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Grube gives 'State of the University address' at Fall Convocation

Bigger budget cuts possible in the coming years

By Teresa D. Southern

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"Advancing a Culture of Engagement" was the theme of this year's Fall Convocation week. The Convocation Ceremony was held Wednesday, August 13, with the State of the University Address.

During the Convocation Ceremony, Awards of Excellence were given to six professors in various colleges. The two keynote speakers were Blair Riley, a Political Science and Education major and Deryl Belsler, a Georgia Southern alumnus. Both praised the university for encouraging them to be involved with student activities around campus. Riley charged students and faculty to get involved.

Belsler also encouraged students to be involved and be a part of activities on campus that can further their career.

During his State of the University Address, Grube welcomed over 100 new professors to Georgia Southern's faculty.

His speech focused on budget cuts. "This is happening across the country," Grube explained. Budget cuts of 2.5 percent for the fiscal year of 2004 and 5 percent to 2005 have been imposed for the University System of Georgia. "In the past, budget cuts have been across the board," he said.

Grube said plans have already been implemented into

the budget of 2004 to absorb budget cuts. "We have time to plan for the budget cuts that will be imposed for 2005," he said.

Grube said enrollment growth coupled with budget cuts create a dilemma for higher education. He hopes proposed cuts aren't reached.

Grube encouraged instructors to work cooperatively and to not give up their strength as it encourages a sense of community. "I'm here to see students have the best possible learning experience," Grube said.

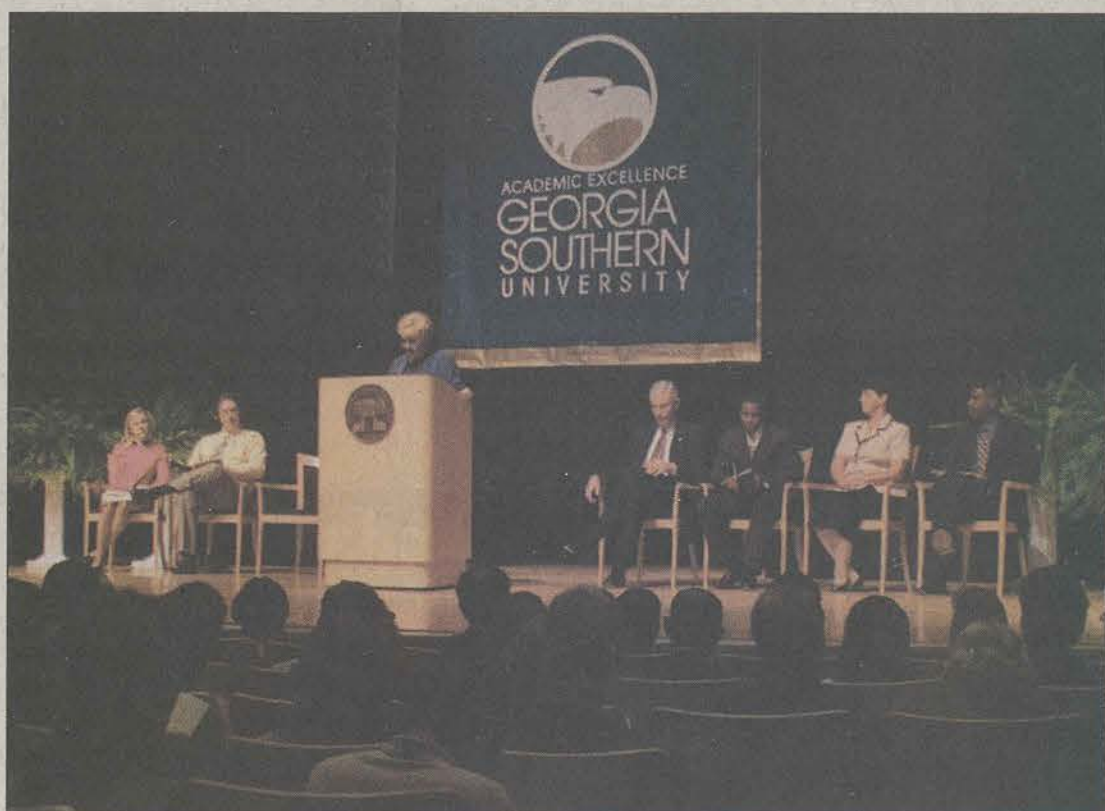
Grube also mentioned several items of note concerning campus.

Lewis Hall will house the Office of Admissions once renovations there have been completed.

A new residence hall will be built in place of Stratford Hall. "These are important because they raise retention rates, promote good grades and help students succeed,"



Grube



Bill Neville/STAFF

This year's theme 'Advancing a Culture of Engagement' and more budget cuts on the horizon were the focus of this year's Fall Convocation and President Grube's 'State of the University Address.'

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NO SMOKING?

Proposed city smoking ban tabled until research completed

By Luke Hearn

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"Smoking is banned in Statesboro"...Well, not quite yet, but this could be true as soon as November if some of the City Council Members have their way.

A proposal for a citywide smoking ban has been composed by the City of Statesboro's manager and attorney at the request of District 5 Councilman John Morris. This ban would include most every public place within the city limits, as well as restaurants, excluding those with a live entertainment area.

At the City Council Meeting on August 5, Morris asked the council to table the proposal indefinitely until further research is completed, and until the residents of Statesboro are able to attend an information session on second-hand smoke. Councilman Morris was not available for comment, but City Hall Finance and Administration Director Judy McCorkle told *The George-Anne* on Tuesday that the issue isn't likely to be brought back to the council for consideration before the end of the year.

Some local restaurants are concerned about the impact such a ban would have on their business, while others do not seem to think much of it. Michelle Henry, manager of Ruby Tuesday, said that she would not like to see the ban take affect in Statesboro, but said, "People will still go out to eat, regardless of a ban [on smoking]."

The District Manager of the IHOP in Statesboro, Moe Ghassen, said that he doesn't think a ban on smoking would necessarily hurt his business. Ghassen stated "there are many times when there are people waiting to sit in the non-smoking area and the smoking section is nearly empty."

Students also have their own views about the proposed smoking ban. "I think it takes away from our First Amendment right of freedom of expression," proclaims freshman Adam Chandler, a smoker. "People should be able to do what they want to do without the government trying to mess with them."

Sophomore Tom D'Aleo, a non-smoker, feels

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Meal Plans change to block plan

By Brandon Sparks

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Auxiliary Services has been busy planning and reorganizing this summer.

Meal plans were changed, new restaurants were added on campus, and Eagle Express has become accepted by more off-campus businesses.

From now on meal plans will be on a block plan. That means that if a student is on a five-two-meal plan, they will now have ten meal tickets to spend a week. Instead of only having the two that they can spend a day, they will be able to spend them anytime during the week. Instead of losing the meals that they did not use, they will be able to use tickets on another day that week. However, meal tickets will not carry over from week to week.

Food Services will also add a sushi bar to Lakeside Cafe. The sushi will be served in individual boxes that will also be available at the Pickle Barrel. There will be two trained sushi chefs on premises at Lakeside, a husband and wife



Along with the changes made to the way meal plans may be spent, several new food locations have opened including Cinnamon Street Bakery & Coffee Co. in the new Nursing and Chemistry Building and Sushi with Gusto in Lakeside.



Dallas Oliver/STAFF

team from Burma.

A coffee shop will be added to the Nursing Building and will be known as Cinnamon Streets bakery and coffee. The menu will consist of coffee, cappuccinos, light salads and sandwiches.

The Hard Drive Cafe will be in the IT building when it opens. It will serve deli style food and is expected to open by the

end of August.

Eagle Express adds Little Caesars, Baja Burrito, Church's Chicken, Zaxby's Chicken, Bi-Lo, Meineke, Shell

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New academic buildings, residence halls open this Fall



By Brandon Sparks

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As students are returning to campus, a few departments are moving into new buildings. With the recent additions to campus like the College of Information Technology and the Science and Nursing Buildings, students will have to familiarize themselves with the new buildings on campus.

Dr. Jean Bartels, the chair of the Nursing Department said that "the faculty is very excited by the potential by the size and the space that allows them the experience with the improved technology, upgraded computer equipment that is much more user friendly. We have now got a three unit community nursing outreach center, [where at some] point we will be able to bring the community in to help." It will allow the department to have the faculty practice inside the building and give students hands on research. Students will have a large meeting room, which will

allow them to meet and talk with each other in between classes. The students will also have to adjust to the new building. There will be more building rules that did not exist in the past, for example they will now be unable to have food or drink in the classrooms. "Now the Nursing Department will be more visible on campus, and hopefully we will help recruitment to make it heads above other schools in the state," Bartels added.

Dr. Barrel's department shares the building with the Chemistry Department, which moved over from the Herty Building. The acting Chair of the Chemistry Department, Dr. Jeffrey Roves, said that the new building "will have more lab space so that we can assist more students. We got a lot more equipment, plus we stripped everything we could out of Herty that we possibly could." Each of the classrooms is a "smart" room. The Department is now able to offer



Clockwise: Inside the IT Building, the Science and Nursing building, Southern Courtyard, and inside the Art Building.



Photos by Dallas Oliver

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<p>Today's Weather</p> <p>HIGH 91°</p> <p>LOW 71°</p> <p>Partly Cloudy</p>	<p>Only in America</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One man mistakenly and repeatedly rams a car he believes to be his wife's. • A Pensacola bank wrongly gives one woman a check for \$48.7 million • The hand of justice falls far from the tree in Lansing. <p>Page 3</p>	<p>Sports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2003 Eagles met with fans and the media at Family Fun Day last Saturday • The Falcon's offense may be slowed down by a few injuries <p>Page 6</p>	<p>A&E</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georgia Southern's sororities prepare for Fall rush • Georgia Southern students paint a mural at a local elementary school <p>Page 10</p>	<p>Inside</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police Beat 2A News Briefs 2A Classifieds 8-9A Crossword 8A Horoscope 8A Comics 9A Sports 6A Life 10A
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Police Beat

<p>07-31-2003</p> <p>A case of harassment was reported at Willow Bend. The subject was advised to report the incident to the Statesboro Police Department.</p> <p>Officers issued three traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident and assisted one motorist.</p> <p>08-01-2003</p> <p>Officers investigated one traffic accident and responded to four fire alarms.</p> <p>08-02-2003</p> <p>Officers issued two traffic citations and three traffic warnings and responded to three fire alarms.</p> <p>08-03-2003</p> <p>Officers issued one traffic citation and one traffic warning.</p>	<p>08-04-2003</p> <p>Officers investigated one traffic accident.</p> <p>08-05-2003</p> <p>Officers issued four traffic warnings, assisted one motorist and responded to two fire alarms.</p> <p>08-06-2003</p> <p>Officers assisted one motorist and responded to one fire alarm.</p> <p>08-07-2003</p> <p>Nicholas Ryan Ward, 23, of P.O. Box 2004, Sylvania, Ga., was charged with DUI and a stop sign violation.</p> <p>08-08-2003</p> <p>A resident of Brannen Hall reported a bike missing from the Brannen Hall bike rack.</p>	<p>Officers issued two traffic warnings and assisted two motorists.</p> <p>08-09-2003</p> <p>Officers issued two traffic warnings and assisted one motorist.</p> <p>08-10-2003</p> <p>Officers responded to one fire alarm.</p> <p>08-11-2003</p> <p>A gift basket was taken from the College of Business Administration Building.</p> <p>A VCR was taken from the Parrish Building.</p> <p>Officers investigated two traffic accidents and assisted one motorist and one sick person.</p>
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Campus Calendar

<p>August 16</p> <p>Learn How to Make Gourd Containers GSU Botanical Gardens 9am to Noon Children over 11 are welcome. The cost is \$18 for members, and \$20 for non-members. Preregistration required.</p> <p>August 17</p> <p>Free Concert Russell Union Rotunda 6 pm. The free concert will feature The Kilpatrick Project and FunkBlade.</p> <p>August 18</p> <p>Step-Into-Statesboro Russell Union Rotunda, 9 a.m.</p>	<p>August 19 and 20</p> <p>Auditions, 6 p.m. Black Box Theatre William Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing' You may come with a short Shakespeare monologue no more than 10 lines prepared. You will be given material from the play to work on in the hall</p> <p>August 21</p> <p>The Multicultural Student Center Open House, second floor of the Russell Union Room 2070 11:30 a.m. - 2p.m. Come and see the new location and learn about the available resources and services that the center offers.</p>	<p>August 28</p> <p>Senior Day At GSU Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building, 9am - 3pm Open to anyone 55 and older. Exhibits previews of classes offered by "Live & Learn: The Senior Class" Light Luncheon and "Legislative Update"</p> <p>August 29</p> <p>Lexis-Nexis Academic, Henderson Library, 1 p.m. Learn about electronic databases and print and microform collections.</p>
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News Briefs

Wolfe and Blair featured in prominent science journal

G-A News Service
The work of Georgia Southern University associate professor Lorne Wolfe and former graduate student Amy Blair has attracted the attention of North America's most prestigious science journal.

