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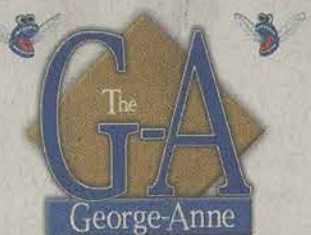
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### Today's Weather



Morning clouds with a high of  
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• November 4-9  
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### THEATER & PERFORMANCE

• 'The Laramie Project'  
Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.  
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## Burns leads late Republicans end long dry spell

From Staff and Wire Reports

Republican Max Burns led his Democratic opponent by nearly 10 percent of the vote with 90 percent of the ballots counted as of midnight.

Burns, a Georgia Southern professor of Information Systems, was battling Charles "Champ" Walker Jr. for the open seat of the 12th Congressional district.

A Burns' win wasn't completely clear: of the 31 remaining precincts to report, 27 remained in Richmond County, where Walker is from. But Burns had put up a good showing in the county up until this point, winning 44 percent of the vote 45 of 72 precincts.

At the very least, Burns' strong

showing was probably not what Democrats had in mind when they drew the long, winding, 200-mile district last year during re-districting, political analysts said.

The Savannah-to-Augusta-to-Athens district is lined with 60 percent Democratic voters and the area gave 54 percent of their votes to Al Gore in 2000.

"I'm beginning to think that Burns is going to win, something I would not have believed was possible," said University of Georgia political scientist Charles Bullock to the Associated Press last week when poll results showed Burns in the lead.

Burns did well in Bulloch County, capturing nearly three-quarters of the vote.

## Bulloch County tries out electronic voting

By Teresa D. Southern  
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Bulloch County was just one of 159 counties in the state to use electronic voting terminals at their voting polls yesterday, and like the rest of the state things went fine.

On Election Day, voters only had problems with a hand full of machines, said Debbie DeCrescenzo, Deputy Clerk of Probate Court.

The problem with many machines was an error with their memory. Another problem was voters placed the Voter Access Card in the wrong place, and this caused voters to wait for the



Adam Bonner/STAFF

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A state mandate implemented electronic voting machines to eliminate some problems associated with manual voting.

## DSL disappointment: The Woodlands' residents fed up with dysfunctional internet service

By Michelle Flournoy  
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Confusion regarding DSL service problems has left tenants at the Woodlands dissatisfied.

Heather Anderson, a Woodlands resident, said she has not had properly functioning DSL service since she moved into the Woodlands apartments in October of 2001, even though fees for DSL service are included in her rent.

"I moved into the apartment last October, and I immediately hooked up my computer," Anderson said. "The outlet in my bedroom did not work, so we had to run a wire from the other room. I noticed that when I tried to pull up a web page I was kicked offline."

"I repeatedly complained to the office and was told by the staff that I was not the only unit with the problem."

Anderson had a representative from the computer manufacturer check her computer system. The representative said that the problem was not in the system. Anderson said she purchased a new system and has experienced the same problems with it.

Danielle Collins, a GSU sopho-



Photo Illustration

Tenants at The Woodlands apartment complex have complained of experiencing ongoing problems with their DSL internet connection, a service for which they are charged in their monthly rent.

more, lives at the Woodlands and has also experienced similar problems with her DSL service.

Collins said she had experienced

problems with her DSL service kicking her offline. Frontier is currently checking out Collins' system.

Suzanne Smith, manager of the

Woodlands, said that she believed the problems with the DSL service

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## WebMBA recognized in article

G-A News Service

Georgia Southern University is mentioned in a special report on E-learning that appears in the Oct. 28 issue of U.S. News & World Report.

The University is part of a five-school consortium that produces the Georgia WebMBA program, which offers qualified and highly motivated students the opportunity to earn a Masters of Business Administration degree online.

Georgia Southern and its partners in the consortium are among 41 colleges and universities listed in U.S. News and World Report's directory of regionally and professionally accredited online graduate business programs.

The 10-course Georgia WebMBA program enables business professionals to earn a master's degree without interrupting their careers and/or personal lives.

U.S. News & World Report surveyed over 2,000 traditional colleges and several online entities, or "virtual universities." The institutions reported their credit-earning E-learning offerings for the 2001-2002 academic year.

## Pi Kappa Phi holds fundraiser pageant

By Laura Porte  
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Evening gowns, talent competition, and girls answering questions on the spot.

No, it wasn't Miss America. Instead, it was the Pi Kappa Phi Push Pageant.

Last Wednesday, the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity held its annual fundraiser pageant in the Russell Union.

The group of girls was nervous as the winners were announced: fourth runner up went to Jessica Meadows (sponsored by Phi Mu); third runner up was Kiera Rankey (Zeta Tau Alpha), second was Danielle Callan (Phi Mu), first was Sarah Kalis (Kappa Alpha), and the winner was Brooke Boatright (Alpha Delta Pi).

Boatright was extremely excited about winning.

"I'm really excited and surprised that I won! I'm just really honored that my sisters picked me to represent our sorority," Boatright said.

The top five ladies then had to answer a question such as "What is the most important thing you have learned in college?" or "Why did you decide to join a sorority?" While the judges made their final decision, Stevens announced that this year, the pageant was honoring a talent winner, which had never been done before.

*"This year was extremely successful. We had a lot of support from all of the sororities and fraternities."*

—Will Connor, Push chairman

This award went to Brooke Boatright for her tap dancing routine.

The ladies first introduced themselves and said whom they were sponsored by, and then went on to the talent competition. The talents ranged from singing to dancing to playing the piano. From Donna Summer to Faith Hill, the audience enjoyed a wide variety of talents.

After the talent portion, the contestants were escorted onto the stage in their evening gowns while announcer Katie Stevens informed the audience and judges of their year, major, and activities. The ladies left the stage while the judges made their decision

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## Native American Festival to be held at GSU this week

By Tim Prizer  
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Approximately 17,000 years ago, a group of people fled the frigid climate of Ice Age Siberia and ventured into what would much later become known as North America, or more specifically, the South.

These were the first "Americans," the first "Southerners."

And yet, just as the Bering land bridge over which the natives traversed has since been drowned by deep waters, the Indian groups of America have been all but forgotten in an inundation of European sentimental imperialism and an ethnocentric language deeming them "primitive" and "savage."

To this day, native peoples represent a significant fraction of the American population, and their lands, still an issue of great controversy, make up an even greater portion of the continent's landscape. But whereas once upon a time Indians were clouded in a rhetoric of malevolent paternalism, they have now been pushed aside both in U.S. political spheres and, sadly, in the minds of most American citizens. Still, a trend has now formed amongst Americans, especially in the South, in which it is hip and dignifying to claim Indian ancestry, but few are able to draw absolute connections to their "Indian blood," as it is so commonly called; even fewer can relate the first thing about Indian culture.

Throughout Indians' physical and cultural genocide, however, natives have preserved and even



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Tommy Wildcat plays at the Assembly Hall in the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building Thursday, November 7. Wildcat is Native American Music's Flutist of the Year for 2002.

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## Police Beat

### GSU Police Dept.

11-04-2002  
• A Savannah resident reported a "road closed" sign was taken from Georgia Avenue.

• A Winburn Hall resident reported his ID card was taken from the Landrum Center.

• Officers issued one traffic citation and one traffic warning and assisted seven motorists.

### 11-03-2002

• Jonathan Lance Strickland, 18, of Glennville, Ga., was charged with DUI and driving the wrong way on a one-way street.

• A Wilburn Road resident reported a cooler and a cash box were taken from J.I. Clements Stadium.

• Officers issued three traffic citations and three traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident, assisted four motorists, and responded to one fire alarm.

### 11-02-2002

• Christopher Ryan Brinkley, 21, Hinesville, Ga., was charged with DUI, possession of marijuana and improper starting.

• Officers issued four traffic warnings.

### 11-01-2002

• Officers issued three traffic warnings, investigated two traffic accidents and assisted three motorists.

• James Santonio Eliston, 22, of Swainsboro, Ga., was charged with driving with suspended license and giving false information to an officer.

• William David Harrell, 22, of 1822 Chandler Road, Statesboro, was charged with DUI and open container violation.

• Carlos R. Hendrix, 28, of 61 Packinghouse Road, Statesboro, was charged with DUI, driving with suspended license and habitual violator.

• Frank Bliss Wollcott V, 22, of Cummings, Ga., was charged with probation violation.

• Christina Marie Sukovich, 20, of 317 Florence Ave., Statesboro, was charged with driving with suspended license.

### 10-31-2002

• Damien Ray Youmans, 17, of 100 Lafayette St., Statesboro, was charged with giving false information to an officer.

• A Hendricks Hall resident reported a case of harassment.

• Officers issued one traffic citation and two traffic warnings, and assisted two motorists.

### 10-30-2002

• Joshua Alexander Hoak, 19, of Winburn Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and obstruction of an officer.

• Brian Allen Churchill, 19, of Winburn Hall, was charged with

minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and obstruction of an officer.

• Dennis Franklin Gehr II, 20, of Winburn Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and obstruction of an officer.

• An employee reported a digital camera was taken from the Health Center.

• An employee reported a computer speaker was taken from Room 3303 in the MPP Building.

• Officers assisted six motorists and responded to three fire alarms.

### 10-29-2002

• William Fouquay III, 19, of Winburn Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana within a school zone and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

• Officers issued two traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident, assisted seven motorists, assisted one injured person, and responded to one fire alarm.

