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A Day for Southern

\$1 million goal reached for seventh straight year

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Tuesday marked the 31st annual Day for Southern campaign.

With hopes of having seven straight years totaling over \$1 million, the community has pulled together and has accomplished just that. Tuesday's donations totaled up to \$1,101,056, much more than this year's goal.

A Day for Southern is a day for volunteers to come together as a team and use this commitment to help a university that has helped them in so many ways. Students come to GSU not only for academics, but for a chance to excel in extra curricular activities. Student whose funds are not covered by the government or state thrive on these activities. That's where a Day for Southern comes in.

At about 8:45 am, with a theme of "A Great Tradition for a Greater Tomorrow," 200 volunteers, including local and regional bank representatives, insurance companies and lawyers, split up into teams of two to ask about 1,100 businesses in the Statesboro/Bulloch County area for donations in support of GSU. These 98 teams are assigned 10-15 prospects to call upon.

The donations collected are used to enhance areas such as lectures and performances, keep up great learning facilities such as the GSU Museum and the Botanical Gardens, to Southern Boosters to provide resources that build the university's "margin of excellence," and to fund scholarships.

While each is equally important, scholarships help GSU in a way like no other. Last year, more than \$800,000 was given out to over 600 students based on achievement and need. These scholarships are both rewarding and motivating. Scholarships are also used to attract high-ability students. These students, who are usually able to pick the university of their choice, can often be swayed or attracted by scholarships such as these. And while the standards and enrollment continue to rise, more and more students are looking at GSU with hope of acceptance and aid.

This fundraising campaign, which was started by a group of local businessmen, has turned out to be one of the greatest partnerships in the university's history.

Organized now by the University Advancement Center, this strictly volunteer based event is one which

happens on the second Tuesday of each September. Most companies and businesses, expecting the yearly campaign, are tremendously committed and usually have the check already written.

The campaign shows not just the commitment to one another, but the reliance the community and GSU have on each other. This partnership is symbolic and extraordinary.

President Grube explains, "A Day for Southern is a very unusual event. I do not know of any single community in the country that raises over \$1 million in a single day. It is really a testimony of the quality of the relationship between the community and the university."

Administrative Director, Beth Mathews said, "The university is the main economic generator for the Statesboro/Bulloch County region, and the community realizes the importance of the GSU. They have always opened their arms and supported the university."

For more information about the event, please contact Michael Sullivan with the GSU Department of Marketing and Communications at mikesull@georgiasouthern.edu.



Felicia Emanuel/STAFF

President Grube, along with other members of the community and GSU administration, display the amount of money that the community gave during the 31st annual Day for Southern.

GSU students encouraged to vote

Voter registration activities increase as elections draw near

By Emily Haymans
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Summer may be winding down, but things are starting to heat up in politics.

With the November election looming, people are stepping up efforts to get Americans more involved in the political process—get more registered voters. A major target of these efforts is the college-aged group.

In 1998, the government added an amendment to the Higher Education Act, which requires colleges to obtain voter-registration forms 120 days before the local registration deadline and distribute them to students enrolled in all degree or certificate programs. Colleges and universities that don't comply with the amendment risk losing federal student-aid funds. Despite this threat, many still do not put forth much effort. GSU is not one of those schools.

The American Democracy Project, in conjunction with the Student Government Association (SGA) and the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences (CLASS), has been holding voter registration activities around campus.

The American Democracy Project is a three year project on over 170 campuses trying to increase student involvement, especially increasing student voting. So far, about 150 to 200 students have been registered as a result

of these efforts, while others are now being registered.

Dr. Patrick Novotny, chair of the American Democracy Project, had this to say: "It's important to vote because so many people have worked so hard and dedicated so much to make sure our young people have that right."

It doesn't stop there. The Register Southern to Vote Committee is working with GSU 1210 Orientation classes to have deputized students available to register other students. The CLASS Dean Student Advisory Board is planning a discussion panel/debate to present issues and ideas to students before they vote; it should be taking place in mid to late October.

Bryan Dawson, senior and member of the CLASS Dean Student Advisory

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Jackson brings voter empowerment tour to Statesboro



Jesse Jackson

Staff and wire reports

Jesse Jackson will swing through Statesboro Thursday on a three-day tour of south Georgia and North Florida.

During a series of appearances, Jackson will address a number of pertinent issues — such as losses in the job market, the war in Iraq and the expiring ban on the purchase of assault weapons — that he hopes will galvanize inexperienced voters.

Jackson will speak at Thomas Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Statesboro at 11 a.m. Thursday. GSU Students can hitch a ride to the event by meeting at the rear entrance of the Russell Union building at 10 a.m.

"We are looking forward to this being a grand, historic moment in the lif or our community," said Johnny Lewis, who is the pastor at Thomas Grove. "And we are looking forward to positive impact being made on all who attend."

The event is non-partisan, and meant only to encourage students to vote, not sway them to vote for a particular candidate.

Jackson, who has been critical of Democratic candidate John Kerry's campaign in recent weeks and emphasized that it was not a "Kerry-funded"

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Impending financial aid changes threaten dependent students

From Staff and Wire Reports

ATLANTA - State colleges and universities may be forced to cut up to 1,100 non-faculty jobs and increase tuition by 10 percent to make up a \$68.7 million shortfall in its budget, according to University System of Georgia Chancellor Thomas Meredith.

Meredith said Wednesday his staff will review exactly how much tuition needs to be raised and how many staff members will be reduced through retirement and possible layoffs.

He is expected to present a proposal next month to the Board of Regents. The budget reductions were requested last month by the state.

"The decision has been made" to trim the University System of Georgia's budget, Meredith said. "Here's the path we're going to have to take in order to maintain academic quality for the state of Georgia."

One plan Meredith's office released Wednesday would increase tuition by 10 percent and eliminate 1,100 non-faculty jobs. Another proposal would increase tuition by more than 22 percent and eliminate nearly 300 non-faculty jobs.

Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor on Wednesday blamed Gov. Sonny Perdue's problems balancing the budget for the \$179.4 million in cuts that state agencies — including the university system — endured last month.

"Raising tuition midyear is unfair to families and students," Taylor said in a statement, adding that increas-

ing tuition could threaten the HOPE scholarship program.

Since November 2001, the university system's budget has been cut by \$382 million, mainly because of shrinking state revenue from Georgia's struggling technology, tourism and transportation industries.

"We've cut the fat out of the system and this additional money means we've got to make some tough strategic choices," said Joel Wooten Jr., regents' board chairman. "Sixty-eight million is a lot of money."

"The previous budget cuts have already reduced employee ranks at the University of Georgia, the flagship university in the 34-campus system," said spokesman Tom Jackson.

"We haven't been normal in two years," Jackson said. "It's of utmost concern — quality is not cheap and the university has hard-earned its national reputation and that can be lost very quickly."

Because of concerns the tuition increases will hit low-income college families hard, Meredith said the university system will ask the Legislature to change state law to be able to use a portion of the tuition the state's colleges and universities receive for need-based scholarships.

The University System also may face additional cuts in its future budget.

The Board of Regents on Wednesday approved three budget recom-

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Campus News

Study Abroad fair exemplifies 'distant learning'

By Jeffrey Allen
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Want to get out of Statesboro? GSU's Center for International Studies is sponsoring their annual fall study abroad fair on Tuesday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.

Students will be able to visit more than 30 booths representing study abroad and exchange program locations worldwide.

The fair offers a chance for students to find out what studying abroad entails.

Those interested will be able to find out about financial aid for their travels, what one should expect when traveling abroad, and various other aspects of this unique experience.

In attendance will be professors, administrative faculty, and students who have studied abroad, and they'll be available to answer any questions that students might have pertaining to this educational and social experience of a lifetime.

Jeffrey Palis, administrative coordinator for the study abroad and exchange programs spoke enthusiastically about the study abroad programs being offered here at GSU. "We are ready when you are!" Palis encouraged. "The programs can be tailored to student's individual needs," and best of all, "you don't have to know a foreign language to study abroad."

GSU Senior Eric Ziglin traveled to Costa Rica over the summer without knowing any Spanish, and made a video recording the student's



Students taking a break from classes while studying abroad in Paris, France.

Special Photo

adventures.

He will be showing the video at the fair and said in reflection of his trip to Costa Rica, "It's incredible how much we did in two weeks!"

