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'A Day For Southern' goals exceed expectations



Billy Griffith, president of the Georgia Southern University Foundation, stands in front of the grand total received by this year's 'A Day for Southern' fundraising event.

By Crystal Ware
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Yes, it's that time of year again. School has started, football season is here, and the annual "A Day For Southern" is the highlight for the beginning of the year.

"A Day For Southern" is a one-day affair that allows a chance for businesses in Statesboro and throughout Bulloch County to support and donate money to Georgia Southern University.

Many students as well as different organizations and businesses prepare for this beneficial fundraiser.

At 7:30 this morning business owners, both men and women, met in the Nessmith-Lane ballroom, and volunteered their time for a day. They paired up into teams of two. After being divided out, they were sent out to different companies throughout Bulloch County to collect money and ask for donations. The monies received by the fundraiser will initially go to scholarships and programs that are instituted throughout Georgia Southern.

This year's theme is "The Power Of Partnership," which embodies the relationship between Georgia Southern and the local community.

"A Day For Southern" originated thirty years ago in 1973 when Bulloch County business owners decided they would plan a fundraiser for Georgia Southern. The sponsors

envisioned that this fundraiser would support the academic and athletic excellence at the university. That year the fundraiser obtained a total of \$10,000.

Fast-forward to 2003 and that same vision and increased motivation is present in the spearheads of this valuable fundraiser. The chairmen of the event is Lamar Reddick. "It's a great day of giving of your time that I think produces benefits that unfold greatly," when asked what he thinks about the fundraiser.

He also believes that the university has come a long way, and without this fundraiser the university would be "a lesser place." Others agree greatly with Reddick about this fundraiser as well.

The reason this fundraiser is still in existence is because of William Griffith. He is especially very supportive of this fundraiser. William Griffith, Georgia Southern University Foundation President, "very pleased with the turn out this year and also with."

Beth Mathews is the Director of Giving and is responsible for the financial aspects of the fundraiser, including the annual fund. She believes that, "As the University continues to grow so does Statesboro and all of Bulloch County." Georgia Southern has grown tremendously in number over the last thirty years

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Music group files 261 lawsuits against Internet users

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The music industry's largest trade group filed 261 copyright lawsuits across the country Monday against Internet users who trade songs online, an aggressive campaign to discourage piracy through fears of expensive civil penalties or settlements.

The Recording Industry Association of America warned it ultimately may file thousands of cases. Its first round was aimed at what it described as "major offenders" illegally distributing on average more than 1,000 copyrighted music files each.

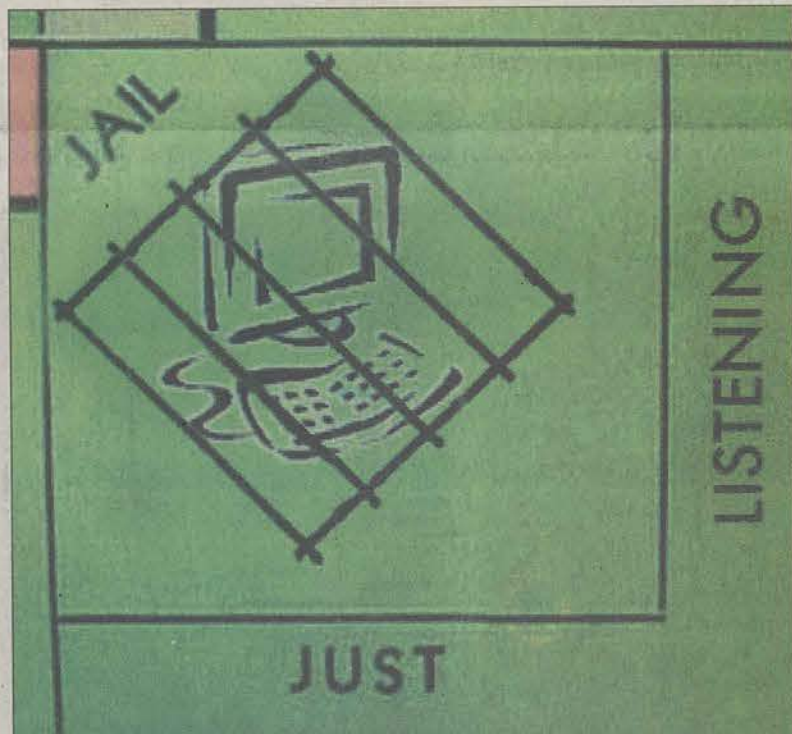
"Some of my grandkids got in there," said Durwood Pickle, 71, of Richardson, Texas, who said his son had explained the situation in an e-mail to the recording industry association. "I didn't do it, and I don't feel like I'm responsible. It's been stopped now, I guarantee you that."

Pickle said his teen-aged grandchildren used his computer during visits to his home.

"I'm not a computer-type person," Pickle said. "They come in and get on the computer. How do I get out of this? Dadgum it, got to get a lawyer on this."

Another defendant, Lisa Schamis of New York, said her Internet

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Ease of machete purchase may have contributed to chicken killings

By Luke M. Hearn
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"If Wal-Mart ain't got it, I don't need it," is a common saying for people in Statesboro concerning the ever-so-blissful superstore.

They sell everything from toilet paper to wheelbarrow, and as the demand for one-stop shopping is on the rise, many of the already gigantic stores sell groceries too.

Among the odds and ends that one might come across at Wal-Mart are items such as machetes, knives, and hatchets.

According to *The Statesboro Herald*, those who participated in the "chicken killing" that took place over the Labor Day weekend used a machete they purchased at Wal-Mart.

When asked about their policies on selling weapons and other items that can

be used to inflict harm, an anonymous Statesboro Wal-Mart spokesperson said that items such as machetes and knives are considered "side-counter items," and are not weapons. He said that the only "weapons" they sell are guns, which are regulated by many state and federal laws.

The spokesman did add, however, that to purchase a knife or machete the buyer must show that he or she is at least 16 years old.

Sharon Weber, a spokesperson for Wal-Mart's corporate public relations said the age is 16 in every state except New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Both said that a cashier is to use his or her discretion when selling to people that could possibly be in some incapable state. The cashier is to look as far as

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Dr. Michael Braz receives Ruffin Cup



Braz

By Tiffany Shaw
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Dr. Michael Braz, a music professor at Georgia Southern University, is the Ruffin Cup winner of the 2003-2004 academic year.

Braz teaches music theory/aural skills, orchestration and music composition, as well as courses on subjects such as Finale music software and Wagner's "Ring" Cycle. He is a book and music reviewer for various journals and publishers, and is in demand as a performer, conductor, clinician and adjudicator. Amongst his many honors are: Georgia Southern's Award for Excellence in Service in 1994, Professor of the Year 1973, and the Statesboro Herald's "Humanitarian of the Year" award.

Braz received his B.M. and M.M. degrees from the University of Miami, later complet-

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NASA to prepare Atlantis for test-run flight in '04

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON - The next flight of a space shuttle when it happens will be a test run to try out safety modifications that will be added to the fleet in the coming months, NASA officials said Monday.

The mission, as scheduled before the Feb. 1 Columbia accident, was supposed to be another step in the construction of the international space station. But while shuttle Atlantis, with astronaut Eileen Collins at the helm, will still dock with the orbiting laboratory, managers are leaning against the idea of using the mission to take a new crew to the station, shuttle-program manager Bill Parsons said at a press briefing in Houston.

That's because Collins and her crew, in addition to opening the post-Columbia era for the shuttle, will be asked to perform a host of tests and demonstrations on the new

additions to the orbiter. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which Monday publicly released its preliminary plan for returning to flight, hopes to have everything from new cameras to an in-orbit repair kit on board by the time of the next launch.

William Readdy, NASA's top spaceflight official, said the agency is working on implementing the recommendations issued last month by the Columbia Accident Investigation Board, plus additional changes of its own devising.

Readdy and Parsons stressed that while the return-to-flight plan is aimed at a launch window between March 11 and April 16, there is so much work to be done that it's impossible to set a concrete date.

"We're going to be safety-driven, not schedule-driven," Readdy said.

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Shuttle's path back to space



NASA has announced some of its plans to comply with an investigation board's report and return the space shuttle to flight.

