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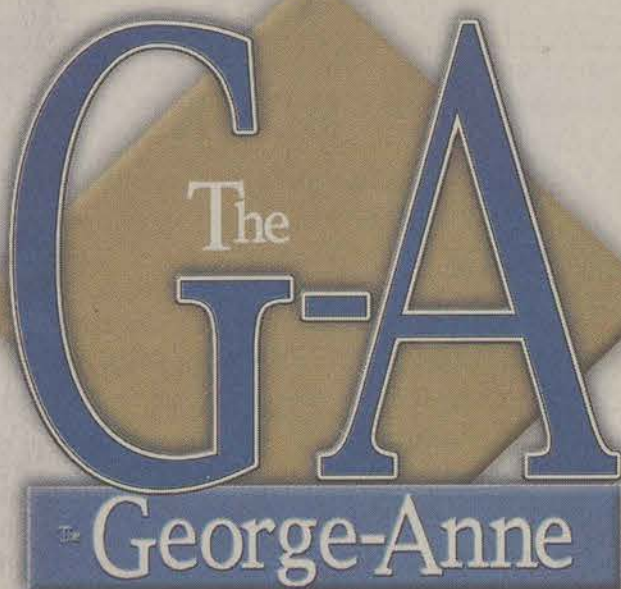


SPORTS

GSU Football to hold 20th annual Blue-White game

Make sure you attend the GSU football intrasquad Blue-White game on Saturday at Paulson Stadium. Details inside!

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LIFE

There's a moonbuggy at GSU?

Yep, that's right. GSU Mechanical Engineers invented a moonbuggy to enter in a NASA competition. More inside!



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Friday, April 20, 2001

GSU celebrates Earth Day

By Amanda Permenter
Staff Writer

The Earth Day activities presented by SAGE, the Student Alliance for a Green Earth, drew a large crowd to the Rotunda throughout the day yesterday. Eleven booths were set up representing organizations such as SAGE, The Nature Conservancy, the Georgia Forestry Commission, and the Georgia Coastal Resources division of the NOAA Coastal Management Program. The main SAGE booth held sign-up sheets for anyone wishing to become a member of the alliance. Another SAGE area

offered activities such as planting a sunflower and making a bird feeder from pinecones and peanut butter. The Nature Conservancy had freestickers, brochures, and offered free cokes.

Donations for the beverages benefited Rescue the Reef, a program initiated by The Nature Conservancy aimed at protecting the fragile reef environments of the oceans. Reefs are home to one quarter of all marine species, and have important roles in the marine ecosystem that we are still discovering.

The Georgia Forestry Commission had a table set up with a project board covered with facts about Georgia forests. Beside the table stood a 6-foot tall plastic tree trunk with samples of products that couldn't be produced without Georgia trees. Every part of a harvested tree can be used for some purpose. The adhesive of bandage strips, crayons, gum, and candles can all be made with tree gum extract. Cough syrup, eyeglass frames, toothpaste, clothing, paint, Parmesan cheese, make-up and lipstick, and football helmets are just some of the many things that are produced using the cellulose of trees. Wood pulp goes into the making of



LaVene Bell

ABRACAPOCUS: At 12:30 p.m., Abracapocus took the stage beneath the Rotunda and rocked interested patrons of the event with smooth, earthy tunes.



LaVene Bell

SMOKEY THE BEAR: Smokey was present at the Earth Day festivities to shake hands, promote fire safety and give plenty of "bear hugs".

such everyday products as toilet tissue, photo film, milk cartons, and even this newspaper.

The Georgia Coastal Resources area had tables containing information on many marine organisms, specifically the endangered Loggerhead Turtle. Amid maps of the Georgia coast, skulls and shells of Loggerheads were on display along with posters of information on other species of turtles and whales.

The Earth Day festivities were also a great time to petition for changes in the community. At one booth a petition for a park area in Statesboro, to be named the Bulloch County Memorial Park, could be found. The park would bring beauty in trees and birds to the area. Another appeal, from a table promoting water conservancy, petitioned to bring a Styrofoam recycling system to GSU

and Statesboro using the Dart Densifier, a device of the Dart Container Corporation. The Dart Densifier uses hydraulic pressure to compact foam and reduce its volume up to 60 times. The difficulties involved in recycling and reducing Styrofoam waste have caused many pollution problems, and the Densifier may offer a solution to such dilemmas. The water

conservancy table offered tips for using less water, and gave out stickers saying, "Don't be a drip - Conserve water."

At 12:30 p.m., Abracapocus took the stage beneath the Rotunda and rocked the interested patrons of the event with smooth, earthy tunes. Many people stopped and sat to watch the band's entire set, which lasted over an hour. All the while, various professors were getting drenched in a dunking booth, where participants could buy three chances to tank the teacher for just a dollar.

About the time Abracapocus went on, Smokey the Bear was making his rounds where the elementary school field trips were filing in. Smokey made his presence known by shaking everyone's hands, taking pictures, and giving plenty of "bear hugs."

Tau Beta Sigma had a booth where they were trying to raise money for a new trophy case for the marching band by raffling off a Sony Playstation 2. The Healthy Hollow Food Store, a health food and herbal market, also had pamphlets and information at a booth bordering the rotunda.