Sophomore Emily Dabney journeyed to Paris, France over the summer. Jeffrey Palis was there to greet her when she arrived, and to ensure that she would be comfortable in her new surroundings. Palis makes the point to check on all of the students

while they are studying abroad because he wants every student to feel at ease and enjoy their experience to the utmost.

Dabney said her first trip to Paris was just to get her "feet wet." She will be returning to Paris again next summer for the language-intensive program.

Dabney remarked that she "couldn't believe how much money is available to students through

scholarships and grants" who are planning to study abroad.

Jeffrey Palis urges all students to attend the fair.

If unable to attend the event, more information on the study abroad and exchange programs can be found on the International Studies web site at <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/international>, or contact Palis with any questions by email at jpalis@georgiasouthern.edu.

New organization to help blacks prepare for law school

By Danielle N. Powell
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Soon, Johnny Cochran won't be the only well-known black lawyer in America. Members of GSU's newest organization will see to that.

Brandon James, a junior Justice Studies major, has chartered a chapter of the National Black Law Students Association (NBLAS) here at GSU.

NBLAS is a national organization whose mission is to sensitize the law and legal profession to the ever-increasing needs of the black community.

This group is the largest student-run organization in America with over 200 chapters at law schools throughout the country.

The NBLAS held its inaugural meeting Monday in the Russell Union. This meeting was attended by many pre-law students eager to learn more about the organization and what it has to offer.

Through participation in this organization, James hopes that students will become better equipped to attend law school. "I started NBLAS to help black pre-law students prepare for gaining admission to law school and to help them pursue successful careers in the legal profession," he said.

The idea to start the organization occurred to James when he realized the excessive underrepresentation of blacks at law schools throughout the country.

James serves as the chairman of the chapter.

Adviser to the group is Francys Johnson, an Assistant Professor of Political Science, who was instrumental in setting up the NBLAS chapter here at GSU.



Danielle Powell/STAFF

The GSU chapter of the National Black Law Student Association held their first meeting Monday night. Their main goal is to help black students interested in pursuing law school make that dream a reality.

The Vice Chair/Attorney General of NBLAS is sophomore Sociology major Ashley Scruggs.

Some activities the NBLAS will hold this school year include mock Law School Admission Test (LSAT), sponsored visits to various law schools, and mock trials.

Also, the group plans to attend the organization's regional convention in New Orleans, Louisiana and the national convention in Denver, Colorado.

Johnson is pleased to see James making an effort to continue the legacy of blacks in the field of law. "With all the advancements African Americans in the legal profession have achieved in such a short period of time, we must continue to strive to reach that higher mark for those whose sacrifices of blood and tears paved the very way we walk today," she said.

The NBLAS will hold its next meeting on Monday, Sept. 27 in the Russell Union.

For more information, please contact Brandon James at vip21b@hotmail.com.

Have any campus news?
Contact us: ganewsed@georgiasouthern.edu.

Corrections:

In the article explaining the recent actions of Judicial Affairs, a few facts were incorrect. Dr. Edward Bayens is the Director of Judicial Affairs. All of the violations reported occurred from Aug. 17 - Aug. 31. The 203 incidents mentioned from last year were all alcohol related. And if a student is charged with a violation of the Student Conduct Code and pleads not in violation, that student is sent to the Judicial Board.

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University Police 681-5234.



'Beers, Booze, Books' offers hour of sobriety

By Ally Harbuck
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Beer isn't cool, and it isn't healthy. That's what Jim Matthews talked about in his lecture "Beer, Booze, and Books."

Matthews, who has been doing this presentation for years and has presented to over 200 campuses and 200,000 students, doesn't give the same performance every time, but makes changes based on the response from students.

Matthews attended high school in the late sixties and did more than his fair share of time with drugs and alcohol. But, unlike most speakers, he does not spend the hour seminar preaching to college students about his mistakes.

In fact, he doesn't spend any of his time preaching at all.

A very careful listener will notice that the words good, bad, right, and wrong do not appear in the presenta-



Felicia Emanuel/STAFF

Jim Matthews spoke to students Monday about beer and how it can have negative effects on drinkers.

tion at all. This is because Matthews realizes, after years of performing this seminar, that if he begins to preach to students, he begins to lose ears in the audience.

Matthews began the seven o'clock performance by letting two of the gentlemen in the audience know that "this damned presentation is going to last an hour," a comment

which seemed to relieve and relax the crowd all at once as a low chuckle resounded through the Russell Union Ballroom.

Full of funny yet information-packed one liners such as "Beer is not a health drink," and "Guys, if you funnel five beers, girls will not come to you saying 'I'm so impressed please father my children,'" Matthews kept the atmosphere of the seminar light and comedic.

When the topic of acquaintance rape arose, Matthews said, "Some rapists use a loaded gun, others us a loaded victim." This seemed to sober the mood a little.

After the entertaining yet informative session, Matthews invited the audience to give him feedback on the session to ensure that it keeps getting better and better.

For more information on Matthews and his program, visit his web site at www.beerboozebooks.com.

Police Beat

09-10-2004

- A case of harassment was reported at the College of Information Technology Building.
- A fight was reported at the Russell Union.
- Officers issued four traffic citations and two traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident, assisted five motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

09-11-2004

- Ronald Barry Buskirk, 31, of 21 N. College St., Statesboro, was charged with DUI.
- Timothy Paul Ricker, 20, of 4th UA Gullick Ave., Hinesville, Ga., was charged with theft by taking, falsifying statements, loitering, giving false information to an officer, obstruction of an officer and minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

- Mary Lauren Veciana, 18, of 122 Lanier Drive, Statesboro, was charged with DUI and open-container violation.
- Jordan Charles Walter, 18, of Hendricks Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- A vehicle in the Kennedy Hall parking lot was scratched and one of its tires was punctured.
- Officers issued five traffic citations and two traffic warnings, assisted eight motorists and two injured persons, and responded to three fire alarms and one dumpster fire.

09-12-2004

- Aaron A. Alexander, 20, of 210 Lanier Drive, Statesboro, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and giving false information to an officer.
- A computer was taken from Winburn Hall.

- Officers issued one traffic warning, assisted one motorist and responded to one fire alarm.

09-13-2004

- A case of harassment was reported at the Plant East parking lot.
- A DVD/VCR player was taken from Johnson Hall.
- A wallet was taken from the Henderson Library.
- Officers issued one traffic warning, investigated one traffic accident, assisted six motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

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

Only in America

Millipedes invade suburban homes

LACEY, WA. - They wiggle through gaps in walls, light sockets and doors, dropping from ceilings onto pillows and stovetops, leaving stains and foul odors as they crunch underfoot.

A millipede invasion is bedeviling residents along an avenue in this Olympia suburb.

Donald C. Sauls said he first noticed the nasty little invertebrates about five years ago and now fills buckets trying to get rid of them.

"I had the bug guys come out, and they say they've never seen anything like this," Sauls said.

Public health officials say they can't help because there is no significant risk of disease or infection. State and federal agriculture departments say the critters aren't a threat to crops, so eradication is up to each property owner.

Exterminators so far have been ineffective, said another resident, Matt Reiter.

Officials believe the critters come from a nearby 234-acre lot where weeds were cleared to make room for a 1,500-unit housing and retail development.

Woman's class ring returned 26 years after it was stolen

BOWLING GREEN, KY. - For years, a man in South Carolina kept a class ring someone had given his daughter tucked away for safe keeping in a jewelry box.

Meanwhile, a woman in Bowling Green had long ago given up hope that she would ever recover the gold class ring with an aquamarine-colored stone.

The ring was taken in 1977 from Elaine Powell during a break-in at her home near Fort Campbell.

But through a friend of a friend of a friend, Powell's ring ended up in the hands of a man in South Carolina, and he held on to it tightly until he was finally able to track down the name of the school listed on the ring through the Internet.

After notifying Todd County Central High School officials of the ring, Principal Bruce Voth was able to track down the owner using a 1974 class composite picture hanging in the hallway and the initials - "HEJ" - engraved inside the ring.

"I was thrilled to hear from him," Powell said. "It was a very nice surprise, something I never dreamed possible."

Powell hasn't parted with the ring since it returned about three weeks ago, mostly because everyone has heard the story and wants to see it.

Man arrested for leaving a bad tip

LAKE GEORGE, N.Y. - Humberto A. Taveras put his money where his mouth is and ended up arrested, accused of leaving an inadequate tip at a restaurant.

Taveras, 41, faces a misdemeanor charge of theft of services after he and his fellow diners argued with Soprano's Italian and American Grill managers over the legality of requiring an 18 percent tip for large parties.

