just on one side, or the foundation riddled with cracks.

Richard Mellett, the head cheese at the GSU Physical Plant, actually laughed at me when I asked him about it. The kind folks in city government thought it was a hoot, too. Hence, being a good reporter, I smell coverup.

And what a coverup it is. Really, is it possible that no one would notice a shiny new campus building sinking a

couple of feet a month into the ground?

That's where the pedestrian fountain comes in. It's entirely plausible that mind-control agents (a la the CIA's MK-ULTRA secret program of the 50s and 60s) could be aerosolized into its water. The water goes up, and the control compound is dispersed into the air, where winds waft it all over campus.

In one stroke, all of us are drugged so we don't notice there a couple less steps going in the education building than there used to be.

So, why tear down the fountain?

Simple. Due to the prevailing winds on campus, the Carroll Building received a higher-than-planned dose of the mind control compound. Combine that with asbestos fibers in the air, and it makes the students having class in there extremely irritable, and prone to hallucinations of raw sewage.

Don't believe that the sewage wasn't real? Here's the proof: for the most part, GSU has acted like the entire Comm Arts department *doesn't exist!* Makes sense now, doesn't it?

Because the Comm Arts kids got uppity, the drug-spraying

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Lessons learned at work and otherwise

As I sit here on this 13 hour Amtrak train ride coming back to the 'Boro from the National Media Convention in Washington, D.C., I reflect back over the adventure I just went through.

For starters, I had never ridden a train before in my whole life, and while it wasn't that bad...if I don't do it again I won't be too upset. For any inconvenience that may have been caused by crowded train conditions, we stayed in a five star hotel, so it was all good. Overall, I learned a lot from this trip, and even more life lessons outside of it.

1) Close-mindedness lies in the hearts of men and women who are afraid to open up and accept something that orbits outside what that person considers to be the "norm". There is no such thing as normal. Everyone is different is some way or another. Don't reject something that you don't understand. Instead, try to understand it. What the students of this university consider to be right does not mean they are.

2) You have to learn when to pick your battles. Sometimes you need to fight back and sometimes it isn't worth the hassle. People are going to do things to you that really irritate you or hurt you and you are going to have to decide when to stand up to it. Sometimes it is for the

betterment of everyone to step aside and well, sometimes it isn't.

3) Image is not everything. The image that you have of someone can change in an instant. People you think you know you don't and people that you have stereotyped as being something turn out to be something else. It sort of puts your world into perspective once you realize that even you can be wrong sometimes.

4) The true value of a friend is someone who is going to be there with you when you expect them to be and even when you don't.

5) Sometimes you have to get away from everything in order to make sense of it all. There are times when you just have to remove yourself from a situation in order to un-

derstand what is going on with yourself and the relationships that you share with others.

6) There are instances when you have to surround yourself in a sea of faces to help you understand who you really are. Walking around alone in a city where you know no one is a quick reality check because there is no one there to judge you except for yourself. You have to know who you are before you can really know someone else.

7) Knowledge is power. Don't be afraid to learn new things or to gain new perspectives from them.

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Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor of the *George-Anne*:

October 9th's "Our Opinion" piece entitled "Rape Is a Serious Allegation and Is Not Meant for Frivolous Claims," chastises women whose "malicious" and "frivolous" reports of rape "damage the reputations of the alleged males involved" (disregard the syntax and safely assume that they were 'males'), thus "running around making skeptics" out of the police and society at large. Though the article cautions us not to be "insensitive to those who have indeed been the victims of rape," it proceeds to be insensitive. DUH! Undoubtedly, the *George-Anne* author thought himself or herself to be immune from biased reporting of rape charges and rape victims. Yes, the article does mention the fact that rape occurs "every day," and is real, but the majority of the piece consistently laments the "damaged reputations" of "victims" of false charges, men who "did nothing wrong" and merely "engage[d]" in "consensual sex." No doubt, the casual reader may come away from the article sympathetic to those male "victims," but something seems wrong with this equation — though, in truth, I'm having a hard time picturing these mean-spirited (and slanderous, perhaps even libelous) women perpetrators. How dare they!