If the importance of Earth Day still doesn't sink in, perhaps the words of Abracapocus' lead singer will shed some light on the subject. "In my Geology class the other day, we discussed the fact that petroleum is almost gone, and water is soon to follow." He was right, and forests are also disappearing at alarming rates. All the elements of the Earth's environment work together to provide a structured and balanced habitat for humans and the millions of species with which we share the planet. Thursday's Earth Day activities reminded us to take care of that balance, for the sake of animals and plants, ourselves, and the generations we precede.



LaVene Bell

EARTH DAY FESTIVITIES: Those who participated in the many activities that were held during the Earth Day celebration yesterday under the Rotunda enjoyed events such as a dunking booth, presentations, and a Sony Playstation give-away.



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TMS Campus

Today's Birthday (April 20). You're getting stronger this year, and you're more willing to take action. The real secret of your success, however, is your great compassion. Ponder long and hard before launching a new endeavor in April. You'll benefit from the concern you show others in May. In June, abundance is your reward for having done the homework. Learn from a wise older woman in July. August is for fun, and September is about service. By December you'll be ready to let off some steam, and the farther from home the better. In February, join folks who share your beliefs, and change things for the better.

Saturday's Birthday (April 21). Carefully consider your options before making your decisions. Then act as if you meant it, and stick to your position. Stir things up in April. By May, you can tell what's substantial. Add to your storehouse of information in June. Get rooted in July, and get creative in August. Take the trip of your dreams in December. Your work pays off in February, as you ascend to your rightful authority. Relax in private next April.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is an 8 — You're becoming impatient, but don't rush forward. You need to head in the right direction. Once you're sure, proceed at full speed. Your enthusiasm spurs your whole team to victory.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 6 — If you're due to receive extra money, make sure you get it. Early in the day, make time for a dear friend. Later on, you may get a new assignment that demands your full attention. Make sure you're compensated well for those efforts, too.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 6 — This isn't a good time to delegate. You can do the job better yourself — and faster. You have the experience the others lack, so don't waste time (theirs) or money (yours). Don't procrastinate, deviate, speculate or even contemplate. Just do it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 7 — A person who's been impossible is about to mellow out — but just a little, and just enough to have a sense of humor again. Don't hold a grudge. It's not worth the effort. Accept the apology even if it isn't made with words.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 7 — An early date with your sweetheart may have to be postponed. Why not set it up for after work instead? By then the hassles will be history. Take off on a weekend trip tonight, if you can. That would be perfect.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 6 — There's plenty of mess to clean up. You didn't make this problem, so why should you care? Well, because you're good at cleaning up messes. It's a gift. And they can't figure out how to clean it up, so it's your show.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 6 — Continued collaboration is an excellent plan. You be the brains, and someone else can stand up and make the presentation — or the argument. This other person might start to look pretty darned good to you, and vice versa. Consider it a fringe benefit.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 6 — With support from the one you love, things are starting to look possible again. Maybe not easy, but possible. Remember this lesson. No more trying to do it all by yourself. Family: That's where you get your power.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 7 — A recent setback could have you hustling to patch up leaks. Life is going to be a lot more fun soon, and not just because it's Friday. However, you're going to have to continue working over the weekend. It's more fun, but it's not all fun yet.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — Somebody else's impatience could almost get you to lose your temper. You're actually quite an outspoken character, as this fool is about to find out. But be cool. It's more effective.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 7 — Don't let a silly rejection knock you off your stride. You're a long-distance runner, remember? You're in this for the long haul. Committed. Determined. Besides, here's a hint: You will succeed.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 7 — Continue to stand up for yourself, even if you're scared. It's not heroism if you're not scared. Today is unlikely to be boring, but it's likely to be good for you.



BOOKS

• From the New York Times Bestsellers List
F — Fiction NF — Non-fiction H — Hardback P — Paperback

Top 20 Books

1. "Carolina Moon" by Nora Roberts (Jove)(F-P)
2. "Who Moved My Cheese?: An Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life" by Spencer Johnson (Putnam) (NF-H)
3. "Dreamcatcher" by Stephen King (Scribner)(F-H)
4. "The Prayer of Jabez" by Bruce Wilkinson (Multnomah Publishers) (NF-H)
5. "Before I Say Good-Bye" by Mary Higgins Clark (Pocket)(F-P)
6. "Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them" by J.K. Rowling (Scholastic) (F-P)
7. "Along Came a Spider" by James Patterson (Warner) (F-P)
8. "Quidditch Through the Ages" by J.K. Rowling (Scholastic) (F-P)
9. "First to Die" by James Patterson (Little, Brown) (F-H)
10. "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" by J.K. Rowling; Illustrated by Mary GrandPre (Scholastic) (F-P)

