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## FOOTBALL PREVIEW

See how the Eagles fare in a review of SoCon Football 2003

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### GSU NEWS CLIPS

Latino Outreach  
Presents Lecturer  
Father Roy Bourgeois

By Brittany Gates  
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Father Roy Bourgeois is an activist priest, a revolutionary worker, and a Vietnam veteran that has been imprisoned in Bolivia and the United States for protesting against the government in both countries.

He spoke to a packed audience in the Nesmith-Lane Building last Friday about the atrocities committed by the School Of Americas (SOA) located in Fort Benning, GA.

Bourgeois started protesting against the school after it trained soldiers from El Salvador, some of whom were later involved in the killing of eight people in a Jesuit school in the same country.

This year, Bourgeois believes he will have about 9,000 protestors to join him at Fort Benning on November 22 and 23. They will carry coffins, white crosses, and pictures of victims in a solemn, funeral-type march.

Bourgeois wants students to question U.S. foreign policy and to become informed of other countries' history because "the greatest enemy is ignorance."

Community Agency Fair  
offers volunteer  
opportunities

By Locke Hamilton  
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August 26 afforded a special opportunity to Georgia Southern students to meet and get involved in several local organizations that require volunteers.

Organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Keep Bulloch Beautiful, American Cancer Society, Boys and Girls Club, Center for Wildlife, the American Red Cross, and the Statesboro Food Bank were present.

Volunteering allows students to get a feel for what a real career is like, and also it provides the students with real world applications. Volunteer hours on a resume also capture the attention of many companies looking to hire college graduates.

According to the Director of Volunteer Services Victoria Du Ree, if a student graduates with over two hundred volunteer hours, GSU will supply the student with a special transcript that documents all of their volunteer experiences. This transcript is a very desirable document that many companies look for when reviewing applications.

GSU Senior leads  
effort to raise funding for  
cancer patient

By Adam Crisp  
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Instead of loudly roaring along strips of rural highways, looking for trouble in whatever city lies ahead, the Christian Motorcycle Association, with nearly 85,000 members nationwide, is delivering the message of their God at whatever venue and whenever the need arises.

A recent fundraiser at Statesboro's mall is just the type of event the CMA regularly lends their name to. An all-day event, held at the mall Saturday, August 23, was organized to raise money for the family of Benji Farrow, a 3-year-old recently diagnosed with Burkett's Lymphoma, a rare form of cancer.

According to one of the event's organizers, Erin Jenkins, a GSU senior who works with Farrow's mother at a local construction company, the event was as much about fundraising as it was about giving back to a friend in need.

"It has been a real pleasure to work with her, and this is the least we could do," said Jenkins.

And the least from Jenkins and the participation of 1,000 or so locals who turned out for the event ended up being quite a lot. Jenkins estimates the group raised around \$3,500 towards travel and other expenses the family expects won't be covered by their insurance plan.

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## KEEPING HOPE ALIVE

Commission created to save scholarship  
after ten years of supporting education

By Brandon Sparks  
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The HOPE Scholarship has spent more than \$2.5 billion for 700,000 Georgia students since it was created in 1993, but now the program is in danger.

This year the General Assembly released reports that showed a possibility that the number of recipients and may begin using up all of the funds that rollover into the lottery reserve fund. Currently the state keeps roughly \$200 million in a lottery reserve fund, but estimates show that within six years that too may be obsolete. According to a published statement by the Senate Information Office "If current trends continue, the Georgia Lottery Commission will not raise enough revenues to allow all students meeting current criteria to use the HOPE Scholarship for tuition, books, and fees." When HOPE was first established only student from households earning less than \$60,000 a year were allowed to receive the scholarship. Now HOPE scholars tend to be middle or upper class. When the program was initially introduced the scholarship only paid for tuition fees and books. Over the years, athletic and activities fees were added.

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## SOUNDING OFF The low down on cell phones

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"Turn off your damn phones" is what many professors want for students to do in their classes.

But despite their wishes to have a class free of the annoying sounds of cell phone ringers, there is always at least one individual who doesn't have the decency to at least put their's on silent mode — most phones have convenient shortcuts.

Although there are no actual statistics for the number of students who use cell phones here on campus, one could safely assume that the usage here on campus is on the high side. Whether you're sitting at Lakeside having a burger, waiting outside a classroom, hanging out in the Union, or studying in the library, there is more than likely someone within your close vicinity that is using their cell phone.

We have become a culture very dependent on these devices and as

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Photo Illustration

## Powertel sues the City of Statesboro



St. Matthew's Catholic Church is the proposed site of a cellular tower to be built by Powertel.

By Luke M. Hearn  
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Powertel vs. the City of Statesboro is a case that is currently pending in a Federal Court. This case is the product of the company Powertel's plans to put up a cell phone tower on the property of St. Matthew's Catholic Church being voted down by the Statesboro City Council. The tower, which is designed to look like a bell tower, would help manage the call load that the two towers already in place here in town are having a hard time handling.

St. Matthew's Catholic Church is now zoned as residential property. The city's zoning ordinances do not forbid towers from being

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## SGA begins year with action

By Brandon Sparks  
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A new semester has begun and the executive board of the SGA has already started to make changes on campus.

Student Government Association (SGA) works as the liaison for students, faculty and staff to the administration. They are also responsible for using more than \$40,000 to support student organizations on campus.

SGA President Reggie Brown has already managed to communicate the concerns of students to Parking and Transportation. Parking and Transportation then began allowing the University Store to allow students to pay for the parking permits with the financial aid that they use at the bookstore to pay for their textbooks.

He has also asked Public Safety to station a uniformed officer in front of Landrum to help ease the traffic problem, that has been growing over the past few years.

Brown says "we are here to bring student government to the students, and to get them more interested in the concerns that they may have about how we are doing our job."

With the help of the Deans throughout campus, SGA has bought six glass kiosks to allow the students to see the issues that will affect them. The kiosks will be at the College of Business Administration, The Carroll, Hollis, Education Buildings, as well as the Russell Union, and Henderson Library.

SGA is made up of five executive officers, and currently forty-five senators. SGA is currently looking for five more senators to fill the spots added by the creation of the new College of Information Technology. In the SGA Constitution, Article 2 Section B Line 1: states "There shall be a total number of five senators from each College at Georgia Southern." Those senators that ran under the

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## Battling the Bug



By Brittany Gates  
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The Sobig virus turned out not to be so big on GSU's network these past few weeks.

The virus dumped tons of emails containing copies of itself in many of the servers housing GSU's email accounts, causing major slowdown on sites such as WINGS as many tried to register during the first week of classes.

Faculty and staff were also victims, receiving a large amount of the Sobig emails. Fran Aultman, administrative secretary for the Department of History, said that she received emails

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## GSU Student Organization Fair undeterred by heat

By David Goodyear  
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Sweat and success mingled together as nearly forty student organizations and a multitude of local businesses set up booths for Georgia Southern University's annual Student Organization Fair at the Russell Union's Rotunda.

The event, organized by the Student Activities Center, gives all interested campus organizations the opportunity to showcase their specialties and show the student body just what they're all about — and the spectrum is very broad. On one end, the Baptist Student Union and Trinity Episcopal Church's Canterbury Club were available for those interested in religious groups. A short walk from the Rotunda lead to Habitat for Humanity and the Fencing Club, and organizations like Omicron

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David Goodyear/STAFF

### Today's Weather



Partly Cloudy

HIGH  
95°

LOW  
71°

### Only in America

• A Michigan man gets a leg up on a drug dealer

• A flower argument leads to a shooting in Pennsylvania

• The devil kills a college student in Florida.



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### A&E

• 'S.W.A.T.' is an action-packed film with a storyline to boot.

• The George-Anne pays tribute to actor/dancer Gregory Hines.

• Mary J. Blige's new album 'Love and Life' indicates a resurgence of spirit.



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## Police Beat

08-21-2003

Adolf Inyang Adolf, 18, of 2020 Willamette Way, Decatur, Ga., was charged with possession of marijuana.

A bicycle was taken from the Lakeside Café.

A vehicle was scratched in the Plant East commuter parking lot.

Officers issued one traffic citation, investigated two traffic accidents and assisted eight motorists.

08-22-2003

A case of harassment was reported at the University Store.

Three doors were reported damaged at the Botanical Gardens cottage.

Officers issued two traffic citations and two traffic warnings, assisted eight

motorists and one injured person, and responded to two fire alarms.

08-23-2003

Officers issued one traffic citation and two traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident, and assisted one motorist and one sick person.

08-24-2003

Officers issued one traffic citation and two traffic warnings, assisted one motorist and responded to one fire alarm.

08-25-2003

A Southern Courtyard resident reported someone damaged his bicycle.

Officers investigated two traffic accidents, assisted five motorists and one sick person, and responded to two fire alarms.

08-26-2003

Ashley L. Cantrell, 18, of Johnson Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

Jamie T. Roberts, 22, of P.O. Box 143A, Glennville, Ga., was charged with hit and run.

A terroristic threat was reported at the Parking and Transportation Building.

Officers issued two traffic citations and five traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident, assisted nine motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

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

- All Police Beat information is compiled by J. Wright, news editor.

## Campus Calendar

Sept. 3

**Society Professional Journalists**  
7:00 p.m.  
Comm Arts Rm 1007  
Bi-monthly meeting. Anyone interested in becoming a member and all others interested are invited to attend.

Sept. 4

**An Evening With John Singleton**  
7:00 p.m.  
Performing Arts Theater  
Tickets are free and may be picked up at the Performing Arts Center Box Office. For more information call ext. 7999 or the CLEC office at 7434.

**Women's Network Coffee**  
4:30pm-6:30 p.m.  
Daily Grind  
The Women's Network is open to all faculty and staff who are interested in women's issues.

**Eagle Club Preseason Rally**  
7:00 p.m.  
Russell Union Ballroom

University president Bruce Grube and Head Football coach Mike Sewak will be the featured speakers. The event is open to the public and tickets are \$12 per person. Tickets may be purchased by calling Alumni Relations at ext. 5691

Sept. 13

**ASGW Coffee**  
10 a.m.  
Center of Wildlife Education  
The Association of Georgia Southern Women membership coffee. Members may sign up to participate in mini-groups which meet during the year. The ASGW is open to any woman who works at, or whose spouse works at GSU, as well as retirees.

Sept. 18

"Web Accessibility for Every-

one"

6p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building  
Registration \$59 is required in advance and may be made by calling 681-5551.

The workshop will cover the benefits of making a Web site user-friendly to the blind, seniors, children, and others. This enhances access creates a clean, standard look that appeals to all browsers. For more information contact J. Marie Lutz at 871-1763.

**40's-style Dance classes**  
7:00 p.m.  
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Thursday evenings from Sept. 18 through Oct. 23. "Shag, Jitterbug, and Swing" Beginners are welcome.

Registration is required in advance and may be made by calling 681-5551

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W: 1-2 p.m.

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Tu, Th, F: 1-5 p.m.  
W: 1-2 p.m.

**Anthropology**

M: 1-4 p.m.  
W: 2-5 p.m.

Tu & Th: 4-7 p.m.

**Algebra**

M-Th: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
F: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Calculus**

M & W: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Tu: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Th: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. & 7-10 p.m.  
F: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Statistics**

M: 3-5 p.m.  
Tu: 7-9 p.m.  
W: 10-11 a.m. & 3-6 p.m.

Th: 5-7 p.m.

**Java**

M-Th: 2:30-6 p.m.

**C++**

M: 7-10 p.m.  
Tu: 2-5 p.m.  
Th: 5-9 p.m.

**History and American Government**

M & F: 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
W: 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 2-4:30 p.m.

**Chemistry**

M & W: 4-6 p.m.  
Tu: 1-4 p.m.  
Th: 5-8 p.m.

**Physics**

M: 12-2 p.m.  
Tu: 5-10 p.m.  
W: 12-2 p.m.  
Th: 4-7 p.m.

For more information contact the Academic Advisement Center located at ASC Building Room 1101-1103. Call 681-0321. Visit their Website: <http://academics.gasou.edu/success/tutoring.htm>

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**Who should attend...**

- Student organization officers
- Student organization members
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For registration information, contact the Center for Student Leadership Development at (912) 871-1435, stop by Russell Union Suite 2022, or visit us on the web at: <http://students.gasou.edu/leadership>



## 1 Michigan

### Suspected drug dealer beaten with prosthetic leg

MOUNT PLEASANT - A 45-year-old man was charged with felonious assault after police said he beat a suspected heroin dealer with a prosthetic leg.

Police said Kevin Miele attacked the suspected dealer Tuesday because he believed that his 23-year-old son, who uses the prosthetic leg, had received drugs from him.

Miele also was charged Wednesday with malicious destruction of property, the Morning Sun and The Saginaw News reported. Police said he also used the leg to smash out the windshield on the suspected drug dealer's vehicle.

Miele was being held in the Isabella County Jail on an \$8,000 bond.

Officers from the Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team had been investigating the 51-year-old suspected dealer, who was arrested on Tuesday and also was held.

## 2 Pennsylvania

### Man charged with shooting neighbor over flowers

ALTOONA - A 72-year-old man was charged with shooting his 78-year-old neighbor in the belief that the other man had poisoned his flowers, police said.

Elwood Noad Jr. was held in the Blair County Jail on attempted homicide and other charges in the Sunday shooting of his neighbor in Altoona, about 80 miles east of Pittsburgh, authorities said Monday.

Noad told investigators that he believed his neighbor had killed his flowers, ruining his retirement in the process, police said.

Police said Noad hid a handgun in a paper bag and walked over to his neighbor, who was kneeling on the ground repairing his lawnmower, and fired at the man, hitting him in the forearm.

Noad shot at his neighbor again as he ran to his home, police said.

Noad's neighbor, who was not identified, was listed in critical condition in a hospital after suffering an apparent heart attack, officials said.

A woman who answered Noad's phone Monday but declined to identify herself said he had an attorney but declined to name the attorney or comment further to The Associated Press on Monday.

Noad faces a hearing Wednesday on the charges.

## 3 Illinois

### Woman recovers diamond ring left in coffeehouse tip jar

BARRINGTON - It might have been the coffeehouse tip to end all coffeehouse tips, but it turns out that the 1-carat diamond ring in the Starbucks tip jar was a mistake on the part of actress Audrae Stephen.

Stephen, 42, of Barrington, reclaimed the ring Monday at the Barrington-Inverness police station after showing the appraisal she had done after her husband, Bob, gave her the ring 17 years ago.

The description on the appraisal was an exact fit for the ring police had been holding for more than a month and a half.

"I was very grateful it was returned to me," Stephen said. "It has so much sentimental value to me."

The ring was found June 27 in the tip jar at a Starbucks where Stephen is a regular customer. The coffeehouse staff thought it might be a piece of costume jewelry until another regular, a jeweler, examined it and told them it was real and worth an estimated \$5,000. The ring was then turned over to police.

Stephen said she didn't miss the ring for a week because she hadn't been wearing it for a while. She said she had placed it in her purse when she discovered the stone was loose, and had intended to take it for repair.

"You know how that goes," she said.

Stephen said she last wore the ring at a photo modeling shoot at Chicago's Wrigley Field and North Avenue Beach two days before it was found in the tip jar. She said she thought she remembered putting it back in her purse after the shoot, but when she discovered it was missing she thought she might have dropped it at the ballpark or on the beach.

Police later publicized the tip-jar ring, but by then Stephen and her husband were on vacation in Italy. Stephen's mother, however, read a newspaper account of the ring being found and notified her daughter.

Stephen said she thinks she must have let the ring get mixed in with some loose change that she used for her tip at the coffeehouse.

"I guess I got a little careless," she said.

Stephen said she and her husband are now trying to think of some way of thanking the Starbucks staff for their help and honesty.

"The people there are so kind," she said. "I'm very appreciative and grateful."

## 4 Florida

### Alleged devil worshipper convicted in killing of college student

JACKSONVILLE - An alleged devil worshipper has been convicted of killing a young woman and setting her body on fire.

Mark Anthony Alvarez, 30, faces a maximum of life in prison for his conviction Saturday of second-degree

murder and second-degree arson in the death of Crisie Mejias, who he met while working as a bouncer at a dance in August 2001.

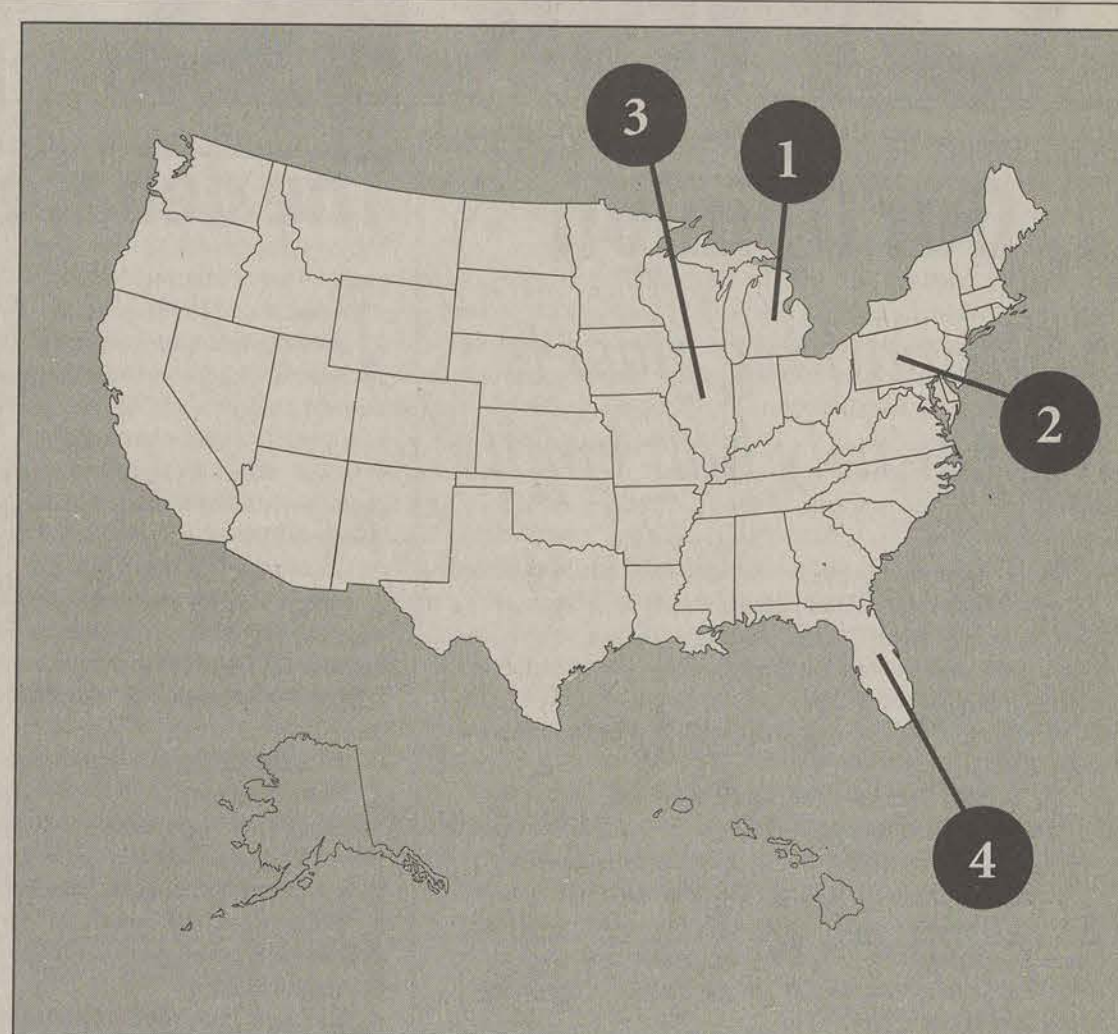
Circuit Judge Lance Day scheduled sentencing for Oct. 7.