Safety requirements

- Eliminate shedding of debris from shuttle's external tank during launch
- Make shuttle's heat-protection system less vulnerable to debris impacts
- Develop plan for inspecting all of shuttle's heat-protection
- Develop way of checking shuttle in orbit for damage and repairing it, if necessary
- Upgrade camera system that watches shuttle in early phase of launch
- Develop way of obtaining sharp images of fuel tank after it separates from shuttle
- Develop way of obtaining sharp images of shuttle's underside and wing edges after launch
- Arrange with intelligence agency for spy satellites to inspect shuttle in orbit
- Redesign and test device that catches fragments of explosive bolts during launch
- Require at least two NASA employees to attend final processing, inspection of certain parts of shuttle
- Tighten definitions of "foreign object debris" used in monitoring and reports
- Set up and follow realistic shuttle launch schedule that does not sacrifice safety for sake of making launch dates
- Improve training of managers to respond to shuttle
- Set up independent technical organization for shuttle safety; submit safety reports to
- Set up database of images of shuttle parts that differ from NASA engineering drawings

Source:

2003

Weekday Weather

Wednesday

HIGH
82°LOW
64°

Partly Cloudy

Thursday

HIGH
81°LOW
64°

Partly Cloudy

Only in America

- A Utah man makes his getaway in a patrol car.
- A South Carolina woman is put in a cell for having a cell.
- A man falls and can't get up in a tub in Colorado.



Opinions

- Adam Brady will buy you a hat.
- One GSU student thinks we should keep our campus clean.



Sports

- A review of the first week in SoCon Football.
- The Mike Sewak show premieres live from Archibald's Annex on WMCD.



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Police Beat

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Asurfboard and case were taken from a vehicle in the Southern Courtyard parking lot.

A wallet and a set of keys were taken from the Recreation Activity Center.

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

09-06-2003

Officers assisted three motorists, investigated three traffic accidents and responded to two fire alarms.

09-07-2003

Officers issued two traffic warnings, investigated two traffic accidents, assisted one motorist and responded to two fire alarms.

09-08-2003

Officers issued three traffic citations and three traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident, assisted seven 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 and Brandon Sparks, assistant news editor.

Sept. 13

Tree Planting and Selection workshop
10 a.m.
Botanical Garden
For fee information contact the Garden at 681-1149.

Men's Soccer
3 p.m.
Soccer Fields next to Eagle Creek.
Campbell at GSU.

Football
8 p.m. Central
McNeese State University
Lake Charles, La
GSU at McNeese State.

Sept. 15

"The Science of Mystery" Exhibit opens
GSU Museum
Whodunit, and how? Use mod-

ern forensic science including dental clues, blood samples, bones and DNA matching to solve some perplexing mysteries. Exhibit runs through Jan. 4, 2004. Museum hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Sept. 16

Theater and Performance Meeting
5:00 p.m.
Communication Arts Building
Rm. 1005
A general meeting for the Theatre and Performance group.

Parking and Transportation Forum
6:00 p.m.
Russell Union Room 2047
Come hear and ask questions about some of the changes that are being made to the newly revised parking plan.

Mark Mathabane Lecture

7:30 p.m.

Performing Arts Center
Norman Fries Distinguished Lecture with South African Author Mark Mathabane. The lecture will take place in the Performing Arts Center and is open to the public. Mathabane touched the hearts of millions with the publication of "Kaffir Boy" telling the true story of his coming of age under apartheid in South Africa.

Sept. 17

Bob Lane and Jack Hill to speak
5 p.m.
Russell Union Room 2080
Georgia Southern chapter of the American Association of University Professors will host a meeting with Rep. Bob Lane and Sen. Jack Hill. There will be a discussion and time set aside to ask questions about the state budget and University System budget cuts. All faculty are welcome to attend.

Sept. 18

Rachel Sage to perform
3 p.m.
University Store
Sage is a pianist, award winning singer-songwriter, poet and visual artist. She will be promoting her new CD and will be available to sign posters for those buying her latest recording.

Sept. 19

Wild Late Night
7 p.m.
Lamar Q Ball, Jr. Raptor Center.
For children ages 8 to 12. The night's activities include a wildlife program, nocturnal craft, hotdogs, s'mores and other nighttime wildlife activities. Cost for early registrants is \$20 per youth and \$25 at the door. Youth attending in pairs will receive a discount on admission. For more information, contact the Center for Wildlife Education at 681-0831.

News Briefs

Georgia Southern highly ranked for minority graduates

Special to the G-A

A national magazine has ranked Georgia Southern University among the top institutions in the nation in terms of the number of bachelor's degrees awarded to African-American students.

The study, published by "Black Issues in Higher Education," ranks Georgia Southern 22nd nationally among traditionally white institutions (TWIs), with an estimated 452 African-American bachelor's degree graduates in the 2001-2002 academic year.

Georgia State University leads the list, followed by Temple Uni-

versity, Florida State University, Chicago State University, the University of Maryland and Southern Illinois University. Georgia Southern is ranked 39th when historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) are also included in the comparison.

"This report speaks well on two levels," said Linda Bleicken, Georgia Southern's vice president of student affairs and enrollment management.

"Not only are we recruiting well, but we're also supporting minority students here on campus so they stay with us and graduate."

The rankings are an annual feature of the magazine. Victor Borden, the associate vice chan-

cellor of information management and institutional research for Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis base them on research.

When the research is broken down into areas of study, Georgia Southern is highly ranked among all institutions in business (35th), education (12th) and physical sciences (13th).

Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Teresa Thompson credits the campus community for helping make minority students feel welcome at Georgia Southern.

"Studies have shown that feeling welcome is very important to minority students," she said.

"If they feel they are comfortable and welcomed, they are more

likely to enroll here.

"If we can get students to come and visit the campus, they can feel that."

Once minority students are enrolled, they are supported by Georgia Southern's Multicultural Student Center.

"I think it is a combination of strong support by the faculty and staff, and our supportive programs for minority students," said Georj Lewis, the center director and acting dean of students.

"Our faculty is great, and we also have programs like the Minority Advisement Program that set the students up for success."

This is the second year Georgia Southern was highly ranked by the magazine.

