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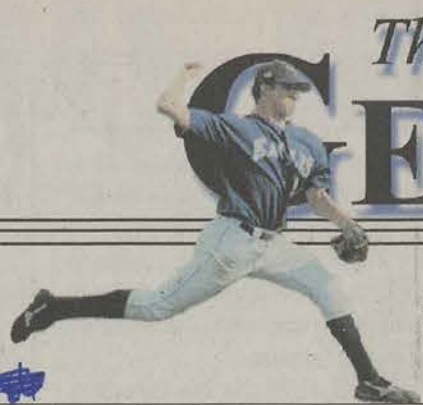
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Saturday
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• 'Blood Wedding'
Black Box Theatre
April 18, 8 p.m.

SPORTS

• Blue-White Game
Paulson Stadium
April 19, 1 p.m.

An Election in Question

On April 7, 2003, a complaint was submitted to the office of Judicial Affairs contesting the Student Government Association election for the 2003-04 academic year. The complaint listed three alleged violations of campaign regulations and ten alleged violations not associated with campaign regulations. Following a thorough investigation, the incident has been forwarded to the University Judicial Board for its review. It is the responsibility of the University Judicial Board to listen to the evidence and to reach a decision on each of the allegations. The University Judicial Board will conduct a hearing on April 24, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 1121 of the Hollis Building.

SGA addresses disputes

Proposed constitutional amendments cause heated debate

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The Student Government Association meeting last Wednesday night began with various fund requests from several student organizations, but concluded in disagreement and unsettled controversy concerning proposed amendments to the SGA constitution.

The meeting was undeniably one of the longest of the semester, beginning around 6 p.m. and finally adjourning around 9:30 p.m.

The proposed changes and apparent disagreement came after the various fund requests were approved

and the remaining amount of the SGA budget was properly distributed to student organizations. The constitutional changes addressed at the meeting concerned several issues including candidate membership and qualification, elections, the responsibilities of the Publicity Coordinator, and the penalties for absences.

The proposed amendments to the constitution come in the wake of the recent decision by the University Judicial Board to review the case filed a little over a week ago concerning the contesting of the SGA elections. The complaint filed listed three alleged violations of campaign regulations and ten alleged violations not associated with campaign regulations.

While the source of the complaint still remains a mystery, a portion of a document associated with the complaint lists Executive Vice President Judith Grant in one of the accusations.

According to that document received by *The George-Anne* last week, Grant allegedly provided President-elect Reggie Brown with a list of students who turned in applications before the official release date of the list of candidates.

The case is scheduled to be reviewed by the University Judicial Board on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m.

A single amendment was approved

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Player's Ball hits streets for ninth consecutive year

By Angie Dalrymple
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Despite the many rumors floating around campus, the annual event known as Player's Ball appears to be returning for the ninth year to Georgia Southern.

Once a small cookout hosted by two students at Ruben's and Ed's (now Buckwilds), the weekend long party now brings in thousands of students from Georgia and beyond.

However, due to Player's Ball taking place the same weekend as Easter this year, the crowd is expected to be slightly smaller.

"Since [Player's Ball] is not an event which is sponsored and sells



File Photo

Motorcyclists gather in the University Plaza parking lot during Player's Ball 2002.

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Local clubs taking the weekend off

By Teresa D. Southern
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Party-goers won't frequent area clubs this weekend, because they all will be closed.

Legend's will be open Friday and will feature the band Neyami Road, but on Saturday it will close its doors. Workers at the club say the club receives too much heat on weekends such as Player's Ball.

Buckwilds will also close its

doors on Friday and Saturday night. Club owners say this is due to the fact they will be out of town for the weekend.

Retriever's will be open Friday and will be featuring 420 Outback and will be closed on Saturday due to renovations.

RumRunners will open Friday until 1 a.m. and is unsure whether they will be open on Saturday.

Mellow Mushroom will be open

on Friday but will be closed on Saturday. Manager Shelly Stringer said they will be closed due to Easter.

The Wooden Nickel will be open on Friday, but will close on Saturday because management will be out of town.

Buffaloes will be open regular hours on Friday and Saturday and will feature Mickey David on Friday and

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Academic Success Center director receives award

By Teresa D. Southern
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Janet O'Brien, who is the GSU Academic Success Center director, was awarded the 2003 Outstanding Service Award for Developmental Education by the National Association of Developmental Education of Georgia.

O'Brien said she was flattered and honored to receive the award. "It was a pleasant surprise," she said. O'Brien said she feels she received the award because she has been very actively involved with the organization on a state and national level.

"I hope they feel I deserved the award because I care about students, help them in whatever way they need, and I recognize and appreciate the time they put in," O'Brien said.

Developmental Studies is for the benefit of the non-traditional student. Non-traditional students are students who have been out of high school for five or more years.

"They use the center and we make them feel more a part of the campus scene," O'Brien said. Workshops are offered for them in areas such as Single Parent Budgeting and

finding quality childcare. A campus single-parent support group has also been started along with the reactivation of the Non-Traditional Student Organization.

The Academic Success Center (ASC) has been on campus since Fall 2000. It offers various things for students to take advantage of, including Auxiliary Instruction, which consists of departments such as Mathematics and History who team up with the Bell Honor's program on campus.

Students in the Honor's program serve as Peer Leaders and sit in on classes with students and hold study groups with them. The center also offers programs that provide study tips for specific core classes.

The ASC holds several workshops in Time Management, Study Skills, Math Anxiety and several other areas.

The ASC offers tutoring in subjects such as math, statistics, Writing Across the Curriculum, American government, sociology, and a variety of subjects. Tutoring is available Monday - Thursday from 10 a.m. to

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J. Wright/STAFF

Award recipient Shemica Lockey shakes hands with Vice-President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Dr. Linda Bleicken and Assistant Director of Financial Aid Kerri Chapman.