Just a minute here — who really are the victims of a rape? What are the statistics concerning rape charges that can be substantiated with "evidence" vs. those that are dropped because of fear or intimidation? Having known many college women who have been raped, I can think of only one who formally reported it. I hazard to guess that if the "Our Opinion" reporter had contacted the counseling center and spoken with counselors who work with rape victims, then he or she might have found how truly minuscule are the number of false charges of rape, especially compared to the incidences that go unreported.

I challenge the *George-Anne* to do some serious investigating of incidences of rape in our area. Uninformed opinion hardly seems worth hearing. I remember a time when reporters would have interviewed officers, counselors, and followed up with state and local statistics before reporting their opinions. Some of my

questions and concerns follow:

#1—The author of the piece concludes that "society is already going to be critical of women who make such claims" and "do not need any others running around making skeptics." What does this mean? It sounds as if a flux of crazy women have invaded our city — envision them "running around" Lakeside, Herty, and Newton, megaphones and pickets in hand, condemning the INNOCENTS! I think not. Seriously, I do believe that the author inadvertently stumbled upon an important piece of information here, however. Are we as a society "ALREADY GOING TO BE CRITICAL OF WOMEN WHO MAKE SUCH CLAIMS" [my emphasis]? That's what the article says and the writer, more likely than not, has a point. We don't want to hear allegations of rape, and we are critical of those who claim it, whether they be female or male. Why is that? Has it to do with an overabundance of rape accusations later proven false? No. Statistics contradict this. Is it because we feel somehow culpable for accepting and encouraging sexism and violence against women? I don't know.

#2—What does the following statement really mean? "But, when you have three cases where the female victim has been forced to recant her story based on the evidence gathered by the police, the reality that maybe these charges are being brought forth to damage the reputations of the alleged males involved begins to set in." Why, indeed, have three reports of rape in a row been deemed by the police to have insufficient evidence? This statement implies that "reality" "set[ting] in" reveals that false reports of rape occur frequently in our area. I think not. Further, what does it mean to say that the women was "FORCED [my emphasis] to recant her story" when controlled by the "evidence gathered by the police"? What truly "forced" these supposed recantations? Was it truly the evidence that "forced" the women to recant? Were other factors involved? Why does the author of the article imply and assume that because the police deemed evidence insufficient, then no wrong-doing occurred and hence, that sex was necessarily "consensual"? Certainly, we have not been privy to the types of "evidence" "gathered," nor do we know if the sex was "consensual" at all.

#3—The author of the article concludes with the "hope" that the women making the charges "in order to damage the reputation of someone who did nothing wrong will stop making it harder for other women who are the victims of rape to make believers out of the police." Why must women make "believers" out of the police? The assumption here appears to be that the police, being "non-believers," think claims of rape invalid. If true, then I can understand why a woman would drop a rape charge or not report the crime to the police. One might also ask, "how were the charges of the three allegations dealt with" and "by whom"? Was a rape crisis consultant contacted—or was the woman making the allegation left alone? What kind of training has been given officers who deal with these cases, and was the initial contact with the woman reporting the rape made by a female or a male? It makes a difference.

The messages inherent in the *George-Anne* article disturb me, not so much by what is said, but by what is assumed and implied. By the way, do you know the college student who was beaten to a pulp and brutally raped just one week ago? I know her. I imagine that her friends and family—males and females—would not have appreciated this article any more than my students, who marched into class angry and upset at the writer after reading the "Frivolous Claims" piece.

