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NEWS

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GLBT Awareness Month

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October marks Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgendered Month.

Spurred by the tragic death of Matthew Shepherd—a homosexual student in Wyoming killed in 1998—this is a time for people to be educated about alternate lifestyles and hate crimes targeted toward those who dare to live them.

One organization on campus that hopes to keep students informed is the Triangle Club, or Gay-Straight Alliance. Founded by DeMarc Campbell one year ago, this is a place for students of any sexual orientation to come and feel welcome.

"We're like a family," Campbell said.

The Alliance, in conjunction with the Multicultural Student Center, has been working hard to plan events at GSU to celebrate GLBT Awareness Month. Everything from movies to intense discussions are on the agenda.

"It's important to raise awareness about hate crimes against gays," said Ashe Tuck, member of the Awareness Committee that plans the events for October. The main activity is National Coming Out Day on October 11. Anyone with gay or bisexual feelings is encouraged to let the world know their true feelings.

Gay or straight or whatever, GLBT Awareness Month is a chance for everyone to learn tolerance. Be sure to check out the events scheduled on campus this month.

GLBT Month Upcoming Events

October 4th

• GLBT Film Series presents
The Laramie Project
Russell Union Theater
5 p.m.

October 11th

• National Coming Out
Day Reception
Russell Union Room 2080
12 p.m.

• GLBT Roundtable Series
"Down Low Brothers"
Russell Union Room 2080
7 p.m.

October 18th

• GLBT Roundtable Series
"Gay Marriage Debate"
Russell Union Commons
7 p.m.

October 28th

• GLBT Film Series presents
The Rocky Horror Picture Show
Russell Union Theater
7 p.m.

Debate draws hefty crowd

Students look on as Bush and Kerry
spar in first debate

By Adam Crisp
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When George Bush and John Kerry squared off in their first debate Thursday night, Georgia Southern students were watching and listening.

A crowd of about 90 students—mixed with a sprinkling of faculty—sank into their seats at the IT building auditorium and watched the two candidates spar.

The debate, which primarily focused on foreign policy and homeland security, was broadcast on network and cable TV. At GSU, students were able to get an up-close view of the candidates on the IT building's theatre-sized screen.

Small pops of applause and a few catcalls were sporadically heard through the auditorium. Both Bush and Kerry's remarks were met with equal amounts of criticism and adulation.

Organizers of the event said the healthy gathering was encouraging, but not unexpected.

"It has been incredible," said Patrick Novotny, a GSU political science professor, referring to the amount of concern students have shown for this presidential race. "Just in terms of excitement, this election has really brought people out."

Students said the debate didn't change their perception of the candidates—it just reinforced their feelings about their choice.

"I mainly came out just for the discussion," said Cecile Corbett, a GSU senior. "It didn't really change my opinion."

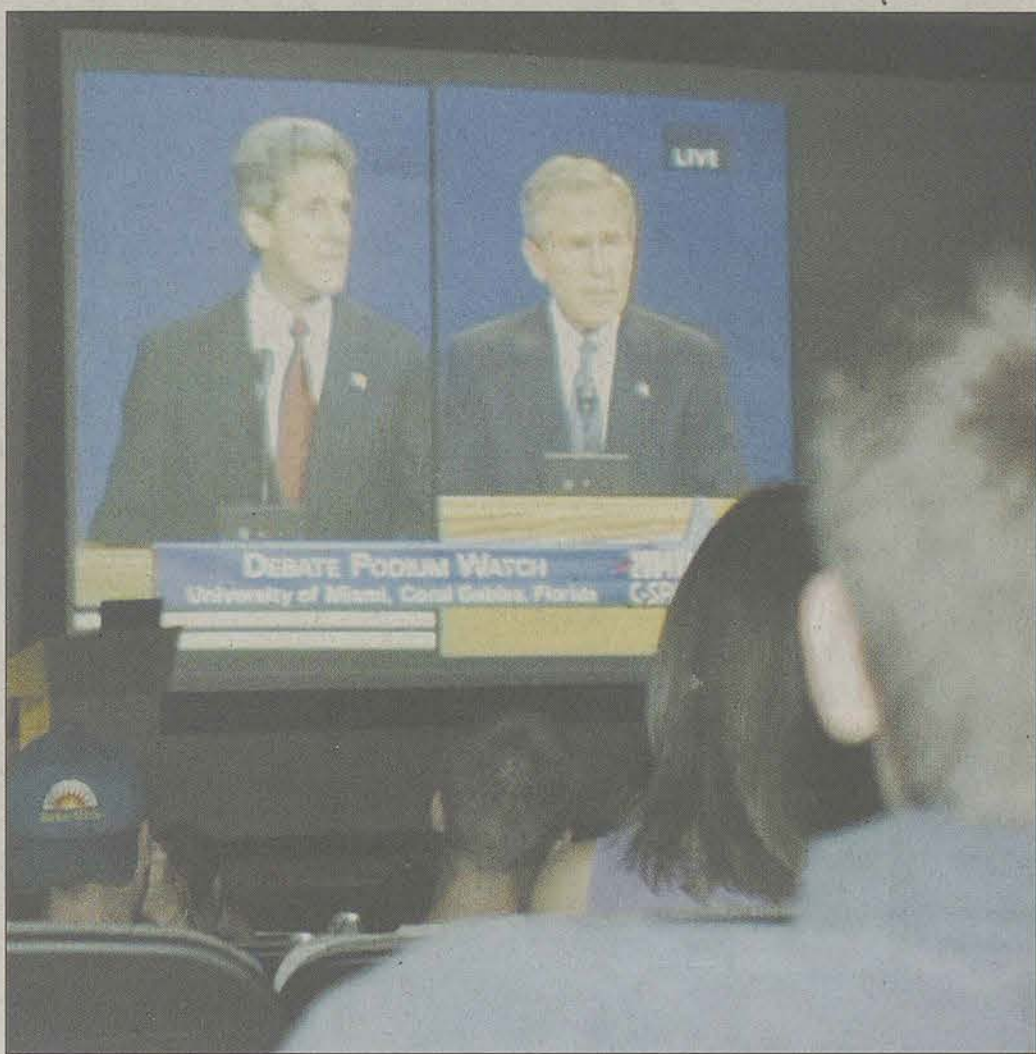
The one-and-a-half-hour debate was prefaced with a 30 minute briefing on presidential history by Patrick Wheaton and Patrick Novotny. Both men are GSU professors who follow presidential politics and debates. After the debate, students and the professors discussed what they learned from watching the debate and how it might have impacted their choice on election day.

For Brook Dukes and Ashley Turner, attending the debate was a requirement for their class on political communications. Like other students, they had already decided to vote for President Bush in November.

"We want Bush to win the debate," said Turner, who is a senior. "We want everyone to see Bush show up Kerry. John Kerry just doesn't seem very presidential."

But in the end, Kerry appears to have

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LaVene Bell/STAFF

GSU students watch as President Bush and Senator Kerry participate in their first debate. The Society of Communication Scholars and the GSU Debate Team sponsored the DebateWatch on this past Thursday night.

KIWANIS OGEECHEE FAIR

Fund raising fair
opens gates tonight

By Jessica Luber
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Tonight, live entertainment and the smell of cotton candy will linger in the air as the annual Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair opens its doors.

Pulling into the parking lot, you will be able to hear the sounds of children's laughter and the hum of great conversation. Bright lights from games, rides, and vendors will illuminate the night sky.

Located off of Highway 67 at the Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair Grounds, this six-day event is one of the largest fund raising events for the Kiwanis International Service Organization, with all proceeds going to local charities such as the Boys and Girls Club and Meals on Wheels.

Sophomore Leah Bendig is excited about the fair coming to Statesboro; as are many students. "I absolutely love the fair. Not only is it a perfect time to hang out with friends, it is a great opportunity to come together to support the local community. I don't always have time to do volunteer work or to show my appreciation, so this is at least one way I know I can help."

With that in mind, the fair is also a place where people can join together to send out a positive message. Schools and organizations set educational booths up each year. Local businesses can also come and



LaVene Bell/STAFF

The Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair offers rides and games for Statesboro citizens while raising money for local charities like the Boys and Girls Club.

showcase their merchandise and what they have to offer.

For little kids, there are a lot of hands-on activities. In the petting zoo, which is always a popular attraction, children can ride on donkeys and feed camels. There are arts and crafts, such as face painting. And there are many

games, where children can win gold fish and stuffed animals.

As for the older crowd, rides and activities are the main attraction. The loop-d-loop Ferris Wheel, out of control bumper cars, and the

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Afternoon of the Arts

By Jessica Luber
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To many, art is a feeling, a sense. It is the air they breathe and the grass they walk upon. To others, art is a way of self-expression. Reading, singing, writing, and painting are all examples of self-expression.

Yesterday, the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences hosted their second annual Afternoon of the Arts.

This year's theme was based on Georges Seurat's 1884 classic work, "A Sunday Afternoon on La Grande Jatte."

This famous example of pointillism is considered to be one of the most remarkable paintings of the 19th century. It was at this event, that this self-expression was fully appreciated.

"Today is a chance where students and faculty can show off their many talents. It really is a perfect time for people to come out and see the gifts the people in the University have to offer," said event volunteer Victoria Westmoreland.

Many students, faculty, and locals, both young and old, gathered yesterday at the Art Building just off of Sweetheart Circle to observe, taste, smell, and listen to the day's activities.

Third year student Jessica DeSantiago enjoyed herself. "I really like the art displays, especially the jewelry art. Even though I am here for extra credit, I am really enjoying myself and am glad I came."

At the beginning of the event, Christopher Deraney, Jonathan Murphy, and Mark Wanich gave a performance of Mozart's, "Così fan tutte," an 18th century masterpiece.