11. "Icy Sparks" by Gwyn Hyman Rubio (Penguin) (F-P)
12. "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" by J.K. Rowling; Illustrated by Mary GrandPre (Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic) (F-H)
13. "Body-for-Life" by Bill Phillips, Michael D'Orso (HarperCollins) (NF-H)
14. "We Were the Mulvaney" by Joyce Carol Oates (Plume) (F-P)
15. "Girl with a Pearl Earring" by Tracy Chavaler (Plume) (F-P)
16. "The Heir" by Johanna Lindsey (Avon)(F-P)
17. "Star Wars: The New Jedi Order: Edge of Victory I: Conquest" by Greg Keyes (Lucas Books)(F-P)
18. "A Painted House" by John Grisham (Doubleday) (F-H)
19. "Bridget Jones's Diary" by Helen Fielding (Penguin)(F-P)
20. "Life Strategies: Doing What Works, Doing What Matters" by Phillip C. McGraw (Hyperion) (NF-P)



MUSIC

• List compiled by the Associated Press from the Billboard Charts

Top 10 Hits

1. "All For You," Janet. Virgin.
2. "Survivor," Destiny's Child. Columbia.
3. "Angel," Shaggy (feat. Rayvon). MCA.
4. "Thank You," Dido. Arista.
5. "Missing You," Case. Def Soul.

Top 5 Country Songs

1. "Who I Am," Jessica Andrews. DreamWorks.
2. "It's A Great Day To Be Alive," Travis Tritt. Columbia.
3. "Ain't Nothing 'Bout You," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.
4. "If My Heart Had Wings," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
5. "One More Day," Diamond Rio. Arista Nashville.

Top 5 Albums

1. Various Artists: Now 6 Sony/Zomba/Universal/EMI
2. 2Pac: Until The End Of Time Amaru/Death Row
3. Shaggy: Hotshot 5 MCA
4. Aaron Carter: Aaron's Party (Come Get It) Jive
5. Dave Matthews Band:

6. "Butterfly," Crazy Town. Columbia.
7. "Stutter," Joe (feat. Mystikal). Jive. (Gold)
8. "Get Over Yourself," Eden's Crush. 143.
9. "Again," Lenny Kravitz. Virgin.
10. "Hanging By A Moment," Lifhouse. DreamWorks.

Top 8 HipHop Albums

1. 2Pac: Until The End Of Time Amaru/Death Row
2. Ginuwine: The Life Epic
3. 112: Part III Bad Boy
4. India.Arie: Acoustic Soul Motown
5. Tank: Force Of Nature Blackground
6. Musiq Soulchild: Aijuswanaseing (I Just Want To Sing) Def Soul
8. Trick Daddy: Thugs Are Us Slip-N - Slide/Atlantic

- Everyday RCA
6. Ginuwine: The Life Epic
7. Dream: It Was All A Dream Bad Boy
8. Dido: No Angel 3 Arista
9. Lifehouse: No Name Face DreamWorks
10. Nelly: Country Grammar 6 Fo' Reel

TV Land shifting focus at fifth anniversary

Associated Press

NEW YORK—Television nostalgia is about to be segregated by age.

The TV Land cable network, a 24-hour spinoff of Nickelodeon's evening programming of old television series, wants to define itself as a comfortable home for aging baby boomers, who are most fond of and familiar with Andy Griffith, Mr. T, Mary Tyler Moore and the Odd Couple, executives said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Nickelodeon will air reruns from the late 1970s and 1980s, appealing to the younger parents of children who watch Nick during the day, said network President Herb Scannell.

The tweaks come as TV Land celebrates its fifth birthday later this month in a growth spurt. The network is now carried in just over 60 million of the nation's television homes, after starting with 5 million.

TV Land adds "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" to its schedule on Friday, and "The Love Boat" on June 4. It will bring back "I Love Lucy" in October, on the 50th anniversary of the comedy's premiere.

By contrast, Nickelodeon will soon be adding reruns of Reagan era sitcoms "Cheers" and "Family Ties" to its schedule.

"You'll see more and more of a distinction" between the two networks,

said Larry Jones, TV Land's general manager.

It's all part of parent company Viacom's "cradle to grave" philosophy of positioning networks to appeal to distinct age groups — including Nick for children, MTV for teen-agers, VH1 for young adults and CBS for the older folks.

TV Land's ratings for the first three months of the year were down about 30 percent compared to last year at this time, according to Nielsen Media Research. But the network's executives said that because of an increase of 15 million homes where TV Land is seen, the network's average viewership actually went up slightly from year to year.

U.S. agency releases latest auto rollover test results

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government released rollover risk ratings for 17 more vehicles, the third set issued in the auto-safety agency's campaign to warn shoppers that some vehicles are more likely than others to topple in a crash.

The Chrysler Sebring and Dodge Stratus four-door sedans got the government's highest five-star rating on Friday.

Three 4X4 extended cab trucks — the Ford Ranger, Mazda B-Series and Toyota Tacoma — got two stars, the lowest rating of any pickup.

The rating system, which is available to consumers on the agency's Web site, does not predict the likelihood of a crash, but estimates the risk of rolling over in a single-vehicle crash.

The ratings are based on a mathematical formula using the vehicle's center of gravity and width.

Sport utility vehicles, SUVs, and pickup trucks are more top-

heavy and thus more likely to get lower marks than a car or van.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the NHTSA, has not given more than three stars to an SUV, while cars are getting four or five stars. Vans and pickups have been in the two- to four-star range.

In the latest ratings, three cars — the Dodge Neon four-door, Plymouth Neon four-door and Toyota Echo four-door — received four stars.

