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Georgia Southern provost appointed chancellor at SIUE

Special to the G-A

GSU Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost Vaughn Vandegrift has accepted the position of chancellor of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) effective July 1.

Vandegrift has served as vice president of academic affairs and provost since 2000. In that capacity, he has overseen Georgia Southern's seven colleges and served as the University's second-highest ranking administrator. He joined Georgia Southern from Montclair State University in New Jersey, where he was the dean of the College of Science and Mathematics.

"Dr. Vandegrift has done an excellent job for Georgia Southern as well as the Statesboro/Bulloch County community. We wish him well," said President Bruce Grube. "I would especially like to commend him for his leadership advancing the University's strategic plan for academic distinction."

Vandegrift has been active in community affairs. He represented the University on the Statesboro-Bulloch County Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Statesboro Rotary Club.

As chancellor of SIUE, Vandegrift will be responsible for one of the two campuses in the Southern Illinois University system.

"The success of my candidacy for this position is a reflection on Georgia Southern and the progress we have made over the past five years," Vandegrift said. "I am fortunate to have worked with Dr. Grube, the administration, faculty and staff as we made progress towards Georgia Southern's goal to become a nationally recognized university."

Grube has appointed Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Linda Bleicken as interim vice president of academic affairs and provost.

Bleicken joined Georgia Southern in 1990 as a faculty member in the College of Business Administration and served as associate dean of that college



Dr. Vandegrift, current provost of GSU, has accepted a position as chancellor of SIUE.

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Perdue axes legislative pet projects as he signs budget bill

By Dick Pettys
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Gov. Sonny Perdue signed the state's \$16.4 billion budget for next year into law on Monday after taking steps to ensure that millions of dollars which lawmakers stuffed into the measure for their own special projects won't be spent.

Using both his line-item veto power and his power to put projects on hold, Perdue zapped several dozen legislative projects as part of his ongoing campaign to bring a "culture change" to the way budgets are written in Georgia.

"The principle I'd like for us to be spending money on is a needs-based budget, a budget that meets the needs of our state and that is driven by needs rather than political power," he said.

One of the biggest projects nixed by Perdue was for Democratic House Speaker Pro Tem DuBose Porter of Dublin, who put \$13.7 million into the budget to build and equip a classroom building at Heart of Georgia technical school.

But the Republican governor's budget knife wasn't purely partisan. Some of his GOP colleagues also felt its bite. He deleted \$5 million which Senate Republicans earmarked for Gwinnett University Center, another \$5 million they planned to give to the State University of West Georgia and yet another \$5 million for Georgia Southern University.

In all, he deferred nearly \$63 million in legislative projects and vetoed another \$233,135.

The difference is that vetoed projects are removed from the budget entirely. Deferred items technically remain on the books, but will be funded only if the governor — as director of the budget — gives them the go-ahead later. He said they are subject to further review.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Stephens, R-Canton, said he had no particular problem with the governor's action.

Stephens, facing a GOP primary challenge for re-election this year, has \$2 million in the budget for a public library in Forsyth County. The governor left his project intact.

Opposition Democrats took a different view of Monday's announcement.

"I wish there was a way for us to collaborate more rather than be hit with these cold," said Rep. Calvin Smyre, D-Columbus, a House budget negotiator. "It makes it even more difficult when we can't work together on something as important as the budget."

The budget provides money for state operations for the year beginning July 1. Its major provisions include \$800 million in debt-financed construction programs for schools, colleges, ports and roads, a two percent pay raise for teachers and state employees beginning Jan. 1, and a continuation of the state's property tax

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New roads predicted to relieve traffic congestion on campus



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Both the Harvey Drive and Russell Union road expansions are expected to reduce the current problem of heavy traffic flow through those areas.

Road construction completed on Harvey Drive

By Sarah Frey
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Construction has recently been completed on the Harvey Drive extension. Harvey Drive now links Georgia Avenue to Lanier Drive. Knight Drive is gone, making way for the building of a new freshman dormitory.

Students found the construction difficult to deal with. Caroline Fales, a graduate student who lives in an apartment on Knight Drive, says "It could have been better planned," and explained that the lack of warning made the road work particularly difficult to deal with. "I went out one evening and it was just there," she said.

This work is being done to make way for a new freshman dormitory, Eagle Village. Construction is in its beginning phases; several buildings have already been demolished, including Southern Splash and the Stratford dormitory. Work on the actual dormitory is expected to have begun by the time students return for fall semester.

Eagle Village will be similar to Southern Pines, the Honors and upperclassman dorm that opened in Fall 2003. However, Eagle Village will be an entirely first-year living community. "It will be primarily four-bedroom apartments," says Greg Schlierf, the assistant director of Administrative Services with University Housing, with several two-bedroom apartments for handicapped students.

The bedrooms will be slightly smaller than in Pines, and there will be a counter with bar stools in place of a kitchen table and chairs. The dorm will consist of two L-shaped buildings forming a rectangle. The buildings will surround a clubhouse, which will include a television lounge, a computer lab, and a classroom. Students are expected to be able to live in Eagle Village by Fall 2005.

Improvements being made to Union parking lot

By Molly O'Hearn
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Students parking at Russell Union this summer may have noticed the drastic changes being made in parking. The construction, however, is going to be beneficial to students by making it easier to circulate within and out of the parking lot.

Construction, begun on May 3rd, is scheduled to be completed before classes start in the fall. The construction will affect parking throughout the summer in different areas but the lots will remain open to students.

The existing drive behind the Math and Physics Building is being extended to form a road connecting the parking area and Herty Drive; easing some of the congestion and providing another route out of the area. The road will also provide an easier way for students to get onto Fair Road.

The road behind the University Bookstore is also being moved to the edge of the parking lot and the pedestrian is being extended so there will be less congestion in these areas. Landscaping around the area is also being improved to help enhance the look of the area.

The project should "improve traffic flow into and out of the [Russell Union] area and also improve the overall look of the area," said Bob Chambers, Director of Parking and Transportation.

The construction will not change the amount of parking spaces available by much. The number of spaces will be very close to what is currently available. Overall the changes being made should ease the congested traffic flow and help improve the look of the area around the Union.

Fee increases approved by Board of Regents

By Candace Brown
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In January of this year, GSU submitted to the Board of Regents possible fee increases to take affect in the fall of 2004.

On Tuesday, the Board rendered their decision on what fees were to increase, and which ones were to stay the same. According to Director of Revenue Accounting Debbie Powell, each of the fee increases was approved, except for the technology fee. She said that the Board of Regents has not been too receptive to increases in technology fees. This fee was proposed as a way of making GSU's technology fee mirror that of other colleges of the same size, such as Georgia Tech, where the fee is \$75.

The RAC fee also stayed the same, but the Board approved the RAC addition fee, which will go towards the RAC expansion that is to be completed in 2006. This fee, however, is not covered by the

HOPE Scholarship, but can be paid for through other sources of financial aid, such as the Pell Grant and loans.

Powell said that this fee is not covered through HOPE because the money allocated to the scholarship cannot pay for buildings.

All of the fee increases, including the RAC addition fee, will take affect in the fall.

Tuition was also raised by the Board of Regents, a move that increased tuition statewide by five percent.

According to GSU Senior Israel Brown, not everyone is for the fee increases. "It will put an extra load on working students who pay their own tuition and commuters who do not use all the facilities and operations on campus," she said.

Director of Auxiliary Affairs Joe Franklin said that the fees will help alleviate the increased expenses here at GSU.

Fee Increases: A Breakdown

The following graph is a brief look at the approved student fees structure for fall of 2004. To alleviate increased expenses at GSU, the Board of Regents has increased most fees excluding the technology fee. Though the RAC fee is not increasing, there will be an additional 'RAC Addition Fee' of \$75.00 to fund the expansion of the RAC. This fee will not be covered by HOPE, due to restrictions on HOPE funds.

Fee	Current Cost	New Cost
Activity	\$80.00	\$85.00
Athletic	\$125.00	\$129.00
Health	\$77.00	\$78.00
RAC	\$30.00	\$30.00
Technology	\$38.00	\$38.00

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Isolated
Thunderstorms

Only in America

- Rhode Island burglar slips through walls to get to food and goods
- Virginia man allegedly covers himself and New York hotel room with petroleum jelly



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Police Beat

05-14-04

• Brandy Shaunta Thompson, 21, 106 Deal Street, Hinesville, was charged with carrying a weapon on school property and giving false information to an officer.
• Officers issued one traffic citation, one traffic warnings, assisted three motorists and investigated two accidents.