Also, Professor Richard Flynn gave a performance on his guitar. Folk and blues tunes have been a part of Flynn's life since 1963.

In addition to this musical

interlude, there were theme-related mini-lectures, book displays, performances, demonstrations, and even a silent art auction, where people could bid on special packages donated by the event sponsors.

Throughout the day, refreshments were provided by the Sugar Magnolia Bakery & Market. These French-inspired pastries were accompanied with DK Arts allegro coffee.

In the end, all of the proceeds will go directly towards the CLASS student and faculty to support research.

Last year the total amount raised at this event was around \$2000, but this year the students and faculty hope the amount will increase.

As GSU Provost Doctor Bleicken explained in the welcome at the beginning of the day's events, there is a power of art. It surrounds us in our everyday life. "From the architecture in the buildings we walk by to the simple paint of the walls, while art can be under appreciated, it can never be unnoticed."



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Left to right: Jonathan Murphy, Mark Wanich IV and Christopher J. Deraney from the GSU Opera perform "Così fan tutte." Look on page 8 for more pictures from Afternoon of the Arts.

Weekday Weather

Monday



HIGH

88°

LOW

62°

Mostly Sunny

Tuesday



HIGH

86°

LOW

58°

Mostly Sunny

Opinions

• Adam Crisp asks how anyone can be undecided after last week's presidential debates

• Students involved in the Unity Fest disruption apologize to GSU community

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Sports

• Eagle Football defeats the Elon Phoenix 48-14

• GSU Volleyball sweeps U.T. Chattanooga at Hanner

• GSU Equestrian team starts its season

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On the Street

Students comment on the presidential debate that took place Thursday

"I watched some of the debate, and I feel that Kerry did better than Bush. Bush said the same thing and didn't have anything to back it up."



Nadia Liverpool
Freshman, English

"I feel that Kerry did a better job at arguing his points. Bush ran around in circles, responding to questions with the same answers."



Letoya Lindsey
Freshman, Marketing

"I didn't watch the debate. Quite frankly, neither one is good, and neither will do anything to make a change."



Jason Eakins
Freshman, Business

"I only saw about two questions, and Kerry made Bush look stupid. I don't believe the debate will influence anyone's decision."



Andy Kohl
Freshman, Business

"I watched a little bit of the debate. I would say Bush won, because I don't like Kerry."



Stacia Wooten
Junior, Early Childhood Education

"Kerry really shaped up; he was very clean and precise. Bush was too long-winded and hard to follow."



Joe Waddell
Sophomore, Photography

"Kerry didn't freeze up as much as Bush did. Bush was too concerned about making Kerry look bad and didn't hear what Kerry was talking about."



Ashley Mitchell
Senior, Graphic Design

"On some questions, neither of them really answered the right way, they kind of got off the subject of the question. Plus, I think Kerry is kind of creepy."



Hillary Jones
Senior, Photography

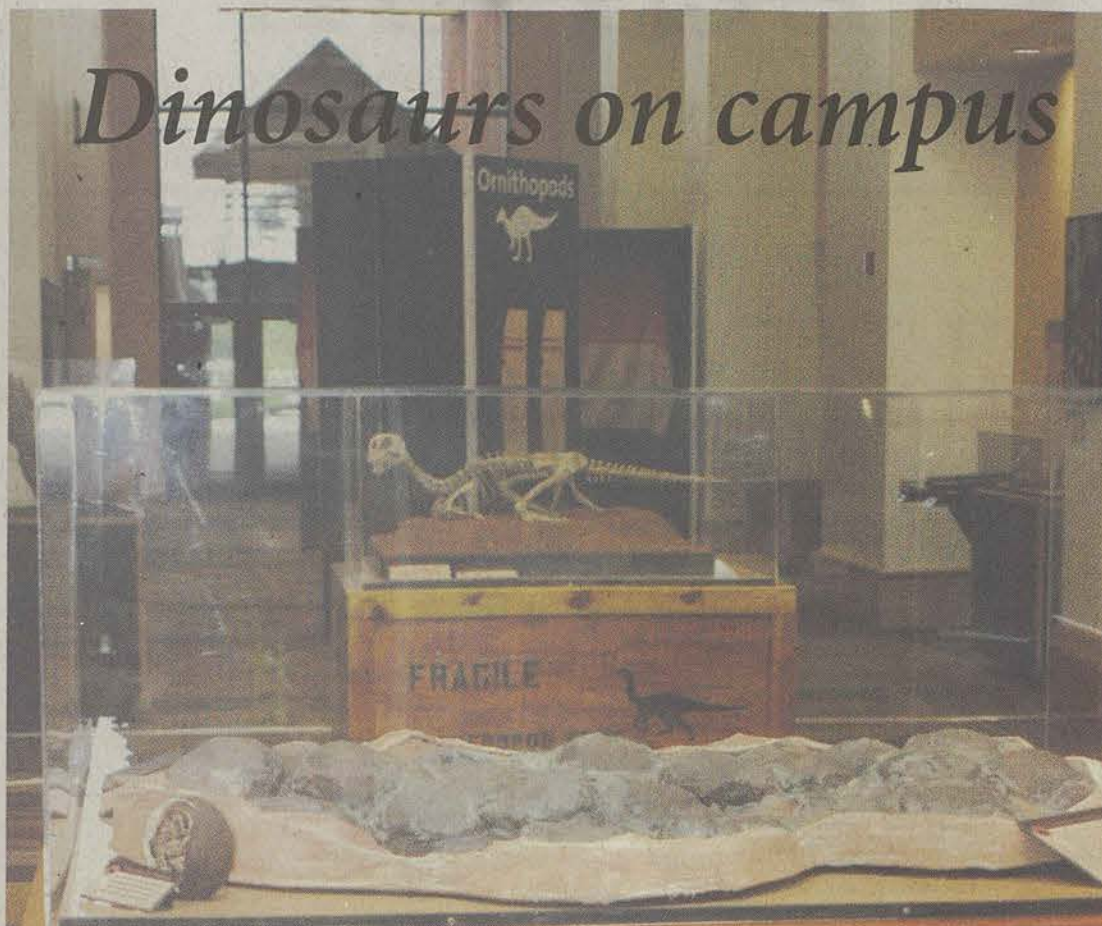
All information in 'On the Street' was compiled by Luke Hearn, News Editor. All photographs were taken by LaVene Bell, Photo Editor.

CORRECTION:

In Thursday's edition of *The George-Anne*, the story dealing with tuition increases, budget cuts and SGA response should have said that the amount of money GSU is faced with losing due to the cuts is \$2.9 million, not \$209 million.

Campus News

Dinosaurs on campus



By Rachel Weeks
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Experience life as it was when dinosaurs ruled the earth with "Hatching the Past: The Great Dinosaur Egg Hunt," which will be at GSU's Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building from now until January 2005.

This national traveling exhibit delves into the past with all kinds of displays, including real dinosaur eggs, fossils, nests, reconstructions, pictures, videos, cast egg replicas and hands-on demonstrations.

The program is sponsored by the GSU Museum, and the main exhibit will be actual dinosaur eggs that

were featured in National Geographic.

Over 250 other fossils will be on display, including embryos and hatchlings.

"We are very excited about this exhibit," said Brent Tharp, director of the GSU Museum. "This is the first time we have been able to bring a major, national, traveling exhibit of this caliber to Statesboro."

The exhibit will be open in the Nessmith-Lane building Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, and \$4 for seniors, students, and kids. Tickets are available at the door, but advance purchases are recommended for Saturdays.

LaVene Bell/STAFF

Calendar

October 4

College Republicans Meeting
5 p.m.

The GSU chapter of the College Republicans will meet today at the Carroll Building, room 2227.

Police Beat

09-28-2004

- A bicycle was taken from the Hendricks Hall bike rack.
- Officers issued two traffic citations and two traffic warnings and assisted eight motorists.

- A bicycle lock was damaged on a bicycle at the Southern Pines bike rack.
- Officers issued two traffic warnings and assisted one sick person.

09-29-2004

- Martin James Aspin, 18, of Veazey Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- Robert Andrew Lacher, 19, of Olliff Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- A bicycle was taken from the Southern Pines bike rack.

09-30-2004

- Walker Kenneth Kahres, 23, of 819 Robin Hood Trail, Statesboro, was charged with DUI and headlights requirement.
- Officers issued five traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident, assisted eight motorists and responded to two fire alarms.

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

The Ramen Wild Contest

September 22-October 13

Deadline to enter October 13

Do A Good Deed and have a Chance to win... **\$300** in EagleExpress bucks and prizes.



You can win two ways -- send us your favorite recipe using Ramen noodles as an ingredient, or simply enter our *Ramen Wild Drawing*. The two first place winners will get to donate 500 packages each for a total of 1,000 packages of Ramen Noodles destined for the Statesboro Food Bank. And, first place winners will get a \$75 EagleExpress account each for their good deed. Second place winners get \$50 each and third place winners \$25 each. All winners get a Student Media gift bag. Rules are listed below. Enter early, enter often.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Local Address _____

Email Address _____

Favorite Ramen Recipe _____

Submit entry forms on campus at the William Center, Room 2023 or use campus mail to George-Anne, P.O. Box 8001, Statesboro, GA 30461.

RAMEN WILD CONTEST-Official Rules
Georgia Southern University Student Media in association with Bi-Lo Foods and EagleExpress presents the RAMEN WILD CONTEST.

CONTEST: There are two ways to win. Recipe Contest and Prize Drawing. Contestants should submit their favorite recipe using Ramen noodles. Or, contestants can simply enter the contest for a drawing for prizes.

HOW TO ENTER: (1) Contestant entering their recipes using Ramen Noodles as an ingredient on a completed entry form or plain piece of paper between 3.5 inches to 8.5x11 inches and must include (printed legibly) the recipe, include legal name, local address, local phone number, and email address if available.