Health Services worker named Student Employee of the Year

By J. Wright
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Student workers from all over campus were recognized and one was named GSU student Employee of the year on Thursday, April 16.

The Rotunda was full of student workers, faculty, staff and a number

of on-lookers, as Shemica Lockey was named GSU Student Employee of the year. There were a total of thirteen nominees for the award. Any office that has student workers could send a letter of nomination to

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Happy Birthday to the RAC



Photos by J. Wright/STAFF

Students gathered at the RAC Thursday afternoon to celebrate the fifth birthday and plans for expansion of the facility. Campus Recreation and Intramurals hosted activities such as mud volleyball and birthday workouts and provided free food courtesy of Papa John's and Subway. WVGs 91.9, Gus the GSU Eagle and plenty of birthday cake combined with athletic fun to create an entertaining celebration for all.





Police Beat

04-15-2003

• Darlene Vanessa Fell, 36, of 550 Mathews Road, Statesboro, was charged with driving with a suspended license and failure to stop at a stop sign.

• Ashley Dante Scott, 26, of 16B Little Lotts Creek, Statesboro, was charged with making false statements to an officer.

• A case of simple battery was reported at the Henderson Library.

• A purse was reported missing at Hanner Fieldhouse.

• Forty dollars was reported missing from a room in Veazey Hall.

• Officers issued one traffic citation and four traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident and assisted four motorists.

04-16-2003

• A hard drive and a TV/video digitizer were reported missing from the Williams Center.

• Someone reported \$170 missing from Veazey Hall.

• Someone reported \$100 missing from Veazey Hall.

• Someone reported \$30 missing from Veazey Hall.

• Someone reported \$10 missing from Veazey Hall.

• Someone reported \$10 missing from Veazey Hall.

• Officers issued three traffic warnings, investigated three traffic accidents, assisted six motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Adam Brady, News Editor.

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.

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concerning candidate and membership qualifications but vigorous debate over the remaining portions caused the rest of the proposed changes to be tabled and sent back for review by the Vice Presidential Advisory Committee.

A main point included the extension of the period of consideration prior to an official hearing by the University Judicial Board from one to two weeks. Also, and strangely enough considering the recent move to an online voting system, an amendment for the portion of the constitution concerning hand ballot elections extended the application period from one week to two and stated the election results would be posted outside of the Student Activities Center no later than 12 p.m. on the first business day following the closure of voting – a change from the 5 p.m. last day of the election posting.

The bulk of the debate came when candidates were asked to review proposed policy changes to how the elections could be contested.

The amendment stated that not only would the Chairperson of the University Judicial Board need to be notified in the case of contesting the elections, but also the SGA Advisor.

Also, in the past incidents concerning the contesting of elections did not have to be officially documented for

acceptance. The proposed amendment calls for any "irregularities" to be properly documented.

The gray around surrounding the issue of whom they would need to be documented with was the subject of much heated debate.

Suggestions were made that the documentation be filed with several different people including the SGA

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Advisor, the Office of Judicial Affairs, and the Director of the Russell Student Union.

"What if I don't feel like I can go to an advisor... because I might feel that she's in cahoots with [the person in question]," said Senator Rashida Armstrong in regards to the SGA Advisor being the person to document a complaint. "Does it have to go through the advisor... why can't it just go to the judicial board?"

Grant responded by reinforcing the fact that the SGA advisor is part of the professional staff and "it's basically insulting to think that."

"I don't think it's totally fair to rely totally on the SGA Elections Committee," said Senator Melissa

Seeker. Others like Vice president of Academic Affairs John Kim felt that the University Judicial Board is swamped with other cases.

Grant still maintained that "We're a governing body and we're governing ourselves within that. So that's why we're the first step in reporting irregularities, and the second step – that's when the Judicial Board comes in."

– Senator Nick Fierstos

Another portion of the proposed amendment included a change in when a complaint concerning the contesting of elections would need to be filed. Instead of filing a complaint within 48 hours of the end of elections, candidates would need to state reasons for contesting the elections to the SGA Advisor and the Chairperson of the University Judicial Board. A decision is made by the two collectively to determine if the grounds for contesting are valid and legitimate.

During the conversation concerning the proposed amendments, Chris Winters Grzegorzewski circulated a letter of complaint concerning SGA Advisor Ms. Sheena Glover. Despite the fact that Grzegorzewski was not

recognized by the chair and asked to collect his letter, the document was given to everyone in the room.

The letter outlines allegations made by Grzegorzewski concerning alleged misconduct observed by Glover during the recent elections.

"Well since this has become a matter of public knowledge, and Chris wishes to pass out a formal letter of the things he's placed against me," commented Glover, "it's under investigation."

"And I have no fear," she concluded.

Ultimately however, debate ended in fierce disagreement over the issues and the amendments will return to the Vice Presidential Advisory Committee for review.

"I personally don't know what happened," said Senator Nick Fierstos. "But they wanted to change the rules in the constitution about contesting the election – I think it's because of the trouble they're in."

"I don't think any of the senators were expecting this," said Senator Phillip Boldt. "The biggest problem was that many senators didn't have the constitution with them – no one knew what was going on."

Both Grant and Glover were unavailable for comment concerning Wednesday's meeting.

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tickets, we have to go from what we know historically," said University Police Chief Ken Brown in response to the preparation taken by local law enforcement agencies.

"We are prepared, though, with over 300 officers both from Statesboro and around the state," said Brown.

Statesboro Police Chief Stan York expects the event to be low key this year but says all of the information he has received has been from students and hearsay because the event is so disorganized.

"We are involved in a joint effort with Chief Brown, the Georgia

State Patrol and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation," said York. "All of our manpower will be out patrolling Chandler, Lanier and Georgia Ave."

Along with law enforcement, hotels and apartment complexes near Georgia Southern are also gearing up for this weekend.