Linda Rohrer Paige
Associate Professor

Dear Editor:

One of the services that Georgia Southern is known to boast about are the numerous computers and computer labs on campus. Many students opt to bring their own computers and have Internet service in the privacy of their own rooms. After I was told repeatedly that computers are always available, I decided that it would be pointless and wasteful to purchase a new computer to bring to college. I laughed at other students as I saw them struggle to lug computer equipment and accessories up flights of stairs to their rooms. I am a resident of Olliff Hall, located beside Winburn Hall and across the street from Landrum Court. Olliff,

Dorman and Winburn residents are granted exclusive use of the Winburn computer lab which stays open twenty-four hours, seven days a week. Both Winburn and the Landrum Court computer labs are a convenient alternative to going to Henderson library. As I walked passed Winburn and saw the computer lab, I was sure that I had saved money. I mean what's a measly \$18 a semester for unlimited use of any public computer on campus? Whether I use the labs or not, I will still have to pay the money, so I might as well get my money's worth. I thought, "I will use the labs nearest my dorm, get my work done, and do it whenever I want". Seems like a good idea, right? WRONG.

Most of the time, the printers have no toner and no paper. This passed week, every time I went into the Winburn computer lab, I saw the same sign. "No toner, use other printer". They sign had been there for about 10 days and no one came to fix it until today. Don't get me wrong. I am not saying that every computer should work perfectly every time I want to use one, but it would be nice for at least one of the computers to work. Who wants to sit down at a computer and get comfortable, ready to do work, just to find that Netscape Communicator or Microsoft Word is not working? I know that any student that has ever used a Landrum Court computer can attest to the fact that almost all of the keyboards are missing keys.

My day of awakening came when I tried to print an assignment from a disk in the Winburn computer lab. A message appeared on my screen and basically told me that the A: drive was unable to read my disk. I thought immediately, "NOT AGAIN!", sighed and moved to a different computer. Same message. When I finally found a computer that would open the file, the printer would not print the file. I was late for class because I had to retype the assignment. Luckily, I was doing the assignment for an easy-going teacher who did not mind my tardiness.

I know that I am not alone. How many times have you tried you use a computer in one of these labs and been let down? How many times have you slaved for hours on a computer only to find that it won't print or save onto disk? I know what some of the critics of my comments

are thinking. Yes, there are people around to help us in these labs. There are numbers of RAs and lab technicians posted on virtually every wall. The problem is that when you have a problem with the computers or printers, the help either has no idea how to help you or can't be found at all.

With all of the problems that I have to go through in order to use the computers around here, it makes me wonder just where my technology fee is going.

Gloria Morgan
meany20@hotmail.com

Dear Editor:

After perusing the latest issue of the *Georgia Southern Magazine*, I couldn't help but be amused after considering that others and myself were the objects of some ignoble and disgraceful action taken by new administrators in the Office of Admissions. I chuckled as I saw myself in a photograph on the very last page waiting in line, shirtless in the heat, in cheap sunglasses, buying GSU/UGA tickets, recalling how much fun we had in rainy Athens supporting Georgia Southern. My real amusement was derived from the irony of Teresa Thompson's debut in the same magazine as the new admissions director.

Apparently Teresa's readiness to "help the University make some tough choices" included her forcing the resignation of admissions recruiters. As a graduate of Georgia Southern and as a current master's student, I find her actions unprincipled and nothing short of dishonest, as do other administrators and faculty on Southern's campus. My supposed inability to "initiate contact" at GSU's desert receptions was the unsubstantiated basis of my being forced to resign and really could be no further from the truth.

Obviously curious, I spoke with a number of administrators and faculty who all gave me the same response. Apparently the Office of Admission has a less than stellar reputation on campus and Teresa is here to rebuild the organization, starting with new admissions recruiters. It was irrelevant that applications from my territory (Southwest Georgia) had in-

creased 10%, the most of any recruiter this year. Also irrelevant were the number of students and their families who specifically requested to speak to me during their on campus visits and various Open Houses. Nor were the quality relationships that I had formed with the high school counselors and high school students interested in attending my Alma Mater of any consequence.