The July 25, 2003, issue of Science contains an article on the presentation Wolfe and Blair made at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study

of Evolution in Chico, Calif.

At a June gathering that attracted 1,400 of their fellow biologists, Wolfe and Blair discussed their research on *Silene latifolia*, or white campion, a perennial that is spreading and interfering with alfalfa and other grain crops in Canada and the northeastern United States.

"Out of the hundreds of presentations that were made at the meeting, the journal chose to highlight only three, and we are very proud that Lorne and Amy's presentation was selected," said Stephen Vives, the chair of the Georgia Southern's biology department. "Lorne has quickly

developed an international reputation as an evolutionary ecologist, and Amy is being talked about as a potential new rising star in the field."

According to Science, Wolfe and Blair "are among a new breed of biologists scrutinizing invasive plants." Unlike traditional researchers who focus on the ecological consequences of invasive species, the Georgia Southern team is "investigating the role of evolution and genetic change in creating biological monsters," the journal reported.

For more information, visit the Science Web site a <http://www.sciencemag.org>.

Coca-Cola offers to pay up to \$21.1 million to Burger King

Associated Press
MIAMI - Coca-Cola Co. has offered to pay up to \$21.1 million to Burger King to repair damage caused by allegations that its employees rigged a marketing test of Frozen Coke at the fast-food chain's restaurants.

Atlanta-based Coca-Cola will pay \$1,000 to each restaurant that had a Frozen Coke machine installed as of May 2000, pay part of any repair costs for the machines and make up any losses that Burger King franchisees had with the equipment through June, Burger King Corp. Chief Executive Brad Blum said Tuesday in a letter to restaurant owners.

Coca-Cola's offer also includes a \$6.4 million payment to Burger King Corp., which the company plans to use for advertising, said a copy of the letter obtained by The Associated Press.

Eighty percent of Burger King franchisees must approve the terms of the agreement, Blum said.

The agreement "will foster an even stronger partnership with" Coca-Cola, Blum said. Miami-based Burger King is one of Coke's biggest customers and is the nation's second biggest hamburger chain behind McDonald's Corp.

Coca-Cola spokesman Dan Schafer declined to comment on the proposed agreement.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Atlanta is investigating the allegations, first made in a whistleblower's lawsuit. Former Coke manager Matthew Whitley claimed Coca-Cola rigged a marketing test of the popularity of the new drink and artificially boosted equipment sales.

In June, the world's biggest soft

drink company acknowledged that some of its employees undermined the test of Frozen Coke three years ago at Burger King restaurants in Virginia and said the workers had been disciplined.

Whitley's lawsuit, which was filed in state and federal courts in Atlanta, said the promotion resulted in a \$65 million investment by Burger King in Frozen Coke.

Burger King originally said it would stop selling Frozen Coke, but last week said that it had come to an agreement with Coke and would not phase out the slushy beverage, which is sold there as ICEE.

Whitley also said in his suit that some of Coke's machines that make Frozen Coke were defective, a claim Coke denies.

SMOKING, FROM PAGE 1A

just the opposite. "Smoking pollutes the air and makes people breathe in that unhealthy air, and they have no choice."

Many of the details of this proposed ban are still at the tentative level, and there is no set date for the review of the plan by the council. As for now, people are free to smoke in designated public places with no worries about breaking any city codes.

CONVOCATION, FROM PAGE 1A

Grube said.

The addition to Zach Henderson Library will begin with the sale of bonds this fall.

Grube anticipates an enrollment of 15,400 to 15,700 students for the 2003-2004 academic year.

The university has also raised the S.A.T. requirement for the entering class to a combined score of 1100.

MEALS, FROM PAGE 1A

Quizno's, Dos Primos, Bash's (formerly Buffalo's), and the Wal-Mart Optometrist Crystal Bragg.

These changes will take place immediately. Upcoming students were informed of the change when they attended Orientation sessions this summer. Returning students were told of the changes via literature from Auxiliary Services.

Bob Franklin, the Director of

Auxiliary Services said "Every year, we are asked by students to allow the meal plan to roll over. In the past, a meal plan holder had a certain number of meals available per day. If they missed meals on any day, they lost those meals. Students have asked us to allow those meals to roll over to future days.

We have refused this request because our pricing for meals includes

the fact that many meals will be missed. If we allow those meals to roll over, it will increase our cost and eventually the price of the meal plan. This year we will allow the missed meals to roll over from one day to the next until the end of the week on a trial basis. The plans will not roll over from week to week. We will have to analyze how much this increases our costs and determine if we can continue this or not."

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1 Wisconsin

Man charged after ramming two vehicles he thought were wife's

FOND DU LAC - A man accused of repeatedly ramming a car he thought belonged to his estranged wife has been charged with two counts of criminal damage to property.

Armando Cortez, 34, was charged Monday in Fond du Lac County Court and released on a \$1,000 cash bond.

A criminal complaint said Cortez repeatedly rammed his van into the side of a Ford Escort, pushing it into a pick-up truck in the same driveway at a town of Friendship home Friday around 6:30 a.m.

Witnesses say he hit the car 20 to 30 times until the Escort and the truck were pushed up against a tree and couldn't go any further about 47 feet.

The man told officers he knew the car he was ramming belonged to his wife because he bought the car for her, but it turned out to be her neighbor's.

Police said alcohol was likely a factor. He could face up to nine months in prison and \$10,000 in fines.

Cortez was scheduled to return to court Sept. 3.

in Steubenville, Ohio.

"She seemed to be a courageous kitty. We thought, this is the one," said Walkup, news director for radio station WEIR in Weirton.

4 Florida

Pensacola bank wrongly issues woman check for \$48.7 million

PENSACOLA - A 50-year-old woman unknowingly carried a \$48.7 million certified check for three days before getting a call from the bank.

Letha Schmitt got the call Wednesday from the Bank of Pensacola and immediately showed the errant check to co-workers.

"I just thought it was a hoot," she said. "I thought it was humorous."

Schmitt planned to return the check Thursday.

"It was a sweet dream while it lasted," she said. "But that's the story of my life."

W. Luther Taylor, chairman and CEO of Bank of Pensacola, said the check was an honest mistake and that Schmitt could not have cashed it.

He said a bank teller entered the check number into the space for the check amount.

"We caught it very quickly....It was a human error," Taylor said.

5 Michigan

Mother of Lansing-area police officer accused of robbing two banks

GRAND RAPIDS - A Connecticut grandmother with no prior criminal history is accused of robbing two banks in the state capital, near where her son works as a police officer.

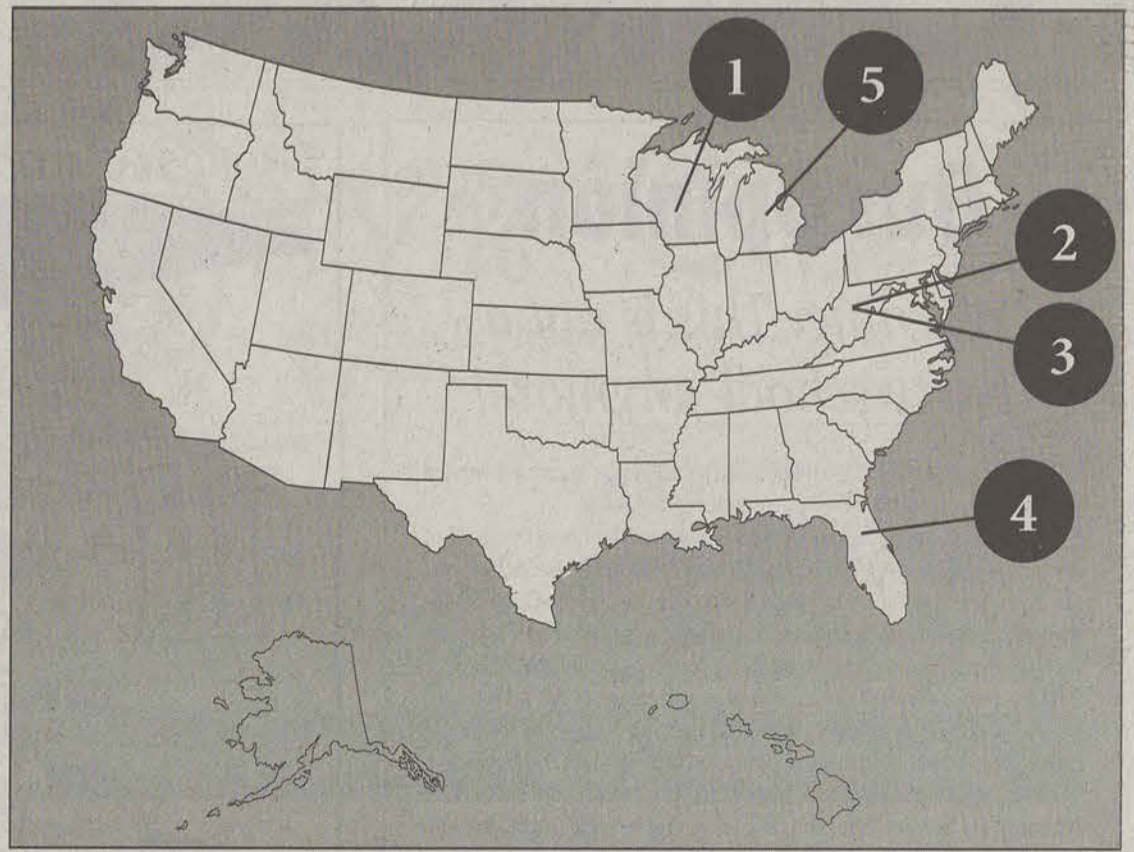
Prosecutors said Monday that Margaret Ann Thomas-Irving, who will turn 58 on Wednesday, entered National City and Bank One branches in Lansing on July 29 and demanded money from tellers, handing them notes bearing the identical threatening message:

"Be quiet! Act normal and no one gets hurt. Give me all the money you have. We have explosives (and) if anything goes wrong, it's curtains for us all."

Thomas-Irving, of Hartford, Conn., pleaded innocent to two bank robbery charges Monday during an arraignment in U.S. District Court before Magistrate Ellen S. Carmody. She was charged in federal court because the banks are insured by Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Clad in a jail-issued orange outfit, the blond woman occasionally dabbed tears from her eyes during her court appearance. She told the magistrate in a soft voice that she understood her rights and the charges filed against her.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Lloyd Meyer



said in court there is nothing in the woman's background she is self-employed in a family-run business to suggest any financial desperation.

"It's a mystery," he said afterward.

Authorities also are looking into a string of similar robberies in the Northeast to see if there may be a connection, Meyer said.

"There's a string of 'Grandma Barker' bank robberies in New England we are trying to determine whether she is linked to," he said.

Thomas-Irving's lawyer, Robert S.

Hackett, an assistant U.S. public defender based in Grand Rapids, and her son, Officer Ed Thomas of the Bath Township Police Department in Ingham County, both declined to comment about the case.

If convicted as charged, Thomas-Irving could be sentenced to 20 years in prison, fined \$250,000 and ordered to serve five years of probation. She was returned to jail after waiving her right to seek bond. Carmody didn't set a trial date.

National City was robbed of around \$970. About \$1,800 was taken from Bank One.

Thomas-Irving was arrested shortly

after the second robbery. More copies of the same threatening note were found in her purse and rental car, which had a stolen license plate, Meyer said.

Investigators also confiscated articles of her clothing, including a straw hat, that matched descriptions of what the robber wore. Two of the banks' "bait bills" currency from which the serial numbers were recorded beforehand, in case of robbery were found in her possession, Meyer said.

He also said the prosecution had two bank surveillance videotapes that show the crimes as they occurred.