Mejias, 20, a student at the University of California, Santa Cruz, was visiting her parents in Jacksonville the night she met Alvarez and offered him a ride home. Her nude body was found wrapped in plastic and stuffed in the back of her parents' burning car.

Several jail inmates testified that Alvarez talked about sacrificing Mejias in a satanic ritual, and police said they found books about devil worship in his apartment.

Alvarez, however, claimed Mejias died during rough sex that she initiated, and that he panicked and tried to dispose of the body.

His lawyers said they would appeal the verdict.



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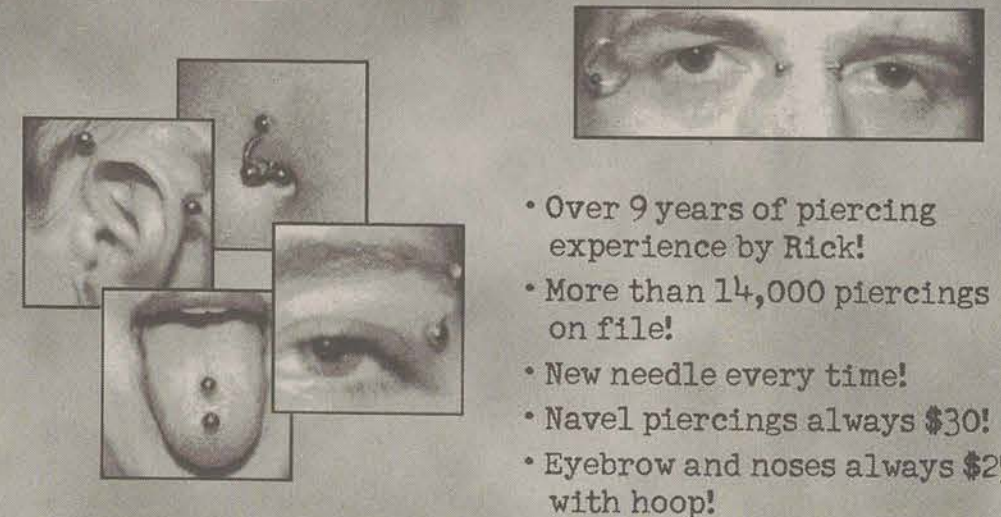
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# OPINIONS

The  
GEORGE-ANNE 4A  
Thursday, August 14, 2003

## Our Opinion

### The parking glass is temporarily half empty

One of the topics buzzing around after coming back to school every year is parking, and this year is definitely no different.

The one thing that grabs all of our eyes as we drive around campus, trying ardently to find that elusive parking spot, is the fact that Priority Parking is nearly empty!

According to Parking and Transportation, Priority Parking is currently full.

But, you can place your name on a waiting list.

We hate to be the ones to say it, but maybe this is the reason that P & T reportedly received a terrorist threat earlier this week.

In any case, we at *The George-Anne* don't have a bone to pick with P & T, and we're sure there's actually a perfectly good reason for the Priority waiting list. We want to get to the bottom of that issue, as well as the seemingly major decrease in the ratio of commuters to commuter parking spaces.

Yes, we'd love to educate the students about the causes of these concerns, and how P & T plans to address them. The P & T department has always worked cooperatively with us before.

However, now it seems the department has been "instructed" not to speak with the media.

So, please accept our apologies Southern commuters. If you want any information on parking, you're going to have to go straight to the source.

Oh — and be sure you don't plan to publish the results.

#### LETTER AND SUBMISSION POLICY

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

## The debate of professors in college theater

*It's Saturday at Paulson Stadium. The Eagles are in a close game and head coach Sewak is about to send in the play. But, before he does, former standout quarterback and current receiver's coach Greg Hill taps him on the shoulder. "Coach, I know this play, just let me suit up."*

*Sewak replies: "Okay, Hill, you spent four years here, and played professional football in Canada. You could pull this off. You've ran it plenty of times. Get in there."*

*Wouldn't happen, would it?*

For one thing it's against the rules. For another, Greg Hill knows his time as a college athlete is over, and would rather teach someone else and let him have the opportunity. It wouldn't happen in college baseball, basketball, softball or any other college sport.

But, it's happening in college theatre.

Theatre professors at many colleges, including GSU, are taking roles in college plays. Not just small parts, but major roles. This issue is much debated among theater students, yet there has never been an open forum for discussion.

Well, here it is: I, as a student, am opposed to any actor with professional experience, hired to teach, taking any acting role in college theatre.

I have opened my mind to the positives, or "pros," of professors taking roles in college produced plays, and I am still against it. I still loathe the idea of former, professional actors, hired as teachers, robbing students of valuable learning experiences.

Because there has never been an open discussion of this topic I can only draw the "pros" from my own opinions and those apologetically offered up by students to justify their favored teacher's participation in acting roles.

I have heard some students argue that *Theatre and Performance* (GSU's theatre department) auditions are "open" auditions. That means that anyone, yes, anyone from the ages of seven to 107, from that nice smiling janitor to President Bruce Grube, can audition. There are no limitations or rules on who can receive roles. Therefore theatre professors can audition and are available for parts.

The problem is, more often than not, professors are assigned roles by other professor/directors before auditions even take place. Actors are told not to audition for certain parts because a professor has filled them.

Obviously, the director could not have known that his colleague was more suitable for the role than anyone else without seeing anyone else audition. Honestly, I cannot recall anytime

a professor has auditioned alongside student actors. Nor have I ever seen a professor anxiously checking a call back sheet to see if he was awarded a call back or a part.

I'm not saying it doesn't happen, but I can't recall ever seeing it.

Another point used is the age argument. Because professors mostly take the roles of older characters they are only filling a niche that could not have been filled otherwise, or would not have been realistic with a younger actor portraying the character. First, there is the willing suspension of disbelief.

This is a highly respected concept of theatre. The audience must be willing to believe, by ways of imagination, that what they are watching is representative of real life. If they are willing to believe that a black box theatre in Statesboro is a house in southern Spain, they should be able to believe that a younger actor playing an older character is an older person.

As far as older characters being played superbly by younger actors, I'll give you one name, Lyndsay Bundesman. Bundesman played the role of the aged mother in *Blood Wedding*. In my opinion she did a damn good job, and apparently others felt the same.

Bundesman, for her role, was voted by her peers to receive the "best performance by an actress" award for the past season. She did not have extensive experience and if it hadn't been for a guest director and the lack of a female theatre professor who wanted her role she might not have been given the chance.

If some professor had filled her role for the sake of "looking the part" the audience would have been robbed of an excellent and FRESH performance.

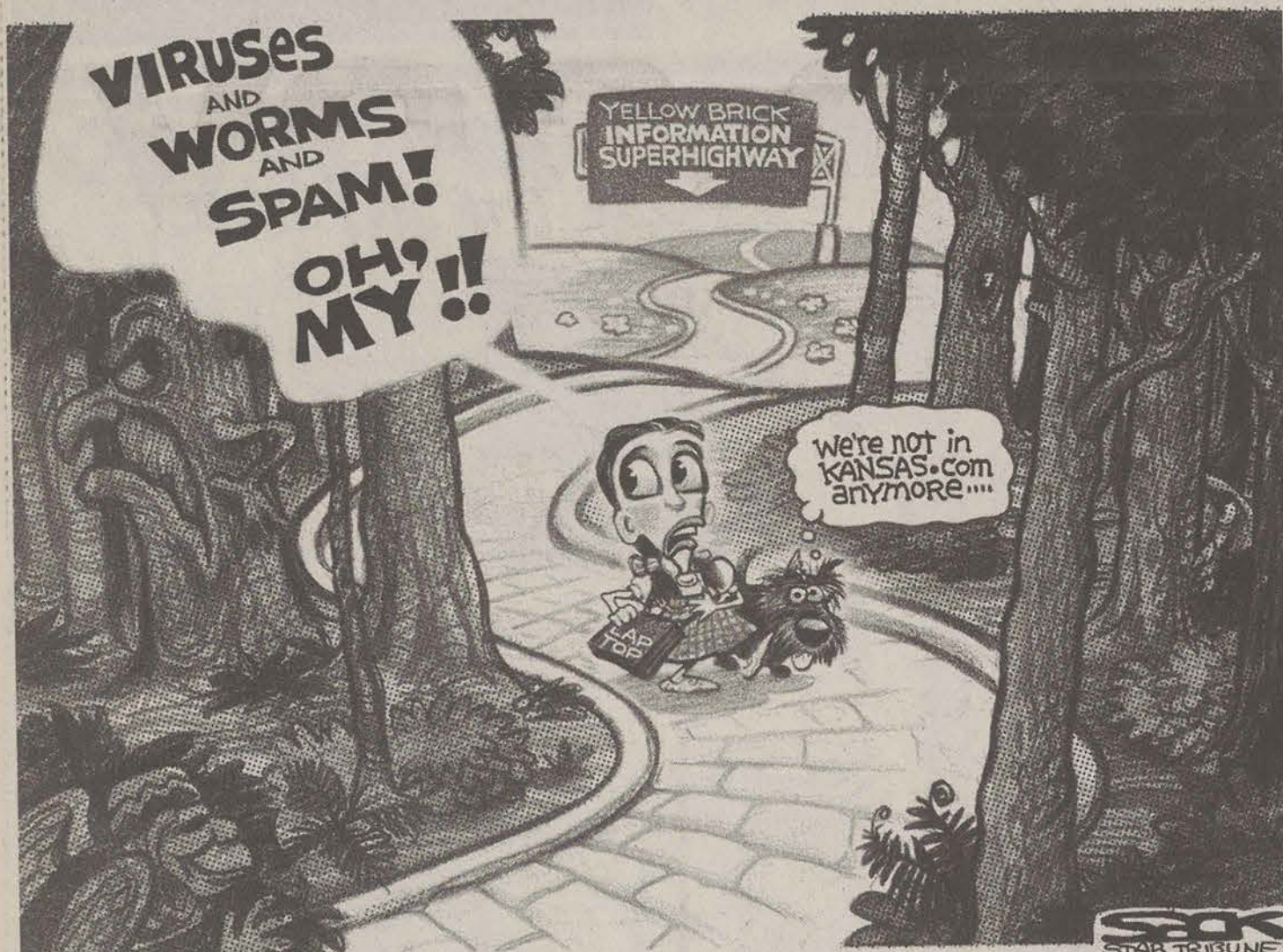
Still some say that student actors will not be able to compete for older roles in professional theatre, therefore they do not need the experience. But I say it's the process that counts, and no matter what the role the basic process and experience is the same.

Time is another argument that I have heard. Students do not have the time to prepare for the major roles that the professors take. This is ridiculous. If professors believe students do not have enough time, then professors are being paid too much. Professors have jobs to do. If they can take out the time to prepare for a major role, yet believe a student can't, they are admitting that students work harder to learn than they do to teach, grade,

**Brian Saxton**  
guest columnist

**I have opened my mind to the positives, or 'pros,' of professors taking roles in college produced plays, and I am still against it.**

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## Brought to you by the Internet: History, in all its clickability

I've always dreamed of visiting the Sistine Chapel, but I never imagined my first encounter with it would be so inexpensive.

While checking my email at 3:44 a.m. in July, I happened upon a link. "Sistine Chapel Goes Online," it said. Dubiously, I bypassed that particular hypertext and checked my messages, wherein I found still more hypertext. This time it linked me to those ever-entertaining "Lady Liberty Fireworks."

Sure, you've seen 'em. A nighttime picture of the New York Harbor appears, and the site instructs you click anywhere in the sky above the statue of liberty. Such clicking induces a surprisingly lifelike fireworks display, complete with BOOM sounds, right on your own monitor.

(Oh, okay... I'll give you the bloody address: <http://doody36.home.attbi.com/liberty.htm>.)

But, that digression plagued me about as momentarily as it has just plagued you.

The Sistine Chapel bit tugged at my clicking finger. The whole notion of it piqued my interest. And, uncontrollably, I began generating speculations about authenticity and ethics.

How much of this, exactly, has the Vatican decided to stream through cyber space? What is the motive? Will I feel like a dirty voyeuristic whore for essentially peeping in on a glorious hall of art and religious history like it's a frat house on a web cam? What would Michelangelo think? (WWMT?) Would it ruin any *real* trip to Italy I might perchance take? What does it look like?

*I'll bet it's beautiful.*

I couldn't stand it any longer. Questions of morality be damned; what if I never make it to Vatican City?

After impatiently skimming an article, I followed more hypertext to the Vatican Museums Online homepage ([http://mv.vatican.va/3\\_EN/pages/MV\\_Home.html](http://mv.vatican.va/3_EN/pages/MV_Home.html)). I was shocked, and a little disheartened, by a few flickers of fluid color and the words "Skip Intro" in the top-left corner of the page.

I have to click "Skip Intro" when I go to a rock band's website, or when I look at overpriced bridesmaid dresses online. Not when I visit the Sistine Chapel. But, alas, there was this—more hypertext to click—like breaking through the metaphorical hymen of my Renaissance art virginity.

The web visit itself was undoubtedly all the things a

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## SGA WEEKLY VOICE

### Reginald Brown - President

It is a privilege to have been elected to serve you, the students of Georgia Southern University. I am a senior accounting major from Hawkinsville, Georgia. I eagerly await the chance to work with the various students and organizations across the campus hoping to enhance the university. If there is anything that I can help you with, please do not hesitate to stop by my office located in the Russell Student Union. "It's time for Student Government to come to you!"



### Michael Hardy - Executive Vice-President

Greetings to the students of Georgia Southern University. It is a pleasure to serve as your Executive Vice-President for the Student Government Association. I am excited for the opportunity that lies ahead and I look forward to working and meeting you throughout the upcoming year. I am currently taking applications for Senators. Applications are due on September 2. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by either e-mailing me, calling me, or dropping my office. Good luck in the upcoming year. Go Eagles!

### Charisse Perkins - Vice President of Academic Affairs

Hello! I would like to personally welcome back the students to Georgia Southern and offer a warm welcome to the incoming freshman class. For starters, I am a junior majoring in Marketing from Columbus, Georgia. This will be my third year serving the students on Student Government. For the past two years I have served on several committees including, United Way Committee, Senate Selection, Auxiliary Affairs, Activity Budget, and the Street Team. As VP of Academic Affairs I am in charge of ensuring the Academic needs of the students are being met. If you have any concerns, let us know. We are here to serve you!

### Jessica Crute - Vice President of Finance

Hello everyone! It is a pleasure to serve as your Vice President of Finance for Student Government. I look forward to serving you to the best of my abilities during the upcoming year. I am currently a junior, Biology major from Columbus, GA. This will be my second year on SGA. Last year I served on various committees, one being the Activity Budget Committee, which is in charge of dispersing funds throughout the campus. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact me by calling the SGA office at 681-0655. Thank you, and I look forward to a wonderful year!

### Lauren Roberson - Vice President of Auxiliary Affairs

Greetings, students of Georgia Southern University! I consider it an honor to serve as your VP of Auxiliary Affairs. I am a senior majoring in English and History from Blackshear, Georgia. I consider myself to be very fortunate because my position provides me the opportunity to deal with you, the students in every capacity. As your VP of Auxiliary Affairs I am the direct liaison between you and the directors of the various auxiliary services on campus including housing, parking, transportation, and health services. I am very excited about the upcoming year and I look forward to working with you!



**Amanda Permenter**  
editor-in-chief



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and do research. Wouldn't it be better for the teacher to exert all his time and effort in preparing the student, not in preparing for a role? Not to mention that many students go to school full time, work part time, and still audition for parts.

Time is not an issue.

Another argument humbly offered is that students do not have the skill needed to play certain larger roles. College is about learning and gaining skill. College theatre is a vehicle for gaining skill through hands on experience. This is the purpose of college theatre. No matter how hard the role, the deserving student should be given the part. The part should be his to shine in or his to fail miserably, either way he is the purpose for the college, and the theatre department, and the experience rightfully belongs to him.

Professors should know how much skill their actors have when choosing which plays to produce. If they don't believe they have a student actor with enough skill to pull off Hamlet, then they should shelve it until they do. The football team wouldn't go to a passing offense if they only had running quarterbacks. Besides, if a senior theatre major doesn't have enough skill to play a major role, then the professors are not doing their jobs.

Alongside this point some would argue that trained actors

are more entertaining and bring in larger audiences. First, I don't think any professor can be more entertaining than my fellow students, especially not professors that I have seen over and over in many plays.

Secondly, I would think that student actors with few shows under their belts would draw more friends and family than "trained professionals." I doubt more common theatre enthusiasts, (God knows there are plenty of those in this Mecca of culture and arts called Statesboro) would come to see a former professional actor than "Mommas and them" would come to see their babies on stage.

Thirdly, it's the professor/director's job to teach and train inexperienced, amateur, student actors to be entertaining, not just to bypass the whole teaching process in favor of an already trained colleague.

The biggest benefit for having professors take acting roles in college plays is the experience that students gain by working with a trained actor who has graced the professional stage. Professors are able to teach students by allowing them to watch a trained professional actor go through the rehearsal and performance process. In other words teaching by showing. This is a good argument, but shouldn't this process be implemented in classrooms?

The bottom line is that professors taking acting roles in

university sponsored, amateur theatre is unethical, harmful to the education of the student, completely against the principals of a university that is dedicated to her students, and just plain, downright wrong.

Amateur, student theatre is being invaded by "used to be" professional actors who were hired to teach, but instead are robbing students of the opportunity to learn by experience and prepare for the craft they have chosen for their career.

Doesn't it seem like the teacher should do all he can to make a student shine in the spotlight, and then gracefully back away? How many times have you heard a coach defer the credit for his teams' win to his players? Coach Sewak does it once a week during football season. The modesty displayed by athletic coaches seems to be what's missing from college theatre professors.

Where does our loyalty lie? Are theatre professors more concerned about the production of a work of art or the production of prepared, educated, and trained students, which are ready to face the challenge of professional theatre or cinema? Or are they more concerned with their own egos?

While the integrity of the play as work of art is very important to teacher, director, and student actor alike, the integrity of the system, the university, and education in gen-

eral should be sacred. If there is a role that the professor cannot teach and prepare the student for, then either the role must be eliminated or the professor must be.

I must add that this problem is not exclusive to Georgia Southern, but is widely practiced by other schools. Nor is this a personal attack on any professor, and no opinion displayed represent any professor, pro or con. The theatre professors at Georgia Southern are very good teachers, and obviously, as proven by their prestigious acting careers, outstanding actors.