(2) Contestants wishing to enter the drawing for prizes should write the phrase "Ramen Noodles" on a completed entry form or on plain piece of paper between 3.5 inches to 8.5x11 inches, and must include legal name, local address, local phone number, and email address if available.

DURATION: The contest begins September 27 and ends October 13, 2004 at 5 p.m. All entry forms become the property of Georgia Southern University Student Media.

JUDGING: A panel of judges will determine the winner of the recipe contest. And, winners will also be selected from a random drawing for prizes. The decision of the judges is final.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible to enter, contestants must be a Georgia Southern University student, faculty, or staff member. University ID will be required to confirm eligibility and claim prizes.

PRIZES: Duplicate sets of prizes will be awarded in both the recipe contest and the drawing. The two first place winners will get to donate in their name 500 packages of Ramen Noodles to the Bulloch County Food Bank. The two (2) first place winners will receive prizes of \$75 each in an EagleExpress Account, two (2) second place prizes of \$50 each in an EagleExpress Account, and two third place prizes of \$25 each in an EagleExpress Account. All winners will receive a Student Media gift bag in addition to their EagleExpress prizes.

Be sure to include your name, phone number, local address, email address and your favorite Ramen Recipe.

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National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week October 11-15

MOCKTAIL TABLES

Monday,
Oct. 11 &
Wednesday,
Oct. 13

Union Commons

10:30 - 1:00



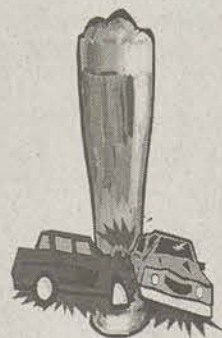
Simulated Driving Course

Thursday, Oct. 14

10:00 - 4:00

Union Parking Lot

Sgt. Darin Rucker of Elberton, GA



If you plan to drink this week please
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Only in America

Six-year-old steers car for drunk dad

WAUKESHA, WI. - A man faces a drunken driving charge after another motorist reported seeing him let his six-year-old son steer as they drove at an estimated 70 mph on a freeway, authorities said.



Wisconsin

Paul Boland, 37, was charged with his second offense of drunken driving with an penalty enhancer for allegedly having a passenger under 16 in the car at the time.

The enhancer doubles the maximum possible jail time to one year and

fine to \$2,200 if he is convicted.

Muskego police said a motorist reported seeing the car, with the boy steering from his father's lap, occasionally veer onto the gravel shoulder at freeway speed on Interstate 43 the afternoon of Sept. 6.

The boy was in the passenger seat crying and Boland told the officer the two had been having a conversation, the criminal complaint said.

A preliminary breath test indicated Boland had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.18 percent, compared with the 0.08 percent considered evidence of intoxication in Wisconsin, the complaint said.

Boland "failed miserably" field tests for intoxication given at the scene, La Tour said.

Casino strike leaves execs flipping burgers



Associated Press

David Herzog is grabbed by striking casino workers as he tries to take away their picket signs on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City, N.J.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. - Front-office executives served drinks, lawyers flipped hamburgers and accountants made beds Friday after about 10,000 union workers went on strike at seven of Atlantic City's casinos.

Cocktail waitresses, housekeepers, bellhops and other members of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees union walked off the job and hit the picket lines around daybreak, some in the middle of their shifts.

The striking workers have been without a contract since their five-year deal expired Sept. 15. They are demanding a three-year contract, protection against the use of nonunion restaurant workers, and casino-funded health care.

Atlantic City has 12 casinos. The strike hit Bally's Atlantic City, Caesars Atlantic City, Harrah's Atlantic City, Showboat Hotel-Casino, the Atlantic City Hilton, Resorts Atlantic City and the Tropicana Casino and Resort.

Serial arsonist targets Midtown apartments

ATLANTA - Early in the morning at old apartment buildings in some of Atlanta's most trendy neighborhoods, a serial arsonist has been at work, setting fire to secluded stairwells.

Eight apartment buildings have been damaged since Aug. 28 in Atlanta's Midtown and Virginia-Highland neighborhoods.

A fire on Saturday at an old apartment building destroyed four apartment units, seriously damaged another four and nearly caused a death.

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There have been no injuries, but officials fear it is only a matter of time before another fire kills unsuspecting, sleeping residents.

Fire officials believe one person has been setting the fires, targeting Midtown's old apartment buildings and focusing on poorly-lit stairwells concealed by hedges that are close to the street.

A \$10,000 reward has been established for information leading to the arrest of a person or persons involved in the arson fires.

says the Mark-15 nuke is incapable of an atomic explosion, though it still contains about 400 pounds of conventional explosives.

Mount St. Helens sees second long tremor

MOUNT ST. HELENS NATIONAL MONUMENT, WA. - As scientists warned that an eruption of Mount St. Helens appeared imminent Sunday,

eager tourists camped out along park roads, hoping to catch a glimpse of the seething volcano without being overcome by ash and smoke.

A second long tremor early Sunday and an increase in volcanic gases strongly suggest magma is moving inside, researchers from the U.S. Geological Survey said.

The mountain's alert was raised to Level 3, the highest possible, after a volcanic tremor was detected Saturday for the first time since before the mountain's 1980 eruption.

Air Force to search for Tybee nuclear bomb



Associated Press

Derek Duke, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, right, and Billy Mullins, a government nuclear weapons expert, search for a 7,600-pound Hydrogen bomb lost in 1958.

TYBEE ISLAND - A 7,600-pound nuclear device dumped off the Georgia coast by a damaged B-47 bomber in February 1958 has become a local legend on this beach getaway 18 miles east of Savannah, for so long it's hard to separate fact from folklore.

But for the first time in 46 years, the Air Force last week led a team of experts to Wassaw Sound to investigate reports of radiation traces that might reveal the bomb's location.

With the visit, tales of the lost nuke have bubbled to the surface among islanders.

Islanders remain divided over whether the Air Force should recover the bomb or leave it. The government

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have come away winner, claiming a small boost in the polls.

In the first poll taken since the debate, Kerry was running even with Bush after having trailed him in the same survey last month. The Newsweek poll showed Kerry had the support of 47 percent and Bush 45 percent, with independent candidate Ralph Nader at 2 percent.

Organizers of Thursday's airing at the College of IT said the event wasn't about swaying students. Instead, they just wanted viewers to be informed.

"This just gets them thinking," said Wheaton. "It does increase knowledge, but generally debates only reinforce decisions.... I try to avoid partisan discussions."

Held all over the country, Thursday's debate is part of a larger, national event sponsored by DebateWatch. This year was the first time GSU has participated in the program. It was sponsored by Wheaton and the American Democracy Project.

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and crazy Fun House are just a few of the favorites what will show their face again this year.

In addition to the fun games and exciting rides, food is one of the main attractions. Nachos, pizza, hot chocolate and shaved ice are just a few treats. But the greatest treat, the one

One student said he leaned more from a group viewing of the debate than he would have gotten from watching at home.

"I wouldn't have paid attention at home," said senior Michael Tarver, who is voting for John Kerry in November. "I think this debate will matter a lot more. The next two won't count so much."

Tuesday, Vice President Dick Cheney and Senator John Edwards will face off in the first and only vice presidential debate at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. The next presidential debate will be held Oct. 8 at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. The third, and last, presidential debate will be held Oct. 13 at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz.

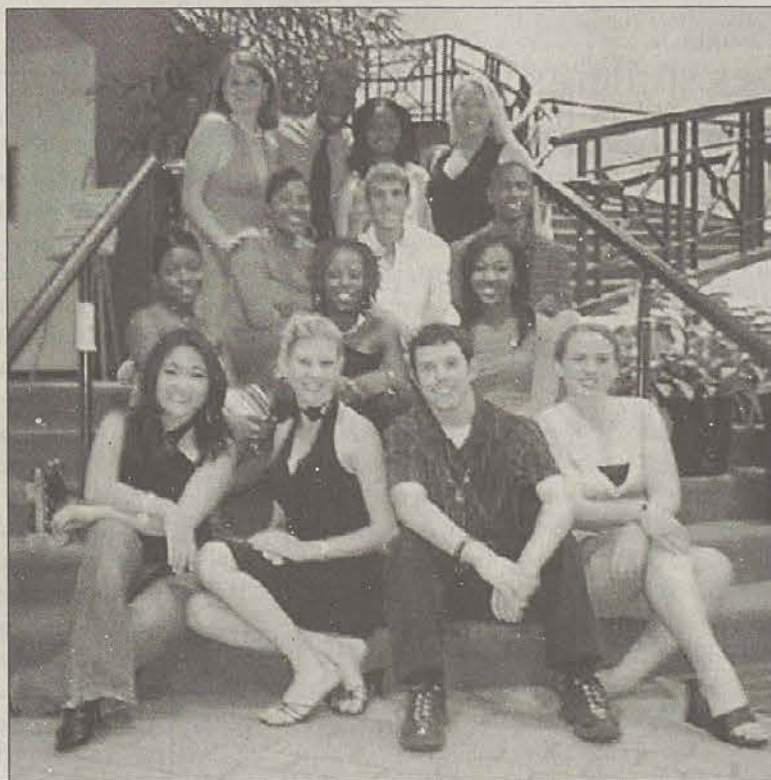
Wheaton said Sunday he wasn't sure if he could reserve a theatre for either of the two remaining debates, but that he would definitely hold screenings afterward for his students.

most people will stand in line up to an hour for, are the famous pancakes and sausage. These warm and juicy sausage links lure you in with just one bite.

Kicked off by the annual Kiwanis Ogeechee Parade—which is today at 5 p.m.—the fair is a tradition many look forward to.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN IDOL 2004

The Search for Southern's Superstar!