Fairfield Inn's 63 rooms are all completely booked both due to Player's Ball and a golf tournament. The Best Western and Hampton Inn are both more than half filled but predict they will fill up as they always do. All three hotels are also hiring extra security for Friday and Saturday nights to patrol the

parking lots and keep the peace both inside and outside the hotels. Only guests of the hotels will be allowed to both enter and park in the parking lots of the hotels.

Campus Courtyard Apartments, located on Chandler Road right in the middle of the festivities, has also hired four extra security guards to patrol from 6 p.m. to 4 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. And because all residents of Campus Courtyard are supposed to have resident stickers, every car without one will not be allowed to enter or park in the complex parking lot.

Property Manager of Campus Courtyard, Carol Deloach, said she wishes it wasn't happening.

"We are so close and our complex gets totally trashed," said Deloach. "We don't tolerate excessive noise or litter in our complex anyway so we certainly won't tolerate it this weekend."

Party-goers should beware that officers will not hesitate to give citations for noise and seatbelt violations. Open containers, both in vehicles and while walking, will also not be tolerated.

"Everybody be careful," said Chief Brown. "You're welcome to come but don't violate any laws."

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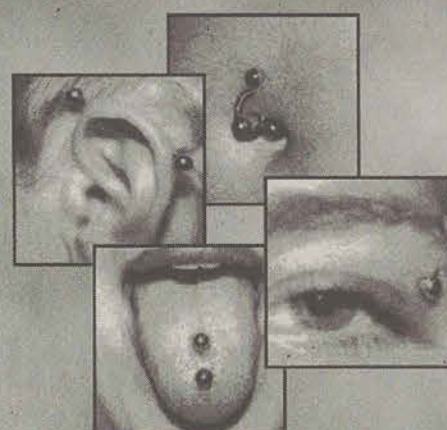
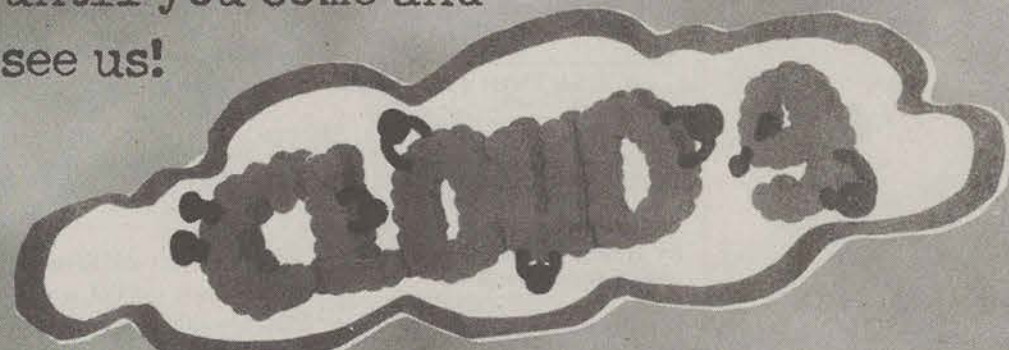
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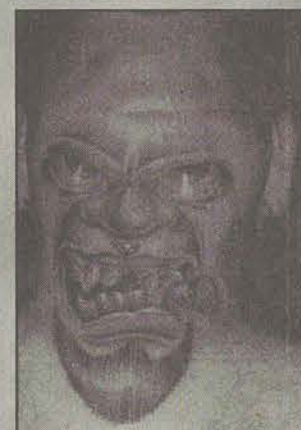
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Only in America

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1 Pennsylvania

Man who claimed he was attacking 'droids' held for trial in bludgeoning of parents

BELLEFONTE - A man who told police he was defending himself from "government droids" was ordered Tuesday to stand trial on charges of beating his parents to death with a baseball bat.

Daniel Opdenhoff, 24, is accused of killing his parents, William Opdenhoff, 56, and his wife, Georgeann, 54, in their home Oct. 19.

Public defender Deborah Lux had asked the judge to commit Opdenhoff to a mental health facility, saying he had been diagnosed as paranoid schizophrenic and he was suffering from delusions when the attack occurred. The judge rejected her request.

State College police Detective R.W. Ralston testified that Opdenhoff told him he was defending himself from "droids," human replicas that tried to manipulate him. When shown

pictures of his parents' bodies, Opdenhoff appeared to faint.

The robbery and theft charges stem from Opdenhoff's alleged use of his parents' ATM cards. Police tracked those withdrawals from State College to Philadelphia to New York, where he was arrested several days after his parents were killed.

Opdenhoff has spent much of the time since his arrest in a state mental hospital. Prosecutors have promised to seek a prison term, not the death penalty.

2 New Jersey

Father admits killing his two children

JERSEY CITY - A father pleaded guilty Tuesday to murdering his two children in what prosecutors said was a jealous rage sparked when his wife went out for the evening.

Willie Davis Sr., 24, would have to serve at least 60 years before becoming eligible for parole, Hudson County Prosecutor Edward J. DeFazio said.

"The death penalty was something that was under

consideration," DeFazio said. Instead, Davis will likely spend the rest of his life in prison after sentencing

in June by state

Superior Court Judge Elaine L. Davis.

Davis has been in custody since December. He was arrested shortly after the children's mother, Melissa Miras, found them stabbed to death in the family's second-floor apartment in Bayonne.

Davis apparently had been unable to reach Miras, who was 20 at the time, on her cell phone.

When she got home, Davis showed Miras the bodies of her daughter, Tianah Davis, 23 months old, and 6-month-old Willie Davis Jr.

"Ms. Miras reported to us that he said, 'See what you made me do,'" DeFazio said. "It was apparently some misguided, to say the least, attempt to get back at her."

Miras fled the house when Davis fell asleep. Davis then cut his own throat, but the wounds were not serious, DeFazio said.