05-15-04

• A case of harassment was reported at Southern Courtyard.
• Officers issued one traffic warning and assisted one motorist.

05-16-04

• Joseph P. Rogowski, 26, 1107 Clubside Drive, Longwood, FL, was charged with theft by taking.

05-18-04

• A book was taken from the College of Education Building.
• Officers issued six traffic warnings and assisted three motorists.

- All Police Beat information compiled by Luke Hearn, News Editor.

Campus News

Thompson appointed interim VP

Special to the G-A

GSU President Bruce Grube has appointed Associate Vice President Teresa Thompson to serve as interim vice president for student affairs and enrollment management. She will fill the position held by Vice President Linda Bleicken, who has been assigned as interim provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Current Provost Vaughn Vandegrift has accepted the chancellor's post



Thompson

at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. The search for a permanent provost will begin in September.

"Dr. Thompson's intelligence, energy and commitment make her an ideal person to assume these responsibilities," Grube said.

Thompson joined Georgia Southern in 2000 as director of admissions. Her prior experience includes work in external affairs, enrollment management, admissions and marketing at three universities in Mississippi, including 12 years as the director of admissions at the Mississippi University for Women.

Bleicken credits Thompson for making significant contributions

towards Georgia Southern's recent growth in enrollment and freshman SAT scores.

Since the fall semester of 2000, Georgia Southern's enrollment has increased 11 percent, and the average SAT scores of incoming freshmen have increased 48 points.

As interim vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, Thompson will continue to oversee the University's admissions process, but will also be responsible for a number of other departments including Career Services, Financial Aid, University Housing, the Multicultural Student Center, Student Media, Health Services and the Counseling Center.

News Briefs

Perdue vetoes 19 bills



Special Photo

Governor Sonny Perdue.

ATLANTA - Nineteen bills ran into a veto Monday from Gov. Sonny Perdue as he wrapped up his review of legislation from this year's General Assembly session.

Among those he stopped was a bill making it illegal for anyone other than a physician or osteopath to tattoo another person within one inch of the eye socket.

A first violation would have brought misdemeanor punishment. A second conviction would have been labeled a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature, subjecting the offender to a \$5,000 fine.

Perdue also nixed legislation requiring each local board of education to adopt a code of ethics for its members.

He also vetoed legislation intended to encourage engaged couples to seek professional premarital counseling prior to marriage by increasing the marriage license fee from \$10 to \$50 if the applicants had not completed a qualifying program.

Another bill would have reduced retirement costs for Georgia teachers by lowering the maximum employee contribution rate from six percent to five percent, and the minimum from five percent to three percent.

Perdue also vetoed a bipartisan bill that would have created the presumption that any public safety worker who becomes disabled by contracting hepatitis, HIV, meningococcal meningitis or tuberculosis suffered that disability "in the line of duty."

Five percent tuition increase approved

ATLANTA - Georgia's college students will be paying 5 percent more for college this fall, the state Board of Regents voted unanimously Tuesday.

That means in-state college students who attend the state's research universities - will pay \$80 more per semester.

Meanwhile, students at the state's four-year regional and state universities will see \$55 increase per semester. Two-year colleges will have a \$35 increase.

Nonresident undergraduates at

Georgia Tech will be charged \$757 more.

Dan Papp, the university system's senior vice chancellor, said Georgia students do not pay as much tuition as many other states.

"You cannot make the argument that Georgia is a high-cost tuition state," he said.

Bush renominates Alan Greenspan as chairman of the Federal Reserve



Special Photo

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.

WASHINGTON - President Bush renominated Alan Greenspan as chairman of the Federal Reserve on Tuesday, praising his leadership and sending a strong signal of stability to financial markets.

Bush said Greenspan's fiscal and monetary policies have "helped unleash the potential of American workers and entrepreneurs, and America's economy is now growing at the fastest rate in two decades."

"Alan Greenspan has done a superb job as chairman ... and I have great continuing confidence in his stewardship," Bush said.

Greenspan's current term as chairman does not end until June 20, 2004.

"The president thinks Alan Greenspan is doing a great job and that's why he believes he should be renominated," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said. "Obviously there are term limits on the position. But the president wants him to continue to serve as long as possible."

Statewide watering ban considered

ATLANTA - A statewide watering ban could be revived by the end of the month because of low rainfall.

But some businesses and cities outside metro Atlanta say the proposed ban is too restrictive.

The Board of Natural Resources held a Monday hearing to get feedback on reviving the ban, which was lifted in January of last year after a four-year drought ended.

This year, environmentalists warn a rain deficit means the ban should be revived.

The proposed ban would apply to everyone on Fridays. Odd-numbered addresses could water Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; even-numbered and unnumbered addresses could water Mondays, Wednesdays

and Saturdays. If a drought were declared, the restrictions would get tighter.

Local governments could adopt their own watering bans, but only if they were at least as strict as the state's. Farmers, retail garden centers, car washes and construction sites would be exempt.

In written comments, Columbus Water Works President Billy Turner said residents there should not be on a schedule when there's plenty of water in the Chattahoochee River at Georgia's western border.

White House, Democrats close to deal on halting judicial recess



Special Photo

U.S. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle.

WASHINGTON - Breaking a months-long impasse, the White House and Senate Democrats on Tuesday struck a deal allowing Senate confirmation of dozens of President Bush's judicial nominations in exchange for a presidential promise not to bypass the Senate again this year.

Under the agreement, Democrats will allow votes on 25 non-controversial appointments to the district and appeals courts. In exchange, Bush agreed not to invoke his power to skip around the Senate and give one- and two-year appointments to his judicial nominees, as he has done twice in recent months.

The agreement was sealed in a meeting among top Senate Democrats and Republicans as well as Andrew Card, the White House chief of staff.

Starting in March, Democrats had halted all judicial nominees until they received a promise from Bush that he wouldn't use his recess appointment power. The Senate starts its Memorial Day recess on Monday.

But now that Democrats have been "given that assurance, we're now prepared to work with our Republican colleagues," said Sen. Minority leader Tom Daschle, in confirming the deal.

- All News Briefs compiled from wire reports by Luke Hearn, News Editor.

Blood Drive to benefit local resident

Special to the G-A

On Tuesday, May 25, GSU will host an American Red Cross blood drive from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. outside the Russell Union.

This drive is to benefit local patient Devin Boyles. Four-year-old Devin was diagnosed with Primary

Immune Disease. He cannot fight off any kind of infection or get rid of them easily. He is more susceptible to getting cancer and other serious diseases and illnesses as well.

Currently, he is receiving Intravenous Immunoglobulin Therapy, IVIG, which is a blood product. Gamma Globulin is extracted

from a large pool of human plasma which he gets every month. Devin's mother and family members will be at the drive to thank donors.

The need for blood is always immediate, because there is always someone who needs blood or blood products to stay alive and healthy.

Irish Pub Nights return to Statesboro

Special to the G-A

Irish Pub Nights, sponsored by Georgia Southern University's Center for Irish Studies, will return to Statesboro Monday and Tuesday, May 24 and 25. Popular entertainer Harry O'Donoghue will



perform two shows each evening at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. at Archibald's Restaurant.

A familiar figure in Statesboro from past performances at Irish Pub Nights, O'Donoghue will once again bring the spirit of Ireland to life in music that appeals to people of all ages. It will feature a variety of traditional Irish songs and contemporary

songs about Ireland composed in the traditional idiom. The evening will be filled with the lively sounds of Irish music and the genial humor of Ireland.

Irish Pub Nights are sponsored by the Center for Irish Studies in cooperation with Archibald's Restaurant. There is no admission fee, but reservations are recommended.

Campus Calendar

May 22

Garden Day Trip
9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Tour of the Joiner Daylily Gardens in Savannah. Come prepared for the weather and meet at the Garden parking lot. Cost: members - \$8, non-members - \$10. To register contact the Garden at 912-871-1149.

May 24-25

Irish Pub Nights
7 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Come out and enjoy Irish music performed by Harry O'Donoghue. This event is sponsored by the Center for Irish Studies in cooperation with Archibald's restaurant. At Archibald's Restaurant.

May 25

Red Cross Blood Drive
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

A blood drive will be held in honor of resident Devon Boyles, a four-year-old who has been diagnosed with Primary Immune Disease, disabling him to fight off any kind of infection.