**Editor's Note:** Police Beat appears in every edition of the George-Anne in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount and nature of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained at either the GSU Division of Public Safety or the Statesboro Police Department.



**Special to the G-A**  
Republican Sonny Perdue and his wife Mary carry their three-year-old granddaughters during a campaign trip across Georgia Monday. Perdue's win makes him the first GOP governor in the state since Reconstruction.

## Perdue 'reconstructing' state history with gubernatorial win

GOP will lead the state for the first time since Reconstruction

From Staff and Wire Reports

A Republican captured the Georgia governor's office for the first time in more than 130 years as former state Senator Sonny Perdue pulled off a stunning upset of Democrat Roy Barnes.

Perdue claimed his historic victory around midnight, saying Barnes had just telephoned his concession and he had received a congratulatory call from President Bush.

With 92 percent of the votes in, Perdue had received 51.6 percent of the electorate. Barnes drew 46 percent of the vote, while Libertarian Garrett Michael Hayes garnered 2.4 percent.

No Republican has held the governor's seat in Georgia since 1872, and Barnes is the first sitting governor to be denied a second term since the law was changed in 1978 to allow George Busbee to serve back-to-back terms.

Early in the evening, Perdue told supporters the weather on election day may have been rainy but he added, "There's going to be a 'Sonny' day in Georgia."

Perdue denounced Barnes as arrogant, declared his effort to improve education a failure and promised a

referendum on the new flag Barnes pushed through the Legislature last year. The new design all but eliminated the fighting banner of the Confederacy.

Barnes portrayed himself as a governor who did not shy away from the state's toughest issues and, backed by an aggressive fund-raising effort, pumped a record \$19 million into his re-election campaign. He led in a pre-election poll.

Hayes insisted there was little difference between Barnes and Perdue.

Barnes had run into trouble with two large voting blocs in the state—teachers and Southern heritage backers. Education reform and the changing of the state flag angered these two groups.

Democrats have controlled the governor's office since 1872. Georgia was the only state that did not elect a Republican governor during the 20th century.

As governor, Perdue will lead a government that still is largely Democrat.

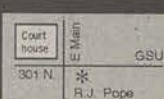
The Legislature looks to remain in Democratic hands, and Democratic Lieutenant Governor Mark Taylor, the Senate's presiding officer, was re-elected.

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## U.S. Senate up for grabs

## High turnout in election to replace Wellstone

Mondale and Coleman bring out Minnesota voters in Senate race; too early to call

From Staff and Wire Reports

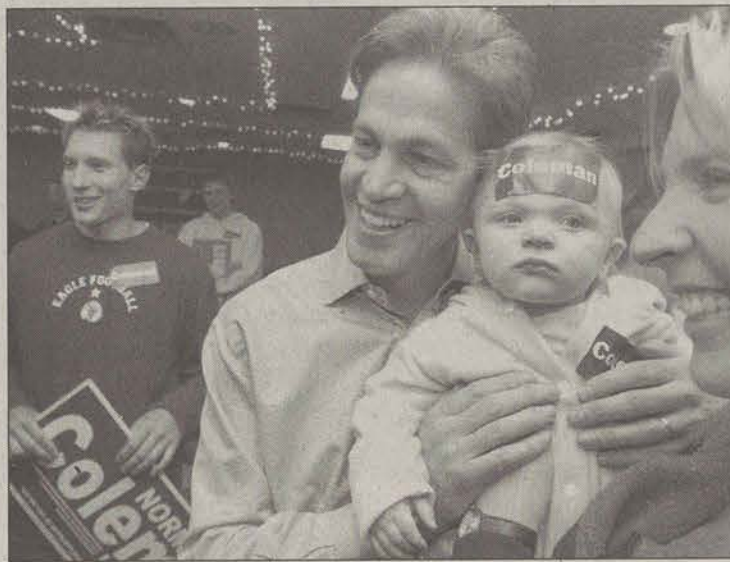
Long lines greeted some Minnesota voters Tuesday and turnout remained strong throughout Election Day as citizens were drawn to the polls by the state's high-profile Senate race and its tight gubernatorial contest.

But those who expected a close race turned out to be right. As of 1 a.m. Eastern time, Republican Norm Coleman had just over half the votes with 27 percent of precincts reporting.

Minnesota, traditionally a very civic-minded state who normally has some of the better voter-turnout numbers in the nation, didn't disappoint.

Both parties recruited armies of volunteers and spent considerable sums to mount get out the vote drives in an effort to tip the balance in the race to fill the seat of the late Sen. Paul Wellstone, who died in a plane crash with his wife and youngest daughter last week.

Secretary of State Mary Kiffmeyer called the turnout "very high" but refused to speculate on what percentage of eligible voters showed up. Polls were open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Special to the G-A

Republican Senate candidate Norm Coleman attends a campaign rally in Wilmar, Minn., last Thursday. Coleman's win was buoyed by a strong showing in a debate Monday versus the former vice-president.

Minnesota had a national-best 60 percent turnout in 1998 general election, which wasn't a presidential year. In 2000, nearly 69 percent of the state's voting age population turned out. In 1996, it was 65 percent.

Turnout was heavier than normal today in Ramsey County, leading to long lines at polling places, said Dorothy McClung, director of property records and revenue.

"There's always a big surge early in the morning with people going to

work," McClung said. "People have been waiting in lines all morning."

County election officials have heard one complaint over and over.

"We've received a lot of calls from people who are upset that there are so many people at the voting places,"



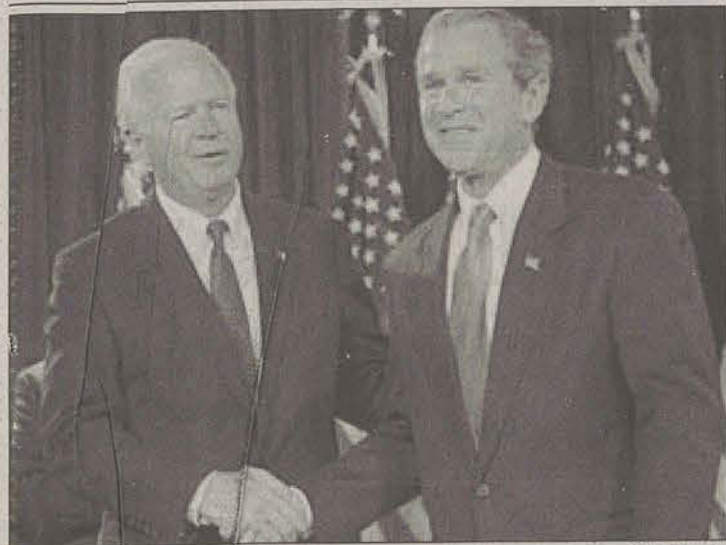
Special to the G-A

Former vice-president Walter Mondale stands in line to cast his vote.

McClung said. "But that's not a bad thing."

An election official in south Minneapolis estimated turnout at one precinct reached 35 percent -- about 625 registered voters -- by 1 p.m. Linda Taylor said that's far higher than during 1998 voting at the Temple Israel polling place.

"It's been hectic," she said. "We had long lines, but we've finally whittled them down."



File Photo

Republican Saxby Chambliss' victory was just what President George W. Bush had hoped for when he tabbed the south Georgia congressman for a run at the Senate.

## Chambliss topples Cleland in key race for Senate majority

From Staff and Wire Reports

WASHINGTON — In the first major Senate upset of the evening, Republican Rep. Saxby Chambliss wrestled control of Georgia's Democratically-held junior Senate seat from one-termer Max Cleland Tuesday.

Near midnight, the Moultrie resident had garnered 55 percent of the vote with 84 percent of the precincts reporting. Cleland, who won by less than one percent of the vote in 1996 over challenger Gu Milner, pulled in 46.1 percent of the electorate.

Libertarian Claude "Sandy" Thomas received nearly 1.5 percent of the vote.

Going into Election Day, Cleland had showed a slight lead in the polls in this race, which had become a messy battleground in recent weeks, with Cleland — a wounded Vietnam vet — being forced to defend his patriotism in the war on terror.

National Republicans targeted Cleland's seat, contending his Senate voting record was too liberal for the state's conservative electorate.

Cleland's campaign countered that he had supported major Bush administration initiatives, voting for the final version of the president's tax cut.

However, the GOP blamed Cleland for holding up Bush's proposed De-

partment of Homeland Security and stressed his controversial votes, such as one on funding that allowed school clinics to pass out morning-after pills to teenage girls without their parents' permission.

Bush came to Georgia five times during the campaign — three of those visits for Chambliss political rallies. Chambliss chairs the House Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security and backs most Bush initiatives.

The president's last campaign trip was the weekend before the election, when he spent six valuable hours in the state at stops in Cobb County and Savannah, urging the GOP faithful to go to the polls.

"I need an ally in the Senate," Bush told a cheering crowd of 6,000 at the Cobb Galleria Centre on Saturday. "In this race, if you want to vote for an ally of the president, that ally is Saxby Chambliss."

The White House has focused on the race — Vice President Dick Cheney also made three trips here for Chambliss — as a key part of Bush's strategy to retake the Senate for Republicans.

Chambliss' victory means Democrat Zell Miller is now the state's senior Senator.

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**Eligibility:** Students enrolled in four (4) or more semester hours prepay the health fee each semester. This entitles those students to unlimited office visits during the semester. Students taking less than four (4) semester hours may choose to prepay the health fee to receive the same benefits.