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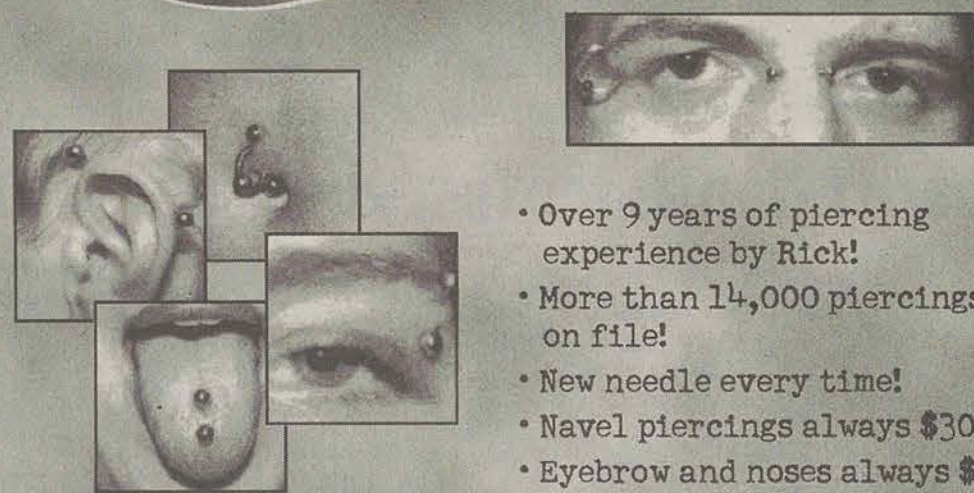
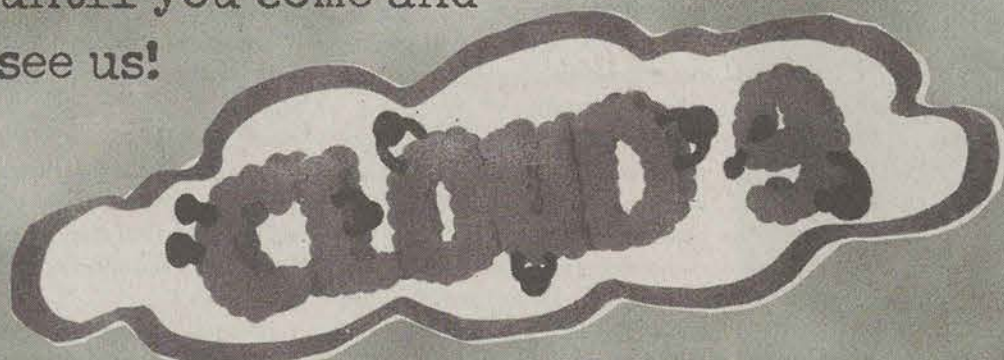
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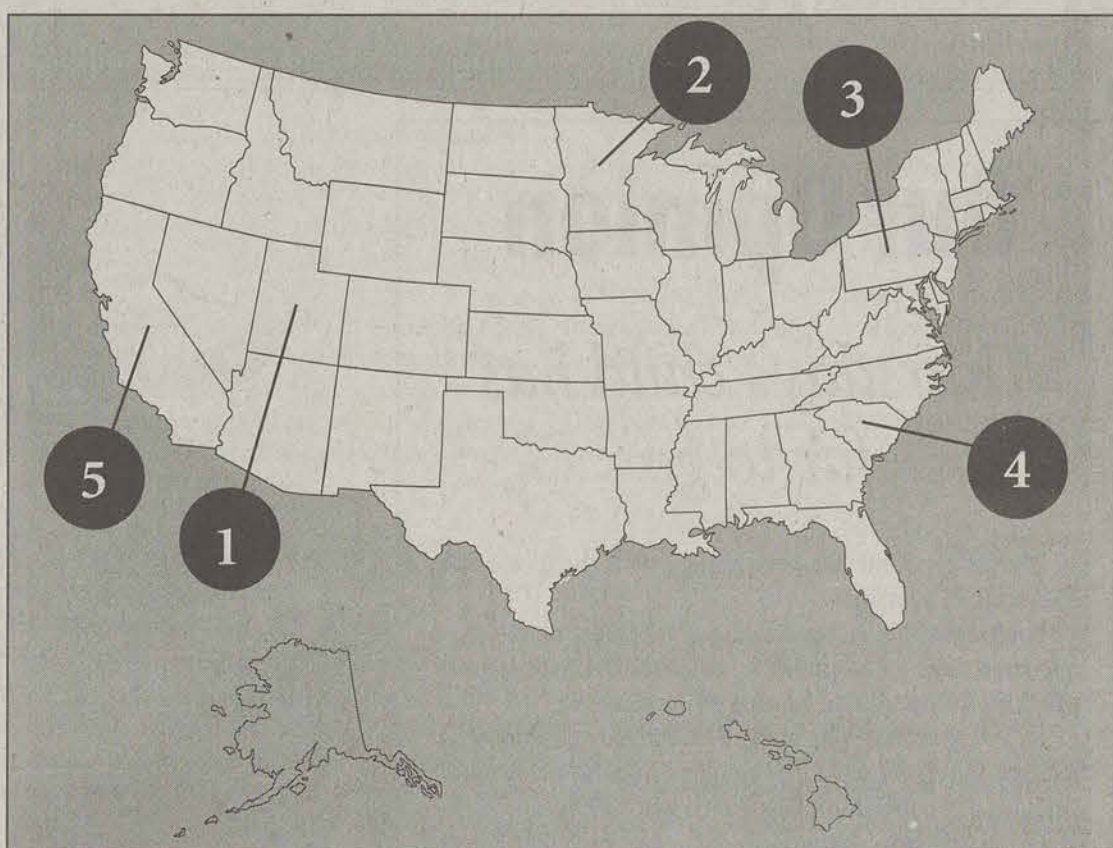
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1 Utah

Suspect arrested after stealing patrol cruiser

SALT LAKE CITY - A drunken driving suspect tried to make a getaway in a stolen Utah Highway Patrol vehicle, but he was arrested a short while later.

A Highway Patrol trooper had pulled the man over on a traffic violation early Saturday. The man, in his 20s, was arrested for outstanding warrants and possible drunken driving.

The suspect was sitting in the front seat of the patrol car with his hands handcuffed behind him, and the officer was searching the man's car. The suspect slipped the handcuffs down around his feet, crawled into the driver's seat, and took off.

The patrol car was found a few blocks away, with the lights still going. Authorities already knew the man's address, where they found and arrested him.

2 Minnesota

Teens seeking marijuana call sheriff instead

AUSTIN - Two teens searching for marijuana dialed the ultimate wrong number, they called the Mower County Sheriff's cell phone.

Sheriff Terese Amazi's cell phone rang around noon on Friday. The caller said she wanted a bag of marijuana. After Amazi said she was the sheriff, the caller said, "I'm sorry," and hung up.

A few minutes later, the phone rang again. This time, Amazi let a deputy answer.

The caller again asked for a bag of marijuana, and the deputy, who

called himself "Dupe" on the phone, arranged for a meeting at a convenience store an hour later.

"Apparently, they didn't know the meaning of 'Dupe' as in 'duped' either," Amazi said. "It's incredible."

The girls, ages 15 and 17, were arrested at the scene. Police said they found cash for the marijuana and drug paraphernalia on both girls. One was released to her parent and the other was turned over to a probation officer.

"Not only did they do something wrong, but they should have been in school," Amazi said.

3 Pennsylvania

Hundreds to gather for nude volleyball tournament

BEAVER FALLS - As many as 1,700 spectators and participants are expected to gather this weekend as volleyball buffs play in the buff.

The 105-acre White Thorn Lodge nudist park in South Beaver Township, Beaver County, will host the 33rd annual Volleyball Superbowl on Saturday and Sunday. Nude & Natural magazine once called it "the most unique event in nudism."

Some members of the nudist park admit a few of the spectators who will attend the tournament will do so to take in the sights. But event organizers said the tournament's seriously competitive event. The competition is divided into six skill levels, from novice to college caliber.

"And people do dive. Even on the asphalt courts," White Thorn spokesman Scott Coatsworth said. "The ones who know how to do it don't even get skinned."

Jeff Poland, of Canton, Ohio, plans to attend the tournament for the fifth consecutive year. He plays volleyball with other clothed leagues, but believes nude volleyball games have their benefits, such as friendlier players.

"You don't sweat as much," he

4 South Carolina

Cell phone users find slammer in Charleston Court

CHARLESTON - A cell-door slamming might be the best ring tone for cell phones that go off in a Charleston judge's court room.

Lashenda Floyd, 25, found that out this week, earning the distinction as the first person in Charleston to spend the night in the slammer on a contempt charge when her phone rang in Circuit Court Judge Markley Dennis' court room.

Floyd was at a sentencing hearing in a murder conviction when her cell phone broke the silence of the moment.

Floyd dashed out, fumbling with her phone, but Dennis sent deputies after her. The convict got life and Floyd was ordered held in jail, citing her for criminal contempt of court.

Floyd spent the night in jail. Dennis summoned her to court the next day.

She apologized and pleaded with Dennis to send her home to her three school-age children. "I really need to be home with them, your honor," she said. Her mother, Debra Washington, pleaded with the judge, too.

But Dennis would have none of it. Three years ago, state Supreme Court Justice Jean Toal banned pagers, cell phones and other personal communications devices from the state's courtrooms, saying they had become distractions. Signs are posted in the court house telling people to turn their electronic gear off.

Dennis said he understood Floyd's predicament, but as a judge must follow the chief justice's order. Citizens, Dennis said, must respect the court as an institution and obey its rules. He told Floyd she would have spend Friday in jail, too.

Floyd appears to be the first person in the county to get jail time for not heeding warning. Deputy County Clerk of Court Ron Rueger said Friday.

5 Colorado

Man rescued after six days in tub

HIGHLANDS RANCH - A man who spent six days trapped in his bathtub said he is thankful for the bus driver who helped rescue him.

Retired spacecraft engineer Bruce Ashworth, 55, slipped while taking a shower around lunchtime Aug. 29. Ashworth, who has multiple sclerosis and uses a wheelchair, couldn't reach the safety handles on his tub to rescue himself.

His service dog, Libby, retrieved his phone for him, but it wasn't charged.

He managed to reach a cleaning spray bottle, rinse it out and use it to get water.

As the days stretched on, he would drift in and out of consciousness. Libby would lick his face to get his attention and slap her paws on the floor to wake him up, Ashworth said.

"I actually spent a lot of time hallucinating. I wasn't aware of what reality was," he said.

By about the sixth day, Ashworth worried he would die.

Enter Global Transportation employee Julie Johnson, whose job is to give the elderly and disabled rides to where they need to go.

Johnson, 36, was scheduled to pick up Ashworth on Thursday. When she arrived, Ashworth's front door was open,

but the screen door was locked. No one answered her knock.

Johnson asked a neighbor to call 911, then reached through a doggie-door in the back of Ashworth's house to unlock the door, and went in. She found Ashworth in his bathtub, barely coherent.