Three-star ratings were given to the Toyota RAV4 four-door 4X2 and 4X4, Dodge Durango four-door 4X2 and Honda CR-V four-door 4X4 SUVs; Toyota Tundra, Dodge Ram and Mazda B-Series 4X2 extended cabs; and the Ford Ranger 4X2 extended cab.

The Toyota 4Runner four-door 4X2 SUV was given two stars.

The ratings were the third batch issued by NHTSA. The agency plans to test more 2001 vehicles in coming months.

The auto industry has been critical of the ratings, arguing that driver behavior, such as fast, careless or drunken driving, and road conditions, such as curves and wet pavement, are the primary cause of rollovers. Consumer groups do not like the measurements because they believe driving tests should determine the ratings.

NHTSA argues that the ratings correspond to real-world accidents — more than 60 percent of fatalities in SUVs and more than 40 percent of deaths in pickups happen in rollovers. By comparison, 22 percent of car deaths involve rollovers.

A National Academy of Sciences panel held hearings this week to study the measurements and the driving test and must submit an interim report to Congress by July 1 and a final report by the end of the year.

Under a new law, NHTSA must begin conducting rollover driving tests for the 2003 model year.

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ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 Kansas

Prosecutors file fourth murder charge against man

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY — Prosecutors filed a fourth murder charge Monday against a man police allege cannibalized one of his victims.

Police said they believe Marc V. Sappington, 21, began his killing spree March 16 when he and Armando Gaitan, 16, killed David Mashak in Kansas City, Kansas.

Sappington was charged Monday with the slaying during a routine hearing on the other three murder charges.

"I can say that of the three victims, one was mutilated, and there was evidence of cannibalism. And that the core motivation for all three killings, of the recent killings, was cannibalism," Police Lt. Vince Davenport said.

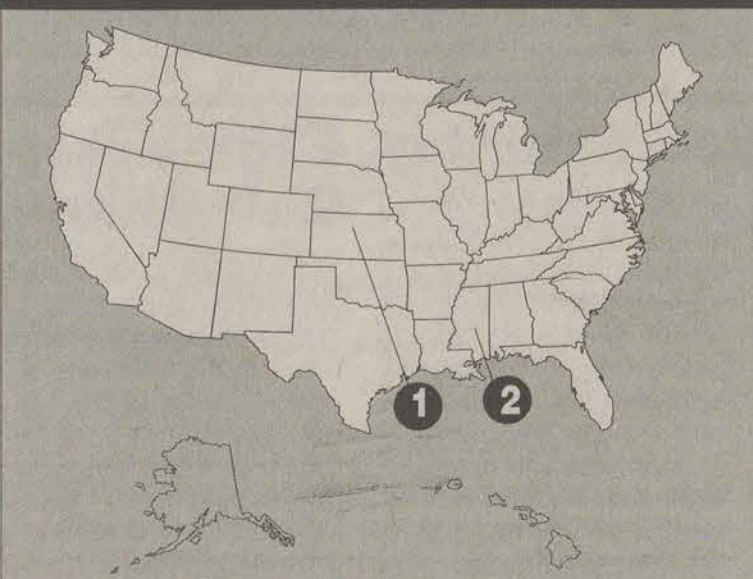
Sappington pleaded innocent in all four cases.

The earlier charges stemmed from the discovery of three bodies on April 10.

Michael Weaver Jr., 22, was found stabbed in his car a block from his Kansas City, Kansas, home. Terry T. Green Jr., 25, was found dead in a car in Kansas City, Missouri. Police believe he was killed three days earlier in Sappington's home. After nightfall, police found the dismembered body of 16-year-old Alton "Fred" Brown in Sappington's basement.

Davenport said Sappington told him he was acting on voices he heard in his head and apparently knew Weaver, Brown and Green.

Mashak's shooting appears to have been a simple armed



robbery, Davenport said. Gaitan remains jailed and faces a first-degree murder charge in juvenile court.

2 Mississippi

Cat is stuck in tree, and he likes it

Associated Press

GULFPORT. — Big Boy arrived in his tree home on the winds of a hurricane nearly three years ago and now the chubby tabby with a Cheshire grin is the darling of visitors to a Mississippi Gulf Coast park.

Blown from a bait shop roof when Hurricane Georges pounded the coast in 1998, Big Boy has become sort of a tourist attraction at Jones Park, a large public park near the city's beach and bustling casinos.

He has never come down from the 60-foot live oak since the storm, and that's no tall tale, says Ron Roland, a retired mortgage banker who has taken on the role as Big Boy's caretaker.

"People from all over send me food," said Roland, 52, who works at a nearby bait shop. "A lady in Minnesota who heard about him sent me a check for \$5 to buy food."

Big Boy, who's about 4 years old, is a favorite among kids and fishermen. He's even been featured in the local newspaper.

"Some days a few people will come

buy to see him. Other days 100 or more will stop by," Roland said.

Appropriately named, Big Boy is estimated to weigh some 20 to 25 pounds and has long claws and a head the size of a salad plate. He eats and drinks from dishes nailed to the tree, and Roland says the feline makes it well known when his pot belly is empty.

"He lets out a loud meow," Roland said. "He's not mean, but if you try to pick him up, he'll swat you."