A valid Georgia Southern identification card is required for service.

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# OPINIONS

## The GEORGE-ANNE THUMB

- **THUMBS UP** to the last day of classes being less than a month away now.
- **THUMBS DOWN** to every class having term papers due all in the last week of classes.
- **THUMBS UP** to our Eagles toppling ETSU last weekend.
- **THUMBS DOWN** to the Furman Paladins — may you lose miserably this coming Saturday.
- **THUMBS UP** to voting.

• **THUMBS DOWN** to the fact that more lives, both American and Iraqi, may possibly be lost in Iraq soon.

## Thoughts of the day

- Listen or thy tongue will keep thee deaf.  
— American Indian Proverb
- To build may have to be the slow and laborious task of years. To destroy can be the thoughtless act of a single day.  
— Sir Winston Churchill

### LETTER AND SUBMISSION POLICY

The George-Anne welcomes letters to the editor, story submissions and guest columns from people both inside and outside the GSU community. All copy submitted should be typed (double-spaced, please), preferably on Macintosh disk in Microsoft Word or Microsoft Works format. All submissions must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification. The editors reserve the right to reject any submission. There is no word limit on submissions. A writer may request to remain anonymous. However, it will be the editor's decision whether or not to print the name. Submissions are run on a space-available basis.

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# Break me off a piece of fall semester

By Andrea Mitchell

It was a time when students could relax. It provided an opportunity for students to study. A time to be with family and friends.

This moment in time was taken and is now erased without just cause. This precious time was known as Fall Break. Fall break gave students something that they often lack, which is time.

It is true of course that teachers and students can cover more of the lectures in detail without the break, and some faculty, staff and students may have conflicting feelings about whether they want to finish the semester earlier or whether they want break.

According to Randy Gunter, Division of Student Affairs, break conflicts with students and faculty who wanted to finish before Christmas break. He also notes that some employers on campus wanted to be able to start summer jobs earlier. However, fall break was something that brought students together.

The days on campus that commenced before the break were filled with friendly faces and bright smiles. Upon their return, after being relaxed, stress relieved and prepared, students performed better on their test. Students appeared to be less worried about midterms and test, and approached their studies with a more positive attitude.

Overall students appeared to be joyful and energetic, but now the joy that once filled students has been removed forever.

Now students no longer speak to one another in passing.

The cyclists of GSU now ride blindly in pursuit of running over the feet of innocent pedestrians. The campus has lost its spirit. Fall of 2000 brought new emotions but not quite like the emotions that

students shared before.

"Fall break was really a soothing time for me to relax and now I have to wait until Thanksgiving to release stress," said Greg Stafford, a fourth year student here at GSU. Stafford went on to say that several of his friends felt that it was a bad idea to take the break away also.

What about the students who never experienced fall break. It's important to mention the poor unfortunate souls who never got that extra time to prepare.

The freshman class of 2000 just didn't know what they were getting into. Hours of grueling work, day in and day out must have been exhausting not to mention stressful.

Coming into a university without full knowledge of what to expect could be overwhelming and freshmen may have problems coping. A second year student here at GSU had a GPA of 2.0 in his freshman year during fall semester. Other second year students think that fall break might be what freshmen need.

"Fall break should be back because freshmen don't know how to cope with stress and I think that's why several of them want to drop out," said Damon Mason, a second year student here at GSU.

It would be terrible for the University to lose several freshmen in one semester due to a high stress factor. Therefore, it is urgent that we provide students with a break before midterms. It would also be something that the faculty and staff could appreciate. Students are not the only ones who need a break. Faculty and staff deserve to be free from nagging students.

After midterms, students are always annoying the staff with probing questions about grades. Faculty and staff should not have to go through that turmoil

in two straight semesters with no real break.

If fall break is not reinstated for the students, then please consider doing it for the teachers.

Students perform better with a break. Grades are better in the Spring semester because students are given time to relax and gather their thoughts. In Fall of 2000, the average GPA for the term was 2.59. In spring of 2001, the average GPA for the term escalated to 2.64.

A little time off gives students more time to prepare for major exams. Fall break gave students that time and they should have that time again.

Obviously, students perform better after a break. By providing students with more time to study, rest, and regain their sanity students' grades will improve.

Also, faculty and staff will have time to forget which students nagged them the most.

Everyone on this campus in some way needs Fall break.

So why not give the people what they want and what they need?

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*The days on campus that commenced before the break were filled with friendly faces and bright smiles. Upon their return, after being relaxed, stress relieved and prepared, students performed better on their test. Students appeared to be less worried about midterms and test, and approached their studies with a more positive attitude.*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Mold still a problem in Forest Drive Building

For two weeks now, there has been a mold problem in the Forest Drive Building. Professors and students have complained of headaches, some of which go away up to twelve hours after leaving the building. Less severe complaints include difficulty in breathing.

Since some staff members with whom I have spoken fear for their jobs if they complain, I will maintain their anonymity. Fortunately, I remain unaffected by the mold.

Others, however, are sensitive to its deleterious effects.

Although a vent in the History department office used to be mold clogged, workers from the Physical Plant cleaned it last week. Nevertheless, mold is still clogging a vent in Room 1111 and the vent in the adjacent corridor.

There might also be other clogged vents of which I have no knowledge.

I suspect this problem would not persist in the College of Business Administration or another high priority division of this university.

I also propose that Georgia Southern should maintain its buildings so that they do not ail anyone who works and studies in them.

Sincerely,  
**Kenneth Randolph Taylor**  
Graduate student, Dept. of History



# Let's cheer the young citizens who do vote

By Jane Eisner  
KRT Campus

Sometimes it's as basic as postage stamps.

The civics books and surveys commissioned to study America's deplorable voting habits; the woe-is-me reports detailing citizen apathy among young people; even the well-meaning exhortations by columnists such as yours truly — all tend to overlook such things as postage stamps.

Kids today don't do postage stamps. Virtually every communicative act they undertake is electronic, on the telephone or computer or some nifty hand-held device. Paperless, one-step transmissions.

Filing an absentee ballot, though, requires a stamp. Requesting an absentee ballot requires a stamp. That means if you're 18 years old and living on a college campus somewhere, or in the military, or otherwise away from home, the act of voting demands a stamp and an envelope and a lick or two.

This, college students say, is why they don't bother to vote. It's one of the reasons, anyway.

A lame excuse? Perhaps. Young people are far more likely than older Americans to offer justifications for shirking their civic duty on Election Day, a fact that has actually been documented by the research organization Public Agenda.

But put aside the sneering judgments for a moment and think about what a postage stamp represents: Distance, detachment. What's driving the worrying decline in voter participation among young people is a disconnect, both physical and civic, from a political process that is increasingly negative, expensive, superficial — and distant.

Voting is one of the last tactile communal acts left in America, and anything that lessens its real-life touch depresses turn-out, especially among those who have not developed the habit of closing the curtain and exercising a precious franchise once or twice a year.

You'd think making voting easier would make it more attractive, but you'd be wrong. Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, examined states that have adopted early voting-by-mail systems and have liberalized their absentee ballot procedures. Here's what he found: Those reforms don't increase participation.

"They hurt turnout," he says. In election after election, states with more liberal voting procedures perform worse than other states. The intensity and focus of voter-mobilization efforts are diffused. Voting becomes an act not unlike putting a bill in the mail — hardly a heart-thumping experience, and surely not the enduring civic ritual that exerts a psychic pull (for some of us, at least) year after year.

For newly eligible voters, this disconnect is created by more than just physical absence. It's not only that they're on Mars and the ballot box is on Venus.

"They're still watching MTV at 28. They're still not thinking about things in an adult way," says Donna Frisby-Greenwood, who once ran Rock the Vote and now directs Inner-City Games Philadelphia.

Consider: You're more likely to vote when you get married, have children, buy a house and a lawnmower, sink roots into a community. But young people today are delaying marriage, delaying childbirth, wandering from job to job. Is it any wonder that America's prolonged adolescence has civic consequences?

There's no galvanizing national issue for young people, no Civil Rights Movement, no Vietnam, no military draft of the sort that, 30 years ago, forced the voting age to include 18-year-olds. (Then the argument was if you were old enough to fight, you were old enough to vote. Shall we bring back the draft to re-establish that equation?)

And there is something more insidious: A political campaign process awash in money that benefits certain interests and certain states, and leaves everyone else with

sound bites, negative TV ads and the dross of discourse.

Studies done by Harvard's Vanishing Voter project show that while older people bemoan the state of modern-day campaigning, they're more likely to hold their noses and vote anyway. Young people, with no history of voting and no allegiance to the process, just stay home.

"For them, the message is: No thank you," says Thomas E. Patterson, the project's director. "I don't know any electoral process in the world that does more to depress voting than ours."

The cynic would say that's exactly what victory-hungry politicians want. Since young people are more independent and less ideologically predictable, why encourage them to vote? If they can't even find a 37-cent stamp, why should they help shape the future?

Because they "are" the future. While the demographers and marketers who steer contemporary campaigns argue that their clients should focus on more predictable voters, they're missing the chance to woo a whole new electorate, an untapped market, the China of the political world.

Meantime, the more younger Americans refrain from voting, the more a toxic cycle is created: Politicians won't attend to young voters' issues, so they won't vote, so the disconnect grows. And whawill we have a decade from now? A political landscape painted by the past.