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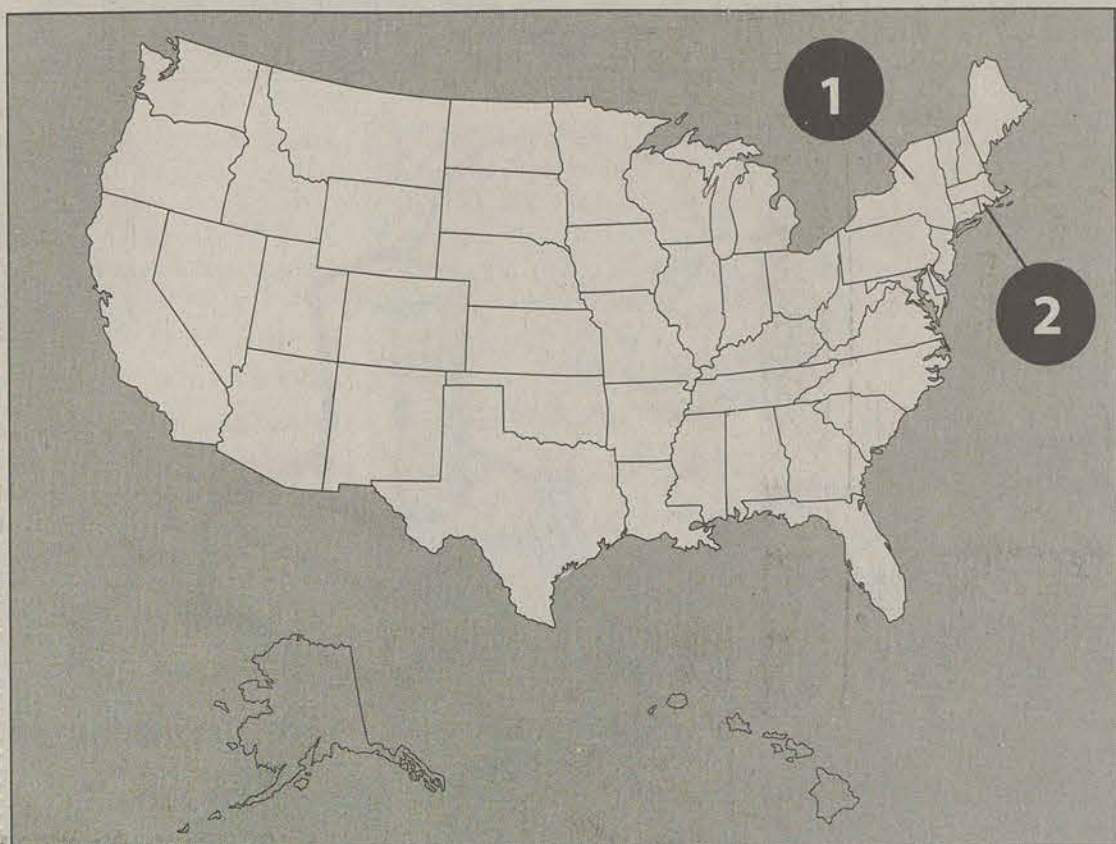
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1 New York

Man in petroleum jelly jam for alleged motel room damage

BINGHAMTON— Roger Chamberlain may have thought he gave police the slip when he switched motels.

But when authorities found the man slathered head-to-toe in petroleum jelly, they knew they had their man.

Authorities said a Motel 6 cleaning crew discovered a petroleum jelly mess on mattresses, bedding, a TV set, furniture, carpeting and towels in Chamberlain's room after he checked out last week. Damage was put at more than \$1,000.

Fourteen empty petroleum jelly jars and numerous pornographic magazines were fished out of the trash can, according to WNBC radio in Binghamton.

Shortly afterward, a sheriff's deputy tracked down Chamberlain to a nearby motel, finding the 44-year-old Virginia man entirely covered in the greasy ointment, authorities said.

He was charged with criminal mischief.

2 Rhode Island

Skinny buglar strikes again, leaving police baffled

PROVIDENCE — The skinny burglar strikes again.

The hungry criminal who police believe is responsible for eight break-ins at businesses on the South Side is now being linked to four new crimes in the Olneyville and West End sections of town, The Providence Journal reported.

Police said the territory is new, but the method is the same.

The thief squeezes down ventilation shafts or kitchen vents, or smashes a small hole through a wall, to get in. He or she normally grabs cash, cigarettes and food. The robber has eaten a watermelon, a mango and even cooked a meal at one restaurant on Cranston Street.

The strange behavior has police baffled. Due to the way the thief is entering the buildings, security alarms aren't being triggered.

On Monday, the thief smashed a hole in the cinderblock wall at the International Specialties store on Cranston Street. The individual fled with cash, cigarettes, a few bags of Doritos, a can of soda and some jewelry.

Richard Moravec, owner of the International Specialties store, said he couldn't figure out how the thief entered.

"I looked up in the ceiling, the doors, and everything looked fine," Moravec said. Then he saw the hole in the wall.

"He had to work awful hard to break through that brick," he added.

Kerry and Nader meet, discuss union and corporate issues

By Thomas Fitzgerald and Maria Recio
KRT Campus

WASHINGTON—Sen. John Kerry met privately Wednesday afternoon with Ralph Nader, whose independent bid for the White House threatens to peel crucial liberal votes away from the Democratic presidential candidate in November.

The two men met for 70 minutes in Kerry's campaign headquarters in Washington and left without resolving the delicate dance unfolding between them.

Nader fled through a basement exit without addressing a throng of reporters; a spokesman said the consumer activist was concerned about a lack of security.

In a statement his campaign issued after the two men huddled, Nader said "the purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues of interest to the daily lives of the American public — to put the focus on the human race, not the presidential horse race."

Nader and Kerry discussed three issues: ending corporate welfare, supporting trade unions and cracking down on corporate crime, the statement said.

They did not discuss the Iraq war,

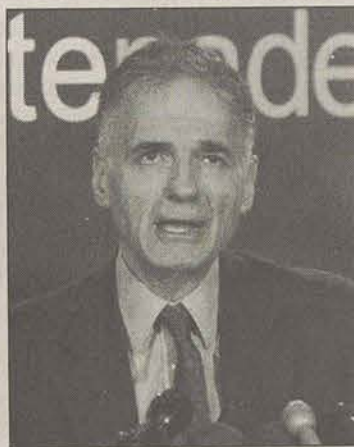
but Nader's statement said that they "agreed that it would be useful to continue to stay in communication and stay in touch."

Nader emphasizes a speedy withdrawal from Iraq, and Kerry strategists worry that message could catch on as Iraq descends into chaos and Bush's approval ratings fall. Kerry advocates getting more international help into Iraq, but he also has said that he would support sending more U.S. troops if needed to stabilize the country, a position that is disappointing to antiwar Democrats.

A senior Kerry aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the meeting was cordial and that the Massachusetts senator did not ask Nader to quit the race.

"Nader basically made the same argument that you have heard him make publicly many times, that he believes he is helping John Kerry by doing this, that he can provide a sharper counterpoint for Bush, and that the Democratic Party over the last 10 years has been too corporatist," said the Kerry aide. "And John Kerry said, 'Don't judge me by the people who preceded me.'"

In their conversation, Kerry



KRT Campus

Presidential Candidates Sen. John Kerry and Ralph Nader (above) met on Wednesday to discuss the issues of interests of the daily lives of the American public.

stressed the issues on which he has agreed with Nader, the Kerry aide said, such as campaign finance reform, abortion rights and corporate accountability.

Nader also said he deserved to be included in debates between Kerry and Bush, but the Kerry aide said his boss was noncommittal; it is "premature" to discuss debates because there have been no negotiations on the subject yet, the aide said.

