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Acclaimed historian visits GSU



Felicia Emanuel/STAFF

Anne J. Bailey, a nationally acclaimed Civil War historian, spoke at GSU as part of the Averitt Lecture Series this past Monday and Tuesday.

Bailey speaks to GSU students during 14th annual Averitt Lecture Series

By Valistine Harrison
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Award-winning author Anne J. Bailey was the featured speaker at the 14th annual Jack N. and Addie D. Averitt Lecture Series held here at Georgia Southern on Monday and Tuesday.

Bailey is a nationally acclaimed Civil War historian, and Monday evening the featured topic was "The War Within: Divided Loyalties of Native Americans." She explored the divided loyalties among Native Americans during the Civil War. The five groups of Native Americans consisted of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Seminole, Creek, and Choctaw. These groups made up the five civilized tribes of the Southeast.

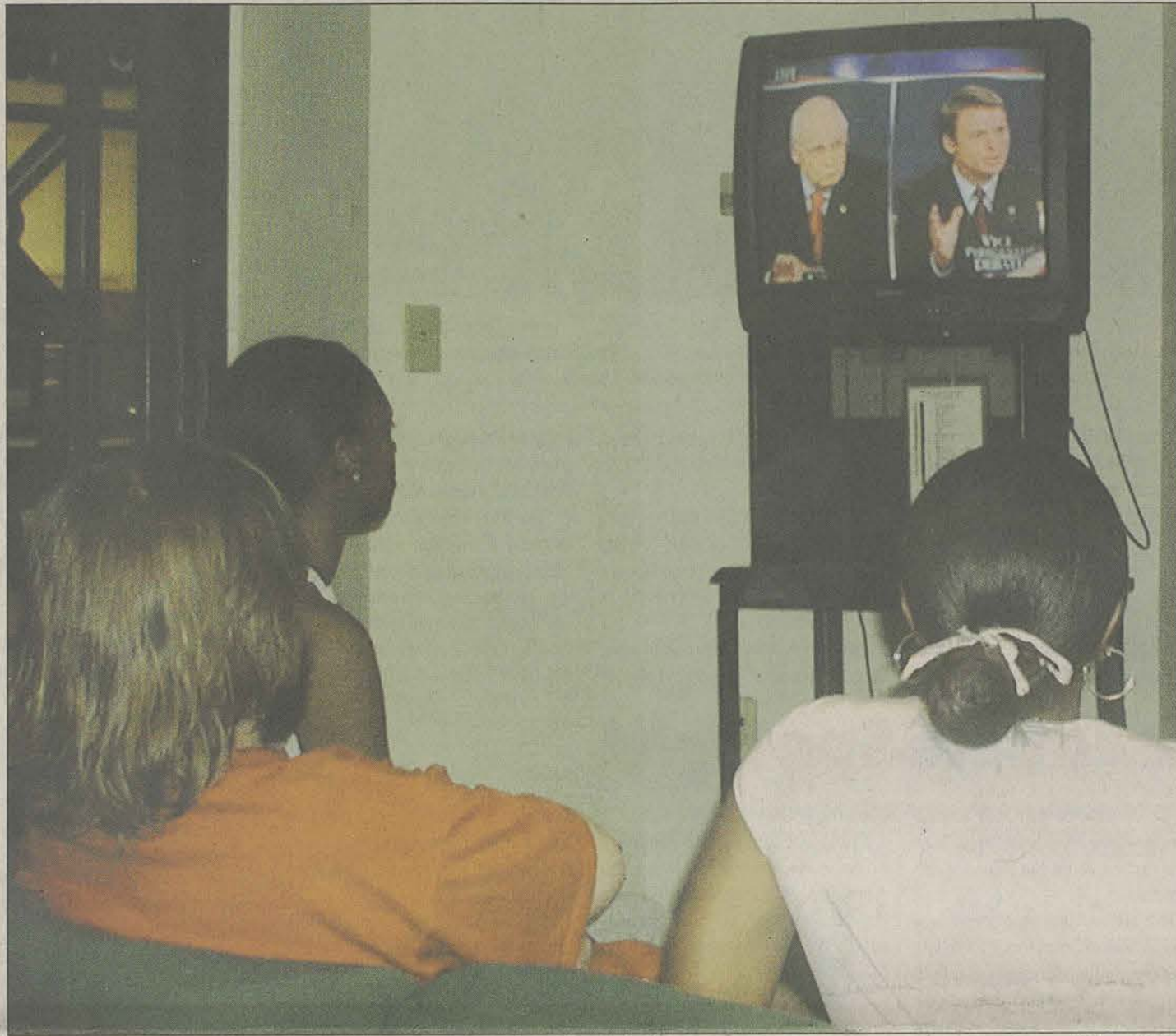
There were several Union and Confederate Indian soldiers who contributed greatly to the Civil War. However, their efforts were overlooked due to the biased views of the white man. The stereotypical view of the Native American during the 19th Century was "The Red Man." Native Americans were viewed as violent, but this stereotype of Native Americans was not true. Most Indians adopted the white man's way of life and some Native Americans were better educated than white men. Native Americans fought in the Civil War but received no recognition.

The conflict and bias placed on Native Americans by the white man played a role in their divided loyalties among one another. The aftermath of the Civil War was harsh on the Native Americans. Indians who fought for the Union and Confederacy lost their land through harsh treaties set against them. The contributions of the Native Americans in the Civil War meant nothing to the white man. The Native Americans had little chance of being successful no matter what they did during this period of time.

This lecture proved to be both insightful and interesting. Some students shared their opinions on the lecture, including sophomore Cierra Parker. "It was very exhilarating, especially since I have Native American ancestry."

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VP candidates spar over Iraq



Terrence Williams/STAFF

GSU students watch the vice-presidential debate on Tuesday evening in the Russell Union television room. The heated debate between the candidates lasted 90 minutes and is the only one scheduled for both Cheney and Edwards.

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

CLEVELAND - Sen. John Edwards accused the Bush administration Tuesday night of bungling the war in Iraq and presiding over a historic loss of jobs. "Your facts are just wrong," Vice President Dick Cheney shot back in a crackling campaign debate.