To those who will break the cycle on Tuesday and vote for the first time: You go! Let your names be read on radio stations and in school assemblies. Let your parents send you red, white and blue floral bouquets. Let a stranger at the polls buy you a cup of coffee.

But as a real gift to the majority of young Americans who likely will stay at home, let's seriously begin to reform a political process that distances itself from the very people who hold our future in their hands.

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## VOTING, FROM PAGE 1

errors to be fixed with the machines.

Other than that, things went fine with the voting terminals, which cost the Bulloch county \$3,000 per machine. There are 117 machines, ranging from two to 25 at each poll. The machines were purchased by a funded mandate by the state.

DeCrescenzo said the new equipment was hoped to help prevent manual problems associated with voting.

"It's simple, electronic and everyone in the state uses the same system. It will definitely increase the speed of results," she said.

She said the day was remarkably problem-free and the only thing that held up the speed of results was the high voter turnout: many polls had people waiting to vote at 7 p.m., resulting in a slow tabulation of results at the Probate Court.

Robert Parker, a Statesboro voter, said the machine is easy to catch on to and you can change your selection right away. He feels his tax dollars have been well spent.

"It's easier to correct mistakes and it's a chad-free system," Parker said.

Many voters feel the system is faster, less confusing and the end results are more accurate. They also said they feel that the instructions

were clear.

The machine, which is little larger than a laptop computer, is fairly simple to use. When voters arrived at the poll they present their identification as before.

They were given a Voter Access Card that is encoded for each individual voter, with the candidate running for office in their district. Then they were able to make their selection for each office.

At the end, voters could review their selections and go back and change them if they wished. Then—to finalize their vote—they selected the "Cast ballot" button, and the process is finished.

Classes were held to instruct voters and poll workers on the new machines, including several classes in each precinct and individual classes for voters that stopped by the Probate Court.

Patricia Lanier, Chief Clerk of Probate Court said that she didn't foresee a problem with the machine. She said the voting terminals are not set-up with a phone line, so it would be almost impossible for anyone to hack into. The only thing it is connected to is electricity.

Electronic voting is expected by voting experts to become a growing trend across the country.

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had been rectified.

Smith said the majority of the problems the Woodlands had seen with DSL service had been with Phase II, the newest group of apartments built at the Woodlands. Smith said that when Phase II was built it was not wired properly.

Two technicians were sent to Heather's apartment and that she was told the problem was with the system, Smith said.

"I can't do anything if it is the system," she said. "I can just make sure that the line is working properly and that the modem is working."

Anderson said that the technician did visit her apartment. According to Anderson, the technician told her that the problem was not with the

system but with improper wiring in the apartment.

The Woodlands website list the apartments at \$380.00 per month, which includes rent, an intrusion alarm, DSL service, and cable.

On the Woodland's web page in bold type, at the bottom of a list of features, are the words "continuous high-speed Internet access in each bedroom."

According to Anderson, compensation was offered last year in the form of gift certificates when the apartment opened and the DSL service was not ready. Anderson said that she has continued paying rent that included DSL service for almost a year after the gift certificates were mailed out.

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strengthened many of their traditional customs, and it is these persistent customs that GSU hopes to bring to the forefront in its First Annual Native American Festival.

The entirely free festival, which begins today at 11 a.m. in Union room 2084 with a lecture by Dr. Richard Persico of the GSU Anthropology Department, will feature everything from traditional Indian arts (including traditional music, dance, storytelling, recreation, and foodways) to contemporary Indian issues.

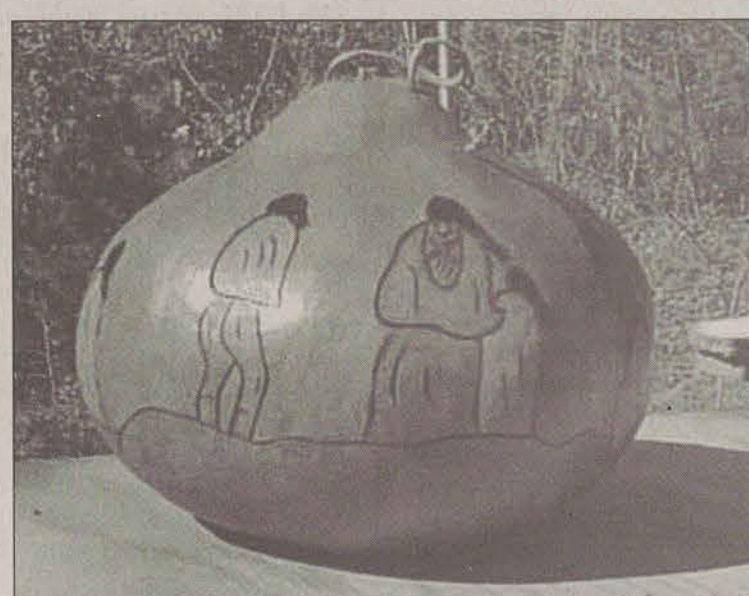
Bo Taylor, a member of the Cherokee nation and an archivist at the Museum of the Cherokee in Cherokee, NC, will give a presentation entitled "Contemporary Native American Issues" Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. in Union room 2084.

Thursday night beginning at 7:30, traditional Indian culture will be presented in microcosm in the Assembly Hall of the Nes-smith-Lane Continuing Education Building. On hand for the event will be Mr. Tommy Walker, the Native American Music Award's Flutist of the Year for 2002.

A legend among flutists and contemporary Indian artists alike, Walker will share the stage with Mr. Tony Walkingstick and Mr. Trey Oxendine, two traditional Indian dancers also held in high regard for their time-honored talents.

In addition, Mr. Daniel Trampler, a native Fancy War Dancer and world champion hoop dancer, will be present to exhibit his traditional flair.

Sweetheart Circle will be the venue for Saturday's main event, a full-blown Native American festi-



Internet Photo

This piece of Native American art is in fact a gourd, one of the most common items used in traditional Indian art. This particular piece was completed by Mrs. Shirley Oswalt, who will be on hand Saturday to display and sell Native American art.

tival. Beginning at 10 a.m., Mrs. Shirley Oswalt of the native Snowbird Community in Robbinsville, NC will demonstrate Cherokee arts and craft techniques. Oswalt will also have items for sale. Mr. Bo Taylor will also give two cultural presentations Saturday.

At 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Mr. Fred Bradley, a noted Cherokee storyteller and resident of Newport, TN, will tell traditional stories and folktales of the native southeastern Indians. He will also have tapes and CDs for sale.

Throughout the day, Dr. Sue Moore, Department chair of GSU Anthropology, will be giving presentations on southeastern Indian archeology. Dr. Richard Persico will also be on hand for a southeastern Indian food tasting, which

will include traditional recipes such as bean bread and "Black Drink," a concoction used commonly in traditional Indian ceremony.

Inside the GSU Museum, various films will be showing throughout the day about the Indians of the southeast. Numerous native games, activities and demonstrations will be held outdoors for the entertainment and education of adults and children alike.

The First Annual Native American Festival at GSU is sponsored by CLEC, the Center for International Studies, the Center for Wildlife Education, the Department of History, the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, the GSU Museum, and the Multicultural Student Center. For more information, call 681-0570.

Push, as they have for the past four years.

This year's pageant had 10 contestants sponsored by sororities and fraternities. The contestants were: Keely Paschal, Kiera Rankey, Jessica Meadows, Elizabeth Parker, Danielle Callan, Lara Hammonds, Sarah Kalis, Kara Kelly, Brooke Boatright, and

Milena Perez.

Will Conner, the Push chairman, was pleased by this year's turnout.

"This year was extremely successful," Connor said. "We had a lot of support from all of the sororities and fraternities. I'd like to thank everyone who came out and I'd also like to thank Katie Stevens for all of her help."

## Balance of Power

## Aggressive mid-term campaigning pays off for President Bush; Republicans in driver's seat

*GOP retains House and may retake Senate; could have control of all three branches*  
From Staff and Wire Reports

WASHINGTON — In what could turn out to be a big night for the GOP and President Bush, Republicans Tuesday night were projected to hold onto their control of U.S. House, savored apparent wins in two hot gubernatorial races and inched closer toward regaining control of the U.S. Senate.

Returns were still coming in, but it appeared possible that Republicans could build on the six-seat majority in the House they held going into the elections.

Any GOP gains in Congress would mark a reversal of historic



Special to the G-A

President Bush makes one of his many campaign stops with Missouri Senate candidate Jim Talent. Bush traveled the country relentlessly the past month, stumping for Republican candidates.

trends where the party in the White House typically loses seats in the midterm races.

CNN political analyst Bill Sch-

neider said it appeared that President Bush's intensive campaigning on behalf of GOP candidates was paying off.

"President Bush was a very big factor," Schneider said.

Bush, his prestige on the line, watched television election returns on Tuesday night to see whether his fundraising and campaigning efforts paid off by putting his Republican Party in control of the U.S. Congress.

Bush got an early taste of victory when he learned his younger brother, Jeb, was projected to win re-election as governor of Florida after Democrats, still angry at the disputed 2000 presidential vote there, put up a fierce battle.

Bush had campaigned in Florida repeatedly on his brother's behalf.

"The president is delighted. He views it as a big huge victory and he's very proud of his brother," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

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on the top five.

Stevens, the pageant winner from last year, entertained the audience during the break with a variety of songs.