Taveras and eight others had pizza at the restaurant in this resort village Sunday night. He said they weren't completely satisfied with the food and left a tip of under 10 percent. Taveras said they also were not told of a mandatory 18 percent gratuity for parties of six or more and did not see notice of it on their menus.

Restaurant owner Joe Soprano said all the menus have the notice, and the waitress informed the group. He said he did not choose to pursue charges because of the money, but because Taveras' group was obnoxious.

Taveras plans to fight the charge.

Men may face prison sentence for spitting in drink

LUFKIN, TX. - Two young men face felony charges after one of them allegedly spat in a drink he was serving to an East Texas police officer.

Brian Strban, 19, and Nathaniel Allen Baker, 22, were workers at a Lufkin Sonic Drive-In where the incident allegedly happened Sept. 3, according to a police affidavit.

Both were arrested last week and charged with second-degree felony tampering with a consumer product. If convicted, both could be sentenced to 20 years in prison and fined up to \$10,000. The Lufkin Daily News reported in its online editions Monday.

In a statement, a spokeswoman for the Oklahoma City-based Sonic hamburger chain said both workers were fired.

Police say both suspects have given DNA samples, but no test results have been disclosed.

Prison inmates adopting pet cats

MICHIGAN CITY, IN. - There are some pretty tough cats at Indiana State Prison.

However, they've done nothing wrong. They're pets of inmates.

The maximum security prison with its 29 cat-owning inmates is the only correctional facility in the state that allows these pets, according to the Indiana Department of Correction.

Cats were never part of the plan at the 144-year-old prison. They simply wandered in through the north gate that once served as the entrance for coal trains, said Barry Nothstine, administrative assistant at the prison. Others came in through the maze of sewer pipes, he said.

No one can say when the first cat appeared in the facility, or when inmates began adopting the animals as pets.

"This goes back years and years," Nothstine said.

The cats have brought advantages: Their companionship has encouraged many inmates to keep their behavior in line, he said.

Dog shoots man

PENSACOLA, FL. - A man who tried to shoot seven puppies was shot himself when one of the dogs put its paw on the revolver's trigger.

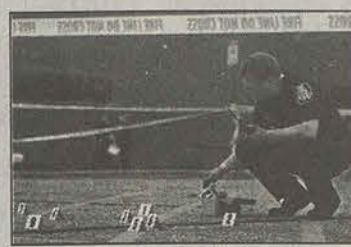
Jerry Allen Bradford, 37, was charged with felony animal cruelty, the Escambia County Sheriff's Office said Wednesday. He was being treated at a hospital for a gunshot wound to his wrist.

On Monday, Bradford was holding two puppies - one in his arms and another in his left hand - when the dog in his hand wiggled and put its paw on the trigger of the .38-caliber revolver. The gun then discharged, the sheriff's report said.

Deputies found three of the puppies in a shallow grave outside Bradford's home, said sheriff's Sgt. Ted Roy.

The four others appeared to be in good health and were taken by Escambia County Animal Control, which planned to make them available for adoption.

Man pleads guilty in high school shootings



Associated Press

Baltimore County Officer Chris Moore marks bullet casings after a shooting in the parking lot of Randallstown High School.

TOWSON, MD. - One of three people charged in this spring's shootings at Randallstown High School reached a plea agreement Tuesday in exchange for a prison sentence of 50 years.

Tyrone Brown, 23, of Baltimore, pleaded guilty in Baltimore County to four counts of attempted second-degree murder and a handgun charge.

He was one of four people arrested after the shooting in May that wounded four students in a parking lot following a charity basketball game between faculty and members of the state House of Delegates.

Charges against one defendant were dropped in June because of a lack of evidence.

Anthony Jackson, 21, of Owings Mills, and Matthew McCullough, 17, of Randallstown, are scheduled to go to trial in November.

Brown's sentencing is set for Sept. 23.

Child antidepressants must have warnings



Associated Press

Antidepressants, such as Prozac, must have suicide warnings.

WASHINGTON - Antidepressants should come with the nation's strongest warning - in a black box on the label - that they can sometimes spur suicidal behavior in children and teenagers, the government's scientific advisers decided Tuesday. It's a rare risk, and therefore families need detailed information on how to balance that concern with the need to treat depression, which itself can lead to suicide, cautioned advisers to the Food and Drug Administration.

Georgia Supreme Court to hear Shorter College reorganization appeal

ROME - The Georgia Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to hear an appeal over the reorganization of Shorter College.

The college's board of trustees had voted to remove the Georgia Baptist Convention from its structure, but the convention says it has rights to the college's management and it has invested \$26 million in the college.

An appeals court ruled in March in favor of the Georgia Baptist Convention, overturning a lower court ruling.

"We are gratified that the court has seen merit in our appeal and agreed to hear our case," Shorter President Ed Schrader said.

Shorter College had sought to dissolve itself and then reform under independent management, without the Georgia Baptist Convention.

The trustees wanted to keep Shorter in the good graces of the school's accrediting body, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which in 2003 accused the convention of placing "undue pressure" on the trustees.

But the convention's attorneys say that's just an excuse used by the school to gain independence from the Georgia Baptist Convention.

National News Briefs

Gospel videos get 24-hour music network

TYRONE - Growing up the son of televangelist Rex Humbard, Charles Humbard remembers family suppers with gospel music greats. Pat Boone. June Carter Cash. The Gatlin Brothers.

Charles Humbard later chose a career in cable television, not the ministry, but he returns to his roots this fall as he launches the Gospel Music Channel, the first 24-hour music network for Christian music.

Set to launch in seven markets this October, the Atlanta-based cable network aims to be as popular as MTV and a blessing for gospel artists who find themselves mostly ignored on television despite selling millions of records.

The channel will span all Christian music styles, from rock to rap to traditional gospel. A different music style will be featured each night of the week, with an artist biography show called "Faith & Fame" airing at 8 p.m. followed by videos or concerts from that style.

Humbard says they're getting plenty of help from people who want

the Gospel Music Channel to launch, from Christian bookstores offering to call cable operators to gospel singers offering free ad help. Already Aretha Franklin and Travis Tritt have posed free for Gospel Music Channel ads, and Amy Grant voiced a promotional video for advertisers, saying, "It's the music that's in all of us."

High school death could be gang related



Associated Press

Westside High School students leave school early as officials begin investigations.

MEMPHIS, TN. - A 14-year-old student died after a fight at a high school Tuesday, and police were trying to determine if it was gang-related.

Eighth-grader Tarus DeShawn Williams was found unconscious in a restroom at Westside High after

members of the school staff broke up a fight, police said. Students said several youngsters were involved in the fight, but police said only one teenager was taken into custody.

His identity was not immediately released.

Police Sgt. Vince Higgins said Williams did not respond to efforts to revive him and he was taken to LeBonheur Children's Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Police were awaiting a medical examiner's ruling on the cause of death. Lt. Joe Scott said there were no visible signs of trauma on the victim.

The school was temporarily locked down shortly after the fight and parents were later allowed to take their children home before the scheduled end of classes.

School spokesman Kirk Clayborn said a Memphis police officer is stationed at Westside full-time, and 16 security cameras are positioned around the building.

Clayborn said Westside's security procedures will be reviewed, and counselors will talk with students and teachers.

- All News Briefs compiled by Morgan Marsh and Rachel Weeks.

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editorial

Iraq, terrorism and the campaign: A new low

The following editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Thursday, Sept. 9:

Vice President Cheney sank to a new low on Tuesday when he warned voters that they'd invite another terrorist attack if they elect Sen. John F. Kerry as president.

With no hint of shame, Cheney told a crowd in Iowa: "It's absolutely essential that eight weeks from today, on November 2, we make the right choice, because if we make the wrong choice then the danger is that we'll get hit again and we'll be hit in a way that will be devastating from the standpoint of the United States, and that we'll fall back into the pre-9/11 mind-set, if you will, that in fact these terrorist attacks are just criminal acts and that we are not really at war."

Attention, voters! The election-threat level has been elevated to orange. Be very afraid. If you vote for our opponents, the blood will be on your hands.

Cheney's scaremongering was unworthy of his office. He and President Bush are free to find fault with Kerry's ideas on terrorism or his Senate voting record on military issues (though it would help if they described that record truthfully before trashing it).

But predicting terrorist attacks as a result of an election amounts to using fear to mine for votes.