2 West Virginia

Thief steals police office's computer

BLUEFIELD - A thief apparently picked the wrong person's computer to steal.

A Bluefield police officer's personal laptop computer has been stolen from a work area used by officers, Police Chief C.N. Blizzard said Wednesday.

Blizzard said the computer is valued at about \$1,000. It was reported missing early last week and hasn't been recovered.

Police have a suspect who they say worked as a trustee at the city jail. He said the suspect will probably face grand larceny charges upon his arrest.

Thefts are rare at the city's police department, which is open to the public, Blizzard said.

"As far as I know, this is the most expensive item ever taken" from the police department, he said.

3 West Virginia

Kitten finds new home after making 220-mile trip under car hood

NEW CUMBERLAND - Mercedes the traveling kitten found a new home Wednesday with an Ohio man who adopted her after seeing a television news report of her exploits.

"She was just so adorable. When you saw that on TV, you couldn't turn your back," said John Walkup of Brilliant, Ohio.

Mercedes had been at the Hancock County Animal Shelter in New Cumberland since July 25, when the 9-week-old blue-eyed tabby rode from Chambersburg, Pa., to Chester behind the grill of a Mercedes, just 3 inches from the engine's fan.

Jim Albert, the car's owner, had driven to Chester to visit a friend. When the friend opened the hood to take a look at Albert's engine, he saw the kitten.

Albert took the kitten to the animal shelter because he could not take her on a business trip. He told shelter workers he would return and get the kitten if no one adopted her by Thursday.

Walkup said his family has one cat and had discussed getting another. They decided to adopt Mercedes after seeing a news report Wednesday morning on WTOV-TV

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A valid Georgia Southern identification card is required for service.

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OPINIONS

Our Opinion

Warning: This is not a 'party school' anymore!

If you came to GSU looking for parties, then you must have missed the trip to some of the other universities in the state.

As much as we appreciate diversity, we must be honest with all of the new students. The truth is, there is little to do in historic Statesboro, Ga if you are looking for hot fun outside of activities provided by our many, legitimate campus organizations. Some of our more "fun" activities include drinking, smoking, and getting your name published in Police Beat for public displays of drunkenness and other illegal, under-aged activities, seemingly making Georgia Southern the lush of the south. Other "fun" activities include hanging out at Wal-Mart and bowling.

The point here is: Plan to be involved in what this school has to offer. Not only are our activities fun and enriching to your future, but you probably won't get arrested and have your parents calling the Registrar's office trying to find out how you are *really* using that tuition money. Georgia Southern will be for you what you make it. Many of the older students and alumni have already realized this - those who haven't need to catch up, because we are in for some major changes.

Plan to make a lot of close friends and contacts that will help you on the road to that degree, which leads us to this all too important point: *That the degree is why you are here.* More people graduate in 4+ years than don't, and that is okay, but remember that graduating is the real reason behind attending GSU. It is always cool to change majors, but it will cause you to have to stay longer in order to finish. General studies and undeclared majors are not the easiest; actually their workload is much more intense. The business majors and the tech majors may get the most funding, but not everyone is cut out for that, and that is also okay. There are plenty of other majors offered at this school that will get you to your graduation date without all of the stress. Just choose one and make it work for you.

Making friends and testing your alcohol intake is also part of that good old college try, but be responsible. You don't get another chance to relive this very important part of your life.

So, in short, welcome to Georgia Southern University. Have a good stay. And, if you are not serious, the staff of this paper will be more than happy to take your parking space.

Thoughts of the Day

- "Any dictator would admire the uniformity and obedience of the [U.S.] media." - Noam Chomsky
- "What we become depends on what we read after all of the professors are finished with us. The greatest university of all is a collection of books." - Thomas Carlyle
- "It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." - Aristotle

LETTER AND SUBMISSION POLICY

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Obligatory introduction column

You're reading the second hardest column I'll write here at Georgia Southern. The first hardest awaits us at the end of the academic year next April, when I will have to confess whether or not I have succeeded in the goals this sets forth.

Allow me to introduce myself: Your new editor-in-chief. This is my fourth year at Georgia Southern and, not coincidentally, my fourth year with *The George-Anne*. Truth be told, I joined forces with The G-A only a few days after arriving at GSU. My time with this publication has been the defining element of my undergraduate career, and debatably my most life-changing experience to date.

On second thought... That isn't debatable. That's definite.

Over the course of the past three years, I've enjoyed many mirthful experiences with this newspaper. Just as a sampling, I've successfully covered a wide array of positive campus news and activities, met scores of fascinating people, reassigned campus dining establishments with affectionate euphemisms, and challenged some respectable Sons of Confederate Veterans members. I've invented a word, directed students to the location of the best rain puddles on campus, and defended body art in the form of tattoos.

I've designed almost 75 front-page layouts, and at least as many entertainment and features pages. I've donned a sarcastic superhero status and defended my journalistic honor against my self-proclaimed arch-nemesis and managing editor. I've documented the growth of buildings and facilities at the university with images, words,

and pride.

However, I've also had the heart-wrenching task of printing news of the tragic deaths of more than a few of our fellow students and members of our loveable faculty. I've had to investigate homicides. I've watched in disappointment as worthwhile, informative activities have gone unattended by members of the university community.

I've ambled nervously to the newsroom, unsure of what to expect, after a hastily cancelled class one September morning almost two years ago. I've stood around a television crying and grief-stricken, while my co-workers and I struggled to overcome our disbelief and perform our duties as journalists.

All of these experiences (and many more) have combined to place me in my current position. I am proud to be here, but I'll be the first to admit: I'm a little afraid. I'm sure you're all wondering what there is to fear. Perhaps you don't give a hoot whether or not this newspaper is sound and effective. Regarding that, I ask you to consider the fact that this paper - this very page, in fact - is your voice, and the most tangible representation of our character available to the surrounding community.

I want everyone to understand three things - and these I feel to such a degree that I will unabashedly print them here for whoever reads this. I love this newspaper. I love this school. And, I love this town. I have three major aspirations during my term as editor.

The first is to better serve our community by bridging the gap between the university and Statesboro, making students aware of the richly historic and cultural municipality that hosts our

institution of learning. My strongest desire is to involve the community in this publication, and make it a public forum for information and entertainment. Finally, though it sounds like an over-generalization, I want to produce a newspaper my readers cherish as much as I do.

Now, as I type this, I feel my stomach churn. Every editor in the history of editors has extended the request I am about to extend, in so many words. But, this comes from the bottom of my heart, and to neglect saying it would be a disservice to everyone.

You are all invited to become active in the vitality of this paper.

In the realm of objective reporting, if you see news happening, snap a picture and send it in. Drop us an email. Give me a call. Unfortunately, my reporters can't be everywhere at once. But, with your help, we can strive to be where we're needed, when we're needed.

In the arena of editorials and opinions, if you feel something threatening the spirit of a safe, educational environment at GSU, write a letter to the editor. My objective is not to throw a quick, haughty response to you and send your correspondence to the recycling center. I am here to print relevant views. Your views. Our views. That inherently means views opposing mine, and views opposing yours.

The dichotomies produced are at least half the fun.

I will not allow our newspaper to become a message board.

I will print stories, and I will print a reasonable number of responses to that story. I will print an opinion, and



Amanda Permenter
editor-in-chief

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The Germans have a word for America's fascination with celebrity plight

By Lenore Skenazy
KRT Campus

It's turning out to be a schadenfreude kind of summer.

No, that doesn't mean damp beyond endurance. Schadenfreude is German for "joy at the suffering of others." And if that's not the exact emotion "Gigli" is inspiring in every American except those who own stock in Sony Pictures, I'm Martha Stewart.

Who, by the way, is another font of national schadenfreude. As is William ("I'm So Busy Being Virtuous I Forgot to Tell You I'm a Compulsive Gambler") Bennett. And also Mike ("I Went Broke on \$300 Million") Tyson. And even Kobe Bryant, the erstwhile golden boy who, at the very least, committed adultery and then had thechutzpah to dub it a "mistake" - as if he'd been caught putting a Coke can in the garbage instead of recycling.

To complete the schadenfreude soufflé, we have Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez themselves. Not only are these super-rich, super-beautiful superstars stuck with a bona fide Butterball, now they're also dealing with the fact that Ben just may have been cavorting - that's the polite word - with strippers (another polite word). When? On the exact same night that J.Lo was on TV burbling about their love. It's just

too juicy!

But why? Why the secret spasms of glee we feel at such tsuris? It's not that we actively wished any of these people ill. (Except Mike, for being a rapist.) But now that ill has arrived, we're handing it a beer.

Are we that shallow? Sadistic? Envious? Are our lives so pathetic that we can enjoy them only when we remind ourselves, "Well, at least I'm not facing eight to 10 like a certain doyenne of domesticity I know?"

Take heart, my fellow schadenfreuders: Psychologists are hypothesizing that this feeling is not evil, only human. "When you find something that is universal in people, like enjoying the taste of sweet food" - or the suffering of others - "you're plugging into a part of human nature," says Professor Frank McAndrew of Illinois' Knox College.

Evolutionary psychologists like McAndrew believe that human nature evolved by holding onto the traits that kept us alive. For instance: Our sweet tooth meant we spat out many bitter poisonous plants.

But how on earth did schadenfreude keep us alive? By making us long to live to see another day of the O.J. Simpson trial?

No, it's more practical than that. It really boils down to learning information about your rival's weakness.

"For most of the 3 million years we were evolving, we lived in little groups of humans," explains McAndrew. "You knew everything about everyone in your group" - especially the top banana. "If I was a caveman and I wanted to climb the social ladder, I had to keep my eye on him. What did I want to know about him? Anything that I could exploit. So if I find out that he's broken his leg or just had a falling out with his wife, that's valuable."

A limping leader can be beaten up. A miffed mate may want to switch partners and mate with me! So we survived - and thrived - by getting the scoop on our rivals.

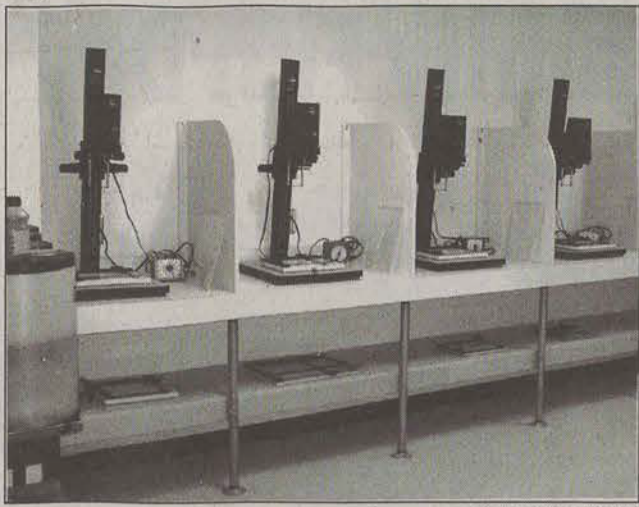
But J.Lo and Ben aren't our rivals, right? I mean, unless we happen to be Julia Roberts or Keanu Reeves?

Ah, but your mind thinks they are, says McAndrew. Thanks to constant celebrity coverage, "We know so many intimate details about them, it sort of tricks us psychologically. We react to them as if they are important people in our lives."

And when bad things happen to them, we rejoice. Our rivals have been routed. As one friend said to me: "If J.Lo dumps Ben, that means I can still get him!"

And next summer we'll be reading about you. Can't wait!

BUILDINGS, FROM PAGE 1A



Dallas Oliver/STAFF

A row of photo enlargers awaits use in the new Art Building.

freshman and organic chemistry than ever before. Students who do research will get a chance to use newer equipment that is beginning to take force in the mainstream chemistry field. In the past faculty had to share lab space, now each faculty member has a small personal research lab.

Dean James Bradford of the College of Information Technology, which currently has a temporary occupancy certificate to be housed in the IT building said "that most of the faculty is thrilled to be finally moving in and to teach in the state of the art facility." The new building will host

a new deli style restaurant, called the Hard Drive Cafe, which will be in the lobby.

Two new residence halls were built to replace Dorman and Cone Halls. Dorman Hall was destroyed early this summer. Cone Hall is currently undergoing renovations to become an administrative building. The two new residential halls are Southern Pines and Southern Courtyard.