Monday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m.
Russell Union Ballroom
Homecoming 2004

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$3.00 at the SAC or look for the SGA booth at the rotunda Oct. 4-7 from 11:00-2:00 p.m.
Or purchase tickets at the door for \$5.00

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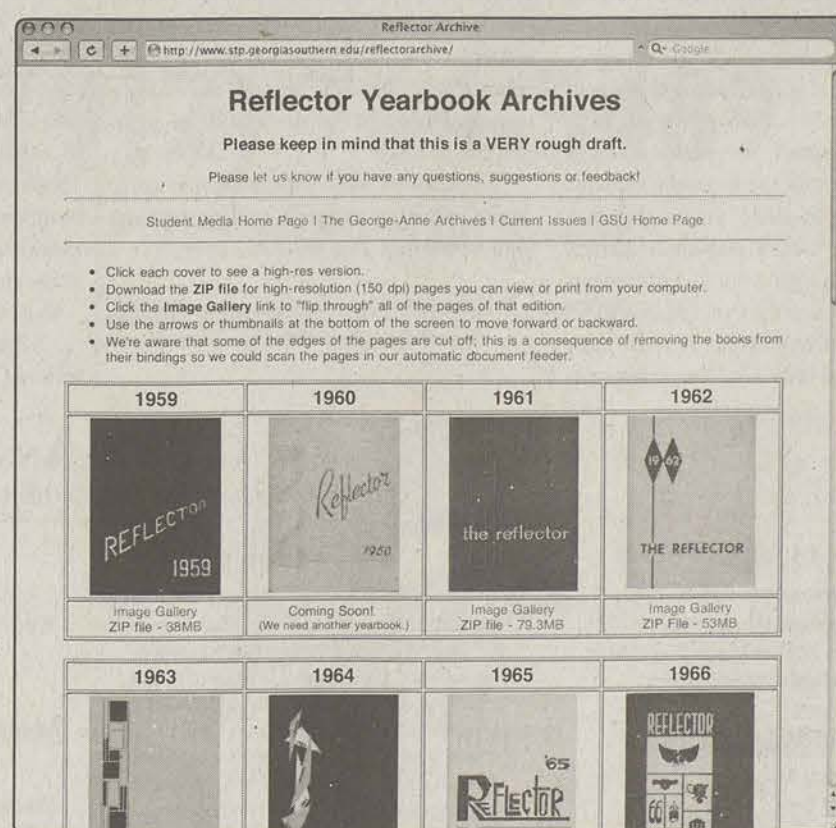
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our opinion

Rules apply to athletes, too

In our society, the public always scrutinizes athletes, especially those athletes who have millions of viewers. Competitors from any sport, whether it is recreational soccer, football, baseball, or tennis, should remember that they are role models for their audience, or at the very least, they should attempt to show good sportsmanship.

After winning a NASCAR race at Talladega Motor Speedway this weekend, Dale Earnhardt Jr. cursed in response to a question from reporter Matt Yocum of NBC.

The slip was not bleeped and could result in loss of points for the points-leading Earnhardt.

Yocum asked Earnhardt what it meant to him to win at Talladega for the fifth time. Earnhardt's answer was not expected. He said, "It don't mean shit right now. Daddy's won here ten times." Earnhardt might have meant that winning the race will not be as important to him until he gets closer to his dad's record, but the way he put it has caused some controversy.

Two other NASCAR drivers from the Busch Series were penalized for inappropriate language. Both drivers were fined \$10,000 and docked 25 points for cursing during a live radio interview.

Earnhardt only leads the point's race by 13 points over Kurt Busch, but if the same punishment is implemented, he could lose the points lead.

Recent Federal Communications Commission regulations have had most athletes on their best behavior, as well as members from all areas of broadcasting.

Sports stars need to remember that they are subject to all of the rules, just as those not so famous are. If a radio DJ can't say "shit" on the air, neither can a racecar driver.

So called "indecent" laws apply to everyone.

If this case goes any further than Earnhardt being fined by NASCAR, the networks will face fines from the FCC for allowing the explicative to pass their censors. This same fine should be brought to Earnhardt as well. He knows the consequences of swearing on live TV, and should face the repercussions.

letters to the editor

Students submit open letter of apology to campus community for Unity Fest disruption

For the people that attended the second annual Unity Fest on September 10, 2004, we would like to apologize for our inappropriate behavior.

There was a lot of time, commitment and money that went into the festivities. We would like to personally apologize to the coordinators of the Unity Fest and the groups that were scheduled to perform. We understand that there was a lot of work and effort put into making this event successful and possible. Our behavior was offensive and distasteful. It was not our intentions to make anyone feel uncomfortable at the Unity Fest.

As students of Georgia Southern University and members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, we recognize that we acted out of character.

The actions that we displayed were totally individual and in no way a reflection of the principles that the founders of Omega Psi Phi envisioned when they started the fraternity. Again, we apologize and hope that every student and anyone that had anything to do with the Unity Fest accept our apology.

Sincerely,

C.L. Armstrong and R. Middlebrooks

Expressed views should not be tasteless and tactless

Allow me to introduce myself, and then I shall elaborate on what this article renders.

I am a country boy, plain and simple. I grew up in a town not twenty minutes from here on a farm at the far end of Screven County. My mother of French heritage and my father of Scottish descent taught me three very important lessons in life, which I share with you now: First, racism in any form is trashy. Second, while you may have your biases, keep them to yourself. While college is not a popularity contest, friends are needed and being biased to any group of students or people in this life will not get you far. And, third, learn to take a joke.

I have been at GSU for two semesters now after transferring from SCAD in January of 2003. In my time, here I have become a big fan of *The George-Anne*, especially the column written by DeMarc Campbell. However, over the past three issues of the paper I have become gravely concerned about views and ways of "lashing out" if you will that seem gravely childish.

Let me start out with an article that I read in the September 30 edition, which was written by Sommer Cowart. This person seems to have a real issue with the freshmen students at GSU and the so-called 'drama' that they create. While I cannot personally address her problem with a good number of students at GSU, being I am not a freshman myself, it should be pointed out that her article is tacky and lacks in good taste. The simple thoughts

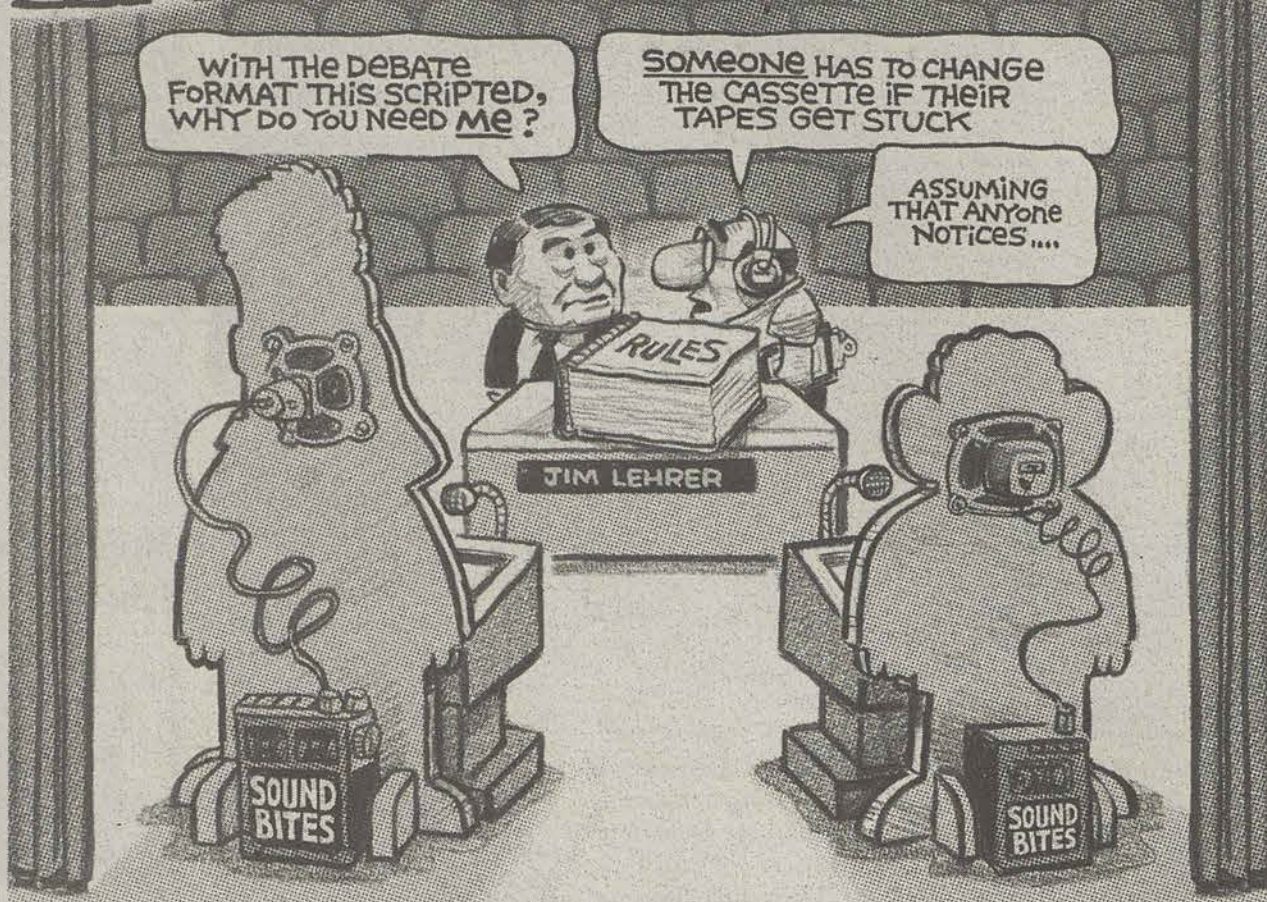
of putting freshmen on an island or in a "freshmen academy" offends me greatly as I look back and recall my days at SCAD and GSU as a freshman. I realize that I was probably a jerk at points but only in my foolishness and my own ignorance. Had I not had the influence of many older friends and family members the foolishness and ignorance would not have subsided. It is only by experience with other people that I learned.