Push is Pi Kappa Phi's national philanthropy. It stands for "Play Units for the Severely Handicapped." All proceeds from the pageant go towards



## Eagles cruise to 40-7 victory over Bucs

By Eli Boorstein  
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Throughout the years, it has been the Georgia Southern offense that has received most of the attention and adulation as the Eagles piled up win after win.

On Saturday, it was the other side of the ball that proved key, as the Eagle defense was like an impenetrable brick wall as they cruised to a 40-7 drubbing of East Tennessee State at Paulson Stadium.

Georgia Southern now sits just one win away from their unprecedented sixth consecutive Southern Conference crown and can clinch at least a share of the title by beating Furman on the road this weekend. According to Eagle head coach Mike Sewak, this is something he did not picture for his team after losing to Wofford in the third game of the season.

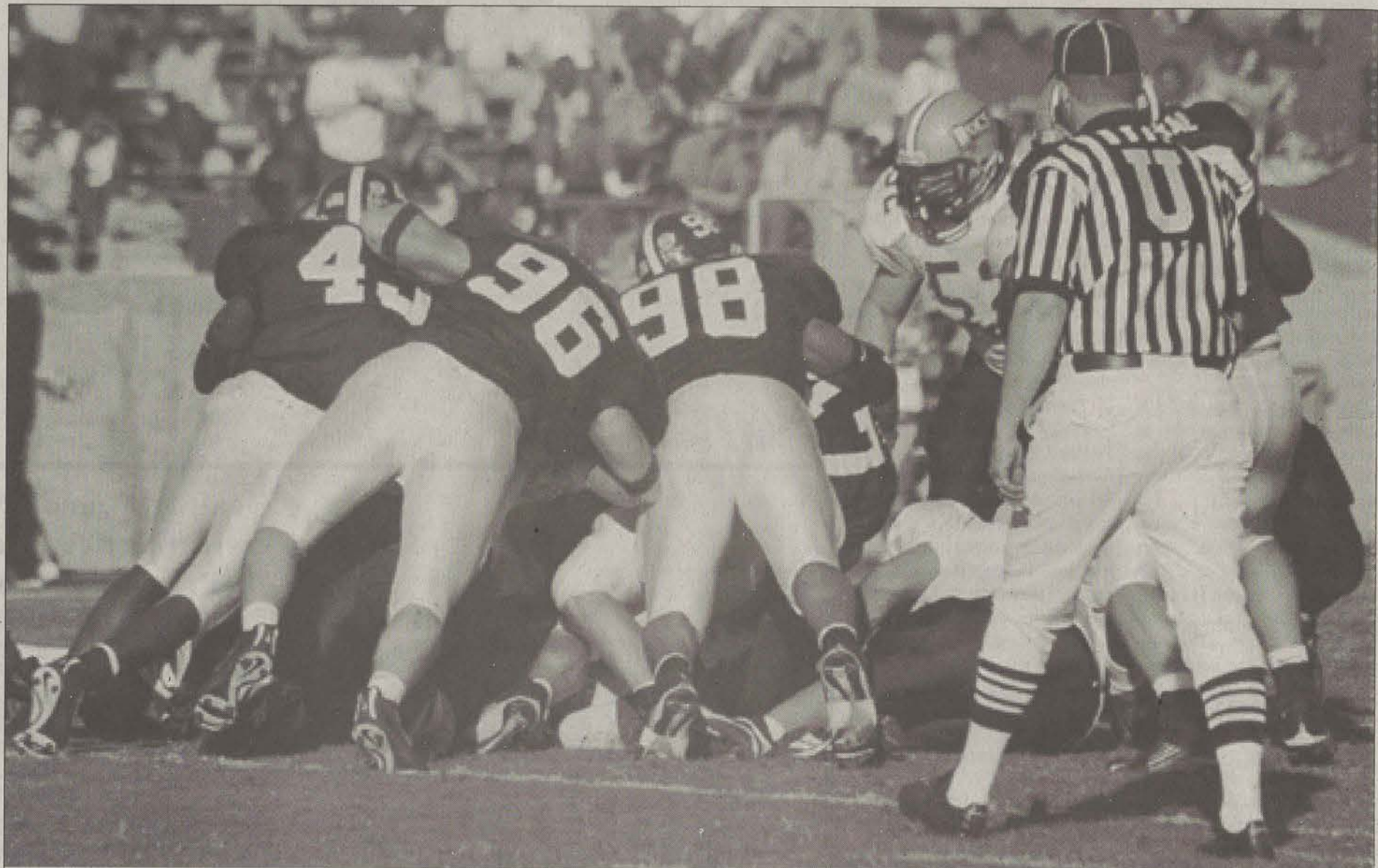
"I saw nothing in the first three weeks to make me think we would be where we are now," admitted the rookie head coach. "I have a lot of belief now."

Sparked by the returns of seniors Freddy Pesquiera and Mike Ward, who both missed the last two games due to injuries, Georgia Southern (7-2, 6-1 SoCon) gave up just 120 yards of offense to Bucs (4-6, 2-4 SoCon). Georgia Southern brutalized the ETSU offense, totaling 15 tackles for loss, including seven quarterback sacks. Sophomore Eric Hadley led the way with four tackles for loss and two sacks. Pesquiera saw action in about 30 snaps in his return and produced with two tackles for loss and one sack.

Cornerback Jonathan Wilkerson prospered in his first career start in place of A.K. Keyes, as the true freshman from Claxton held leading ETSU receiver Cecil Moore to just one catch for nine yards.

"This game was a true credit to the defensive unit," remarked Eagle head coach Mike Sewak. "It was an honor to be a member of the Georgia Southern defense today."

The Eagles got on the scoreboard just over six minutes into the contest when slotback Kevin Davis broke loose



Ryan Moore/STAFF

**The Eagles' defense dominated** the field Saturday in a 40-7 victory over East Tennessee State. The Bucs were held to just 120 yards of offense and were greeted with eight sacks and 16 tackles for loss. Eagle Quarterback Chaz Williams completed his sixth consecutive 100-yard rushing game.

for a 52-yard touchdown run down the right side. They score almost didn't happen as quarterback Chaz Williams fumbled the pitch to Jermaine Austin on the previous play. Mike Myers was able to recover the fumble to keep the drive alive for the Eagles.

As the Bucs took over possession, they went three downs and out and were forced to kick the ball away. Eagle safety John Woodham blocked the punt and the Bucs downed the ball in their own endzone for a safety to make the score 9-0.

The ETSU defense scored their

team's only points on a fumble recovery at the 11:38 point of the second quarter. An errant Chaz Williams pitch to Mark Myers rolled to the 2-yard line, where Bucs linebacker Scott Brumett picked it up and walked it into the endzone for the touchdown.

Williams was able to make up for his mistake as the sophomore signal caller scored touchdowns on both of the Eagles' next two possessions on two-yard and one-yard runs to increase the lead to 23-7. The Apopka, Fla. native helped his own cause on the second score, escaping for career-long 71-yard run on the first

play from scrimmage to bring the ball to the ETSU 8-yard line.

As time expired at the end of the first half, Scott Shelton tied a personal best as he booted a 45-yard field goal through the uprights to bring the score to 26-7.

After a scoreless third quarter, Georgia Southern opened the fourth quarter by increasing their lead to 33-7 on a Myers touchdown. The senior slotback took the pitch from Williams at the ETSU 29-yard line and was able to sidestep down the left sideline for the score.

After a David Young interception got the ball back, freshman fullback Brandon Andrews scored the final points of the contest when he strolled in from two-yards out with 9:29 left to play.

The Georgia Southern offense had another big game, racking up 431 yards on the ground, led by Chaz Williams' 142 yards. For Williams, who leads the Southern Conference in both rushing yardage and touchdowns, it was his sixth straight 100-yard rushing game.

Bucs quarterback Jatavis Sanders

was mobbed throughout the game, passing for just 53 yards while being sacked seven times. Gamble relieved Sanders in the third quarter and did not fare any better, not completing any of five pass attempts.

Georgia Southern will have to get back to work quickly to prepare for this weekend's 3:30 p.m. kickoff at Furman, a team that knocked the Eagles out of the playoffs last December.

"I remember what it was like when [Furman] beat us in the playoffs last year," remarked Williams. "We've been waiting a long time for this."

## Lady Eagles control top spot in SoCon

By Eli Boorstein  
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With four matches left to play in the regular season, the Georgia Southern volleyball team maintained their hold on first place in the Southern Conference, sweeping a pair of face-offs at Hanner Fieldhouse last weekend.

The Eagles dispatched of Chattanooga 3-0 on Saturday before holding off a pesky Western Carolina squad 3-1 on Sunday.

In Sunday's battle, Georgia Southern (21-7, 15-1 SoCon) took the first game with a score of 30-19. The Catamounts (19-9, 10-5 SoCon) jumped out to the early 4-0 lead, but the Eagles came back to tie it up at 8-8 before reeling off five straight points to jump into the lead. Georgia Southern then closed the frame out on an 11-3 run before winning on a Martina Veiglova kill.

Game two saw Western Carolina stage a late comeback on their way to a 30-28 victory. The Eagles were within three points of taking the game with the score at 27-21, but saw the Catamounts score the next six points to tie the score. After the two teams tied once more at 28, Western Carolina scored the final two points to clinch the game.