Southern Pines is made up of two and four bedroom deluxe suites that have a kitchenette, fridge, microwave, and a sitting room. Students have individual private bedrooms. Each room has double beds, a desk, is fully carpeted, and has Internet connections and cable. There will be five different buildings with keys to each gate.

Every door will open to a breezeway and an outdoor courtyard. This will be home to I.T., honor, transfers, and upper class students, with a twenty-five-station computer lab, and a gate to keep commuters from parking in their parking lot that opens with a swipe card. A sidewalk will connect the residential hall to campus.

The second new residential hall added this year is Southern Courtyard. Southern Courtyard was built in the same spot as the old residential hall of Oxford. Southern Courtyard will house 480 students. Each one of the rooms has a full service kitchen, washer, dryer, and a dining room table;

there is a waiting list for people that want to live in Southern Courtyard.

All the new rooms have a panic alarm, so that if there is a problem it can be turned on and a call will be made to Public Safety automatically. This is to help students feel more secure in their environment.

"The new building is a dream, with windows that go up to the ceiling, which create cascading light."

- Patricia Carter, acting head of the GSU Art Department

Even with the close of Dorman and Cone Halls this year, housing can house more than seven hundred more students than this time last year.

Winburn Hall also underwent a huge makeover this summer. The rooms

were equipped with Internet connection, cable in the rooms, as well as new heating and air conditioners, and the walls were painted.

The Art department also underwent a move this summer. They moved into the old Marvin Pittman Teaching School. The schoolhouse was renamed the Art building. According to Patricia Carter, the acting head of the Art Department, "This is the second phase of moving the Art department out of the Foy Fine Arts Building, the first phase was the moving of the Ceramics to a state of the art facility near the ROTC tower. The new building is a dream, with windows that go up to the ceiling, which create cascading light."

The Painting Department and the Graduate Art classes are moving to the Art Building; they had been housed in rented space. There are now two drawing rooms where in Foy there was only one.

The Art Gallery will still be housed in the Foy Fine Art Building until a new gallery can be built behind the Art building.

Students are to be reminded that many of these new buildings are moving to the southwest part of campus.

The parking on that side of campus is restricted due to Priority parking and they may have to park a long distance from where they parked last year.

PERMENTER, FROM PAGE A4

and I will print a response to that opinion. Anything beyond that is personal, not communal—disengaging, not constructive. We print email addresses with every piece we publish. When the Opinions page sparks a debate, as it often will, use that as a springboard for intelligent communication with other students, faculty members, or community figures.

No movement will shake the general stance of this newspaper. It is a common myth among journalism civilians that a newspaper should show no bias whatsoever. First of all, that is realistically impossible. Secondly, it is, for lack of a stronger term, a lie. Historically, newspapers have cheerfully endorsed certain political candidates. Thematically, all newspapers take their objective stances by first copping a squat somewhere on the political scale that runs left to right; right to left. *The Washington Times* describes itself as center-right, and approaches its news from that angle. Meanwhile, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* is admittedly center-left.

It works the same way with broadcast journalism. CNN is often "accused" of having left-wing sympathies, and Fox News receives similar right-wing "accusations." Well, that's because they do, and they are. To point out those ostensible differences in their coverage is not an act of genius. It's a reasonable observation of fact.

As a general rule, universities foster a somewhat liberal frame of reference that allows for free consideration of philosophical issues. This school is no exception, and neither is this newspaper. Bottom line.

Of course, that is not to say I won't print varying views if you send them to me. Unless I find a piece is defamatory, distasteful, or discriminatory, I will be glad to publish it.

I will not print retractions regarding opinion columns. What's on Page 4 does not classify as objective reporting. Do not waste your time writing to me (or to my editors) to say that we have practiced shoddy journalism because of something you read on the Opinions page. Open the paper and read the largest word on each page. If that word is "Opinions," do not expect anything on that page to be objective in the least. My job is to carefully examine what runs on the Opinions page, and if it is in any way detrimental, I won't run it. If I run it and you happen to disagree with it, write a response. Put your first amendment rights to use. We're begging you.

Through the next two semesters, you'll get to know more about me, and I'll get to know more of you. As the late, great early-childhood mentor Mr. Fred Rodgers always said: "You'll have things you'll want to talk about. I will, too."

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2003 Eagles meet and greet fans at Family Fun Day

By Brian Saxton
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A Statesboro summer thunderstorm delayed the Eagles' annual family fun and media day events, but eventually the rain gave way to a light mist.

Minutes later the football team marched into Paulson stadium to take group photos and meet with fans and reporters. Players and coaches signed autographs for children and parents alike and gave interviews to newspaper and television reporters from all around southeast Georgia. Some players like free safety A.J. Bryant, gave free lessons to the younger fans. Bryant gave a young fan the thrill of his life when he allowed the youngster to borrow his shoulder pads and drive him playfully to the ground. The mist remained but it wasn't the only thing hanging in the air. A sense of eagerness and excitement also radiated off the players.

All American Linebacker James Burchett is definitely eager to get on the field. "I've been ready to go ever since the first day of camp, I've had dreaming about it since Western Kentucky. It left a bad taste in my mouth, in everybody's."

Only time and the playoff Gods can determine if Georgia Southern will get another crack at Western Kentucky but there are definitely other

teams on the schedule that the Eagles are hungry to play. Wofford upset a young GSU Squad at home last year. The Terriers held Mike Sewak's



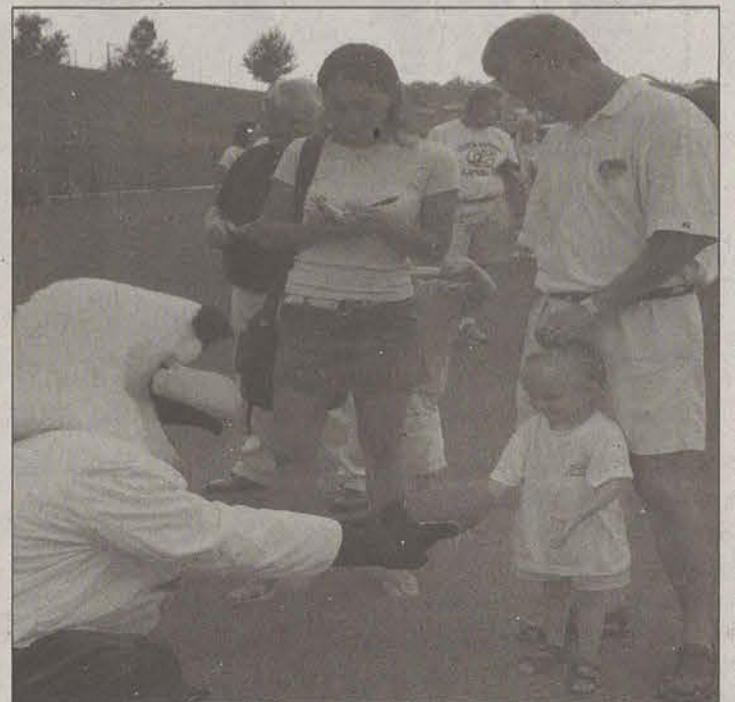
spread option attack to 7 points on the way to a 14-7 win. The Eagles travel to Spartanburg, SC. for a rematch on Sept. 20.

The Eagles also play one of the biggest 1-AA games scheduled by any two teams this year. They travel to Lake Charles, LA. to face the McNeese State Cowboys. The Cowboys are

ranked number one in most preseason polls and the Eagles are ranked number two. McNeese lost to Western Kentucky in the championship game last year but return a majority of their starters. If the Eagles wanted a test to see how much they improved since last year then they've got a good one. Both McNeese and Georgia Southern have a lot to play for.

Though the McNeese game is big and the team is thirsty for revenge against Wofford, neither team were the first to come out of players' mouth when asked who they looked forward to playing the most. No, that honor goes to the Furman Paladins. "Even though we blew them out last year. . . playoffs two years ago (pause) we cant forget that game" replied junior offensive lineman Paul Collins. Furman handed Georgia Southern their first ever home playoff lost in 2001 and the Eagles haven't forgotten it.

Don't worry, Mike Sewak's team is not looking past Savannah State. They're not just eager to play the Paladins or the Terriers or the Cowboys, no these boys are anxious to play anybody. They've got a lot to prove and they wont get a chance to do it until Sept. 6 when the Tigers roll into Paulson stadium.



Photos by LaVene Bell

Eagle fans met and greeted GSU football players, cheerleaders and GUS at Paulson Stadium at Family Fun/Media Day. (Insert) Quarterback Chaz Williams #10 signing an autograph for a young Eagle fan. (Above) GUS entertains fans of all ages.

Injuries hampering Atlanta defense

Associated Press

If everyone stays healthy, Wade Phillips thinks the Atlanta Falcons will have one of the NFL's elite defenses this year.

"Yeah, and if I win the lottery, I might retire altogether," the second-year defensive coordinator said with a smile. "Preventing injuries is impossible. It's how you react to those situations that can make or break you."

Phillips watched Wednesday afternoon as defensive backs Emmitt Thomas continued to mix and match personnel in the secondary. The Falcons, working in shells for the third straight practice, have 10 defensive players nursing injuries as they prepare for the preseason opener Saturday night against Green Bay.

For a 26-year NFL veteran with two stops as a head coach, Phillips takes the news in stride. His sense of humor helps prevent Phillips, the son of legendary coach Bum Phillips, from taking himself too seriously.

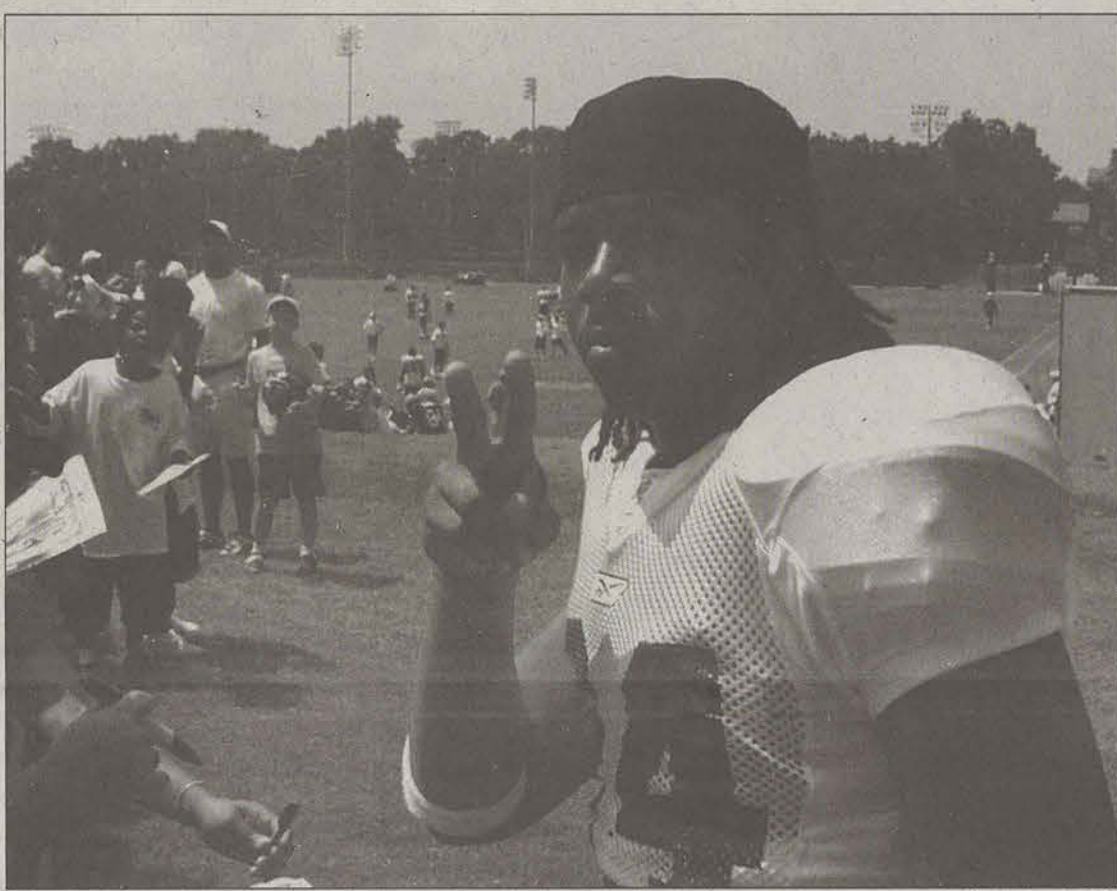
He grinned last week after asking Garrett Mohr, the 10-year-old son of punter Chris Mohr, if he remembered him from Buffalo. Phillips led the Bills to a 29-19 record as their head coach from 1998-2000.