Littleton firefighters arrived and scooped him out of the tub.

Ashworth sat in his bed Friday at Littleton Adventist Hospital, with Johnson at his side.

"I am so thankful for this lady," Ashworth said.

Johnson said she's thrilled that she could help someone.

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Our Opinion

Thursday's child has far to go

The *George-Anne* has been rolling with the flow, so to speak, for 76 years now.

You might have noticed that our A&E section has disappeared during this, our first week back in thrice-weekly publication since the beginning of the semester.

As you may have also noticed, the weekly editions that ushered in this fall have appeared on Thursdays, a production day our publication hasn't seen since 1998.

Given all these changes, we can see how our readers might feel a bit confused and alienated. It might even seem as though we're regressing.

But, we assure you: There is a method to this madness.

Since *The G-A* began hitting the stands three times a week five years ago, publication days have been Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. This year, we take yet another bold step toward more frequent publication.

Check for a new edition every Monday and Wednesday. And, beginning next week, look for *The G-A Hiatus*: Georgia Southern's own guide to features and weekend entertainment.

We have many motives for creating *The Hiatus*, and we unabashedly admit that one of them is the desire to keep more students in town on the weekends, supporting local entertainment. For another thing, we love to see the paper in the hands of students between classes, or resting on the book racks under at least every other student's desk in every classroom in every building on campus.

If for no other reason, it's to follow the cutting-edge journalistic advice of our wise media adviser: "Break all the damned rules before you do something stupid."

Any ideas for helping us flesh out *Hiatus* content is welcome and encouraged. Does your band play around Statesboro? Is your organization doing something great for the community? Feel free to drop us a line.

We hope you come to look forward to every edition of *The George-Anne*, and if you already do, we hope you continue to.



I'll buy you a Georgia Southern hat

I like to eat at the Mellow Mushroom.

The atmosphere, the food, and the people – it all just makes for a delightful experience. The food is highly affordable and overly reasonable, while the service is better than excellent. I could eat there every day of the week, and as those individuals who work there well know, I pretty much do, eat there most days.

I've even been dubbed a "regular" to the 'Shroom, as I so lovingly call it.

Now consider this: what if I were to walk into that restaurant wearing a shirt from a rival dining establishment such as Holiday Pizza? I could go on to sing the praises of their lunchtime specials and cozy atmosphere, while describing their pizza as having a much higher quality.

If you were an employee at the 'Shroom, wouldn't you lose some respect for me after I walked into your place of work only to degrade it?

Well, that's exactly how I feel every time I see a bumper sticker, shirt, hat or even pair of butt-shorts with the letters "UGA" emblazoned on them.

The Sports crew up here at *The G-A* had their chance, and now it's my turn.

You're a student of Georgia Southern University. Your colors are Blue and White, and your home team is the Eagles.

For all of you UGA-paraphernalia-wearing individuals without a clue (and without an acceptance letter from the school that can't seem to spell its team's name correctly), this is your wake-up call.

You are a student at one of the greatest institutions in the state with some of the best opportunities that people just like you can get from any school in the country.

During the short time that I've had the opportunity to be here, we've opened three new state-of-the-art academic



Adam Brady
managing editor

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Thoughts of the Day

• "A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices." – William James

• "We learn of the history that we haven't learned anything of the history." – George Bernard Shaw

• "Time is just nature's way of keeping everything from happening at once." – Unknown

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.

Our Opinion

Litter disgraces our beautiful campus

I am sure many students have heard the radio ads about keeping Statesboro clean and free of trash.

It was an honor to be in Dr. Wolfe's Environmental Biology class and learn just how much waste we here at Georgia Southern produce every single day. There are garbage cans located on campus in high pedestrian traffic areas, yet all this crap seems to keep building up on the side of the walkways.

I came home last week to my on-campus apartment and outside of my building was a pile of garbage left over from a midnight munchies run to a fast food restaurant. Now getting the munchies,

I understand. But there is no excuse for the leftovers to be dropped on the ground. Last time I checked a bacon cheese burger wasn't essential for grass to grow.

It is becoming more and more apparent to me and there needs to be more garbage cans around the residential areas on campus. It is not uncommon for me to see our parking lot at Southern Courtyard littered with empty food bags and random pieces of paper, and even many recyclable goods.

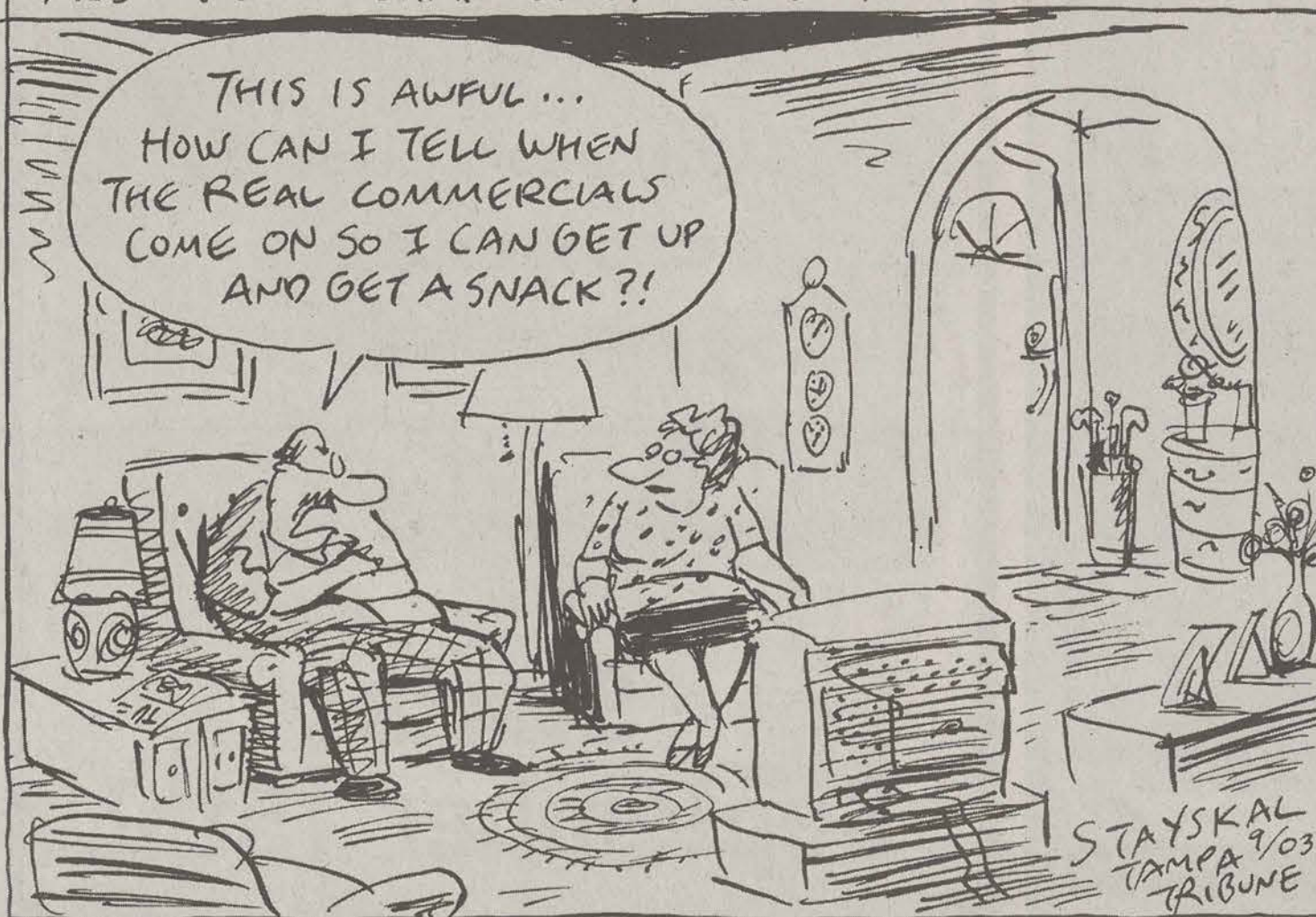
Even last year living in the dorms I would see apple cores, banana peels, and Styrofoam cups surrounding the entrances.

After speaking with a few of my neighbors I decided to try to start a trend until garbage cans are placed in their strategically required areas. When I see a piece of trash – assuming it isn't covered in mud or some unrecognizable bodily fluid – I pick it up and place it in the nearest trashcan. It really isn't that hard people. I don't know about you, but I'd rather come back to my apartment instead of the landfill it currently is.