Making important decisions established on fabrications in order to hide the truth about administrative politics is both dishonorable and unethical, whatever the standard. Prior to my dismissal it would have been prudent to consult my colleagues or the many students that I had the privilege of working with while a graduate assistant in the Department of Recreation and Sport Management. Even conferring with faculty that I have worked for and worked with would seemingly be the move of a much more competent and respected administrator. I am alluding to the likes of a Dr. Fred Richter, a Nancy Wright or a Frank Hook who I had the honor of working with at the desert receptions, who uphold a high standard of professionalism and civility on Georgia Southern's Campus.

Having been terminated for inquiring as to why all this has come about leaves many bewildered. A new administrator often follows with new staff but cleaning house for its own sake seems unsound and telling the truth about it should not be problematic.

As I finish my graduate work and reflect on a now tainted work record, I wonder if Georgia Southern's new admissions director will continue with her dishonesty, tactlessness and lack of professionalism at my school. She is off to a great start.

James M. Gould '96



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Eagles edge out Pinhieros

Kevin Caskey
Staff Writer

Junior forward Kashien Latham poured in 19 points and pulled down 8 rebounds in Wednesday's exhibition to give Georgia Southern the win against Brazil Select Club Pinhieros, 76-62.

The Eagles quickly overcame a two-point deficit thanks to a three-pointer by senior Todd Shipley. The Eagles never stopped to look back at what seemed to be a struggling Brazil Select team.

Adding to the score was last year's freshman phenomena, Julius Jenkins with 18 points. In the first half GSU had a commanding double-digit lead and going into halftime the Eagles were up 44-29.

Leading the way for Brazil Select was Eduardo Carbonari with 20 points, and Marcio Cipriano threw in 14 points.

Brazil Select came out aggres-

sive in the second half, but the teams aggression caused confusion and turnovers. Brazil Select had 30 turnovers to the Eagles' 17. Brazil Select got into foul trouble during the second half. Unfortunately, Georgia Southern was unable to capitalize on free throws, going 52 percent from the line.

Junior-college transfer Sean Peterson contributed 10 points in the Eagles' exhibition win. Other newcomers, Terry Odom, Frank Bennett, and Kenny Faulk combined for 12 points.

"I think the new players will definitely strengthen the team," Julius Jenkins said. "They bring size and quickness to a strong Eagle team."

This game was Georgia Southern's only exhibition of the preseason, but the Eagles will kick off the regular season Saturday when GSU faces North Georgia at Hanner Fieldhouse.

Swimming and diving defeat Gardner-Webb, fall to Davidson

G-A News Service

The Georgia Southern swimming and diving team defeated Gardner-Webb this past Saturday by a score of 59-46, but faltered against Davidson 78-35 in the tri-meet. The Eagles received help from six swimmers and one diver on their way to their second win.

Freshman Erin Downs brought home an outright first place in the

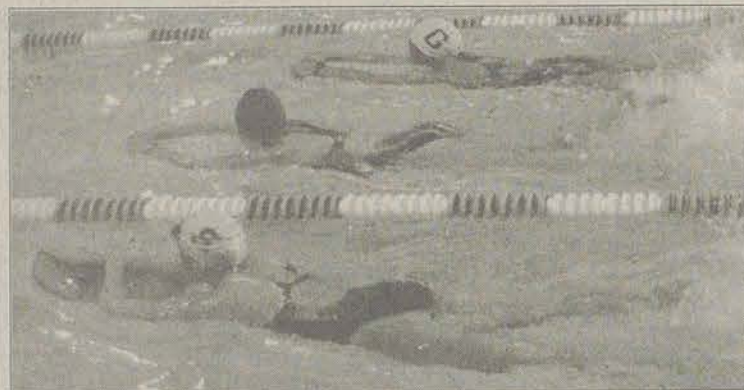
100-yard butterfly (1:00.55). Her teammate, Lauren Bird, placed second in that same race (1:00.98) as well as finishing first to Gardner-Webb and second to Davidson in the 200-yard individual medley (2:13.82).