Big Boy sleeps a lot, and he has a particular branch to take care of his personal business. For exercise, he climbs to the top of the tree and moves from limb to limb.

"He looks sort of like a wild tiger when he does that," Roland said. "It reminds me of one of those National Geographic specials."

Dr. Jacky May, a veterinarian in Jackson, said she's never heard of a cat living in a tree for such a length of time, "but they're very adaptable animals."

She wonders about his health.

"Everyone always thinks of giant cats as a great thing, but they can have heart problems," May said. "It's just bizarre. My only questions is: Can he come down?"

Roland is convinced Big Boy could leave his leafy abode if he wanted to. At one point, someone attached a round, carpet-covered playhouse to the tree, but corpulent kitty was a little too plump to squeeze in.

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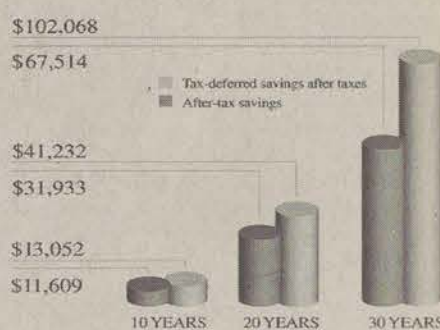
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Hawaii teachers end strike, some still not satisfied

Associated Press

HONOLULU — University of Hawaii faculty members returned to campuses Wednesday after a late-night strike settlement Gov. Ben Cayetano said he hopes will provide the momentum to settle the statewide public school teachers strike as well.

Some college classes resumed Wednesday, with all classes restarting Thursday under a settlement that gives faculty members up to 12 percent pay increases over two years, just shy of their demands but more than the state had offered.

Cayetano called the agreement that ended half of a 13-day public education walkout "a win for the faculty, the university and a win for the state as well." He said it was "good contract, given the state's ability to pay."

The governor said issues in the public school teachers strike are "somewhat different" and negotiations there have been "very, very difficult."

But he added, "We're going to work very hard to try and reach settlement with them. I'm very hopeful that the settlement we reached with UHPA will provide us with some momentum" that will end the teachers strike.

More than 40,000 college students were returning to class while 180,000 public school children remained out of school for the 14th day.

Alexander Malahoff, University of Hawaii Professional Assembly president, said it was "a very fair settlement that covers all our diverse faculty and their needs and makes sure that we're able to start hiring junior faculty at higher rates."

The settlement was announced at a news conference attended by Cayetano and assembly officials who represent the 3,100 college teachers on the university's 10 campuses.

Announcements are to be made for making up lost classroom instruction, with some scheduled on the weekend, the university said in a statement.

However, the statement said it may not be possible to meet required instructional hours for all courses.

Commencement ceremonies, it said, would be held as scheduled on all 10 University of Hawaii campuses.

John Radcliffe, a union lobbyist, gave Cayetano a white T-shirt on which the "On Strike" wording was edited to read "Off Strike."

The dual strikes have shut down all public education for the first time in any state. Public school teachers scheduled a Wednesday afternoon session with a federal mediator. A federal mediator also helped reach accord with the university professors.

The university faculty agreement would increase college teachers' salaries about 4 percent in the first year, plus a possible 2 percent merit increase, and 6 percent in the second year. The faculty had asked for 12 percent plus merit pay and the state's last offer before settlement totaled no more than 11 percent overall.

Union officials declined to go into specifics of the final agreement

until they could present it to their membership for ratification — a process expected to take about one week.

Wednesday will be the ninth day of missed classes for Hawaii's public school students as a result of the April 5 dual walkouts.

The elementary, middle school and high school teachers are seeking pay raises totaling 22 percent in a four-year contract, retroactive to July 1999, while the state offer just before the strike was a 12 percent increase over two years.

State House leaders called a news conference Tuesday to urge around the clock negotiations to settle the two strikes.

While they said they are not picking sides, several seemed to target Cayetano as the sticking point and suggested he come off his position that the state can't afford what the teachers and faculty are seeking.

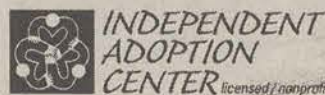
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Fishing Tournament	6 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Arts & Crafts Exhibits	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Children's Rides	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Parade (downtown Midville)	10 a.m.
Fish Fry	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Civil War Reinactors	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Confederate Living History by SCV	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Free Variety Entertainment	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Softball Tournament at Midville Recreation Complex
Friday, April 20th 4 p.m. - Sat., April 21st 6 p.m.

20th annual Blue-White game to be played Saturday

By Doug Kidd
Senior Sports Writer

After wrapping up its final workout in full pads Wednesday, GSU head coach Paul Johnson announced

the selection of Dr. Ron Core and Dr. Vaughn Vandegrift as this year's honorary head coaches for the 20th Annual Blue-White game.

The game, which pits the Eagles'

top three units against one another, will take place this Saturday at 12 noon at Paulson Stadium.

Dr. Core, GSU's Vice-President for Business and Finance, will be making his second appearance on the Paulson Stadium sidelines after his selection last spring while Dr. Vandegrift, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, will make his sideline debut Saturday.