We are fortunate to have professors with such amazing personal theatre experiences and expertise that their names appear in some of our textbooks. Still, college theatre should be for amateur actors with little experience, not those with extensive experience in professional acting.

Here in Statesboro we have a special case. Our university draws many talented and creative students, yet this small country town offers little chances for artistic expression. There is no community theatre in Statesboro, therefore the college theatre is our only hope for acting experience and a university sponsored outlet for expression.

What is rightfully ours should not be taken from us by former, professional actors with overwhelming, professional theatre experience.

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under the College of Business last semester, and are now part of the College of Information Technology will be allowed to transfer their position as a senator to the new college. SGA is currently still looking for new senators and will be accepting applications until September 2.

Each of the executive board is

required to work a minimum of ten office hours a week. SGA meetings take place on every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and are open to all students. "We are here for a reason," said Executive Vice President Mike Hardy. "If the students have any gripes they need to let us know so that we can work to fix it."

Check out next Thursday's edition of *The George-Anne* for a complete report on SGA's first official senate meeting of the 2003-2004 academic year.

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a vacation to Italy is not. There were no communication barriers, and it cost me nothing but the thirty minutes or so I spent sticking my virtual nose to the chapel's gorgeous, ornate floor tiles.

But, those were the relatively few positive elements of it all. While it was definitely a cultural pipeline (as opposed to wipeout) in the world of web surfing, I can speak nothing of the true aesthetics of the place. It was beautiful in my inexperience, for to what could I possibly compare it?

Due to the sheer impersonality of the visit, I didn't feel my web experience with the Sistine Chapel cheapened any actual physical encounter I might someday enjoy. Perhaps we shouldn't take our world's landmarks so seriously.

After all, countless immigrants seeking freedom have risked their lives attempting to catch a glimpse of one statue in New York Harbor.

Now, with a little hypertext and a lot of clicking, it's just another stop on the information superhighway.

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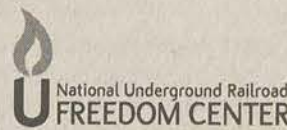
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# Paws & Reflect:

## Animal rescue the Furbabies way



Photos by Amanda Permenter

Current Furbabies leader Shelli Brooks reassures Champ, a black Terrier and Labrador Retriever mix, before a Sunday trip to the PETsMART Adoption Center in Savannah, Ga.



Sadie, a mild-mannered and loveable hound, is also thirsty for love.



Furbabies volunteer Allison Cliatt tends to Allie, an abandoned Pyrenees, as the pup recovers from being spayed.



Champ is a black Lab mix who's had more than his fill of being an orphan. Found in the woods at nine weeks old, he is still sometimes very timid, a sign that he was once a very frightened and neglected animal.



Atlanta resident Ann Poysky spends some time admiring a two-year-old Pyrenees named Allie before volunteers from a shelter in Jacksonville arrive in hopes of finding her a loving home in Florida.



Dutch is a frisky puppy whom Furbabies volunteer Jamal Rainey affectionately calls 'Dutch Chocolate.' He will stay happily in the same spot... As long as he has a bone to chew.

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At two years old, Allie is an orphan. Standing less than two feet tall, her four furry legs are about the only distinguishing features between her and a helpless human toddler.

Luckily for Allie – and thousands of other domestic critters in the Statesboro area – Furbabies Animal Rescue and Aid helps abandoned animals find loving homes.

Allie's owners left her at the Bulloch County shelter because she "destroyed their landscaping." To make matters worse, Allie quickly gained a reputation for escaping the "pound," as it is more casually known.

"Poor baby," said Furbabies volunteer Debbie Sabia in response to Allie's bad rap. "She must've just been scared to death!"

Volunteers at Furbabies suspect a lack of loving attention at home and an improperly monitored shelter facility were more to blame than Allie herself.

"Her name was Dixie, but she never responded to that," said volunteer Allison Cliatt, a junior at GSU. "I was around her so much, and eventually it got to where she would perk up when people said my name. So, we just started calling her Allie."

According to Furbabies volunteers, people often turn their pets into the shelter for the darndest reasons.

"We've heard some really horrible ones," said Cliatt. "Most people get puppies because they're cute. Then, when they get big..." Cliatt broke off with a sigh and a look of disappointment.

"Piss-poor," said Shelli Brooks, leader of Furbabies. "Just piss-poor excuses. A common one is that they're moving into an apartment that doesn't take pets. Well, if you already have a dog, why move somewhere that won't allow it?"

Negligent owners are not the only source for the animals Furbabies saves. Some find their own way to Furbabies, since volunteers for the organization often take in lost or homeless animals wherever they might find them.

And, when time runs out for animals at the Bulloch County Animal Shelter, it's Furbabies to the rescue. Volunteers visit the shelter at least twice a week to pull animals that are in line to be put to sleep. Furbabies has a "no-kill" policy, made possible mostly by a foster home system.

Furbabies operates out of Gateway Animal Hospital, which kindly allows the organization to board five to six animals, each for the relatively modest price of five dollars per day. However, Furbabies holds all responsibility for feeding and maintaining the animals, including grooming and paying for their medical expenses.

Since Furbabies has an extremely limited amount of space for the animals they take in, the resource they need most of all are foster homes.

"All vet expenses are taken care of for foster parents," said Ardis Lussier, a Furbabies volunteer and adoption coordinator. "They just have to feed them, and care for them."

Lussier, whose husband Jimmy works ardently with her to further the Furbabies cause, emphasized the organization's need for foster homes, but also pointed out many other ways to volunteer.

"People who can't foster or adopt them could help so much just by coming down and helping to clean out cages," said Lussier.

Jamal Rainey, a senior Psychology major at GSU, is in charge of finding folks caring and tough enough to handle cleaning out the muck.

"We've rescued about 300 animals since we started up in February," said Rainey.

Members of the Furbabies crew do not merely confine themselves to the Statesboro city limits. The group loads up all its adoptable canines and felines for a trip to the Adoption Center at PETsMART in Savannah every Sunday, as well as every other Friday or Saturday.

The dogs are kept leashed and supervised after arriving at PETsMART. They socialize in the hall in front of the store's adoption center and wait patiently, sporting bandanas bearing phrases that tug at the heartstrings of passersby, such as "Take me home," and "Adopt me."

Meanwhile, the cats take up temporary residence in a glass-walled room full of kitty crates and all the comforts a classy cat could demand. Furbabies sets up a table for the adoption process, and sells T-shirts to raise much-needed funds for the group.

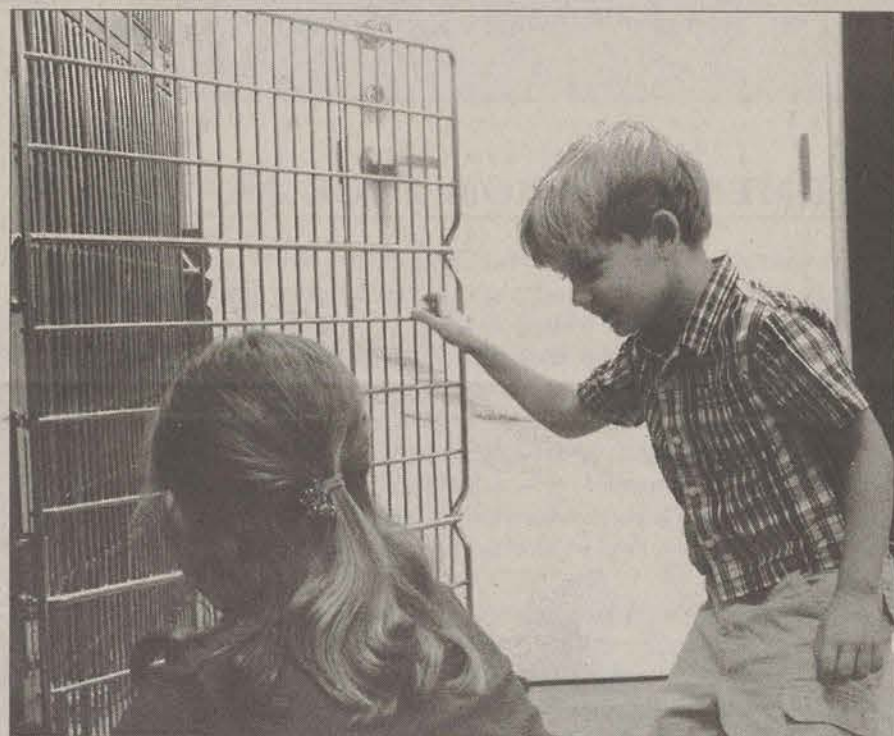
Jirasak Sriprapa and his fiancée Supakarn Ngoeipaboon, both students at Savannah College of Art and Design, met up with Furbabies at the Petsmart event last Sunday to put a dog they call Jerry up for adoption. Sriprapa found Jerry with no tags or collar, roaming Savannah's dangerous downtown streets.

"He is so loveable, you know?" Sriprapa said. "I wish I could keep him."

Fortunately for Allie, the abandoned two-year-old Pyrenees, the Furbabies volunteers and volunteers from a shelter in Jacksonville, Fl. also arranged to meet at Petsmart last Sunday. Allie was taken to Florida, where the population is a bit larger, in hopes that she might find a loving home across the state line.

The day was made even more successful for Furbabies when Savannah resident Rachel Wise signed the adoption papers and wrote out a check for a small pup called Bug. When asked what she would name her, Wise replied, "I think I'm just going to leave the name the same. It fits her!"

To become a volunteer with Furbabies, or to foster or adopt a pet, contact Ardis Lussier at 912-541-6021, or email her at [athenamaronroe24@yahoo.com](mailto:athenamaronroe24@yahoo.com). To see the pets Furbabies has to offer for foster care or adoption, visit <http://www.petfinder.org/shelters/GA195.html>.



Nine-year-old Alyson Lindner and her little brother Anders gladly release a few cats at the PETsMART Adoption Center in Savannah.



Rachel Wise, a resident of Savannah, signs adoption papers for Bug – her new best friend.



Alyson and Anders Lindner help their mother Marsha return two cats to their crates.



Jirasak Sriprapa and Supakarn Ngoeipaboon sit at the Adoption Center with Jerry, a dog they rescued from the Savannah streets.

## Quick Tips For Pet Care

- Obesity in pets can cause arthritis, diabetes, even heart failure.
- Dogs need a milder shampoo formula than humans.
- Pets can be encouraged to play with toys by placing treats in them.
- A cat's body temperature drops slightly while they sleep. This explains why some like to sleep in direct sunlight or right next to their owner.
- Regular grooming can help prevent skin disease in dogs and cats.
- Cleaning agents containing ammonia smell like waste and may attract a dog back to eliminate in the same area.
- Daily dental care can lengthen your pet's life.
- Having your female pet spayed before her first heat cycle significantly reduces her risk of breast cancer.
- Cats have a normal strong desire to scratch. It also helps mark their territory.
- Crying, hissing, batting of ankles are common when introducing a new diet to your cat. Stick it out and you'll reward your cat with a longer, healthier life.
- A high-fiber diet coupled with regular brushing helps control hairballs.
- Chewing reduces stress and helps control barking in dogs.
- For every flea on your pet, there may be 100 more in your house.
- Treats should comprise no more than 10 percent of a dog's diet.

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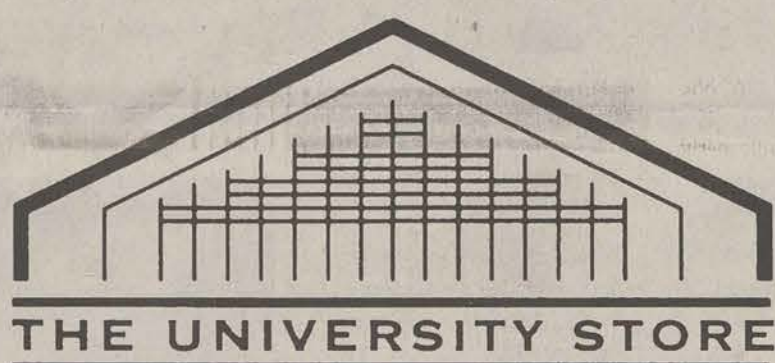
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# New blood to summer TV

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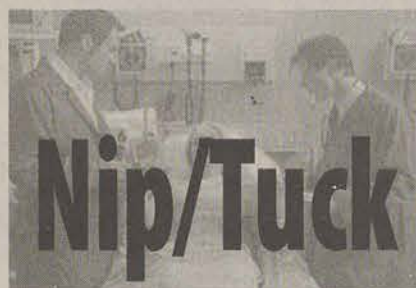
Fox's newest show is this millennium's answer to the craze of 90's "Beverly Hills 90210." Involving a fish out of water tale, this show brings an outsider, Ryan Atwood portrayed by Benjamin McKenzie, to Orange County, California. There he lives with his lawyer, Sandy Cohen is portrayed by Peter Gallagher, got got him out of jail following an incident. He must deal with his troubled background amidst the posh, wealthy lives of those around him in the fictional neighborhood of "Newport." The show's concept is nothing new. What is fresh about the show is a series of characters that aren't flat and ordinary as suggested by the teasers. These characters are quite complex. With all "soap opera" type shows everyone's life is interrelated so much that one character can't move without affecting another's life. (Tuesday, Fox, 9 p.m.)

For the past few years the summer television season was plagued with the two dreaded Rs: re-runs and reality television. For the viewer this meant either catching up on the past television season or being a constant voyeur into "regular" people's lives. The 2003 summer season was a much-needed change that the television audience gobbled up and ratings proved it.

There was "Dog Eat Dog," "Paradise Hotel," and "Who wants to Marry my Dad?" But added to this reality pack-towards the end of the summer, were three series that put summer television back on the map: "Nip/Tuck," "The O.C.," and "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."

## Queer Eye For The Straight Guy

Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" was another break out hit. Though "Queer..." is a reality based show, it has a different slant that many audiences were surprised and equally intrigued by. It is in the vein of "Trading Spaces." Instead of trading homes, straight men trade their bland, boring looks for something more flashy and up to date. Kyan Douglas, grooming guru; Ted Allen, food and wine expert; Carson Kressley, fashion expert; Jai Rodriguez, culture expert; and Thom Filicia, interior designer help the "straight" guy to get to a more fashionable place at the end of each episode. The show can't be taken too seriously, as many have seen that the guys are way over the top. This is strictly entertainment, and fun entertainment at that. They add a certain spark to the "make-over" genre that proved to be big ratings for the network. (Tuesday, Bravo, 10 p.m.)



## Nip/Tuck

"Nip/Tuck" is the cable network F/X's serving of great dramatic television. Starring Julian McMahon as Dr. Christian Troy and Dylan Walsh as Dr. Sean McNamara, this show takes the world of plastic surgery as its subject for this hour drama/comedy. Entering into a world where the outside determines beauty and money speaks mountains, this show became a nice guilty pleasure for many during the long, hot summer. As equally steamy as the outside heat and humidity, the storylines that the show tackles are as cut throat and graphic as the scenes that lie within the show. Not since the Discovery Channel has graphic surgery been so intriguing to watch. (Tuesday, FX, 10 p.m.)

# DK Arts opens in Statesboro

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DK Arts had its grand opening on Saturday August 23 at its location on 19 South Main Street.

Several live bands and a bar-beque helped usher in this new convenient location for artists to gather and relax. This place, the brainchild of Patty Purcell and nephew Desmal Purcell, has created a place where artists can exhibit their work, and purchase supplies.

Upon entering, customers can gather to converse at the tables and bar. An assortment of juices, natural sodas, and teas are sold for the refreshment of the customer.

Strolling through the well-stocked shelves of art supplies and past the exhibition wall, there is a well-planned workshop area in the rear for individuals and groups to gather.

Along with the worktables, the customers will find several converted sheep watering tables that work well as production vats for activities such as creating paper or developing photographs.

On this particular day customers were making good old-fashioned paper out of cotton and other organic fibers. This

activity was especially enjoyable for Ms. Purcell's niece, as she showed how to creatively accent the works of paper with imbedded flower petals and other natural materials.

A Japanese Origami activity helped make use of the newly created paper. Using multi-colored paper, young and old compared ideas and creative techniques.

All kinds of groups and clubs are freely welcomed and are encouraged to book their respective events on a calendar schedule that will be published quarterly through the store.

Virtually any type of club can reserve the space for their events. The schedule will indicate the ideal ages and experience level required for each event. This will be great entertainment for children and adults to enjoy.

There is a community friendly attitude at Dk arts, and employees are encouraged to spend five percent of their paid work time doing community service for an organization of their choosing. Artists are also encouraged to exhibit on the walls of the store on a monthly basis.

This is a great place to browse for the afternoon. Dk Arts is a place that is a much-needed addition to the Statesboro community.

# Mary J. Blige's 'Love and Life': A CD Review



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On her latest effort "Love and Life," the "Queen of hip hop soul" Mary J. Blige, has returned with a vengeance.

The Mary who appears on this album is reminiscent of that from her first effort *What's the 411*.

Not only is the Mary who appeared on that album back, but so is the sound thanks to the production of Sean "P. Diddy" Combs.

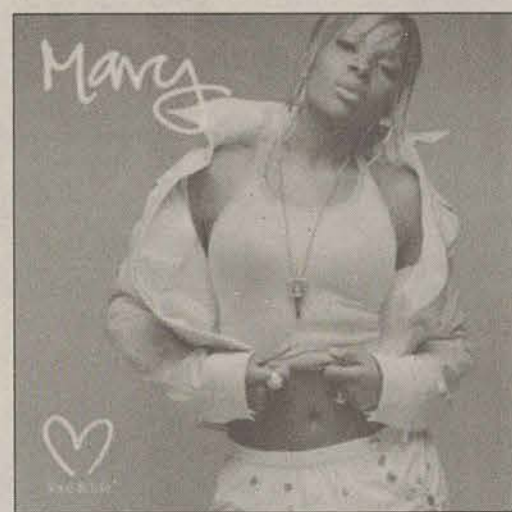
After a period of time when the two were less than friendly, both realized that together they make a dynamic team.

"Love and Life" helps to solidify Mary's claim to the crown. On this album there is a defiant hip hop vibe. The album begins with an introduction by long time friend Jay-Z preparing the listener for what turns out to be a journey with some of the biggest names in rap including Eve, Method Man, and 50 cent.

The lead single "Love at First" is a reunion with Method Man with whom she won a Grammy for their smash collaboration "Your All I Need." For the second straight album the "pit bull in a skirt" Eve makes a guest appearance on Mary's album on the song "Not Today." The song is a warning to men that today is not the day for the BS.

After a period of time spent battling drug abuse, self-abuse, and albums filled with songs that were good yet depressing, there is a totally new and beautiful Mary J. Blige on this CD. She picks up on this album where *No More Drama* left off. While there is no straight dance cuts like *No More Drama*'s "Dance for Me" the album has an abundance of lively bounce tracks like "Let me be the one" and "Feel Like Making Love."

Mary is at her best on the love songs like "When We" and "All My Love," which have really strong melodies and production behind them. "On Ultimate Relationship" and "Special Part of Me," Mary reveals the new spirituality that



Special Photo  
Mary J. Blige's newest release 'Love and Life' hit store shelves on Tuesday August 26.

she has found thanks to her new relationship.