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signs, both of the representatives from Wal-Mart said that there are no set standards, but if there are any questions, the cashier is to ask for help from his or her supervisor.

Another local Statesboro knife seller, who asked to remain anonymous said that he also abides by the "no sales to anyone under 16" rule. "It is something I did because that's what the other places [who sold knives] were doing," he said.

Among the items that he sells are machetes. According to this salesman, a knife with a blade less than three inches long is considered a pocket

knife. If the blade is over three inches, it must be carried outside of the pocket, perhaps in a case on a belt, or otherwise the carrier can be charged with carrying a concealed weapon. With this being said, carrying a machete in your pocket would constitute a concealed weapon, considering the blades on them are usually quite lengthy; however, as long as it isn't in a pocket, it is strictly a tool.

Regardless of where any type of "knife" may be purchased, or item that has a very sharp blade attached to a handle for that matter, it is important to remember that a machete is not a weapon.

BRAZ, FROM PAGE 1

completing a Ph.D. as a University Fellow at Florida State University. After receiving his Ph.D. he took a detour to Maine, where he worked with both children and community choirs, while teaching part-time at Southern Maine Community College. His interests include trekking in the Nepal Himalayas.

Braz later accepted a teaching position at GSU, because he "likes a campus that places value on teaching," and "Statesboro is a nice community."

Braz has been involved with music since the age of ten. He plays the piano, keyboard, clarinet, and Oboe; he also gives private lessons. Braz is

currently composing several original pieces for the upcoming production of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing."

Recently he conducted his band composition "A Pandean Pilgrimage" in Dearborn, Michigan, where he also conducted the 55-piece wind ensemble from around the country.

The late David A. Ruffin, who was an English professor at GSU, endowed the Ruffin Cup. The award is annually presented to a faculty member, who exemplifies the goals of the University's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS). The winner must have given at least ten years of distinguished service to the University, and excel in

teaching and service to students.

As the winner of the award, Braz has his name engraved on the Ruffin Cup, along with the previous recipients. He will keep the award in his possession for a year; at that time he will present it to the 2004-2005 winner. He will also receive \$1,000 for use in the enhancement of his teaching and scholarship through travel, purchase of teaching supplies or equipment, and other means. He is "excited" and "pleased" to be the Ruffin Cup recipient.

Braz, who has been a professor at GSU for 17 years, says someone once told him, "If you love what you do, you never really work a day in your life."

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provider warned her two months ago that record industry lawyers had asked for her name and address, but she said she had no idea she might be sued. She acknowledged downloading "lots" of music over file-sharing networks.

"This is ridiculous," said Schamis, 26. "People like me who did this, I didn't understand it was illegal."

"I can understand why the music industry is upset about this, but the fact that we had access to this as the public, I don't think gives them the right to sue us. It's wrong on their part," said Schamis, who added she is unemployed and would be unable to pay any large fine or settlement.

An estimated 60 million Americans participate in file-sharing networks, using software that makes it simple for computer users to locate and retrieve for free virtually any song by any artists within moments. Internet users broadly acknowledge music-trading is illegal, but the practice has flourished in recent years since copyright statutes are among the most popularly flouted laws online.

"Nobody likes playing the heavy," said RIAA President Cary Sherman, who compared illegal music downloads to shoplifting. "There comes a time when you have to stand up and take appropriate action."

Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., has already promised congressional hearings into how the music industry has identified and tracked the Internet users it's suing.

"They have a legitimate interest that needs to be protected, but are they protecting it in a way that's too broad and over-reaching?" Coleman said. "I don't want to make criminals out of 60 million kids, even though kids and grandkids are doing things they shouldn't be doing."

The RIAA did not identify for reporters which Internet users it was suing or where they live. Federal courthouses in New York, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco, Dallas and

elsewhere reported receiving some lawsuits; court officials were assigning them to judges.

"Get a lawyer," advised Fred von Lohmann, a lawyer for the San Francisco-based Electronic Frontier Foundation. "There's no simpler advice than that, whether you intend to fight this or not. You'll need someone to advise you."

With estimates that half of file-sharers are teenagers, all sides braced for the inevitable legal debate surrounding the financial damage to parents or grandparents.

The RIAA named as the defendant in each lawsuit the person who paid for the household Internet account. Lawyers said that in some states, such as California, parents are not explicitly liable for copyright infringement by minor children.

"That question will come up immediately, whether a minor can have the requisite knowledge to be the right defendant," said Susan Crawford, who teaches cyberlaw at Yale University's Cardozo law school. "A very young child who didn't know what they were doing would be a bad defendant for the industry. It will make them look terrible."

The RIAA also announced an amnesty program for people who admit they illegally share music, promising not to sue them in exchange for their

admission and pledge to delete the songs off their computers. The offer does not apply to people who already are targets of copyright subpoenas.

"If you've already been targeted, it doesn't seem like it would be appropriate to invite amnesty in that situation; it would be an invitation to infringe until you get caught," Sherman said. "Nobody gets a free pass here."

Some defense lawyers have objected to the amnesty provisions, warning that song publishers and other organizations not represented by the RIAA won't be constrained by the group's promise not to sue. They also argued that people who agree not to use file-sharing services could be surrendering future rights if Congress or the courts declare such use to be legal.

The RIAA also said it already has negotiated \$3,000 settlements with fewer than 10 Internet users who learned they might be sued after the RIAA sent copyright subpoenas to their Internet providers. Sherman predicted more settlements after Monday, but the price to settle for anyone already named in a lawsuit will be higher.

U.S. copyright laws allow for damages of \$750 to \$150,000 for each song offered illegally on a person's computer.

NASA, FROM PAGE 1

The mid-March window meets NASA's new requirements for launching the shuttle, including making sure a launch happens in daylight, so the entire trip into orbit can be photographed and filmed.

Readdy said the other windows that have been identified so far are between May 19 and June 28, and July 18 and Aug. 26.

The plan will continue to evolve as NASA engineers and contractors work on the toughest problems, including preventing the shedding of insulating foam from the massive external tank the physical root of the wing damage that doomed Columbia and developing a method to repair

the shuttle's thermal-protection system in space.

An even thornier issue, Readdy said, is taking the Columbia board's most amorphous recommendation that NASA needs a cultural and organizational overhaul to replace its "broken" safety culture and making it happen.

"There's a challenge there. There is very much a 'can-do' culture that we'd like to keep. There was a culture that stifled communication that we somehow have to eliminate," he said. "(But) we don't want to throw the baby out with the bath water. We want to value the culture that came back after Apollo and came back after Challenger."

SOUTHERN, FROM PAGE 1

and this fundraiser has played a major role in its success.

For the last six years the fundraiser has raised one million dollars or better each year. "This year is the second largest most productive year in history. All donations are greatly appreciated and enrich Georgia Southern immensely."

"Over a thousand individuals and businesses gave to this year's fundraiser," says Griffith.

The money received helps numerous programs throughout the university. Two categories, which the fundraiser benefits the most, are academics and athletics.

Georgia Southern officials select

the most qualified students in these areas and grants scholarships to assist them financially. Also, the fundraiser establishes out-reach programs for the students.

"A Day For Southern" fundraiser supports several departments on campus such as fine arts, performing arts, the campus Botanical Gardens, the campus Museum, The Wild Life Education Center, and also cultural activities throughout the year.

At the end of a full day of fundraising the total collection amount is announced at a formal catered victory celebration. This dinner is given in appreciation to all the business owners and individuals

who volunteered their time to the fundraiser.

This year the fundraiser goal was to bring in more money than what they collected the previous year, which was a total of \$1,143,556. The foundation raised a whopping \$1,177,307, which satisfied their goal. Georgia Southern University and the leaders of this fundraiser encourage in the years to come for everyone to experience, "the power of partnership" during "A Day For Southern."

"The outcome this year was very impressive, and we accomplished our goal. I am very pleased with the businesses in Bulloch County," replies Mathews.

BRADY, FROM PAGE 4

buildings, two new residence halls, and are currently working to refurbish many more.

Our academics have received numerous awards. Our Nursing program received a rating of fourteenth in the country. Those accepted to Georgia Southern have been under higher scrutiny, as the SAT scores and average GPAs of incoming freshmen have risen steadily.

GSU has won a national football title, and made appearances in the playoffs three times. We've won SoCon Championship titles twice in baseball, once in both men's and women's basketball, once in golf, and twice in volleyball.

And that's just been in the past three years.

It's time for you to start taking pride in your school instead of using your clothes and your rear windshield to express to everyone how you wish you were somewhere else.