In a clash at close quarters, Edwards accused Cheney of "not being straight" with the American people about the war. He said U.S. casualties are rising monthly and the United States is bearing 90 percent of the cost and suffering 90 percent of the dead and wounded.

Cheney promptly challenged those figures, saying the Iraqi security forces had taken nearly half of the casualties.

"For you to demean their sacrifice is beyond the pale," he said to Edwards seated a few feet away.

"Oh, I'm not," Edwards protested before the vice president cut him off.

The debate format encouraged give-and-take, and neither the vice president nor Sen. John Kerry's running mate shrunk from the task.

"Frankly, senator, you have a record that's not very distinguished," Cheney said to the North Carolina lawmaker after accusing him of a pattern of absences in the Senate during his one term.

Edwards summed up his points like the former trial lawyer he is.

In a job at the Bush-Cheney

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KIWANIS OGEECHEE FAIR

Parade displays Bulloch County's diverse communities



Dallas Oliver/STAFF

The theme of this year's fair parade, "Agriculture and Patriotism Go Hand in Hand," is personified by a float (above) sponsored by local Statesboro businesses. Monday's parade traveled through downtown Statesboro and included many more floats, marching bands, local schools, football teams and other community organizations from all around Bulloch county.

Kappa Delta house floods

By Rachel Weeks
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Girls from the Kappa Delta sorority had to be evacuated yesterday after a pipe burst in the attic and water flooded the house.

The ceiling in one of the upstairs bedrooms was split open by the amount of water coming from the pipe.

One of the girls said there was two inches of water on the floors. All Star Carpet cleaners was called in to vacuum out the water. Georgia Power turned off electricity to the house.

The leak started when cable workers were setting up Internet connections in the attic and one of the pipes was damaged.

Only one girl was in the house at the time of the flooding. "I was asleep and all of a sudden I hear pouring down rain. I looked outside, and it wasn't raining," said Megan Jakob. "The fire trucks came, and I looked down the hall and it was raining in the hallway."

Six out of the nine bedrooms were flooded according to the girls. Because the electricity in



Luke Hearn/STAFF

Ricky Hutchinson of All Star Carpet Care vacuums up water from the flooded KD house.

the building was cut off, all nine of the girls were evacuated to the Fairfield Inn.

According to one of the men cleaning the carpet, the floors should be dry and conditions safe enough for them to return today.

Weekday Weather

Wednesday
HIGH 81°
LOW 56°
Partly Cloudy

Thursday
HIGH 80°
LOW 53°
Mostly Sunny

Only in America

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- The law is on the side of 'Naked Yoga Guy' in California
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Campus News

Cadets compete for squad bragging rights

By Rachel Weeks
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At 5:30 Friday morning, most of campus was sleeping under a thick blanket of fog.

But through the darkness were the echoes of cadets marching across campus as they compete in the bi-annual ROTC squad competitions. The competition is a little different this year, but as difficult as always, with seven main objectives.

Stern commands carried over the water at Lakeside where the canoeing competition was taking place, as officers and senior cadets made sure each objective was completed correctly and timed accurately.

First, cadets met with their squad at the RAC, then they ran to the rappel tower to do chin-ups and pick up a 20-pound bag of sand that they had to keep with them through each obstacle.

Next, cadets ran back down to the RAC for the telephone pole carry and then worked together to pull the ROTC's XL Super Duty F-350 about 30 feet.

After the truck pull, cadets plunged into the cold water of the lake next to the RAC for the pond swim, and then they had to carry a cadet in a poncho across the softball field as part of the litter carry.

Staff Sergeant Finn commented on



Rachel Weeks/STAFF

ROTC cadets compete in the bi-annual squad competitions early Friday morning with course objectives including canoeing, swimming, sit-ups, pull-ups, running, and even pulling a truck.

the course's difficulty, "It's a challenge for them. It's challenging for both the mind and the body. You do things in this program you never thought you'd be able to do. It builds up confidence, that's the main thing."

The winning squad this year was the first squad of Bravo Company. The winning cadets were Freeman, Hunter, Erickson, Brewer, Ferrara, and Linson.

These cadets gained bragging rights as well as U.S. Army t-shirts and ROTC book bags.

Captain Cohen says that the program gives students an edge, "People who go through this program are usually ahead of their peers as far as leadership skills."

Students in the program enjoy what they do. "It's fun. You get paid to play

army and then you graduate and get commissioned and you have a job," said Cadet Tyesha Walker.

The ROTC program offers many financial benefits as well, including scholarships that pay for tuition, housing, and books. Contracted students can receive earnings up to \$400 per month. Contact Captain Cohen at 681-0040 for more information.

Graduate Spotlight

Special to the G-A

Since its inception in 1973, GSU's Master of Public Administration (MPA) has evolved into a nationally recognized program.

The MPA program boasts one of the largest graduate student populations in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The MPA program offers a sequence of courses consisting of twelve classes, or 36 credit hours, and the curriculum provides comprehensive theoretical and practical knowledge of the dynamics of public administration, public policy, and law.

Dr. F. Erik Brooks was named Director of the MPA program in July. He is excited about the future of the program.

"We are building on our past and looking toward our future. We are preparing students for careers in public service and nonprofit organizations by providing academic and practical instruction," Brooks said.

The MPA faculty combines research, service, and teaching to provide an excellent graduate experience.

Jonathan McCollar, a second year student from Statesboro, Georgia, believes he made the right choice by

enrolling in the program.

"Since beginning the program, I have gained so much. There is no other field of study that would have provided me with so much knowledge and hands on experience," said McCollar.

Students also found that the program has provided excellent preparation for government jobs on the state, local, federal, and international level.

While some students look for employment on the state and local level, others aspire to international public service.

Nazira Handal, a second year stu-

dent from Honduras, Central America points to her internship experience as evidence that the program is fulfilling its mission.

"This summer, as a part of the MPA internship program, I interned at the Honduras embassy in Washington D.C. My MPA classes helped me tremendously, especially the budgeting aspects of public administration," she said.

GSU's MPA program is dutifully preparing its students for a variety of careers in the public sector.

The program is recruiting students to meet the demand for public service.

Focus on Majors

By Rachel Weeks
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Ever thought about majoring in Biology?