The gall is breathtaking. To hear Cheney claim that he and President Bush are uniquely qualified to counter terrorism, you'd never know that it was on their watch that 3,000 Americans were killed in the worst terrorist attack ever in the United States. By no means were they uniquely responsible, as the 9/11 panel made clear. But neither were they free of fault or blame, as the panel's report also made quite clear.

Let's continue a review of the record: Which presidential ticket has failed for three years to capture the terrorist most responsible, Osama bin Laden? Bush-Cheney.

Which team crippled the effort to crush bin Laden and al-Qaeda in Afghanistan by waging a war in Iraq that diverted resources, cost more than 1,000 American souls, sapped the Treasury of at least \$150 billion, and failed to turn up any WMD? Bush-Cheney.

Which "pre-9/11 mind-set" was Cheney referring to: The mind-set of the Clinton administration, which tried to kill bin Laden? Or the mind-set of the Bush-Cheney team, which all but ignored bin Laden until the Twin Towers were smoking rubble? Their rhetoric has made it sound as though, after the attacks, a Democratic president would have struggled and gone on with business as usual. That is ridiculous.

The only laudable aspect here is that Cheney had the guts to utter his claim in person, rather than to rely on a surrogate such as Swift Boat Veterans for Truth. Even so, Cheney's spokeswoman later tried to spin his words, saying he "wasn't trying to connect the dots" between a Kerry victory and another terrorist attack. She's right. Cheney wasn't trying to connect the dots. He connected them.

Americans understand, Mr. Vice President, that we are really at war. Every week the flag-draped coffins return home. The question, despite the rhetoric of your campaign, is whether the costly war on Iraq really has made Americans safer.

letter to the editor

Statesboro and GSU seem unaware of cycling laws

Motorists and cyclists, alike:

I am a new graduate student at GSU, and am appalled at how bicycle-"unfriendly" the town and university are. By my own choice, I have not owned a vehicle in 3 years and have traveled with EASE without one. My recent purchase of a car hasn't changed my preference to travel by bicycle: it keeps me in shape, and frees me from the costly prevarication of petroleum. Riding a bicycle around town and campus, however, has brought a wealth of honks, jeers, and one wreck from being run off the road by a motorist.

On the other hand, I am equally as shocked at the disregard other cyclists have for pedestrians. Careening down the concourse, weaving in and out of people puts themselves and others at risk of serious injury. I propose a solution through the education of both offending parties. I refer to the city, county, and state laws concerning the "Rules of the Road" (all of which are readily available for reference in the public library.)

The City Code of Statesboro (Section 78-1) and the Bulloch County Code both expressly adopt the "Rules of the Road" sections of the

Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 6. Article 13, Part 1 of the code applies to bicycles and reads as follows:

§40-6-291: All provisions that apply to motor vehicles apply to bicycles.

§40-6-294: "Every person operating a bicycle...shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable"...except for certain instances (e.g. making a left turn).

In summary:

1. Because vehicles cannot ride on the sidewalks, BICYCLES SHOULD NOT BE OPERATED ON SIDEWALKS. Cyclists: GET OFF THE SIDEWALK.

2. BY LAW, BICYCLES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE OPERATED ON THE ROAD, not on the sidewalks. Motorists: SHARE THE ROAD.

Until the police begin enforcing these measures, I believe it is the duty of every informed citizen to abide by these LAWS and impress these LAWS upon the general public.

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Unity Fest 2004: 'What's going on?'

By now I'm pretty sure the majority of GSU students have heard the rumors.

You've heard the personal accounts of those who were there (and those who weren't). You've even heard speculation concerning the future of one of GSU's newest annual events. You may or may not have reached complete clarity about the details surrounding that day, but one thing remains true: Unity Fest 2004 won't soon be forgotten.

It's funny how life imitates art. And I say that for a reason. As a part of Cultural Diversity Week, director John Singleton's "Higher Learning" was shown at the Russell Union Theater. For those of you who have not seen this movie, "Higher Learning" depicted the lives of students at a fictional college. The film tackles the issues of racial and religious intolerance, as well as that of sexual identity and assault. After being raped, a student organizes a "Unity Fest" to bring students together despite their differences and to put an end to campus violence. (See where this is going?) In the midst of the peaceful gathering, an outcast student takes his vengeance out on the student body at large by spewing bullets of rage, resulting in the death of a popular athlete. It is not until the end of the film that there is a coming together of two of the main characters, who are from totally different worlds.

Fortunately enough for Georgia Southern and its students, the level of violence did not reach that magnitude at Unity Fest 2004. Nevertheless, it occurred. The question now is, what is it going to take before we wake up and realize what's going on?

I would like to address this subject from two standpoints: social behavior on campus and cultural togetherness. First off, I am not really concerned with the details surrounding the violent outbreak at this point. Who started what and who did this and that is not going to be justified in this article. If you've heard one story, you've heard them all.

The impact of this fight spreads far beyond the campus. It's one of the many incidences that are becoming tiring and played out. In life, conflict occurs - it's unavoidable. None of us like the idea of being treated as anything less than a human being. The natural reaction is to defend yourself - and in this

case, your organization. But I urge those involved: Please put your selfish reasons aside and think of the other organizations.

I'm talking about the students and the event organizers who whose time, dedication, and creative talents were not exhibited on stage that night. I'm all for pride and representation, but that can be accomplished without tearing at the heels of someone else. Everyday people lose their lives and sacrifice their reputations over petty things such as pride and ego. The organizations involved have a voice on this campus. Use those voices as cheers of achievement, not shouts of aggression.

On the cultural tip, Unity Fest 2004 did not reflect its purpose. While I was there, I couldn't help but notice that an overwhelmingly huge majority of the crowd was African-American. Last time I checked, this is not an all-black school. I go to class each day with students who are Caucasian, Asian, Indian, etc. The list goes on with that of gay/straight, lower to upper class, American citizen/exchange student. Georgia Southern is one of the most diverse universities in Georgia and the most diverse in the Southeast. I was disappointed to not see that represented in the Union last Friday.

I'll go ahead and kick the truth. There are people who aren't interested in uniting with others. But there is one thing they need to realize: The world is bigger than Georgia Southern. Upon entering the real world, you may have to develop a close working relationship with someone who is unlike you. But that's life. The world is forever changing and evolving. It may be a hard fact of life to swallow, but it is a fact of life.

The good news is that I've heard students express interest in a follow-up or an event similar to Unity Fest. This would give those who worked so hard a time to shine. This remains to be determined by higher authorities at this time, though. If Unity Fest continues (and I hope it will), let's make sure it is one that receives this magnitude of media attention due to its success and not controversy.

One love, Georgia Southern.
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Political facts just keep getting fuzzier as Election Day nears

By Laura Scott
KRT Campus

In last year's movie "Something's Gotta Give," Jack Nicholson tries to explain his erratic behavior as a suitor to Diane Keaton:

"I've never lied to you. I've always told you some version of the truth," he offers, weakly.

But, she protests: "Truth doesn't have versions."

Ah, Diane, wish you were right. But sorry, in love, as many people know, the truth often does have versions. And people choose to believe what they want to believe about what a lover is saying or doing. It's a human foible connected to being in love.

Unfortunately, politics is a lot like love in this regard, and people act much the same. Best example to date: The different versions of

Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry's Vietnam War record.

Another fresh example: two versions about the ability of this country to win the war on terrorism - both from the mouth of President Bush, one day apart.

It's an election year, and Americans know what that means. Voters have been subjected through advertising and campaign rhetoric to the usual nonissues, side issues, misstatements and outright distortions. Most are some version of the truth, loosely defined.

Who can voters trust? Who speaks the true truth? And how can voters ever possibly know?

Absent guarantees, it seems most Americans are choosing what to believe based on their personal views of the candidates themselves.

Public opinion polls show us to be an already polarized country concerning our choices in the presidential election, and the Republicans haven't even finished their nominating convention yet.

Some say that Kerry asked for a dissection of his war record by making his veteran status part of his resume to serve as president.

Yet, the dissection that occurred - by a GOP-connected veterans group - has been countered by a claim of inaccuracy that is backed up by official records.

The Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, a misnamed group if ever there was one, bought air time to present their version of the Democratic nominee's record.

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Goss promises to shed partisanship as CIA chief

By Kstherine Pflieger Shrader
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush's nominee to head the CIA promised Tuesday to shed his political past and provide precise, objective and independent intelligence to the president and Congress. But after a 4 1/2-hour confirmation hearing, some Democrats on the Senate Intelligence Committee were not convinced.