Now don't get me wrong - there is a line, though it is a thin one.

Some of you GSU fans with an overwhelming sense of pride for your school just so happen to have ties to our neighbor to the north. In this case, you shouldn't feel ashamed to show your support for both.

I've seen students screaming their vocal chords to shreds in Paulson with red and white hats atop their heads and to see a Georgia Southern decal sitting just above a UGA sticker on many cars is not all that uncommon.

It's those of you who insist upon consciously standing against your home institution that I have a problem with.

However, it's not too late for some of you misguided souls to change your ways.

Pick up a free decal from the Parking and Transportation Department and put it on your car. Stop by the University Book Store and grab a shirt or two.

In fact, here's an idea.

I think a fund should be started to help these un-

der-privileged individuals gain a sense of spirit for GSU. Money could be raised to purchase GSU hats and shirts for students without them. UGA hats and shirts could be given in trade for an Eagles baseball cap or an "Our House" t-shirt.

Just think of it: An exchange program to award every man, woman and child the opportunity to don our school colors free of charge. The resulting sea of

It's time for you to start taking pride in your school instead of using your clothes and your rear windshield to express to everyone how you wish you were somewhere else.

Blue and White across campus would be astounding. There is no doubt in my mind that as GSU legend Erk Russell would sit just outside the end zone on Bryant Field - as he does at all home games - and would shed a tear at the sight of such spirit in the house that he built.

Hell, I've got an even better idea.

I'll buy you your very own GSU hat.

Now you can own your very own Georgia Southern University ball cap to wear around campus and out on the town. You too can now be a convert and show the rest of your school and the community what you've become.

All you need to do is sign a contract stating that you'll actually wear the hat - every day, all day, for the rest of your life - and it's yours.

But you know, even with all of these opportunities, I'm sure there will still be some of you out there that continue to feel the need to constantly insist upon spreading negativity. To you, I have only one thing to say.

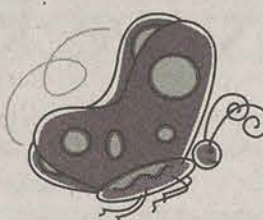
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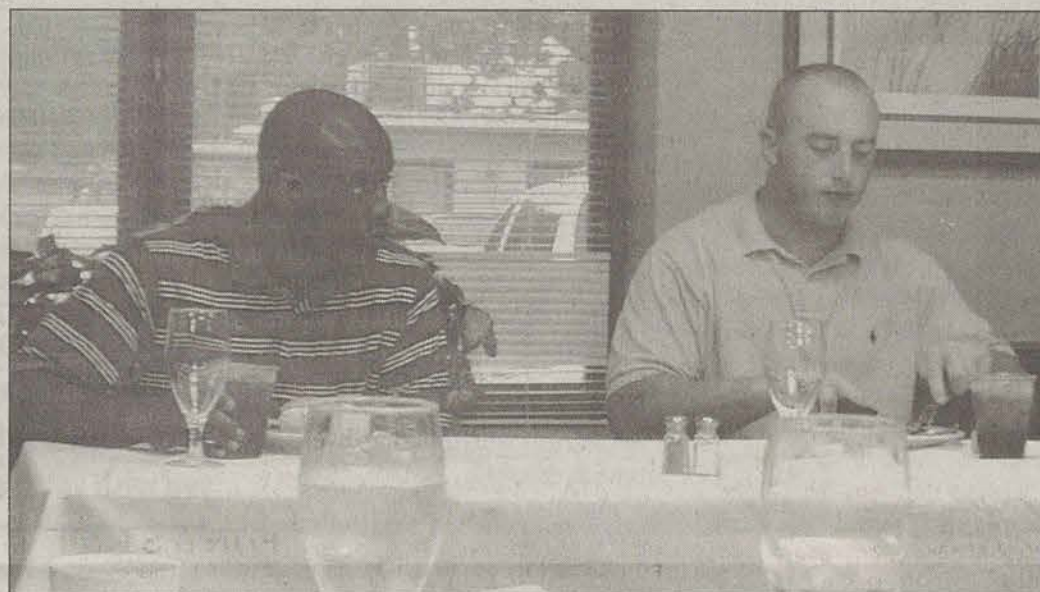
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In front of Lowe's

WMCD 100.1 Radio broadcast premieres at Archibald's



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GSU head football coach Mike Sewak talks with Nate Hirsch for the weekly radio show on WMCD 100.1. The show airs every Monday night at 7 p.m. This week it was at Archibald's Annex however it is normally held at R.J.'s Steakhouse. Restaurant patrons are admitted free to the radio show. Football players included senior wide receiver Carl Kerney and junior nose tackle Eric McIntire shared their thoughts on the game against Savannah State and the upcoming "Battle in the Bayou" against the McNeese State Tigers. Saturday's game marks the first road game of the season for the Eagles and their first ever trip to Lake Charles, Louisiana. Kick off is scheduled for 7 p.m. central standard time (8 p.m. eastern time) and can be seen on Fox Sports Net South. So next Monday come out to R.J.'s Steakhouse for dinner and enjoy the radio show to hear how the Eagles versus the Tigers played out.



SoCon football: The first week

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It was a weekend of mixed blessings for the Southern Conference's football teams with the league's members chalking up three wins and five losses.

The action actually got started on Thursday as East Tennessee State opened up their final home season with a 44-0 drubbing of Division II foe Concord College. The Bucs, who will discontinue their football program following the season, put up 404 yards of total offense on the night. Quarterback Carl Meadows oversaw the attack with 300 yards passing.

Saturday's game play began with No. 11 Appalachian State suffering a 35-7 defeat at the hands of Eastern Kentucky in Richmond, KY. The Mountaineers never competed, as they were unable to score until late in the fourth quarter. The Colonels got things started early as they returned the game-opening kickoff for a touchdown and cruised from there. The Mountaineer quarterbacks were pounded by the ECU defense, getting sacked five times.

Despite coming out with a loss, No. 7 Furman gave I-A power Clemson a battle, but fell 28-17 on the road. The Paladins went into halftime down 28-7, but outscored the Tigers 10-0 in the third and fourth quarters to bring things closer. Furman was held to just 94 yards rushing and 80 yards passing while giving up 301 yards passing to Clemson quarterback Charlie Whitehurst.

The losing streak continued for SoCon teams as league newcomer Elon fell to Division II Tusculum 17-3. After tying the game up at 3-3 on a William Rawls field goal,

the Phoenix were unable to put together any more scoring drives for the rest of the contest. Elon was stymied on the ground, running for just eight net yards on 30 carries, but did manage to pass for 225 yards in the losing effort.

Like their league counterpart Appalachian State, Western Carolina also faced a member of the ACC, falling to Duke 29-3 in Durham. The Catamounts only managed four yards rushing on 19 carries. Catamount quarterback Brian Gaiter passed for 181 yards but ran for minus-15 after being sacked four times by the Blue Devil defense.

No. 2 Georgia Southern became the first SoCon team to win on Saturday as they blanked Savannah State 35-0. The Eagles defense held the Tigers to just 106 yards of offense on the night, the fifth lowest yardage total ever allowed by an Eagle football team.

Fullback Jermaine Austin himself ran for as many yards as the Tigers had total offense with 106. Quarterback Chaz Williams added 55 yards rushing and 79 yards passing.

After only beating South Carolina State by one point last year, No. 25 Wofford beat the Bulldogs soundly this time around, 35-13. The Terriers opened their scoring by blocking and recovering an S.C. State punt in the endzone for a touchdown. Wofford actually totaled less offense than the Bulldogs did, but too advantage of seven fumbles and five quarterback sacks.

The Citadel met I-AA power Delaware on the road, losing to the No. 14 Blue Hens 41-7 in Newark, Del. The Bulldogs, who were held scoreless until the final quarter, gave up 476 yards of offense to their opponents, keyed by

A real quick-like look at sports briefs

College of Charleston, East Tennessee State Selected for ESPN Bracket Busters

College of Charleston and East Tennessee State have been chosen to participate in the 2004 Bracket Buster Saturday Series on February 21, 2004.

A total of 11 mid-major conferences will be represented on Bracket Buster Saturday. The Southern Conference is one of just six conferences that will have multiple teams participating.

"We are very excited that the Southern Conference will be represented in this prestigious event," said Commissioner Danny Morrison. "Bracket Buster Saturday is an outstanding vehicle to showcase teams that are contending for berths in the NCAA Tournament. Certainly, both the College of Charleston and East Tennessee State should merit consideration for the postseason. We are confident that they will make a strong representation of the quality of basketball played in the Southern Conference, and we are appreciative of ESPN for providing this opportunity."