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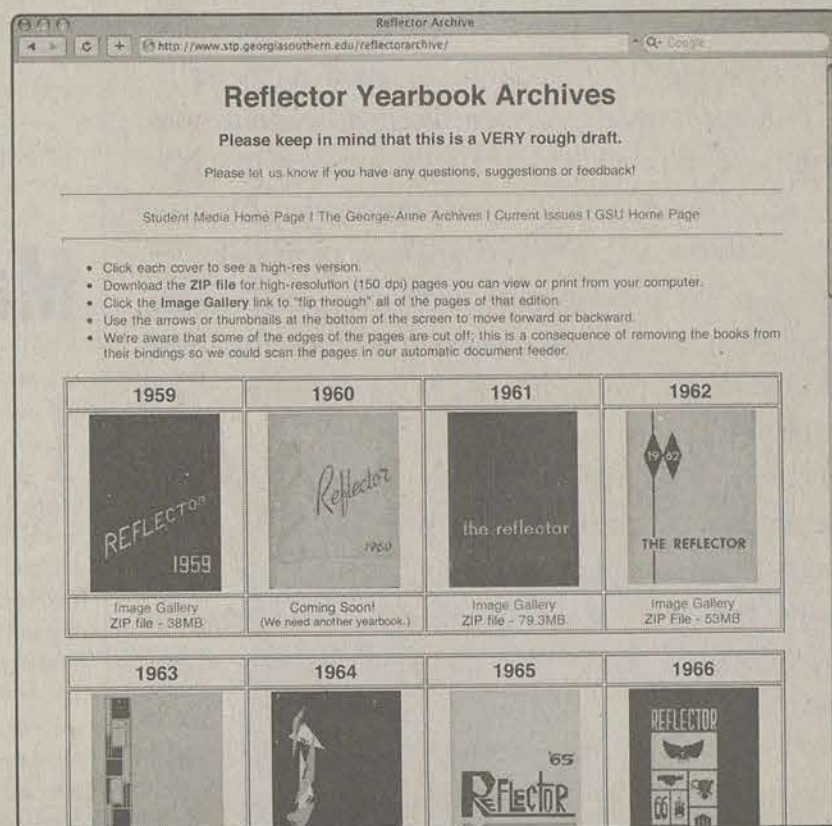
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relief program for homeowners.

Buried within the numbers are cuts of about five percent for most state agencies, a belt-tightening step to help the state recover its financial footing after two years of sluggish tax collections.

Perdue sounded an optimistic note as he signed the measure, saying, "I believe better economic times are on the way."

The measure was adopted by the Legislature on April 7, the final night of the regular session.

But Perdue made lawmakers return for a week-long special session on May 3 before he would sign the bill, saying the Legislature left the budget out of balance when it failed to adopt an indigent defense bill on which the spending plan relies for about \$57 million in revenue.

The indigent defense bill was quickly approved.

PROVOST, FROM PAGE 1

from 1995 to 1998. She was the acting provost from 1998 to 2000 and then associate provost.

In 2001, she became the first woman to serve as a vice president at Georgia Southern when she was promoted to her current position.

"While Dr. Vandegrift will clearly be missed, one of the marvelous things about the quality of people at Georgia Southern is that we have outstanding talent ready to step in," Grube said. "Dr. Bleicken's experience as associate provost and acting provost for two years positions her for a smooth transition of responsibilities."

As vice president of student affairs and enrollment management, Bleicken oversees a wide range of departments and programs ranging from the department of admissions and the registrar to Health Services and University Housing.

Under Bleicken's leadership, the average SAT scores of Georgia Southern's incoming freshman classes and overall student retention rates have both shown steady increases, along with enrollment growth.

The search for a permanent appointment for the vice president of academic affairs and provost position will begin in September as the new academic year gets underway.

Our Opinion

Reality shows have got to go

As editors, we don't have a lot of time for TV. But with the summer months taking us away from the office and giving us a little more free time, we've been able to see what's happening on the tube. And to be honest, we're now reminded why we loved our time away from the TV. We'll start with the oh-so-dreaded reality television catastrophe. It was bad enough when *Survivor* and the original *Bachelor* came out. But how shocking is it that there is now a show called something to the effect of "High School Reunion" on the air?

When people are constantly living in their high school days, it's sad. While there are people and memories that we all will cherish from high school, dwelling on events that happened there is a negative. With this said, how lame are these people who are coming on this show to re-live high school experiences?...pretty damn lame! Living in the past is something terrible to happen to people, and this show only encourages it. Anyone on it or who wishes to be on it has our prayers for their sanity.

Sure, a normal reunion is OK. You know, the one that is a Saturday evening at some snazzy place and people talk about what they've been doing since graduation—maybe a one-night-stand or two—and then everyone goes home. That's cool. But to be on a show for months and re-live high school drama is, again, very lame!

Another show that is equally sickening is *American Idol*. Lately it has been in the news as being biased. Elton John called it "racist." And when Elton ain't happy, ain't nobody happy.

Realistically, bias or no bias, no one should be surprised that the show is now under such scrutiny. People are starting to realize that those voting for supposed "talent" wouldn't know it if it walked across their TV screen. In today's world, talent is really code for good looks, nice clothes, nice hair, etc. Very few who watch *American Idol* really care about which person can sing the best. The voters are casting their votes for who looks the best.

Now the case with Ruben Studdard last year may be a slight exception, but honestly, look who was second to him...the guy with the nice hair and clothes, who couldn't sing.

We would go on with others that fit the same lame mold as the above two shows, but will digress, because we wouldn't want to cause any more nausea.

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Making architectural progress mental

I drove through my old bedroom yesterday.

Admittedly, the demolition of Stratford Hall was a bittersweet sight for me, as I'm sure it was for others who lived there. Part of me rejoiced when I saw the bright turquoise roof of the breezeway—once so towering, commanding and tacky in the Statesboro sky—leveled to the ground, never again to cast its shadow upon the Kennedy Hall parking lot. Then again, somewhere in my conscience, there squealed a bit of sentimentality for the building of countless blue, pink and green hues. It looked very nearly like a crushed plastic flamingo, and not just any lawn ornament, but one that was once my home.

Alicia, Melissa and I moved into Stratford as sophomores, after sharing cozy (read: very small) quarters in Johnson Hall for a full year. In keeping with the fact that my friends and I are often unique in comparison with the rest of the population, the three of us signed up for a special room in the corner of the first floor. It was one room with three beds about the size of the living areas in the new residence halls, and somehow the three of us fit all our girly stuff into it with space to spare.

That year was a very transitional one for us—sophomore year traditionally precedes the dawn of a college student's true academic

awakening and epiphany-like realizations of life purpose. And, as they say, the darkest hour is just before dawn.

It was a dark year in some ways. Each of us was exploring ideas and relationships that had theretofore been either forbidden or uninteresting to us. We made memories and mistakes. We had late-night powwows. We dyed each other's hair.

Our time in Stratford made us strong.

Truly, if my spatial estimations are correct, the passenger side tires of westbound vehicles traveling the new extension of Harvey Drive tread right across the twin-mattress-sized patch of land where I used to sleep. Looking back on myself as I was at that time, I realize I often laid there dreaming about where I am today; about where I'd be seven years from then, five years from now.

Something about the complete transfiguration of that space from an area I once inhabited to one upon which I may travel holds strong symbolism for me, and I don't considerate it a coincidence. It made me see all these buildings in a fresh light, the old and new ones alike.

In the end, they're all roads...Some more obviously than others.

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Relationships & Sex

SPEAKING OF... Tricking

"I hate the word 'trick,'" said a friend of mine when I nonchalantly used it. "It's so degrading, and it implies deception."

I was taken a bit aback; after all, "trick" is such a handy little word. "Short-term sex partner" hardly falls nimbly from the tongue. "Date" is about dinner and a movie, not going to a stranger's house and ending up in bed in the first five minutes. And "lover" implies a long-termish relationship, not a quickie with any available flesh.

Ergo, "trick."

It's often used with an unfortunate contemptuous overtone, true. And it's rooted in prostitute slang, which may seem a mark against it, but so is "gay" and no one seems to mind about that. Some people who hate the deceptiveness of the word "trick" would have no trouble lying about their age (or about their penis size) in a personal ad.

What seems to really bother people about "trick" is *tricking*, the idea that some people have sex with people they've just met, know nothing about, and have no intention, necessarily, of ever seeing again. This is *not* the way sex is supposed to be, we're told. Social norms tell us that sex is an expression of love and should be saved for someone special, not for someone outside the bar just after closing time.

I think that most of us would agree that sex within a loving long-term relationship is wonderful—maybe the best. A sit-down gourmet dinner is better than fast food, too, but that doesn't mean there aren't hungry times when a Whopper in the mouth is just yummy. Anyone who tricks should keep in mind that a short-term sex partner is just that—short term. They are a chance to explore, maybe even to pretend. "Trick" can also refer to the convincing outcome of a magician's trade, and

for a variety of reasons, many engage in a bit of autobiographical gobbledygook.