With P. Diddy behind the production there is an abundance of sampling taking place, but unlike with most sampling, this actually works. The music is enhanced by the strong voice of Mary who, unlike many young hip hop divas, does not rely on heavy beats to mask a lack of pure talent.

The album is surprisingly longer than many others these days with an unbelievable 18 tracks, and has absolutely no filler tracks within it. Listening to this album you are reminded of the young sassy "MJB," and while "Love and Life" shows a new Mary there is still a confidence that the originally hip hop diva still possesses.

"Love And Life" is definitely a full circle, of not only Mary's triumphs in the industry, but also in her personal life.



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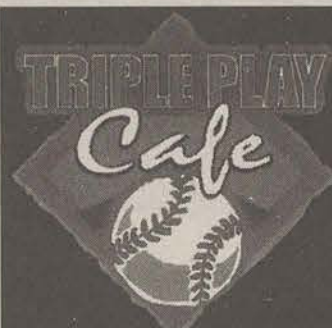
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## New This Week



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## S.W.A.Ting The Competition

By V.A. Patrick Slade  
vapatricks@yaho.com

Columbia TriStar's newest release S.W.A.T., standing for Special Weapons and Tactics, takes a look at the inside workings of the most famous crime fighting unit, next to the FBI and CIA, in America.

This tactical division uses the newest technology to disarm the bad guys with as little causality as possible.

Colin Farrell ("Phone Booth," "Daredevil," and "The Recruit") stars in the film along with Samuel L. Jackson ("Basic," "Shaft," and "Deep Blue Sea").

This film is unlike many of the other action films out there today. It's not just one action scene after another. The film has its feet planted in reality and what is garnered from each emotion filled scene is actually proof that the writers wanted the audiences, not to just go on a ride, but have the emotional rollercoaster with the characters.

The film follows the story of Jim Street (Farrell) as he is kicked off S.W.A.T. for following his teammate Brian Gamble's (Jeremy Renner) lead and deliberately disobeying orders from his S.W.A.T. commander.

When he is put on weapons detail for his disobedience, the new S.W.A.T. leader, Hondo, portrayed by Jackson, there recruits him.

As he and the other four team members Chris Sanchez (Michelle Rodriguez), Deke Kay (James Todd Smith (aka LL Cool J)), T.J. McCabe (Josh Charles), and Michael Boxer (Brian Van Holt) get their feet wet, they must take on their first and biggest task of their S.W.A.T. lives.

Their mission is to protect a world famous con artist that is now a federal prisoner, portrayed by Olivier Martinez (Unfaithful), as he is transferred from jail to a federal penitentiary. When he offers a reward of 100 million dollars for anyone that will break him out, chaos ensues.

The film's story is simple in concept, yet executed extremely well. This is a film that does not drown the viewer with a pointless love story and the personal lives of the characters. The film makes up for the time that is usually spent on these elements with action and more action. This film goes as far as to land a plane on a bridge.

If there is anyone who has not seen this film, go see it. This is a must see.



"S.W.A.T.," starring Colin Farrell and Samuel Jackson, deals with the grueling world of S.W.A.T. team members. It has grossed well over 80 million dollars.

## New This Week



Chicago



Cradle 2 the Grave



Bowling for Columbine



The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers

## In tribute to Gregory Hines



Special Photo

The entertainment business has lost one of its greatest stars.

Gregory Hines died August 9, 2003 at the age of 57 due to a long battle with cancer.

Best known for his Tony Award winning role as "Jelly Roll" Morton in 1992's "Jelly's Last Dance," Hines will forever be known for his grace and skill as a tap dancer and a great entertainer.

Hines started his career fairly early in life as part of a jazz tap duo with

his brother Maurice. "Eubie," a musical revue in 1978, was his first internationally known part. The brothers went on to make an even bigger name for themselves in Broadway's "Sophisticated Ladies."

Hines' later work in the film "The Cotton Club" led to many more roles in films including 1985's "White Nights," 1986's "Running Scared," and 1996's "Waiting To Exhale," just to mention a few.

Hines' work in television became synonymous with the dancer. His many appearances on the shows "Will & Grace" and "Lost at Home" brought the dancer to the consciousness of a younger audience. "The Gregory Hines Show," which lasted only a season, was Hines' first experience on television.

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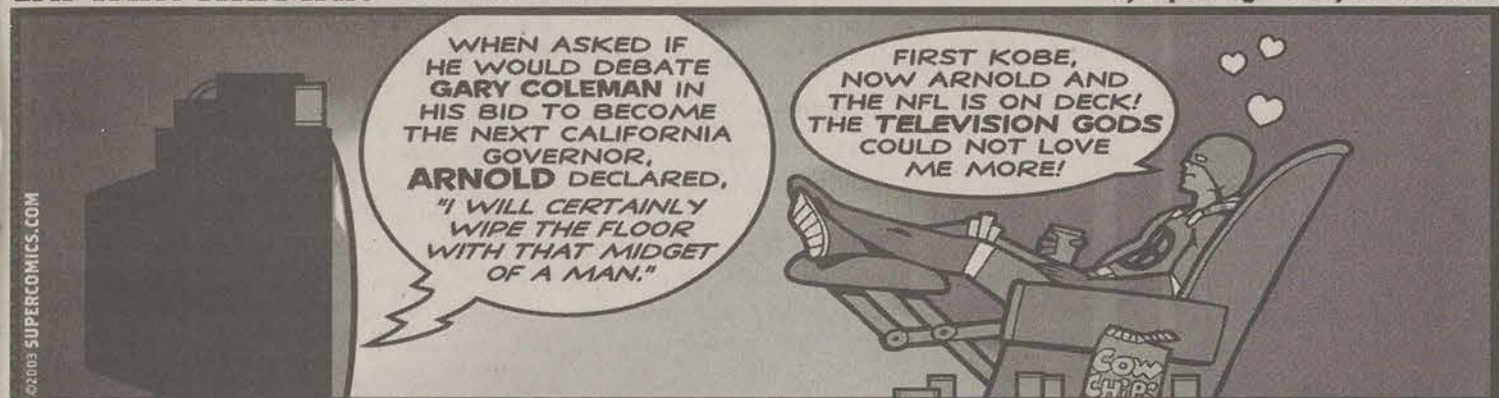
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Chicken Caesar Salad with creamy caesar dressing and croutons	140	90			
Salad with light Italian dressing		270			
Original Whopper			710		
<b>Wendy's</b>					
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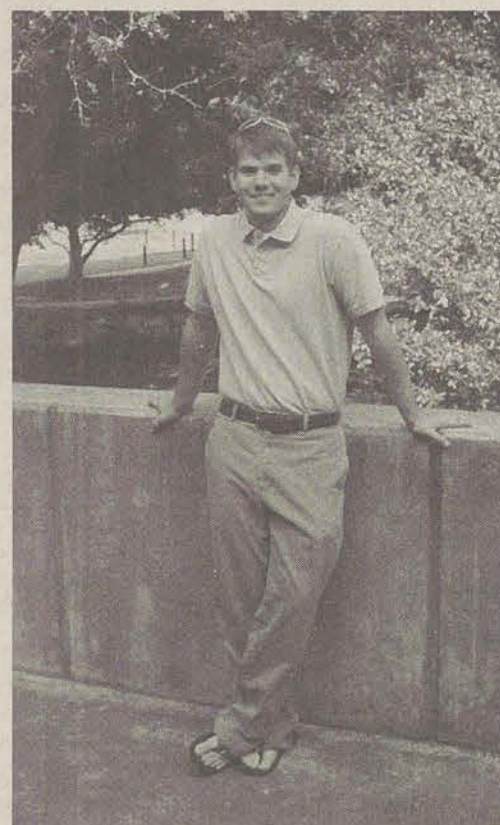
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We will have our first staff meeting on September 3rd at 5:00pm (located directly across from the snack machines). Or email me at [adam\\_bonner2000@yahoo.com](mailto:adam_bonner2000@yahoo.com).

Thanks—and we look forward to seeing you.



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<b>GUY H. WELLS</b> MESSAGE TO EDITORS FROM PRESIDENT WELLS	<b>MISS EMILY WOODWARD</b>	

We wish to express to you through the happy medium of the "George-Anne" our great joy at having you as our guest tonight. Every organization, every home, every individual in Statesboro and Bulloch County welcomes you. We want you to make your stay in Statesboro "One Grand Sweet Song." Long after you have left us may the memories of the pleasant days be roses to you even in bleak December.

The Normal College expects to do all in its power to assist all the organizations who are working so diligently to make your convention the greatest in the History of the press. Call on us for anything. If we can't do it or get it done, maybe we can find someone who will.

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Members of the Georgia State Press Association found open arms upon their arrival in Statesboro this afternoon. The guests were met at the train by their hosts and carried to their homes for supper. At 8:45, tonight an open session will be held at the Georgia Normal School followed by a reception to which the public is invited.

Tuesday morning a session will be held in the High School Auditorium and this will be followed by a lunch on in the basement at one o'clock with the United Daughters of the Confederacy as hostesses. Tuesday afternoon will be devoted to sightseeing throughout the county, returning to Statesboro for a fish supper to be served in the open at which the Statesboro Parent Teachers Association will be hosts. Another session will be at night, for which a splendid program has been arranged. Wednesday morning's session will be in the High School Auditorium and will be followed by a chicken dinner in the basement served by the Alumni Association of the Statesboro High School, school's history.

The final session will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday in the High School Auditorium when officers will be selected and other final matters attended to. In the evening at 8 o'clock an elaborate banquet has been planned which will be held in the dining hall of the Georgia Normal School. The Statesboro Woman's Club and the

First woman president of the Georgia Press Association, Parent Teachers Association, who will preside over the convention here.

**BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR FALL TERM**

The 1928-29 session of the Georgia Normal which opens September 11, bids fair to be the brightest year in the school's history.

From the number of applications coming in every day it is believed that all available space will be in use when school opens. The dormitories and cottages are rapidly being filled, and it is expected that every room will be taken before September. With additional room however every effort will be made to take care of every applicant. From all in-

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## HOPE, FROM PAGE 1

HOPE is supported by the Georgia Lottery, which made nearly \$2.5 billion last year. Overall, the lottery has brought in close to \$18 billion since it was first created, and has inspired many other states, according to a published statement by Rebecca Paul, the director of the Georgia Lottery Commission.

This summer Sen. Bill Hamrick (R-Douglasville) wrote a bill that created a statewide commission dedicated to protecting HOPE called "Improvement of HOPE Scholarship Joint Study Commission."

The Commission will meet five times this year to review the current practices and policies and to look at how much money will be available for HOPE scholarships over the next few years. The commission completes its report by the end of the year, and will report its findings to The General Assembly when it reconvenes in January.

The commission is chaired by Sen. Hamrick, and Rep. Louise McBee (D-Athens), and is made up of eight members of the Georgia General Assembly, the Director of the Georgia Lottery Commission Rebecca Paul, the Director of the Georgia Student Finance Commission Shelly Nickel, the Chancellor of the Georgia Board of Regents Tom Meredith, the President of the Private and Independent College Association Henry Hector, the Executive Director of the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education Ken Breeden, and the Acting Director of the Office of School Readiness Marsha Moore.

The General Assembly voted to allow Governor Sonny Perdue to appoint members to the Commission that had expertise relating to the HOPE scholarship.

Mike Vollmer of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) and Stuart Gulley of LaGrange College; Chase Daughtrey, a student at ABAC; Kristian Kole, a student of Brenau University; Bruce Bellamy, the parent of a student attending the University of Georgia, and Pamela Woodcock, the parent of a student attending Agnes Scott College were chosen to take part in the project.

Sen. Jack Hill (R-Reidsville), an alumnus of Georgia Southern and the former chair of the Senate Committee of Higher Education said, "We are going to start by getting a

closer view of the recent trends with the HOPE Scholarship. Hopefully, we'll be able to explore all the possible options that may be available," said Hill.

Sen. Hill who is a member of the "Improvement of HOPE Scholarship Joint Study Commission," added "There will need be a number put on the amount of money we have for HOPE, and the number of students that are receiving HOPE."

When the committee met last week they decided to not to consider putting an income cap eligibility on HOPE Scholarship. They will also not recommend that money for the scholarships come out of the state budget. They did agree to continue to fund the HOPE scholarship as long as the student meets the scholastic requirement. A measure that the Commission is currently looking at is standardizing the 'B' average. School systems across the state have different minimums of what a 'B' are. Some students have to make a score of an 85 average to have a 'B' while others only have to have an 80 average.

"Over the next several months we are going to discuss our options in detail so that we can determine what is best for the students who will need the HOPE scholarship over the next ten or twenty years. It is important to our children to look down the road and make sure they have the same advantage their older brothers and sisters had if they meet the academic requirements" Sen. Hamrick said in a printed statement.

Elise Boyett, associate director of Financial Aid said, "We currently have 5790 students who are eligible for HOPE scholarship here and registered for the fall 2003 semester at GSU. We have awarded HOPE to 6,735 students, some of which have not registered."

HOPE was started in 1991 by then governor Zell Miller. In the first six years more than \$874 million was spent in HOPE scholarships. This led to a boom in population at the public colleges and universities in Georgia, and in turn the school's test scores also went up. In 1999 more than \$219 million scholarships were granted, sending more than 145,000 students to college. This year the General Assembly set aside \$219 million to send 263,000 students to school this school year.

## VIRUS, FROM PAGE 1

alert." Aultman trashed most of the suspicious emails. Dr. Julia Griffin, assistant professor of English, she was "flooded with" the Sobig emails. At the peak, she received about 20 emails a day. Dr. Nathan Pino, assistant professor of Sociology, said he got about seven to 9 emails featuring the Sobig virus, but didn't open them because he didn't know who sent them. Lisa Spence, director of information technology services, said that the virus infected some on campus, but was widespread enough to cause little damage. The harm the virus caused was the huge amount of emails it sent through their servers, slowing the network down. This was the first test for the new virus protection software IT Services implement this summer called RSV, and it fare very well. However, older servers like VMS2, weren't protected by the new software and had to be taken offline because of the large volume of email it received. The VMS2 wasn't protected because it is in the process of being taken off

the network due to its age.

Along with the RSV virus protection, many of the computers in residences halls, in academic buildings and in the library have Norton Antivirus, which would quarantine the virus if someone opened one of the attachments contained in the hundreds of emails circulating throughout GSU. Soon both the RSV and Norton will work together to combat viruses, worms, Trojans and other dangers from the Internet, according to Spence.

Spence offered a few tips for students and faculty to keep themselves safe from Sobig: first, install an antivirus program if you don't have one installed already, and update the software daily. She added that if you get a suspicious email with an attachment, you should delete it and "pay attention to who's sending you stuff."

People with systems infected by the Sobig virus or have any trouble with their systems may call IT Services at 681-5429.

## FAIR, FROM PAGE 1

and Verizon Wireless showcased their offers of the month. Domino's Pizza and Papa John's were popular for their free samples, while other businesses took a more practical approach to the samples market by providing relief from the heat.

At the BB&T booth, onlookers could not only pick up information about the bank's offered student account, but could also grab a bottle of cold water with the BB&T logo on it. "We're out to show people that we're here and we're local," Deborah Cole, one of the BB&T representatives, said. Since BB&T has 1,100 branches in 12 states, Cole added, it's convenient for parents, too, since they can deposit money for their college kids in the bank near home, and the student can pick it up at college.

When asked what she thought in terms of the competition from other banks at the same event, Cole merely replied with a smile, "Well, BB&T speaks for itself."

The other booths also spoke quite well for themselves.

Students could walk up to any of the tables and get quick information about a group, as well as answers to questions and meeting times of the various groups. The representatives of the various groups were all very accommodating and polite as they fielded questions of all sorts about their groups.

"If all the people who took a packet come to the next meeting, wow," remarked Terry Louderback, representative for Habitat for Humanity, "That'll be a big meeting."

Interest, Louderback said, has gone up in the last few years, and it grows every year. "The timing is great," she commented, referring to the time of the Fair. "The freshmen have had a week of class, and are now itching to get involved in something."

To find out more about student organizations at GSU can ask at the SAC, or look online at <http://studentorg.georgiasouthern.edu/> for a listing of the organizations available on campus.

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and as the industry grows, so do the flexibility of the service and plans that each phone company offers.

Statesboro is swarming with different phone companies, including T-Mobile, Verizon, Cingular, Alltel, and Southern Linc. Each one of these companies offers a wide variety of plans that have everything from emergency minutes only to plans with free nights and weekends to local, regional and national calling areas to instant communication via the walkie-talkie type phones.

If you're just looking for a plan with local minutes, Cingular and Alltel are your best bets. Cingular has many plans ranging from \$29.99 to \$199.99 with daytime minutes ranging from 300 to 3,500. All of these plans include night and weekend minutes and long distance as long as the call is made from the home calling area. Alltel's plans are similar, and range from \$29.95 to \$199.95 with daytime minute availability ranging from 300 to 3,600. All of these plans also include night and weekend minutes, as well as long distance, as long as the calls are made from the home calling area.

When looking at plans with national coverage and no roaming and long distance charges nationwide, Verizon and T-Mobile have the best rates. Verizon's "America's Choice" plans are priced from \$39.99 to \$199.99 with daytime minutes ranging from 400 to 3,200, with unlimited nights and weekends.

T-Mobile also has great rates. Their plans offering free long distance and roaming, including unlimited nights and weekends, start at \$39.99 and go up to \$129.99, with daytime minute usage ranging from 600 to 5,000. They also offer a regional plan that includes the states of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina and all calls made with-in and to these states. At \$49.99 and offering 3,000 anytime minutes, this is ideal for someone who travels to or often calls the near-by states.

And for that person who longs for the feeling of direct connection with just the click of a button, Southern Linc and Verizon offer such a luxury. Although both companies' prices are rather high when compared to the normal cell phone services, many enjoy what they have to offer.



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# FIRST STEPS

2003 Football Preview  
August 28, 2003



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## PRELUDE TO THE SEASON

# Eagles to trade heat, gnats for tough opponents

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The sweltering South Georgia heat. The swarms of gnats, mosquitoes and other over-sized insects.

Those can only be a sign of one thing: the start of the annual preseason practice for the Georgia Southern football team. The yearly trials and tribulations of fall practice usually give the coaching staff time to examine a team and determine what changes, if any, need to be made.

Since the Georgia Southern football team first practiced on the banks of Beautiful Eagle Creek on Aug. 7, head coach Mike Sewak and his staff have been busy doing just that as they prepare for the Sept. 6 season opener against Savannah State.

One usual occurrence during the preseason are is a flurry of position changes

as a player who might not see much playing time at a given position are given test runs at other spots.

With a surplus of talent at the quarterback position, two young signal callers have seen repetitions at other offensive positions lately. With Chaz Williams and Trey Hunter above



them on the depth chart, redshirt freshmen Darius Smiley and Wes Turner saw time at the slotback and wide receiver spots, respectively. Junior cornerback Chris Brown, who sat out last season, was also moved to wide receiver.

Another common result of fall practice is the arrival of new players, be it walk-ons or late signees.

Linebacker Erskine Jude, younger brother of Eagle defensive end DeShawn Jude, transferred into the program from community college and has already seen extended playing time. He has been penciled in as the top backup behind Derrick Butler at one of the linebacker spots.