"Oh, yeah, Buffalo - that's the team that cut my dad," Garrett Mohr told Phillips. "But they fired you."

Said Phillips, "What do you expect? I'm the son of a Bum."

The Falcons improved last year under Phillips, going from 30th to 19th in total defense. They finished third with 39 takeaways, fourth with 47 sacks and ninth in points allowed (19.6 average).

Phillips plugged several holes. Tackle Shane Dronett missed the entire season with a shoulder injury. Cornerback Ray Buchanan, who tested positive for ephedrine, served a four-game suspension early in the season and was ineffective in December after pulling



Bobby Lindsey/STAFF

Atlanta Falcon's Cornerback, Ray Buchanan, poses for a photo recently at the Falcon's Training Camp at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina.

an abdominal muscle.

Defensive lineman Travis Hall was out all of August and most of September with an abdominal strain. Starting outside linebacker Will Overstreet played in only two games before tearing up a shoulder. Starting inside linebacker John Holceek broke a forearm in Week 14.

"That's what I get paid to do," said Phillips, who's in the second season of a three-year, \$2 million contract. "Hopefully our defense is easy enough to learn, so we can get the job done with whatever players we use."

Atlanta entered Wednesday with six defensive backs hurting, including starting safeties Keion Carpenter (hyperextended knee) and Cory Hall (groin pull). Though both practiced

and likely will start against the Packers, Carpenter and Hall are expected to see limited action.

Cornerback Tod McBride, expected to back up starter Ray Buchanan on the left side and battle Kevin Mathis and rookie Bryan Scott for the nickel job, has been out since July 28 with a broken thumb and likely will miss the rest of the month.

Juran Bolden, who filled in for Buchanan and played nickel last year, is still recovering from reconstructive knee surgery six months ago and may not return until October.

The Falcons hoped moving rookie Wayne Bacon from strong safety would solve some depth problems at cornerback, but the sixth-round

draft pick from Alabama practiced Wednesday with a slightly pulled groin.

Personnel lacked enough at left cornerback that Jason Waters, a former walk-on receiver at Tennessee who learned to play defense in the Arena League, has tried to fill in after Buchanan and Mathis. Waters was signed to Atlanta's practice squad last year as a receiver.

Phillips has been pleased with the recent play of Travaris Robinson, an undrafted free agent who starred at Auburn last year. Projected to play cornerback in Atlanta, Robinson instead moved to free safety during passing working behind Carpenter, who's coming off spinal fusion surgery, and Kevin McCadam, who's better suited at strong safety.

Eagles hope to soar past #1 McNeese State in 2003 football season

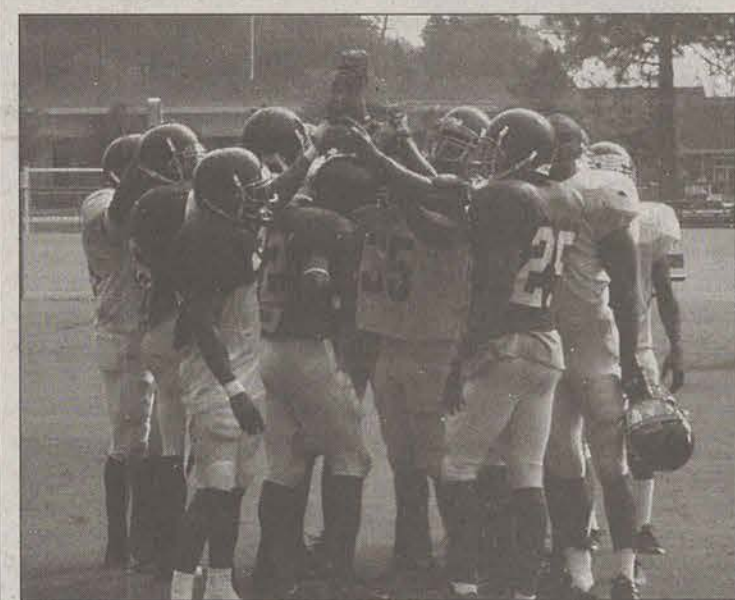
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According to the ESPN/USA Today poll and the The Sports Network Pre-season poll, the most anticipated match between McNeese State and Georgia Southern has the makings of a great game because it is going to be a game between #1 ranked McNeese State and #2 ranked Georgia Southern.

If you can't make it out to Lake Charles for the game, it will be shown on Fox Sports South, and hopefully the game will be on the big screen at either Retrievers or Bash's.

In the rest of the poll three other Southern Conference teams were listed under the top 25. On the ESPN/USA Today poll they have Appalachian State at 8, Furman at 9, and Wofford at 16. According to the Sports Network, Furman is at 8, Appalachian State at 9, while Wofford is preseason at 19.

Even though each poll is a little different, it means that Georgia Southern has a tough road ahead of them and the team needs your support to help defeat difficult opponents by showing up at home football games.



Andrew Lash/STAFF


Fall football practice begins as the Eagles strive for another successful season in the hopes of another National Championship.

ESPN/USA Today Division 1-AA Preseason Top 25

1	McNeese State (23)
2	Georgia Southern (8)
3	Montana (7)
4	Western Illinois (6)
5	Western Kentucky (12)
6	Northeastern (1)
7	Grambling (2)
8	Appalachian State
9	Furman
10	Idaho State
11	Villanova
12	Bethune Cookman
13	Fordham
14	Maine
15	Montana State
16	Wofford
17	Massachusetts
18	Delaware
19	Eastern Illinois
20	Pennsylvania
21	SE Missouri State
22	Nicholls State
23	Northwestern State
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Paladin Stadium, Furman University home of the Furman Paladins and the Atlanta Falcons training camp in Greenville South Carolina.

Special to the G-A

Furman University head football coach Bobby Lamb announced that juniors Isaac West and Willis Sudderth have been suspended indefinitely pending university disciplinary action after the two were arrested by campus police.

According to the arrest report, West, 21, a wide receiver from Augusta, Ga., and Sudderth, a tight end from Lilburn, Ga., 20, were taken into custody and charged with grand larceny after removing a tent from campus. In addition, Sudderth was charged with possession of a controlled substance after small amounts of marijuana were found in his vehicle.

Both players have applied for admission into Greenville County's pretrial diversion program for non-violent crime first offenders.

"We're very disappointed in the events that took place last Thursday involving Isaac and Willis and the impact their behavior has had on our football program and the university community," Lamb said. "We expect Furman student-athletes to be great citizens and to understand how their actions affect their teammates and others. Since we're now faced with a situation where it will take some time to sort out what disciplinary action will be taken from a legal and university standpoint, I am announcing an indefinite suspension of both players."

West and Sudderth were both recently named to the preseason All-Southern Conference squad. A year ago West caught 39 passes for 708 yards and a team leading seven touchdowns despite missing three games with a fractured collarbone. Sudderth, meanwhile, earned his second consecutive all-conference honor in 2002 after catching eight passes for 103 yards and a touchdown.

An exciting month for stargazers

Later this month, Mars will be closer to Earth than at any time in recorded history

KRT Campus

Most people associate fireworks with July. For astronomy fans, this year the most spectacular light show will sparkle in August.

Already, Mars twinkles like a giant red ruby in the night sky. It is hurtling toward its closest pass by Earth in nearly 60,000 years. That will come Aug. 27, when the Red Planet will be about 35 million miles away.

It probably won't mean a local phone call home for any favorite Martians among us. But with the planet about 1,000 times brighter than normal, it will make for out-of-this-world stargazing.

"It's going to be a pretty big show for us," says Robert Crider, president of the Fort Wayne Astronomical Society. "We hope to be able to see some things on Mars."

But before we tell you how to enjoy these unusual astronomical opportunities, one note of caution: While stargazing, you will encounter Unfriendly Flying Objects intent on sucking as much blood from you as possible.

So lather on the insect repellent to keep the mosquitoes away.

Astronomers describe Mars' sky show as perihelic opposition.

Earth and Mars both follow elliptical, or oval-shaped, orbits around the sun. Every two years, the planets end up at about the same place in their orbits at the same time. About every 15 years, that passing occurs when both planets are closest to the sun, or at their perihelion.

The term "opposition" means the orbits have brought the Earth and Mars into a straight line with the sun, with Earth in the middle.

At perihelion, Earth and Mars typically hang closer together in space than they do during other portions of their orbits. For that reason, the two planets many times have been nearly as close as they will be Aug. 27. The most recent time occurred in 1988.

But you don't have to wait until Aug. 27 to see Mars. It is nearly as bright now and will remain brighter than normal through mid-October, Crider says.

To see stars and planets, astronomers usually recommend picking a

clear night and driving out to the country to escape the glow of city lights.

Mars is so bright now, however, you can look at it from your yard.

At nightfall, Mars will hang low in the southeast sky. It will look like a bright, reddish or rust-colored star, Crider says.

"It will outshine any objects except the moon," he says.

As the evening progresses into early morning, Mars will rise on about a 30-degree angle in the sky, he says.

Powerful binoculars may allow you to see the planet as a disc rather than just a twinkling light, Crider says. To see the planet's white, south-polar cap or other landscape features, you probably will need an 8-inch, reflecting telescope or one more powerful.

So pick a clear night and take your family or friends out to see Mars' spectacular show. After all, if you miss this one, you won't have a similar opportunity for 284 years.



Special Photo

This month and next, Earth is catching up with Mars in an encounter that will culminate in the closest approach between the two planets in recorded history. The next time Mars may come this close is in 2287.

MTV gives green light to Green

KRT Campus

It's not certain yet whether "The New Tom Green Show" will be around long enough to become old, but it's at least moving in that direction.

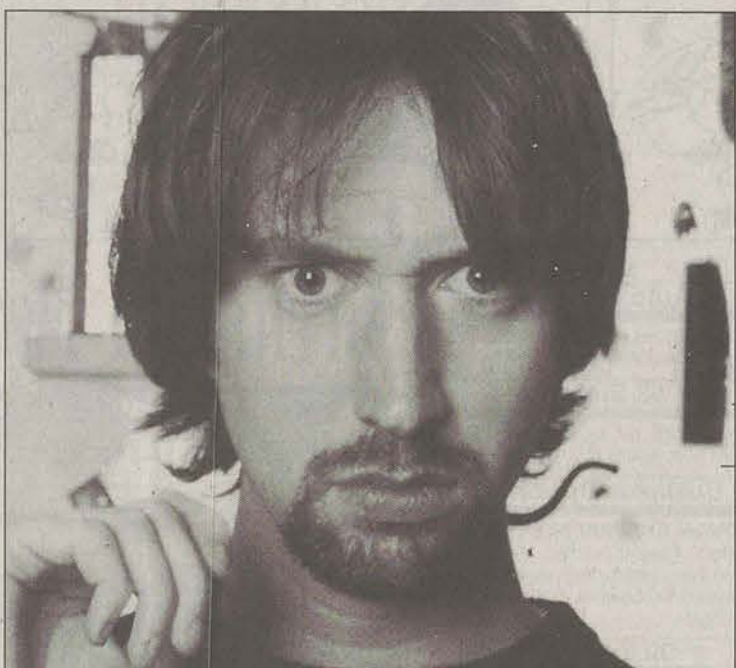
MTV is picking up the late-night show for an additional 13 weeks, which will extend Green's second go-round with the network through most of the rest of the year. New episodes began airing last week.

"We are thrilled to be able to continue production on the 'The New Tom Green Show,'" says John Miller, head of series development for MTV. "We're excited to give Tom another 65 hours to entertain the audience with his signature brand of unique comedy."

For his part, Green says he's "having a great time doing the show and am very happy to continue my relationship with MTV."

"The New Tom Green Show" sticks a little closer to the standard late-night talk-show format than Green's previous MTV series did. Green still does some cringe-inducing pre-taped bits, but he also wears a suit and talks to his guests in a more or less normal way.

The show, which airs at midnight Eastern time weekdays, has drawn respectable ratings for MTV.



Special Photo

MTV's Tom Green, who is well known for his crash sense of humor, his second MTV show has received the go ahead for 13 more episodes.