After intermission, Georgia Southern was able to take advantage of their best offensive performance of the match, posting a .500 hitting percentage as they won game three with a 30-14 edge. The Catamounts were held to a match-low .065 percentage.

The fourth game saw another tightly fought battle, but the Eagles ultimately took the match, winning 31-29. It was a neck and neck affair throughout the game with the two teams tied 12 times throughout the game.

Veiglova led the Eagles with a double-double, totaling 22 kills and 17 digs while posting a .435 percent-

age. Lauren McClain added 17 kills while Erin Martina had 13. Setters Kim Foytich and Susan Winkelman were equal with 31 assists each.

Stefanie Peters led the Catamount attack with 18 kills and 10 digs. Sara Komosinski put up 12 kills, while Eleanor Talbot led the digs column with 15. Shari Harder had 42 assists.

Saturday's match was a milestone win for Eagle head coach Kerry Messersmith, as she collected her 400<sup>th</sup> career win against Chattanooga (7-18, 4-11 SoCon).

"It's nice to be successful," said Messersmith, who is in her 15<sup>th</sup> year on the bench. "The kids I've had throughout the years have been great to work with."

Chattanooga was victimized by an error-filled first game, as the Eagles took the game with a 30-16 score. The Mocs were held to a match-low .143 hitting percentage in the opening game.

Game two saw another Georgia Southern victory as the home team won 30-25. After the game was deadlocked at 4-4, the Eagles jumped ahead on a Mocs error and held onto the lead for the rest of the way.

Georgia Southern took the match, winning the final game 30-22. Chattanooga was once again ravaged by a sloppy offense, totaling just as many errors as kills (nine) in the frame.

Erin Martin led the Eagle offense with 13 kills while posting a .400 percentage. Lauren McClain added another 11 kills with Martina Veiglova pitching in with 11 kills and 15 digs. Susan Winkelman led the setting duties with 22 assists.

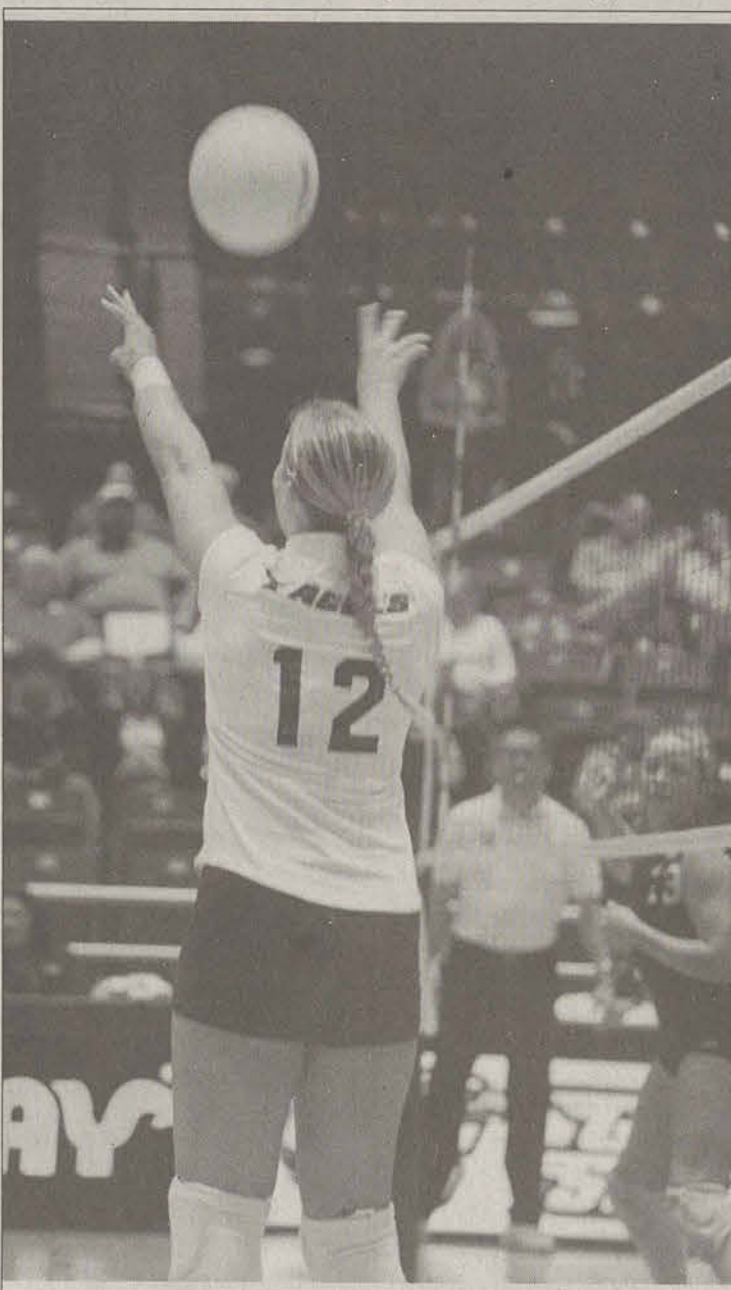
No Mocs player was able to record double-digit kills, as Kari Krouse was the leader at eight. Lindsey Galloway had a team-high 10 digs with Emily McGinnis adding 18 assists.

Georgia Southern will close out

the home portion of their schedule facing UNC Greensboro on Saturday and Davidson on Sunday. The battle with Davidson will be key in determining who the seeding in the Southern Conference Tournament

as the third place Wildcats sit just three matches behind the first place Eagles.

Both matches will start at 2 p.m. with Senior Day festivities taking place before Saturday's action.



Ryan Moore/STAFF

**The Lady Eagles are first** in the Southern Conference for the second year in a row and are on their way to another Southern Conference title. The team's final home matches are this weekend against UNC Greensboro and Davidson, and will decide the final seeding in the conference tournament.

## Men's Basketball headed to Cancun

By Dennis Hightower  
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What do you think about when you hear about Cancun, Mexico? You probably think about your high school senior trip, booze, sex, and basketball. Basketball?

That's right, basketball!

Georgia Southern head basketball coach Jeff Price announced Monday that the Eagles are moving their December 16 home game against Spring Hill College to Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

The game, which is also being moved to December 17, will be hosted by Fun in the Sun Shootout, who also hosts the annual Fun in the Sun collegiate women's basketball tournament each December. The game will be played at the Playa del Carmen Munciple Arena. Playa del Carmen is located approximately 45 minutes south of Cancun, Mexico.

"This is a great opportunity for our players. It is wonderful that they will have an opportunity to travel and experience what it is like to play outside the country. It is definitely going to be a reward for all of their hard work," said

## Soccer ties State, falls to Furman

By Chuck Thomas  
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The Georgia Southern women's soccer team and the Georgia State Lady Panthers beat each other to a 1-1 standstill last Wednesday, while the men's team lost to the Furman Paladins 1-0.

Both games were very evenly matched. The men's team (1-4-2) started things off at 12:30 with their rescheduled match against Furman (6-0-0).

Furman attacker Anthony Esquivel was the only scorer of the game, tapping the ball past Southern goalie Kirk Latibeaudiere with a penalty kick in the 21st minute. Latibeaudiere tagged nine saves in the game, keeping the game tight.

The team had their only opportunity thwarted in the 88th minute when Furman goalie Alex Maslow deflected a header by Isaac Payne. They were out-shot 18-9 by the Paladins.

The Lady Eagles (7-2-1) contin-

ued the action at 3:00 as they hosted Georgia State (6-3-2). Panther Brooks Daniel was the lone scorer of the first half after stealing the ball from senior Emily Churchill in the 27th minute and curved a shot around GSU goalie Tanya Woehr.

GSU used their only shot of the second half to tie the game up when junior Mary-Kate Talbott grabbed a shot the post rebounded and slammed it past Panther goalie Alexa Pasquarelli in the 66th minute. It was Talbott's second goal of the season.

Overtime was dominated by the Lady Eagles, out-shooting the Panthers 5-1, however both teams had 12 shots a piece for the game.

The men's soccer team travels to Winston-Salem, N.C. to play Wake Forest at 7:00 pm on November 9th. The third place women's soccer finishes up their Southern Conference trek in Greensboro, N.C.



## GSU vs. Furman highlights SoCon's weekend

By Eli Boorstein  
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The race to claim the Southern Conference crown, and an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, could become much more evident with a key battle between Georgia Southern and Furman highlighting this weekend's four-game schedule.

Right now, Georgia Southern holds the half-game edge in first place with a 6-1 record in conference play and could clinch a share of their sixth straight SoCon crown with a win on Saturday. Wofford sits in second place at 5-1 with Furman at 4-1 and Appalachian State at 4-2.

If Georgia Southern and Wofford were to finish tied, the Terriers would get the SoCon's automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament because of their Sept. 21 win over the Eagles. Georgia Southern would then be practically assured of an at-large bid into the playoffs. Furman would need to beat both Georgia Southern and Wofford to clinch the title, while Appalachian State's hopes are contingent on all three teams ahead of them losing.

In last weekend's action, Georgia Southern was able to avenge their 2001 loss to East Tennessee State, clobbering the Bucs 40-7 in Statesboro. The Eagles defense was the key, totaling 16 tackles for loss and seven quarterback sacks as they held ETSU to just 120 yards offense.

Appalachian State narrowly avoided an upset bid from winless Chattanooga, escaping with a 20-17 road victory. The two teams were tied at halftime, but the Mountaineers were able to post ten straight points in the final quarter to take the lead. Appalachian State quarterback Joe Burchette passed for 344 yards to lead his team.