Sophomore Nicole Darrow finished with gold in the 100-yard backstroke (1:04.43) against Gardner-Webb and sophomore Brooke Frederick came home with an outright silver in the 100-

yard freestyle (56.30). Also worth mentioning are performances by junior Melanie Deal in the 100-yard backstroke (1:05.33) and freshman Emily Geiger in the 50-yard freestyle (26.18).

Diver Michelle Will finished second in both the one-meter (201.45) and the three-meter (173.05) diving competitions.

Georgia Southern will face Arkansas and Texas Christian November 18 Fayetteville, Ark. at 11 a.m.



Jill Burnham

SECOND WIN: The Lady Eagles traveled to Davidson, NC to compete against Gardner-Webb and Davidson. The team defeated Gardner-Webb 59-46 and fell to Davidson 78-35.

Championship games rookie ahead of Tiger Woods

The Associated Press

Feeling dwarfed by a world-class field, Hidemichi Tanaka said his goal this week in the American Express Championship was to get Tiger Woods' autograph. He might leave with something much more valuable.

Wearing an enormous smile as he walked away from swirling winds at the Valderrama Golf Club, the tiny Japanese player came up big Saturday with a 2-under 70 and stood one round away from the biggest victory of his career.

Tanaka, playing in his first World Golf Championship event, was at 207 and had a one-stroke lead over Mike Weir of Canada and Mark Calcavecchia.

"Amazing," Tanaka said, one of the few words in English he has grasped.

Two other words he knows well are "Tiger Woods," and Tanaka only had to listen to the cheers ahead of him to realize the world's No. 1 player was very much in the picture.

The gallery gave Woods a huge ovation when he finally got his revenge at No. 17 with a two-putt birdie. Woods gave them a bow, then gave the rest of the field something to worry about overnight, the defending champion had another 69 and was only two shots back.

"I was able to grind it around today and put myself in position to win," said

Woods, who is trying to become golf's first \$10 million man and the first player in 50 years to win at least 10 times in one PGA Tour season.

It should be quite a show.

Calcavecchia birdied five of his first seven holes and was leading at 10 under until playing the back nine in 1 over. Nick Price, the leader after the first two days, had five bogeys in a round of 74 and was tied with Woods at 209.

Colin Montgomerie, needing a victory to have any chance of winning an eighth straight European money title, saw his reign likely come to an end with three bogeys on the final five holes for a 73 that dropped him eight strokes back.

"Don't mention the Order of Merit," he said. "I've had enough. We'll talk about it tomorrow."

All the buzz Saturday was about Tanaka, a 5-foot-5 bundle of laughs who plays to the gallery and can mimic the swings of nearly two dozen players. When asked for his height, he sat upright and dangled his feet just off the ground.

The gallery, however, was enamored with him.

"I am so small, if the people see me, they agree that I could do such a great, potential performance," he said through a translator.

Lost in the translation was that he feels as though he has much to prove. While a two-time winner on the Japanese tour this year, he never has competed against so many accomplished players, least of all Woods.

"Very surprised that I am staying here in this position, because maybe the result is better than which I usually have," he said. "I do not know how to win."

That hasn't been a problem for the 24-year-old Woods, who already has won 24 times in a career that began only four years ago and became the youngest player to complete the Grand Slam when he won the British Open in July.

This will be the third straight week Woods has been within two strokes of the lead going into the final round. He finished third at Disney, and was runner-up last week in the Tour Championship.

"If I win this tournament, it will

make me feel much better that he's in the field," Weir said.

Weir, another mighty mite in golf, should not be overlooked. He fixed a posture problem on the practice range and turned in a 65, the best score of the third round and a 10-stroke improvement from Friday.

Technique wasn't the only difference.

"The key was four shots on No. 17," he said.

After hitting twice into the water for a triple bogey on Friday, Weir hit a 4-iron behind the hole for a two-putt birdie, his seventh in a nearly flawless round under wind that regularly changed direction.