Reggie McCutchen, a 6-foot wide receiver from Ellenwood, enters the program from the University of Florida, where he did not play football, but instead competed for the Gator track and field program. Despite not playing organized football for the past few years, McCutchen may be able to find a spot with his quickness.

"My speed is my advantage," said McCutchen, who is looking forward to the chance to catch on, despite entering the program late. "The others know the offense and the program and that's my disadvantage."

Other additions included transfer fullback Tim Gehrsitz from the Air Force Academy, offensive linemen Brandon Murphy, a late signee, Jesse Suarez, a preferred walk-on, and kicker/punter Jack Sisterson, also a late signee.

The addition of Sisterson creates a further logjam of kickers. As of Aug. 25, the Eagle depth chart lists returning junior Sean Holland as the starting punter. But under the kickoff and place kicking duties, coaches are still undecided between Holland, Sisterson, Marshall transfer Jonathan Dudley and junior Anthony Pisano.

For all the walk-ons that joined the Georgia Southern program late knowing that their success may not be guaranteed, they can hold solace in knowing that of the 55 All-American selections in Eagle history, 25 began as walk-ons.

Another success story includes senior wide receiver Carl Kearney, who entered the program as a walk-on in 1999 and has worked his way to an all-Southern Conference second team selection this fall. Senior linebacker James Burchett also walked on in 1999 and now enters this season as the team's top returning tackler.

Other current Eagles who have seen significant playing time as former walk-ons include wide receiver Eric Irby, deep snapper Josh Schuyler and cornerback Aaron Whitaker.



Eagles are fired up to open the 2003 season against the Savannah State Tigers on September 6 at 6:00pm in Paulson Stadium. GSU has set high expectations for the upcoming season, settling for nothing less than a national title. It would be their seventh championship in 22 years.



Coach John Pate discusses some of the finer points of football to his defensive linemen. Under Pate's direction, the Eagles shutout two of their opponents last season, including a playoff game against Bethune-Cookman.

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# Fans should reflect on legacy as new football season approaches

## A history of Georgia Southern Football

By B.J. Corbitt

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Are you ready for some... history?

Well, with more than a week still remaining until the Eagles tee it up against Savannah State, actual stat sheets and game recaps will have to wait a bit. Perhaps a brief stroll down memory lane will help scratch the itch of the football-starved amongst you, though; before you head out to Paulson next Saturday, take a few minutes to revisit (or visit for the first time) some of the defining moments over what has been a very successful couple of decades of Eagle football.

The question of when the story of Georgia Southern football actually began is not an easily answered one.

Was it way back in 1924, when the Blue Tide of the institution then known as the Georgia Normal School competed in a three-game football schedule, playing against the likes of the Parris Island Marines and Savannah High School?

Was it on September 11, 1982, when the Georgia Southern Eagles brought football back to the campus after 41 years, beating Central Florida down in Jacksonville in their inaugural game?

Many might look to the day that the school announced the hiring of Erskine "Erk" Russell as the revived program's first head coach as marking the beginning.

Amidst all these important dates, though, April 9, 1981, stands out most clearly. That was the date that then-school president Dale Lick announced that football would return to the Statesboro campus for the first time since 1941, bringing the Eagle football program from the realm of speculation into a reality.

Following more than a year of hard work and preparation, the fall of 1982 marked the Eagles' first year on the gridiron. It was the first time a football team had represented the school since 1941, when the events at Pearl Harbor had brought about the abrupt suspension of all campus athletics.

Russell was a renowned defensive coordinator at the University of Georgia before he accepted the task of getting the Eagles off the ground, and his eight years at the helm of the program would bring a degree of success that few could have foreseen. The inaugural 1982 campaign brought about a winning record without a single scholarship player in uniform, as the Eagles went 7-3-1 in their first season. They followed up that campaign with a 6-5 season in 1983. That 6-5 mark was the worst the Eagles would ever finish under Russell's guidance, as every other Eagle club he coached finished at least 4 games over .500.

In 1984, two important pieces of Georgia Southern lore were added, as the Eagles found a home both literally and figuratively. The team became a full-fledged member of the NCAA's Division I-AA that season, and they set up shop in Paulson Stadium, where they have enjoyed a decided home-field advantage over the years, piling up a 126-14 record, including a 29-2 mark in the playoffs and a 39-game winning streak from 1997 to 2001 (the longest such streak in I-AA history to date).

With all of these pieces in place, the Eagles barely missed nabbing a playoff berth in '84, finishing with an 8-3 record. However, in 1985, the team would take it to the next level. In just their second year as a I-AA club, the Eagles put together a 9-2 regular season, qualified for the playoffs, and strung together four postseason victories, capped off with a thrilling 44-42 comeback win over Furman in the national championship game. The following year brought another 9-2 regular season, another 4-0 playoff run, and a second straight national championship to the program.

The end of the '86 season marked the end of Tracy Ham's run at Georgia Southern. The versatile quarterback had contributed to the team with both his legs and his arm, leading the team in rushing as well as passing yards in two of his four years with the school. His departure would leave a big void for Erk's Eagles to fill, but there were even better times in store for football fans in the 'Boro.

Although the Eagles returned to the playoffs in 1987 and 1988, both quests ended in failure. The Appalachian State Mountaineers shut out the Eagles on a frozen field in Boone, North Carolina, in the '87 quarterfinals, ending their quest for a third straight championship. In '88, the Eagles marched all the way back to the title game, but it was there that the Furman Paladins gained a measure of revenge for the heartbreak dealt them by GSU in '85.

With GSU driving for the winning score in the final minutes of the game, quarterback Raymond Gross had the ball knocked away on the Furman 5-yard line, and the Paladins held on for a five-point victory. Certainly, for most schools, four consecutive playoff trips would be something to hang their helmets on, but with two championship banners already flying over Paulson, the fans in Statesboro had become very spoiled very quickly.

Not even the most demanding Eagle supporters could have likely foreseen what awaited the club in 1989, though. The Eagles took the field 15 times that season, and won all 15 games. A three-point win over Stephen F. Austin in the national title game made the Eagles champs for the third time and capped the only 15-0 season by any team in the modern history of college football.

Those '89 Eagles won their games by an average of 24.2 points, led the nation in rushing offense with 329.2 yards a game, and featured six All-America selections, four of them from a defense that ranked third in the nation in yards surrendered and second nationally in points scored.

Perhaps the head Eagle felt like there was no way to stage an encore to this masterpiece. Following the '89 season, Erk Russell announced his retirement as head coach; he left the sidelines after 8 years with an 83-22-1 record and, of course, those three national champion banners.

For most teams, the loss of a legend like Erk Russell might have signaled the beginning of a rebuilding era—but for the Eagles, it was business as usual in 1990. Under new head coach Tim Stowers and a tandem of senior leadership in quarterback Gross and running back Joe Ross, the club put together an 8-3 regular season, a return trip to the playoffs, and ultimately, another victory in the final game of the year, their fourth national title in the last six seasons. It would be their last for nearly a decade.

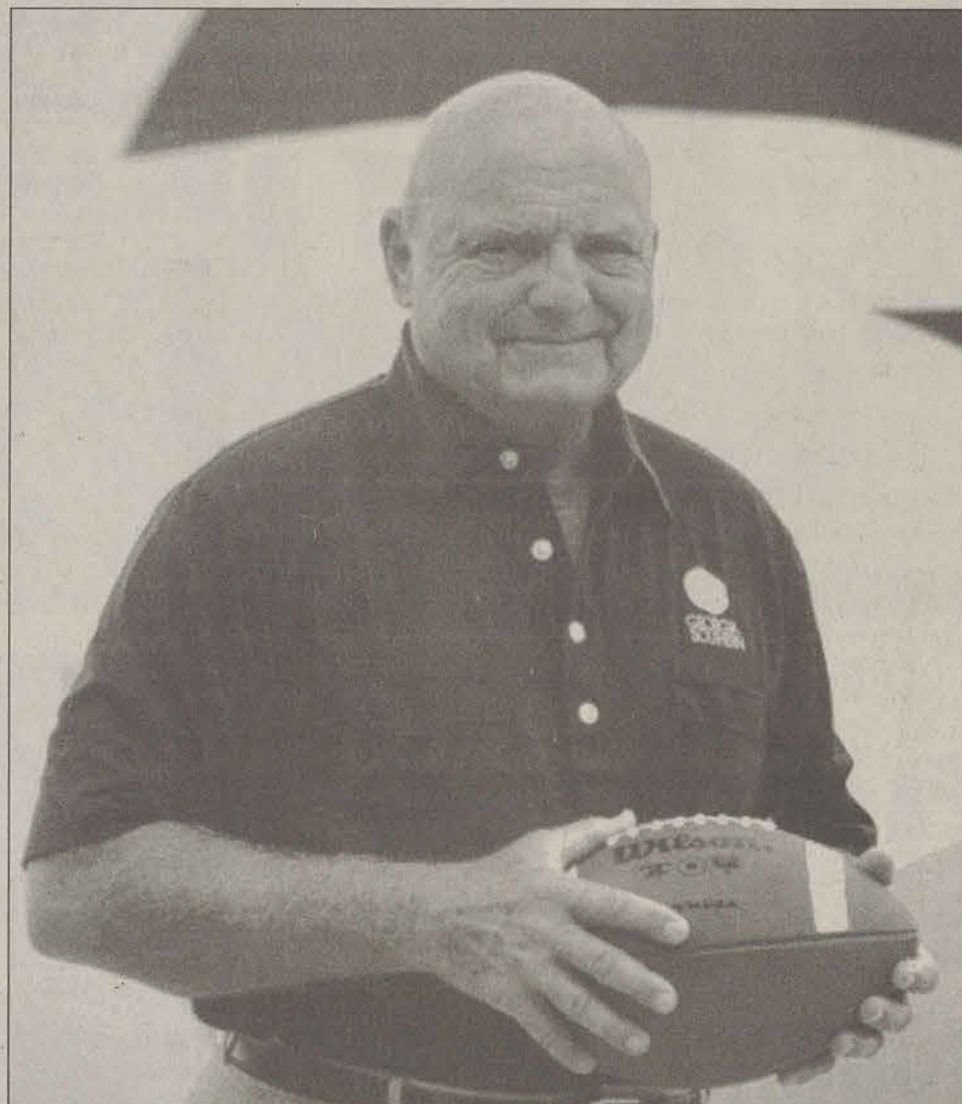
Following a pair of 7-4 seasons and no postseason trips in 1991 and 1992, the Eagles added another important piece to the GSU football puzzle in 1993, joining the Southern Conference. They went 9-2 and won the league title in their first year as a SoCon competitor and returned to the playoffs after a three-year hiatus, eventually flaming out in the second round against the eventual national champion Youngstown State Penguins up in Youngstown, Ohio. In 1994, the team finished 6-5, missing a playoff berth, before going 8-3 in 1995 and returning to the postseason; that championship drive would end in a chilly Missoula, Montana, with a 45-0 loss to the Montana Grizzlies, the Eagles' worst loss ever to a I-AA opponent. In 1996, Frank Ellwood assumed head coaching duties and led the team to a 4-7 record, their only losing season since football was reinstated.

In 1997, Paul Johnson was the new head man, and he brought about a new era of winning football immediately. The team went 9-2 in Johnson's first year at the reins and won their second Southern Conference championship. The team's playoff run ended in the second round with a nine-point loss to the Blue Hens of Delaware up in Newark. The 1998 season featured just about everything a GSU fan could ask for...except a happy ending.

The Eagles went 11-0 that regular season, Adrian Peterson finished second nationally in rushing and gained more single-season yards than any running back in Eagle history. After three blowout playoff victories, the Eagles rolled into Chattanooga, Tennessee, ready to tie up their second 15-0 season and stake their claim as one of the greatest teams in I-AA history... But someone forgot to tell that plan to the University of Massachusetts, as the unheralded Minutemen outgunned and stunned the top-ranked Eagles in a 55-43 upset.

While the '97 and '98 seasons may have ended in disappointment for Eagle fans, the 1999 and 2000 versions of GSU football ended up just fine, not only by adding two more national championships to the trophy case, but also by allowing the team to repay a string of lingering debts along the way.

In '99, the team followed up an 11-2 season and a three-way share of the league crown with a successful march through the playoffs, defeating UMass in a title game rematch in the second round and capping things off with a 35-point clobbering of Youngstown State in the title game. The following year brought more of the same, as



Erk Russell's legendary work as the first head coach of Eagle Football began in 1982, and ended eight years later after three national championships.

the Y2K version of the Blue and White again went 11-2, finished alone atop the SoCon, and finished off four consecutive playoff opponents, including the University of Delaware in a road game in the semifinals and the Montana Grizzlies in the title game in Chattanooga.

In a sweet bit of irony for GSU football fans, the Eagles not only won their fifth and sixth national championships, but also recorded playoff wins over each of the last four teams to end their seasons while doing so.

The year 2001 brought high hopes to the GSU campus yet again, as the veteran tandem of Peterson and J.R. Revere were expected to bring home a third straight national crown. While the team went 10-1 and shared the league title with Furman, another march deep into December was not to be, as the Paladins rode into Statesboro in the playoff semifinals and avenged a regular-season loss at Paulson Stadium with a 24-17 win, snapping the Eagles' I-AA record 39-game home winning streak in the process.

Following the '01 campaign, Adrian Peterson, whom the school had promoted as a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate in his senior season, became just the second player in Eagle history (along with Tracy Ham) to have his jersey number permanently retired. His 6,559 rush-

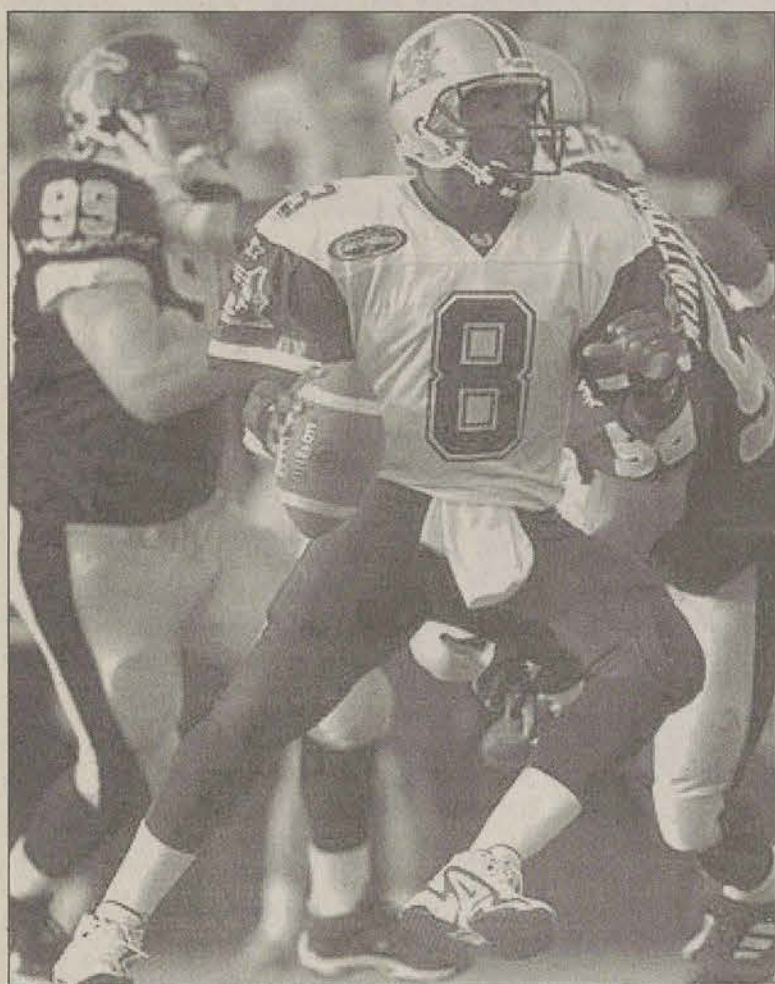
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ing yards in four seasons will stand as a near-unattainable benchmark for any who follow in his tracks. Paul Johnson also left the Statesboro campus following the '01 season, accepting the head coaching position at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Last season, new head coach Mike Sewak and the new-look Eagles enjoyed another successful season, finishing the regular season 8-3 and winning yet another Southern Conference title (the sixth straight year the team has either won or shared the league crown). Their playoff drive to bring "Six Flags Over Statesboro" to "Seventh Heaven" came up a bit short, however, as the team suffered just its second ever home playoff loss, dropping a 31-28 nailbiter to the eventual national champs from Western Kentucky.

As the 2003 season approaches, expectations in these parts are once again high; the Eagles are picked by many to once again be the class of the Southern Conference, and the ESPN/USA Today Preseason Poll has the team ranked #2 out of all the schools in I-AA. An early-season visit to class #1 McNeese State (last year's national runners-up), a midseason trip to Boone to face Appalachian State, and a late-season visit from Furman at home figure to be the Eagles' biggest litmus tests this season, although one can never predict when a lesser-regarded opponent will pull a surprise.

Keep an eye on the past as you follow the Eagles in the present this season, and a seventh national title might just prove to be in their near future.



Special Photo

**Georgia Southern quarterback** Tracy Ham went on to play for the Edmonton Eskimos from 1987 until 1992, for the Toronto Argonauts in 1993, the Baltimore Stallions from 1994 to 1999, and the Montreal Alouettes from 1996-1999.



## DIVISION I-AA FOOTBALL

## Top teams to watch in the coming season

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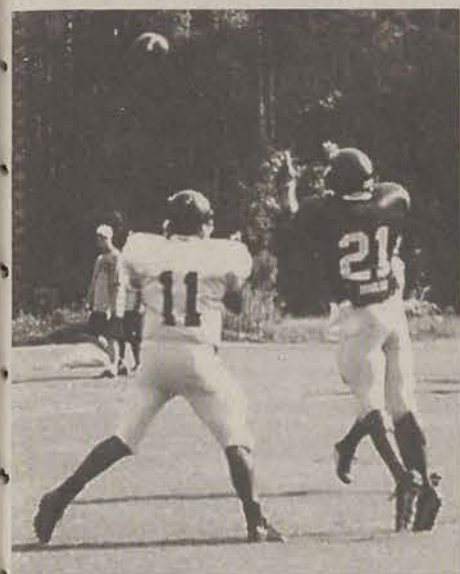
Let it begin. After nine months of painstaking wait, the college football season is upon us. The experts have bickered and argued for months about who is the best team in the land, and now the teams are set to prove their own merit, but first I have my last bold predictions before the guts and glory tell all how it really is. Using "The Sports Network" as my polling reference, here is the George-Anne's final authoritative predictions and outlooks on the I-AA preseason top 10.

1. **McNeese State Cowboys**

As the 2002 National Runner-up returns to action, many doubters have already marked them as "overrated." When Georgia Southern comes to town on September 13, just one week after MSU takes on Big XII powerhouse Kansas State, the stage is set for a possible national championship preview. This "clash of the titans" will be the defining match-up for MSU's season. Win, and they will likely be favorites to return to Chattanooga in December. Lose, and their season could spiral into bitter disappointment. Look for them to receive an early exit in the 2003 playoffs.