Head coach Paul Johnson and his staff will secure themselves in the football office's "War Room" Friday morning for draft day festivities to fill both rosters of the Blue-White Game. The one-hour draft will feature Dr. Core and Dr. Vandegrift, along with GSU assistant coaches, selecting players off the top three units (approximately 90 players) with alternating picks before placing the remaining players on both squads to even out the teams.

Once a pick is made, the other squad will receive that position's top reserve or player listed next on the depth chart. The two teams will participate in a brief workout Friday afternoon in shorts and helmets at the Eagle Practice Complex, implementing and practicing its respective game plan for Saturday's contest.

A total of eight projected returning starters or key reserves will not see action due to injuries or other commitments. In addition to senior

fullback Adrian Peterson (precautionary), QB J.R. Revere (precautionary), NT Willie Johnson (ankle), DT Winston Hardison (foot), DT Robert LeBlanc (foot), LB Jason Neese (back), FS Nick Kearns (academics) and FS Phillip Mouzon (hip) will also not play Saturday.

The coaching staff will be following a few key position battles closely on Saturday, including the contest for the backup quarterback spot between four highly-touted prospects and also looking for depth on the offensive and defensive lines.

Saturday's contest will officially mark the earliest playing of the Blue-White Game in GSU history and it represents just the 10th time the game has been played in the month of April. From 1984 to 1992, the matchup was traditionally held on the first Saturday in May. Although the White squad snapped a four-game losing streak last year, the Blue team has held the upper hand in the series - posting wins in 12 of the previous 19 meetings.

Last year, fullback Terry Owens rushed for 121 yards and Revere scored a pair of touchdowns while completing nine-of-17 passes for 148 yards to lead the White to a convincing 23-0 victory. The White defensive unit, paced by All-America tackle Freddy Pesqueira, limited the Blue offense to just four passing yards and 57 total yards during the contest.

Eagles prepare for SoCon Golf Championships

G-A News Service

Having already turned in its best regular season in over a decade, the Georgia Southern Eagles look to clinch their first NCAA Regional bid as a member of the Southern Conference when they take part in the 2001 Southern Conference Golf Championships at the 6,392-yard, par-70 Chattanooga (Tenn.) Golf and Country Club.

First-round tournament play begins at 8:00 a.m. Friday morning, with sophomore Travis Mobley leading the Eagle contingent out at 9:39 a.m., followed by junior Warren Holman, freshman Tyler McKeever, senior Christian Newton and junior Justin Kolumber.

The Eagles, who enter the SoCon Championships ranked 45th in the latest MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings, are led by the combination of Kolumber and Mobley, who are each ranked among the top 100 players in the country.

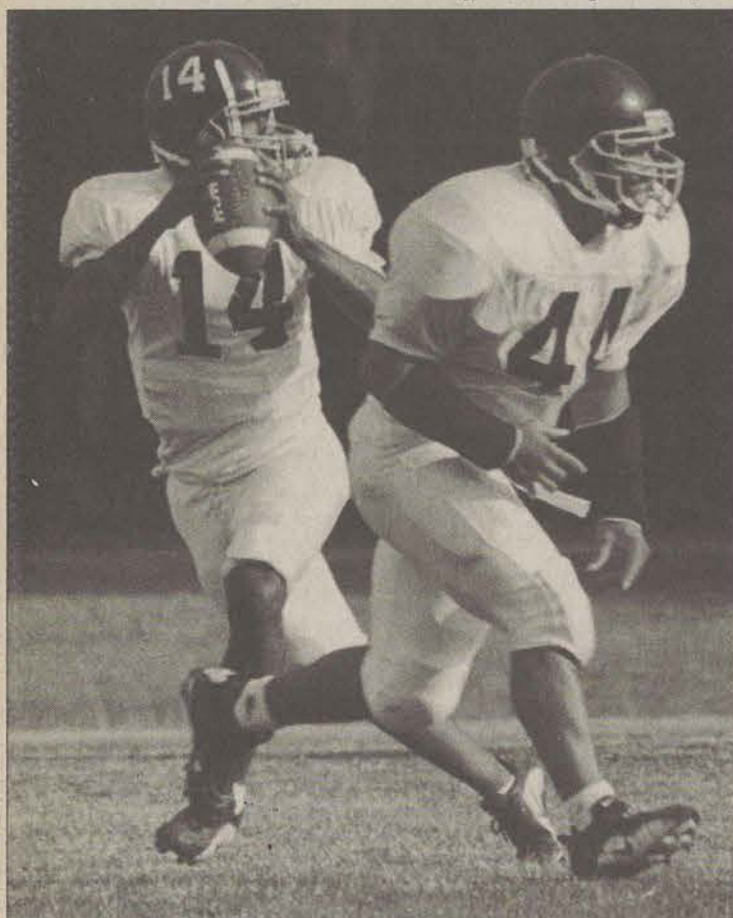
Kolumber, currently 61st nationally, already owns an individual title after capturing medalist honors at the Ironwood Intercollegiate in

Greenville, N.C. on March 13. Kolumber (six) and Mobley (four) have combined for 10 top-10 finishes on the season.