ESPN's Bracket Buster Saturday is in its second season after a successful 2003 series that pitted 18 mid-major teams in nine games across the country. The 2004 series has been expanded to include 46 teams representing 11 conferences. It was created to give mid-major teams an additional game against a quality non-conference opponent in an attempt to help teams position themselves for an NCAA Tournament berth. The Buccaneers, led by new head coach Murry Bartow, return three starters from its 2002-03 squad that went 20-11.

David Young Waived By the Jaguars

ESPN.com reports that the Jacksonville Jaguars have cut rookie safety David Young from their active roster. Young, a 2003 5th-round pick out of Georgia Southern University was named as "one of the top special teams players of 2002" and "who will also immediately compete for back-up role at safety" by the Jaguars on their official team site at www.jaguars.com. While at Georgia Southern, Young was named a two-time All-American and a two time All-Southern Conference Player. The Jaguars have not made an official press release at this time regarding this story and ESPN.com has also released no further information at this point. The George-Anne will be watching this story as it develops.

Fomer Eagle Standout Brian Rogers named Minor- League Pitcher of the Month

The Detroit Tigers today Oneonta's Brian Rogers has been selected as the minor league pitcher of the month for August.

Rogers topped all Tigers minor leaguers with 39 strikeouts, posting a 3-1 record with a 2.91 ERA in six starts. He limited New York-Penn League opposition to a .240 batting average, while fanning six-or-more batters in four of his starts during the month. Rogers struck out a season-best nine batters in a win on August 30 versus Staten Island. Rogers was selected by Detroit in the 11th round of the 2003 draft.

Aron Price leads team to victory

Aron Price followed his course-record 65 on Monday with a 70 on Tuesday to win the Cleveland Golf/Kiawah Island Intercollegiate, hosted by College of Charleston. Georgia Southern placed third as a team, shooting a 584 (+8).

Price fired five birdies and an eagle to finish the tournament with a 135, the lowest two-round tournament score in Georgia Southern history. Price also became the first Eagle to win a tournament since Justin Kolumber did it twice in 2001.

Price's round of 65 on Monday was the fifth-lowest in Georgia Southern history and the second lowest since 1991.

Toshi Hirata earned the first top-five of his career, posting a 69 on Tuesday to card a 142 (-2) for the tournament. Jon David Kennedy shot a final round 73 (150), with Justin Cowart finishing at 76 (160) and Chase Jones at 81 (162).

Kentucky took team honors by overcoming a six-stroke deficit to post a 580, recording a six-under 282 on Tuesday. Georgia State posted a score of 583 to finish second, on spot ahead of the Eagles.

"This is a great start to our fall season," said Mays. "It seems like we always finish last in our opener, so this is a positive step for us. We beat a lot of quality teams and hopefully we will continue to get better."

Eagle soccer falls at Comfort Inn Classic

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When it rains, it pours for the soccer Eagles. After dropping a tight match 2-0 to James Madison Friday night in the opening round of the Comfort Inn Classic in Fairfax, Virginia, the Eagles again got shutout by a tough George Mason University team 4-0.

In the game against James Madison, Georgia Southern held the Dukes scoreless until the 59th minute when Denny Fulk crushed a cross into the back of the net to give JMU their first goal of the match.

Down 1-0, the Eagles looked for their captain Tommy Irwin to lead them to a potential game-tying goal but his header went sailing just wide of JMU's empty net.

After traveling the length of the pitch several times, GSU looked again to tie the match with a breakaway by Jason Schultz. It was not to be as JMU goalkeeper Kevin Trapp knocked the ball harmlessly away.

The 72nd minute was the turning point of the match as James Madison connected with the goal again off the foot of Danny Sheridan to put the Dukes up 2-0, a lead that proved to be enough to give JMU the victory.

The second match of the tournament proved to be disastrous for GSU.

James Mason scored four goals in just 16 minutes during first half action Sunday afternoon. What was worse was the four goals were on four consecutive shots.

Georgia Southern never recovered from the first half fiasco and allowed their frustration to show. The Eagles played some rough soccer, committing 29 fouls during the course of the game. Add the James Madison match and the total number of fouls committed by GSU in two games is a whopping 54! Their opponents only committed 16.

Georgia Southern hosts their 2003 season home opener this Saturday afternoon at 3:00 as they take on a good Campbell University team. All Eagle home soccer games are held at Eagle Field across from Wendy's.



File Photo

Tommy Irwin tries to help GSU on to victory.

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by a 283-yard passing performance from Delaware quarterback Andy Hall. Quarterback Willie Simmons led The Citadel with 194 yards passing.

The weekend's action came to a close as Chattanooga gave up 41 first-half points on their way to a 51-6 beating by SEC member Vanderbilt. The Mocs were held to just 93 yards of offense while giving up 539 yards to the Commodores. Norval McKenzie ran for 102 yards to lead Vanderbilt, who are coached by former Furman coach Bobby Johnson.

The third week of the season gets underway Thursday with East Tennessee State traveling to meet Tennessee-Martin at 8 p.m. The Bucs, now 1-1 on the young season, are led by running back Gaven Varner, who's averaging 115 yards in two games. The Skyhawks, members of the Ohio Valley Conference, are coming off a 63-6 shellacking by I-A Arkansas State.

Saturday's games kick off with Chattanooga hosting Tennessee Tech at 6 p.m. The Mocs, 0-2 under new coach Rodney Allison, will rely on freshman quarterback Matthew Lopez and senior running back Jason Jones to lead them to victory. The Golden Eagles are also 0-2, though both losses came against I-A foes in Northern Illinois and Memphis.

Western Carolina will also start at 6 p.m. when they welcome Division II Johnson C. Smith to Cullowhee. The Catamounts have already lost to a pair of ACC teams in North Carolina State and Duke and will have a strong chance to take their first win of the season. The 0-1 Golden Bulls' last game with a SoCon team came in a 57-12 loss to Georgia Southern in 2000.

A tough road lies ahead for 1-1 The Citadel as they will travel to play ACC power Maryland in College Park at 6 p.m. Bulldog quarterback Willie Simmons is no stranger to ACC teams as he transferred from Clemson after losing his starting spot. The Terrapins are 0-2, coming off a 35-10 loss to Florida State on Saturday.

Elon will attempt to get their first win of 2003 when they meet Hofstra at 7 p.m. in Hempstead, N.Y. The Phoenix will count on the combo of freshman quarterback Anthony Crews and junior wide receiver Stan Smith. The 0-2 Pride will try to rebound from a 44-21 defeat by Atlantic 10 cohorts Maine.

Closing out the weekend will be a much anticipated meeting between No. 2 Georgia Southern and No. 3 McNeese State at 8 p.m. in Lake Charles, La. on Fox Sports Net South. The Eagles are 1-0 thus far while the Cowboys are 1-1, coming off a 55-14 loss to Kansas State, ranked No. 7 in I-A.

For Iraqi family trash is treasure and home the city dump

KRT Campus

The 6-year-old girl with the Raggedy Ann red hair and the pink flowered dress is giggling madly.

Barefoot, she rolls an old truck tire up a small hill, eyes wide. She's chasing her 10-year-old brother, who's also rolling a big tire.

A few feet away, their mother glances over at them as she works, picking crushed blue Pepsi cans from the field of garbage that surrounds them as far as the eye can see. The stench of burning trash fills the hazy air.

This is home: a garbage dump.

"We've gotten used to this kind of life. That's why we look happy," said Naeyema Sa'ad, the children's mother.

"It's a hard life, but what can we do? It's the only way we can survive."

Sa'ad and her family are Marsh Arabs. They were born in Iraq's south, in the wetlands near the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. It's where their ancestors had lived for thousands of years.

After the 1991 Persian Gulf War, Saddam Hussein began draining the wetlands, in part to punish the Marsh Arabs for joining a Shiite Muslim uprising. Ecologists call it one of the greatest environmental crimes in history.

The Sa'ads are refugees from that crime.

They came to the dump north of Baghdad about five years ago, when the marshes dried up. With no more water and no more food, they'd had to leave.

A relative knew of others who made a living scavenging bits of trash in the capital. So they moved here with their possessions and their animals: goats, sheep and a couple of cows.

They pitched a burlap tent in the middle of the garbage field, next to several dozen other tents. The settlement has about 30 families.