GSU's biology department does not offer specific concentrations, but students should consider their future goals when signing up for classes.



Biology Building

Pre-medical students, which make up the majority of biology majors, need to take classes that will help them get accepted into medical school.

Advisors can tell students which classes will be necessary for their career.

Classes such as microbiology and cell biology are useful for pre-medical students.

Many biology students plan to go to veterinary schools after graduation. Other pre-professional programs that biology students can consider include pre-dental, pre-optometry and pre-natural resources (forestry).

The biology department has over 600 undergraduates this year, and student can go into a wide variety of occupations, including marine biology, horticulture, botany, ecology, entomology, biochemistry, agriculture, and nuclear medicine.

"There are incredible opportunities with biology as a major," said Dr. Lissa Leege, Assistant Professor of Biology. "There are lots of opportunities for careers in biology from working with the department of natural resources, monitoring environmental quality, bioengineering, genetic engineering of crops, to being a teacher or a professor."

Advisement for biology majors will begin at the end of October, and dates and other information will be posted soon.

Editor's Note: 'Focus on Majors' is a new feature to The George-Anne. Periodically, we will spotlight a major or academic program offered here at GSU and give the details of that particular major or program. With academic advisement approaching and registration starting in November, we feel it is important for students—especially those who haven't declared a major—to learn as much as they can about the choices and opportunities available at GSU.

Police Beat

10-01-2004

- A saxophone was taken from the Foy Building.
- Someone put sugar in the gas tank, a nail in a tire and a fire-cracker in the exhaust pipe of a vehicle in the Southern Court-yard parking lot.
- Three tires were cut on a vehicle in the Brannen Hall parking lot.
- Officers issued three traffic warnings, investigated two traffic accidents and assisted six motorists.

10-02-2004

- Richard Dickerson, 45, of 334 E. Main St., Statesboro, was charged with public intoxication.
- A lock was damaged on a vehicle in the Paulson Stadium parking lot.
- Officers issued six traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident, assisted one motorist and responded to one fire alarm.

10-03-2004

- Kevin Paul Farrah, 20, of 61 Stadium Walk Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with criminal trespass and obstruction of an officer.
- Juan Pablo Madrid, 19, of Watson Hall, was charged with criminal trespass and obstruction of an officer.
- Aaron Andre Mailliez, 19, of 53 Players Club Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with criminal trespass and minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- A bicycle was taken from the Johnson Hall bike rack.
- A cell phone was taken from Olliff Hall.
- Officers issued five traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident and assisted one motorist.

10-04-2004

- A vehicle was scratched in the Forest Drive commuter parking lot.
- A vehicle was scratched in the Perimeter commuter parking lot.
- Officers issued one traffic citation and three traffic warnings, investigated two traffic accidents and assisted six motorists.

All Police Beat information compiled by Rachel Weeks, Assistant 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 _____

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Georgia Southern's arts and literature magazine
This semester's theme:
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Stories, poems, essays, photographs, paintings, drawings, sculptures, collage, and other art will be accepted and reviewed for publication.

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Deadline for submissions:
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For more information, contact:
miscmag@georgiasouthern.edu
or 681-0565

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) Contestants entering their recipes using Ramen Noodles as an ingredient on a completed entry form or plain piece of paper between 3x5 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 3x5 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 22 and ends October 13, 2004 at 5 p.m. All entries 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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Only in America

Bush gets own brand of ketchup

CLINTON, CT. - The presidential race at four Connecticut restaurants is a matter of playing ketchup.

The restaurants are among 100 around the nation participating in "Ketchup Wars," an unscientific poll of patrons based on their preference for a brand of condiment.

The brands represent the presidential candidates. Heinz for Sen. John F. Kerry, the husband of Teresa Heinz Kerry, whose family owns the company; and W, a new brand being marketed this election year by a Midwest producer, for President George W. Bush.

Nationwide results of the Ketchup War will be posted on www.ketchupwars.com.

High school student runs for mayor

ST. MARY'S POINT, MN. - Erin Feehan-Nelson, running for mayor of this St. Croix River town, has a campaign slogan that's hard to dispute: "Uncorrupted by years of experience."

The reason? She's 17.

The high school senior wants to be the youngest person ever elected mayor in Minnesota. She decided to run as a write-in candidate after learning that only one other candidate had filed for the office.

"The voters need to have a choice," she said.

Even so, state law says candidates must be eligible voters and at least 21 years old when they take office.

Feehan-Nelson said that if she receives the highest number of votes but is not certified, she is prepared to take the matter to court.

Caffeinated beer coming soon

ST. LOUIS, MO. - It's beer with a little extra kick.

Anheuser-Busch plans to pour a new brew called B-to-the-E. The E is for extras like caffeine, herbal guarana and ginseng. A can of B-to-the-E has about the same amount of caffeine as a cup of coffee.

The St. Louis brewer is hoping the spiked brews will appeal to 20-something drinkers. Pricing hasn't been announced.

The company is waiting for government approval and wants to have the new brew in stores next month.

'Naked Yoga Guy' strips on sidewalk

SAN FRANCISCO, CA. - Nudists, grab your yoga mats and head for San Francisco.

City prosecutors Wednesday said it was not illegal to perform naked yoga in the city - even at the crowded tourist destination of Fisherman's Wharf.

Prosecutors dropped charges against a limber nudist, known locally as the "Naked Yoga Guy," who made a habit of striking yoga poses in the buff in order to promote a book and his lifestyle.

The Naked Yoga Guy, whose name is George Monty Davis, had stripped to stretch nearby Fisherman's Wharf, prompting a public complaint. But prosecutors decided they had a weak public nuisance case against him because local laws do not bar public nudity.

"Simply being naked on the street is not a crime in San Francisco," said Debbie Mesloh, a spokeswoman for the district attorney's office.

BAILEY, FROM PAGE 1

James Benson, a freshman, found the lecture very interesting. "I never thought about Indians being involved in the war until I heard the lecture tonight."

Bailey revealed a lot of little-known information about Native Americans and other aspects of the Civil War. Bailey continues to lecture all over the world and work on the books she is writing.