Secondly, DeMarc Campbell's column is understood to be a relationship and advice section. It is sometimes sarcastic and funny. This being said, the column also gives good advice on the topics he chooses to address. It was a shock to me in the last edition to find someone ranting and raving about his piece and utterly bashing it with, from what I can see, no point at all. A better question could be if he even read the piece at all. Campbell's piece can relate to everyone on GSU campus because in some way or another every student can connect with whatever the day's subject matter is. Again, the bashing of Campbell's column was a tasteless attempt to reinforce tactless writing and to show hardcore ignorance at its finest.

In conclusion, when you express your views, do not be tactless or tasteless. Please try to let your words flow with grace and style.

Jerrod E. Grizzle

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Who could possibly be undecided?

George W. Bush and John Kerry came out swinging Thursday night. And for once, Kerry took his gloves off and laid it all out there.

In the end, the pundits and the viewers chimed in, and John Kerry was proclaimed the winner. For me, and my liberal cohorts, the debate was the affirmation we all needed.

George W. Bush looked like a blabbering idiot, and John Kerry was cool under pressure.

But a lot has been made about how each candidate looked. Who was sweating? Who was redder in the face? Why was Bush writing with a Sharpie?

But none of that really matters. So all you voters at home, quit trying to guess how much crap was in George Bush's pants after Thursday's showdown. It matters not how slick someone looks. Their substance and their message is what we all should have been studying.

And after the debate, I still find it hard to believe there are voters who are undecided. The candidates laid out two totally different sets of principles.

So, as I saw it, George Bush is the kind of president who won't hesitate to protect his country if the need arises. No matter who it pisses off or who stands in the way, this man will run to war because he thinks timing is more important than diplomacy. Pissing off allies is something Americans shouldn't care about, even though it means a bigger loss of lives on our part and a bigger chance of losing altogether.

And on the other hand, John Kerry wants a slower approach. He thinks deliberate action is the way to go. He wants the backing of other countries so the U.S. won't have to shoulder all the debt, loss of lives, and the risk of losing our respect of international friends.

To Bush supporters, Kerry's idea that we should try to work with other countries is a wimpy approach to running our country.

But, I have to ask, who are we without the help of allies?

Three years ago, when terrorists attacked our nation, our allies were there. They stepped up and went to war with our American troops. They were just as determined as we were to stomp out Al Qaida.

But now, just three years later, would they step up for us again? When our troops are spread paper-thin in far-flung countries, fighting a hard-fought battle, could we fight an attacker all by ourselves?

I'd like to think we could. I would like to think that our military, the best in the world, is equipped to handle whatever is thrown our way. But don't you think it's arrogant of us to think that we don't need friends?

In 1980, before most of you were born, Ronald Reagan asked Americans if they thought they were better off than they were four years ago. As it turns out, most didn't think so. Reagan beat out Jimmy Carter that year.

So, to borrow a card from the Gipper, I think we should ask if we are safer than we were four years ago.

The answer has to be no. George Bush has made almost all our best allies feel alienated. None of them are going to help us out if we need their help. And now that big threats of nuclear proliferation are coming from rogue nations like North Korea, the U.S. is powerless to fight them.

When I think about George Bush, images of the big bully on the schoolyard come to mind.

Sure, he's tough and he has a lot of friends. No one can beat him. And even if you thought you could come close, he's got so many other bullies standing behind him, you wouldn't even try.

But what happens when the schoolyard bully makes all of his friends mad? What happens when everyone gets tired of being pushed around? That's when the schoolyard bully is the most vulnerable.

We're vulnerable, and it's George Bush's fault.

John Kerry can win more support from our allies just because he's not Bush. Our friend countries will feel like they are our friends again because Bush is gone.

So to all you undecided voters out there—whatever you are—open up your eyes and pay attention. The choice is clear.

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Dissection desensitizes students to cruelty and the sanctity of life

By Joel Freedman

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When students at a high school "Participation in Government" class were asked to invite outside speakers to debate controversial issues, I accepted this opportunity to discuss why I believed the school should stop purchasing animal "specimens" for teaching biology, and should instead use lifelike three-dimensional plastic models with removable parts and/or interactive computer programs.

I showed the class a People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) video, "Classroom Cut-Ups," which depicted, among other abominations, workers at a dissection supply house embalming animals—from cats to crabs—while they were still alive.

Frogs are usually dropped into an alcohol solution, which takes about 20 painful minutes

to cause death. According to Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, the formaldehyde used to preserve the animals' bodies can harm people exposed to it. Formaldehyde is a carcinogenic irritant to eyes, skin, throat, lungs and nasal passages.

The National Association of Biology Teachers has urged schools to offer alternatives to dissection.

I shared all this with the students and asked if their biology class dissection experiences helped them learn biology. Most replied no.

One student wondered if it was unethical to dissect fetal pigs that were taken from the bodies of their butchered mothers. They would not have survived anyway. I replied that dissecting fetal pigs was perhaps a lesser evil than killing live animals for dissection, but why dissect any animal?

Serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer told Dateline

NBC, "In ninth grade, in biology class, we had the usual dissection of fetal pigs, and I took the remains home and I just started branching out to dogs and cats." I suggested to the students that while I trusted their dissection experiences had not demonized them, I nevertheless agreed with Adelphi University Biology Professor George Russell, who wrote that "dissection not only fails to promote reverence for life, but encourages the tendency to blaspheme it" by desensitizing students to cruelty and the sanctity of life.

But most schools and colleges in America continue to emphasize dissection. Educational administrators should listen to what one student told PETA—"I passed geography without leaving my home state, and passed geology without seeing planets collide. It's insulting to argue that students can't understand anatomy unless they stick scissors into a frog's brain."

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letters to the editor

Waiting for France

The presidential election is rapidly approaching and the American public must make a decision at a critical juncture of the War on Terrorism. Who will defend the country and who will appease the world?

One of the main opponents to the war in Iraq was France. According to the Congressional investigation currently underway, "investigators...are trying to determine whether lax monitoring at a French bank that held more than \$60 billion

for the U.N. oil-for-food program facilitated illicit business deals by the former Iraqi government".

It turns out that the French's moral outrage was more of a financial outrage and the security of the United States was the last thing on the French's minds.

Kerry says he will have the U.N. play a much larger role in Iraq; unfortunately the U.N. has no interest in helping. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan had this to say in a report by the BBC: "from our point of view and the UN charter point of view, [liberation of Iraq] was illegal."

This excerpt from an article on CNN.com shows how aggressive and defiant our enemies are, "North Korea's representative pulled aside U.S. Assistant Secretary of State and told him 'blatantly and boldly' that North Korea has at least one nuclear weapon, then asked, 'Now what are you going to do about it?'"

These threats cannot be taken lightly; we don't need a president that will leave us waiting for France, we need a president willing to take action, a president like George W. Bush.

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GSU/UGA: Why the Rivalry?

Football season is upon us and the rivalries have begun.

I am a big football fan and a girl (gasp), and I understand how we fans can get so rabid when we play a team like App State. What I cannot fathom is how there are so many Dawg haters down here.

Yes, I said it, seeing as how I am a Dawg fan as well. Now people may see a conflict of interest because I go to school here and wear UGA gear. Hold up, GSU and UGA are in TOTALLY different divisions and we do not play them every season. Just once every four years. (FYI: I heard that this year might be the last.)

So how come so many people hate Georgia? Is it because they are a bigger school with a better team? GSU is smaller, yet awesome. Give it a few years and I believe we will be up to par with UGA (if only we had more parking).

Granted, I went to the September 4 game in Athens wearing my UGA hat with my GSU shirt and sat on the Georgia side (we were given Alumni tickets), but my sister and I were cheering our lungs out for the Eagles. So there. This is an in-state rivalry, but that in no way means I should leave school or be forbidden to wear any UGA gear here. It's preposterous! I could understand if I went to Athens and wore Gator gear there, hell I wouldn't even make it home alive!

So, all I ask is a little more understanding and a little less bitchin' from all you Dawg haters. Also, if the bookstore wants to give you a discount off Georgia Southern stuff if you turn in UGA stuff, they should also include our other rivals as well. It's only fair.

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Kerry and the U.N.: Spineless in New York

By J.R. Labbe
KRT Campus

For many conservatives, the United Nations is about as useful in the 21st century as a buggy whip.

So to hear a presidential candidate speak in terms that make the United Nations sound relevant in today's world sets teeth to grinding.

Here's John Kerry in an April 18 interview with NBC's Tim Russert:

"Within weeks of being inaugurated, I will return to the U.N. and I will literally, formally rejoin the community of nations and turn over a proud new chapter in America's relationship with the world."

Yes, sir – all it's going to take is a President Kerry traipsing his happy self to New York on a January morning, and the "community of nations" – translation: France, Germany and Russia, because the others don't really matter (even to Kerry) – will line up with troops for Iraq.

Hope is on the way? Please.

If the United Nations hadn't been such a eunuch, with its 17 resolutions against Iraq that were nothing more than a tongue lashing, Kerry wouldn't be able to hit President Bush over the head with how the situation is transpiring in Iraq today.