"I have made a commitment to nonpartisanship," retiring Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., told the panel. He conceded that during his 16 years in Congress he may "at times" have engaged in debate with too much vigor.

"Rest assured, however, I understand completely the difference in obligations the position of (director of central intelligence) carries with it and that which the role of a congressman carries," said Goss, who formerly chaired the House Intelligence Committee.

Goss' demeanor rankled some Democrats. He said his record speaks for itself on a number of tough issues, including his initial opposition to the Sept. 11 commission and his positions on intelligence spending in

the 1990s. Goss and the Democrats have each blamed the other for deep budget cuts.

Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., accused Goss of dismissing many of the questions from senators.

"Whoever briefed you for this hearing and said that when you get in a tight spot over something you have said or done, keep repeating 'the record is the record,' did you not great service," Durbin said.

After the hearing, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said she wants to know which Goss she will be asked to confirm: the "fair, reasoned, knowledgeable" chairman she watched lead a joint congressional investigation into the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, or the partisan who has since been making "highly charged" comments on behalf of the Bush administration.

More than half the panel's Democrats said they were waiting until next week to say whether they will support Goss' confirmation. No one so far has promised publicly to vote against him. Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., has indicated he wants the Senate to vote on the nomination as soon as next week.

If confirmed, Goss would take over the agency just months after



AP Photo/Dennis Cook

Representative Porter Goss, R-Fla., appears before the Senate Select Intelligence Committee on Capitol Hill Tuesday on his nomination to be the new director of the CIA.

the CIA's last director, George Tenet, shocked some on the Sept. 11 commission by saying it would take five years to install the kind of clandestine service needed to deal with international terrorism. Tenet blamed the situation on tight budgets after the Cold War.

Goss, however, said Tuesday it would take more than five years to train and place all the clandestine operatives the CIA needs. "I don't believe five is enough," Goss said. "It's a long build-out, a long haul. It's been started."

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They basically claimed Kerry was a liar and a coward and did not deserve the medals and honors he received for valor in combat.

The Swift Boat Veterans for Truth discredited the stories of other veterans who actually served with Kerry in the war, including one who says Kerry saved his life by plucking him out of the water under enemy fire.

In fact, one of Kerry's chief detractors on the war issue received a Bronze Star for the very same action that he now says Kerry fabricated. The military's official version of what happened is incorrect, he says. I'm sure his memory hasn't faded in all these years.

Further, many Republicans now say, the issue of military service isn't important in choosing a president. That isn't what they said when Bill Clinton ran for president, of course.

Clinton, a Democrat, was denounced for eight years for choosing to evade military service during the Vietnam years.

So now the Democrats have a candidate who fits the requirements of volunteering, showing up and putting his life on the line. And Republicans - all of a sudden - put down that service as unimportant. Which version of that doublespeak do Americans choose to believe?

Speaking of Bush, this week he confused Americans with his comments on winning the terrorism war. First, he says we can't and then he says we can.

One of these statements probably was a misstatement, and I am guessing the first one. But it might have been the most honest one, if you look at the war on terrorism in the big picture. We likely will be fighting against terrorism for many decades to come.

But I figure those who support the president do not want him going around saying that the war on terrorism can't be won. So Bush's handlers got to him, plotted a new statement, and on Tuesday, the president reversed course.

The election is not until November, and it is just September. Lots more time for "facts" and "records" to show up.

But because most Americans seem to have made up their minds about whom to believe and what to believe, it is likely that we will just continue battling "facts" back and forth. Likely most voters won't be dislodged from their favorite fellow.

That leaves the minority of undecideds in key states to determine which way this election will go. And the campaign spinmeisters are going to be very busy trying to appeal to them in the coming weeks.

Hold your ears, cover your eyes, and wait for incoming. More versions of the truth are on the way.

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An Open Letter to Georgia Southern Meal Plan Holders:

There continues to be misconceptions as to why the meal plan rollover is no longer in effect.

Two years ago, representatives from SGA asked if Food Services would consider having a weekly rollover. We viewed this initiative as positive and agreed to implement it on a one-year trial basis. The student reaction was indeed positive and lines at the Pickle Barrel on Friday afternoons wrapped around corners. Unfortunately, this also increased our cost by \$400,000. This amount well exceeds what Food Services can afford. Although SGA representatives requested that we continue the rollover, to remain financially viable, we had to stop the weekly meal plan rollover.

Please remember you can still capture any unused meals on a daily basis. Our restaurants are opened daily. The Pickle Barrel is opened Monday - Friday until 10:00 p.m. and until 8:00 on Sunday evening.

Sincerely,
Your Food Services Management Team

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mentations for the 2006 fiscal year. The budget plan will be submitted to the state Office of Planning and Budget and then to Gov. Sonny Perdue. He will present one of the plans to the Legislature in January.

One budget would match the \$1.6 billion 2005 budget. Another plan would add \$80.5 million dollars

to the 2005 budget. But a third proposal would lower the 2005 budget by \$48.3 million dollars.

None of the requests will "provide the state dollars needed to meet the growth on our 34 campuses" because the university system was limited in "what we were allowed to request," Meredith said.

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tour, said he would focus on his grassroots approach through November, while making occasional appearances in support of the candidate.

The tour began Tuesday morning at Clayton State University and will include stops at Georgia State University, Columbus State University, Florida A&M University, Albany State University, Statesboro and Fort Valley State University.

According to Rev. Lewis, Jackson originally wanted to speak on campus, but was turned away.

"The president's office was contacted," said Lewis. "He was told from the president's office that there wasn't any space."

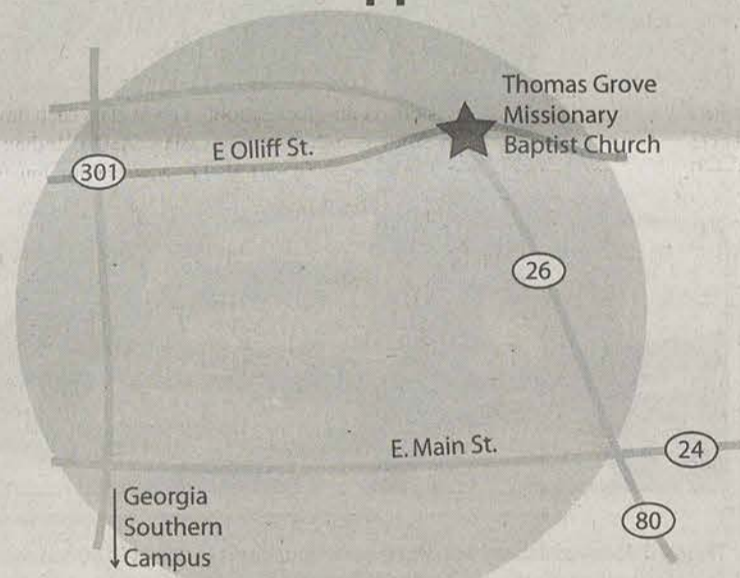
Republican Governor Sonny Perdue is scheduled to make an appearance at GSU this week as well. A state convention on tourism is being held at the GSU Performing Arts Center.

Lewis said the University's administration may have been leery of hosting both Perdue and Jackson at the same time.

"It would have been a grand idea to get them all together," suggested Lewis.

Jackson's staff was later told a space was available at the Williams Center, but by that time press releases had

Jesse Jackson Appearance



Jesse Jackson will speak at 11 a.m. at Thomas Grove Missionary Baptist Church. The church is located at 500 E. Oliff St. in Statesboro. Those who need a ride can meet at the rear entrance of the Russell Union at 10 a.m. Thursday to catch a ride.

already been sent out showing Thomas Grove as the location of Thursday's meeting.

The church's sanctuary can accommodate about 250 people. Lewis plans to use his social hall as an overflow. He thinks he can accommodate those students who care the most about

the issues.

"We will have the maximum impact from our location and our church," said Lewis. "The people that are really serious will come forward. We are going after the new-age voter. They need to be educated about the voting process."

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Board, said, "I think it's important for college students to get more involved with their communities and their nation."

Lindsay Ferrara, another senior and member of the Board and USHA had this piece of advice: "October 3 is too late to register! We're going to live with the results of this election, so we should be a part of those decisions."

If you are interested in becoming a registered voter, there are still plenty of opportunities available.

Students from other counties or states can fill out an absentee ballot or re-register with Bulloch County, if they want to get involved with local politics and plan on living here for a while.