2. **Georgia Southern Eagles**

Playing in Statesboro demands championships. After falling just shy of returning to Chattanooga the past two seasons, expectations are riding high on the 2003 Eagles.



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Georgia Southern has been picked to win their seventh straight Southern Conference title in both the media and the SoCon coaches poll. With two Eagle players listed as the leading candidates for the Payton Award (Chaz Williams and Jermaine Austin), the Eagles could have the fortune of entering the playoffs undefeated. If they crush McNeese and SoCon foe Wofford on the road, look for GSU in Chattanooga pretty much unscathed.

3. **Western Illinois Leathernecks**

After an early dismissal in the 2002 playoffs by eventual national champion Western Kentucky, the Leathernecks have revenge on their minds. Led by linebacker Lee Russell, along with two Big 10 transfers, the Western Illinois defense must pick up the slack in order to ensure a chance to play for a national championship. Opening up against two I-A opponents, WIU will probably have to win the Gateway Conference to advance to the I-AA playoffs. However, that shouldn't be a problem for the Leathernecks as they are predicted to run away with the Gateway title. However, look for another early exit from the playoffs, probably the semifinal round.

4. **Montana Grizzlies**

Another year, another underrated Griz team. Montana returns just about the same line-up as they did a year ago. Minus their starting QB, RB, and their head coach. Underrated? Yeah that's right. Montana brings with them another championship caliber team that will be playing Georgia Southern in Chattanooga. Montana will feast on the poor souls who enter the newly expanded Washington-Griz Stadium, including I-A arch-rival Idaho. The folks in Missoula should be happy with the results of this year's Griz squad. It's gonna be a grudge match in December as a repeat of the 2000 national championship is replayed.

5. **Western Kentucky Hilltoppers**

The 2002 National Champions, they enter the season at number five. Why so high? After the departure of head coach Jack Harbaugh along with several key players, several of which are now in the NFL, the Hilltoppers must have luck on their side to gain an "at-large" bid to the I-AA playoffs. Opening their season against an NAIA and a D-II school, the NCAA selection committee will probably look unfavorably on WKU should they have a mediocre record. The Hilltoppers should not set unrealistic goals this season, for they don't have the talent as they did just one year ago. Look for them to fail to reach the playoffs for the first time in four years, or shown the door in just the first round.

6. **Northeastern Huskies**

The Huskies made the playoffs for the first time last season. Picked to finish just behind perennial powerhouse Delaware by Tony Moss, Northeastern could turn some heads. With the Husky defense favored as one of the best in the nation, Northeastern could prove that they should be taken seriously in 2003. With their non-conference schedule consisting of two D-II schools, the Huskies should enter their A-10 schedule at 2-0. As an A-10 member, their national prognosis is overhyped. A single playoff victory should be enough to satisfy Northeastern alumni this year. Should they advance past the second round would be a miracle.

7. **Grambling State Tigers**

A SWAC member. Did anyone see the game versus San Jose State last weekend? Please, they proved to the world that they do not belong in the top 50. Why in the world would someone rank a team in the top 10 who plays a SWAC schedule and puts up miniscule numbers year after year? Their records are always inflated due to their weak conference schedule and still ESPN labels them "a top I-AA football powerhouse!" They don't even compete in the playoffs! Mother of Pearl, they just waste a spot in the polls. Look for another 7-4 year and a trip to the Heritage Bowl against Southern. At least FAMU went I-A....Don't get me started.

8. **Furman Paladins**

So the boys in purple cracked the top 10 this season. A perennial powerhouse and playoff contender, the Paladins should be in the playoffs again... unfortunately. The loss of WR Bear Reinhardt and QB Billy Napier should prove to be a harsh blow to the Furman offense, but that's what "they" said about Georgia Southern too. Of course I could be wrong but hey, it's my prediction and I say they finish second in the Southern Conference. However they do get revenge on rival Appalachian State after the "fiasco" in Boone last season. Look for them to advance to at least the second round in the playoffs. Also look for another embarrassing defeat in Statesboro.

9. **Appalachian State Mountaineers**

The third of three Southern Conference teams in the top 10. Appalachian has some major questions on offense after the loss of QB Joe Burchette and RB Jerry Beard. However, don't be shocked to see them contending for a share of the SoCon crown and another trip. Then again, should the young defense struggle

early Western Carolina, or an upstart Wofford club could see the playoffs from the inside. The Mountaineer season hangs in the balance when they travel to Wofford and Greenville in October. Should they win either game they should still be in contention for the title when they host Georgia Southern. Prediction: they have to beat Wofford and Furman in order to go to the playoffs. If not....Wow what would the playoffs be like without the inbreds?

10. **Bethune-Cookman Wildcats**

The 2002 MEAC Champion, and Georgia Southern's first round "bye" in the 2002 playoffs. After being humiliated in Statesboro last November, B-CC looks for another chance at the Eagles in '03. The only way to ensure that meeting is by winning another MEAC championship and drawing the SoCon champion in the opening round. With QB Allen Suber in the Payton running, the Wildcats should be in the playoff hunt early. Should they be unfortunate enough to draw a trip to Statesboro again in round one, the B-CC season ends their once again.

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## When we have the ball -- probable offensive starters



**P.J. Cantrell (Jr-2L)**  
Position: Wide Receiver  
Number: 19  
Height/Weight: 6-2, 201  
Major: Pre-business



**Albert Turner (Jr-1L)**  
Position: Center  
Number: 73  
Height/Weight: 6-0, 269  
Major: Exercise Science



**Jermaine Austin (So-1L)**  
Position: Fullback  
Number: 6  
Height/Weight: 5-8, 198.  
Major: Justice Studies



**Carl Kearney (Sr-2L)**  
Position: Wide Receiver  
Number: 80  
Height/Weight: 6-1, 206.  
Major: Sport Management



**Leonard Daggett (Jr-2L)**  
Position: Right Guard  
Number: 79  
Height/Weight: 6-1, 296  
Major: Sport Management



**Kevin Davis (Jr-2L)**  
Position: Slotback  
Number: 36  
Height/Weight: 5-10, 177  
Major: Sport Management



**Travis Hames (Sr-3L)**  
Position: Left Tackle  
Number: 66  
Height/Weight: 6-3, 288  
Major: Building Construction and Contracting



**Paul Collins (Jr-2L)**  
Position: Right Tackle  
Number: 77  
Height/Weight: 6-4, 287.  
Major: Civil Engineering Technology



**T.J. Anderson (Jr-2L)**  
Position: Slotback  
Number: 28  
Height/Weight: 5-10, 178  
Major: Sport Management



**Reggie Cordy (Jr-1L)**  
Position: Left Guard  
Number: 65  
Height/Weight: 6-3, 290  
Major: Justice Studies



**Chaz Williams (Jr-2L)**  
Position: Quarterback  
Number: 10  
Height/Weight: 5-10, 214.  
Major: Sport Management



**Sean Holland (Jr-SQ)**  
Position: Punter/Placekicker  
Number: 82  
Height/Weight: 5-11, 189  
Major: Sport Management

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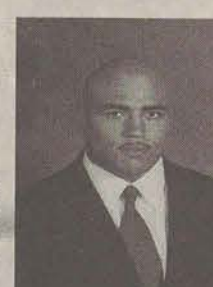
## When they have the ball -- probable defensive starters



**Dion Stokes (Sr-3L)**  
Position: Cornerback  
Number: 21  
Height/Weight: 5-10, 174  
Major: Management/Human Resources



**James Burchett (Sr-2L)**  
Position: Linebacker  
Number: 51  
Height/Weight: 6-0, 203  
Major: Building construction and contracting



**Eric Hadley (Jr-2L)**  
Position: Defensive Tackle  
Number: 98  
Height/Weight: 6-2, 257  
Major: Sport Management



**Aaron Whitaker (Jr-2L)**  
Position: Cornerback  
Number: 26  
Height/Weight: 6-0, 175  
Major: Business



**Derrick Butler (Jr-2L)**  
Position: Linebacker  
Number: 43  
Height/Weight: 6-0, 210  
Major: Pre-education (middle grades)



**Victor Cabral (Jr-2L)**  
Position: Defensive Tackle  
Number: 90  
Height/Weight: 6-3, 255  
Major: Sport Management



**Tariq Muhammad (So-1L)**  
Position: Strong Safety  
Number: 23  
Height/Weight: 5-11, 196  
Major: Business



**Eric White (Jr-1L)**  
Position: Linebacker  
Number: 41  
Height/Weight: 6-2, 208  
Major: Business



**Matt Rio (Jr-2L)**  
Position: Defensive Tackle  
Number: 96  
Height/Weight: 6-3, 248  
Major: Justice Studies



**James Young (Jr-2L)**  
Position: Free Safety  
Number: 1  
Height/Weight: 6-1, 204  
Major: Accounting



**DeShawn Jude (Jr-1L)**  
Position: Defensive End  
Number: 45  
Height/Weight: 6-2, 260  
Major: Teaching field-technology education



# Southern Conference Football Preview

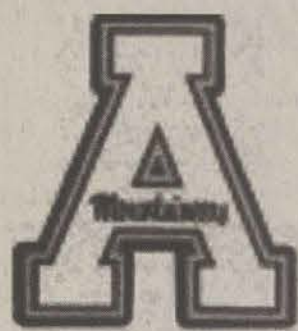
## Appalachian State University (Crapp State)

Nickname: Mountaineers  
Colors: Black and Gold  
Enrollment: 13,000  
Stadium: Kidd Brewer Stadium (16,650)  
Surface: FieldTurf

Head Coach: Jerry Moore (115-55, 15<sup>th</sup>) (142-103-2, Career)  
2002 Record: 8-4 (6-2 SoCon)

Appalachian Football History  
All-Time Record: 464-281-28 (73 Years)  
First Year: 1928  
Southern Conference Championships: 1986, 1987, 1991, 1995, 1999  
Bowl Appearances: none  
NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs: 1986, 87, 89, 91, 92, 94, 95, 98, 99, 2000, 01, 02 (8-12)  
All-Time Record Against Georgia Southern: 8-9-1  
Game vs. GSU: October 18, Boone N.C.

Appalachian State begins another football season with dreams of capturing its sixth conference title, and first national title. Mountaineers head coach Jerry Moore looks to this season with several questions for his 2003 team. Major questions surround the quarterback position. The Mountaineers lost all-conference QB Joe Burchette to graduation and has left big shoes to fill. Appalachian is returning seven starters on defense and must rely heavily on that experience if they are to succeed, especially early on. However, Coach Moore has proven that he has what it takes to make his teams successful. Last season he became ASU's winningest coach with 115 wins. He has led his teams to the I-AA playoffs in each of the past five seasons. This year they open up the new campaign against WAC member Hawaii, at Hawaii. Kudos to whomever scheduled that one. That game pits one of



the best offenses in I-A against one of the best defenses in I-AA. However, since the game begins at what is 12 midnight Eastern Time, the Warriors have a definite advantage. The Mountaineers return to the mainland to travel to Eastern Kentucky the following week. ECU brings another tough challenge to Coach Moore, by presenting a totally different offensive scheme from that of Hawaii. Following an bye the next week, the Mountaineers play ten straight games including back-to-back games with Furman and Georgia Southern. If Appalachian can remain healthy and avoid the wear and tear of playing ten consecutive games, look for the Mountaineers to compete with Georgia Southern for the conference crown.

**2003 Prognostication:** ASU, if healthy, is the main contender to challenge preseason top-ranked Georgia Southern. Look for a real nasty "shin-dig" in Boone for what could be the SoCon "Game-of-the-Year".

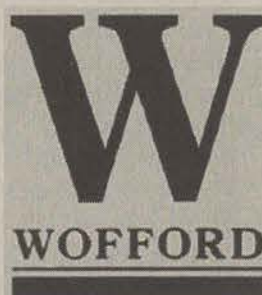
8/30 @Hawaii L  
9/6 @Eastern Kentucky W  
9/20 Morehead State W  
9/27 @The Citadel W  
10/4 ETSU W  
10/11 @Furman L  
10/18 Georgia Southern L  
10/25 @Wofford W  
11/1 Chattanooga W  
11/8 @Elon W  
11/15 Western Carolina W  
**Projected Finish:** 8-3 (6-2 SoCon)

## Wofford College

Nickname: Terriers  
Colors: Old Gold, Black  
Stadium: Gibbs Stadium (13,000)  
Surface: Natural Grass  
Enrollment: 1, 100

Head Coach: Mike Ayers (90-75-1, 15 years)  
(101-96-2, 18 Career)  
2002 Record: 9-2 (6-2 SoCon, T-2nd)

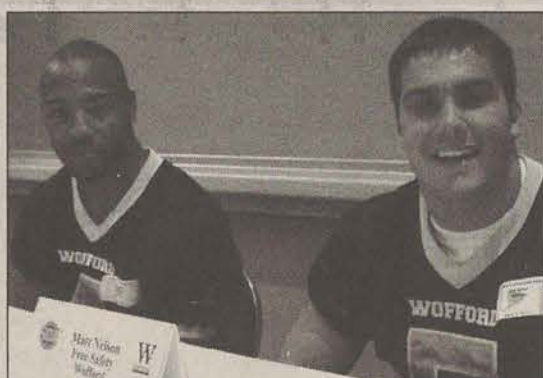
Wofford Football History  
First Year of Football: 1889 (1988-1994 D-II, NAIA before 1988)  
Southern Conference Championships: None  
Bowl Appearances: Cigar Bowl, 1950 (Florida State 13 Wofford 6)  
NCAA Div. I-AA Appearances: None  
All-Time Record vs. Georgia Southern: GSU 6-1  
Game vs. GSU: Sept. 20 @ Spartanburg (FoxSports South)



The Wofford Terriers are coming off of what was supposed to be a Cinderella season. With huge upsets at Georgia Southern and Appalachian State, the Terriers finished the 2002 season tied for second place in the Southern Conference. Many feel that Wofford got snubbed when they were passed over for a spot in the NCAA I-AA playoffs after Appalachian State got the bid instead. The 2003 Terriers are returning plenty of talent on the offensive side of the football but lost a lot of poise from the defense. Now it is up to fullback J.R. McNair to try and revenge the heartache of the 2002 season. Things could go well for the Terriers, assuming they survive the season opener in Colorado Springs, against Air Force. After facing the formidable Falcons, Wofford returns to Gibbs Stadium to take on in-state HBCU South Carolina State. The next weeks is when things could get ugly as Georgia Southern arrives seeking to feed the Terriers' crowd on regional television for the persistent "in-your-face" celebrations of the 2002 14-7 upset in Statesboro. Look for Wofford to take a shot at a chance at the Southern Conference title in 2003, but do not be shocked if they turn out to be a bit over-hyped.

2003 Prognostication: Wofford has a small chance of being a contender this season. However they aren't likely to repeat a dream year like last season.

8/30 @Air Force L  
9/6 South Carolina St. W  
9/20 Georgia Southern L  
9/27 Catawba W  
10/4 @Chattanooga W  
10/11 Elon W  
10/18 @Western Carolina L  
10/25 Appalachian State L  
11/1 @The Citadel W  
11/8 ETSU W  
11/15 @Furman L  
**Projected Finish:** 6-5 (4-4 SoCon)



Fullback J.R. McNair and free safety Matt Nelson speak with media at Southern Conference Rouser last July.

Bobby Lindsey/Staff

## Furman University (Purple Pansies)

Nickname: Paladins  
Colors: Purple, White  
Enrollment: 2, 630  
Stadium: Paladin Stadium (16,000)  
Surface: Natural Grass

Head Coach: Bobby Lamb (8-4, 2nd) (8-4 Career)  
2002 Record: 8-4 (6-2 SoCon, Tied 2nd)

Furman Football History  
First Year of Football: 1889  
All-Time Record: 508-391-38  
Southern Conference Championships: 11  
National Championships: 1 (1988)  
Bowl Appearances: none  
NCAA I-AA Playoff Appearances: 12  
All-Time Record vs. Georgia Southern: 10-4  
Game vs. GSU: November 8, Paulson Stadium



One of Georgia Southern's biggest rival, and threat, in the Southern Conference looks to regain its swagger in 2003. The Paladins of Furman are prepared to face the daunting task ahead of them and regroup for yet another run at the Conference championship. Second year head coach Bobby Lamb has some questions that need answers before the start of the season. He must find the right man to replace Billy Napier at quarterback and it looks

like the job might fall into junior Bo Moore's hands. Furman must also replace the ever-dangerous Bear Reinhardt at receiver. The Paladins must also put aside some major disappointments of the 2002 season in

order to have a legitimate run at what could be their 12th SoCon title in school history. With a disastrous loss last year at Appalachian State, in which a two-point conversions attempt was intercepted and returned for a touchdown, and a bone-shattering blowout loss to Georgia Southern at home, Furman must determine its own destiny in avoiding another embarrassing and perhaps season ending loss to any of the two rivals. Furman does have the weapons it needs, as well as a favorable schedule to once again bring home the conference title. The Paladins open the 2003 season with the newest Southern Conference member Elon University. From there it seems to be a series of tough battles as they take on in-state powerhouse Clemson at Death Valley. The marquee match-ups for Furman come on October 11 as they host Appalachian State, and on November 8 when they travel to Statesboro to take on the Eagles of Georgia Southern. Furman must win at least one of those two rivalries in order to have a chance at the SoCon crown.

2003 Prognostication: Furman has a chance to be a legitimate contender. Look for this "Big 3" member to pull out some huge wins and keep pace with GSU and ASU for the league title.