VP DEBATE, FROM PAGE 1

campaign's claim on experience, he said, "Mr. Vice President, I don't think the country can take four more years of this type of experience."

He also said that as a member of Congress more than a decade ago, Cheney voted against Head Start and banning plastic guns that can escape detection in metal detectors.

Edwards was on the attack from the opening moments of the debate.

He said that in addition to mismanaging the war in Iraq, the administration had Osama bin Laden cornered in the mountains of Afghanistan at one point, but turned over the hunt for the mastermind behind the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to Afghan warlords.

"The senator has got his facts wrong," said Cheney. "We've never let up on Osama bin Laden from Day One. We've actively and aggressively pursued him."

In rebuttal to Edwards' charges on the war, Cheney repeatedly criticized the Democratic presidential nominee, Sen. John Kerry, for shifting positions on the conflict.

Referring to Kerry's debate with President Bush last week, Cheney said the four-term Massachusetts senator had declared he would submit American military commitments overseas to a global test.

He said that was part of a record that led Kerry to oppose the first Persian Gulf War in 1991 and "always being on the wrong side" of defense issues.

Cheney, whose daughter, Mary, is a lesbian, spoke supportively about gay relationships and said that "people ought to be free to choose any arrangement they want." At the same time, Bush supports passage of a constitutional marriage to ban gay marriage, and Cheney said, "He sets policy for this administration, and I support him."

Edwards said it was obvious that the Cheneys loved their daughter and that "you can't have anything but respect" for them. "I believe marriage is between a man and a woman and so does John Kerry," Edwards said. But, he added, "We should not use the Constitution to divide this country."

Edwards also charged that Cheney, as the chief executive officer of Halliburton, pushed to lift U.S. sanctions against Iran, did business with countries that were "sworn enemies of the United States," and that Halliburton paid millions of dollars in fines for providing false information "just like Enron and Ken Lay," the now indicted former chief.

Cheney accused Edwards of "trying to throw up a smoke screen" and said "there's no substance to the charges."

Cheney, 63, and Edwards, 51, sat a few feet apart around a semicircular table on a stage at Case Western Reserve University. Gwen Ifill of PBS, moderator for the evening, faced them.

It was the only debate of the campaign for Cheney and his Democratic opponent.

Bush and Kerry will debate twice more, on Friday in St. Louis and Oct. 13 in Arizona.

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OPINIONS

letters to the editor

Stop the U.N. bashing

It has become abundantly clear over the past few weeks that a trend is starting among many of the letters to the editors and guest columns in this paper.

I am not rejecting this at all, I welcome debate. But, I fail to recognize the reasons for condemning the United Nations. I believe everyone should be entitled to their opinions, but please make sure to state facts not fiction.

My letter is pertaining to the column written in the October 4, 2004 edition of *The George-Anne* "Kerry and the U.N.: Spineless in New York." I found it interesting to read the correlation between Kerry and the U.N. and that apparently they are simply a group of spineless individuals. I would have rephrased it to smart and intellectual individuals.

I noted on the ninth paragraph that the writer stated, "Once upon a time, the U.N. mission was to bring democracy and freedom to all countries." I am one of the head delegates for the Model United Nations Program here at GSU and such I am very well versed in the foundations of the United Nations. Nowhere throughout the entire U.N. charter does it stipulate that we must bring democracy to all nations, this is simply Bush rhetoric.

Try again Ms. Labbe

I find J. R. Labbe's comments in the October 4 issue of *The George-Anne*, about the United Nations to be misinformed, and it makes me cringe when she is touted as representative of conservative opinion. I am conservative, and I believe that the U.N. does a great job in mediating peaceful international relations. They are not spineless or eunuchs, but instead have performed the task for which they were founded.

The U.N. was created to be a mediator for all member countries to help establish a civilized, peaceful forum for the airing of grievances, and the search for solutions to economic and political crisis. It was never formed to "bring democracy and freedom to all countries." Instead it replaced many former attempts to have a fluid dialogue between a diverse range of countries. Member nations are required to abide by certain humanitarian principles in treatment of its citizens and foreigners.

Ms. Labbe also fails to understand that the U.N. does not receive vast amounts of money from the U.S. The U.S. has not even managed to pay the dues in fifteen years, even though New York City receives a significant economic boon from the employment of local people.

The U.S. and Britain did violate a U.N. edict, which makes the war in Iraq "illegal"

However, the United Nations Charter does stipulate in Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 3 that the U.N.'s purpose is "To achieve international co-operation in solving international problems." I can't hardly see how the United States and Great Britain can be viewed as anything but international co-operation.

So, it is not simply spineless, it is how the world works. The United Nations is not a simply international organization that can be done away with. Could you imagine the problems that would ensue? Gas prices going up to \$4 or \$5 a gallon because we have no international forum to keep OPEC in check.

The world's AIDS crisis would accelerate even further without the international funding from the U.N. All of our international treaties that pertain to peace and security would be gone leading to a rising escalation of terror.

So, before you bash the United Nations because of one view, try looking at the situation from a different, broader perspective.

D.J. Turner
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from the standpoint of the Security Council. Despite this, the United States is not required to ask the permission of any outside organization when we go to war. In fact, no country is obligated to garner permission from the Security Council if they choose to engage in military action. However, the United Nations is not responsible to help the U.S. in a war that was not sanctioned by their leaders. They do not have "troops," but merely request under extreme circumstances that members use "coalition forces" in military action to help resolve an issue. So, to berate the U.N. for not assisting is like expecting Germany to invade Russia. The U.N. is only a power because so many people have gotten together and said: "We are committed to a better tomorrow." I look forward to the day when all issues can be solved in this way.

I would appreciate Ms. Labbe's attention to research next time she attempts to talk on behalf of conservatives. Please don't embarrass us by not knowing the facts. No need to give the liberal press another target to swing at.

Rachel R. Dobson
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In response to the artificial Dawgs

I have been waiting all semester for this, and thankfully someone was finally crazy enough to write one of the most treasonous pieces of writing to ever grace the pages of *The George-Anne*.

Ms. Jennifer Fields wrote a piece appearing in last Monday's paper whining about her conflict of interests between being an Eagle, and posing as a Bulldog. What we have learned from this piece of writing, is that Jennifer has not learned to "think" before she speaks.