3 Pennsylvania

Bird that plucked cigarette butt blamed for fire

HARRISBURG - Take one nest-building bird, add a smoldering ciga-

rette butt and officials say they know what caused a house fire last month.

A March 28 fire that damaged a home was caused by "the careless use of smoking materials by a bird," Mayor Stephen R. Reed said Tuesday.

Fire Chief Donald Konkle said fire investigators found a large bird nest in the ceiling of the house and determined a bird picked up a smoldering cigarette butt to use in building the nest.

Konkle said there were no other possible sources of fire in the area.

"The nest was 60 percent consumed and we weren't able to interview the bird," he said. "I believe he's homeless."

Reed cautioned residents against flicking lit cigarettes.

"This is at least littering, and if there are nearby birds building a nest, which they do in the spring months because of egg laying, there is a chance the cigarette winds up in the nest," Reed said.

4 Missouri

Bad hair day leads to \$6,000 verdict

ST. LOUIS - A woman who said a bad hair treatment left her depressed and led her to seek early retirement was

awarded \$6,000 by a jury Wednesday.

Geremie Hoff, 56, of suburban Creve Coeur, sued Elizabeth Arden's Salon at Saks Fifth Avenue in Plaza Frontenac for emotional distress, depression, counseling and lost income.

According to testimony, Hoff went to the salon Aug. 9, 2001, seeking to have her curly hair straightened. She was going on a float and camping trip and wanted a style that would be easy to maintain.

Stylist Reye Hudson, who is still with the salon but was not named a defendant in the suit, applied a hair relaxer, then washed Hoff's hair several times and put her under a dryer.

Hoff testified that clumps of hair came loose that night, and her resulting bald spots and brittle hair made her depressed and reclusive.

Her daughter testified about Hoff's emotions, as did a psychiatrist and counselor.

Hoff's attorney, Paul Devine, said she was so distressed she retired early from teaching at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He said she also stopped guiding tours to Italy.

Defense attorney Lawrence Hartstein said Hudson skipped the strand test, to see how Hoff's hair would react to the product, but that the stylist could judge who needed one based on her 30 years of experience.

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be considered.

The offices represented ranged from Health Services, where Lockey, the winner has worked since her freshman year, to the Clerks office, the office of Admissions, and the office of Leadership Development, just to name a few. Each nominee was awarded a plaque and the coordinator of the college work-study program, Kerri Chapman, who is also the Assistant Director of Financial Aid, then read a quote from the letters of nomination from each recipient.

Dr. Linda Bleicken, Vice-President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management was on hand to say a few words of encouragement to the audience about the effect of student workers on campus, and also to pres-

ent each nominee their plaque.

This year's winner, Shemica Lockey, is a Senior Biology Major. Many of your fellow employees from the Health Services Department nominated Shemica for the honor and with the help of Chapman and a committee, the winner was chosen.

Lockey has been a student office assistant in the health center since September 1998, when she came in as a freshman. Clerical Supervisor of the Health Center, Barbara James said of Lockey in her nomination letter "If you are seeking a student employee who exemplifies a 'degree of excellence,' you will certainly find Shemica Lockey to be an outstanding nominee."

Lockey was informed that for

winning this award for the GSU campus she is automatically entered into the awards for a regional level --including ten states-- for student employees.

Lockey, when asked how she felt about the honor, responded, "I would truly like to thank God; It's because of Him that I got this award. Also I truly thank Health Services for nominating me. I love you guys and I will truly miss you and will always hold a place in my heart for you." When presented with the award, Lockey was speechless.

Chapman, also the coordinator of this event, stated, "We had a similar award presentation like this three years ago, and we hope to bring back a similar tradition."

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10 p.m., and on Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The ASC houses a computer lab that offers online tutorial software for several subjects such as economics, physics, and trigonometry.

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and Jamey Woods on Saturday. Dingus Magee's will be open on Friday, but will close Saturday due to Easter.

Rumors were circulating that the city of Statesboro paid local clubs and businesses to close this

weekend on account of Player's Ball. All establishments above denied this.

"That is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard. We would never abuse taxpayer's money in such a manner. I can't believe an

of action. If we don't have it, we will look for it on campus," O'Brien said.

The ASC is located across from Newton and COBA. For more information call 912-681-5371.