8/30 Elon W  
9/6 @Clemson L  
9/20 Richmond L  
9/27 Gardner-Webb W  
10/4 @Western Carolina W  
10/11 Appalachian State W  
10/18 @The Citadel W  
10/25 ETSU W  
11/8 @Georgia Southern L  
11/15 Wofford W  
11/22 @Chattanooga W  
**Projected Finish:** 9-2 (7-1 SoCon)

2003 Southern Conference Football Schedule													
	Aug. 30	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22
Appalachian State	at Hawaii	at Eastern Kentucky	OPEN	MOREHEAD STATE	at The Citadel	ETSU	at Furman	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	at Wofford	UTC	at Elon	WESTERN CAROLINA	OPEN
The Citadel	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	at Delaware	at Maryland	at Western Carolina	APPALACHIAN STATE	ELON	OPEN	FURMAN	at Georgia Southern	WOFFORD	at UTC	vs VMI (Charlotte)	ETSU
East Tennessee State	at Eastern Michigan (Aug. 28)	CONCORD COLLEGE	at Tennessee Martin	at Elon	WESTERN CAROLINA	at Appalachian State	THE CITADEL	LIBERTY	at Furman	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	at Wofford	UTC	OPEN
Elon	at Furman	OPEN	at Hofstra	ETSU	NC A&T	at The Citadel	at Wofford	UTC	at Towson	at Western Carolina	APPALACHIAN STATE	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	OPEN
Furman	ELON	at Clemson	OPEN	RICHMOND	GARDNER-WEBB	at Western Carolina	APPALACHIAN STATE	at The Citadel	ETSU	OPEN	at Georgia Southern	WOFFORD	at UTC
Georgia Southern	OPEN	SAVANNAH STATE	at McNeese State	at Wofford	UTC	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	WESTERN CAROLINA	at Appalachian State	THE CITADEL	at ETSU	FURMAN	at Elon	OPEN
Chattanooga	SAMFORD (Aug. 28)	at Vanderbilt	TENNESSEE TECH	at Gardner-Webb	at Georgia Southern	WOFFORD	OPEN	at Elon	WESTERN CAROLINA	at Appalachian State	THE CITADEL	at ETSU	FURMAN
Western Carolina	at NC State	at Duke	JOHNSON C. SMITH	THE CITADEL	at ETSU	FURMAN	at Georgia Southern	WOFFORD	at UTC	ELON	OPEN	at Appalachian State	GARDNER-WEBB
Wofford	at Air Force	SC STATE	OPEN	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	CATAWBA	at UTC	ELON	at Western Carolina	APPALACHIAN STATE	at The Citadel	ETSU	at Furman	OPEN

Seventy-One Years of Southern Conference Football



## The Citadel

Nickname: Bulldogs  
Colors: Citadel Blue, White  
Stadium: Johnson Hagood Stadium (21,000)  
Surface: Natural Grass  
Enrollment: 1,800

Head Coach: Ellis Johnson (6-16, 3rd Year) (11-22, career)  
2002 Record: 3-9 (1-7 SoCon, 9th)

Citadel Football History:  
All-Time Record: 421-465 (95 years, .453 pct)  
First Year of Football: 1905  
Southern Conference Championships: 1961, 1992  
Bowl Appearances: Tangerine, 1960 (Citadel 27, Tenn. Tech 0)  
NCAA Div. I-AA Playoffs: 1988, 1990, 1992 (1 win, 3 losses)  
All-Time Record Against Georgia Southern: GSU 10-2  
Game vs. GSU: Oct. 25, Paulson Stadium, Homecoming



This season marks the 96th year of football at The Citadel, the oldest current member of the Southern Conference. Under third year coach Ellis Johnson, the Bulldogs look to improve on a disastrous 2002 year. After finishing last in the SoCon last season, the Bulldogs do have some bright spots in what looks like to be another dark year. The Bulldogs are returning nine offensive starters and eight on the defensive side. Coach Johnson can only hope that his team has matured enough since last year to pose a threat to the rest of the conference. The Citadel opens up the 2003 season with local rival Charleston Southern, then has a date with dangerous Delaware in week 2. From there they travel to College Park, Maryland

to take on the Terrapins. The Citadel then plays out its conference schedule, which includes an October 25 match-up at Georgia Southern's Paulson Stadium. Although The Citadel does possess more experience than last year, they do not have what it takes to challenge the "Big Three" for the Southern Conference title in 2003.

**2003 Prognostication:** The Bulldogs have a tough road ahead of them this season. Look for them to finish near the bottom, just above Elon and Chattanooga.

8/30 Charleston Southern	W
9/6 @ Delaware	L
9/13 @ Maryland	L
9/20 @ Western Carolina	W
9/27 Appalachian State	L
10/4 Elon	W
10/18 Furman	L
10/25 @ Georgia Southern	L
11/1 Wofford	L
11/8 @ Chattanooga	W
11/15 VMI @ Charlotte	W
11/22 @ ETSU	W
Projected Finish (5-7, 4-4 SoCon)	

## University of Tennessee-Chattanooga

Nickname: Mocs  
Colors: Navy, Old Gold and Silver  
Enrollment: 8,524  
Stadium: Finley Stadium (20,668)  
Surface: Natural Grass  
Head Coach: Rodney Allison 0-0 1<sup>st</sup> Year (0-0 Career)  
Last Season: 2-10 (2-6 SoCon)\* (before Coach Allison)

Chattanooga Football History:  
First Year of Football: 1904  
All-Time Record: 453-431-34  
Southern Conference Champions: 1977, 1978, 1979, 1984  
National Championships: none  
NCAA I-AA Playoffs: none  
Record Vs. Georgia Southern: 1-15  
2003 vs. Georgia Southern: September 27, Paulson Stadium 6pm

Chattanooga football has lost its glory. After finishing tied for dead last in the Southern Conference in 2002, the Mocs made several off-season moves in hopes that its luck might change. First year Coach Rodney Allison takes over the haphazard squad with a ferocious hot-blast of energy. He changed the personnel of the football office from assistant coaches to secretaries in efforts "to change everything about the program to make it a winner!" After coming from Clemson University as their defensive ends coach for the past four years, he brings a brand-new offensive scheme to Chattanooga. By moving an All-Conference wide-out to running back, Allison hopes to copy the success of the "Big Three" and focus on running the ball. However, success will not come to the Mocs this season, they lack in too many areas to challenge anyone for the Southern C/onference crown. After opening the season with Big South member Samford, the Mocs travel to Nashville, where they take on SEC foe Vanderbilt. Chattanooga then faces the tough road of rebuilding as they open up the 2003 conference schedule at Georgia Southern on September 27.

**2003 Prognostication:** Chattanooga can only look ahead to success in the future, cuz they ain't going nowhere this season.

8/28 Samford	L
9/6 @ Vanderbilt	L
9/13 Tenn Tech	L
9/20 @ Gardner-Webb	L
9/27 @ Georgia Southern	L
10/4 Wofford	L
10/18 @ Elon	W
10/25 Western Carolina	L
11/1 @ Appalachian State	L
11/8 Citadel	L
11/15 @ ETSU	W
11/22 Furman	L
<b>2003 Final Projection:</b> (2-10, 2-6 SoCon)	



## Georgia Southern

Nickname: Eagles  
Colors: Blue and White  
Enrollment: 15,200  
Stadium: Allen E. Paulson (18,000)  
Surface: Natural

Head Coach: Mike Sewak (11-3 1 year) (11-3 career)  
2002 Record: 11-3 (7-1 SoCon 1<sup>st</sup>)

Georgia Southern Football History:  
All-Time Record: 211-63-1 (21 Years)  
First Year of Football: 1982  
Southern Conference Champions: 1993, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002  
Bowl Appearances: None  
National Championships: 1985, 1986, 1989, 1990, 1999, 2000  
NCAA D-IAA Playoffs: 14, (38-8)

It's all set to being again. Head Coach Mike Sewak's Eagles are set to defend yet another Southern Conference title and try to capture their unprecedented seventh national championship. The Eagles' are returning nearly everyone from the record-setting team they had last year. With the loss of free safety David Young to the NFL's Jaguars, and defensive end Freddy Pesquiera, the Eagle's have plugged the holes

nicely. Junior strong safety James Young and senior linebacker James Burchette have stepped up to the plate as leaders of the strong Eagle defense. On the offensive side of the ball, Sewak has his main guns lined up for what could be another record-smashing year. Junior quarterback Chaz Williams and redshirt sophomore fullback Jermaine Austin, the best 1-2 combination in all of division-I football, return with more power and finesse than last year's impressive season. Tony Moss, of The Sports Network has this to say about the Eagles "...there are no major holes anywhere in the starting lineup.

Georgia Southern opens up its schedule on September 6<sup>th</sup> versus in-state foe Savannah State in Statesboro. The Eagles then travel to Lake Charles, Louisiana to take on preseason #1 McNeese State, a game that has been labeled as "The I-AA Game of the Year". From there GSU faces a grudge match to open the SoCon schedule at Wofford. The Terriers shocked the football world last year with a 14-7 win in Statesboro, the first conference loss for the Eagles at home in over five years. Key match-ups for the Eagles are October 18 against Appalachian State in Boone, and November 8 versus Furman in Statesboro.

**2003 Prognostication:** Georgia Southern is the favorite to win the Southern Conference, and a strong pick to bring home yet another national championship. I honestly believe they can go through the season undefeated. The only question mark is Sept. 13 at McNeese.

**Projected Finish:** 11-0 (8-0 SoCon)



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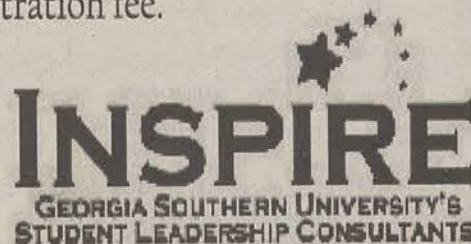
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You can't blow an uncertain trumpet. - Theodore M. Hesburgh



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# Eighty years of tradition 'cut' from East Tennessee State

## East Tennessee State University

Nickname: Buccaneers  
Colors: Navy and Old Gold  
Enrollment: 11,500  
Stadium: Memorial Center (Minidome) (13,000)  
Surface: Artificial

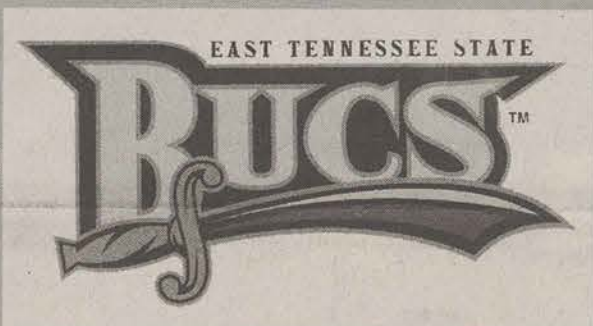
Head Coach: Paul Hamilton (33-34 6<sup>th</sup>) (33-34 career)  
2002 Record: 4-8 (2-6 SoCon)

ETSU Football History  
All-Time Record: 336-389-27 (80 years)  
First Year: 1921  
Southern Conference Championships: none  
Bowl Appearances: none  
NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs: 1996  
All-Time Record Against Georgia Southern: 5-8  
Game vs. GSU: November 1, @ Johnson City, Tennessee

East Tennessee State begins its final year fielding a football team in 2003. The Bucs refuse to go down without a fight. Many players are out "with a chip on their shoulders" looking for something to prove. They might have to prove something somewhere else. The demise of ETSU football has been coming since the completion of the athletic monstrosity known as the "Minidome." The humid, stuffy building has turned off fans to ETSU football since 1977. More than that, the Bucs have only had 33 winning seasons in their 80 year history. As East Tennessee takes the field to open their final season against Eastern Michigan, the Bucs will look towards their young, yet experienced offense to lead them to victory. However, the problem is they have to replace the figurehead of that offense after losing quarterback Jason Davis to graduation. As long as ETSU keeps playing every game like it's their last, anything can happen. However, the Bucs are just lacking in too many areas to be considered in the hunt for they Southern Conference title or a playoff birth. Key match-ups for the 2003 Buccaneers come when they travel to Furman and Appalachian State in October, and when they host Georgia Southern on November 1. The last time the Eagles went to Johnson City they were ranked #1 nationally and we then upset by the Bucs in a thriller. Yet this season should be one of disappointing defeat for ETSU.

**2003 Prognostication:** ETSU will play all-out this season, taking it one game at a time filled with hate for their opponents. However, it's going to end for the Bucs on a down note.

8/28	@Eastern Michigan	L
9/4	Concord College	W
9/13	@Tennessee-Martin	W
9/20	@Elon	L
9/27	Western Carolina	L
10/4	@Appalachian State	L
10/18	Liberty	W
10/25	@Furman	L
11/1	Georgia Southern	L
11/8	@Wofford	L
11/15	Chattanooga	L
11/22	The Citadel	L
Projected Finish: 3-9 (0-8 SoCon)		



## Bucs Football loses over \$1 million annually

By Brian Saxton  
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In 2001, Paul Hamilton's Buccaneers upset the number one ranked GSU Eagles 19-16 at home in the Memorial center.

The win was one of the biggest in East Tennessee States' 80 year history. It was also one of the few bright spots.

Since 1923, ETSU has recorded only 31 winning seasons and only one undefeated season. In 1969, legendary Head Coach John R. Bell led the Bucs to a 10-0-1 record, including a victory over Louisiana Tech in the Grantland Rice Bowl. ETSU recorded another major upset in 1987 when they defeated 1-A North Carolina State 29-14 in Durham, North Carolina.

Their second best season came in 1996, when they advanced to the quarterfinals defeating Furman, Appalachian State, Georgia Southern, and Villanova along the way.

If the Bucs hope to register another winning season, or playoff appearance, or major upset in the annals of their history they better do it this year, because this is their last chance.

ETSU President Paul Stanton has decided to end the football program after this season. Stanton did not have much of a choice — the university's state funding was cut by 7.48 million in July.

To make matters worse, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission passed an initiative to phase out all public funding for intercollegiate athletics by 2007.

The football program draws \$1 million of their \$1.4 million budget from state coffers, and only raises around \$127,000 in private donations. President Stanton estimated it would cost \$2 million in donations annually to make the team self sufficient, compete for a Southern Conference championship, and comply with Title IX.

Title IX is the much-debated federal law, which demands that the amount of money spent by a school on each sex be comparative to the student body. Though the rule does not help the situation, it is not the major culprit, but only one of the last straws to break Stanton's back. ETSU is also looking at another \$750,000 to \$1.5 million to resurface the playing field of the Memorial Center, also known as the Mini-dome.

The Mini-dome, which was built in 1977, is taking blame from some fans and alumni for the lack of interest in the team. It was built to allow the team to play, and the fans to watch comfortably during snowy November evenings,

but fans complain that it is too humid and stuffy inside and that the dome has poor sight lines.

The university, which enrolls 11,000 students, rests in the Blue Ridge Mountains that surround Johnson City, Tennessee. Some argue that the university could have used the local scenery as a backdrop for an outdoor facility and possibly have kept attendance numbers up.

The paltry attendance has been on a slight rise. Buccaneer home game averages rose from 6,000 in 2001 to 6,300 last year, but even if the fans fill the 12,000-seat stadium at every game this season it would drastically fail to replace the lost funding.

Many universities in all divisions charge a nominal athletic fee to supplement the athletic programs, but Stanton estimates that each student would have to hand out \$400 a year to keep the team afloat. ETSU's tuition has risen nearly 50 percent in the last five years, and asking students to support a losing, unpopular football team is out of the question.

Alumni and booster organizations, such as The Pirate Club, tried to change the President's mind on giving football the axe. The Pirate club offered up one last option. They had hoped to start a \$2 million pledge drive campaign at the beginning of the season. The plan called for returning all donations if the goal was not reached by the last game. But Stanton rejected the idea on the basis that the problems were too large to overcome and a campaign could give the players false hope.

Funding problems alone did not lead to the teams demise.

A lack of interest from the community, alumni and students made the program an easy target. Schools all over the country with football teams are suffering budget cuts, but are reducing spending elsewhere to compensate for the lack of public funding. President Stanton would have had a harder time dismissing a more popular program.

Instead, 80 years of gridiron tradition is coming to an end and never again will ETSU get the chance to complete an undefeated season or compete in the playoffs, or upset a Division I-A school.

After this season the Bucs will never again have the opportunity to lift Paul Hamilton onto their shoulders in celebration of the defeat of a number one ranked powerhouse.

Just a note: GSU's average attendance fell to 14,979 last year from a record high 18,660 in 2001.

## Elon to play inaugural SoCon season

### Elon University

Nickname: Phoenix  
Colors: Maroon and Gold  
Enrollment: 4,432  
Stadium: Rhodes Stadium (11,250)  
Surface: Natural Grass

Head Coach: Al Seagraves (38-39, 7 years) (38-39 career, 7)  
2002 Record: 4-7 (2-1 Big South)

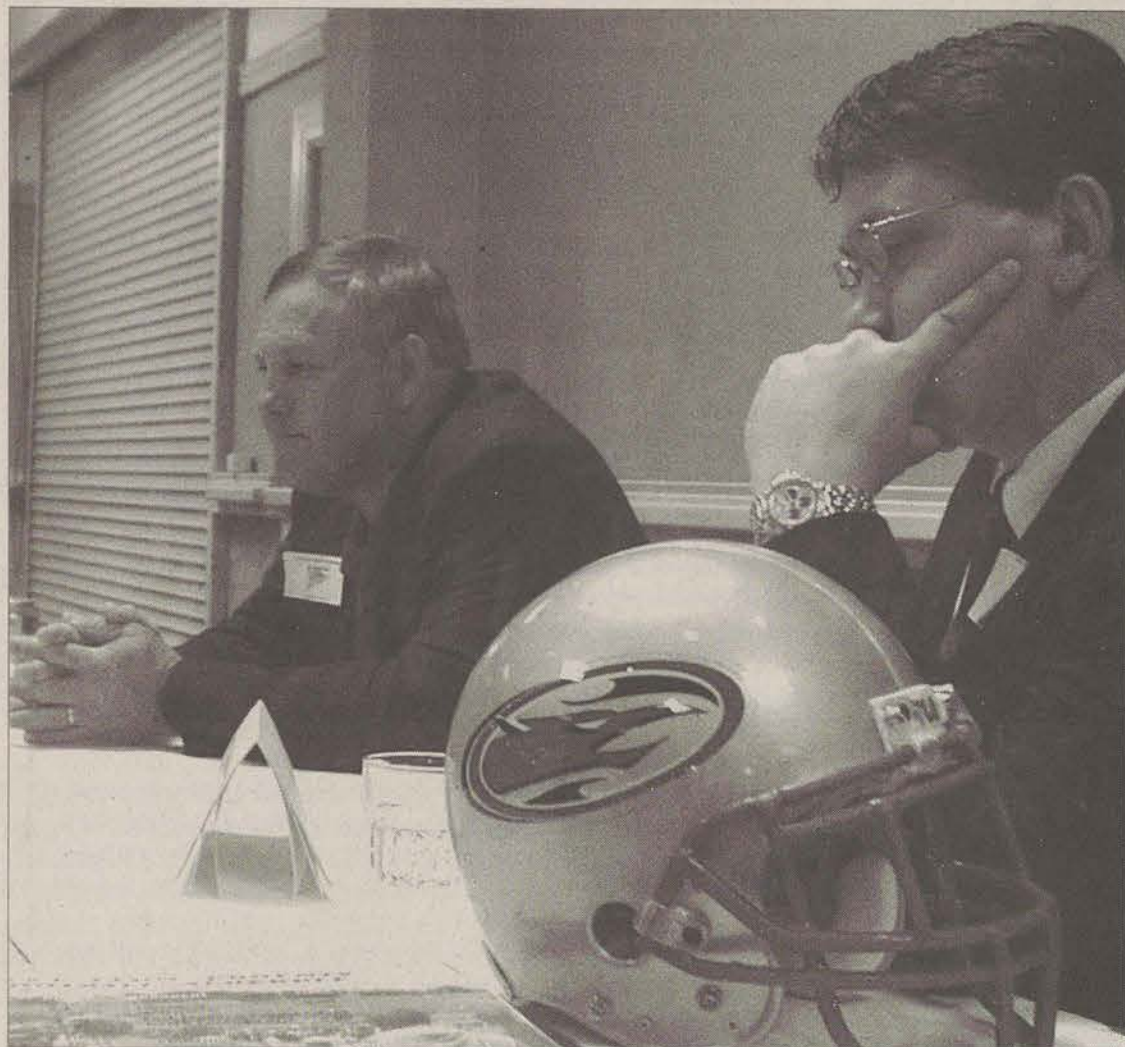
Elon Football History  
All-Time Record: 434-344-18  
First Year: 1909 (5th year in Division I)  
Southern Conference Championships: N/A  
Bowl Appearances: none  
NCAA Division I-AA playoffs: none  
All-Time Record Against Georgia Southern: 0-3  
Game vs. GSU: November 15, Elon, N.C.