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1st Person
Samuel L. Jackson

He is one of the most sought-after stars, making an average of five films a year since 1992. He says being able to play roles where his race makes no difference is progress for black actors and audiences.

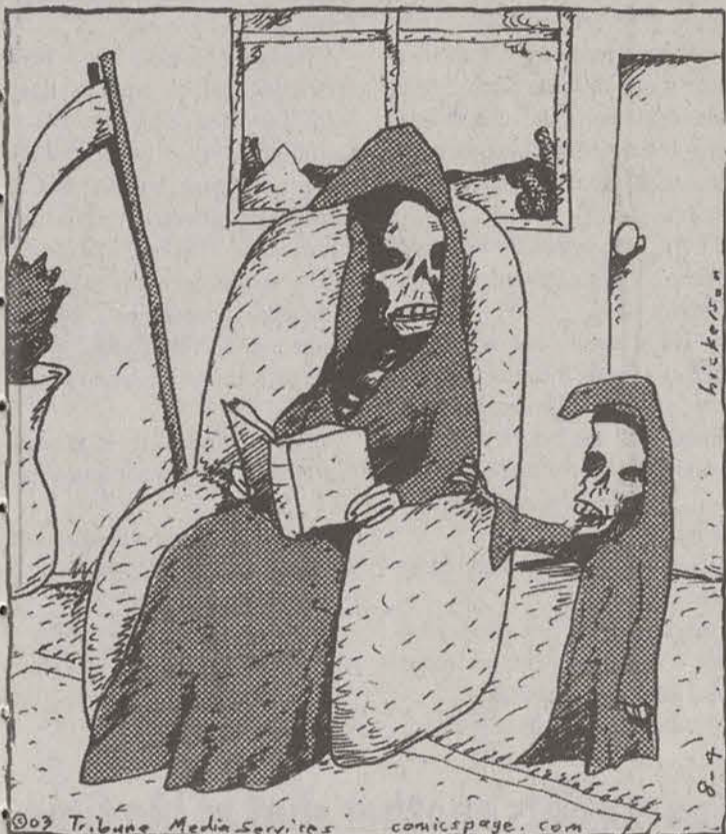
Did you know?

- **Likes Spike:** After meeting director Spike Lee in 1981, appeared in "School Daze," three other Lee films
- **Confession:** In 1996, admitted to mid-1980s crack addiction; used that experience to play a crackhead in Lee's "Jungle Fever" (1991), considered his breakthrough film performance
- **Early role models:** Actors Sidney Poitier, Errol Flynn, his mom
- **Acting chops:** After getting his start in TV commercials, spent years doing live theater with the Negro Ensemble Company, New York Shakespeare Festival
- **Body double:** Bill Cosby's stand-in for three years on "The Cosby Show"

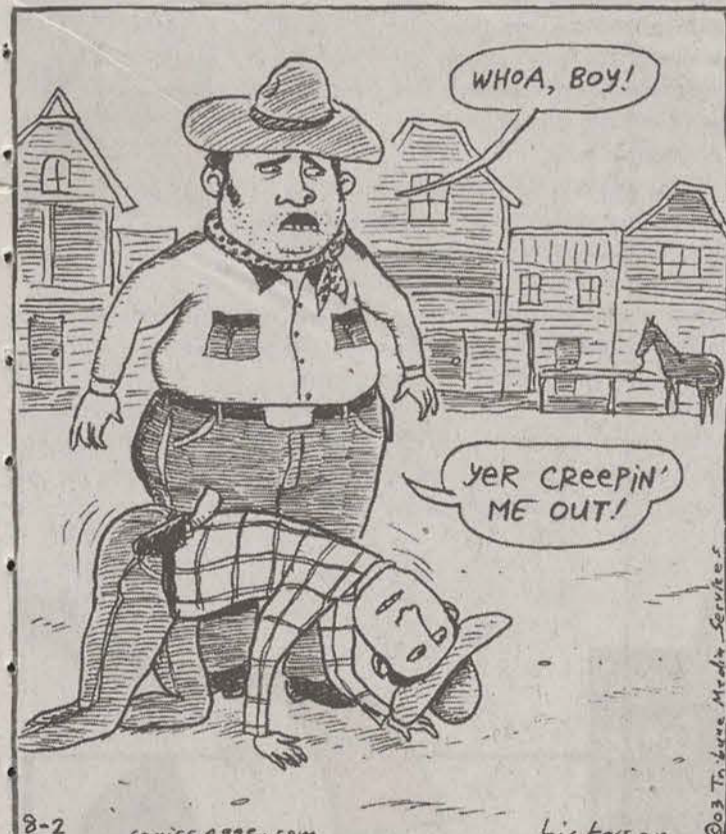
Vital statistics

- **Born:** 1948 in Washington, D.C., raised in segregated Chattanooga, Tenn., by his mother (domestic worker, supply buyer) and her parents
- **Family:** Married actress LaTanya Richardson; one daughter, Zoe
- **Education:** B.A. in drama, Morehouse College; suspended for a year for holding trustees (including Martin Luther King Sr.) hostage to protest the lack of a black studies program

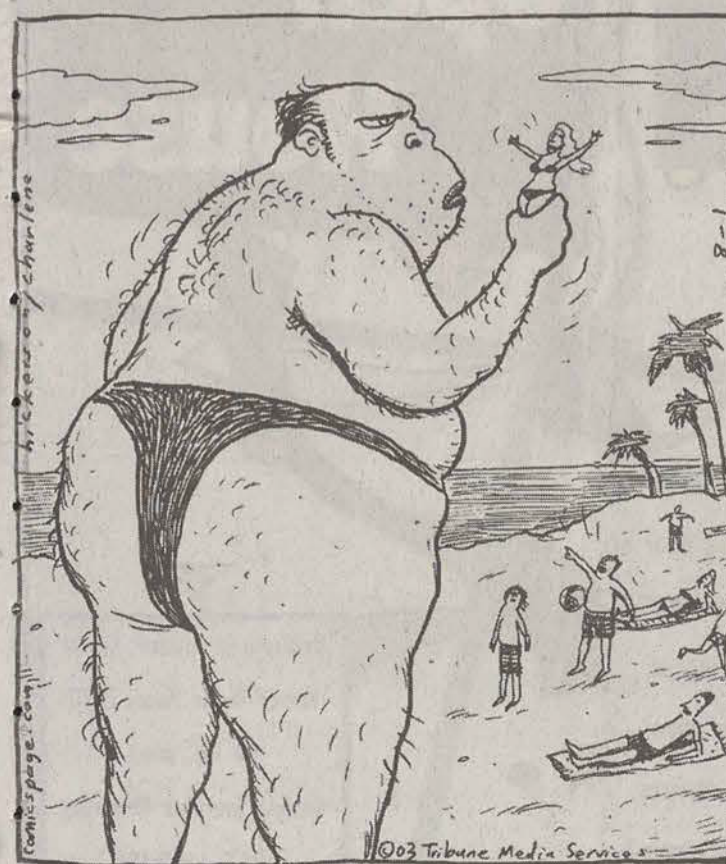
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"Hey, Dad ... Me and some of the kids are goin' down to the coast for Death Break ... can I borrow the scythe?"



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230 Roommates

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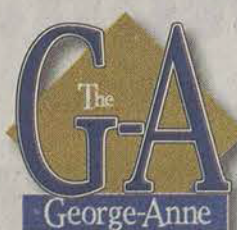
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Mural on the wall... Mural



David Caselli, GSU student, paints a marsh scene at Julia P. Bryant Elementary School in Statesboro. GSU art students contributed over 150 hours in the span of four days to complete ten murals measuring six by ten feet, each depicting distinct wildlife in natural habitats.

Special Photos



Eddie Mortin lends his artistic abilities to a desert habitat.



Lauren Williams makes a rainforest come to life.

Sorority rush begins at GSU

By Laura Porte
lporte@gasou.edu

Over 300 young women will fill Olympic Boulevard this Thursday in hopes of finding a sorority organization they can consider a "home away from home."

"Recruitment was a great way for me to meet people. Coming to college can be overwhelming but meeting girls and joining a sorority gave me friends who were going through the same things I was," said Ashley Mize, a member of Alpha Delta Pi.

The recruitment process is four days long. On the first day, potential members visit each of the six sororities participating: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Omicron Pi, Zeta Tau Alpha, Kappa Delta, Alpha Delta Pi, and Phi Mu.

This day, entitled "Ice Breakers" is exactly what its name insinuates: a time to break the ice and get to know each of the sororities. Each potential member lines up outside the sorority house. Once inside each house, the potential members are introduced to each chapter and try to get to know a little about them.

The second day is philanthropy day and each sorority does a project with the potential members for the various philanthropies that the chapter participates in. The Greeks on the Georgia Southern Campus have volunteered over 14,000 hours and donated over \$39,000 to local and national philanthropies. These philanthropies range from Arthritis Research to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The third day is skit day and it is a great opportunity for each potential member to see the sororities' individuality as the chapter performs a skit for them.

"Skit day was my favorite day. I liked seeing all of the girls' personalities and seeing everyone's talents



File Photo

Six sororities will participate in a four-day recruitment process on GSU's Greek Row this week.

show through," said Brooke Bartley, a member of Kappa Delta.

As the week goes on the choices are narrowed down and on the final day, potential members visit only two sorority houses. Preference day is a serious day when each sorority tells the potential members what their sorority means to them. Each chapter holds a ceremony, and after this day the potential member chooses which sorority she would like to become a part of.

Cara Dawn Byford, the new Greek advisor, is looking forward to recruitment this week.

"The students have worked really hard to make their organizations better, and that makes me extremely enthusiastic," said Byford, a graduate of University of Northern Alabama. This is Byford's first year going through recruitment.

"New members always add excitement," she said.

Jessica Deckert, Panhellenic president, is also eager about the women going through recruitment.

"We're very excited about recruit-

ment this year. We have 321 girls going through and each of them has a minimum GPA of a 2.5," said Deckert.

Deckert is also excited about the Pi Chi's, or recruitment counselors, who assist the potential members through the recruitment process.

"We have 23 Pi Chi's who've been in training and are working really hard. They aren't allowed to talk to any of their sorority sisters until the entire recruitment process is over to eliminate any influence over potential members," said Deckert.

Greeks make up nearly 13 percent of the student population at Georgia Southern and Deckert said "We are more than happy to increase those numbers!"

Byford wants all women to know that sorority recruitment is not only for freshmen.

"Sophomores and juniors should keep an open mind about going through recruitment," she said.

Anyone interested in joining a Greek organization can go by the office in the Russell Union or call 681-5185 for more information.

Rural rapper Bubba Sparxx gets another shot at big time

KRT Campus

Bubba Sparxxx knows firsthand how fast your stock can fall in the music business.

"I was one of the biggest things for a couple of months," the rapper says. "Then it was, 'We think you're a fluke and you're over.'"

While "Dark Days" opened at No. 3 on Billboard's Top 200 Album chart, the buzz from the first album quickly evaporated, and it wound up selling a relatively modest 609,000 copies.

"I don't think we did a thorough enough job of explaining that this is a real way of life," Sparxxx says. "I needed to give light to the rural environment, which is something hip hop had never given light to before."

Sparxxx has done precisely that on his second album, "Deliverance," which hits stores in August. A vast improvement over "Dark Days," the new album finds Sparxxx rapping in a more raw and methodical style over music that makes more informed use of Southern sounds.

With its scratchy country fiddles and dusty blues harmonicas, "Deliverance" could be hip hop's answer to "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" It also arrives at a time when fans are more familiar with rural hip hop, due to the group Nappy Roots' breakthrough last year.

Still, Sparxxx says he came to the new album with a chip on his shoulder. In his raps, he's defensive about


the people who see him as a one-hit wonder. "Even some people at my label didn't think

I was going to be able to come back," he says. Though Sparxxx acknowledges that "second chances are rarely given" in music, he claims that however "Deliverance" fares, he's pleased.

"Now I can put my head on the pillow at night, and sleep better knowing one thing: I've finally done the best music I could do."