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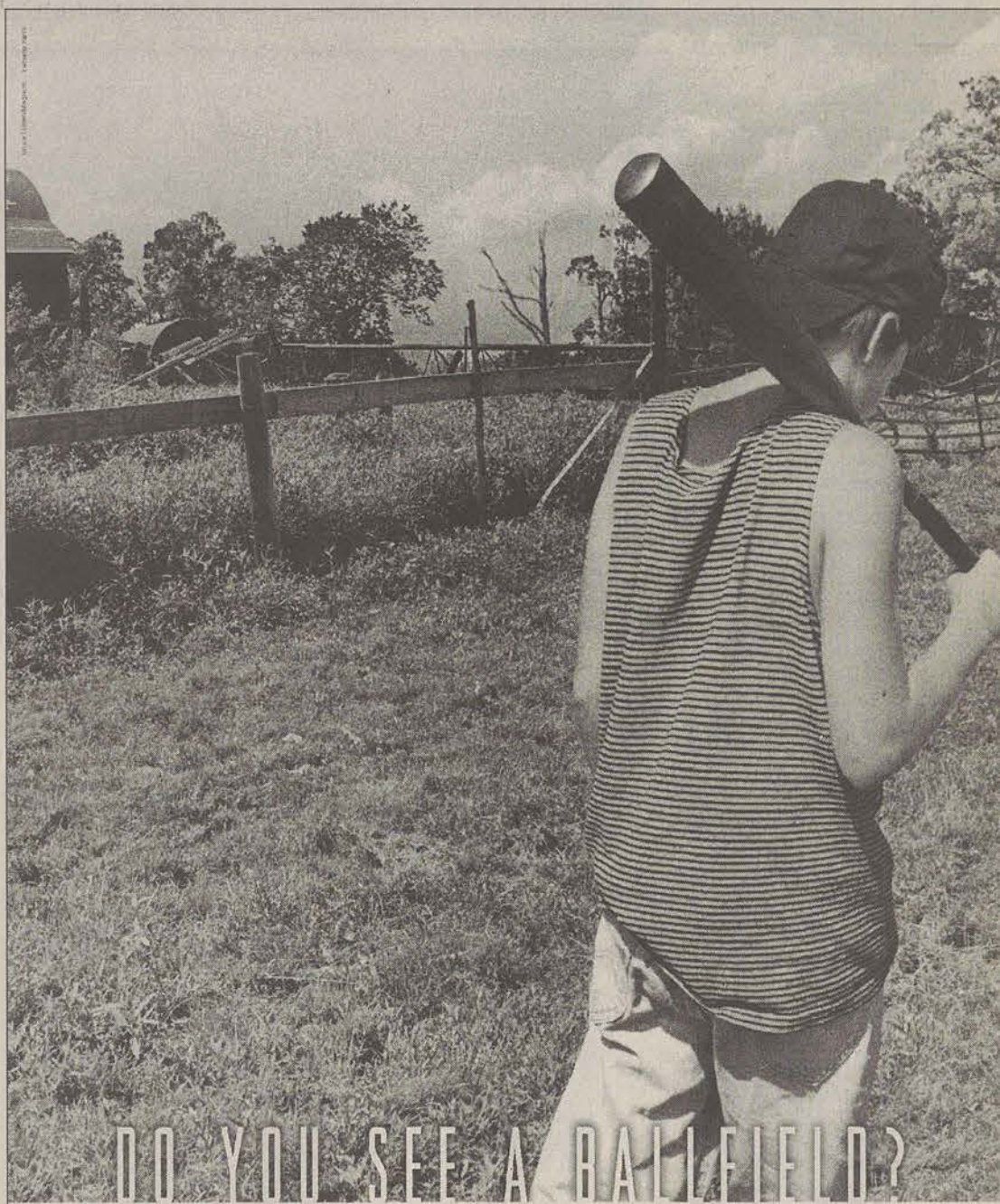
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Down from

By Jason Halcombe
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Nearly four years ago, Brian Owens, Jason and Jonathon Finley had two goals in life: To graduate or play music until whichever one evolved into a career.

Now, Jonathon is the only one eyeing a diploma at the end of Spring Semester, but all three are staring squarely at an ample opportunity to play music for much larger, and influential crowds than they ever imagined.

The band, Down From Zero (www.downfromzero.com), came about as a side project less than three months ago, after the musicians original group faced a tough decision from their lead singer, Bravis Runyon.

"Bravis said he had school, an internship, work and bills and that he just couldn't go on the road this summer," said Jason, 29, senior graphic design major.

But simple touring, as the band had planned to do this summer, isn't the only reason DFZ is heading north this summer.

A chance encounter with a signed musician is what has really fueled the members to chase after this elusive dream.

In July 2002, Owens and both Finley's drove to Nashville to an annual music industry show. At the show they met Bobby East, bassist for rock star Kid Rock.

The three ate dinner with East, and afterwards, East passed-along his phone numbers for the guys to keep in touch.

Jonathon Finley kept in touch with East, and informed him of the change. And after the band sent him a disc of new music from the DFZ project, they received a phone call less than two weeks later.

"He called us from the plane as he was flying to Nashville," Jonathon said. "He was going with Kid Rock to play at the CMT Flameworthy Awards and he said he was going to listen to the demo on his way there."

Later that same week, Jonathon said he received a call from East and "he said he thought (the demo) was cool."

East's own side project, Hemi-God, was just recently signed to

Arista Records last week, and Jonathon said East has already offered DFZ a chance at a possible opening act.

"He said he'd be interested in us possibly opening for him in Detroit," Jonathon said.

East hasn't been the only person talking about the new music. Many loyal Four Stories fans and new listeners have given their seal of approval on the sound of the new project.

"We've been getting a real good buzz from these songs," said Jason, who wrote many of the new tracks on the DFZ album. The songs range from the punkier edge of "Look at You Now" to the driving, rock and roll fantasy of "The Burning."

"I think Four Stories just plateaued," Jason said. "Bravis and I were the main song writers and we

seemed to come from totally different sides of the spectrum. I think that's what has held us back. This new project seems more focused, and therefore stronger."

Runyon and the other musicians are currently part of a local band, Four Stories, which has played throughout Statesboro at clubs like Retriever's, Buffaloes and Buck Wild's. The band also played at the Sigma Nu fraternity's "Island Party" earlier this year.

With Runyon putting himself on the outside of the band's plans at touring this summer, Jason said

the remaining members had to come up with an alternative plan.

"And that's where Down From Zero came from," said Jason, whose played guitar for the last 25 years.

Jason, Jonathon and Brian have been working feverishly over the last three months, squeezing in practices in between projects, papers and classes.

"This is not a hobby, this is a lifestyle we all want to live," Jonathon said.

And the summer side project has even more meaning for Jonathon, who, with mountains of student loans

and the slowing job market, is putting off many of his responsibilities at this "last chance" at a music career.

"I don't care if we get told we suck, or we're great," Jonathon said. "At least I can say we got off our asses and tried."

I don't want to go through life with any regrets."

Jonathon, 24, will graduate with a degree in journalism,

after spending several years working for a daily paper in Dublin. He has played bass with brother Jason and for more than five years, and was joined by Owens on drums more than four years ago.

Owens, 28, has spent the last three

years majoring in Sociology, after a prolonged break from music and school while living in East Dublin. He's played the drums since he was three years old, and said he doesn't plan on stopping.

"It's one of the few things in life that just come naturally to me," Owens said.