The 17th is the most controversial hole on a Valderrama course often described as goofy, and that's from players trying to pay a compliment.

No one felt redemption like Woods, who hit into the water guarding the sloping green in three consecutive rounds dating to last year's tournament.

Woods must have wondered whether the water was his destiny again. After another huge drive, he picked a few blades of grass to judge the wind. Just inches away from his ball was the sand-filled divot from where he hit his approach Friday.

That one was a 9-iron that hit the bank and trickled down into the water.

"A perfect 8-iron," caddie Steve Williams told him.

The ball launched high into the cool, overcast skies and landed 18 feet behind the flag. Woods removed his cap and bowed, one of the few times the Spanish gallery cheered a shot that stayed on the green.

"I just wanted to have a little fun with it," Woods said. "It was a neat little moment."

It was a great time for Tanaka, who tugged on his shirt to show the gallery how nervous he was and bowed to them when his third shot at the 17th stopped a foot from the hole for a tap-in birdie.

He hopes to keep smiling Sunday, no small task with \$1 million on the line for a victory that would fulfill his dream of playing in the United States.

Maybe then, Woods will want his autograph.



Laura Cox

EXHIBITION WIN: The Eagles played in their only exhibition game for the 2000-01 season and came out ahead against the Brazil Select team with a score of 76-52. The Eagles begin the regular season with a game against North Georgia on Saturday. The game will take place at Hanner Fieldhouse and begins at 7:30 pm.

Lady Eagles edged out by Wofford, 3-2

G-A News Service

Wofford's Jessica Johnson had 14 kills to go along with 13 digs to lead the Lady Terriers to a 3-2 victory over Georgia Southern in Southern Conference volleyball action Saturday afternoon in Spartanburg, SC.

Wofford (8-21, 5-15) won by scores of 17-15, 15-9, 4-15, 4-15, and 15-11. Georgia Southern falls to 11-19 overall and 5-15 in the league.

Christy Carter also came up big with 12 kills and 23 digs.

Megan Lippi led Georgia Southern with 19 kills and 23 digs. Susan Bindshedler tallied 12 kills for the Eagles, while Lauren McClain and Sara McCarty added 11 and 10 kills, respectively.

The Lady Eagles will next compete in the Southern Conference Tournament in Charleston, SC on November 17-19.

A 3-2 LOSS: The Lady Eagles suffered a Southern Conference loss to the Wofford Terriers on Saturday in Spartanburg, SC. The ladies will next head to Charleston, SC for the Southern Conference Tournament



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Women's basketball fall in 2000-01 exhibition

G-A News Service

The Georgia Southern women's basketball team dropped its only exhibition of the 2000-01 season Saturday night at Hanner Fieldhouse, falling 65-60 to the NWBL All-Stars Atlanta Black Hawks.

Trailing 37-23 with 3:01 remaining in the first half, the All-Stars went on a 27-0 run to end

the first half and begin the second, erasing their 14-point deficit in the process. In all, the Eagles, who shot just 25.9 percent for the game and connected on only two-of-18 three-point attempts, were held without a basket for a span of 14:04.

Georgia Southern junior guard Dana Simpson led the Lady Eagles with 13 points, while

sophomore Tiffany Lanier finished just two steals shy of a triple-double, posting 12 points and 10 rebounds. Alie Rousseau added 10 points off the bench, while senior forward Sharon Mitchell, who missed all of last season with a knee injury, registered 15 rebounds and four steals to go along with her six points.

Jackie Ranson and Lawana Johnson each posted double-doubles for the All-Stars. Ranson (17 points, 11 rebounds) and Johnson (12 and 10) were two of five double-figure scorers for the visitors.

The Lady Eagles open the regular season Friday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Macon when they take on the Mercer Bears.