Be sure to take advantage of these events and watch the live television broadcast of election returns November 2 on GSU's Channel 97, thanks to Dr. Pam Bourland-Davis, Chair of the Department of Communication Arts, and Dr. Reed Smith, also in Communication Arts. And for the sake of the future, get out there and vote!

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Canada wins World Cup

Associated Press

TORONTO - The World Cup returned to Canada after 13 long years. How long hockey will be gone is anyone's guess.

Joe Sakic, Scott Niedermayer and Shane Doan scored on Canada's first shot of each period Tuesday night, and Martin Brodeur shook off a wrist injury to make 27 saves in a 3-2 victory against Finland in the World Cup of Hockey championship game.

The host nation celebrated the victory, but the joy was tempered because the NHL is set to announce a lockout on Wednesday because of a labor dispute with the players association.

"We'll worry about tomorrow tomorrow," said Sakic, who scored four goals in the tournament. "Tonight, we're going to celebrate."

No negotiations are scheduled before the current collective bargain-

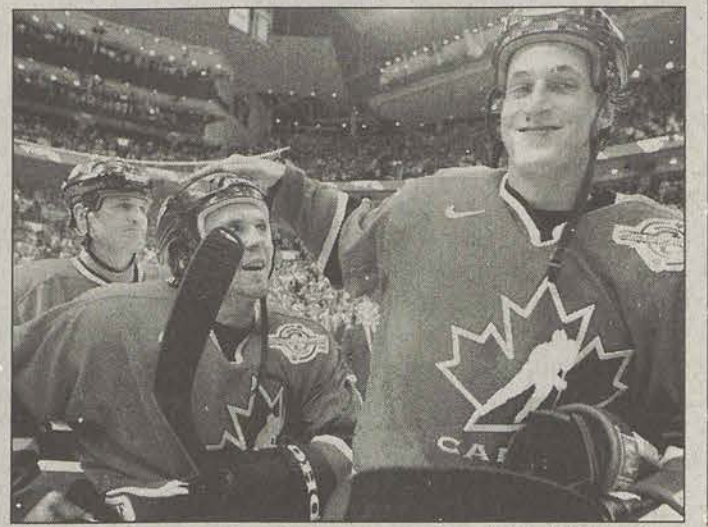
ing agreement runs out at midnight Wednesday. The NHL's board of governors will meet Wednesday, but the lockout is a foregone conclusion.

But Canada always will have this victory to savor.

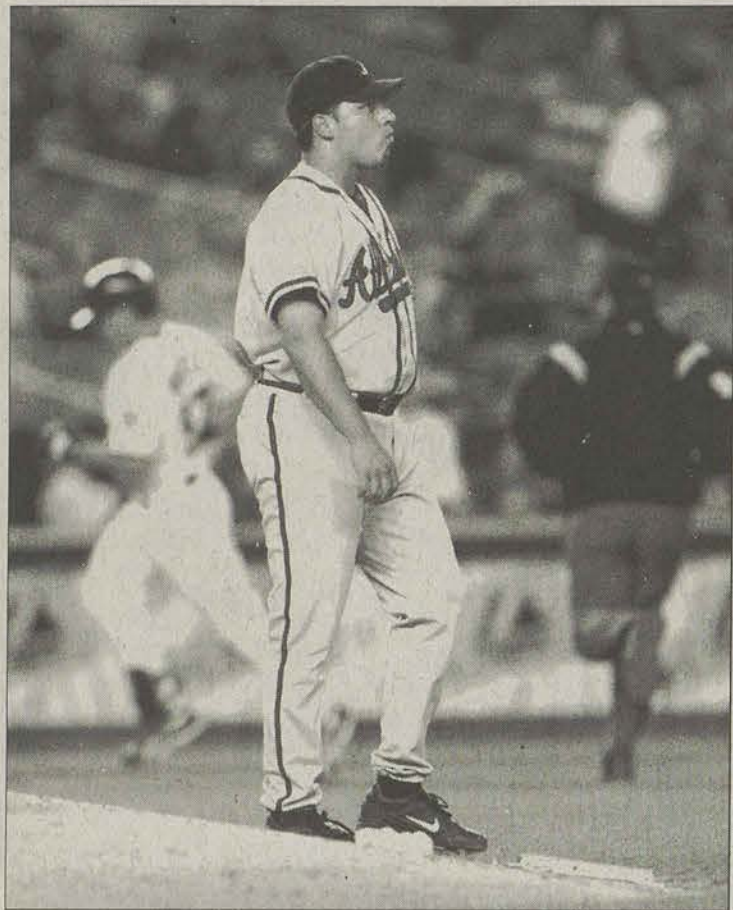
"We're just going to go out and enjoy this and then it'll set in what's going on with the NHL season,"

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Team Canada's Vincent Lecavalier pats teammate Martin St-Louis on the head following their 3-2 win over Team Finland in the World Cup of Hockey final Tuesday, Sept. 14, in Toronto.



AP PHOTO/Frank Gunn



AP Photo/Kathy Willens

Atlanta Braves pitcher Russ Ortiz steps off the mound as New York Mets Eric Valent trots home after hitting a solo homer in the third inning, Tuesday, Sept. 14, at Shea Stadium in New York. Ortiz allowed three solo homers, one to David Wright, one to Valent, and another to Mike Cameron in the first three innings.

Braves shutout by Mets, 7-0

By Hal Bock
Associated Press

NEW YORK - While manager Art Howe's future with the New York Mets is uncertain, Kris Benson is making quite a case for remaining in their rotation next year.

Benson pitched a four-hitter for his second career shutout and first complete game in more than four years, leading New York to a 7-0 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Tuesday night.

David Wright, Eric Valent and Cliff Floyd homered to send the Mets to just their fourth victory in 24 games. But they have won two of three against the NL East-leading Braves since a newspaper reported that Howe will be fired after the season.

Howe met with owner Fred Wilpon and general manager Jim Duquette on Tuesday afternoon. "All I can say is I'm managing tonight," Howe said before the game.

It turned out to be a good way to spend the evening, thanks to three Mets homers and the pitching of Benson, who struck out seven and walked none in his fifth career complete game. His last one also came against Atlanta, a six-hitter for Pittsburgh in a 2-0 shutout on June 15, 2000.

Benson (12-11) can become a free agent after the season and his agent is in negotiations with the Mets on a multiyear deal.

The lanky right-hander is beginning to gain some leverage, throwing 15 consecutive scoreless innings after skipping a start because of a tired shoulder.

He won his second outing in a row and improved to 4-3 with New York since he was acquired in a trade with the Pirates on July 30.

Benson retired his first 11 batters and didn't allow a hit until Johnny Estrada's leadoff single in the fifth. By then, Wright, Valent and Floyd had given New York the lead against Russ Ortiz (14-8).

Wright hit his 12th homer leading off the second inning, connecting on an 0-1 pitch from Ortiz. In the third, Valent hit his 12th, sending Ortiz's first pitch into the right-field bullpen. One out later, Floyd connected on a 2-0 pitch for a 3-0 lead.

In the fifth, Floyd and Mike Piazza walked with two outs, and Wright's third hit made it 4-0.

A walk to Wilson Delgado and two-out hits by Valent, Jeff Keppinger, Floyd and Piazza added three more runs in the sixth.

BIG BATTLE in the SoCon

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This weekend could not be better for football fans.

Florida takes on Tennessee, Auburn and LSU do battle, and, most importantly, Georgia Southern hosts Wofford.

Wofford comes into the game the third ranked team in the nation while the Eagles are ranked eighth. Wofford barely escaped with a win in their season opener against South Carolina State, 24-22. Georgia Southern, on the other hand, is coming off a blow out against Johnson C. Smith, in which they won 84-3. This following the fine performance the Eagles gave against the Georgia Bulldogs.

The GSU versus Wofford game has become an intense rivalry in the past couple of seasons. GSU leads the all time series between the schools 6-3, but Wofford has been the victor in the past two seasons.

In 2002, GSU was 1-1 going into the Wofford game and looked to improve their record after a 56-0 beating of Gardner Webb. Wofford had another thing in mind however, as they came into Paulson Stadium and defeated the Eagles 14-7.