The band has dates scheduled in several clubs between Grand Rapids, Detroit and Chicago, which are all not very far from Jason and Jonathon's hometown of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Kalamazoo is where Four Stories took their first major road-trip, playing to a house of locals at a downtown microbrewery. It's also where the band got the idea for an even bigger road-trip for this summer.

"We had planned to do what we're doing this summer last summer," Jason said. "(Bravis) agreed to do it last summer, but we didn't find out till the last minute that he couldn't go all summer."

Similar responsibilities had forced Runyon to pull out of the extended touring, but the current tour has caused an even greater stir among Four Stories faithful about the band's future.

Not long after the remaining members formed Down From Zero, rumors began to swirl around Dublin, where the band had just cut a demo to promote the upcoming tour.

"We heard stuff from 'Bravis was fired from the band' to 'Bravis had quit the band' to 'Four Stories had broken up,'" Jason said. "It was all news to me, because as far as I knew, Four Stories was going to be rock solid until this summer."

Owens said the rumors have hurt, especially not knowing who started them, but more importantly why they started them?

"I guess it shouldn't be that big a deal," Owens said, "but I never wanted Bravis or anyone else thinking we were going behind anyone's back on this. Bravis said he couldn't go, so we made up a new plan and went with it."

But all the members of DFZ said they aren't going to dwell on an untrue controversy with so many positive expectations lying on this summer.

"We're prepared for whatever this opportunity offers," Jonathon said.

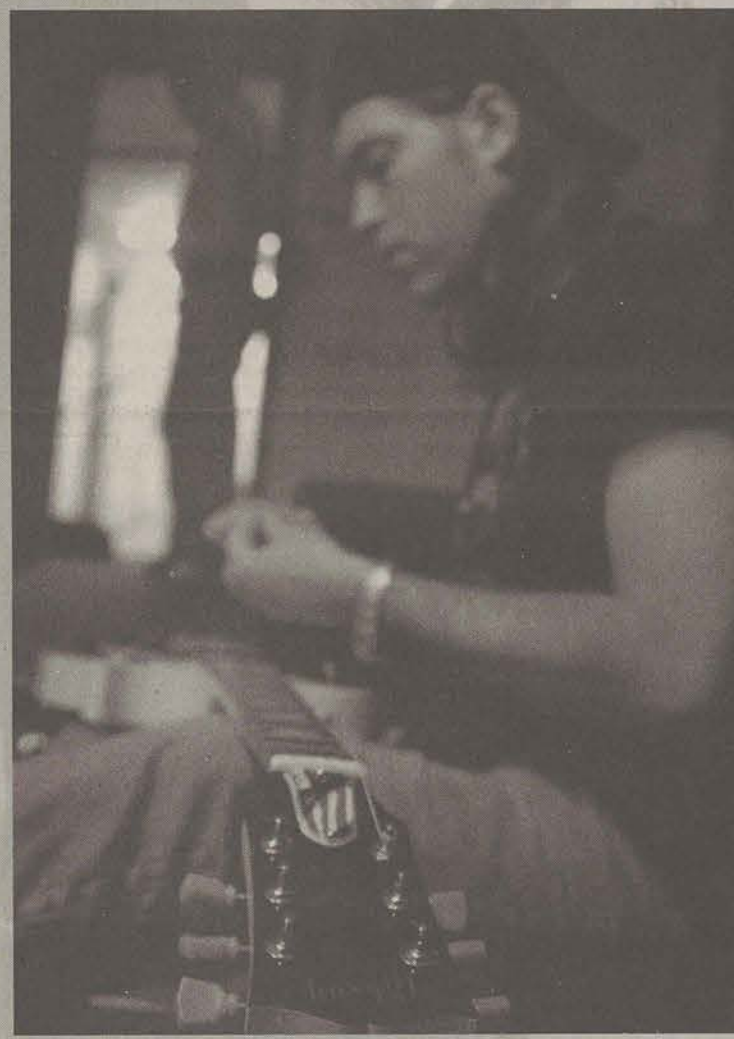
Local band prepares for interstate tour

"I don't care if we get told we suck, or we're great. At least I can say we got off our asses and tried."

— Jonathon Finley

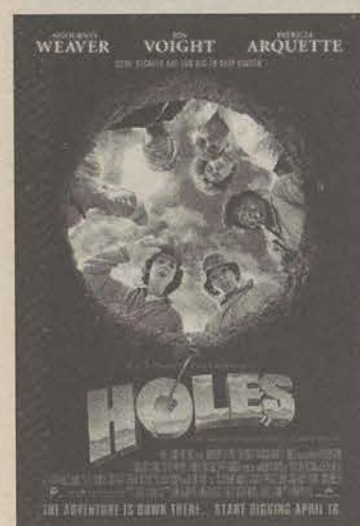


After a chance encounter in Nashville last July with Kid Rock's bassist, Bobby East, the guys from Down From Zero are planning to be the opening act for East at his Detroit show.



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In Theaters this Weekend



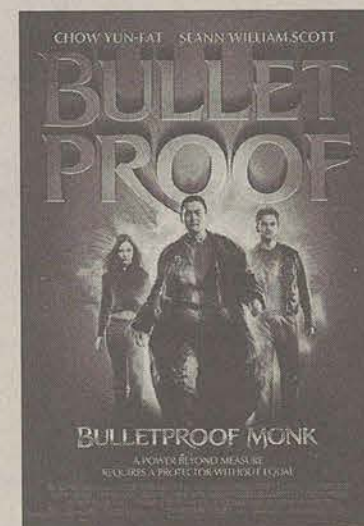
'Holes'

Holes is a fun and poignant adventure that tells the story of Stanley Yelnats, an unusual young hero. Stanley has little clue that he's in for the adventure of his life when sent to Camp Green Lake, where he and his campmates are mysteriously forced to dig holes in order "to build character." None of the boys know the real reason they're digging all these holes, but Stanley soon begins to question why the head of the camp is so interested in anything "special" the boys find. Through it all, Stanley and his campmates must stick together as they attempt to solve the mystery.