WWF continues to create controversial shows GSU's adult puppet show a success

By Michael Russo
Staff Writer

A week ago, RAW came to us live from the Compaq Center in Houston, TX, the site of WrestleMania X7.

I can't say that Vince McMahon's return was a surprise, not with all the hype and speculation that surrounded this particular Monday night broadcast, but it was nice to see the "genetic jackhammer" back inside the squared circle. However, I did expect Vince to be more involved in the story lines. But aside from that, I really enjoyed Vince's speech on voting and his infamous facial expression that came with the entrance of the Texas Rattle Snake.

I'm still waiting for the Undertaker we remember, and by that I don't mean I want to see the return of the man from the dark side. I'm talking about the physicality of the man once referred to as the Phenom. When I watch him compete, I don't see the same man that we saw a year ago. I hope that with time however, the Taker will be back at 100 percent, and will continue to compete more on WWF programming in order to get rid of some of his ring rust. I was impressed though in his match with Val Venis this past Monday. I thought the two worked well together. I think

Val was a little surprised as well. On a side note, Val injured his back as a result of the Bad Ass' Last Ride, but is not expected to miss any televised broadcasts.

I really like where the Kane vs. Jericho feud is going. There's just something about a dark and twisted story line that makes a match all the more exciting. Their showdown at Survivor Series is inevitable and could steal the show.

It was great to see DX back together again, but I don't expect to see them together again for quite some time. Billy G, Chyna, Road Dogg, and Triple H are doing fine on their own. Putting these four back together would only be holding up progress.

Why the hell is Right to Censor getting a push? That is one gimmick I'm not fond of. Is it clever? Yes. I'll give the WWF that. It allows the WWF to speak their mind, so to speak, to all the naysayers in the media. But let's face it, the Godfather and Bull Buchanan have done nothing to deserve being the number one tag team in the Federation. I'm beginning to fear that titles within the WWF are being used more to get wrestlers over rather than to reward performance. If this is the case, the WWF is digging a hole they're going to have a hard time getting themselves

out of.

Edge and Christian have been cracking me up as of late. Edge, who at one time seemed to be uncomfortable when cutting a promo, has come a long way. Both of these young Canadians are very entertaining both in and outside the ring. I sincerely hope they continue to get more mic time. They've really made one hell of a contribution to WWF programming in recent weeks.

I felt cheated when Mick Foley solved the case and pointed the finger at Rikishi last month due to the fact that I felt Rikishi was chosen for the mere fact that he was the least to be expected. Well, now I feel cheated again. Triple H as Rikishi's accomplice? Give me a break! The WWF did it again. After playing the part of a heel for over a year, Triple H started to become a face again, which I feel happened by chance and that the WWF had nothing to do with it originally. Then suddenly, just as The Game begins to make a complete transition, the WWF pegs him as the guy who helped Rikishi. I feel the WWF is trying too hard to fool their fans, but in any event, it'll be interesting to see where this goes. I would expect for something big to go down at Survivor Series this year. If so, then I think we'll all have a better understanding as to why Triple H was chosen.

By Ericka Jones
Guest Writer

Usually when one thinks of a puppet show, the first thing that comes to mind is Rumpelstiltskin or Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Well, once again the GSU Theater Department has done something a little out of the ordinary—an adult puppet show. From November 8-11, the fall puppetry class performed the play Woyzeck, by George Buchner. The play was performed each night at the Georgia Southern Puppetry Center located on Fair Road.

"The production was a success," said class instructor Gary Dartt, who was also the Director of the play. After eight weeks of carving and sculpting blocks of wood into puppets, the hard work paid off, as each night the performance was sold-out.

The audience seemed to be amazed as they watched small puppets come to life in the bloody play. The voices of the puppets were those of the class members.

Puppet operators were a select group of students: Drew Stinnett, Amber Grigsby, Jeff Kozee, Julie Jackson, Joe Ben Deal, and Erin Altmeyer.