Jennifer blatantly and openly admitted to treason. Attending a UGA game as GSU student, wearing red and black. Imagine what the UGA fans thought when they saw Jennifer (or any other posers for that matter) September 4, 2004:

"Man, I guess they've lowered the academic standards down in Statesboro, 'cause these kids are idiots."

Jennifer's first mistake, and she's not the only one at this fine institution who has made the mistake before, is screaming that Georgia Southern is not in the same division as UGA. Or, in Jennifer's words, as she sat twirling her hair, "They're in a totally different division than we are!"

Georgia Southern plays Division I athletics in all sports. Swimming, softball, basketball, and yes FOOTBALL. The only difference in football is that we field a AA team, which means our scholarships and facilities work with less money than those of a D-I school. There are plenty of I-A schools we could de-

stroy (UL-Lafayette, Buffalo, Central Florida maybe), and that's why they won't schedule us. It is also why UGA isn't going to schedule us for a long time.

Jennifer, like many other posers, has missed the point of the argument. A lot of us "Dawg haters" don't necessarily hate UGA at all (Okay maybe we do). But what we do find intolerable is the schizophrenia of allegiance of what seems like half the student body at this school. Not just for UGA, but every other school around the Southeast.

We play the University of Florida in basketball this year, yet still I count numerous Gator hats lurking the campus. We played Georgia Tech and Clemson last season in baseball, yet that doesn't stop students from sporting those ugly colors. We played Kentucky and Louisville in soccer, yet no one seems to know.

We're trying to create an identity for this relatively young school around here, Jennifer. We may not be as old, have as much tradition or have a big enough town to settle down in. But what we do have is 16,000 of Georgia's finest students who need to have nothing but blue and white in their closets.

If this seems like an unrealistic request, then transfer. Athens, Tech, Truett-McConnell or Kennesaw State will be glad to admit you.

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Voting is important no matter what your beliefs

I don't care who you are or what you may believe, voting is important! And in a year such as this one, voting is really important.

Now, in this piece, I will hold my tongue (or fingers) and attempt to be non-partisan, for the issue on which I am about to elaborate is the importance of voting, and not the political issues per se.

Those 18 and older here in America are able to vote. We have the ability to go to the polls and check a box beside the person's name that we want to have as one of our political leaders. Whether it is for city mayor, dogcatcher, or President of the United States, we have the right to choose whom we like and want.

Voting is a right many people have died to gain and protect. When the 15th Amendment was ratified in 1870, it granted the right to vote to African American males. However, with the institution of Jim Crow laws and poll tests, blacks were denied that right. Some were even hanged for trying to vote.

In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, allowing women to vote. This was a huge milestone for women, as they had been fighting for years for enfranchisement.

With the history our country has of those fighting for the right to vote, it would be slap in the face to history's finest suffrage advocates for those registered not to vote.

There are people in countries ruled by dictators who would give anything to be able to cast their ballot for a new candidate. One country, for instance—Iraq. While they will supposedly now be able to vote, it took a war to get them there.

So, let's think about it. People have fought and died

for this right. People in other countries fight and die, wishing they had the right. We in America have the right, but won't. Make sense? Not at all.

I challenge all of you (who are registered) to go and vote on November 2, and in every other election that comes up between then and the time you die.

It is vital that you vote. It is vital that you let your voice (or electronic click on the ballot) be heard.

People have many excuses for not voting. Many say that they have no feeling for the particular candidates on the ballot. I have a solution: go to the polls, slide your ballot into the voting machine, don't vote for anyone (or write-in yourself for every office) hit the cast ballot button, and go along your merry way. This shows that you voted, but by deciding to not vote for anyone on the ballot, you have abstained from the current process while still being active.

Others say their vote doesn't count. Well, let me tell you that elections are won all the time by just a handful of votes. Many are lost the same way. And if you think your vote for President doesn't count, think Florida 2000... and the man who is in office now. Ask him if your vote counts or not. Or better yet, ask his opponent.

So, the point of this column: If you don't vote, you're the most un-cool person ever. You are spitting on those that have fought for your right to vote, and are going against one of the most empowering liberties we still have left.

And if you're not registered and are 18 or older, you have a problem...but...that's a different opinion entirely.

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The debate question: Are we safer than we were?

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In the 2002 State of the Union address President Bush claimed that North Korea, Iran, and Iraq "and their terrorist allies, constitute an axis of evil, arming to threaten the peace of the world. By seeking weapons of mass destruction, these regimes pose a grave and growing danger."

Furthermore, this administration informed the UN Security Council on February 5, 2003, "There can be no doubt that Saddam Hussein has biological weapons and the capability to rapidly produce more, many more. And he has the ability to dispense these lethal poisons and diseases in ways that can cause massive death and destruction." The only thing that there can be no doubt of is that the United States went to war under President Bush because of the belief that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction and ties to Al Qaeda. Yet, over a 1,000 dead U.S. servicemen later, we seem no closer to finding any of these alleged weapons of mass destruction and the 9/11 commission has concluded that a connection between Al Qaeda and Saddam Hussein's regime never existed. Simply put, we are pouring men and money into this country without any clear end in sight. Now the question becomes - has this made us more secure?

First, I would remind everyone that Al Qaeda was responsible for the attacks on 9/11 and not Iraq. Also, that Osama Bin Laden,

that name so rarely mentioned anymore by our President, is still at large and undoubtedly plotting another attack against our nation. Troops have been withdrawn from Afghanistan where they were assisting in the search for Al Qaeda operatives to now assist in the debacle that is occurring every day in Iraq. Money that could have been spent in the efforts to bring justice to those responsible for the death of so many innocent Americans is now being spent to repair roads, schools, and etc. in Iraq that were damaged or destroyed in our occupation. Our actions in Iraq, epitomized by the atrocities in Abu Ghraib, have only managed to aid our enemies in their efforts to recruit zealots willing to kill us here and abroad. This is a formula for disaster.