Too many of the powerful nations on the Security Council were raking in the dough from Saddam Hussein to want him removed from power. Need an example? Under what the world now knows was a compromised U.N. oil-for-food program, France was sending boats and boat accessories as "relief items" in exchange for access to Iraq's oil reserves.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan personally OK'd \$20 million in "humanitarian aid" for Uday Hussein, Saddam's son, to construct an Olympic sports complex. As the world also now knows, Uday's treatment of his nation's athletes was anything but humane.

Fast-forward to last week, when Annan – just days before Bush was scheduled to make his annual address to the United Nations – called the U.S. and British actions in Iraq "an illegal war" that has violated "international law."

Well, it's crystal-clear which U.S. presidential candidate Annan prefers. Too bad for Kerry that Annan and his European colleagues can't vote here.

Once upon a time, the U.N. mission was to bring democracy and freedom to all countries. That day has

long since evaporated into the misty-misty. That once august body has been so co-opted and corrupted that nothing short of an entire overhaul of the organization can save it from itself.

Annan and the Security Council aren't dedicated to challenging autocratic regimes that crush the dream of liberty by repressing people, and to say so with a straight face takes an acting ability way more sophisticated than Kerry's.

How can the United Nations be taken seriously when a nation like Sudan – which Annan calls the site of the world's greatest humanitarian disaster yet still won't let the word genocide cross his lips – has a seat on the U.N. Human Rights Commission?

When Bush fulfilled his duties on Tuesday in addressing the U.N. General Assembly, he did so as a realist, holding none of the Kerreyesque notions that this jellyfish body will actually grow a spine and help with Iraq's reconstruction.

Even if the United Nations did offer sup-



port, it will do little to change the outcome in Iraq. U.N. "troops" would be limited to noncombat support personnel. The United States would still carry the bulk of costs, financial and military.

The United Nations has deteriorated into little more than a megaphone for anti-American and anti-Semitic attitudes. It hates what we stand for – but it still loves our money.

To think that a Kerry presidency will change this is foolish.

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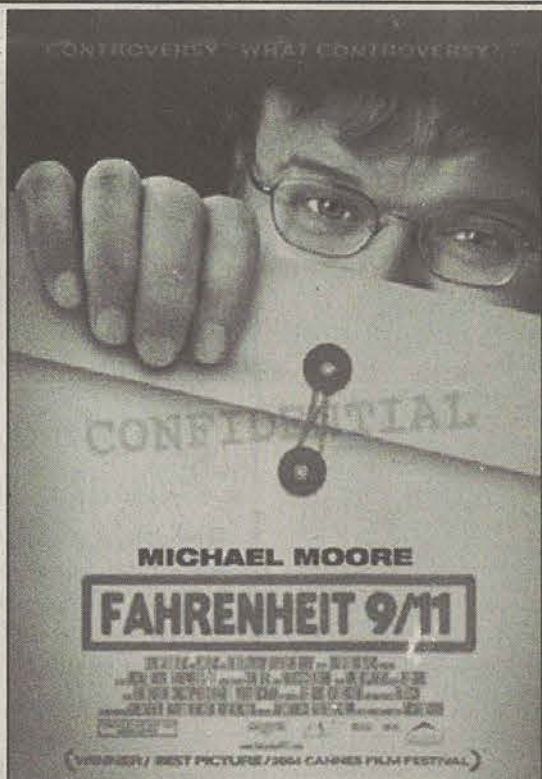
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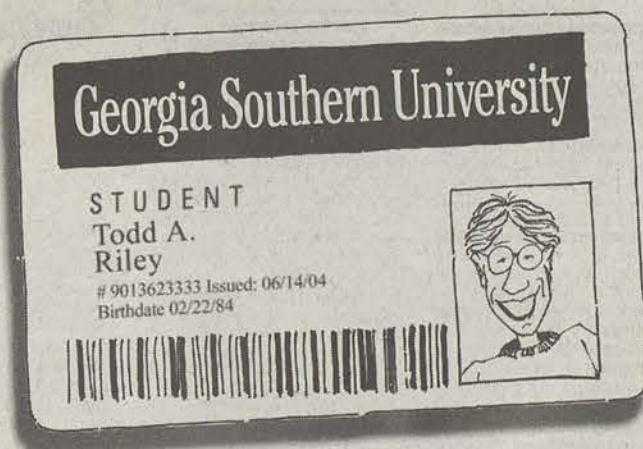
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GSU Athletic Media Relations

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Junior Brittney Swick clocked the meet's top time, as she helped guide the Georgia Southern cross country team to a pair of dual wins at the JU Duals Saturday on the campus of Jacksonville University.

In the dual format, the Eagles fell to the host Dolphins 20-42, but came out on top of Savannah State 17-38. Jacksonville topped Savannah State 15-50 in the third dual.

Swick tallied a time of 20:40 to claim first place, 18 seconds ahead of second-place finisher, Jacksonville's Fallon Heffernan. It was Swick's third consecutive top-five finish of the season.

Sophomore Jessica Kerzie also clocked a top-ten time, as her finish of 22:43 was good enough for eighth. Freshman Sara Johnson finished 11th with a time of 25:18 in her first collegiate meet. Fellow freshmen Keri Kilgore and Ana Hendrix finished 13th and 14th with times of 26:51 and 27:54, respectively.

Georgia Southern will return to action for their final regular season meet on Saturday, Oct. 9, participating in the Furman Invitational in Greenville, S.C.

Men's Soccer wins
SoCon Opener, 2-0

GSU Athletics Media Relations

SPARTANBURG, SC - The Georgia Southern men's soccer team won its 2004 Southern Conference opener at Wofford, 2-0, Saturday afternoon at Snyder Field.

The Eagles put their first tally on the board at the 21:44. Off a corner kick, Lawrence Smith put a head on the ball which was blocked by a Wofford defender. The rebound went straight to Tommy Irwin who also put his head on it. He found the back of the net past Terrier keeper Russ Sandifer.

Wofford kept the game within a goal entering the half despite being outshot, 7-1.

In the second half, a Terrier foul inside the penalty box set up a penalty kick opportunity for Georgia Southern.

At the 47 minute mark, Smith scored the goal past Joey Taylor to give the Eagles the final margin. Taylor had relieved Sandifer at the intermission. Sandifer registered a pair of saves before Taylor entered the contest for the final 45 minutes for Wofford. Taylor notched a save in net.

Wofford drops to 2-8 overall and 0-1 in the Southern Conference with the loss while the Eagles improve to 4-2-2 overall and 1-0 in league action.

Georgia Southern returns home Tuesday, Oct. 5 when it hosts #2 ranked UNC Greensboro at Eagle Field. Kickoff is set for 4 p.m.

The Terriers will resume their season when they play next Sunday, Oct. 10, at Elon, in Elon, N.C.

Elon can't stop Eagle attack

By Kenny Cofer
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In a game that saw Chaz Williams tie a school record with four touchdown passes, Georgia Southern dominated Elon, 48-14, for its fourth consecutive victory.

Things got off to a rough start for the Eagles squad, as on the first play from scrimmage Chaz Williams fumbled the ball at the thirty-two yard line. Elon capitalized on the turnover, as they marched down the field on four plays with a two yard touchdown pass from Kyle Hamilton to Kyle Belkoski to put the Phoenix up 7-0 early in the first quarter.

Georgia Southern quickly responded on a nine play sixty-five yard drive that culminated with a nine yard touchdown run from Tim Gehrsitz. This marked the fifth consecutive game that Gehrsitz scored a touchdown.

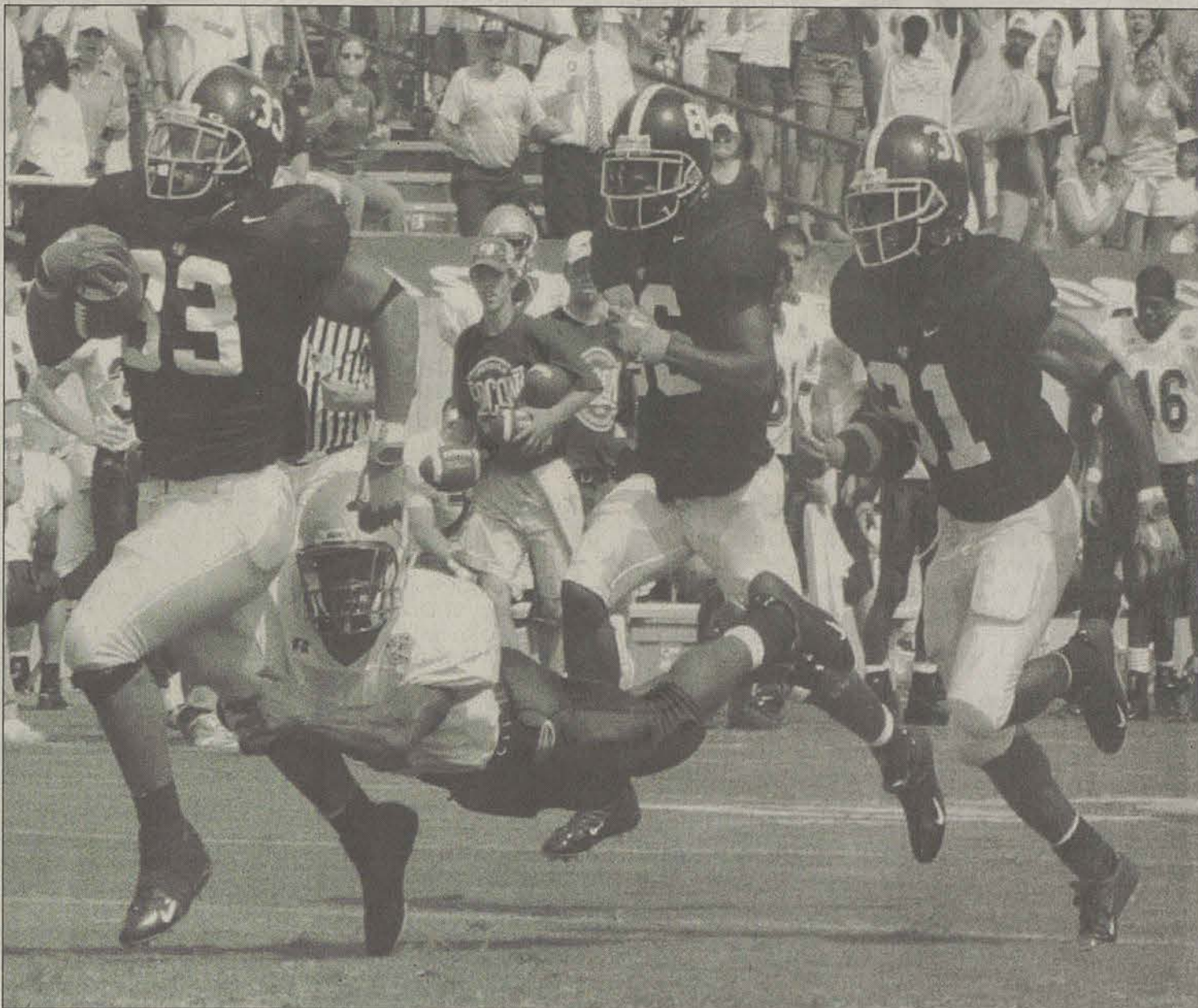
Shortly after the Eagles touchdown, Elon came right back down the field and scored a touchdown, as Ronnie Dargan took it in from six yards out to give the Phoenix the lead 14-7 with 1:17 left in the first quarter.