Therefore, some defensive moves may be in order. If you invite a stranger into your house to have sex, you might want to make sure that all the easily lifted valuables are out of sight, though odds are your trust would be repaid. Likewise, if you let a stranger into your heart, you might want to make sure nothing valuable gets ripped off.

It's maybe sad but true that people will say just about anything when they're having sex, including "I love you" and its small-potatoes variant, "You've got to give me your phone number so we can meet again." If you're just starting out having sex with someone, keep in mind that those protestations of love may not last the night, and that the phone number you gave him may join a pile of similarly unused numbers.

This is certainly part of the reason for tricking's disrepute, but if you take the attitude that it's all supposed to be an enjoyable pastime (though heaven knows, it's really more than that), it makes the inevitable letdowns and brush-offs easier to take. And, who knows? The next time it may be you who never phones. Just try not to be hurtful about it, OK?

And hey, honesty never hurts—not really. Tricking is an institution that, if practiced with open eyes and a non-compulsive soul, can provide much joy and the opportunity to learn a lot about yourself and others. And, yes, even the most casual of pickups can lead to the Real Thing. As one guy told me, "Sure, I trick. I look at it as a job interview, auditioning guys for the position of 'something more.'"

As I recently proclaimed, "Mr. Right Is Out There." But so, as some of us note with gratitude, is Mr. Right Now, and there's really nothing wrong with that.



DeMarc Campbell
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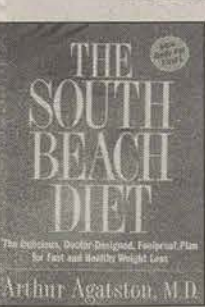
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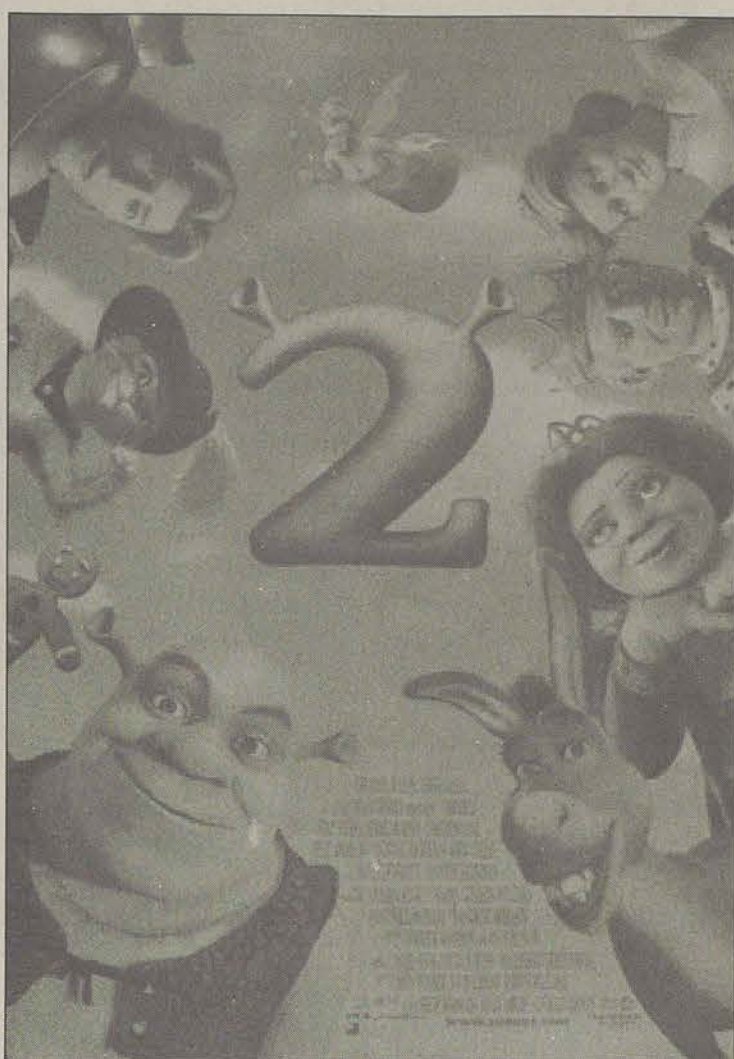
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Return of 'Shrek' brings smiles for kids and parents



By Chris Hewitt
KRT Campus

On Wednesday, Shrek (Mike Myers) and his bride Fiona (Cam-

eron Diaz) returned in the sequel that is being touted as better than the first.

This time Shrek meets his in-

laws and deal with the problems caused by his marriage to Fiona. His lovable cohort Donkey (Eddie Murphy) and new friends Puss-in-Boots (Antonio Banderes) begin a new adventure in this Dreamworks release.

It is wonderful to have the main characters back, minus John Lithgow's lord and plus several new ones.

Heck, I didn't even remember the music from "Shrek," but the instant I heard a snippet of it in "Shrek 2," I was in the mood for these lovable characters to show me a good time again.

The trouble is that word: "again." Unlike "Toy Story 2," which was every bit as inventive and lovable as its predecessor, "Shrek 2" is a lesser copy of the original. Having happily-ever-aftered in "Shrek," things are looking grim again for Shrek and Fiona in "Shrek 2," when they face a "Meet the Parents" scenario.

It's the same story, really: Shrek and Fiona need to decide they're comfortable with who they are. And, despite the new characters (Julie Andrews and John Cleese are the voices of Fiona's folks, Rupert Everett is a Prince Charming who's more like Prince Stuck-on-Himself, Jennifer Saunders is a Fairy Godmother in a snit, Antonio Banderas as the amusing Wuss-in-Boots or, rather,

Puss-in-Boots), you know where this ship is sailing. There really are no new surprises.

Most of the best stuff from "Shrek" is revisited. The animation is still distinctive. I particularly love how the godmother floats over everyone like a plumply inflated Macy's balloon.

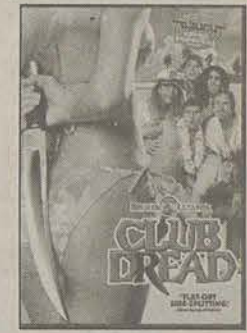
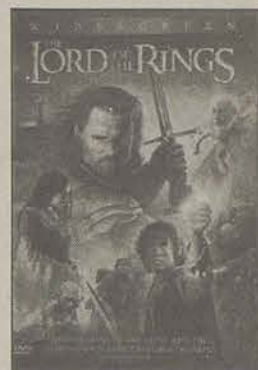
Whereas the first film featured a "Dating Game" parody, this one has a "Cops" takeoff, and it's improbably funny. Instead of a setting that lampoons Disneyland, this one satirizes Beverly Hills. And esoteric jokes are sprinkled everywhere, starting with a Shirley Bassey bit (honest) and building to an awards ceremony covered by a computer-animated Joan Rivers, who is more lifelike than the one who rises from the crypt on Oscar night.

If the format of "Shrek 2" feels somewhat pinched and familiar, the writing does not. Even the jokes you'd expect to be past their freshness date, besides "Cops," "Shrek 2" also takes swipes at "Flashdance" and "Pinocchio," are clever, and the sharp script connects all the way through a funny mid-credits scene.

Still, the funny mid-credits scene does almost exactly the same thing the funny mid-credits scene did in the first "Shrek." And it contributes to an overall feeling that this tale is being told twice upon a time.

NEW on DVD
05/25/04

'Lord of the Rings: Return of the King' (top), 'Mooseport' (middle), and 'Club Dread' (bottom) come to DVD next Tuesday.



Homer's Greek epic takes film form and No. 1 position

By V.A. Patrick Slade

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The Trojans came, and they conquered, last weekend's box office, that is. "Troy" took the top rated film of last weekend's box office.

This classic tale enjoyed an estimated 45 million dollar take for the classic story that many readers of modern literature have experienced.

The film takes its cue from Homer's The "Iliad," which the film is primarily based. The Greek tale of love and ensuing consequences has been entertaining audiences for thousands of years.

It follows the story of Paris (Orlando Bloom), the handsome, yet weak, Trojan Prince, who takes as his lover Helen, who is already married. What ensues is a war in the guise that is fought because of love, but in essence is an excuse for Agamemnon (Brian Cox), the leader of the Greek continent, to overthrow the city of Troy.

Helping Agamemnon take control of Troy is his rogue and egotistical warrior Achilles (Brad Pitt), who has an internal battle of whether or not to fight for fame or honor of his country.

Fighting on the Trojan side is the mighty Prince/warrior Hector (Eric Bana) who is trying to protect not only his city, but also his wife and his newborn son.