Second, we have seemingly forgotten Iran and North Korea. It was President Bush who stated in his State of the Union address in 2002 that the price of indifference to these nations "would be catastrophic." Indeed, the president, the advocate of pre-emptive war, is involved in multilateral negotiations with North Korea. Oddly enough, the administration that was so willing to take a unilateral approach to the war in Iraq is now entirely unwilling to do the same with a country that we know is belligerent, possesses nuclear weapons, and has a history of selling its weapon research in the form of ballistic missiles to other nations.

Worse, even if it is shown necessary to invade North Korea to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons, with what seems to

be an indefinite involvement in Iraq, will we even be capable?

And of course, let us not forget Iran, which started its revolution by holding U.S. embassy personnel hostage for over 444 days, and is now making efforts to develop nuclear weapons. Except, unlike in Iraq, we actually have photos of the facilities. They exist. Worse, we know for certain that the country has ties to terrorist organizations such as Al Qaeda. And yet, much like the case of North Korea, the current president is oddly silent.

Shall we invade and occupy North Korea and Iran while maintaining our troop levels, already called inadequate by such men as Senator McCain, in Iraq and Afghanistan while at the same time attempting to fight this seemingly forgotten and unmentioned "War On Terrorism"?

In conclusion, Osama Bin Laden is still at large, the occupation of Iraq prevents us from easily responding to other military threats, and we know those military threats exist in the form of North Korea, Iran, and most of all - Al Qaeda. I would offer that President Bush has not made the United States safer in light of all this, rather, he has made us impotent by starting a war that was uncalled for and diverting valuable resources in the form of men and funding from what should be our primary concern - bringing to justice those responsible for the national tragedy of 9/11.

So, I would ask you now, are you safer because of the actions of this president?

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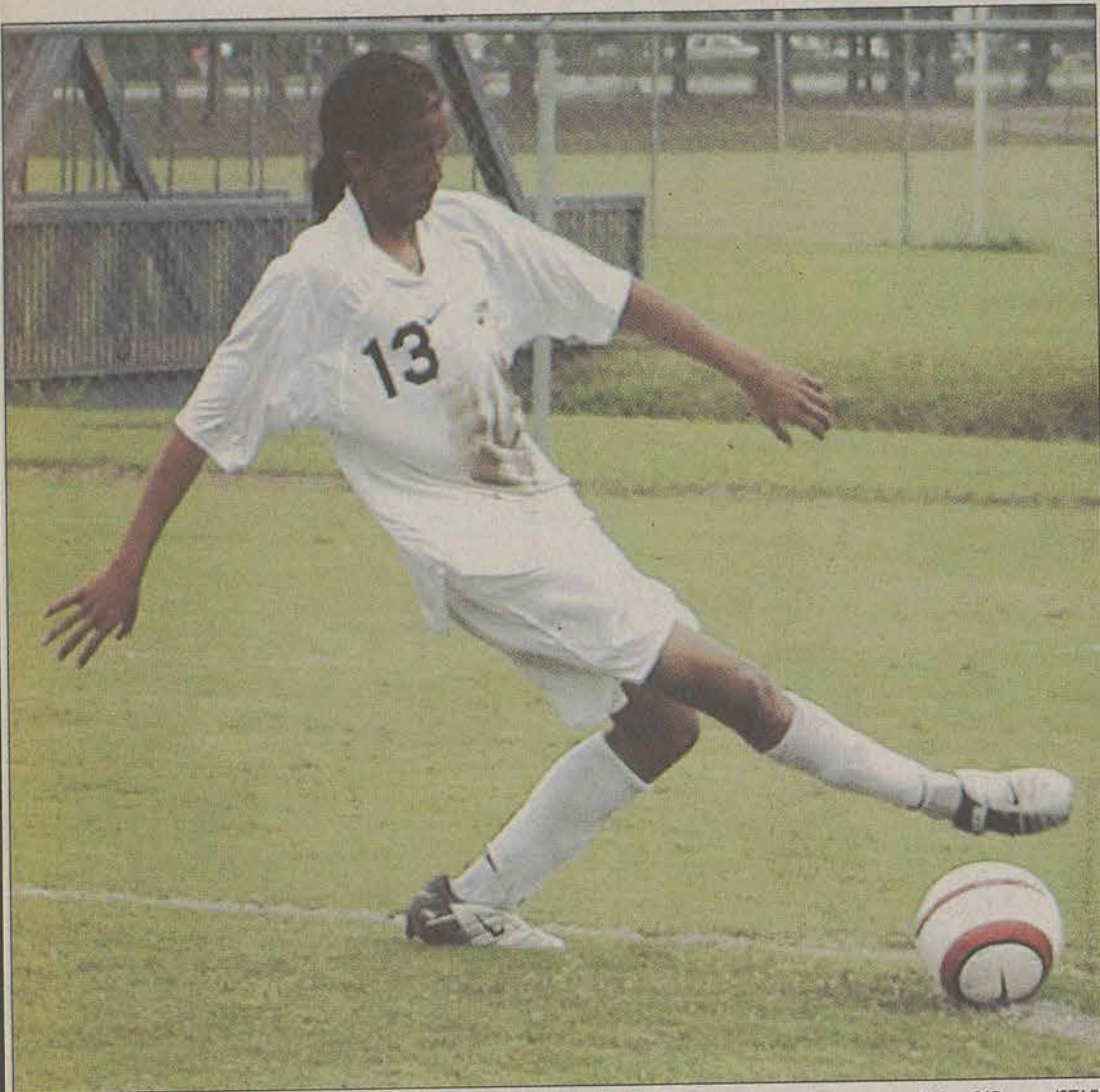
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Men's Soccer falls to UNC Greensboro



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Freshman forward Justin Elie goes for the ball during the GSU vs UNC game.

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In a game where the Eagles were looking to avenge their season ending loss to University of North Carolina Greensboro in last year's SOCON tournament, GSU failed to score the upset over the No. 2 ranked Spartans, losing 3-1.

UNCG (9-0-1, 3-0-1) scored the match's opening goal when Randi Peterson knocked in a loose ball in front of the goal. Eagle goalie Adam Webb had forced the initial Spartan shot to hit the right post, but was unable to recover in time to collect the rebound.

UNCG quickly made the score 2-0 following a brilliant solo run and

eventual goal by Scott Jones.