Bubba Sparxxx



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- Carpool Parking
- Non-Commuter Zone



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Pittman Administration Building	101	4D
Deal Hall	102	4D
Anderson Hall—Financial Aid	103	4D
Rosenwald Building	104	4D,E
Eidson Alumni House	105	4E
Blue Building	107	4D
Welcome Center/Parking	108	3D
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Administration Annex	211	4,5D
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Building 803	803	3E
Building 807	807	3E
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College Plaza Building	814	1E
East Georgia College Center	818	6D

ACADEMIC BUILDINGS

Hollis Building	200	3,4E
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Math/Physics/Psychology Bldg.	203	4E
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Family & Consumer Science	239	4C
Science & Nursing Building	250	5C
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Hanner Building	500	3E
Ironworks	502	3E
Wiggins Baseball Building	510	3D
Fitness Extension Annex	853	5E,F

OUTDOOR & SPECIAL EVENT FACILITIES

McCroan Auditorium	101	4D
Georgia Southern Museum	104	3,4D

Parrish Football Center	111	3E
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Center for Wildlife Education & Lamar Q Ball, Jr. Raptor Ctr.	240	4C
Foy Fine Arts Building	205	4E
Russell Union Ballroom	401	4E
Russell Union Theater	401	4E
Anderson Pavilion	515	7B
Hanner Tennis Courts	601	3E
Football Practice Fields	602	2D
Paulson Stadium	603	7,8D
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USACC Tower	606	6C
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Veazy Hall	301	4D
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Brannen Hall	304	3D

Sanford Hall	305	3D
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Storage Warehouse	408	6D
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North Building	802	3E

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The 2003 - 2004 Campus Parking Plan

By Brandon Sparks
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Parking has a new plan – and you'll need one too when looking for a spot this year.

According to Director of Auxiliary Services Joe Franklin who oversees Parking and Transportation, "The amount of space available for parking near the center of campus has been identified and paved for parking. As the university has grown in people and buildings, the parking available has been decreased to the point where the past patterns of parking no longer best serve the University."

So with this in mind, The Department of Parking and Transportation had to think of ways of creating additional parking spots without adding any new lots. After much debate the new plan including four different options for students and three for faculty was introduced at the Earth Day celebration last April.

Students will have the option of choosing from priority, general, carpooling, and sports complex parking. Faculty and staff were given normal parking plans, but also have the choice of using the carpooling and sports complex lots.

"In the past, we have had enough parking for everyone reasonably close to the center of campus. There has always been enough parking on-campus, but it just wasn't quite as close as people would have liked them to be," said Franklin.

"However, with the new buildings that have been added this year and the growth in the student population, that situation has changed. There will now be more demand for parking spaces in the area south and west of Henderson Library than there are spaces available."

Priority parking permits were created in an effort to move the parking away from the high demand areas of campus. In an effort to distribute parking more evenly, the IT commuter and the Plant Commuter lots were designated priority due to their high demand. Both the IT lot located just behind the IT

and Communication Arts buildings, as well as the Plant Commuter lot at the intersection of Forest Drive and Plant Drive, will cost \$120 a permit.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, students and faculty willing to walk a little bit further to and from their vehicles will be allowed to park at Lower Hanner and the RAC with a free permit from Parking and Transportation.

This year students will also be allowed to

carpool in an effort to reduce the amount of traffic on campus. Students choosing to carpool will be able to split the cost of a lower priced parking permit that will allow them to park in some of the more in-demand lots. Carpool spaces are scattered throughout the campus including inside the priority parking lots and the Math and Physics Commuter lots. Faculty and Staff Carpool lots will be available in the Marvin Pittman, Herty, Newton, and Carruth Faculty/Staff lots. The price of this permit is \$66, and can be split between the carpoolers.

General Commuters will be allowed to park in all other parking lots on campus that are designated for commuters for \$66. Students living in residence halls on campus will also need to pay \$66 to park in the lots designated for their buildings.

Parking and Transportation also increased the number of people that will not be allowed to buy a parking permit because of their close proximity to campus. People that live on Olympic Blvd, and at Georgia Villas will not be allowed to get a Commuter parking permit. They also will issue more on-campus resident parking permits, since close to 700 more people will be living on campus than last year.

Parking and Transportation will be at the NeSmith-Lane Continuing Education building from Saturday, August 16 through Friday August 22 to sell parking permits for the coming year. Operating hours are August 16-17 from Noon to 6 p.m. and on Monday through Friday August 18 -22, they will be open from 7:30 am to 5 p.m. During this temporary move, the Parking and Transportation office will be closed.



Permits and Rates

Priority Commuter
\$120

Regular Commuter
\$66

Carpool
\$66
(Split between carpoolers)

Resident (Non-Commuter)
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Sports Complex/RAC
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Photos By Dallas Oliver

New this year are priority and car pool lots to attempt to alleviate some of the parking woes.

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Sign up by September 5th for the FALL CLASS:
Tuesday, September 17 - December 2
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Leadership Accent is designed for students who were in EDGE or who have previous leadership training. This is an advanced leadership class that focuses on leadership theories and their application into practice.

Sign up by September 5th for the FALL CLASS:
Wednesday, September 18 - December 3
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

The very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet. - Theodore M. Hesburgh



Eagle Summit is a fall weekend leadership retreat September 12th through the 14th. This year Eagle Summit will feature professional facilitation of Franklin Coveys "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People." Deadline for application is Friday, September 5th, along with the \$45 registration fee.



INSPIRE, Student Leadership Consultants, is the third level of EDGE. These advanced leaders meet bi-weekly for facilitators' training, where they learn to share their leadership skills with their peers through the workshops and conferences they present.

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- Leadership Speaker Series
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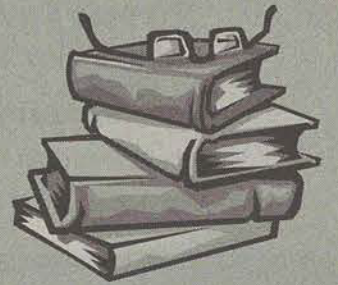


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GSU's Gunter Resigns

By Brandon Sparks
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After 23 years of work here at Georgia Southern University, Dr. Randy Gunter moved to Savannah State University to take over as the Vice President of Student Affairs.

According to a published release from Savannah State, Gunter took his new position on July 1 and became responsible for overseeing the Centers for Leadership and Character Development, Student Government Association, Intramurals, Health Services, Residential Programs, and Student Organizations.

Gunter may have started his career as a social worker in Augusta, but he has risen through the ranks to become one of Georgia Southern's top administrators, as the Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and the Dean of Students.

"I was rather content with the role of Director of Educational opportunities, then Dr. Grube asked me to serve as Associate Vice President, so I took that opportunity. I then had a chance to travel around the country, and decided that the next logical step was to assume the helm of Student Affairs, so I joined a rather vast field of candidates nationwide for the job at Savannah State."

Gunter joined Georgia Southern University in 1980, when he was hired to jumpstart both the Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search programs. Both were created to assist potential first generation and low-income college students. In 1991, Gunter was named director of Educational Opportunity Programs and Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search, the Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement, and the America Reads Challenge programs

all stayed under his watch. Gunter moved into the position of Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students in 2000.

"In the 23 years that I have been here at Georgia Southern, I think that the most satisfying thing is the growth, development, and the opportunity of potential growth that has occurred. There seems to be the tendencies everywhere to overlook the mission of education, but here at Georgia Southern, there are people that care a lot about the students that are enrolled here."

In his most recent capacity here at GSU, Gunter was charged with overseeing Student Media, Counseling and Career Development, Educational Opportunity Programs, Judicial Affairs, Multicultural Programming, and Student Disability Resources.

"I have taken pride in helping the students of Georgia Southern Univer-

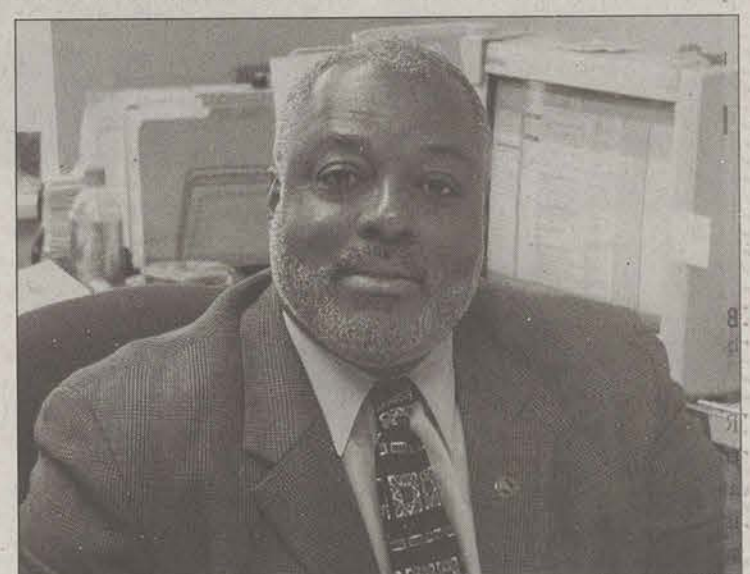
sity that may have had some questions about their potential when they came here, and then seeing them go on and graduate," said Gunter.

"I now have a chance to be the chief student affairs officer. In other words, to be the 'conscience' of the university," Gunter added.

"This gives me the opportunity to work to motivate the staff of Savannah State into my vision of inspiring student life."


According to Dr. Edward Bayens, the director of judicial affairs, Gunter is "a trusted colleague and a friend."

"I have always thought of him as a fair man, and always, always, looking out for the students," continues Bayens. "He is someone I can go to and talk with, trust his judgment and his insight. Georgia Southern's loss is Savannah State's gain. I hate to see him go, but I wish him all the best in all that he does."



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Dean of Students Dr. Randy Gunter left Georgia Southern on June 30 to move into his new position as Vice President of Student Affairs for Savannah State University.



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Henderson Library to be remodeled



Photo Illustration

Above: An artist's interpretation of how the Henderson Library will appear after both phases of construction are completed. The construction is estimated to take place over the next four years.

By Brandon Sparks
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Henderson Library is going to be getting a facelift in the next few years.

This spring the Georgia General Assembly approved the sell of \$20.5 million in bonds to fund a project that will remodel the existing library. According to Anne Hamilton, the associate Dean of Henderson Library the remodeled building will be almost twice as large as it currently is.

The project is divided into two separate phases. The first phase will consist of adding on an additional wing, where the Blue Building now stands. The Department of Human Resources and the other occupants of the Blue Building will be moved to the Rosenwald Building. The second phase will include the remodeling of the existing building and another small extension near the Carroll Building.

The design includes the building of an atrium made of glass, through in which students will be able to enter on the ground level, near where the Blue Building currently stands, just off of the pedestrian. There is also an entrance on the second floor on the back of the building near the faculty parking spots. The only entrance to the library proper will be on the second floor.

"The library plans to continue its twenty-four hour service and access. We will be adding close to seventy new computers. There will be three hundred and seventy public computers that are hardwired and the ability to do wireless. We currently have a little more than 1,000 seating right now, but after the remodeling we will have close to 3,000 seats. We will also be adding more studies; we currently have ten, but we will have thirty-four after the remodeling. The Center for Excellence in Teaching will be moving to the first floor," she said.