The soap opera that forms invites intrigue, lies, love, and betrayal that tends to be the backbone of all great Greek mythological tales.

But Homer's story is not totally on display in the film. For timely and otherwise story reasons, the ten years battle that ensues between these two opposing forces in the epic poem is cut down to seemingly only two years in the film.

What the filmmaker does choose is to showcase the essential points of the ten years battle including the famous battle between Hector and Paris, showcasing the most powerful moment in the film and the story as a whole.

The acting in the film is above par. Everyone carries their own in what seemingly becomes a "hunk fest" where half naked men abound and Brad Pitt's ass is on display constantly throughout this three hour long epic.

But with the "pretty boy" image aside, the acting is quite impeccable. The characters are very much believable, and the actors

leave you believing this world of Greek unrest.

One of the standouts in the film include Eric Bana as Hector, who does a bang up job and should have taken this project as his first American acting showcase than the ill-fated "The Hulk," which was released last summer.

The second standout is Brian Cox as the evil Agamemnon, who pushes his soldiers and family to side in order to achieve world domination. His evil aura is so believable that the sight of him leaves the viewers grimacing and afraid of his ensuing venom.

The last standout of the film is the veteran actor Peter O'Toole as Priam. His masterful portrayal of a king caught between two very difficult decisions, as well the vulnerability showcased that is a result of these decisions, leads the audience into an emotion filled ravine that is not entered very often in modern day cinema.

The director Wolfgang Petersen tries very hard to make is his epic visually stunning. With huge panoramic expanses showcased allows the film's setting to become an essential part of the film, as would the story and the characters.



Internet Photo

The warrior Achilles (Brad Pitt) attacks the Trojan army led by Hector (Eric Bana) in "Troy," helping the film take the No. 1 position at the box office last weekend with an estimated 45 million dollars.

The realistic backdrop of the Aegean coast, that is not too badly infused with CGI, does what few films of today are able to do: take the viewer on a realistic voyage to the actual location of the story.

The film is not totally without its flaws. There are many times in the film when the music and other elements are not in sync and takes the viewer out of the moment. Also

the panoramic shots can sometimes come off a laziness on the film maker's part and redundant for the audience.

Overall the film is a worthwhile to view. If not for the content, acting, and the love of Greek mythology, the sheer word of mouth and iconic status of the film should drive those who have not seen the film to see it.

Classic monsters don't give audiences what they were expecting



Internet Photo

Hugh Jackman's 'Van Helsing' may have the second place at last weekend's box office, but it didn't meet expectations of many viewers.

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than the big bat himself, and put him up against a rogues' gallery of baddies: Mr. Hyde, Frankenstein's Monster, a Wolf man, and both Dracula and three brides. In other words: an entire league of extraordinary monsters. After all, why stop at one monster when you can use every toy in the box: it's not like any of these characters are under copyright anymore.

For starters, this Van Helsing

has nothing to do with the character in the classic horror novel except for the fact that he fights ol' Vladdy. They cooked up such a putrid stew of rotting character fragments, and the rankest hunk of meat is the simmering corpse of Van Helsing himself, who has been turned from a great, learned Victorian man of science justly fighting an evil creature, into a sort of late 19 century James Bond, sponsored, not by England, but by the Vatican.

Yes, the Vatican, complete with an M-like mission assigner with an honest-to-god slide-projector, and a Q-like gadget man, Carl, who sticks around the whole film in order to remind us, over and over, that he's not a monk but a friar. (Fortunately, Drac brought the briquettes.) It's Ian Fleming's "Dracula!" "Quick Carl, to the Vanmobile!"

The story goes that Van Helsing's this guy who's lost his memory, then was found by the Vatican and trained as a monster hunter. They know who he really is but he doesn't, so Drac Daddy can reveal it to him later in order to set up a moment of crisis at the beginning of the third act. It turns out later that he's actually a really

old Roman guy who killed Dracula originally, like the first time. Before he became a vampire.

I'll wait while anyone who knows anything about the novel "Dracula" picks their jaw off the floor.

The film drags on with a thousand stupid wonders. The prologue fight against Dr. Jekyll and Mr. CGI. The gross-out baby vampires, about whom you would be forgiven if you thought they must have been sneezed into existence. It seems that baby vampires are born dead, which must make for a lot of depressing evenings in the Dracula homestead. It turns out that you can jump-start baby vamps by hooking them to a werewolf, but to keep them running for good you need to pop the hood on Frankenstein's Monster.

The female vampires seem to exist primarily to alternate between being evil and motherly. They like shouting "FEEEEE!" at the top of their undead lungs as their little "vampings" adorably cart away villagers. It's a shame that, despite their raft of demonic powers they're so easy to fool with the Ol' Fake Carriage Trick.

At the end we have a very special episode of Animal Face-Off: Head

Vampire vs. Huge Werewolf, an argument that's run through the brains of a thousand "Dungeons & Dragons" fan-boys made visible, reeking, on the screen. Oh, and the big prize for winning is eternal salvation for Helsing's girlfriend, a story point that's just got to be making a certain Son of God violently clear his throat.

The film also shows a blithering disregard for consistent accents. Why does Van Helsing speak with a perfect American accent when he's never been near the States? My guess is the ancient Rome Van Helsing came from must be the same one that birthed Russell Crowe.

Even with all this crap so vividly realized up on screen, the film could have worked, in a goofy, lighthearted way. The director was Stephen Sommers, the guy who directed the pretty-good "The Mummy," before helming the rather bad "The Mummy Returns." It's as if Sommers thinks directing the same old schlock with ever-increasing degrees of deadly seriousness equals maturing as a director.

I'm sure Brendan Fraiser will let you direct him again if you ask nicely!

GSU sweeps series against Citadel, latest win 13-4

GSU Athletic Media Relations

STATESBORO. - Georgia Southern pounded out 17 hits to defeat The Citadel 13-4 in Southern Conference baseball action at J.I. Clements Stadium Sunday afternoon.

Georgia Southern (31-22, 19-8) opened the scoring in the bottom of the second inning. With one out, Mike Economos walked and moved to second on a Brandon Ponder ground out. Jason Hurst's single up the middle plated Economos to give the Eagles a 1-0 advantage.

The Citadel (30-24, 18-9) got on the board in the top of the third as it took advantage of a two-out GSU error. With one out, Matt Matulia doubled before Eagle starter Josh Lairsey induced Matt Covington into a flyout. A Chris Ard ground ball appeared to get the Eagles out of the inning, but the throw from GSU second baseman Brandon Burnsed skipped passed Greg Dowling at first and into the Bulldog dugout, allowing Matulia to score. Ard, who moved to second on the error, advanced to third on a balk and then scored on a Lairsey wild pitch to give the Bulldogs a 2-1 lead.

The Eagles bounced right back in the bottom of the frame to regain the lead. James Payne singled up the middle to score the game and stole second to move into scoring position. After a flyout and

a strikeout, Grant Burruss drove Payne in with a single through the right-side of the infield and scored himself as Dowling delivered a double into the right field corner for a 3-2 GSU edge.

The Bulldogs evened the game in the top of the fourth as they capitalized on a leadoff double by Jon Aughey. The Bulldog second baseman snet a 1-0 pitch from Lairsey into the leftfield corner to open the inning and was sacrificed to third before scoring on a Zach Brown ground out to even the game at 3-3.

Georgia Southern added four runs in the bottom of the fourth to once again gain the advantage. With one out, Hurst singled and came around to score when Logan Phillips singled to right and Bulldog rightfielder fell down, allowing the ball to go under his glove and roll to the wall. Phillips, who moved to third on the play, scored as Payne singled to center before Burnsed doubled to left-center to plate Payne. Burruss' double down the rightfield line plated Burnsed to give the Eagles a 7-3 lead.

The Eagles added to their lead in fifth as they sent 10 men to the plate scored six runs. Economos walked to open the inning and moved to second on a Ponder base hit. Hurst's bunt single loaded the bases, allowing Economos to score on a Phillips ground ball that was bobbled by Aughey at second. After a flyout, Burnsed walked with the bases loaded to

score Ponder and Brandon Long doubled down the left field line to score Hurst and Phillips. A Burruss ground out plated Burnsed while Dowling second double of the day drove in Long to give Georgia Southern a 13-3 lead.

Josh Stackley closed out the scoring in the top of the eighth as he connected on his seventh home run of the season.