Sa'ad lives with her three children, her 75-year-old mother, her brother

and a male cousin. She is married, but she is a second wife polygamy is common among Marsh Arabs so her husband comes only once a month. Jobless, he isn't much help.

She's a striking woman, although her weather-beaten face looks older than her 30 years. A green line is tattooed from her lower lip to the tip of her chin, a decoration, she said.

Her children are achingly beautiful. Along with her son, Thaeer, and her middle daughter, Halema, there is the youngest, Ibstan, 5. The girls' hair is dyed red with henna. Thaeer, in Western clothes and a ball cap, could blend in on any American street.

The arithmetic of their survival is simple. Each morning, they pick aluminum cans and plastic bottles out of the trash, put them in sacks and sell them for about 12 cents a bag. The money buys food for them and their animals, and pays trash-truck drivers to dump loads of refuse. Each family has its own sector of the dump.

If they don't make enough from the trash, sometimes they have to sell a sheep.

The turmoil gripping Iraq the crime, the terrorism, the lack of basic services, the American occupation is of no concern to the Marsh Arabs of the dump.

Life has always been hard for them. Now it's harder. It probably will stay that way, whoever's in

charge.

They hated Saddam. After he destroyed their homeland, his men kicked them out of the dump just before the recent war, supposedly to make room for a football stadium. They lived in a Baghdad slum for a while, and returned to the dump as soon as Saddam's regime fell.

They have no love for Americans, either.

"I'm not going to lie to you," Sa'ad said. "The Americans have done nothing for us."

Well, that's not exactly true, she later admitted. Sometimes U.S. soldiers leave their trash at the dump, often filled with goodies candy from packaged meals, electrical parts. It's amazing what the Americans throw away, she said. And the soldiers don't ask for payment.

The families who live in the dump get what seems to be clean water from a pipe in the city water system. Women and girls trek across twice a day with donkeys to fill the family water jugs old diesel or bleach



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containers from the garbage.

But they have no electricity, which means no refrigerator, lights, radio or television. Their toilet is a hole in the ground. They bathe when they can.

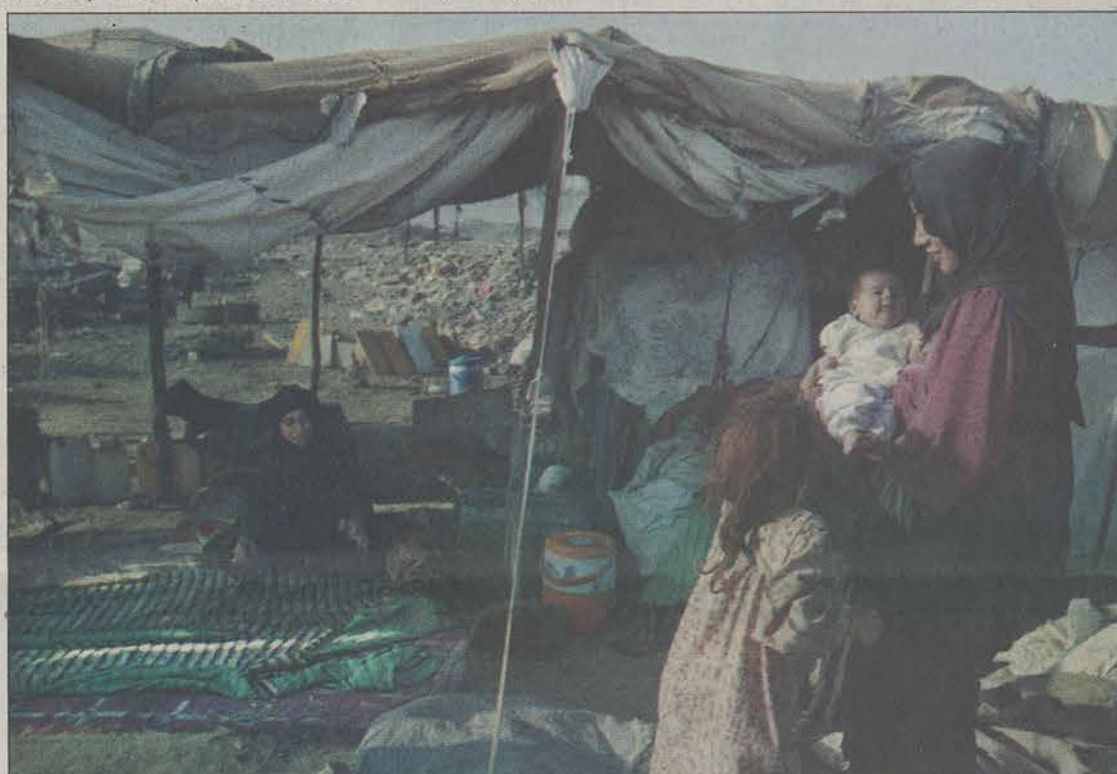
Flies swarm through their tent, alighting on them as they eat or sleep.

Thaeer attended school briefly while the family lived in the city, but now, none of the children do.

How would they get there? their mother asks. How would they get home?

Their toys come from the trash.

"I find cars and all kinds of fun things," Thaeer said.



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Above: Marsh Arab Shammoda Rasheed, 75, left, waiting in her tent, gets a visit from her granddaughter, one-month-old Suha Tahseem, carried by her mother, Fula Faraj, 15, at the garbage dump where she and her family live, north of Baghdad, Iraq. After the 1991 Gulf War, in part to punish the marsh Arabs for joining the Shiite uprising, Saddam Hussein began draining their wetlands. **Insert:** One-year-old Kefaya Hussein cries as she is temporarily separated from, her family, in the garbage where she lives.

Cultural Diversity Week begins with Jewish New Year celebration

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As part of the Cultural Diversity Week, Hillel gave out apples dipped in honey, and Health Services presented fliers about lesser-known diseases on Tuesday in the Union.

Hillel Counsellorship, a fellowship of Jewish students, gave out the apples dipped in honey to celebrate the upcoming Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. It begins at sundown on September 26 and ends at sundown on the 28. The apples symbolize the hopes for a "sweet" New Year.

Health Services gave out the fliers about different diseases that people of a diverse population don't normally know about like Parkinson's Disease,

Cystic Fibrosis, Hyperthyroidism, and many others. They also had fliers about disease that people of all backgrounds could get.

If you think you missed out on Cultural Diversity Week, then you are wrong. There are many other events going on throughout the week. On Wednesday there will be a program called "Gender Talk," which will discuss the gender issues facing students at GSU.

Also on Wednesday is the program "Where Have All the Black Men Gone?" It deals with the state of African-American males.

On Thursday, the "Affirmative Action and Higher Education" program will have two presentations by Shanta

Driver, the national director of the United for Equality and Affirmative Action; and the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action, Integration and To Fight for Equality By Any Means Necessary.

On Friday, the Center for International Studies and the Multicultural Student Center will sponsor an "International Coffee Hour" in the Union.

The week concludes on Saturday with a "Unity Fest" from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the RAC Pavilion. It will feature entertainment, games and free food.

To get more information about Cultural Diversity Week, call the Multicultural Center at 681-5409.

Family Life Center is accredited by national organization

Special to the G-A

The Family Life Center at Georgia Southern University has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the country's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

The Family Life Center is a unit of the Department of Hospitality, Tourism, and Family & Consumer Sciences, which is a component of the College of Health and Human Sciences at Georgia Southern.

In addition to providing an accredited childcare program to the University and the community, the Family Life Center serves as a learning lab for Georgia Southern's child and family development students.

"We're proud to be accredited

by the NAEYC and recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards," said Jerri Kropp, an associate professor of child and family development at the University and the director of the Family Life Center. "This accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and the best early learning experiences."

One of only two accredited childcare programs in Statesboro, the Family Life Center serves 3-, 4- and 5-year-old children from Georgia Southern and the community.

The NAEYC has granted accreditation to more than 8,000 early childhood education programs that serve nearly 750,000 children across the country. Still, only six percent of the nation's childcare programs are

accredited.

"In recent years, we've seen a growing number of child care and preschool programs earning NAEYC accreditation," said Mark Ginsberg, the executive director of the organization. "By earning accreditation, the Family Life Center at Georgia Southern has become a leader in a national effort to raise the quality of early childhood education and to help give all children a better start."

The NAEYC created its accreditation program in 1985 to set professional standards for early childhood education and to help families identify high-quality childcare and early education programs. The Family Life Center was first accredited in 1993.

For more information on the Family Life Center at Georgia Southern, call (912) 681-5537.

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