The play told the story of a virtuous and humble man who was driven to kill his wife, Marie, due to her adulterous affairs. After Woyzeck stabbed Marie



Tim Prize

BLOODY MURDER: GSU's Puppet Theater put on a moving, adult play about adultery, murder, and suicide. Entitled "Woyzeck," the play ran from the 8th to the 11th.

to death, he then threw her corpse into a body of water. After killing Marie for her unfaithfulness, Woyzeck jumped into the same body of water, drowning himself. After the production of the play, Gary Dartt invited the audience behind the scenes to visit and view the workspaces of the GSU Puppet Theatre.

The next GSU puppet production will be a children's production, and will be held during the Spring Youth Arts Festival which will be held during the Spring Semester. Professor Gary Dartt invites everyone interested to take part in the next production. For more information e-mail Gary Dartt at gdartt@gasou.edu.

Adam Sandler stars in 'Little Nicky'

TMS Campus

Adam Sandler returned to the big screen in "Little Nicky" on Friday, November 10, his most special effects laden film to date. The comic plays the lead role of Nicky in the film, one of the Devil's three sons, whose task is to save the world from his two older brothers that want to create a Hell on Earth.

In the midst of the 90 minute chaos, Nicky wrestles between

great backdrop to Sandler's fighting amidst the fires of Hell. Along for the ride are co-stars Patricia Arquette, Allen Covert, and Rhys Ifans.

The film is by far Sandler's most risky, and it's obvious that this one is going to have some trouble straight out of the starting blocks. Although Sandler's work should never be taken too seriously, this film will certainly put him in hot water with countless reli-

all of the constant movement and elaborate sets that fill up the screen during almost every scene. "We wrote this movie and didn't say let's write an effects filled movie," Sandler said. "We just wrote as funny of a film as we could for the premise....We learned a lot of computer stuff. Sometimes you're in a shot and then they shoot a green screen later on and put them together."

Sandler plans to continue on with his script writing and has even considered some Internet-related script writing after the release of "Little Nicky." He's also well known for his comedy albums, which he would also like to get back into sometime down the road.

"I like cutting albums, mostly the freedoms of an album," he said. "People are not on top of you telling you this has to sell. When making movies, we do the funniest things we can do at that time. When making an album, it's more like hanging out for a night without treating it like a movie which has to be more of a story."

This comic has truly grown since his Saturday Night Live days, and whether "Little Nicky" passes or fails won't change his memories of the support he received from friends during his younger years.

"When I was in college, I was not really sure what I was going to do," he said. "The best thing I did with my life was get a lot of friends on the same pages as me and we all encouraged each other to take chances."

"When I was doing stand ups, I'd try to do something funny. I just stuck with it and my buddies would come to my show and we all just got started by doing it together."



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SONS OF THE DEVIL: Adam Sandler's new film features him as one of the Devil's three sons who tries to save the other two from creating a Hell on Earth.

good and evil to the soundtrack of music by hard rockers Disturbed, Filter, Incubus and Powerman 500. In addition, P.O.D's new song "School of Hard Knocks" makes for a

religious groups due to the spiritual representations in the film. "We didn't want to offend any one with the Heaven and Hell references," said Sandler at the House of Blues hotel in Chicago. "If someone does get upset over it, we didn't mean it."

Sandler is virtually fearless at poking fun at others, and "Little Nicky" features guest appearances from Rodney Dangerfield, Henry Winkler, and Ozzy Osborne, who are amongst the cameo list of actors that provide some laughs. However, the humor is sometimes missed in the film due to



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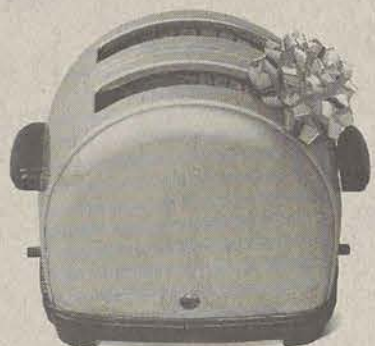
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