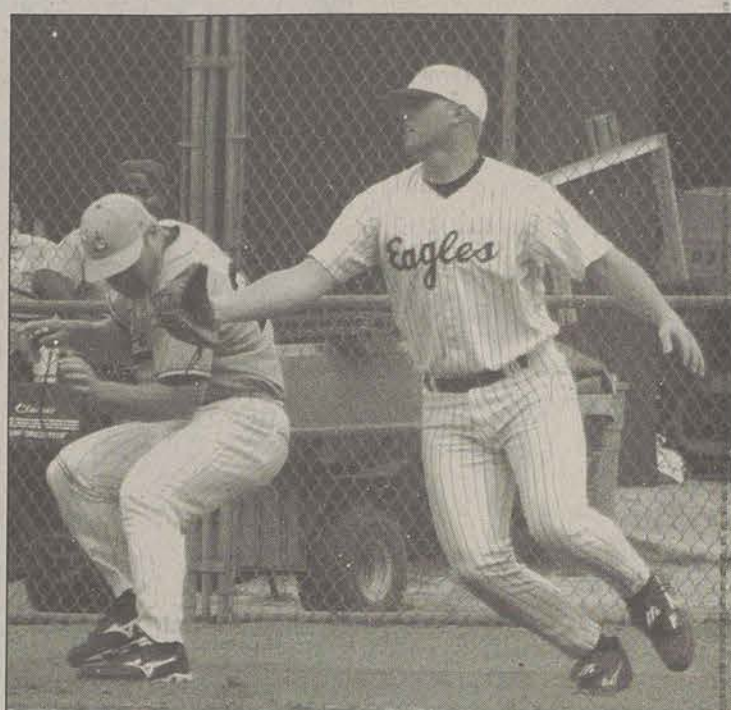
Lairsey gave up eight hits and four runs, two earned, in the complete game outing, the first of his career. The freshman lefthander walked one and struck out five as he improved to 2-1.

Payne led the Eagles at the plate, tallying four hits and two runs scored in five plate appearances. Hurst finished the day with three hits while Long, Burruss, Dowling and Ponder all collected two.

Bulldog starter Chip Cannon allowed 11 hits and seven runs in four innings as he fell to 3-3 on the season. The senior righthander walked one and struck out three.

Aughey tallied two hits in four at-bats while Phillips finished the day two-of-three to lead The Citadel.

Georgia Southern returns to action Thursday, May 20 when it visits Davidson, N.C. and plays the Davidson Wildcats at 7 p.m. The Citadel returns home to Riley Park and hosts Winthrop Tuesday, May 18 at 6 p.m.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Eagle first baseman Greg Dowling and The Citadel's first base coach dodge a foul ball near the end of the Eagles' last game of the season Sunday. The game was GSU's last at J.I. Clements before modifications to the stadium began to take place this week. Renovations are scheduled to be completed by Feb. 2005.

Softball ends season with 30-29 record



Luke Renfro/STAFF

GSU sophomore pitcher Cary Moore at bat during a recent home game against East Tennessee.

GSU Athletic Media Relations

CHATTANOOGA, TN - Jenny Gustin's single through the left side of the infield scored Paige Goss in the top of the seventh inning to complete an Elon comeback and give the fourth-seeded Phoenix a 6-4 victory over third-seeded Georgia Southern on day three of the 2004 SoCon Softball Championships.

Elon's Meredith Gay pitched a complete game, scattering seven hits and four runs en route to earning her seventh victory of the season.

Georgia Southern started off quickly, opening a three-run lead in the bottom of the first inning.

Shanita Black set the table, singling to right-centerfield. After a sacrifice bunt moved Black over to second, she came home when Kim Griffin singled and Meredith Gay's throw to first base rolled away from the bag. Catcher Sam Steiner followed that with a triple to the gap in right-center, scoring Griffin. Steiner then sprinted home following a passed ball by Elon's Jamie Dupont.

Elon chipped into the Eagles' lead in the top of the fourth inning when Megan Borgaard doubled and later scored when Christina Melton reached on a GSU error.

In the fifth, GSU responded with another run. Carolyn Chin, Black, and Aurora Johnson pieced

together back-to-back-to-back singles, scoring Chin and giving the Eagles a 4-1 lead.

The Phoenix climbed back into the game with a three-run sixth inning that evened the contest at four-apiece. After the first two batters flew out to the outfield, Borgaard reached on an infield single and advanced to second following a throwing error. Meredith Miley then doubled to right field, scoring Borgaard. Christina Melton then delivered the game-tying shot, sending a two-run homer over the left field wall.

With runners on second and third with one out, Gustin hit a two-hopper between shortstop

and third base to give the Phoenix a one-run lead. Dani Concepcion then scored on a fielder's choice to the second baseman, giving Elon its final winning margin at 6-4.

Borgaard and Miley paced Elon with two hits apiece. Shanita Black went two-for-four for GSU, finishing the tournament with a .545 average.

GSU's Tiffany Urena took the loss, her seventh of the year.

With the win, Elon (33-22-1, 11-10) moves on to face the winner of the Appalachian State/East Tennessee State contest later this on Saturday afternoon at 6:00 p.m. Georgia Southern's (30-29, 11-10) season concludes with today's loss.

Price fires 66 at U.S. Open local qualifying event

GSU Athletic Media Relations

GRIFFIN - Georgia Southern junior Aron Price fired a 66 to top all competitors at a U.S. Open Local Qualifying event at the Griffin Country Club Monday afternoon.

The 22-year-old Australia native recorded birdies at one, two and three but bogeyed four to shoot a 32 on the front nine. He bounced back to put up birdies at eleven and fourteen to close out the day with a 66. Price was competing in his first United States Golf Association Qualifying event.

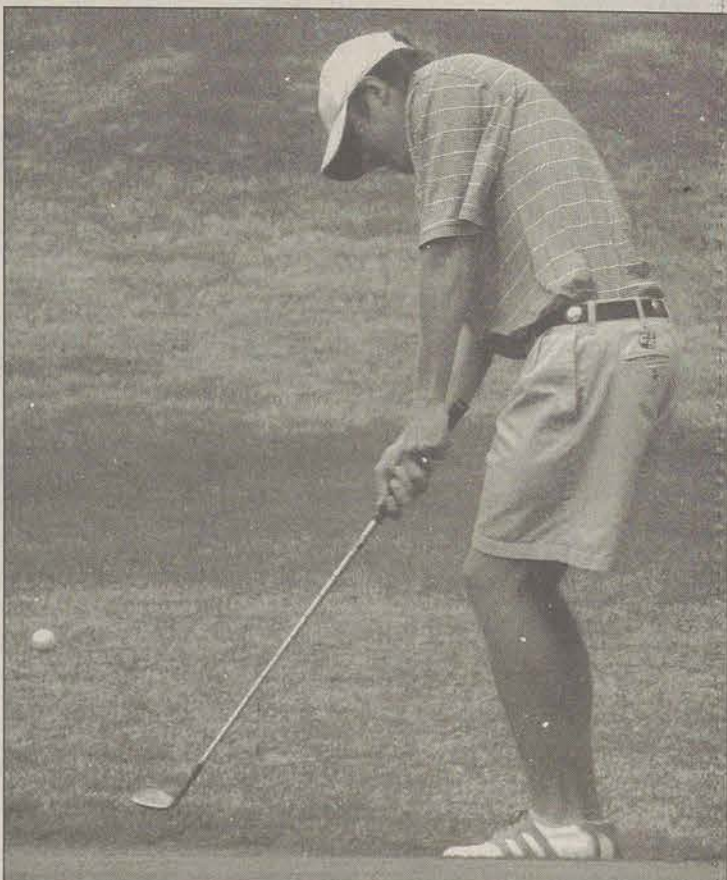
Price will advance to Sectional Qualifying, which will consist of 36 holes of stroke play. GSGA will conduct a Sectional Qualifying round on June 8 at Ansley Golf Club's Settindown Creek in Roswell, with the qualifying players advancing to the U.S. Open Championship at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y., June 17-20.

Price currently leads the Southern Conference and Georgia Southern with a 71.4 stroke average through 11 collegiate tournaments and 32 rounds this season. He has posted seven top 20 finishes in 2003-2004, six in the top 10 and five in the top five and was one of just 33 golfers nationally who earned inclusion on the 2004 Hogan Award Watch List - an honor presented annually to the top men's collegiate golfer on all levels NCAA I, II or III and NAIA.