However, the Eagles (4-3-1, 1-1) quickly poured on the pressure, earning four consecutive corners and an eventual penalty kick by midfielder Lawrence Smith. The sophomore capitalized on the opportunity, beating the goalie to the upper left corner of the net, collecting his second goal of the season.

"It was our home field, we wanted to come out [in the second half] with high pressure," Smith said. "They're [UNCG] a good team. We made a point to come out and get one back."

The game still looked like it could go either way after GSU stole the momentum with Smith's goal, but in the

73rd minute Greensboro's Matt Smith ended the Eagle's hopes for a win by scoring on Webb to seal the victory for the Spartans.

"Our team handles adversity well. If we get scored on we always come back. They have the confidence to get the job done for ninety minutes," Coach Kevin Sanders said. "It was a tough, scrappy game. I felt like it could have gone either way."

For the game, the Eagles were outshot, 14-16 led by sophomore midfielder Tyler Mullen's three shots on goal.

GSU next faces Appalachian State in Boone, North Carolina on Sunday.

Chaz Williams named SoCon's Offensive Player of the Week

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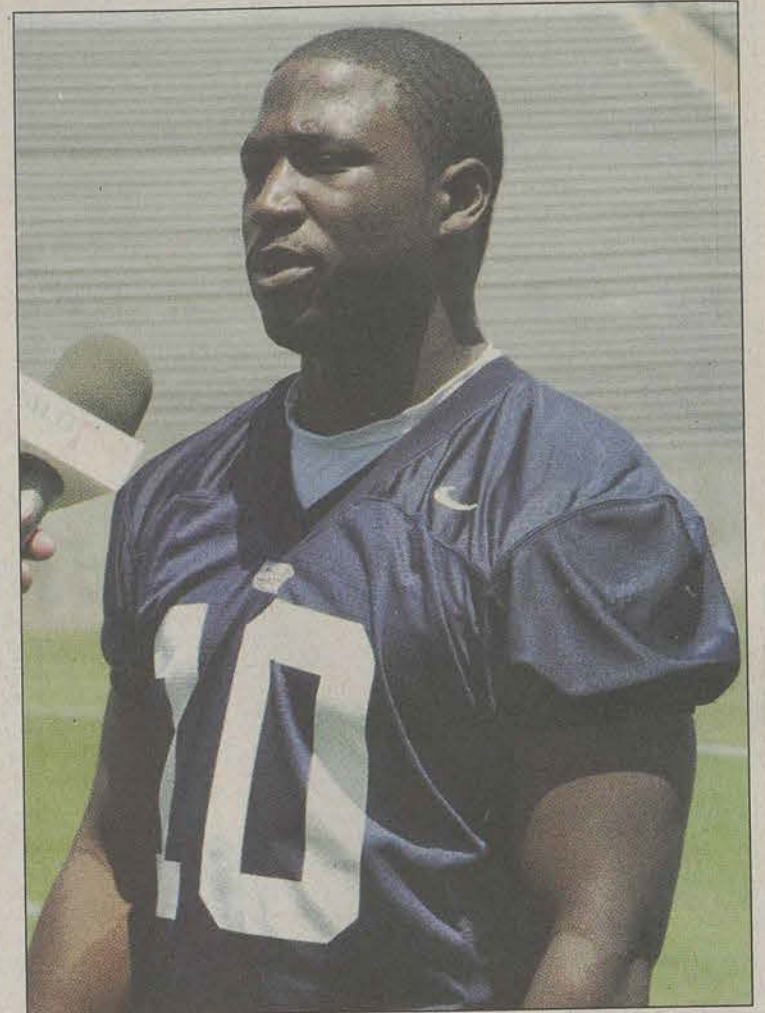
SPARTANBURG, S.C. - The Southern Conference today named its football players of the week for games played on Saturday, October 2. Quarterback Chaz Williams of Georgia Southern was named the Offensive Player of the Week, Appalachian State safety Jeremy Wiggins has been named the Defensive Player of the Week and Appalachian State quarterback Trey Elder earned the Freshman of the Week award.

Williams, a 5'11", 207-pound senior from Apopka, FL, tied a Georgia Southern record by throwing four touchdown passes in the Eagles' 48-14 win over Elon. Williams completed six of eight passes for 156 yards on the day and threw touchdowns to four different receivers. He also rushed the ball 10 times for 28 yards and two touchdowns, directly accounting for six of Georgia Southern's seven touchdowns on the day.

Wiggins, a 5'9", 190-pound sophomore free safety from Macon, GA (Northeast HS), recorded nine tackles and turned the tide of the game with an 86-yard fumble return in Appalachian State's 41-34 win over Texas State. With TSU driving deep in ASU territory in the second quarter with the game tied at seven, Wiggins scooped up a fumble and returned it for a score that put Appalachian ahead to stay. Wiggins finished with seven solo tackles, two assists, two pass breakups and also collected a tackle for loss.

Elder, a true freshman from Duncan, SC (Byrnes HS) made his first career start in leading 24th-ranked Appalachian State to a 41-34 win over Texas State. Elder ran for three touchdowns and threw for another as he filled in for starter Richie Williams who was sidelined with a knee injury. He completed 12 of 20 passes for 249 yards and rushed 12 times for 44 yards. Elder became the first Mountaineer to rush for three touchdowns in a game since 2001 and his 249 yards passing were the most by an Appalachian rookie since 1981.

Also receiving consideration for offensive player of the week were Wof-



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Quarterback Chaz Williams is interviewed for his award.

ford running back Kevious Johnson who rushed for a career-high 156 yards and two touchdowns in the Terriers' win over Chattanooga; Furman quarterback Ingle Martin who completed 17 of 25 passes for 168 yards and two touchdowns in the Paladins' 31-10 win over Western Carolina; and Appalachian State running back Alan Atwater who totaled 95 yards and scored a touchdown in the win over Texas State.

On defense, other nominees included Georgia Southern's Eric McIntire who recorded seven tackles and two tackles for loss in the win over Elon; Elon's Anthony Harris who posted a career-high 13 tackles against Georgia Southern; Wofford's Dan Tavani who had six tackles and a blocked punt in the win over Chattanooga; Western Carolina's Primus

Glover who recorded nine tackles including a tackle for loss against Furman; and The Citadel's Michael Ballentine who had six tackles and recovered two fumbles including one for a touchdown.