'Malibu's Most Wanted'

Brad Gluckman is the son of a wealthy and socially prominent couple and grew up in Malibu, CA. However, Brad likes to imagine he's a street-smart gangsta from the mean streets of L.A., and he's been trying to launch a career as a hardcore rapper under the name "B-Rad." Mr. Gluckman is running for Governor of California, and both he and his campaign manager are convinced Brad's antics could have a negative impact on the election, so they come up with a scheme to change his mind about the supposed glamour of street life.



'Bulletproof Monk'

For many years a mysterious monk with no name has zigzagged the globe to protect an ancient scroll which holds the key to unlimited power. Now the monk must find a protegee to become the scroll's next guardian. Kar is an unlikely candidate, a streetwise young man whose only interest is himself. But when Kar saves the Bulletproof Monk from capture, the two become partners in a scheme to save the world from the scroll's most avid pursuer. Together with the help of a sexy and elusive young woman called Bad Girl, they seek out and eventually face the ultimate enemy in a spectacular final battle.

GSU to introduce Alternative Transportation Program during Earth Day celebration

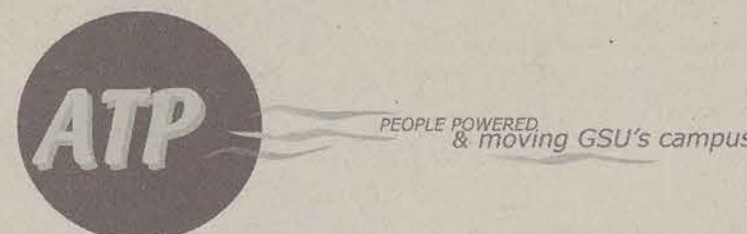
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There are many ideas floating around campus about how to help transportation problems, such as a mass transit system, car pooling, and one more idea that will be introduced at this year's Earth Day celebration called ATP: Alternative Transportation Program.

Dr. Lorne Wolfe had the following to say about the program: "this is part of a broader approach to transportation at Georgia Southern...there are many different components to alleviating congestion and perceived parking difficulties."

ATP is also the molecule that the body uses for energy, "so when your body is thinking and sneezing and everything it's because ATP is driving these processes," according to Dr. Wolfe. Basically, he is encouraging people to use ATP as opposed to GAS to get to class.

"Not everyone can do this, we understand," Dr. Wolfe continues, "We are trying to encourage people who live within a reasonable distance to walk or bike." One future direction for those who do live far away is for them to park



at the RAC or Paulson, leave a bike at a secure location there, and bike around campus.

This service would be free. Although driving seems like the fastest means to get to class, the reality is that along with the time it takes to find a parking space and to get around all of the other traffic, biking or walking takes just as much time as it does to drive.

And what about making time to go to the gym? You could cut out the stress of trying to find time to go run on that treadmill by simply walking to class and getting your exercise that way.

"I live two miles away from campus," Dr. Wolfe says, "and it takes me twelve minutes to bike to campus and five to drive. I don't have any stress during those extra seven minutes of trying to find a parking space, and I get exercise in."

ATP is a brand new program at Georgia Southern, and Dr. Wolfe is hoping that in the future there will be incentives offered to those who choose to bike or walk to class. "Some people are considering offering P.E. credits for biking and walking to class."

The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta have also released a new recommendation for exercise: rather than going to the gym, do 10,000 steps a day. Most people already walk 4,000 in an ordinary day. Why not walk to class to fulfill those extra 6,000 steps?

So why get in a car, go to class, get back in a car, and go to the RAC just to run on a treadmill when you could walk to class and not have to find time to go to the RAC?

You could get in those 10,000 steps of exercise without having to clear out your schedule.

Eagles split series with Georgia Tech

G-A News Service

ATLANTA, Ga. - Georgia Tech used a six-run third inning to take a lead it would not give up on its way to an 8-5 non-conference win over Georgia Southern Tuesday night at Russ Chandler Stadium.

Georgia Tech (29-6) loaded the bases in the third when Eric Patterson reached on an error to score Micah Owings. Matt Murton followed with a double down the leftfield line to plate Brandon Boggs and Jake Hall and knot the score at three. The Yellow Jackets took the lead when Jeremy Slayden lined a sacrifice fly to right to score Patterson and added two more runs on a Mike Nickeas single and a

Clifton Remole double.

Georgia Southern (21-15) opened the scoring in the top of the second inning. Carlos Love slammed his second home run of the season off Yellow Jacket starter Andrew Kown to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead. The Eagles added two more in the third when James Payne led off the inning with a shot off of Kown's leg to reach first and moved to third on Brendan Gilligan's sacrifice and a Tech error. Brandon Long drove home Payne with a sacrifice fly and Gilligan came around to score on Rocky Baker's 16th double of the year.

The Eagles cut into the deficit

in the sixth inning when Brent Stephens poked his sixth home run of the season and his third in the last four games to cut the Tech lead to 6-4.

The Jackets answered with two more in the bottom of the frame. Hall drew a bases-loaded walk from GSU reliever Mike Thompson to plate Remole and Patterson lifted a sacrifice fly to score Owings and run the count to 8-4.

A.J. Zickgraf provided the final Georgia Southern tally with his sixth home run of the year and fourth in eight games, a 420-foot shot to left center.

GSU starter Brian Rogers (2-5) went three innings and struck out three while surrendering just two earned runs. Thompson worked a season-high four innings and tied a career-high with seven strikeouts.

Kown (3-1) earned the win for Georgia Tech, tossing six innings and fanning five while Brian Burks earned the save, hurling three innings.

Baker, Long and Payne finished with two hits for the Eagles, while Boggs, Remole, Owings and Greene each recorded multiple hits for Tech, which extended its winning streak against GSU to 20 straight.