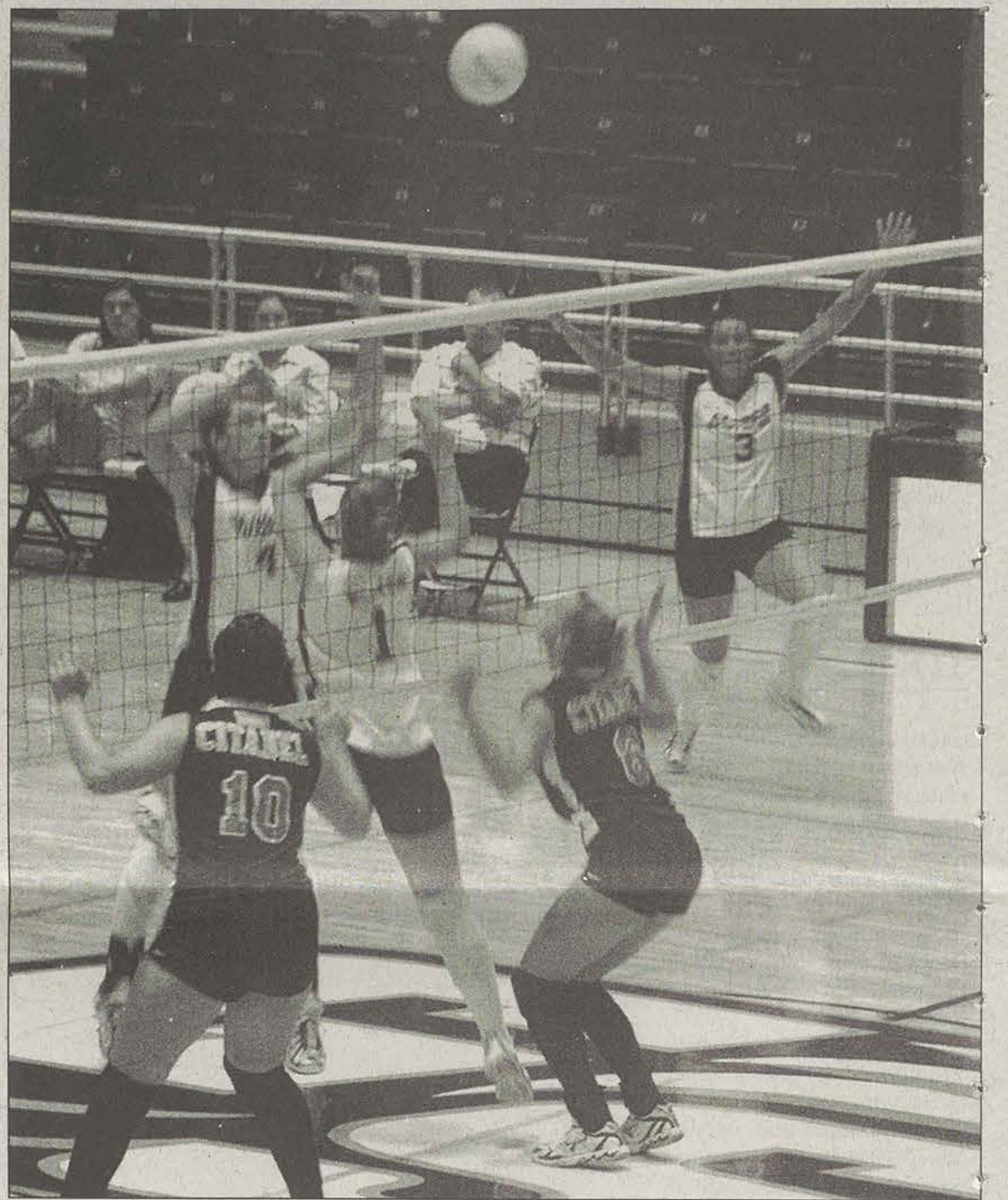
The 2003 season was no different, as this time Wofford defeated GSU 20-14 in Spartanburg, South Carolina. The win over GSU catapulted the Terriers to their best season ever. Wofford went on to win the Southern Conference with an undefeated record in league play. The Terriers advanced all the way to the National Semifinals before losing to the eventual national champions, the Delaware Blue Hens.

This season Wofford looks to up-end the Eagles for a third straight year. It will be a tough task for both defenses, as both teams run very similar option attacks. GSU is averaging 420 yards per game rushing and was even able to put up 294 yards rushing against UGA. Wofford, on the other hand, put up 247 yards on the ground in their season opener.

Both teams will be fired up and ready to go for the game on Saturday. If you want to see a great football game, I highly recommend you make your way down to Paulson Stadium Saturday night. This game will probably be the Eagles most crucial outing of the season as they look to continue their momentum off of last week's win. So, come out and see your Eagles and the Terriers play in a battle of Southern Conference champions.

eagle volleyball

Volleyball kicks off at Hanner



Felicia Emanuel/STAFF

The GSU Volleyball team won three out of four games against The Citadel during its first home match of the season. The team will compete at home again next Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. against College of Charleston.

By Jason Burke
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The Georgia Southern Eagle volleyball team kicked off their home schedule Tuesday night at Hanner with a victory over The Citadel three games to one.

The defending Southern Conference champion Eagles started the match off right with a dominating performance in the first game holding the Bulldogs to just 21.

Junior setter Susan Winkelman out of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin led the team with 35 assists. Middle blocker Christie Mitchell eclipsed her career high in kills in

did not falter until the third game where some serving errors led to a 30-28 loss. This was the first time in school history that the Eagles have lost a game to the Citadel.

The Eagles charged back in the fourth game led by Junior Iulia Porumbescu who led the team with 18 kills, 14 digs and a .394 success rate. The Eagles were victorious, holding the Bulldogs to just 21.

Coach Messersmith, who was the 2002 Southern Conference Coach of the Year, feels her team is ready for next week's game against the conference rival College of Charleston.

on to finish with a new career high of 14 with a .600 success rate.

After the game Coach Messersmith was pleased with the performance from her girls. She felt they did well considering they had only taken part in four matches due to cancellations because of the recent inclement weather.

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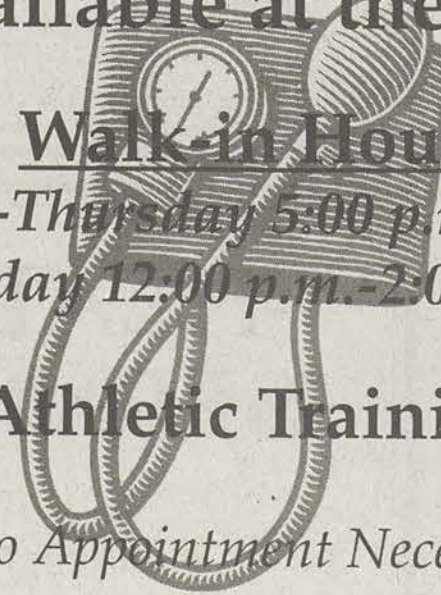
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Faced with nightmare scenario, New Orleans empties ahead of Ivan

By Doug Simpson
 Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS - More than 1.2 million people in metropolitan New Orleans were warned to get out Tuesday as 140-mph Hurricane Ivan churned toward the Gulf Coast, threatening to submerge this below-sea-level city in what could be the most disastrous storm to hit in nearly 40 years.

Residents streamed inland in bumper-to-bumper traffic in an agonizingly slow exodus amid dire warnings that Ivan could overwhelm New Orleans with up to 20 feet of filthy, chemical-polluted water. About three-quarters of a million more people along the coast in Florida, Mississippi and Alabama also were told to evacuate.

Forecasters said Ivan, blamed for at least 68 deaths in the Caribbean, could reach 160 mph and strengthen to Category 5, the highest level, by the time it blows ashore as early as Thursday somewhere along the Gulf Coast.

"Hopefully the house will still be here when we get back," said Tara Chandra, a doctor at Tulane University in New Orleans who packed up his car, moved plants indoors and tried to book a Houston hotel room. Chandra said he wanted to ride out the storm, but his wife wanted to evacuate: "All the news reports are kind of freaking her out."

With hurricane-force wind extending 105 miles from its center - and forecast to continue as much as 150 miles inland - Ivan could cause significant damage no matter where it strikes. Officials ordered or strongly urged an estimated 1.9 million people in four states to flee to higher ground.

"I beg people on the coast: Do not ride this storm out," Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour said, urging people in other parts of the state to open their homes to relatives, friends and co-workers.

At 11 p.m. EDT Tuesday, Ivan was centered about 295 miles south-southeast of the mouth of the Mississippi River and moving north-northwest at 12 mph.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami posted a hurricane warning for about a 300-mile swath from Apalachicola in the Florida Panhandle to New Orleans and Grand Isle in Louisiana. Forecasters said Ivan could bring a coastal storm surge of 10 to 16 feet, topped by large, battering waves.