Others receiving consideration for the Freshman of the Week award included Georgia Southern's Jayson Foster who had two receptions including a touchdown catch against Elon; Chattanooga's Muhammad Ahmad Abdu-Salaam who rushed for 101 yards against Wofford; Elon's Kye Hamilton who completed 14 of 22 passes and threw a touchdown pass against Georgia Southern; Wofford's Brian Kemp who had nine tackles against UTC; and Furman placekicker Scott Beckler who booted a 42-yard field goal and converted all four PAT attempts against Western Carolina.

Eagles top Georgia State to extend home winning streak

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STATESBORO, Ga. — Buoyed by junior Iulia Porumbescu's tenth consecutive double-double, the Georgia Southern volleyball team held off a pesky Georgia State squad, winning four games in a non-conference battle Tuesday night at Hanner Fieldhouse.

The win stretched the Eagles' Hanner winning streak to 25 straight matches, improving upon the new Southern Conference record. The victory also served as head coach Kerry Messersmith's 83rd at Georgia Southern, placing her in a tie with J.B. Claiborne as the winningest coach in the program's history.

The match was a back-and-forth affair, as the Eagles took game one by a 30-24 margin, only to see Georgia State win the next frame 30-22, capitalizing off the Eagles' .103 attack percentage. The two teams changed roles in game three, as Georgia Southern out-hit Georgia State .362 to .132 on the way to the 30-27 win.

In the deciding fourth game, which saw 12 ties, the Eagles and Panthers fought to a 19-19 deadlock before Georgia Southern was able to escape on an 8-2 tear to jump ahead. Soon after a Jennifer Charles kill served as the clincher, as the Eagles took the match with a 30-26 score. The two teams nearly posted identical percent-



Felicia Emanuel/STAFF

GSU players Jennifer Charles and Iulia Porumbescu get ready for the block.

ages — the Panthers out-hitting the Eagles .382 to .381.

Porumbescu, the reigning Southern Conference Player of the Week, tallied 19 kills and 11 digs on the night to help spark Georgia Southern (8-4) to the win. Senior Kristen Kasprak added a season-high 13 kills and a season-high .423 attack percentage, while sophomore Jennifer Charles also notched 13 kills, a season-high for her. Junior Susan Winkelmann paced the setters with 28 assists while fellow

junior Natalia Galantini added 26 assists and a season-high 20 digs.

Alex Blenche led the attack for the Panthers (5-11), totaling 15 kills and 13 digs. Natalie Coley added 14 digs while April DeCoste had 50 assists.

Georgia Southern will head back on the road to meet SoCon foes Wofford and Furman on Saturday, Oct. 9 and Sunday, Oct. 10, respectively, with both matches starting at 2 p.m. Georgia State returns to the court to host Belmont on Friday.

Penalty for on-air curse drops Earnhardt Jr. out of first place

By Mike Harris
Associated Press

A slip of the tongue on TV cost Dale Earnhardt Jr. first place and \$10,000, penalties imposed by an increasingly image-conscious NASCAR.

Earnhardt was docked 25 points Tuesday in the Nextel Cup standings for using a vulgarity in an NBC interview after his victory at Talladega Superspeedway, dropping him to second place with seven races left in the season. He will appeal the point penalty.

Earnhardt still gets credit for the 14th victory of his career Sunday, and he has plenty of time to make up the deficit on new leader Kurt Busch, with up to 190 points available at each race.

Nonetheless, the punishment was criticized by Earnhardt's team as too harsh, and it served as another example of how NASCAR is trying to shed its image as a sport that traces its roots to Good Ol' Boys running moonshine through the hills of Georgia and the Carolinas.

"The popularity of this sport is based on colorful personalities and the fact that everyone can relate to these drivers and their emotions," said Richie Gilmore, director of competition for Dale Earnhardt Inc. "Now it seems like that's a detriment."

As part of the whole scrubbing-up process NASCAR president Mike Helton told drivers in February to watch their language on radio and television. Less than a month later, he showed he meant it: Johnny Sauter lost 25 points for swearing during a radio interview after a Busch Series race in Las Vegas.

Ron Hornaday Jr. also was fined and lost 25 points for cursing during a live radio interview in June during a Busch race in Dover, Del.

"Helton made it clear ... that we,

as a family sport, were taking this very seriously and adhering to FCC guidelines," NASCAR spokesman Mike Zizzo said. "The timing is unfortunate for Dale Jr., but NASCAR also made it clear to the competitors that we would police the last 10 races just like we did the first 26."

"I know the FCC has been hard on everybody since the Super Bowl mess, and we should have clean language. Mike Helton tells us to act like there are people from 8 to 80 that are watching us, but it's tough," driver Elliott Sadler said. "I can understand if we do something stupid on the race track to get penalized for it, because it might be putting somebody's life in danger for doing something stupid, but as far as cussing or saying a bad word, maybe they should be a little lenient on that."

Viewers in nearly 7 million homes were able to hear Earnhardt use a vulgarity when he was asked about the significance of his fifth victory at Talladega. Earnhardt told NBC, "It don't mean s--- right now. Daddy's won here 10 times."

Father and son won the adoration of millions in part because they built reputations for saying whatever they're thinking. Some fans have criticized NASCAR for trying to turn its drivers into colorless automatons, who show little emotion and whose choreographed post-race celebrations revolve around repeated mentions of sponsors.



Terry Renna/AP Photo

NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt Jr., reacts in Victory Lane after winning the EA Sports 500 race at the Talladega Superspeedway in Talladega, Ala., Sunday, Oct. 3.

"This whole incident is going to force everyone in the sport to rethink showing any excitement in what should be a jubilant moment," Gilmore said.

Little E wasn't available for comment Tuesday. On Sunday, he defended his use of colorful language.

"I hope they understand that it was in jubilation and I know me and those other guys that got fined let it slip, but it's two different circumstances. I think that when you're happy and joyous about something and it happens, I think it's different than being angry and cursing in anger," Earnhardt said.

"If anybody was offended by the four-letter word I said ... I can't imagine why they would have tuned into the race in the first place."