Georgia Southern wasted no time in responding to the Elon score, as Williams connected with Teddy Craft for a 51 yard touchdown pass. The extra point was missed by Jonathon Dudley and the Elon Phoenix held a 14-13 lead after the first quarter.

It was all Eagles from then on, as Chaz Williams put on a show for the home crowd. Williams rushed for a one yard touchdown with 10:19 left in the second quarter to give Georgia Southern a 21-14 lead.

Williams added two more touchdowns in the second quarter, as he connected with Lynon Jefferson for a 16 yard score and Jayson Foster for a 26 yard touchdown. Going into the half the Eagles held a comfortable 35-14 lead over Elon.

The second half was more of the same for the Eagle quarterback as Williams found P.J. Cantrell open for an 11 yard touchdown midway through the



GSU fullback Bryce Carter eludes a tackle.

LaVene Bell/STAFF

third quarter. This marked the fourth touchdown pass of the ballgame for Williams and tied a school record that was previously held by Tracy Ham and Greg Hill.

With the Eagles leading 41-14, Williams added his second rushing touchdown of the game with 12:44 left in the fourth quarter. Williams was a part of six of the seven Eagle touchdowns on the day. Georgia

Southern was then able to hold off the Phoenix the rest of the way, to earn a 48-14 victory.

Williams concluded the game going 6-8 for 156 yards on four touchdowns. He also added 28 yards on the ground on 10 carries and two touchdowns. The leading rusher for Georgia Southern was fourth string fullback Bryce Carter, who carried the ball 14 times for 112 yards. Tim

Gehrsitz added 88 yards on the ground as well. As a team the Eagles put up an impressive 508 yards of total offense.

Georgia Southern managed all this without All-American candidate Jermaine Austin and back-up Brandon Andrews. Austin sat out the game due to disciplinary reasons, while Andrews missed his second consecutive game with an ankle injury.

Georgia Southern improved

their record to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the Southern Conference. Elon, however, falls to 1-3 overall and 0-1 in the SoCon.

Next week, the Eagles head to Cullowhee, North Carolina to take on the Western Carolina Catamounts.

The Eagles will return to Statesboro for Homecoming on October 16 at 12 p.m., to take on the Appalachian State Mountaineers.

Women's Soccer falls 1-0 to Wofford



Brian O'Connor/STAFF

Jenni Boykin, freshman forward moves the ball down the field.

GSU Athletics Media Relations

SPARTANBURG, SC - A Kara Bennewitz goal in the 55th minute of play proved to be the game winner as Wofford defeated Georgia Southern 1-0 in Southern Conference women's soccer action Sunday afternoon.

Bennewitz took a pass from Megan Snaider and sent a shot that eluded Eagle keeper Megan Macdonald for the game's only score.

Wofford (7-2, 2-1) controlled the game offensively, out-shooting Georgia Southern (3-5-1, 1-2) 24-8, including a 12-5 advantage in shots on goal. Macdonald stopped 11 shots for the Eagles while Austin Somers made five stops for the Terriers.

Georgia Southern returns to action Wednesday, October 6 when it visits The Citadel. Game time is slated for 2 p.m.

Braves, Astros matchups for NLDS

Associated Press

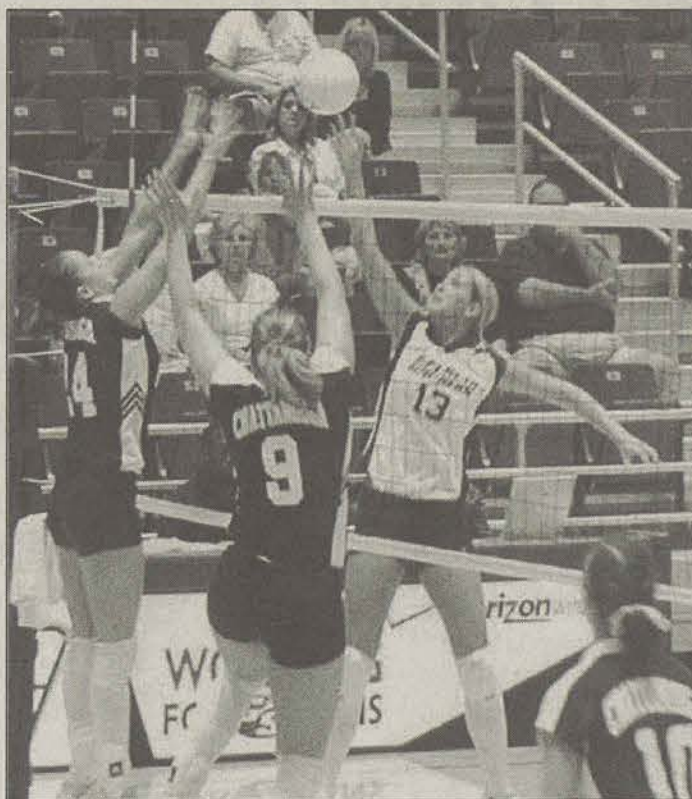
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Monday, Oct. 11- Houston at Atlanta, if necessary

Eagles sweep
Mocs at Hanner

Brian O'Connor/STAFF

GSU Junior Cristie Mitchell, jumps up for the block.

By Jason Burke

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The Georgia Southern volleyball team (6-4, 3-0 SoCon) defeated the Chattanooga Mocs (2-11, 0-3 SoCon) to remain undefeated in the Southern Conference.

The Eagles jumped out of the gate with an easy 30 to 16 victory in the first game and did not let up in the second game winning 30 to 15.

The Mocs finally mustered some runs in game three only to come up short again by six.

The Eagles looked sharp and put up a percentage of .393, their second highest of the young season. They went to 3-0 in the conference and look poised to compete for another conference championship.

Junior outside hitter Iulia Prombescu had her usual dominant performance posting her eighth consecutive double, double with 17 kills and 10 digs.

Sophomore Jennifer had her season high 10 kills and was an imposing presence on the front line.

Junior Natalia Galantini led the Eagle setters with 33 assists.

In a bit of Georgia Southern volleyball history Coach Messermith moved to just three victories from being Southern's all time winningest coach.

GSU Equestrian
Team gallops into
a new season

Special Photo

Trace Norvell, GSU Equestrian Team member.

By Jade Bulecra

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The Georgia Southern Equestrian Team rides into the 2004-05 season with a fourth place title. The team traveled this past Saturday to Wesleyan College in Macon, GA for the first show of the season.

Kate Dillon received fourth place in the Intermediate Western Horsemanship discipline. Jenna Allen and Trace Norvell competed in the Walk and Jog category. Allen received first place, while Norvell earned third place.

Tiffany Klein and Sarah Mackusick showed at the novice level. Klein won fifth place and Mackusick finished with first place allowing her to move to the advanced level.

On Sunday afternoon, the team began preparation for their show. A jumping course was designed and built by the team. The 32 members and their coach, Eleanor Ellis are working all week long to make this event a success. The horse show is October 2-3 beginning at 9 a.m. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Eleanor Ellis at evermore@bulloch.net or call 823-9062.