The Eagles and Yellow Jackets completed the two-game set Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Russ Chandler Stadium.

A.J. Zickgraf's sacrifice fly in the top of the ninth inning chased home pinch-runner Brandon Williams to give Georgia Southern an 8-7 win over No. 5 Georgia Tech Wednesday afternoon at Russ Chandler Stadium.

The win snapped the Eagles 20-game losing streak to the Yellow

Jackets, dating back to 1998.

Carlos Love led off the frame by getting hit by a Jeff Watchko pitch and was lifted for Williams. Greg Dowling sacrificed Williams to second and Watchko committed a balk to move Williams to third ahead of Zickgraf's fly ball.

Georgia Tech (29-7) got two singles in the bottom of the ninth from Steven Blackwood and Andy Hawranick, but eventual winner Jason Cadenhead induced a double play ground ball off the bat of Brandon Boggs to seal the win.

Georgia Southern (22-15) got on the board first with a solo home run for the second straight day. Brendan Gilligan redirected Tech starter Jason Neighborgall's second pitch of the afternoon over the right centerfield fence to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead. The Yellow Jackets answered in the bottom of the frame with two outs. Matt Murton singled and Jeremy Slayden followed with a double. GSU starter Brian Harrison then balked with Mike Nickeas at the plate to usher Murton home, but Harrison struck out Nickeas to end the threat.

Georgia Tech scored three unearned runs in the second inning. A Micah Owings single and a walk issued to Blackwood teamed with an error to put Hawranick on and load the bases. Brandon Boggs coaxed a free pass to plate Owings and put Tech up 2-1. Harrison struck out Eric Patterson before Murton smacked a base hit to score Blackwood and Hawranick and give the Jackets a 4-1 advantage.

Tech added a run in the bottom of the third off GSU reliever John Carroll. Owings, who teamed with Carroll at Gainesville High School



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The Eagles traveled to Atlanta to play No. 5 Georgia Tech in a two-game series and snapped a 20-game losing streak against the Yellow Jackets, stretching back to the 1998 season.

over the last four years, poked his 12th home run of the season off of his former teammate to make the score 5-1.

The Eagles scratched across their second run of the game in the fifth. James Payne drew a leadoff base on balls and moved to second when Gilligan followed with a free pass. After Tech turned a double play, Payne scored when Rocky Baker reached on an error.

GSU tied the game in the top of the sixth when Carlos Love drew a leadoff walk before back-to-back singles by Greg Dowling and Zickgraf loaded the bases. Georgia Tech's fourth pitcher of the contest, Nick Wagner, induced a ground ball double play that scored Love before Gilligan fired a double into right to push home Dowling and make the score 5-4. Gilligan came home and tied the

score when Brandon Long drilled a single into center.

Georgia Tech rebounded to take a 7-5 lead in the bottom of the inning. Owings and Hawranick sandwiched a strikeout with doubles to restore the Yellow Jacket lead. Boggs followed with a base hit to give Tech a two-run cushion.

Georgia Southern tied the score at seven each in the top of the seventh. Grant Burruss walked and came around to score on an error to bring GSU to within one. Love tied the game, scoring on Watchko's wild pitch.

Georgia Southern returns to action this weekend with a Southern Conference series at Appalachian State. The Eagles and Mountaineers will play Friday (3 p.m.), Saturday (2 p.m.) and Sunday (1 p.m.) at Red Lackey Field.

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Eagle Tennis makes All-SoCon Team

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CHARLESTON, SC - The Southern Conference men's and women's tennis coaches have cast their ballots and selected the 2003 All-Conference First and Second Teams and individual awards.

The coaches are not allowed to vote for their own student-athletes.

Furman swept the Player of the

Year awards in James Cameron and Mary Kovarik. Cameron was 9-0 in conference action this season at the No. 1 position and was 16-8 overall. He also picked up seven conference wins at No. 1 doubles. Kovarik also went undefeated for the Lady Paladins, posting a 15-8 overall record. She was also 8-1 at No. 1 doubles.

Georgia Southern picked up

the Freshman of the Year awards. Vincent Patry was selected as the Freshman of the Year with an 8-1 record in conference action and 22-5 overall. For the Lady Eagles, Stephanie Tyrell had a 4-5 conference record and 7-10 overall.

College of Charleston's Phil Whitesell was named the Coach of the Year by his peers after leading the Cougars to an 8-1 conference record and a share of the regular season title. Furman's Debbie Southern earned the women's honor with a 9-0 league record. The head tennis coaches also selected Georgia Southern's Callie Ward for the women's sportsmanship award and Chattanooga's Jason Ontog as the Buddy Hartsell/Don Burch Sportsman of the Year.

2003 Southern Conference Tennis Men's First Team

Timo Siebert, College of Charleston; Jason Ontog, Chattanooga; Rob Haywood, Davidson; Alejandro Salazar, East Tennessee State; Marcos Pavlovich, East Tennessee State; James Cameron, Furman

2003 Southern Conference Tennis Men's Second Team

Erez Cohen, Appalachian State; Lee Porter, Wofford; Thorben Kolk, College of Charleston; Fernando Fiuri, East Tennessee State; Vincent Patry, Georgia Southern; Warren Woolfolk, The Citadel

Freshman of the Year: Vincent Patry, Georgia Southern
2003 Women's Tennis All-Conference First Team

Gabriela Moreria, College of Charleston; Rachel Magory, College of Charleston; Charlotte Goude, Chattanooga; Mary Neil Hagood, Furman; Mary Kovarik, Furman

2003 Women's Tennis All-Conference Second Team

Kelly Fillnow, Davidson; Meggie Patterson, Davidson; Natalie The, Furman; Shannon Moore, Furman; Marion Levelier, Georgia Southern; Shellie Cochran, Furman

Sportsmanship Award: Callie Ward, Georgia Southern