He earned Southern Conference Golfer-of-the-Year honors in April and was chosen to the all-conference and all-tourney squads. During the fall, Price averaged 69.8 shots per round in five events (14 rounds), captured three individual titles and earned a No. 1 national ranking in *Golfweek's* first poll of the season on Sept. 23.

After earning medalist honors at the 101st Western Amateur Open, Price fired a course-record 65 in the first round on his way to winning the Cleveland Golf/Kiawah Island Intercollegiate (65-70=135/-9) before also capturing the individual titles at the Pacific Invitational (71-66-67=204/-12) in Stockton, Calif., and Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions (69-66-68=203/-13, a college career-best) in Knoxville, Tenn.

Price and the Georgia Southern golf program recently earned their fourth consecutive NCAA Regional Tournament selection, which begins Thursday with play at the NCAA East Regional, which will be held at The Course at Yale in New Haven, Conn.



Hillary Jones/STAFF

Aron Price

U.S. Open Local Qualifying

Griffin Country Club

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Braves struggle to overcome rash of injuries

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

ATLANTA - Marcus Giles is wearing a sling instead of a uniform. Rafael Furcal is having trouble gripping the baseball. Eli Marrero is struggling to put on weight.

Such is the state of the Atlanta Braves.

While many predicted the Braves to falter this season, no one could have foreseen the devastating series of injuries and ailments that would make it difficult for this perennial playoff team to keep the same lineup on the field.

Manager Bobby Cox has spent a lot of time writing in names such as Jesse Garcia and DeWayne Wise - journeymen who had to fight just to make the team in spring training.

"Everybody out there is doing their best, playing their best until the last out is made," pitcher Mike Hampton said. "It's just not enough against the people we're facing."

The top four hitters in the projected order - Furcal, Giles, Chipper Jones and J.D. Drew - haven't been together since the first week of the season.

"I don't know of any team in baseball," Jones said, "that could compensate for losing their top four hitters."

Not surprisingly, the Braves are struggling in the quest for their 13th straight division title. They begin a homestand Tuesday at 17-19 - fourth in the NL East and seven games worse than they were at the same point a year ago.

The most serious blow yet occurred over the weekend. Giles, an All-Star second baseman, broke his collarbone in a collision with teammate Andruw Jones and will be out six to eight weeks.

That's the way it's been all year.

Furcal hasn't started at shortstop since May 1, when he jammed his right ring finger on a headfirst slide. He can hit and run, but fielding is out of the question because he can't grip the ball well enough to throw.

Chipper Jones went on the disabled list for the first time since 1996 with a strained hamstring. Drew - in keeping with the theme of his injury-plagued career - missed five games with a sore hamstring and three more with a stiff neck.

Marrero can fill in at a bunch of positions. Unfortunately for the Braves, he's been on the DL most of the year - first with a strained abdominal muscle, now with an upper respiratory infection that caused him to lose some 15 pounds.

Before their current injuries, Furcal missed seven games (strained lower back) and Giles was sidelined with a sore elbow, the result of being plunked by a pitch.

The Braves rank ninth in the National League in runs (4.7 per game), scoring three or less in 17 of 36 games. They are 12th in hitting (.256) and tied for 13th in homers (32). That's quite a change from last season, when Atlanta led the NL in all those categories.

Atlanta's problems go beyond the injuries. The once-dominant starting rotation is a shell of its former self, combining to go 8-17 with a 4.59 ERA. Hampton is off to an especially grim start - winless after seven starts with a 7.41 ERA.

But the Braves are managing to hang around in the NL East, where Florida (21-16) has the worst record of any division leader. Atlanta is only 3 1/2 games back.

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Cried uncle
6 Pierce
10 Icelandic saga
14 Former "SNL" player
15 Elton's cousin
16 Principal
17 Comic O'Brien
18 Prorated, as an expense
20 Mimic
21 Young newts
23 Right-angle degrees
24 Actress Perez
26 That makes sense
27 Long-time Mets hurler
29 Huge
33 Admit
34 Aberdeen breed
35 Golf club employee
36 Dry as dust
37 Golfer's gouge
38 "Othello" villain
39 AFL partner
40 EDS founder
41 Paid parker
42 "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" author
44 "The of Errors"
45 Geraint's wife
46 Future tulips
47 Encloses
50 Cartel's letters
51 Male swan
54 Put back, as software
56 Place to play
58 Chutzpah
59 Jacob's twin
60 Sportscenter Jim
61 Nothing but
62 Week units
63 River frolicker

DOWN
1 Comic Imogene
2 On the apex of
3 Reverence
4 Time period
5 Author Isak

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Solutions

41 Vesuvius, e.g.
43 With intense interest
44 Entrance line
46 Not quite an A
47 Therefore
48 Miserly
49 Medley or Tilden
50 Oil of
52 A single time
53 Jethro Bodine
55 Botanist Gray
57 Botanist

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1st Person

Halle Berry

She jumped to the "A list" after winning an Oscar, wowed audiences playing a Bond girl and now commands star billing with her name above the movie title.

Did you know?

- Her name:** Pronounced like Sally, named after Cleveland's Halle Brothers department store
- Bad men:** Lost 80 percent of hearing in right ear from physically abusive lover; has had other violent relationships
- Beauty queen:** Runner-up in 1986 Miss USA contest, in top five of Miss World; modeled in Chicago, New York
- Oscar breakthrough:** First African-American to win best actress; won for role in "Monster's Ball," 2002
- Film debut:** Played junkie Irene in Spike Lee's "Jungle Fever," 1991
- Realized dream:** Starred in biopic of singer-actress Dorothy Dandridge, who broke many racial barriers in the 1940s

Source: E! Online, Celebrity Biographies, Time, KRT Photo Service

Vital statistics

- Born:** Aug. 14, 1968, in Cleveland
- Parents:** Mother, a psychiatric nurse; alcoholic father left the family when Halle was 10
- Siblings:** Older sister Heidi, married with two children
- Education:** Studied broadcast journalism at Cuyahoga Community College
- Family:** Married baseball player David Justice in 1993, divorced in 1997; married singer Eric Benet, 2001; recently separated

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MYSTIC STARS



By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday. Your lesson for this year has to do with discipline. "Oh, goodie," you're probably saying to yourself. Actually, goodies are what you'll get if you learn this lesson well. You'll also gain confidence, status and love, so give it another try.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 10 - Move boldly ahead with your projects, whether those projects are business or pleasure. You have the opportunities and plenty of good sense. Make a deal that's profitable and fun.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - Allow yourself time to think about your next big decision. You'll have to live with it for a long time. Relax and make it a good one.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - Focus! There's something you must remember, and you haven't even heard it yet. It'll make you feel a whole lot better about yourself, so listen carefully.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - You're in the habit of being nice even when you don't feel like it. It's a natural thing for you, and it's a blessing. An old act of kindness brings new rewards.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 9 - Your enthusiasm inspires others to give it one more try. You can be a great coach when you believe in a project. And if this one didn't fit into that category, you never would have taken it on.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - It's not a good time to suggest expansion or investigate new options. It's a good time to finish what you've already started. If you can't remember what that is, somebody will remind you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 9 - If you have things organized, you'll accomplish a lot in the next few hours. If you don't, you'll get the opportunity to revise your agenda in the midst of chaos. Managing the chaos to produce results is your objective, remember?

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Your talent lies in planning and making sure that everyone follows through. Offer that to a person who has good leadership and charisma but lacks the patience to work out the details. You'll become indispensable.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - You and your partner should really go together if you can. It's worth the extra trouble. If not for the entire day, can you at least do lunch? It would mean a lot.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - As you go out on your shopping trip, keep one or two things in mind. You want to get top quality, and you want to pay pennies on the dollar. A little damage would be OK if it's something you can fix. Nobody needs to know.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - The kind of love that's favored today is the solid, dependable kind. It might be between lovers, but it can also be between friends. It's a bond you know you can depend upon. If you have love like that, celebrate.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - You might occasionally wonder if you're doing the project right, since it's hard to remember what you've been told when you have a hammer in your hand. This is an open-book test, by the way, so go back to the text if you must.

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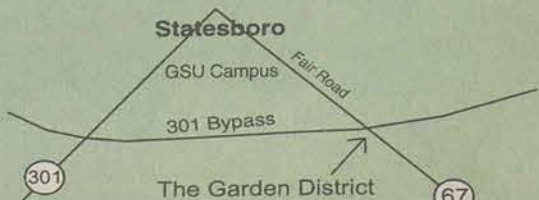
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