A rude awakening is waiting for Elon as they begin their inaugural season in the Southern Conference this fall. The Phoenix come into the season as the 2002 Big South Conference Champions, the four team league that includes VMI, Gardner-Webb and Coastal Carolina. This season Elon must face the tough SoCon, and perennial national champion contenders in Furman, Georgia Southern and Appalachian State. The road ahead does not get easier for coach Al Seagraves and his Phoenix. Having to rely heavily on his defense, a defense that allowed over 30 points in 7 out of 11 games last season, could be the demise of the Phoenix this season as they will fight to control the offensive juggernauts of the Southern Conference, Georgia Southern in particular. Elon begins the 2003 campaign on August 30 at Paladin Stadium for their first-ever Southern Conference game against Furman. This game should turn into a blood bath as Furman will probably dominate. Elon's season should be one of bitter dissent, as they try and make a contest out of their Southern Conference schedule. Facing Appalachian State and Georgia Southern in back-to-back games at home could be horrendous for Elon who by then would want to wave the "white-flag"

**2003 Prognostication:** Elon will more than likely fail to win three games this season. I could be mistaken, but Elon has a lot to grow before causing a stir in the Conference.

8/30	@Furman	L
9/6	Tusculum	W
9/13	@Hofstra	L
9/20	ETSU	W
9/27	N.C. A&T	L
10/4	@The Citadel	L
10/11	@Wofford	L
10/18	Chattanooga	L
10/25	@Townson	L
11/1	@Western Car	L
11/8	Appalachian St.	L
11/15	Georgia Southern	L
Projected Finish: 2-10 (1-7 SoCon)		



By Bobby Lindsey/Staff

Elon head coach Al Seagraves talks to media at Southern Conference Rouser last July.

By Brian Saxton  
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Elon University will become the newest member of the Southern Conference this season. The Phoenix will replace the Virginia Military Institute who defected to the Big South Conference after last season.

In four seasons in Division I-AA, Elon has posted a 22-22 record, with their best results coming in their first season, 1999, when they lost only two games and one nine, including a 24-22 victory over Furman. The Phoenix are winless in three matches with GSU, but fell just one play short in a 27-21 loss in 2001. J.R. Revers' fourth down pass with 2:08 left in the game fell incomplete, but Elon was flagged for roughing the passer and GSU went on to score, win the game, and later, a national championship.

Elon has a 36-63-3 all time record against current SoCon members with its only series lead over Western Carolina (17-13-2). In the last four years they are 1-7 against current SoCon members. Last year the Phoenix won only four games and lost seven, including three to SoCon teams (Fuman, App. State, and Wofford). Gardner-Webb was the only other opponent that GSU and Elon shared last season. GSU handed the Bulldogs a 56-0 romp while the Phoenix fell to G-W 38-27.

Only Chattanooga (2-9) and the Citadel (3-9) had worse records last season. East Tennessee State had one more defeat with 8 losses and equal wins with 4. Elon will open its Southern Conference season with the Furman Paladins and will play their 800<sup>th</sup> football game against ETSU in their SoCon home opener on Sept. 20.



## Where does your loyalty lie?

### Sports Team Editorial

Have you ever gotten tired of something? If so, you can relate to this editorial.

We are so tired of seeing University of Georgia paraphernalia around Georgia Southern.

It is everywhere you look, when we get in our cars and drive anywhere.

We can almost guarantee that you will see more UGA license plates than GSU. Members of our staff have even gone out to The Nickel and decided to count UGA, GSU, and GT (Georgia Tech) hats.

It was very disappointing.

The results totaled to 19 UGA, 3 GSU and one GT. Come on, people, you are at GSU.

What's the deal? If you're such a fan of another school's team, why don't you go there? Why didn't you go there to begin with? Is it so hard to be proud of your own school - your own athletic teams?

In our view, if you go to any GSU sporting event wearing another team's logo, you're not a fan - you're a complete loser. This kind of disrespect pisses us off.

We're not saying to give up anything with another school's logo on it. We ourselves own several shirts displaying another university on them, but we don't wear them to a Georgia Southern game. And, we especially do not cheer for them over our own school.

It is ridiculous to see some of our student body refusing to attend a game featuring our own teams because another school they like is playing on TV! So what?

That's a disgrace, and if all you care about is a team over your school, what are you doing in college?

While you are here, attend as many of GSU's sporting events you can. And, yes, that means soccer and softball - not just football and basketball. Why? Because it's your school!

Be proud of it!

Make the most of your career here at GSU. Don't stay home watching UGA football games on TV while GSU plays a home game at Paulson Stadium.

You can tape the other game. Come out to the "Prettiest little stadium in America." Support your peers, and take pride in your university.

When you are in college you are supposed to feel proud about your school. But right now we are fed up and just plain ashamed of the lack of support toward our university - and not just athletics.

Take off those ugly non-GSU logos off your vehicles. Put on the Eagle.

To everyone else who is fed up with the lack of pride of your institution, THANKS!

To all of you Dawg, Tiger, Jacket, War Eagle fans, shame on you.

You are in Eagle country now.



## Sudderth, West suspended for three games

### Sudderth exonerated on drug charge

#### Special to the G-A

Furman University head football coach Bobby Lamb announced today that juniors Willis Sudderth and Isaac West have been suspended for the Paladins' first three games as part of disciplinary action by the university.

Sudderth, a tight end from Lilburn, Ga., and West, a split end from Augusta, Ga., were charged on July 31 with 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.

The suspensions will keep Sudderth and West on the sideline for the Paladins' season opener against Elon (Aug. 30) and games against Clemson (Sept. 6) and Richmond (Sept. 20). In addition, both players will be required to perform community service and undergo counseling in Greenville County's first-offender program.

In addition, Furman has imposed sanctions on Sudderth and West. The university, however, is prohibited by federal law from releasing confidential information about students.

"The university has examined this matter thoroughly and we are satisfied that everyone has been held accountable for their actions," said

Dr. Harry Shucker, Furman's vice president for student services. "Our on-campus investigation revealed that a third party -- a non-student athlete at Furman was also involved, which exonerated Willis of the drug charge. The university's disciplinary action is entirely consistent with other student cases we've handled in the past."

Sudderth and West were suspended indefinitely by Lamb on Aug. 5 and have yet to practice with the team. They will work out with the squad for the first time on Wednesday but will be relegated to practice with the scout team, composed primarily of freshmen and reserves, until Sept. 22, according to Lamb.

"These suspensions are a result of unacceptable behavior by two young men who represent our football program and university community," said Lamb on Wednesday. "We expect our players to be model citizens and to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the great trust placed in them by our university. I'm confident that lessons have been learned through this process and that these young men will work their way back into good standing."

A two-time All-Southern Conference selection, Sudderth caught eight passes for 103 yards and a touchdown in 2002, and West totaled 39 receptions for 708 yards and a team high seven touchdowns a year ago despite missing three games with a fractured collarbone.



Andy Lash/STAFF

Paulson Stadium hosts the first scrimmage for the Eagles as they continue their preseason practices. The last preseason scrimmage takes place this Friday at 3:30 p.m. at Paulson Stadium. This will be the final chance to see the Eagles before they open the 2003 season against Savannah State on September 6 at 6 p.m. Admission to the scrimmage is free.

## New pre-game excitement announced for 2003

### Tailgate of the Week

During halftime of the Furman game on November 8, one lucky fan will win six tickets to see the Georgia Southern Eagles take on the University of Georgia Bulldogs in September of 2004! Fans can become eligible by competing in the "Winn-Dixie Tailgate of the Week" promotion. Each week three fans will be selected to prepare a tailgate meal (i.e. chicken, ribs, cole slaw, potato salad). To participate, contestants must either show a receipt from Winn-Dixie verifying their tailgate purchases or their Winn-Dixie Customer Rewards Card. Tailgate entries will be judged for taste and presentation by Georgia Southern coaches, university faculty and staff, and Cumulus broadcasting radio personalities. Each weekly winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate from Winn-Dixie and an autographed Georgia Southern football. In addition, each weekly winner will be entered into the ultimate drawing to win 6 tickets to the Georgia Southern vs. Georgia game. To participate in the "Winn-Dixie Tailgate of the Week" promotion, please go to the Athletic Promotion link and fill out the form or call Brian Gibson at 871-1500.

#### Family Plan Fun Zone

The Subway Family Plan Fun Zone is back! Once again this year, Subway Family Plan members will receive food and drinks, compliments of Subway, and the Georgia Southern cheerleaders and Gus will be available for autographs and pictures. In addition, Cumulus Broadcasting (Z102, I-95, Kix 96) will host the Subway Family Plan tailgate and coaches and student-athletes will make special appearances throughout the football season to sign autographs. For EA Sports fanatics, the EA Sports College Football 2004 game day tent will be available for fans interested in playing our game day rival. The Subway Family Plan Fun Zone will be located in front of the visitor's entrance gate and will be open to members two hours before the start of each home game. Be sure to purchase your Subway Family Plan tickets by call 1-800-GSU-WINS today!

## SoCon Previews (Cont.)

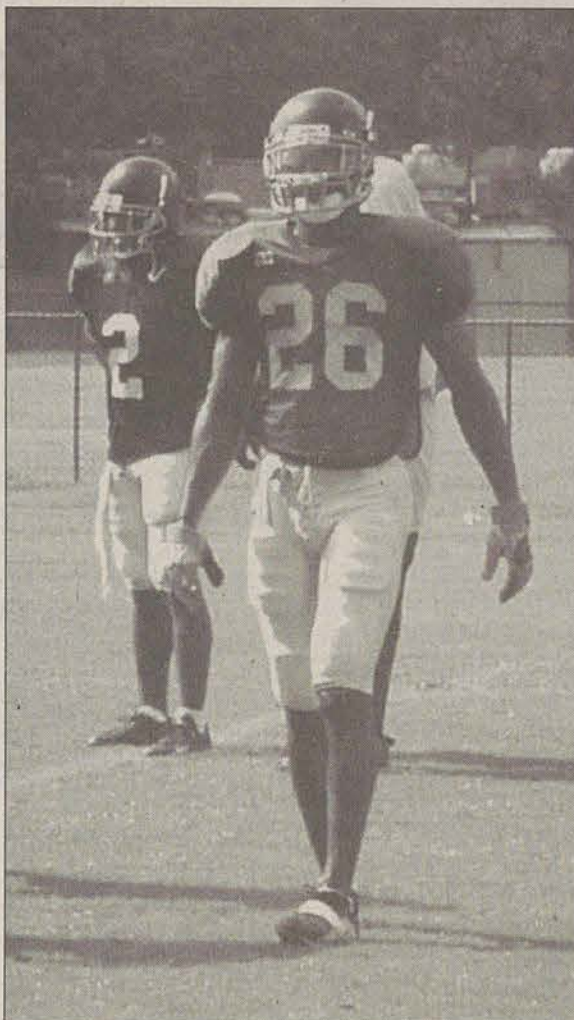
### Western Carolina University

Nickname: Catamounts (Mountain Lions)  
Colors: Purple and Gold  
Enrollment: 7,300  
Stadium: Whitmire Stadium (14,000)  
Surface: FieldTurf

Head Coach: Kent Briggs (5-6 1 year) (5-6 Career)  
2002 Record: 5-6 (3-5 SoCon)

Western Carolina Football History  
All-Time Record: 291-374-23 (69 Years)  
First Year: 1931  
Southern Conference Championships: none  
Bowl Appearances: None  
NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs: 1983 (National Runner Up)  
All-Time Record Against Georgia Southern: 1-11  
2003 Game vs. GSU: October 11, Paulson Stadium

Western Carolina looks to build.



Meghan Maloy/STAFF

What exactly they are trying to construct is still a mystery. Like I-16, the Catamounts have been building and rebuilding since as long as they have fielded a football team. This season looks to be a different year with Western football than the previous few decades. As they finish building nearly 4,000 new stands at Whitmire Stadium, they boast a brand new athletic complex complete with the state-of-the-art FieldTurf brand of artificial turf. However, do they have enough to contend for a spot in the NCAA playoffs, much less the Southern Conference championship?

Returning QB Brian Gaither looks to set yet another Catamount passer to throw for over 1,000 yards in three consecutive seasons. At the running back positions the loss of top RB Fred Boateng hurts the Catamounts significantly. Second year head coach Kent Briggs must trust his experienced and talented defense led by senior linebacker Rod Dunlap and senior defensive end Michale Spicer.

If the defense can hold, especially during the early season, the Catamounts can allow the offense to mature for the tough Southern Conference schedule. Western Carolina opens up the 2003 season on the road with two back-to-back ACC teams, North Carolina State and Duke. The Catamounts home opener comes on September 13 as they host Johnson C. Smith from the annals of D-II.

From there, they control their own destiny as they open up the Southern Conference schedule against a much-improved Citadel squad. This game is a must-win for the Catamounts, who most likely will enter the contest at 1-2. The Citadel and Western both desperately need to win the SoCon opener to ensure that they could have a chance at dethroning a "Big 3" member and a spot at the top.

The loser of the game would have a tough road to climb at making a run for an at-large bid in the I-AA playoffs in November. Western Carolina comes to Statesboro on October 11 as part of Family Weekend where they will meet perhaps their biggest obstacle of the season, the Georgia Southern Eagles.

**2003 Prognostication:** WCU hopes to turn some heads in the I-AA world with their first trip to the I-AA playoffs in twenty years. It all seems like a Cinderella dream, but come on, do you really think they could beat at least two of the "Big 3" this year? The Citadel is likely to end their hopes of a championship real quick like.

8/30 @North Carolina State	L
9/6 @Duke	L
9/13 Johnson C. Smith	W
9/20 The Citadel	L
9/27 @ETSU	W
10/4 Furman	L
10/11 @Georgia Southern	L
10/18 Wofford	L
10/25 @Chattanooga	W
11/1 Elon	W
11/15 @Appalachian State	L
11/22 Gardner-Webb	W

**Projected Finish:** 5-7 (4-4 SoCon)





## Georgia Southern achieves preseason honors

By Eli Boorstein  
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One occurrence that is generally a safe bet come football season is seeing the Eagle football team with a healthy representation of players on the preseason All-Southern Conference teams.

This season is no different as Georgia Southern had eight players named all-league, seven of which being named to the first team. Only Furman had more players chosen with nine being named to either the first or second teams. Appalachian State tallied six selections.

Leading the way on the first team was junior quarterback Chaz Williams, who was also named as the preseason SoCon Offensive Player of the Year.

In his first season as a starter in 2002, Williams rushed for a conference-high 1,422 yards. The Apopka, Fla. native also recorded 27 rushing touchdowns and 10 100-yard rushing games, both marks setting new NCAA records for a quarterback. Williams also completed 45 passes on the year.

Next to Williams on the offensive first team is last year's SoCon Freshman of the Year, fullback Jermaine Austin. With the lofty expectations of GSU's long line of exceptional fullbacks, Austin did not disappoint in 2002, finishing second in the league with 1,416 yards rushing while reaching the end zone eight times.

The successes of Williams and Austin could not have been possible without the help of a gritty offensive line, for which junior offensive tackle Paul Collins was honored as a first-teamer. Collins started all 14 games last year, helping protect the GSU rushing game as they averaged a national best 386.2 yards per game.

Collins' counterpart on the line, junior offensive guard Reggie Cordy was also named first team, despite missing much of the season with a knee injury. A Dublin native, Cordy tore his left medial collateral ligament against Gardner Webb in the second game in 2002, but is set to return for the beginning of this season.

On the offensive second team, senior Carl Kearney took one of the spots at wide receiver. A former walk-on, Kearney was the squad's top receiver in 2002, collecting 287 yards on his catches, including a career high 93 yards against Western Kentucky on Dec. 14. The Griffin native was also a key catalyst on special teams, forcing two fumbles against Furman game last Nov. 9.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Eagles placed three players on the first team, led by junior linebacker Derrick Butler.

Butler put together 86 tackles in 2002, fourth best on the team. He also recorded four tackles for loss, including one quarterback sack.

Another first-teamer, junior tackle Eric Hadley totaled 63 tackles last season, including 10 for loss. The Thomasville native also managed six-and-a-half sacks, just one takedown behind Freddy Pesquiera for tops on the team.

Junior free safety James Young closes out the Eagle honors as another first-team selection. Young picked off three passes in 2002, including a GSU and league playoff record two in the opening round against Bethune-Cookman. He also notched 69 tackles, two coming for a loss.

## Two Eagle hopefuls to play for Payton

Williams, Austin top the list for I-AA's Heisman

Eagle quarterback Chaz Williams and fullback Jermaine Austin have been selected by The Sports Network as two of the frontrunners of this year's Walter Payton Award, the Div I-AA version of the Heisman Trophy. Chaz Williams was named a finalist for the award last season after a record setting performance as his first year as quarterback. The only other Eagle to win the Payton was Adrian Peterson, arguably the best running-back in the history of division I-A or I-AA. Peterson received his award in 1999, and finished in the top five for the Heisman Trophy in 2001.



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File Photo

QB Chaz Williams and FB Jermaine Austin are leading the preseason pick to win the Walter Payton Award. The award is Division I-AA version of the Heisman Award, the award given to the best player in college football.



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A new videoboard is being installed at Paulson Stadium. The new Chaz Williams and Jermaine Austin take a board will have the ability for instant replays, 3-D animation, and breather from the rigorous pre-season drills. player photos.

## Dr. Grube urges GSU to follow 'Code of Conduct'

In a meeting with Georgia Southern athletes, coaches, media and students, GSU President Dr. Bruce Grube asked for stricter adherence to the Southern Conference Code of Conduct. Dr. Grube expressed an interest for all fans, participants and regular students to become more aware of their actions on and off the playing field in order to provide a positive image of the university. Georgia Southern would like to shed its reputation of having a fan base notorious for being ruthless and sometimes over the top.

"We are a leader both in the classroom and on the athletic field," said Dr. Grube. He stressed the need to follow the guidelines set forth in the Code of Conduct in order to ensure that good sportsmanship is presented both at every competition GSU is competing in.

### The Southern Conference Code of Spectator Conduct

"Southern Conference teams shall be supported with enthusiasm and dedication, for strong spectator support is a vital part of the experience of college competition. We expect good sportsmanship from players and coaches and they have a right to expect the same from spectators. Therefore, we urge Southern Conference students, alumni, and friends to cheer their teams to victory while upholding those ideals our colleges and universities have nurtured during the long history of the Southern Conference. Our spectators should be courteous and judicious in choice of expression, and should exhibit good manners and kindness to all others. The scoreboard will reflect the quality of the teams in competition; the kind of support given by spectators will reveal the character of Southern Conference fans."

The George-Anne Sports Staff urges both fans and players alike to use good judgment and courtesy to all those around them when attending a Georgia Southern sporting event.

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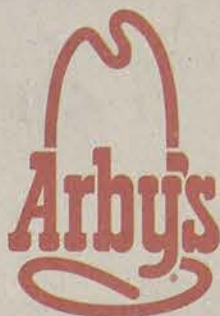


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