Ranked 84th in the country, Mobley claimed runnerup honors at the NCAA East Regional Fall Preview and was in medalist contention in the Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational title before finishing seventh. Mobley enters the SoCon Championships having shot par or better in five of his last six rounds.

As a team, the Eagles are looking to extend their streak of top-10 finishes to eight. In fact, in their last five events, the Eagles have posted sixth, second, first, fifth and third-place finishes, respectively.

The Southern Conference Golf Championships, featuring a three-day, 54-hole format, continues with Saturday's second round beginning at 12:30 p.m., with Sunday's third and final round scheduled to tee off at 8:00 a.m. The tournament champion receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals. The field for the NCAA Championships will be released on Wednesday, May 9.



LaVene Bell

FINAL SCRIMMAGE: The 20th annual blue-white game will be played on Saturday at 12 noon. The game will feature the Eagles' top three units against one another.

Johnson named director of athletic marketing and promotions

G-A News Service

Cicely Johnson has been named director of athletic marketing and promotions at Georgia Southern University according to an announcement from athletics director Sam Baker Wednesday.

Johnson, 27, replaces Matt Brown who resigned in February.

"I'm confident Cicely will provide exemplary leadership to our marketing and promotional efforts," said Baker. "In addition to her experiences within

the athletic marketing division at Michigan State, her inclusive credentials certainly exemplify success in all facets of her professional development and performance."

Johnson most recently served as an athletic administration, marketing and promotions assistant at Michigan State University in East Lansing where she worked directly with sponsorships on marketing and promotional strategies for a variety of sport programs, includ-

ing men's and women's basketball. In addition, she assisted in the sport coordination and management of six team sports, human resources, gender equity, Big Ten Conference and NCAA initiatives.

From 1999 to 2000, Johnson was a marketing and sales consultant for Certified Leasing and Sales Specialists in Atlanta, Ga., handling the identification, profiling and targeting of markets on assigned projects in the Mid-

west, Northeast and Southwest.

After obtaining her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 1995, Johnson earned her Juris Doctorate Degree from St. Mary's University (Tex.) School of Law in 1999. While working on her degree, she was employed as law clerk in the Criminal District Court Administration of the City of San Antonio, Tex., from December of 1997 to April of 1999.

Volleyball announces 2001 schedule

G-A News Service

An in-state match-up with Georgia as well as tournaments at Winthrop and Kansas highlight the 2001 Georgia Southern volleyball schedule as announced today by first year head coach Kerry Messersmith.

The Eagles, who return 10 of 11 players off of a team that finished 11-19 in 2000, will open the season by traveling to Rock Hill, S.C. to compete in the Winthrop University Invitational August 31 through September 1 before opening the Southern Conference portion of their schedule September 5 with a home match against The Citadel.

Georgia Southern then travels to Lawrence, Kan. to compete in the Kansas University Invitational. GSU will also make non-conference trips to Georgia and Jacksonville while hosting Jacksonville and Mercer. Ten of Georgia Southern's first 11 matches will be away from Hanner Fieldhouse.

"I feel we have a very tough schedule this season," said Messersmith. "I think the Kansas Invitational will be a real challenge to our team. Meanwhile, Georgia also has a very good program. Both of these trips should prepare us for the challenge of the Southern Conference regular season."

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All materials are due by Wednesday, April 25, 2001.
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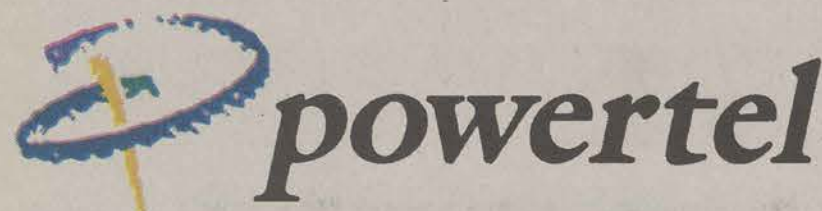
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Mechanical Engineering team builds manpowered moonbuggy

By Amanda
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Staff Writer

Last fall, the GSU Mechanical Engineering team, supervised by Dr. Namik Ciblak and in correlation with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, began the challenging task of building a functional moonbuggy. What exactly is a moonbuggy? It is a man-powered vehicle that should be able to maneuver on the moon. Construction on the buggy was not just something to learn from, but also for competition in NASA's Great Moonbuggy Race in Huntsville, Alabama, at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, on April 6-7.

Design and construction of the buggy began one month before the spring semester. The moonbuggy builders had many specifications to consider when designing the vehicle. Moonbuggies must be completely human powered, and no energy storage devices, such as springs or flywheels are allowed. In addition to being man-powered, a moonbuggy must meet numerous technical size requirements, and must be collapsible and able to fit into a 4'x4'x4' box while in its collapsed state. When fully assembled, a buggy is required to be no more than four feet wide. Safety is also a considerable issue in the mechanics of moonbuggies, as the vehicles run with two passengers, who are required to wear appropriate protective gear and seat restraints. A buggy is disqualified from the race if it does not have two passengers, one male and one female, if the racers miss an obstacle on



Special Photo

MOON RACING: The GSU Mechanical Engineering team invented this manpowered moon buggy to compete in NASA's Great Moonbuggy Race. The buggy cost over \$425 to build.

the course, if the buggy fails safety requirements, or if it gets a late start of 10 minutes or more.