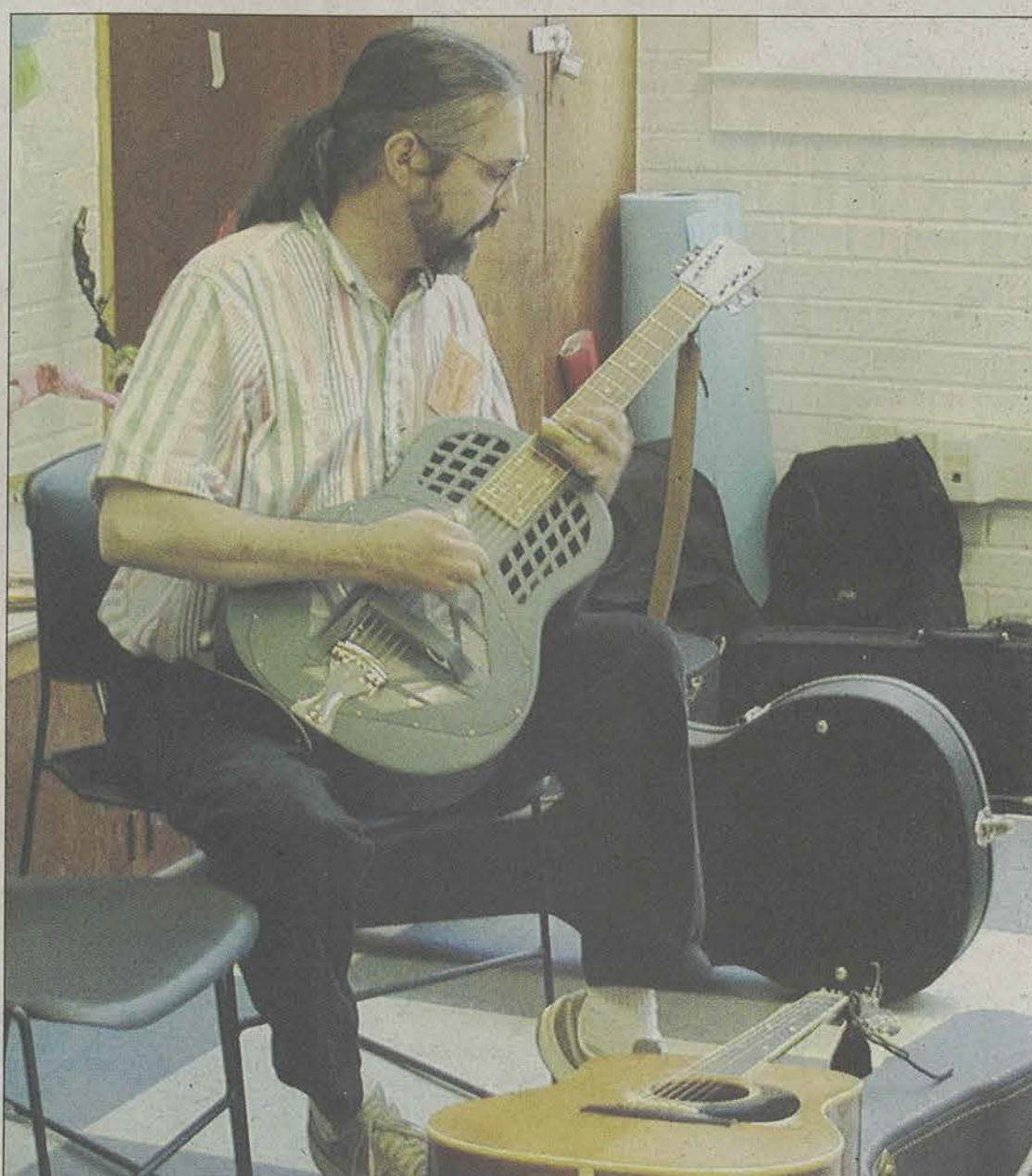
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Pictures from the Afternoon of the Arts



GSU Professor of French Jean-Paul Carton and his wife Dominique present a folk duo (left); and Dr. Richard Flynn, professor in the Department of Literature and Philosophy, plays his guitar at the Afternoon of the Arts on Saturday, an event sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS). This event featured many faculty and students from within CLASS showcasing their talents.



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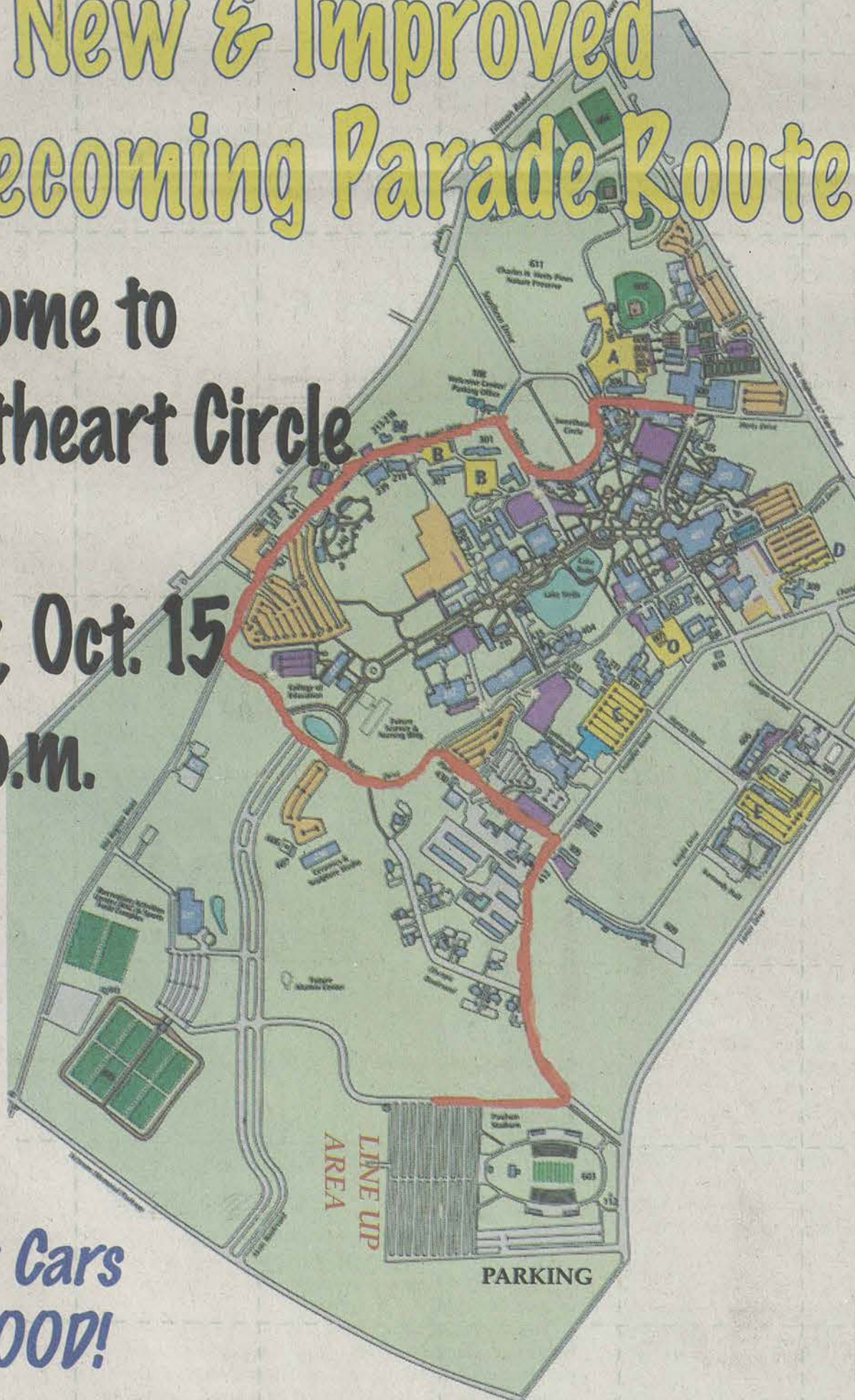
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Cheney-Edwards debate pits experience against exuberance.



AP Photos

Vice Presidential candidates John Edwards (left) and Dick Cheney.

By Jennifer Loven
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Sandwiched between higher-octane presidential debates, this week's match up between Sen. John Edwards and Vice President Dick Cheney pits the Democrats' chief of cheer against the Republicans' shrewd and serious second-in-command.

The presidential understudies meet Tuesday at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland for their only debate of the campaign. Their style and substance couldn't be more different, giving each plenty of material to try to undermine the other and have an impact, however small, on the national campaign.

At 51, Edwards is a boyish-looking Southern senator holding his first elective office who relies on his skills as a former trial lawyer in gauzy campaign speeches and feel-your-pain encounters with voters. At 63, Cheney is a balding Westerner with a long government resume who has embraced the vice presidential nominee's traditional attack-dog role with relish.

Cheney, with a no-nonsense delivery from the side of his mouth, focuses on the continuing danger from terrorist attacks as reason to keep President Bush at the nation's helm. Edwards, flashing a high-wattage smile, emphasizes his working-class roots in offering a can-do vision of a John Kerry presidency.

While vice presidential debates typically have little influence on the race overall, there could be extra interest in this faceoff given the stark contrast between the rivals, Cheney's status as one of the most powerful vice presidents in history and the intense criticism he has drawn from Democrats.

Edwards' challenge is to rattle

his opponent and try to feed the Democrats' characterization of the vice president as pulling Bush too far to the right. Edwards, with proven skill at lobbing sharp attacks without turning off the charm, can draw on more than two decades of courtroom practice at cajoling juries to side with personal injury complainants.

But he must avoid coming off as a young upstart who is disrespectful of an elder statesman.

Cheney, who served as President Ford's chief of staff at age 34, spent five terms in Congress and served as secretary of defense during the 1991 Gulf War, will be hard to unnerve.

He could well face questions about allegations of conflict of interest that arose after Halliburton Co., which he once led, won no-bid contracts in Iraq. Other likely topics include his insistence that Saddam Hussein had ties to the al-Qaida terrorist network and that a Kerry victory would make the nation more vulnerable to a terrorist attack.

Experts say the caricature of Cheney is so extreme that people will be pleasantly surprised if he cracks a few dry witticisms and appears reasonable, as he did in a good-natured debate with Democratic vice presidential nominee Joe Lieberman in 2000.

Cheney also must gauge how far to take his attacks: He could try to paint Edwards as a money-chasing trial lawyer, or skewer him on his Iraq votes, but he needs to avoid turning off voters by appearing too extreme.

The agreed-upon format has the candidates sitting at a table rather than standing. That helps neutralize any physical advantage for Edwards over Cheney, whose history of four heart attacks has prompted occasional questions about whether he should be first in line to occupy the Oval Office.