"If we get the kind of tidal surge they are saying, the fishing boats are all going to be in the trees," said Jamee Lowry, owner of a bar and restaurant in Perdido Key, Fla., near the Alabama border.

New Orleans, the nation's largest city below sea level, is particularly vulnerable to flooding, and Mayor Ray Nagin urged residents to get out while they can. The city's Louis Armstrong Airport was ordered closed Tuesday night.

Up to 10 feet below sea level in spots, New Orleans is a bowl-shaped depression that sits between the half-mile-wide Mississippi River and Rhode Island-size Lake Pontchartrain. It relies on levees, canals and huge pumps to keep dry.

The city has not taken a major

direct hit from a hurricane since Betsy in 1965, when an 8- to 10-foot storm surge submerged parts of the city in seven feet of water. Betsy, a Category 3 storm, was blamed for 74 deaths in Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida.

Experts said Ivan could be worse.

Nagin said he would "aggressively recommend" people evacuate, but that it would be difficult to order them to, because at least 100,000 in the city rely on public transportation and have no way to leave.

"They say evacuate, but they don't say how I'm supposed to do that," said Latonya Hill, 57, who lives on a disability check and money she picks up cleaning houses or baby sitting. "If I can't walk it or get there on the bus, I don't go. I don't got a car. My daughter don't either."

The mayor also said many people were in town for conventions, and there was nowhere for many of them to go except their hotels.

The National Safety Council, which had about 16,000 delegates in town for its national convention, ended its meeting a day early Tuesday, and delegates faced the problem of getting transportation out of the city.

Despite the potential need for emergency housing, no shelters had been opened in the city as of Tuesday night. Nagin said the city was working on setting up a shelter of "last resort" and added that the Superdome might be used, but a spokesman for the stadium said earlier Tuesday that it was not equipped as a shelter.

By midday Tuesday, traffic on Interstate 10, the major hurricane route out of New Orleans, was at a near standstill, and state police turned the interstate west of the city into a one-way route out. U.S. Highway 61 to Baton Rouge also was jammed.

In the French Quarter, businesses put up plywood and closed their shutters. A few people were still hanging out at Cafe du Monde, a favorite spot for French roast coffee and beignets, and a man playing a trombone outside had a box full of tips.

"They said get out, but I can't change my flight, so I figure I might as well enjoy myself," said George Senton, of Newark, N.J., who listened to the music. "At least I'll have had some good coffee and some good music before it gets me."

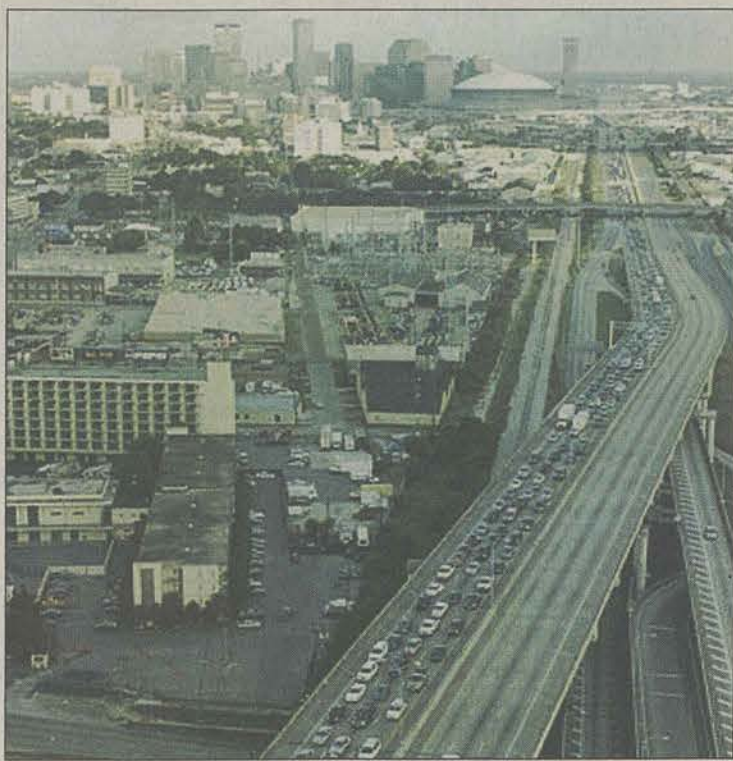
Tourist Dee Barkhart, a court reporter from Baltimore, drank hurricane punches at Pat O'Brien's bar before it closed at nightfall.

Elsewhere along the Gulf Coast, thousands of residents, gamblers and tourists crowded northbound roads. Motels were booked as far north as Jackson, Miss., and Montgomery, Ala.

Mississippi regulators ordered a dozen casinos along the state's 75-mile-long coast to close at noon Tuesday.

Many gamblers pumped coins into the slot machines right up to closing.

"I don't worry about what's go-



AP Photo/Alex Brandon

Bumper-to-bumper traffic on Interstate 10 leaves the New Orleans area to escape approaching Hurricane Ivan, Tuesday. More than 1.2 million people in metropolitan New Orleans were warned to get out Tuesday as 140-mph Hurricane Ivan churned toward the Gulf Coast, threatening to submerge this below-sea-level city in what could be the most disastrous storm to hit in nearly 40 years.



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Brad Darr sprays a sign on the plywood covering the windows of his business in the French Quarter of New Orleans, Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004. The business is boarding up in preparation for the possible arrival of Hurricane Ivan.

ing to happen tomorrow. We can't control it anyway," said Ed Bak of Fairfield, Ohio, who dropped quarters into a machine at the President Casino.

In Alabama, Gov. Bob Riley ordered the evacuation of coastal resorts. "This is a serious storm that requires serious action to get people out of harm's way," he said.

In Gulf Shores, Ala., the heart of the "Redneck Riviera," the sugary white beaches and offbeat tourist spots were largely deserted.

Workers at Souvenir City, where tourists enter by walking through the mouth of a huge shark, packed up glass figurines for storage in a warehouse.

"I don't know if it will be any safer where they're taking it. Only the good Lord knows what's going to happen," said Pamela Davis, an employee.

Along Florida's Panhandle, the sounds of saws and drills filled the air as people put up boards to protect their homes and businesses.

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forward Joe Thornton said.

Fans counted down the final seconds that could be the last ones played in North America by Mario Lemieux and Finland's Teppo Numminen if the NHL lockout lasts a year or longer as feared.

"It looks like it's going to be a while before we get back on the ice," said Lemieux, who plays for and owns the Pittsburgh Penguins. "I just want to keep myself in shape and try to play a few more years and enjoy the game."

Canada clinched the tournament, formerly known as the Canada Cup, for the first time since 1991. The Canadians lost the World Cup in 1996 to the United States, but rebounded to win the event for the fifth time. Canada

has reached the finals all seven times the tournament was held.

This marks four straight national championship victories for Canada, which was victorious at the 2002 Olympics and captured two consecutive IIHF world titles.

Doan clinched this one just 34 seconds into the final period when he cut from the corner and came in front to take Thornton's no-look, backhand pass from behind the goal and give Canada a 3-2 lead.

Miikka Kiprusoff only allowed six goals in Finland's first five games. He withstood tons of late pressure and kept it close, but his teammates couldn't net the equalizer in the biggest hockey game in the history of the small European nation.

Finland was in the finals of the eight-team tournament for the first time.

"We played here in Canada, in Toronto, and everybody could see that we were ready to fight," Finland coach Raimo Summanen said. "Five years ago, three years ago, two years ago, one year ago, this was a whole different mental approach for the team and I'm proud of that."

Sakic started the party early for Canada (6-0) when he took a beautiful pass from Lemieux in the slot and fired a shot past Kiprusoff 52 seconds after the opening faceoff.

Riku Hahl, playing in place of the benched Ville Nieminen, tied it at 6:34 when he deflected Toni Lydman's shot from the point past Brodeur.

The first period set a tone not expected in this matchup.

Finland reached the finals with a 4-0-1 mark by playing tight defense and waiting to capitalize on mistakes. Yet, the Finns couldn't keep the high-flying Canadians from three quick strikes that snapped ties.

Canada recorded its first shot of the second period 3:15 in, and it was one that Kiprusoff will likely agonize over for however long he waits for the NHL to resume play.

Each team had 12 shots in the second period, quite a contrast from Finland's 2-1 semifinal victory over the United States.

In that one, the close-to-the-vest Finns had 12 for the game and allowed 17.

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