The moonbuggy competition began with testing for volume and size constraints. The vehicle must be light enough to be carried 20 feet by its two passengers before the onset of the race. The race is run on a highly specialized course of obstacles that mimics the surface of the moon with simulated craters, rocks, lava ridges, inclines, and "lunar" soil.

The April race was GSU's first time at the Great Moonbuggy Race. Our buggy, Number 29, "was the cheapest, lightest vehicle at the competition," according to Dr. Ciblak. "Ours only cost \$420-\$450 to build, whereas others spent over a thousand. We tried to use scraps, used bicycles, anything we could, and it worked perfectly well," he said.

Dr. Ciblak has many pictures posted on the mechanical engineering web site of the interesting lunar contraption.

To see more of how GSU's moonbuggy looked in action at the race, log on to <http://www2.gasou.edu/engrtech> and click on the mechanical engineering link. To find out more about NASA's Great Moonbuggy race, go to <http://moonbuggy.msfc.nasa.gov>.

Tropical Trivia held at the RAC

By T. McDonald
Staff Writer

GSU's Recreational Activity Center played host Wednesday night to a special fund-raiser, Tropical Trivia, a light-hearted theme event that was open to the public. Taking place from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the RAC's auxiliary gym, Tropical Trivia made an effort to raise money for Georgia Southern's Communication Arts Department as well as the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA). M.C.'d by Hal Fulmer, the competition also featured DJ. Word and a live radio broadcast by Southern's own WVGS 91.9 FM. The fee for participants was \$3 at the door and was well worth it; a grand prize of \$500 was allotted for the winning team.

Tropical Trivia was sponsored by Krystal fast food restaurant who also provided free hamburgers and hot dogs for guests. There were also raffle prizes as an incentive. Tickets were two for a dollar and all three winning tickets belonged to Marie Ennis. Due to her participation in the Tropical Trivia raffle, Ms. Ennis is now entitled to a vacation to both Hilton Head, South Carolina and Jekyll Island, Georgia, in addition to a casino cruise that will depart from Brunswick. The grand prize winning team went by the name of "Off" and included, as two of its members, Kurt Frederick and Tracy Ljone, the student director of Southern Adventures and the Georgia Southern University swim coach, respectively. The five round trivia competition featured four rounds of questions with increasing point values and a final round where contestants were given the opportunity to wager all their points in an effort to take first place. This fifth round is how "Off" achieved their victory.

Tropical Trivia presented an excellent forum by which to promote mass communications here on Georgia Southern's campus. Both AllTel Communications and Southern's Communication Arts Department had kiosks at the event and used the opportunity to provide information about their organizations to the public.

Overall, Tropical Trivia was a success. Precisely how much money was raised for the Communication Arts Department and PRSSA was not available at press time, but it promises to be a substantial amount.

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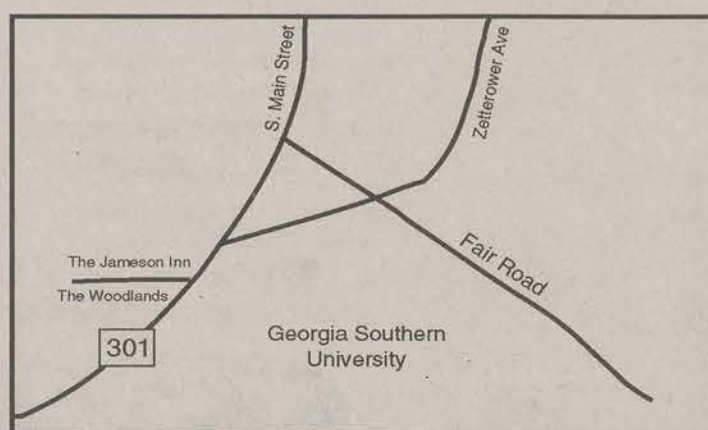
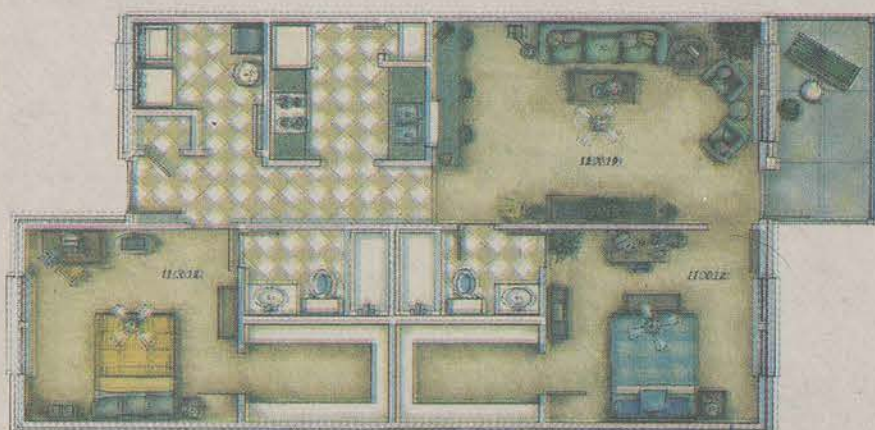


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