Western Carolina went up



Mariana Viera/STAFF

The Eagles have a difficult road trip ahead of them versus the Paladins of Furman. The game will be a deciding factor in winning the Southern Conference crown and an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The Eagles are a half game ahead of Wofford and Furman.

to Lexington and was beat the Keydets 35-23. The Catamounts were guided by 350 yards passing and four touchdowns from their two quarterbacks, Pat Cilento and Brian Gaither. VMI signal caller Joey Gibson turned in a good performance in the loss with 305 yards passing.

Wofford took advantage of a 184-yard day from halfback Jesse McCoy to take a 27-14 win over The Citadel in Spartanburg. Melvin Jones added 85 yards and three rushing touchdowns for the Terriers, who totaled 475 yards of offense on the day.

No. 9 Georgia Southern and No. 4 Furman will renew their heated rivalry when the two clubs battle at 3:30 p.m. in a regionally televised battle in Greenville. The Eagles were bounced from the playoffs last season when the Paladins came down to Statesboro and won 24-17. Georgia Southern

will count on the legs of quarterback Chaz Williams, who leads the SoCon in rushing with 16 touchdowns and a 108-yard per game average. Furman, who were off last week, will rely on the arm of Billy Napier, who leads the nation, completing nearly 69 percent of his passes.

VMI and Appalachian State will kick off this weekend's action when the two teams face off at 2 p.m. in Boone, N.C. The 14th-ranked Mountaineers, 6-3 overall, will try to salvage their slimming playoff hopes with a win and have a good chance of doing so as they have won 17 of their last 18 meetings with the Keydets. VMI, trying for their first six-win season since 1981, are led by quarterback Joey Gibson, who has passed for a league-high 16 touchdowns this season.

Chattanooga will try to avoid falling to 0-10 when they travel

to Charleston face The Citadel at 2 p.m. The Mocs are helmed by UCLA transfer Ryan McCann at quarterback, who is in a virtual dead heat atop the SoCon stats, averaging 216 yards passing per game. The Bulldogs, 2-7 with a 1-5 league record, won a double overtime affair with the Mocs last season 20-17.

No. 15 Wofford will close out this weekend's action when they travel to Johnson City to face East Tennessee State at 6 p.m. The 7-2 Terriers have counted on their rushing attack all season long, averaging 342 yards per game, compared to just 52 yards per game passing. The 4-6 Bucs never solved the Georgia Southern defense last week as quarterback Jatavis Sanders was sacked seven times before being replaced in the third quarter.

Western Carolina is the sole team off this weekend.

## Cross Country finishes seventh at SoCon Championships

G-A News Service

HOLLYWOOD, SC—Appalachian State's men and women made a clean sweep at the 2002 Cross Country Championships this morning in Hollywood, SC. Both teams edged out Chattanooga to win this year's title.

On the women's side, Appalachian State took home the crown with 43 points, followed by Chattanooga with 60 points and Davidson (70).

Furman finished fourth with 87 points, followed by UNCG (142), ETSU (182) and Georgia Southern (200).

Western Carolina finished eighth with 201 points with VMI (222), College of Charleston (269), Wofford (338) and The Citadel (364) rounding out the field. This is ASU's eighth title and first since 1996.

Leading the way for Georgia Southern is freshman Brittney Swick with a time of 18:49 placing 16th overall. She was followed by sophomore Lindsey Nye posting a time of 19:37 for a 38th place finish. Senior Mary Rebok placed 46th (19:50), sophomore Stephanie McFadden placed 51st (19:59), freshman Julie Prather placed 54th (20:07) and junior Melissa Reyes placed

58th (20:15).

UTC sophomore Shannon Womack earned the Runner of the Year award with her winning time of 17:42.06. Womack was the 2001 Freshman of the Year and finished second in last year's meet.

A tri of ASU runners took the next three spots in senior Sarah Primeau (17:49.48), Katie Sujkowski (18:03.07) and Jennifer Kelley (18:06.99). Kelley was also named the Freshman of the Year.

Chattanooga's Gina Recher, the 2001 individual champion, finished fifth.

Davidson head coach Jennifer Straub earned the Coach of the Year honors.

### 2002 Women's Cross Country

1. Appalachian State	43
2. Chattanooga	60
3. Davidson	70
4. Furman	87
5. UNC Greensboro	142
6. East Tennessee State	182
7. Georgia Southern	200
8. Western Carolina	210
9. VMI	222
10. College of Charleston	269
11. Wofford	338
12. The Citadel	364

## Swimmers split meet at Georgetown

G-A News Service

Washington, D.C.—The Georgia Southern swimming team defeated Georgetown a score of 135-101 and fell to Delaware (92-139) in a dual meet Saturday.

Junior Lauren Bird won the 200 Fly with a time of 2:08.90 and the 400 IM with a time of 4:40.62 to lead the team to its first win of the season. Finishing second behind Bird in the 400 IM was freshman Alicia Licht with a time of 4:41.43. Licht also won the 200 Breast with a time of 2:28.85. Sophomores Nikki Wood and Florrie Cunningham won the 200 Free and the 50 Free, respectively. Wood swam a time of

1:58.95 while Cunningham swam a time of 25.61. Cunningham defeated Georgetown in the 100 Free with a time of 55.03.

The 400 Free Relay team of Wood, Bird, junior Erin Downs and senior Nicole Darrow lost to Delaware by less than a second and defeated Georgetown as they posted a time of 3:43.98. Wood, Licht, Downs and Cunningham also competed in the 400 Medley Relay and beat Georgetown with a time of 4:06.77.

Georgia Southern will host Gardner-Webb and North Carolina A&T, Saturday, November 9 at 9:00 a.m.

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## On Run-DMC Jam Master Jay's death

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In Run-DMC's video for the hit single "Walk This Way," the rappers knock down walls into a dusty pile of rubble.

That's a perfect symbol for a group being remembered for breaking down barriers in the wake of last Wednesday's murder of one of its members, DJ Jam Master Jay, in a New York recording studio. The rapper was 37.

"They really broke down walls," says Christopher John Farley, senior editor at Time and the magazine's former music critic. "They shattered the walls between urban and suburban music, between rock and rap, and between street music and commercial music."

"I'm just pretty blown away," says Rob Thomas, lead singer of

rock band matchbox twenty, who was in a New York recording studio when he heard the news. "Why would you shoot Jam Master Jay? He's not a gangsta rapper. He's one of the founders of hip-hop."

DJ Jam Master Jay, who teamed with rappers Joseph "Run" Simmons and Darryl "DMC" McDaniels, was revolutionary in another way. As one of the first rap DJs, Jam Master Jay (whose real name was Jason Mizell) erased the distinction between fans and performers.

"Before the advent of the DJ, if you wanted to be a performer you had to be a musician or a singer," Farley says. "After Jay, people realized all you needed was your love of music, your record collection and your two hands. That was a profound change in the flow of music."

Rap languished in the periphery of mainstream attention, rarely understood or acknowledged as a formidable commercial force. That all changed with Run-DMC's 1986 cover of Aerosmith's "Walk This Way," which exploded on radio and landed the trio on the cover of Rolling Stone, the first rap act to be so recognized.

"Run-DMC had the first rap record that Top-40 radio was really forced to acknowledge after seven years of treating rap as something that was entirely beyond the pale," says Sean Ross, an editor at Billboard's Airplay Monitor, a trade publication.

"The outpouring of grief that a lot of people are expressing will probably surprise a lot of people in the same way that the death of Aaliyah did."

For urban music fans, the rap trio's 1986 album "Raising Hell" compares to the impact that Nirvana's "Nevermind" had on rock fans in the early 1990's.

Though Run-DMC would face competition from the controversial gangsta rap movement, the group never compromised its style to cater to the trend toward violent imagery.

For that reason, Wednesday's murder, the latest in a list that includes Tupac Shakur in 1996 and the Notorious B.I.G. in 1997, was particularly hard for some fans to accept.

The seeds of Run-DMC's legacy were planted in Queens, where the three future stars were childhood friends who dreamed of a music career. Those fantasies became reality when the aspiring stars were championed by Russell Simmons, founder of Def Jam Records and "Run" Simmons' brother.

Adorned in gold chains and Adidas logos, Run-DMC became the first rap act to earn a gold album (1984's "Run-DMC"),

a platinum album (1985's "King of Rock"), a multi-platinum album (1986's "Raising Hell"). They were the first to land videos on MTV and the first

to appear on American Bandstand.

Yet that wasn't the first thing that Russell Simmons remembered about Jay in a statement Wednesday.

"Jam Master Jay was a longtime family man, one of the founders of the group that knocked down all of the doors for hip-hop, and a dear friend of mine," he said. "I will miss him."

Those thoughts were echoed by Orlando rap duo Smilez and Southstar, an emerging group that traces its career to Run-DMC.

"Run-DMC was one of the first acts that I saw and one of the first that I wanted to be like," said Smilez, before a tour stop in Fort Myers. "It's a tragedy that we lose a legend like that."

### Big smile, easy wit, style, beat

Jason Mizell was a New York kid who brought the style and the beat to Run-DMC, the group that took hip-hop music to the world.

As Jam Master Jay, Mizell had a wide smile, a good nature and an easy wit. It was his work behind the turntables that helped turn three kids from Hollis, Queens, into the first rap group that demonstrated hip-hop's full commercial potential.