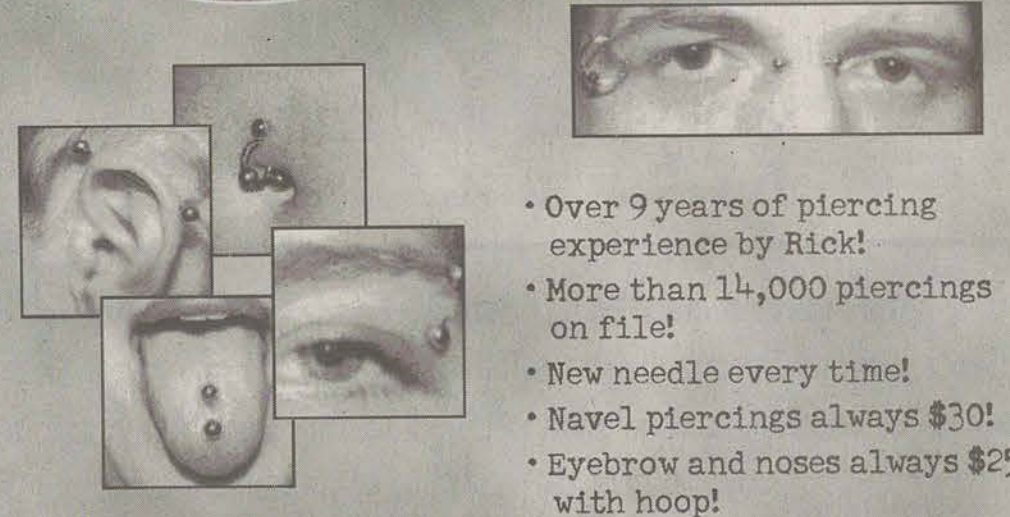
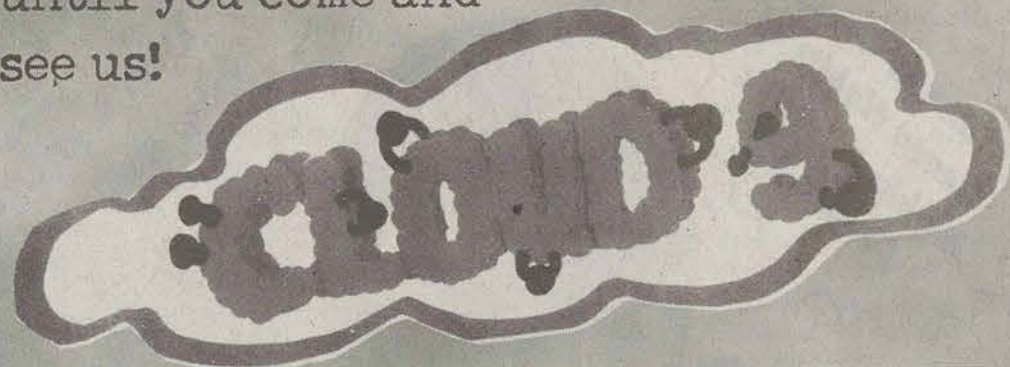
"The thing I am the most excited about will be the Automated Retrieval System (ARC), which is a high density storage that will have compactable shelving. It will work and look like a warehouse. It is designed for a three-aisle storage system that will be used to store the low use material; an example would be the pre-1971 documents, which we still wanted to keep. It is an economical way to store materials. We plan to put half of our collection into the ARC. This will leave more space for windows and seating. The student would go to a computer and find the article that is stored in the ARC, and request it online. It would send a message to the librarian; it would take around fifteen minutes all around. Plus you will be able to see the ARC working if you are

on the third floor." She added.

Myron Powell, the Georgia Southern University Architect, said both phases should take about two years apiece. "We hope to have the bonds sold by the end of the year, and have a bid date sometime in September or October. We are lucky that we are the only major outlay project in the budget. Major outlay is a project funded by the state, which is over eight million dollars."

Dr. Robert Haney, the associate Provost has said in a published statement "In Academic Affairs we are especially grateful for the funding of the Library addition. The Library is at the heart of our goal of academic distinction. We know that great institutions have great libraries, and the expansion and renovation resulting from this project will enable the faculty, staff, and administration of the Zach S. Henderson Library to continue their tradition of excellence in supporting the teaching and learning initiatives of the University. The expansion will also provide a permanent home for the Center for Excellence in Teaching (CET), the unit that supports faculty development in all aspects of instruction. We hope that the new, central location will enable more faculty to take advantage of the superior programs offered by the CET."

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GSU Alumnus blasts off as new director of Kennedy Space Center

Special to the G-A

NASA has named Georgia Southern University alumnus James W. Kennedy as the new director of the John F. Kennedy Space Center (KSC) in Florida. Kennedy has served as deputy director of KSC since last November. Prior to that, he was deputy director of the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) in Huntsville, Ala.



Kennedy

"Along with his impeccable credentials, Jim brings stability to KSC at a time when we need it," said William F. Readdy, the associate administrator for Space Flight at NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C. "As we prepare to implement the findings of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board, Jim's knowledge of the space shuttle and his leadership abilities are essential in making our 'Return to Flight' effort a success."

As director of KSC, Kennedy will succeed Gen. Roy Bridges, who has been appointed to lead NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va.

"Jim is the right person we need at the helm of the Kennedy Space Center as we prepare to return to

safe flight," NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe said. "He's a distinguished engineer and a devoted public servant. I know his colleagues at KSC will give Jim their full support, and I am confident that under his guidance the center will meet and exceed all the objectives facing us in the coming months."

NASA bills KSC as "America's gateway to the universe." Located at the Cape Canaveral Spaceport on the east coast of Florida, KSC handles the checkout, launch and landing of the space shuttle. In addition to supporting manned missions, KSC coordinates all launches of NASA payloads on expendable launch vehicles, whether those launches take place next door at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, in California at Vandenberg Air Force Base, or elsewhere.

A native of Riverdale, Md., Kennedy joined NASA in 1968 in the Aerospace Engineering Cooperative Education program at KSC. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Auburn University in 1972. After being called to active duty in the U.S. Air Force, he earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Georgia Southern in 1977.

Kennedy has served as project manager for several major initiatives, including the X-34 and the DC-XA, and he led the "One NASA" effort to help make the agency more effective and efficient by encouraging teamwork across all field centers.

From January to September of 1996, he was the manager for Marshall's Space Shuttle Resident Office at KSC.

Kennedy returned to MSFC in September 1996 when he received a Senior Executive Service appointment and was named manager of the Solid Rocket Booster Project.

In 1998, Kennedy was named deputy director of Science and Engineering, where he was responsible for establishing and maintaining a nationally recognized research and development capability in space research and technology. He became director of engineering the following year.

After becoming deputy director of MSFC, Kennedy was responsible for all facets of the center's operations, including the safety and success of its mission programs.

Kennedy has received numerous awards during his NASA career, including the National Space Club's Astronautics Engineer of the Year Award in 2003. He also received Marshall's Leadership Award, NASA's Silver Snoopy Award, a Distinguished Service Medal and a Meritorious Rank Award. In addition, he received a Group Achievement Award and several Special Service and Performance Awards.

For more information about NASA and the Kennedy Space Center, visit www.nasa.gov or www.ksc.nasa.gov.



Special Photo
NASA's Kennedy Space Center welcomed GSU alumnus James W. Kennedy as its new director.

Tuition on the Rise: Georgia universities see the largest tuition increase in 17 years

By Brandon Sparks

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Recently the Georgia Board of Regents decided to increase the tuition 10 percent for students attending classes this fall. This is the first double-digit increase since 1986.

According to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution (AJC), the Regents made the increase to make up for budget cuts the Georgia General Assembly has been making since November 2001, which have cut the University System of Georgia's budget by almost \$211 million. The new tuition rates will give the Uni-

versity system an estimated \$65.9 million a year, with \$22.4 million of that coming from the HOPE scholarship program.

Here at Georgia Southern University the increase will cost each student \$101 dollars a semester in tuition, for which the student will now have to pay \$1106. Student fees will also go up to \$350, an \$8 increase.

The level of students enrolling into the University System is increasing, which according to Connie Murphey, the director of Financial Aide, is expected since the economy is down. The AJC

reported that state officials fear the enrollment increase and the higher tuition cost may cause the HOPE program to be insufficient in the future if profits from the lottery are not equal. Going into the reserve lottery profits, to finance the HOPE program may be needed.

"Students have no need to worry right now, because the federal aide has not been decreased, and the HOPE program is still in place and covering the cost of those eligible for it" Murphey answered.

"We are pretty low when it comes to tuition prices, which is a big help to the students that attend Georgia

Southern," she added. When asked about the effects that the tuition increase will have on HOPE, she responded that the program "has been looked at in a number of ways since it was first established in 1993. There is a committee of the Board of Regents, that is supposed to look at the current program to see if there is anything that may need to be changed a couple of years in the future, and most of the problems will be looked at then. That committee meets this summer.

The Registrar, Mike Deal, said that he did not expect this increase to affect the students who will be

attending school here in the fall. "Some students may find it financially impossible to attend school because of the increase," but added "once again when you look at other school in the state, whose tuition was also raised, and those around the nation, the tuition rates in Georgia Southern and the state of Georgia in general are still very low."

In a published statement by the Board of Regents Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Affairs William Bowes cited states that tuition increased nationally. States like Oklahoma, Kentucky, Minnesota, and Nebraska, increased tuition anywhere from 8 to 25 per-

cent, while Arizona's increase is almost 40 percent.

Student fees that are going to be increased in that fall are the activity fee, athletic fee, and the health fee. The activity fee will be raised from \$77.00 a semester to \$80.00 a semester. The Athletic fee will be increased by \$4.00 to \$125.00 a semester. The health fee only gets a \$1.00 increase to 77.00 a semester.

The Board of Regents also approved \$20.5 million dollars in bonds to be used in the remodeling efforts on the library according to Debbie Powell, the Director of Revenue Accounting.

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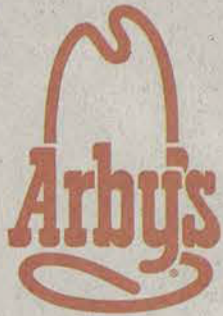
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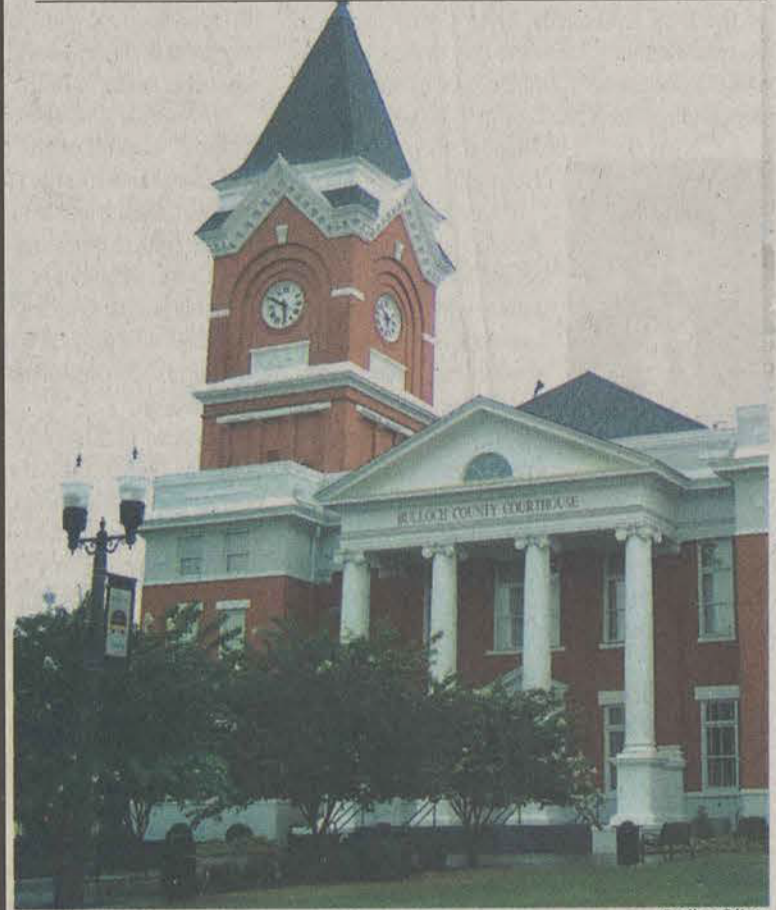
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In 1864 the original Bulloch County Courthouse was burned down during Gen. Sherman's March toward the Sea.

A brief peek into Bulloch County history

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Bulloch County was established in 1796 and was named after the first governor of Georgia, Archibald Bulloch. By 1864, Statesboro (the county seat) had not developed much, consisting of only a few buildings and a courthouse, which was later burned down in the Civil War (same year) during Sherman's March to the Sea.

Cotton production helped to boost Bulloch County's development to the point of surpassing neighboring counties, especially during the late 19th and early 20th centuries; by 1903, Bulloch County had become the world's largest cotton-producing county. To this day, agriculture contributes one third of the county's total economy.

Statesboro has continued to prosper, thanks to the creation of highway 301 during the mid-20th century and it's more recent acquisition of the largest Wal-Mart distribution center in the world. Georgia Southern has also continued to contribute to Bulloch County's development since obtaining university status in 1989, founding new colleges that bring attractive new technologies and diversity to the county.

- Bulloch County's land area consists of 684 sq. miles, with Statesboro taking up only 12.2 sq. miles
- As of the 2000 census, Bulloch County's population has reached 55,983; Statesboro's 2000 census population reached 22,698
- The average daily climate of Statesboro is 52 degrees in January and 82 degrees in July
- Bulloch County's top income crops as of 2000 are cotton, peanuts, and forestry
- Bulloch County has the most dirt roads of all the other counties in Georgia

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