Their first big hit came in 1983 with the deceptively simple rap "My Adidas." It was Jay who largely created Run-DMC's fashion style, which prominently featured round-brimmed black velvet hats.

Mizell was born in Brooklyn in 1965 to Connie and Jesse Mizell. The family moved to Hollis when he was 10. He was a good enough student to hang out with "the nerds," he said years later, but "I was also tough enough to protect my lunch money."

He started playing the drums and bass at 10, but was soon captivated by deejays who

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### Jam Master Jay of Run-DMC

DJ Jason Mizell, 37, is the latest of hip-hop stars to die in violence.



#### Run-DMC background

- Band members and childhood friends, they had a middle-class upbringing.
- Performed together as "Orange Crush" in early 1980s.
- 1982 Changed name to Run-DMC.
- 1983 First hit "My Adidas" with B-side "Sucker MC's" considered to be the first hard-core rap song.
- 1986 First rap group to combine rap with live, original metal guitar (Aerosmith in "Walk This Way").

#### Discography

- "Greatest Hits," 2002
- "Crown Royal," 2001
- "Down with the King," 1993 (Gold)
- "Back from Hell," 1990
- "Tougher Than Leather," 1988 (Platinum)
- "Raising Hell," 1986 (Multi-platinum)
- "King of Rock," 1985 (Platinum)
- "Run-DMC," 1984 (Gold)

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- Ship's company
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- Remove garments from
- Showed again
- Assert
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- "My Vinny"
- Hastens
- Winter hrs. in Philadelphia
- Boy king of Egypt
- New Jersey city
- Small bills
- Raw mineral
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- Steam engine man
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- Brutal Idi
- Far from a pitcher's duel
- Instrumental compositions
- Sea eagle
- Masonic
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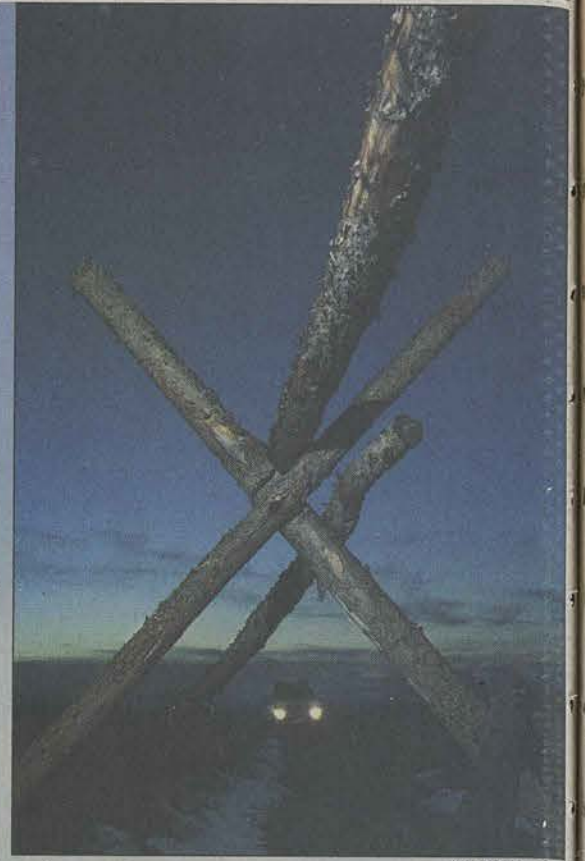
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The unique set and minimalist scenery will transport the audience to rural Wyoming,

where they will experience first-hand the aftermath of the tragedy of Matthew Shepard's death.

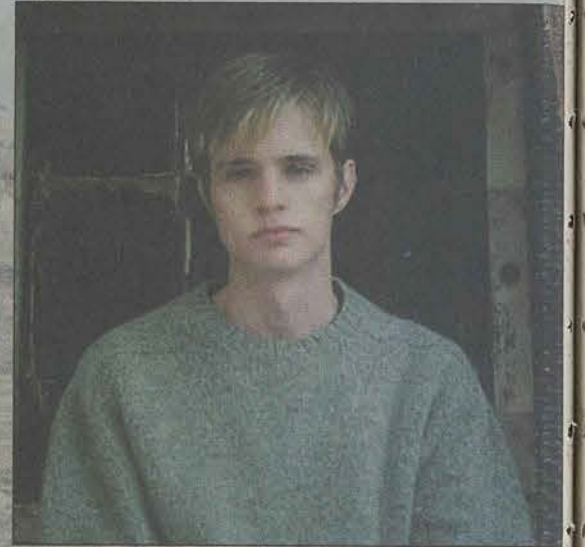
Director James Harbour directs the piece and is ever so mindful of the little details that will leave the audience both touched and stunned. The extremely talented cast portrays the Wyoming residents with striking clarity and realism. This is an experience the audience will not soon forget.

"The Laramie Project" opens Wednesday November 6 and will run through Saturday November 9. All performances will begin promptly at 8 pm. Tickets will be available at the door, or can be reserved by calling the Performance Arts Center Box Office at 485-7999. Tickets are 2.00 for students, 5.00 for staff and 8.00 for general admission.



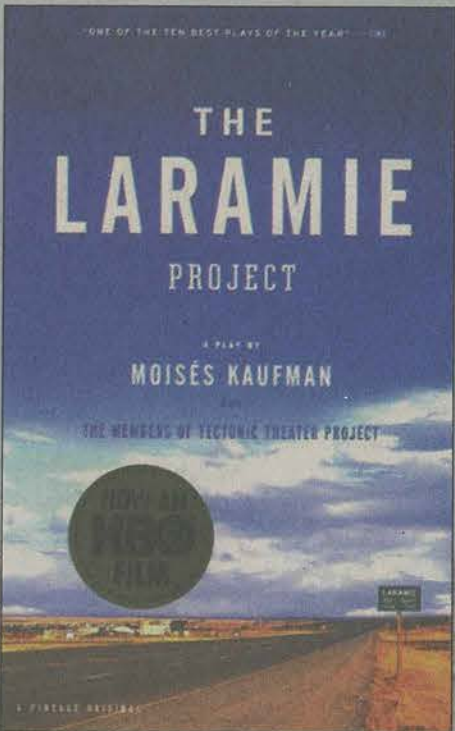
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Matthew Shepard, a homosexual student from Wyoming, was tied to a fence like the one above and beaten nearly to death one night in 1998.



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After 5 days in the hospital, Matthew Shepard passed away. He was 21 years old.



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After winning acclaim as an emotional film on HBO, the play adaptation of The Laramie Project comes to GSU.

## THE LARAMIE PROJECT OF MATTHEW SHEPARD



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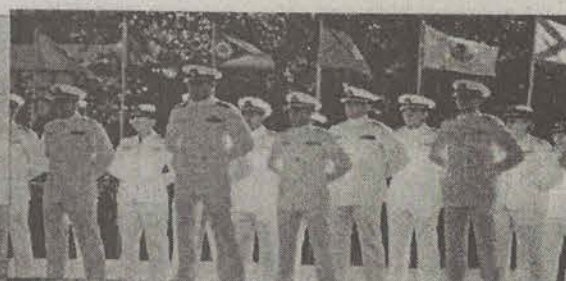
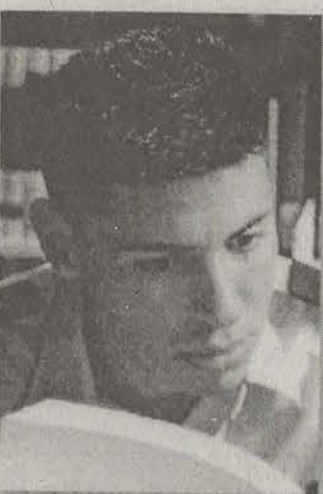
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### Coffeehouse Series continues tonight

Eagle Entertainment presents  
 "Live from the Union"

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Tonight at 9 p.m., Russell Union will be alive with the sights, sounds, and smells of the 'First Wednesdays Coffeehouse Series', "Live from the Union."

The event will feature a "Southern Slam Poetry Jam Contest" where poets will compete with each other as they transform written poetry into live performance and learn how to emphasize their wording and diction.

For students looking to display their talents and practice in front of onlookers, the "Open Mic" is available.

There is something for everyone at the Union, including the Matthew West Band, which combines modern rock and pop with pleasant vocals to celebrate Christ, and the performance of the local band Mu-thority: "Music with Authority."

At 11 p.m., the Union Theater will be showing the movie "XXX" for free admission. Free food and coffee, as well as free henna body tattoos, will be available during the night, and magician and balloon artists will be roaming the scene.

"Live from the Union" is held on the first Wednesday of every month and features all types of fun and entertainment, as well as a chance to try your hand at performing in front of a crowd. Swing by Russell Union at 9 p.m. tonight to get a taste of the Coffeehouse.

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created music on turntables. As a teenager he formed a couple of groups and would often set in Hollis' Two-Fifth Park, where his future partners Run (Joseph Simmons) and DMC (Darryl McDaniels) would come to rap over his music.

He was never a "problem kid," he would say later, though he hung around with "guys who were into a lot of small stuff." His biggest brush with the law came when he spent four days in the Spofford Juvenile Center in the Bronx after a friend broke into a house and Jay was busted as an accomplice after the fact.

It was his mother's reaction to this, he said, "that made me realize you didn't have to be negative to be def."